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CHANGE OF POLICY

FOR THE PUBLICATION OF

Assembly and the Register of Graduates, U. S. M. A.

At their meeting on March 29, 1947 the Trustees of the Association of Graduates voted that a change of policy for the publication of **ASSEMBLY** and the **REGISTER OF GRADUATES, U.S.M.A.** is imperative.

Costs of paper, printing, labor, etc., have risen so drastically over the past few years that publication of **ASSEMBLY** can no longer be continued as heretofore without a deficit resulting.

Publication of the **REGISTER OF GRADUATES AND FORMER CADETS** was initiated last year in an effort to secure needed funds for the Association. The principal income from this publication will normally come from advertising, but, due to the unfavorable business situation which has prevailed throughout the year, all money obtained from advertising was absorbed in printing costs. Proceeds from sales of the **REGISTER** to date have been little more than sufficient to meet the costs incurred in preparing the **REGISTER** for publication and are not yet sufficient to meet the cost of publishing both the **REGISTER AND ASSEMBLY**. While the long range prospects for income from the **REGISTER OF GRADUATES** remain favorable, it is impossible to pay costs on prospects, hence the necessity for action now.

Beginning with the October 1947 issue of **ASSEMBLY**, that publication, as well as the **REGISTER OF GRADUATES**, will be placed on a subscription basis, and **ASSEMBLY** will also be published by the West Point Alumni Foundation, Inc. for the Association of Graduates.

Subscription rates will be as follows:

- (1) To members of the Association of Graduates
ASSEMBLY and REGISTER OF GRADUATES—\$3.00 per year
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REGISTER OF GRADUATES—\$2.50 per year
- (2) To non-members of the Association of Graduates
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ASSEMBLY—\$2.00 per year
REGISTER OF GRADUATES—\$3.00 per year
- (3) To the very limited number of non-members of the Association of Graduates who have purchased a life subscription to **ASSEMBLY** the magazine will continue to be sent without further charge.

The \$15.00 initiation fee charged members of the Graduating Class for joining the Association of Graduates, will entitle them to a year's subscription to both **ASSEMBLY** and the **REGISTER OF GRADUATES**.

Similarly the \$25.00 initiation fee will entitle those taking advantage thereof to a year's subscription to **ASSEMBLY** and the **REGISTER OF GRADUATES**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

TO ALL ALUMNI OF WEST POINT

As explained on page 1 of this issue of **ASSEMBLY** a change of policy for the publication of **ASSEMBLY** and the **REGISTER OF GRADUATES, U.S.M.A.** is imperative. In accordance with the action of the Board of Trustees of the Association of Graduates on 29 March 1947, also explained on page 1 of this issue, **ASSEMBLY** and the **REGISTER OF GRADUATES** will both be placed on a subscription basis effective with the October 1947 issue of **ASSEMBLY**. The July issue of **ASSEMBLY** is the last issue of this magazine which will be distributed gratis to members of the Association of Graduates.

The popularity of **ASSEMBLY**, as now published, among alumni of West Point is well established. The West Point Alumni Foundation, Inc., which will publish **ASSEMBLY** beginning with the October 1947 issue, pledges that the essential content and format of the magazine will remain substantially the same as it is now published by the Association of Graduates. It will continue to be published quarterly and no change is contemplated in the editorial staff or editorial policy in the foreseeable future.

The **REGISTER OF GRADUATES AND FORMER CADETS, U.S.M.A.** will be published annually and distributed to subscribers in the fall of each year.

Following are some of the reasons why it is believed that a copy of each edition of the REGISTER will be wanted by all alumni of West Point:

- b. A new class will be included each year.
- c. Each class, four years after graduation, will have included in the biographical briefs of its members information as to marital status and children. The 1947 REGISTER will include this information for the classes of January and June, 1943.
- d. Each edition will include the full length biography of an exceptionally distinguished graduate. E.g. the biography of Sylvanus Thayer appeared in the 1946 edition, the biography of George W. Cullum will appear in the 1947 edition.
- e. New memorial pages and vital statistics about alumni who served in our nation's wars will appear in each successive edition.
- f. Changing vital statistics concerning all alumni and interesting conclusions based thereon will be featured in graphical form in each edition.

In order that you may continue to receive **ASSEMBLY** and/or the **REGISTER OF GRADUATES** regularly and without interruption you are urged to complete the application below and mail with your check, made payable in the appropriate amount to the **WEST POINT ALUMNI FOUNDATION, INC.**, to the **WEST POINT ALUMNI FOUNDATION, INC.**, at **381 Fourth Avenue, New York 16, New York**. (Please do not mail to West Point and do not make your check payable to the Association of Graduates.) Your subscription is needed now in order to establish the number of copies of these publications to be ordered from the printer.

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WEST POINT SOCIETIES

We are glad to report that the number of local West Point Societies is increasing. Since the last issue of *Assembly* we have been informed of the revival of an organization at Denver, Colorado; of a new organization at Fort Ord, California; and of plans for an organization in Michigan.

For the information of all our membership we publish below a list of all these local West Point organizations and their principal officers at present of record in the office of the Association of Graduates at West Point. Further information concerning these societies may be obtained, if desired, by inquiry to the Secretary of each.

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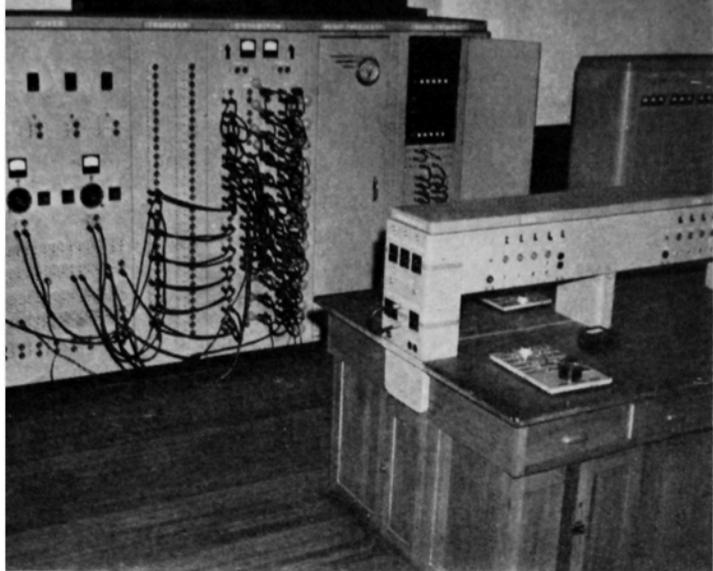
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Electronics Laboratory

United States Military Academy



INTRODUCTION

That the Military Academy is keeping abreast of the times is very well illustrated by the recently completed Electronics Laboratory. A wide variety of electronic devices contributed materially to our victory in World War II. Such items as radar, radio in all its forms, mine detectors, electronic bombing, the proximity fuse, Loran and Shoran, the Sniperscope, I.F.F., and the Ground Control Approach system, are among some that come immediately to mind. It seems certain that electronics will play an even more important role in any future war, in the light of currently released information on guided missiles and robot planes. Recognition of these facts led the Academic Board to recommend, and the War Department to approve, an extension of the course in electricity in the post-war curriculum from 120 attendances to 170 attendances in order that instruction in basic electronics could be included. The pre-war electricity course was a typical introductory survey of electrical engineering, devoted primarily to electric power and rotating machinery. A few lessons on radio and the vacuum tube were included at the end of the power course but the limited time available to the department prevented any appreciable coverage of this field.

Well before the discussions which led to the post-war course, Colonel Chauncey L. Fenton, then Professor of Chemistry and Electricity, recognized the necessity for more extensive instruction in electronics and in 1943 initiated the construction of an electronics laboratory. Major General H. C. Ingles, then Chief Signal Officer, was instrumental in the procurement of important items of equipment. The installation was done under the actual supervision of Lt. Col. P. M. Honnell, now Associate Professor of Electrical Engineering at Washington University, assisted by Mr. W. E. Strohm, Associate Engineer of the Department of Electricity (known to many of us as "Joe Molecule"). The physical plant was completed prior to Colonel Fenton's retirement in December, 1945*. In addition to the permanent fixtures the operation of such a laboratory requires large amounts of associated laboratory apparatus and portable equipment. The program of acquiring this apparatus has been carried out and completed under the present Professor of Electricity, Colonel Boyd W. Bartlett.

The problem of providing electronics laboratory facilities at the Military Academy is almost unique. With the exception of the Naval Academy no other collegiate institution must provide for the simultaneous performance of individual electronics experiments by an entire class, which at the Military Academy will average 600 cadets in the Second Class year. The problem is further complicated by the tight academic schedule, which limits the laboratory period to one hour and fifty minutes, and by the fact that the course is required of all cadets regardless of special aptitudes or interest. The solution of the problem is predicated upon the provision of 120 individual cadet positions in the laboratory. On this basis it is possible to put an average class through any one of the total of 20 electronics experiments in 6 laboratory periods (i.e. 3 academic days). The design of the equipment must be such as to enable the cadet to perform the manual operations of wiring circuits with a minimum of lost motion if he is to complete any

significant amount of experimental work in the brief laboratory period. It must also provide segregation of cadet positions into small groups controlled by protective and supervisory devices in order that short circuits or other faults at any particular position will not interrupt work throughout the entire laboratory.

PHYSICAL PLANT

The laboratory is located on the 1st Floor of the East Academic Building in what was the old Electro-physics Laboratory adjoining the Chemistry Laboratory. To separate the laboratories and keep corroding fumes away from the electric circuits a glass brick partition was installed between the two. The principal components of the new laboratory are a main switchboard with associated centralized power supplies and the 120 individual cadet working positions. The latter make use of the 12 old laboratory benches of the Electro-physics Laboratory with their tops replaced by metallic superstructure to contain the distribution circuits to the individual cadet positions.

Central Switchboard. The central switchboard contains three separate sections or bays. The **Power Bay** consists of the wide range of fixed and variable 60 cycle AC and DC voltage sources necessary in electronics circuits together with suitable meters for the measurement of voltages and currents. The **Audio-Frequency Bay** contains an audio-frequency oscillator capable of supplying signal frequencies from 20 to 400,000 cycles per second to all the individual cadet positions. In this bay is also located a radio receiver for obtaining standard frequency transmissions from Station WWV (National Bureau of Standards) and two loud speakers. The **Radio Frequency Bay** houses a five-channel radio-frequency oscillator capable of supplying either a continuous wave or a modulated radio frequency signal in the range from 2 to 20 megacycles to all the cadet positions.

Instructors Control Circuits. One item that has not changed with the passage of time is the fact that cadets still make short circuits. At least one goat in every class has such a fear of the electricity laboratories that he always wears his overshoes to class no matter what the weather. Protective measures in laboratories are necessary and important for the safety of personnel and equipment. Isolating and control circuits are needed to prevent loss of time arising from circuit interruptions. Unless such circuits are provided, a short circuit made by one cadet might result in interruption of power to all of the other 119 positions. To prevent this situation an **Instructors Control Pedestal** is provided at the end of each of the 12 benches containing the cadet positions. The control pedestal contains circuit breakers which will isolate the circuits on that particular bench and switches by means of which the instructor can cut off the power to all the circuits on the bench. In this way troubles arising at any particular bench may be localized and corrected without loss of time at any of the other 11 benches. Neon pilot lights at the control pedestal indicate the presence of power on each of the bench circuits.

Bench Units. The bench units are constructed of steel and supported on pedestals above the bench tops. This arrangement permits practically the entire bench-top surfaces to be utilized for apparatus, and in addition provides a shelf one foot wide the full length of the bench which is used by the cadets for their books and papers. Access to all wires, switches, and circuit-breakers for maintenance is obtained merely by the removal of the top cover from the bench units.

The uniform distribution of radio-frequency power to 120 stations simultaneously is an interesting and novel feature of this laboratory. It is believed that this is the first attempt to accomplish this result on a large scale in an educational institution. Even in the commercial laboratories where high-frequencies have been piped around it has never been done on the scale that this laboratory requires. The distribution is carried out by means of the

coaxial transmission line distribution circuits. Such coaxial circuits are very useful in any high-frequency laboratory, but they are absolutely necessary in this installation, since centralized audio-frequency and radio-frequency oscillators furnish high-frequency.

Radio-Frequency Oscillator. The five-channel radio-frequency oscillator included as a permanent part of the laboratory installation makes possible the distribution of radio-frequency energy to each of the 120 stations at a fairly high power level, and places the distribution of radio-frequency power somewhat in the same category as the distribution of 1000-cycle power. This eliminates the necessity for the use of individual oscillators at each station in many experiments, and in a laboratory for basic electronics greatly simplifies the problem of performing such experiments as: resonance at radio frequencies; use of vacuum-tube voltmeters; modulation; and demodulation.

The electronics experiments are designed to be progressive and accumulative. Working individually, the cadets first study the properties of high frequency networks. They then study the characteristics of the principal types of vacuum tubes, the diode, the triode, the tetrode, the pentode, gas filled tubes, and photo cells. They next study the use of these tubes in the basic types of electronic circuits, i.e. rectifier circuits, amplifier circuits, oscillator circuits, modulation circuits and detector circuits. In some of these experiments the work is more advantageously done in pairs. Finally, working in teams they construct a radio transmitter and radio receiver, utilizing combinations of the basic circuits which they have previously studied.

In a basic course much is to be gained by minimizing the auxiliary apparatus used by the cadets in order to focus their attention on the fundamental electrical principles involved in the particular experiments performed. In the interests of simplifying electrical connections a majority of the experiments make use of a single locally designed circuit board. The basic circuit board is so arranged that by proper connections it can be used for the study of the characteristics of all the vacuum tubes considered and most of the basic electronic circuits. An arrangement is provided for inserting a card containing the schematic diagram of the particular tube in use into an appropriate holder on the circuit board. These cards are changed as the tubes are changed. Practically all of the experiments involve the use of a cathode ray oscillograph as an aid to the study of the particular circuit involved and the department has available a sufficient number of these instruments to provide one for each cadet position.

As an additional teaching aid for both classroom and laboratory instruction the department makes use of dynamic demonstrators of standard radio receivers and transmitters. In the dynamic demonstrators the parts comprising the transmitter or receiver are spread out upon a large panel several feet on a side instead of being compactly arranged as they are in an actual commercial or military set. The circuit of the transmitter or receiver is drawn out schematically upon the panel and each component piece of apparatus is located at the proper point in



the circuit. The whole unit is wired so that it is actually operative and so that its behaviour can be demonstrated to the cadets.

The department also has available for demonstration to the cadets typical examples of modern industrial electronics devices. This equipment is comparable to that found in the laboratories of the better engineering schools. It includes typical examples of servo-mechanisms, industrial X-ray equipment, radio frequency induction and dielectric heating apparatus, electronic speed and voltage controls, an ignitron rectifier, an electronic spot welder, and the Precipitron (an electrostatic dust and smoke remover).

RADAR LABORATORY

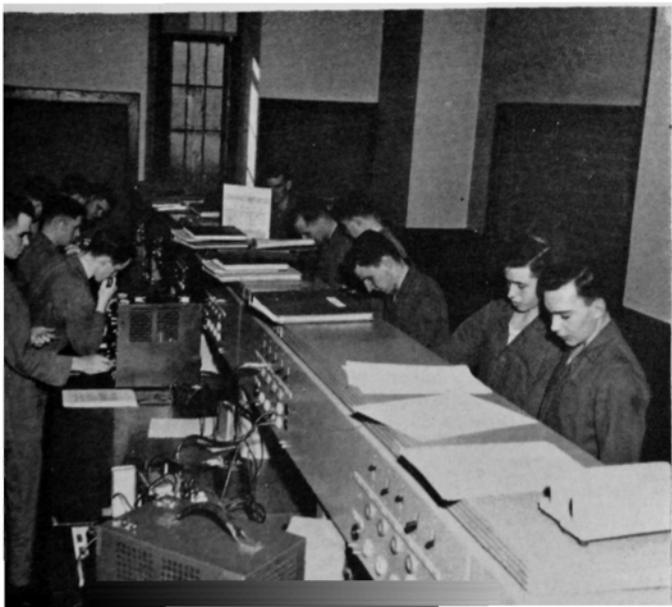
As an adjunct to the Electronics Laboratory a Radar Laboratory has been installed in the penthouse above the fourth floor of the new wing of the East Academic Building. Here the cadet is introduced to actual operating radar sets of several varieties. The SCR-682 with its IFF (Identification of Friend or Foe) is the example of Ground Force Search Sets, a remote PPI (Plan Position Indicator) of a Navy type. Signals obtained on the SCR-682 can be relayed to the lecture room and displayed on this remote indicator. The IFF set has a training device with it so that signals may always be displayed to cadets even with no friendly craft in the area. Airborne radar is illustrated by Radar Set AN/APQ-13. This set was used in the B-29 for bombardment through the overcast and at night. Electronic navigation (Loran) is exemplified by the AN/APN-4 and the later model the AN/APN-9. These sets also have training devices which enable their functioning to be demonstrated even though reception from the navigation stations is poor. Military television sets of the type carried in a Cub plane are illustrated by the so-called Block III equipment. Radar jamming can be demonstrated by the use of the AN/APQ-20, a counter-measure set.

In addition the cadets see a stripped down 10-cm oscillator of the type used on the SCR-682. Fire-control radars lie in the province of the Department of Tactics where the tactical use of radar is taught the cadet.

CONCLUSION

It may be stated without fear of contradiction that the Academy has the best facilities of any institution in the country for practical instruction in elementary electronics. The primary objective of the instruction is to give every cadet a broad picture of fundamental principles of electronics; no attempt is made to produce specialists or experts. A secondary objective is to prepare those officers who will later do graduate work in technical fields sufficiently to enable them to enter these specialties. Certainly every future Army Officer who passes the electricity course will be better prepared to understand the new developments in weapons which are taking place in all the armies of the world.

* A copy of the engineering description of and operating instructions for the laboratory is on file at the Library, United States Military Academy under the title "Technical Manual for Electronics Laboratory, United States Military Academy".



Bulletin Board

Oldest Living Graduate

Our Oldest Living Graduate, Colonel GEORGE H. MORGAN, Class of 1880, has informed the Alumni Reception Committee that he expects to return to West Point for June Week, 1947. All of us anticipate with pleasure the opportunity to welcome him at the Academy again this year.

Register of Graduates, U.S.M.A.

Effort will be continuously devoted to making this publication authentic, interesting, and accurate. To this end the assistance of all concerned is desired. Particularly is effort made to show:

- Your most important command or staff assignment, with limiting dates (years) thereof during World War II, including the Division or Air Force with which this assignment was served.
- The duty with limiting dates thereof for which you received the awards shown on page 26 of the Register.
- Highest rank during the War.

It is particularly desired to show every civil life graduate who returned to the colors during the war, hence the three requirements above apply equally to them.

It is known that many Former Cadets had service during the war, and accordingly the above requirements apply also to them.

It is desired to show, for civil life graduates and former cadets, business, profession or occupation, and address.

All communications giving the above supplementary information should be sent to:

West Point Alumni Foundation, Inc.,
381 Fourth Avenue, New York 16, New York.

These communications ultimately go to the Office of the Association of Graduates at West Point where they are appropriately filed and made available to the compilers of the next volume of Cullum's Register.

Feeding June Week Visitors at West Point

Those who have eaten some of the 22,000 meals served by the June Week Cafeteria during the past two years



know of the measures taken by the Staff of the Military Academy to provide an additional suitable eating place on the Post for June Week visitors. A cordial invitation awaits you again this year—and the Alumni and friends of West Point who are planning to attend June Week activities for the first time.

The June Week Cafeteria will be three years old in June of this year. It was initiated in 1945 to provide a convenient eating place for the large number of visitors on the Post during June Week. At this time of the year the Thayer Hotel is always overflowing, and dining facilities

there cannot accommodate the crowds that attend the activities on the Post and have rooms elsewhere. The facilities of the West Point Army Mess are almost fully utilized during this time by class reunions and special parties.

The 1947 June Week Cafeteria will once again be located in the Weapons Room of the North Gymnasium. This location has been selected because it is close to the Plain and conveniently located to all the principal June Week activities. Three meals a day will be served and it will be open for continuous service from 8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. daily from Friday, May 30th, until after graduation exercises on Tuesday, June 3rd.

There will be available a good selection of well prepared, nourishing, and appetizing foods, efficiently served so that meals may be enjoyed among attractive surroundings. For those who want them there will be full course dinners; others may select a sandwich or a salad with beverage. There will also be available candies, chewing gum, and daily morning and afternoon newspapers. All prices will be conservative. Cadets of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Classes will be permitted to eat in the cafeteria with their relatives and friends at any time they are off duty or for regular meals under dining privileges.

There will be soft drinks on ice at all hours of the day, and the cafeteria will provide a convenient place for morning and afternoon refreshments.

The staff is doing all that it can to make this cafeteria attractive for you during your visit to West Point. We hope you will enjoy it to its fullest extent.

Professor of Law, U.S.M.A.

Announcement has been made of the permanent appointment of Col. Charles Whitney West, Judge Advocate General's Department, as Professor of Law at the U.S. Military Academy, with date of rank from 18 March. His nomination had been confirmed by the Senate on 14 March.

A native of Mississippi, Colonel West was appointed to West Point from the Army and was graduated in 1920, at which time he received his commission in the Infantry. Shortly thereafter, he was transferred to the Coast Artillery Corps. He was graduated from the Coast Artillery School, Basic Course, in 1921, and from the Battery Officers Course in 1930. In 1934, he received the degree of LL.B. from George Washington University, and in September 1935, Colonel West was transferred to the Judge Advocate General's Department. From August 1934 to June 1939, he served as an Instructor in the Department of Law, at West Point. He subsequently was assigned to the Judge Advocate General's Office at Washington, D.C. returning in September 1943 to the Military Academy, his permanent station, as Professor of Law.

Colonel West is a member of the District of Columbia Bar and of the Bar of the Supreme Court of the United States.

New Edition of West Point Phonograph Records

The U.S.M.A. band and the Cadet Choir have recently recorded a New Album of the Academy's favorite music.

The complete set of Official West Point Records consists of four 10-inch double faced discs contained in a special album. The selections include the following:

ALMA MATER,
THE CORPS,
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OFFICIAL WEST POINT MARCH,
GRADUATION PARADE,
THE HELL CAT'S REVEILLE,
AMERICA,
ARMY BLUE.

The albums are obtainable by subscription only through the West Point Army Mess. No albums will be sold to the General Public, nor through public retail outlets.

The subscription is \$3.75 for the complete set of four records and album. This price includes all transportation and tax charges.

145th ANNIVERSARY, U. S. M. A.

On March 15, 1947 more groups of alumni celebrated the anniversary of the founding of the United States Military Academy than ever before in the history of this occasion. In addition to the annual dinners held by the West Point Societies in New York, Philadelphia, Detroit, Chicago, St. Louis, Denver, Seattle and Fort Ord, California, groups of alumni assembled in celebrations in Fort Lewis, Washington, Honolulu, Sandia Base, California, Portland, Oregon, Washington, D. C., Guam, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, Tokyo, Kyoto, Rome, Puerto Rico, Panama, Germany and Austria. Messages of felicitation were exchanged between many of these societies and groups, and sent to the Academy by many of them. The radio program sponsored on this occasion by the Association of Graduates was well received and motion pictures about West Point and the 1946 football season were shown at many of these gatherings. From communications received at West Point it is estimated that more than 3,000 of our alumni enjoyed the privilege of gathering together again this year in anniversary celebrations to re-dedicate themselves to the everlasting spirit of the Corps. This re-dedication and this spirit are epitomized for all of us for all time by the message from one whose great achievements in war and peace are unsurpassed by any of the Long Grey Line:

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS
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Nearly 48 years have gone since I joined the long grey line. As an Army "brat" it was the fulfillment of all my boyish dreams. The world has turned over many times since that day and the dreams have long vanished with the passing years, but through the grim murk of it all, the pride and thrill of being a West Pointer has never dimmed. And as I near the end of the road what I felt when I was sworn in on The Plain so long ago I can still say-- "that is my greatest honor".

MacARTHUR

We Salute

Listed below are the names and decorations about which the Association has been advised since the January, 1947 issue of *Assembly*.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS

James N. Peale, Jr., '37

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL

Innis P. Swift, '04 (Oak Leaf Cluster to)	Paul J. Mueller, '15 (Oak Leaf Cluster to)	Hugh F. T. Hoffman, '19
Beverly C. Dunn, '10 (Oak Leaf Cluster to)	Mark W. Clark, April, '17 (Oak Leaf Cluster to)	Willard G. Wyman, '19
Geoffrey Keyes, '13 (With Two Oak Leaf Clusters)	John H. Hinds, November, '18	Crump Garvin, '20
Jens A. Doe, '14 (Oak Leaf Cluster to)	David A. D. Ogden, November, '18	Charles P. Cabell, '25
		Alfred R. Maxwell, '28
		Thomas C. Darcy, '32

SILVER STAR

Innis P. Swift, '04	John R. Pugh, '32 (Second Oak Leaf Cluster)
Geoffrey Keyes, '13 (With Oak Leaf Cluster)	James N. Peale, Jr., '37
Paul J. Mueller, '15 (And Oak Leaf Cluster)	Franklin H. Hartline, '38
	William J. Ray, June, '43

LEGION OF MERIT

Homer M. Groninger, '08	David M. Dunne, '23 (Oak Leaf Cluster to)	James McCormack, Jr., '32 (Oak Leaf Cluster to)
Geoffrey Keyes, '13	Henry C. Burgess, '24	John R. Pugh, '32
Otis K. Sadtler, '13 (Oak Leaf Cluster to)	David J. Ellinger, '24	Frank S. Henry, '33
Alexander H. Campbell, April, '17	John H. Bennett, '25 (Posthumously)	Samuel A. Mundell, '33
William P. Blair, November, '18	George L. Richon, '27	John F. Schmelzer, '33
Frances A. March, November, '18	Roger J. Browne, '29 (Two Oak Leaf Clusters to)	Franklin Kemble, Jr., '34
William W. Wanamaker, November, '18	William A. Davis, Jr., '31	Russell L. Hawkins, '35
Randolph P. Williams, November, '18 (Posthumously)	C. Coburn Smith, Jr., '31 (Oak Leaf Cluster to)	Richard H. Carmichael, '36 (Oak Leaf Cluster to)
Emmett J. Bean, '19 (Oak Leaf Cluster to)		William G. Hipps, '37
Hugh F. T. Hoffman, '19		George J. Murray, Jr., '37
		Frank D. Miller, '38

DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS

William H. Tallant, January, '43	Joseph Huau, Jr., June, '43
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SOLDIERS MEDAL

John K. Boles, '39
(Oak Leaf Cluster to)

BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Geoffrey Keyes, '13	Clyde K. Rich, '23	Russell L. Hawkins, '35
John F. Kahle, '15	Henry E. Strickland, '25	James N. Peale, Jr., '37
Alexander H. Campbell, April, '17 (With "V")	Edward I. Sachs, '30	James B. Chubbuck, '38
Hugh F. T. Hoffman, '19	Harry G. Roller, '31	Alfred J. D'Arezzo, '38
Albert Svihra, '22 (Posthumously)	Richard S. Spangler, '31	George M. Higginson, '39
	James McCormack, Jr., '32	Henry D. Irwin, '41
	Dennis J. McMahon, '34	
	James L. Frink, Jr., '35 (Bronze "V" Star)	

AIR MEDAL

Hugh F. T. Hoffman, '19	William H. Tallant, January, '43 (With Three Oak Leaf Clusters)	Joseph Huau, Jr., June '43 (Three Oak Leaf Clusters to)
Edwin B. Broadhurst, '37		

PURPLE HEART

James N. Peale, Jr., '37	William H. Tallant, January, '43
Carter B. Johnson, '40 (Posthumously)	William J. Ray, June, '43 (With Oak Leaf Clusters)

MISCELLANEOUS

Fred T. Cruse, '07	Order of Quetzal, grade of Knight Commander (Guatemala)
Geoffrey Keyes, '13	Croix de Guerre with palm (French)
Geoffrey Keyes, '13	Officer, Legion of Honor (French)
Geoffrey Keyes, '13	Military Cross (Czechoslovakia)
Geoffrey Keyes, '13	Order of White Lion, II Class (Czechoslovakia)
Geoffrey Keyes, '13	Companion, Order of the Bath (British)
Geoffrey Keyes, '13	Grand Officer, Order of Ouissam Alaouite (Moroccan)
Geoffrey Keyes, '13	Medaglia al Valor Militare (d'Argento) (Italian)
Geoffrey Keyes, '13	Grand Officer, Order of Sts. Maurice & Lazarus (Italian)
William E. Shipp, '16	Order of the Crown of Italy, grade of Commander
Carlisle V. Allan, '19	Order of Leopold, Degree of Officer (Belgian)
Hayden A. Sears, '20	Honorary Companion of the Distinguished Service Order (British)
Frederick S. Lee, '22	Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, degree of Honorary Officer
George P. Howell, '23	Commander of the Order of Orange-Nassau
Samuel A. Mundell, '33	Order of British Empire
John J. Davis, '35	Knights Cross of the Crown of Italy
John J. Davis, '35	Italian Cross of Valor
George M. Higginson, '39	French Croix de Guerre
William J. Ray, June, '43	Order of Leopold with Palm (Belgian)
William J. Ray, June, '43	Croix de Guerre with Palm (Belgian)

Last Roll Call

Reports of Deaths of Graduates and Former Cadets Received Since the Publication of the January, 1947 *Assembly*.

Name	Class	Date of Death	Place of Death
Parker W. West	1881	January 20, 1947	Washington, D. C.
Oscar T. Crosby	1882	January 2, 1947	Warrenton, Va.
William J. Snow	1890	February 27, 1947	Washington, D. C.
Frank E. Harris	1892	February 17, 1947	Waltham, Massachusetts
James P. Jervey	1892	March 12, 1947	Washington, D. C.
Frank Parker	1894	March 13, 1947	Chicago, Illinois
Lewis M. Adams	1903	March 6, 1947	Corpus Christi, Texas
Stephen C. Reynolds	1904	January 10, 1947	Warrenton, Va.
Basil G. Moon	1905	October 26, 1946	Charlottesville, Va.
Daniel I. Sultan	1907	January 14, 1947	Washington, D. C.
Henry Lee Watson	1907	April 1, 1947	Twentynine Palms, Calif.
John W. Stewart	1911	March 30, 1947	Rutherford, New Jersey
Benjamin W. Mills	1915	February 6, 1947	Washington, D. C.
John F. Goodman	1916	March 6, 1947	Bridgton, Maine
Hudson H. Upham	1934	November 1, 1946	Disappeared on flight from Naples to Bovington, England.
John F. Foy	1937	July 25, 1946	Between Okinawa and Japan.
James M. Little	January, 1943	March 23, 1947	Gravette, Arkansas
Edgar K. Parks, Jr.	June, 1943	January 27, 1947	Fort Worth, Texas
William L. Clarkson	1945	January 24, 1947	Near Hamburg, Germany
Joseph L. Smith	1945	October 25, 1946	Philippine Islands
William W. Lamar	1946	January 27, 1947	Near Carlsbad, Calif.



New Members

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

Forrest C. Shaffer, August, '17, joined March 5, 1947
 Simon R. Sinnreich, '38, joined March 5, 1947
 Robert W. Samz, '41, joined March 5, 1947
 John T. Burke, '45, joined March 5, 1947
 John B. Golden, Ex-'04, joined March 31, 1947
 John J. Lieb, Ex-'15, joined March 31, 1947
 A. C. Johnson, Ex-'23, joined March 31, 1947
 Frederick L. Fish, Ex-'24, joined March 31, 1947
 John E. J. Clare, Jr., Ex-'25, joined March 31, 1947

Ralph L. Myers, Ex-'28, joined March 31, 1947
 Henry G. Sheen, Ex-'31, joined March 31, 1947
 William J. Delaney, Ex-'39, joined March 31, 1947
 Owen R. Meredith, Ex-'41, joined March 31, 1947
 Ralph H. Bassett, Jr., Ex-'45, joined March 31, 1947
 R. B. Coolidge, Jr., Ex-'46, joined March 31, 1947
 John T. Hopper, '27, joined April 14, 1947
 Roscoe E. Patton, '46, joined April 14, 1947

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1888

Very nearly the whole population of the world, living when this class was born, is now dead. We old fellows are chuckling happily at the ethics, the tactics and the antics of our own replacements.

—G. H. P.

1890

General Snow, who died at the Walter Reed Hospital February 28th, was buried at Arlington Cemetery Monday, March 3rd. The Chapel was filled with a large number of friends. The list of Honorary Pallbearers was a long one and it contained the names of many distinguished officers; among them Generals *March* and *Ireland*.

Colonel Meyer reports from San Diego that General *George D. Moore* is very ill.

During a recent blizzard in New Hampshire, Colonel *Rowell* was completely snowed in, till a neighbor came to his rescue with a bulldozer and dug him out.

Reports from San Francisco on *Butts*, *Lamorcur* and *Davis* state that they are in their usual good health.

Ferguson has purchased and redecorated another house in Bradenton, Florida, where he has been entertaining friends and relatives from the north, giving them a touch of sunshine during the severe winter months.

It is understood that *Guber Brown* is giving up his Bermuda citizenship and will apply for American citizenship on his return to New York in May.

Todd and *Hollis Clark* are seen at the Army & Navy Club, in Washington. Both look well.

—J. A. R.

1893

Editor's Note: The following list of names and addresses is published primarily for the information of those, other than members of the Class of 1893, who are interested in the present location of the members of this class. The list has been extracted from a copy of an excellent 1893 news-letter received by the editor, but too lengthy for reprinting in full in this column. Mr. *Frank E. Wilson*, Secretary-Historian, Class of 1893, compiles this news-letter periodically and distributes it to all members of his class. Other class secretaries desiring a copy of the complete news-letter for emulation may secure it by request to Mr. Wilson at 412 Wyandotte Avenue, Columbus, Ohio.

GRADUATED 1893—RETIRED

Andrews, L. C., Brig. Gen., 323 Pearl St., Burlington, Vt. (Winter 1947, Fairhope, Alabama.)

Carey, E. C., Colonel, Southern Pines, North Carolina.

Edwards, A. M., Lt. Colonel, Contoocook, New Hampshire.

Houle, G. E., Colonel, 61 Union St., Pittsfield, Mass.

Jamerson, G. H., Maj. Gen., Prestwold Apts., Richmond, Va. (Winter '47, Key West, Fla., 522 Caroline St.)

Kilbourne, L. F., Colonel, 1914 Conn. Ave., Washington, D. C.

Kutz, C. W., Brig. Gen., 2028 Allen Pl., N.W., Washington, D. C.

Laubach, H. L., Brig. Gen., 2901-7th Ave., North, St. Petersburg, Fla.

Lawton, L. B., Major, North Cayuga St., Union Springs, New York.

McManus, G. H., Brig. Gen., 7 Newport Rd., Cambridge, Mass.

Pattison, H. H., Colonel, 737 Bryant St., Palo Alto, Calif.

Rogers, W. C., Colonel, Weston, Vermont.

Timberlake, E. J., Colonel, 45 Westwood Terrace, St. Petersburg, Fla.

Walker, K. W., Maj. Gen., 2962-2nd Ave., North, St. Petersburg, Fla.

Walker, M. L., Brig. Gen., Vineyard Haven, Mass.

GRADUATED 1894—RETIRED

Ames, Butler, (Resigned), 100 Whipple St., Lowell, Mass.

Bell, E., Colonel, 3409 Ashley Terrace, N.W., Washington, D. C.

Cocheu, F. S., Maj. Gen., The Highlands, Washington, D. C.

Hunt, O. E., Brig. Gen., 443 Kentucky Ave., Berkeley, Calif.

Vidmer, George, Brig. Gen., McGregor Ave., Spring Hill, Mobile, Alabama.

Whitworth, P., Brig. Gen., 10950 Wellworth Ave., West Los Angeles, Calif.

GRADUATED 1895—RETIRED

Bash, L. H., Maj. Gen., 514 Santa Rita Ave., Palo Alto, Calif.

COMMISSIONED FROM THE ARMY—RETIRED

Wolfe, O. R., Colonel, 1854 Vallejo St., San Francisco, Calif.

NON GRADUATES

Brown, W., Lee House, New Milford, Conn.

Carpenter, John S., 642-8th Ave., South, St. Petersburg, Fla.

Mathews, J. D., Sharon, Conn.

Parke, Judge F. N., Westminster, Maryland.

Read, James C., Indian Field, Greenwich, Conn.

Washburne, A. C., c/o Berkshire Life Ins. Co., Pittsfield, Mass.
Wilson, Frank E., 412 Wyandotte Ave., Columbus, Ohio.

1895

Ninety-five had a luncheon party of eight at the Army and Navy Club, Washington, in town, December 27. Those present: Nuttman, Perry and Mrs., Miles, August and Mrs. Nissen, Mrs. B. T. Simmons and Mrs. F. B. Watson and husband. Cavanaugh, suddenly, but only temporarily sick in quarters, was the only absentee.

Langdon is still going strong from his Brooklyn 2 base. He and Mrs. Langdon were in Washington for a short visit in January, and are planning to visit West Point in June.

Augustin's sisters, Miss Hattie Augustin and Mrs. Sidney St. J. Eshleman, 1437 Eighth Street, New Orleans 15, Louisiana, were in the wake of another strenuous Carnival season when Mrs. Eshleman wrote an appreciative letter of acknowledgment, February 25.

Schulz wrote on January 25, from his Berkeley address, that Mrs. Schulz has recovered completely from her recent hospital experience, and both apparently are now credits to the California climate. He wrote also that, in a birthday greeting, their daughter Caroline talked to them by radio from Wellington, New Zealand—a long talk in anybody's language; and he asked to be remembered to the Class.

A welcome letter from Bash, too; with regards to the Class. He's enjoying and appreciating retirement at its best in Palo Alto, and refers to comparing notes from time to time with our Berkeley representative.

Just now, climate seems to be in the air for Ninety-five. From down below, Cavanaugh sends a good word for sunkist Florida; and for the University Club, in Winter Park, where he made a five-minute entrance speech and passed well above proficient. Congratulations, Harry.

Herron, of Long Beach, as noted well out in front, in the January issue of *Assembly*, is President of the Southern California Association of Graduates. Congratulations, Joe, and congratulations Southern California Association of Graduates. Meetings are held once a month, with an average attendance of some thirty or forty West Pointers for luncheon; and a representative membership of over 100—many of them either leading citizens, active in their communities, or World War II officers, studying scientific weapons at the California Institute of Technology. For combined Army and Navy functions, they team with Annapolis Alumni, in co-ed joint sessions, in the Biltmore ball room in Los Angeles.

Thank you, Stout and Newbaker, for your appreciative acknowledgments. They were duly welcomed; and in addition serve well in stimulating our mailing list.

—F. B. W.

1899

Halstead, Romeyn, Carter, Ansell, Major and Herron still get together in Washington for luncheon on the sec-

ond Monday of the month. During the past few months visitors at lunch have been Kromer, on his way back to his Vermont farm, and Pennington, over from his nearby Maryland home. Major most regrettably missed the March luncheon an account of illness but at this writing he comes on famously and will soon again be about. Merry came to the January luncheon on his way back from his old home in Illion, N. Y. to his orange grove in Texas. He has lately joined the ranks of the grandfathers but we think that he will never be a "sitter". Carter charges a dollar an hour, but we think that is too much when one's own grandchildren are involved. By the way, his fine son "Pat" is now in Moscow with General Marshall and for more than a year has been his aide.

The word comes that Bunnell, who resigned years ago in favor of gasoline and other city smells, has now decided that the farm is the thing for him and is hoping for the odor of new mown hay when summer comes again to Cape Cod.

Markham has left Chicago and reverted to Albany, N. Y. McClure still goes back to various army posts to visit his two and four-legged friends and when last heard from was in Huachuca. We regret to chronicle that Cabell departed this world on 24 November '46. Among those we often see here are Mrs. L. W. Oliver of 2715-31st Place, N.W. Mrs. Frank C. Jewell of 120 E. Bradley Lane and Mrs. M. J. McDonough, both of Chevy Chase, Maryland. Young Robert McDonough carries worthily his father's fine qualities of mind and heart and is a Colonel of Engineers.

Herron's retiring disposition again came to the front just before Christmas and he for the third time retired from "active" duty in the Pentagon to his acre of ground in Bethesda, Md. He has entirely recovered from his broken bones of last summer.

—C. D. H.

1904

Replies are coming in slowly in response to a Class Bulletin dated 30 November, 1946. From some of the replies received the following information has been gathered:

Blakely's address is 231 West Main Street, Louisville 2, Kentucky. He keeps busy as Vice-President of the Ewald Iron Company in Louisville.

Brant is not in Waco, as stated in previous notes, but in Mico, Texas, as President, Board of Directors, Medina Ranch. Gerald Clark, Jr., the Class Godson, is in the advertising business and lives in Alexandria, Virginia.

Budd is living at 184 Fern Street, West Hartford, Connecticut, and spends most of his time running a farm in Berkshire County, Massachusetts, about two hours by motor from his home.

Danford is Secretary-Treasurer of the West Point Alumni Foundation. His address is Plaza Hotel, Fifth Avenue and 59th Street, New York 19, N. Y.

Fenton is living at 26 River Avenue, Cornwall-on-Hudson, N. Y., while waiting for building conditions to improve. His time is occupied fully as

President of the First National Bank in Highland Falls and as President of the West Point Alumni Foundation.

Fulton is at 1815 Starke Avenue, Columbus, Georgia. He is actively employed as Executive Vice-President of the Chattahoochee Valley Chamber of Commerce.

Glassford's address is 1361 Gaviota Drive, Laguna Beach, California. He is managing two farms and some business properties and is very actively engaged in painting (mostly water-color) and as a Director of the Laguna Beach Art Class.

Moody has recently sailed for China as a civilian technical advisor to the American Production Mission to China, leaving his wife at 2021 Allen Place, N.W., Washington 9, D. C.

Richardson, R. C., gives Bath, New Hampshire, as his permanent address but says that he and his wife are spending the winter in Georgia and South Carolina.

Roberts, H. C., lives at 3201 North 22d Street, Arlington, Virginia, and is a Senior Naval Architect in the Bureau of Ships, Navy Department. He has been with the Navy Department since 1916 and received the Meritorious Civilian Award for services in the Design Branch during World War II.

At the Kennedy-Warren, 3133 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Washington 8, D. C., are found Pratt and Thompson with their wives and also two Class widows, Mrs. L. J. McNair and Mrs. M. E. Spalding.

The following-named classmates are living quietly at the addresses given: Campbell, 637 Patterson Avenue, San Antonio 2, Texas.

Cooper, Battleground Apartments, Franklin Road, Nashville, Tenn.

Diller, 2 West Second Street, Frederick, Md.

Gregory, 4401 Greenwich Parkway, N.W., Washington 7, D. C.

Pickering, 3333 Runnymede Place, Washington 15, D. C.

Woolnough, 2346 South Nash Street, Arlington, Va.

Bryden, 3555 Springland Lane, N.W., Washington 8, D. C., who, as Class Secretary, is hopefully awaiting more replies to the above-mentioned Class Bulletin.

—W. B.

1906

Skinny Wainwright arrived at Birmingham, Ala. Sunday afternoon, February 23 in his plane, was met by George Morrow and many others, as he always is, went to the Independent Presbyterian Church and with appropriate words, presented the D.S.C. to Mrs. Barker, the mother of Captain Joe Barker of the Class of 1938. Several officers who were with Skinny at Corregidor took part with him in the presentation. After the services he was carried through a crowd of admiring worshippers and taken to George Morrow's house. That evening George and Christine assembled a group of their friends for a dinner at the Mountain Brook Club. It was a great day in Birmingham. Wherever Skinny goes it's a great day.

Alex Gillespie has postponed the fishing trip here, to my sorrow. He is going up to Michigan this summer and on to the Northwest with Mildred to get a little practice. He is now rest-

ing at 3415 Thirty-fourth Place, Wash., D. C.

Red Hoyle has had a long hospital experience recently and a serious operation. He has now recovered and is at home at 3249 Gunston Road, Alexandria, Va. He and Christine celebrated last Christmas with their five grandchildren. Wonderful, what?

Tige Huntley's son *Jamie* called on *Jim* and *Gene Riley* in January with a very sweet young bride. *Jamie* reported *Tige* is heading up the Rotary clubs in the Southeast and getting a big kick out of it.

Brice Frey, our honorary classmate, sent *George Boldt* around to my house to check up on the physical and found me working in the garden, having already forgotten the hospital and the lovely nurses. So we had a little party in order to make a good report to *Brice*.

George Morrow got as far as Daytona Beach in this direction and stopped to buy a wonderful new home between the sea and the Halifax River. He and Christine expect to settle there abandoning the home in Birmingham, about the end of this month. Am I disappointed that he didn't get all the way down here? He's between here and *Dillard* and he has a spare room. About May 1 at five thirty, Christine!

Jack Henderson is reported at *Malgre Tout*, *Seabright*, N. J. for all who seek the Jersey coast this summer. Please check on him at *Imbrie Place*.

Jim Riley, *Doc Sturgill* and *Mick Daley* attended *D. I. Sultan's* funeral at West Point. Dear and splendid old *D. I.* He and *Florence* almost belonged to 1906 for we thought so much of them. Our sympathy to *Florence* and the children. We all remember her so happily from our own cadet days and all through the army career of her distinguished husband.

The latest news of *Jack Henderson* is that he was hospitalized at *Fort Hancock*, N. J. four years ago and later spent a couple months at *Haloran General Hospital*, *Staten Island*. He has to take it quite lazily at the *Seabright* home or at the *Seabright Beach*, or at the *Rumson Country Club*. He reports eight grandchildren, who keep him reminded of age and responsibilities. I have the address in my pocket for this June.

Charlie Gatewood lives with *Edith* and his aged mother at 8535 *Hillcrest Ave.*, *La Mesa*, Cal. He tells me my fine god-daughter has had a serious breakdown in health and has only recently returned from her hospital experience. He was expecting to sell the place in December, get in the fiver and beat it eastward to the *Grand Canyon* and *Carlsbad caverns* and what else have you? Actually, *Gate* is going over his father's old Indian battle grounds to gather material and maybe give us a story of just how the old West was won. Give our best to *Charlotte* for a quick and full recovery to her old bright and cheery self, *Gate!*

—C. G. M.

1907

Since the class news was submitted for the last issue of *Assembly*, the class, and the army, suffered a great loss in the death of *D. I. Sultan*, who died at *Walter Reed Hospital* on Jan-

uary 14 of an acute heart condition. *D.I.* was buried at *West Point* and *Alexander*, *Morrison*, *MacLachlan* and *Wagner* acted as honorary pall-bearers. *Florence Sultan* deeply appreciated the floral wreath which was sent in the name of the class.

According to a press dispatch, *Freddie Cruse* has been awarded the *Order of Quetzal*, grade of *Knight Commander*, by the government of *Guatemala* for "Personal merit and valuable collaboration with the *Guatemalan armed forces*".

Warren Lott intends to be among those present at our 40th Reunion in June and has extended invitations to classmates to drive up with him. *Jim Gallogly* is planning to drive up from *Miami* with his wife, *Sunny Jim Martin* is coming up from *Birmingham*, and *Palmer* is bringing his daughter for the *June Week* festivities.

Wyman wrote that *Calhoun Ancrum* who had been retired as a *Lieutenant Colonel* in the *Marine Corps*, before the war, went back for active duty and died after about a year of service. He also reported that a recent class dinner at the *Biltmore* in *Los Angeles* was attended by *Arnold*, *Crafton*, *Dailey*, *Dusenbury*, *O'Connor*, *Spencer*, *Taylor* and *Wyman*, and that *Nat* and *Marie Howard* spent the winter at the *Huntington* in *Pasadena*.

Patten has notified us that his new address is *Luneta Drive*, *Del Mar*, *California*.

Skinny MacLachlan has been in the east all winter and his present address is 18 *College Street*, *New Haven*, *Connecticut*. During *Christmas Week* at *West Point* while *Skinny* and *Mrs. MacLachlan* were visiting *Skinny's* step-son, a member of the plebe class, orders were published officially changing the boy's name to *William Irving MacLachlan*.

Dusenbury wrote that *Wilder* is living at 3033 *Columbine Street*, *San Diego*, *California* and reported that he is connected with the *Consolidated Vultee Aircraft Corporation*. *Duse* is hoping to make the 40th Reunion also.

Bob Arthur tried to locate *Voorhies* at his old address in *New Orleans* but was unable to find him. *Bob* believes that *Voorhies* is living in one of the smaller communities near *New Orleans*.

Ben Castle passed along a letter from *Ray Hill*, whose address is 11885 *West 38th Avenue*, *Wheat Ridge*, *Colorado*, where he has about six acres right on the edge of *Denver*.

Mucker has had cataracts in both eyes but is now greatly improved. He said he was pushing a cane in front of himself for a time but now drives his car even though the family is sure he will kill himself some time doing it. He even rides a motorcycle over the mountain roads and any place he feels like going. Based on the territory he used to cover on his motorcycle when he had his company of infantry at *Columbus*, *New Mexico* in the old days, that means any where in the *State of Colorado*. He admits that it is a bit risky but the way he sees it, he would as soon be dead as to sit around and see the arteries harden and the eyes grow dim. What a man!

Waldo Potter recently came back east to drive his daughter-in-law and grandson to *California* where the latter is to await her port call to join

Waldo, the younger, who is a *Captain* in the *Air Corps* stationed in *Tokyo*.

Roger Alexander recently returned from a visit to *Walter Reed* where he went for a routine check up. We think the medics sent him down there to get a much needed rest. He was given a clean bill of health and is now back on the job as fit as ever.

Our Reunion plans are all set as outlined in the bulletin sent out about the time this news went to press. We are expecting a big turn-out and are looking forward to having the old crowd together again for the best reunion the *Class of 1907* ever had.

—H. W. W.

1908

The *Graduation Anniversary Dinner* was held on *Saturday*, *February 15th*, 1947, at the *Army and Navy Club*, *Washington*, *D. C.*

Attending the dinner were: *Bone-steel*, *Hughes*, *E. S.*, *Chaney*, *Stockton*, *Hall*, *C. L.*, *Kelley*, *Garrison*, *Burns*, *Hobley* and *O'Brien*, from *Washington*; *Parrott* from *Marshall*, *Va.*; *Drennan*, *Ellis*, and *Jackson* from *Baltimore*; *Slaughter* from *Purcellville*, *Va.*; *Kennedy* from 601 *Greene St.*, *Camden*, *S. C.*; *Johnson*, *T. J.*, from *Polo Hunt Farms*, *Versailles*, *Ky.*; and *Sturdevant* from "Maplecroft", *Route 4*, *Rockville*, *Md.*

Bob Fletcher has been chosen as chairman of the committee for the fortieth anniversary reunion at *West Point* in *June*, 1948.

Let us all start planning to attend the reunion.

Jimmie James, while on duty in the *Philippines*, composed a little song called "Culi Culi" which was sung at a cabaret supper at the *Officers' Club*, back in 1916.

This song was sung on the radio from *Hollywood* recently by *Derry Falligant*, who wrote *Jimmie*, that the song was achieving great popularity and that the publishing company was sending him a contract whereby *Jimmie* will receive royalty payments on all copies sold.

Falligant said he had heard his father, who had been an officer in the *Philippines* more than three decades ago, sing the song, which he had told him had been written by one of his fellow officers—who was no doubt *Major James*.

The title of the song, when published has been changed to "Bontoc Ifugao", a name coined from the names of two tribes in the *Philippines*.

Congratulations, *Jimmie!*

Congressman Kelley reports in the following letter on *Fitzmaurice*, *Dixon*, and *Deans*:

"Recently *Mrs. Kelley* and I visited *California*, and among the places we visited was *Los Angeles*, where we spent almost a week.

"*Fitzmaurice* knew we were coming and immediately on our arrival, he met up with us at the *Ambassador* on *Sunday* afternoon. In his usual generous way he took us for a trip to *Hollywood*, *Beverly Hills*, and *Santa Monica Beach*. *Fitzmaurice* seems to be in good health and still has that old solicitude that he had even in his cadet days—nothing is too much trouble for him if he thinks it adds to the comfort and happiness of others. He is living at *Altadena*, is still

a bachelor, and I took it from his conversation that he is living quite a regular life—regular hours of rest, some exercise, and careful diet.

"The next day Fitzmaurice took us to see the Dixons, and we spent several hours with them at their home in Hollywood. They have a most delightful place to live. Dixon, in my opinion, had not changed much. Although I had not seen him for forty years, I believe I would have known him. I need not say much about Mrs. Dixon, for she is a most charming woman. Her personality leaves its imprint on one, and she is not soon forgotten. I shall long remember her and Dixon.

"The following day Fitzmaurice, Dixon, Mrs. Dixon, Mrs. Kelley and I—Fitzmaurice doing the driving—went to Laguna Beach to visit with the Deans. We had a most pleasant day there. After a couple of cocktails in Deans' home we went to the Victor Hugo Inn, which is located on the Beach just above the Pacific. We spent some time driving around the beach and stopped at Mrs. Deans' antique and novelty shop. It has the appearance of being quite an active business place, and I am sure the Deans are doing very well. Mrs. Deans is a very accomplished woman.

"After this pleasant day we returned to Los Angeles. I had hoped to remain longer, but our time was cut short after several more days and I did not have the opportunity of meeting up with *Garey* and other members of the Class of 1908 who live in that vicinity. Due to a change in our plans we had to go to San Francisco, so we left Los Angeles and these good old friends with a great deal of regret. We certainly did not see enough of them, if that were possible. But we parted with the thought that we soon would return and we still have that resolution in our hearts.

"Fitzmaurice, Dixon and Deans were very much interested to hear about those of the Class of 1908 whom I have seen frequently in Washington. I told them with much pleasure of our luncheons and annual dinners. I had to tell them about the members who were present on those occasions and something about them. Of course, there are many things about them I would like to know myself, but our visits here have been so short that I have not been able to get all of their stories. At any rate, you may be assured that Dixon, Deans, and Fitzmaurice are greatly interested in the members of the Class of 1908. I do not believe anything would give them more pleasure than a visit or call from any member of the class who might be in the vicinity of Los Angeles, and I am sure nothing would be left undone to make a visit a pleasant and memorable one.

"Sincerely yours,

"Augustine B. 'Mike' Kelley,

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—R. E. O'B.

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Editor's Note: The following list of names and addresses is published primarily for the information of those, other than members of the Class of 1909, who are interested in the present location of the members of this class. The list has been compiled from a

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1910

The Washington contingent assembled for luncheon at the Army and Navy Club on February 14th and all had a grand time. The following from Washington were there: *Don Connolly, Dave McCoach, Rex Cocroft, Joe Leonard, Pappy Selleck, Roger Williams, and Snakey Dunlop.* Brother *Pendleton* and *Jack Heard* came over from Baltimore.

Herb Odell writes that he is now a retired gentleman of leisure; that he recently bought a home in what he calls the "Magic Valley" at 1016 South Texas Boulevard, Weslaco, Texas, in the midst of orange and grapefruit orchards. One of his sons is still in the Navy, a Lt. (jg.) Dental Corps; the other is graduating this year in medicine, and his daughter is in the University of Texas. Herb wants to know if we have any plans for the 1950 Reunion. We certainly have. Of course they are rather nebulous still, but we are going to make it the best get-together since graduation. Pappy Selleck is still living at 1528 Mt. Eagle Place, Alexandria, Virginia. He is in the retiring process for physical disability. His daughter, Mary Jane, has finished college, and has a position with the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company. His other daughter, Jo Anne, is a junior at Middlebury college, Vermont. Pete, the one son is an upper middler (junior) at Andover and stands way up in his class. Wants to go to West Point.

Goat Griswold is still in command of the Seventh Army, Atlanta, Georgia. He writes interestingly of his family. His daughter Matile's husband, Lt. Col. William L. Porte, has been retired for physical disability from enemy action. He is now with the Sears-Roebuck Company in Washington. Griz also reports the arrival of a new grandson, Wallace Wolverton Griswold, at Fort Benning on December 9, 1946. George, the baby's father, has recently been commissioned in the regular service. He served in the 101st Airborne Division throughout the war in Europe. He jumped in Normandy on D-Day, and participated in the Belgian Airborne Campaign and commanded a battalion at Bastogne. *Louie Beard* writes from his home at the Greentree Farm, Lexington, Kentucky, and says he has no news unless you consider the birth of a grandson other than routine. We certainly would say that it was grand news indeed. Louie thinks that we should have some medium through which the class could keep in better touch with each other. He is right and we'll see what can be done about it.

Joe Aleshire is living at 2 Wimbledon Road, Spring Hill, Mobile County, Alabama, and he and Eleanor like their new home very much. She has a fine time digging in the garden and raising camellias. He has built a house for his daughter, Carolyn, on his property. Her husband, Jack Wilson, was killed in France. Their little son, Jack, is a great comfort to her. Joe says that *Harry Pillans* lives in Mobile and is employed by the city government. He and Joe get together frequently. Harry has been out of the service for some years.

Lucy Fletcher writes that he has recently become the grandfather of

twins, and that his grandchildren now add up to four. He tells of motoring along the Gulf Coast last year and stopping off for a fine visit with Joe Aleshire in Mobile. Lucy lives at 15 Beacon Street, Fitchburg, Massachusetts.

Snakey Dunlop is also boasting about the arrival of another grandchild, this time a daughter, Lucette Colvin Dunlop, born March 6, 1947. Snakey's son, Bob Jr., is a Captain and on duty in the A.G.O., War Department.

News about the class is urgently needed to send to *Assembly*; so send your dope to Dunlop, 3711 Reno Road, N.W., Washington 8, D. C.

—R. H. D.

1911

Our Class President, *Gus Franke*, has a new address—Star Route No. 2, Box 17, Myrtle Beach, S. C. Every member of the Class is reminded to make a note of this address so as to keep in touch with Gus.

Congratulations from the Class are in order to *Bill Wyche*. He has been appointed Inspector General. This is a well deserved promotion and a job that Bill is admirably fitted for in every way.

John Beatty visited Washington during the latter part of January. Our Washington representatives, *Karl Bradford, Harry Kutz, Bill Morris, Haig Shekerjian*, and *Bill Wyche* turned out for a luncheon for John at the Army Navy Club. *Alex Surlis, Speck Wheeler, Phil Fleming* and *Chink Hall* were not able to attend.

Our permanent resident in Washington, *Harry Kutz*, has taken over *Fleming's* job on the 35 Year Supplement to our *Howitzer*. All members of the Class who have not sent in their questionnaires and other data are urged to do so without delay.

Tod Larned has placed the order for the Class presents to our Class sons—Lt. W. T. Bowley and Lt. J. vonK. Ladd—both being graduates of the Point, Class of 1946.

Every member of the Class is urged to send *Stanton* any information available about any classmate, plus any changes in addresses of members. Closing date for the next *Assembly* is June 10th—so please be sure to send your information to the Class Secretary by June 1st.

—H. G. S.

1912

The Class of 1912 contemplates a large attendance of classmates and members of their families at its 35th Anniversary REUNION at West Point, N. Y., during June week this year. Preliminary to graduation on Tuesday, June 3rd, the Class will have an interesting program of class events extending over a two-day period—Sunday, June 1st, and Monday, June 2nd. An entertainment and program committee composed of three members of the Class (Col. O. J. Gatchell, Professor of Mechanics at West Point; Col. Robt. T. Snow, U.S.A., Rtd., of Delaware City, Del.; and Maj. Gen. R. L. Maxwell, U.S.A., Rtd., of New York City) will be in charge of all arrangements

at West Point for the Class Reunion. Wives, widows, and daughters of the 149 members of the Class (graduates and non-graduates) who are planning to attend the Reunion, and who wish to take advantage of billeting accommodations at the Stanton Preparatory School at Cornwall-on-Hudson (7 miles from West Point) should forward directly to Col. H. G. Stanton, President of Stanton Preparatory School, a written memorandum stating the number of reservations desired and for how long. Classmates and the male members of their families will be furnished billets in Cadet Barracks at West Point. All enquiries about the Class Reunion should be addressed to Col. O. J. Gatchell, West Point, N. Y., or to the Class Representative, Brig. Gen. Wm. H. Hobson, U.S.A., Retired, Monterey Peninsula Country Club, Del Monte, California.

—Wm. H. Hobson,
Brig. Gen., U.S.A. Rtd.

1915

'15 will reunite this year. If you plan to come and have not already notified *Dick Richards* (Major-General George J. Richards, Director of the Budget Division, War Department) let him know and drop me a line as well.

The plan was hatched only very recently when some of the classmates realized that rearmament in '40 and the war in '45 had held reunion gatherings to a handful. To make the party a real success, we must know at once who is coming,—and when. For those who are prompt we can promise housing in the '15 allotment of Cadet Barrack space. The *Johnnie-Come-Latelys*, will probably be out of luck. Remember the sad fate of the Seven Foolish Virgins. Even so, help to make this our most memorable get-together.

—Beukema.

1916

The Class group in Washington has been reduced since the first of the year. *Dwight Johns* left on March 1st to become Division Engineer of the South Pacific Division of the Corps of Engineers, with headquarters in San Francisco. *Styer* is being retired at his own request, effective April 30th, and is now on terminal leave. For several months this winter he has been out in Southern California prospecting for a home, but now is back in Washington again. His plans for the future are not known at this time. *Paul Parker*, who has a home over in Arlington County, has been spending a couple of months in Florida and is expected back around the middle of March. *Frank Scofield*, who has been on duty at Fort Hamilton, New York, with the Transportation Corps, arrived in Washington about the first of the year and is now living in Chevy Chase. He retired at his own request at the end of February. *Dick Levy* has now been alerted and expected to leave for Tokyo to join Gen. MacArthur's headquarters on April 1st.

We have also had some visitors from time to time during the last quarter. *Jim Hodgson* blew in Washington the latter part of February. He had been on duty as Economic Coun-

selor at the American Embassy at Prague. He has now been given a permanent appointment in the foreign service and at the moment is in Washington waiting for a new assignment. *Willie Shipp* also was in town for a few days in February for a G-2 conference in the War Department. He is now a G-2 of the Panama Canal Department. We heard from *Warner Carr* this winter. He has been retired by the Medicos and is living at Lampasas, Texas. *Krayenbuhl*, now in charge of insurance for the Atlanta region of the Veterans Administration, is in and out of Washington fairly frequently on business. He tells us that *Obadiah Pickering* is now a retired "B.G." and living in Atlanta. *Horace McBride*, who has been with the occupation forces in Germany since the end of the war, is taking command of the Army headquarters at Boston.

At the end of February, the Class lost one of its most distinguished Class fathers, Major General *W. J. Snow*, retired, who was the first Chief of Field Artillery appointed in the reorganization of the Army under the National Defense Act of 1920. He was buried in Arlington next to the grave of *Tup Snow*. The Class was represented at the funeral by *Parker Kuhn*, *Brig Bliss* and *Crampton Jones*.

Just as this is being written word comes to us of the death of *Snoop Goodman*. During the war he served in Alaska and the Aleutians. Last year he returned to Fort Sam Houston, and about nine months ago was retired for physical disability. On March 6th, he died in Bridgton, Maine, and will be buried in Arlington Cemetery. We have lost a fine classmate and a real fighting soldier.

—E. G. B.

April, 1917

Mark Clark, as we have noted with pride, has been top advisor to the Secretary of State on matters concerning the Austrian treaty and has rendered valuable and outstanding service in his assignment. Upon completion of this duty, *Mark* will go to San Francisco, where he will assume command of the 6th Army.

We are also watching with pride, *Jack Devine's* experiment with the "Umtees" at Fort Knox, Kentucky. As Commanding General of this experimental unit, *Jack* is in the bright limelight, for much concerning future Universal Military Training methods depends upon the success of his planning and direction.

Since last going to press, we have on record the following changes in addresses:

Willis Teale from Fort Belvoir, Virginia, to Jacksonville, Florida, as Engineer of the Jacksonville District.

Burnet Olmsted from New York City to The Office, Chief of Ordnance, Washington, D. C.

Lawrence Mitchell from Fort Dix, N. J., to Boston, Mass.

George Wooley from Fort Sam Houston, Texas, to the Office of Chief Signal Officer, Washington, D. C.

Dutch Cota from Philadelphia to assignment with The War Assets Administration, Washington, D. C.

Dan Nocco's new assignment is to The Office of the Chief of Staff for duty as Chief, Civil Affairs Division.

On 26 February, *Spec Nisley*, in his capacity as Army Ground Forces Ordnance Officer, visited West Point in connection with Army Ground Forces activities. He stopped in passing just long enough to exchange greetings and to tell us how comfortably he and his family are situated at Newport News, Virginia.

Bill Eley's wife, *Dot*, and his daughter, *Georgia Day*, are now staying at the Hotel Thayer at West Point during *Bill's* absence from the States in the Philippines. They hope to join *Bill* in Manila later.

A letter dated March 3d from *Bill Daugherty* informs us that he and *Helen* are now settled in a cottage at the Tacoma Country Club, Tacoma, Washington, and they intend to stay there. He states that "Young *Bill*", a member of the Class of 1945 U.S.M.A., is now in Japan with the Signal Troop of the First Cavalry Division and likes very much both his outfit and his work.

Joe Collins was one of the principal speakers at the Annual West Point dinner at the University Club in New York City on 15 March.

Henty Frier writes that he has something up his sleeve to enliven our 30th Reunion this June. Anyone having any ideas which might help him, please write to him. His address is 400 Lee Blvd., Arlington, Virginia.

And don't fail to let The Secretary of The Association of Graduates at West Point know whether or not to expect you here at West Point for our 30th Reunion. Send your name to him early!

—T. S. S.

August, 1917

Circular No. 1 has been sent out regarding our 30th Reunion. If you haven't received one, write *Jerry Counts*, *Biff Jones*, *Red Durfee*, or *Doddy Stamps* at West Point. The responses are coming in fast, and we expect to have the biggest and best reunion in our history. Remember the days: Sunday, 1 June, to Tuesday, 3 June, inclusive. The committee has a fairly complete address list for those who graduated with the class, but would like to have the addresses of more of the "exes". So if anyone knows the whereabouts of any classmate who did not remain with us until 30 August 1917, please send in the information.

Class sons now at West Point: 1947—*Mallory*; 1948—*Bellinger*, *Buechler*, *Tibbetts*; 1950—*O'Keefe*.

Jack Coffey has recently been appointed permanent Professor of Ordnance. He will take up his duties about 1 May.

Bill (W. Mc.) Chapman, whose address is P.O. Box 74, Pacific Grove, California, is helping to organize a West Point Society on the Monterey Peninsula. He would like to hear from classmates in that area.

Red Shaffer writes that *Lew Snell*, who left us in July 1915, is now living in Vermont, where he brews maple syrup and looks at the mountains through his powerful telescope. *Red*, himself, recently went on the retired list. He is living at 206 Beacon Street, Hartford, Connecticut.

Does anyone know the address of *Taylor, V. N.*?

The Richmond, Calif., *Independent* is boosting *Bryant Moore*, one of our

two-star generals, for governor of Trieste. He is reported to be doing a bang-up job in Venezia Giulia.

Classmates now in Washington (according to *Pete Purvis*): *Phil Day*, *Henry Demuth*, *Jack Heavey*, *Otto Jank*, *Ed Leavey*, *Jesse Matlack*, *Frank Meade*, *Desmond O'Keefe*, *Herman Pohl*, *Pete Purvis*, *Frog Reed*, *Bill Reeder*, *Billy Reinburg*, *Honus Wagner*, *Red Warner*.

Jules Shaefer, who as Vice President runs the Wichita Division of the Boeing Airplane Company, is as active as ever in class matters. He has promised to check in early for the reunion.

Other "identifications" (addresses furnished upon request): *Bob Bacon*, Brownsville, Tex.; *Cooper Barnes*, Miami; *Wilson Bingham*, Los Angeles; *Maris Black*, Edgewood Arsenal, Md.; *Everett Brown*, South Hampton, N. H.; *Miles Cowles*, Princeton, N. J.; *Mother Custis*, Fort Sam Houston; *Milt Davis*, Scott Field, Ill.; *Tracy Dickson*, Bridgeport, Conn.; *Hi Ely*, Murray Hill, N. J.; *Howard Faust*, Buffalo; *Ted Futch*, Charleston; *Rossiter Garrity*, Ft. Defiance, Va.; *Dutch Gerhardt*, Watertown, Mass.; *Mac Graham*, Hickman Mills, Mo.; *Llewellyn Griffith*, Austin, Tex.; *Horace Harding*, Providence; *Bart Harloe*, Memphis, but about to go on foreign service; *Hob Hasbrouck*, temporarily in a hospital in Boston; *Jack Hawkins*, La Luz, N. M.; *Eddie House*, Winter Park, Fla.; *Frank Jedlicka*, San Antonio; *Bill Jenna*, Iowa City, Ia.; *Jack Johnson*, San Francisco; *Earl Knoob*, San Francisco; *Bill Kolb*, Appleton, Wis.; *Parry Lewis*, Hampton, Va.; *Jack Malory*, Fort Meade, Md.; *Zeke Maling*, Mill Valley, Calif.; *Duncan McGregor*, Huntsville, Ala.; *Bruce Moomau*, San Francisco; *Kenneth Moore*, Korea; *Clyde Morgan*, St. Louis; *Council Palmer*, Tallahassee, Fla.; *Dad Riley*, Fort Bragg; *Sam Ringsdorf*, Hunlock Creek, Pa.; *Harry Rising*, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.; *Bill Whittington*, Montclair, N. J.

Send class news to *Doddy (T.D.) Stamps* at West Point.

—T. D. S.

November, 1918

We received a letter in January from *Bill Blair* who is now retired and living near Denver, Colorado. *Bill* received commendations from General *W. W. Walker* for his services in World War II when he commanded the XXII Corps Artillery in the European Theatre. *Bill* also received the Legion of Merit.

We also had a brief but interesting letter from *Roger Wicks' wife*, *Phoebe*, who is with *Roger* in Seoul, Korea. She tells us that, during their most frigid zero weather, who should show up there for a vacation, but *Alec McCone*. It was not clear just why *Alec* chose such a place to relax when the rest camps in Japan were available. *Phoebe* was saying *Freddy Butler* is over there as Engineer of the XXIV Corps.

Danny Dever writes from Alabama and sends an S.O.S. to make sure that the Association of Graduates has his correct address because the last copy of *Assembly* did not arrive. Which, by the way, is a very good point to remember—keep the Association posted as to your current mailing address.

Early in March we ran into *Dick Lee* and his wife in the Union Station in Washington. Dick has just returned to the U.S.A. after serving two years in the Philippines. *Mark Rhoads* and his wife were at West Point for the 100th Night weekend to visit their youngest son, who is a plebe. Mark is retired and has a government job in Washington. Two sons of classmates have dropped out of the Class of 1950. *Freddy Butler's* boy, *W. H. Butler*, resigned last November and *Clyde Welch's* second son was found in Math and French in January. *Clyde's* other son graduated in the Class of 1946.

We must be getting along in this world when one of our classmates is portrayed by the leading actor in a feature movie film. We understand that Mr. *Brian Donlevy* portrays the part of *Les Groves* in the film "The Beginning or the End." *John McCarten*, the cinema critic of *The New Yorker*, has this to say about the actor, "Much more likely as a military figure is *Brian Donlevy*, who makes *Major General Leslie R. Groves* as brisk, efficient, and athletic as he probably is". We always knew that *Les* was efficient and that he was somewhat of a tennis player, but somehow "brisk, efficient, and athletic" does not seem to fit him.

The following notes on our classmates were received in a letter from *Howard Peckham* who is Air Quartermaster for the Army Air Forces. *Bryan Conrad* has been retired at his own request, and *Charlie Moore* for physical disability. *Harry Montgomery* retired 31 January at his own request and has been elected Vice President and Chief Engineer of Material Service Corporation, 33 North La Salle Street, Chicago. *Al Johnson* also retired 31 January at his own request and is living at 26 Rio Vista Lane, Richmond 21, Virginia.

Morris Gilland is Executive Officer of The Engineer Center, Ft. Belvoir, Va., and *Carroll, J. V.*, holds the corresponding position at the Signal Center, Ft. Monmouth, N. J. *Dick Wheeler* has been ordered to Kansas City for duty with the 5304 A.S.U., Fifth Army. *Wilson, A. M.* is on duty with the California National Guard in San Francisco. *Bob York* is on duty in the Office of the Division Engineer in Boston, and *Pinkie Lock* has been announced as the new District Engineer in Memphis. *Lew Gibney* commands the post of Ft. Knox, Ky., under the Commanding General, The Armored Center. *Van Voorst* has joined the large group of our classmates on duty in Washington, and is serving in the Office of the Chief Signal Officer.

We have noted just before going to press, that *Howard Peckham* has been assigned to U.S.F.E.T. We have heard from *Howard* and he expects to sail for Europe in the near future. He has turned the class fund, amounting to \$394.97, to *Hunk Holbrook*. *Hunk* is now retired and is vice-president of the Federal Services Finance Corporation in Washington.

Hunk writes that he plans to act as our Washington correspondent in the same manner that *Howard Peckham* has performed so well for the past year. *Hunk* stated that *Bryan Conrad* is living in Tucson, Arizona, after his retirement. *Jim Cullens* is reported as being with the M.P.'s in Frankfurt, Germany. *Hunk* said that he

had reported the death of *Bill Mason* to the Association of Graduates in 1944, although there appears to be no record of it. *Kester Hastings* expects to depart from Washington before long, while *Elmer Barnes* and *Dick Lee* expect assignment there in the near future. *W. B. Miller* is with the Finance Department and is stationed in Paris, according to latest reports. Our classmates who are stationed in Washington, D. C., planned to have a class dinner for *Howard Peckham* at the Army and Navy Club on 9 April.

We had a letter from *Harry Montgomery*, telling us that he and wife are now living at 3202 Lakeshore Drive, Chicago 13, Illinois.

—G. M. B.

1919

Recent visitors to U.S.M.A. have been *Al Gruenther*, *Tony McAuliffe*, and *Claude Ferenbaugh*. *Al* lectured to the First Class on "The Army as a Career" and *Tony* on "Research and Development". *Claude* was a member of a board investigating the physical training program at the Academy.

Kyke Allan writes from Washington that he is sailing in April for Europe where he will be Military Attaché in Switzerland. Four other members of the class are now Military Attachés: *Ed Sebree* in Australia, *Forest Cookson* in New Zealand, *Joe Tate* in France, and *Joe Holly* in England.

Paul Donnelly recently had his home in Madison, Conn., completely destroyed by fire. New arrivals of the class in Washington are *Irrin Alexander* and *Dick Ovenshine* in the Office of the Inspector General and *Lee Syme* on the War Department Manpower Board.

Pat Echols is a public relations officer on General MacArthur's staff. *Bob Springer* is on duty as a J.A.G. in London. *Mose Chadwick* has been on an inspection trip in Germany investigating their communications developments in connection with his job as C.O. of Coles Engineering Laboratories at Fort Monmouth.

Al Gruenther and *Mike Brannon* have joined *Al Wedemeyer* as permanent brigadier generals, bringing our quota up to three.

Stu Little is the first applicant for class cup for sons born to fathers over 45. He announces the birth of *Edward Stuart Little, II* on 29 January 1947. Congratulations may be sent to him at Hudson View Gardens, 183rd Street and Pinehurst Avenue, New York 33.

Gordon Chapline is now a vice president of the Public National Bank with residence in New York, N. Y. "*Opie*" *Loper* has recently sailed to join *Dad* in Tokyo.

During Christmas week your scribe and his wife entertained the plebe sons of June 1919 and their drags at a buffet supper. We wish to report that they are a fine group of boys, and an example of the fact that what the S.O.'s do they do well!

—B. W. B.

1920

A letter from *Puddle Lake* to *Hank Hodes* has been forwarded to the classmates on duty at West Point. *Puddle* is serving at Red Yanan, North Shensi, China in the grade of Colonel

and would appreciate a line from his classmates.

Chapman, H. J., has been transferred from the Reserve to the Regular Navy and is now a Captain. (M.C) U.S.N., on duty at the U.S. Naval Hospital, Seattle, Washington.

Sid Hinds and *Jack Reybold* have recently been retired, *Sid* for physical disability and *Jack* at his own request.

Congratulations to *Crumph Garvin* on the award of the D.S.M. for his service in the Mid-Pacific Area from April, 1944 to June, 1945.

Bill Bessell spent the day at West Point recently while on temporary duty in the States from his assignment as Commanding General of the Antilles Department. He states that *Freddie Harris* commands one of the principal posts in his area.

Bill Crist, Asst. G-2 for First Army, and *John McNulty* have been recent visitors to West Point.

Through the courtesy of *Hippo Swartz*, who is now on duty in the O.&T. Division of the Pentagon, the following list of classmates now on duty in Washington or living in the vicinity thereof has been furnished:

Brady, W. I., Cassidy, Coe, Dillon, Fisher, H. E., Hamilton, Hasbrouck, Hine, H. C., Hodes, Hoge, Holly, Lemnitzer, Lewis, J. M., Long, Merritt, Mitchell, J. D., Mitchell, W. L., Rehm, Routheau, Stratton, Swartz, Tombaugh, Turnbull, Trimble, R. S., VanSickler, Vogel, White, D. G., Whitehead.

Bert Randalls is living at Bealleville, Maryland; *Chick Fowler* at Charlottesville, Virginia; *Sharrar* at Salisbury, Maryland; *Seybold* is on duty with the Second Army at Baltimore and *Smith, R. O.*, at Fort Meade. *Joe Harriman, Schabacher, Smith, L. G.*, and *Farrell* are on duty with Army Ground Forces at Fort Monroe, Virginia.

Charlie West has been nominated by the President as Permanent professor of Law at the Military Academy which gives the Class of '20 three Professors—*Schick*, Professor of Military Topography and Graphics, *Gillette*, Professor of Physics and Chemistry and *West*.

1921 and 1922

Ollie Hughes says that responses to date to the cards he sent out indicate that about 36 *Orioles*—most of them bringing wives, a few bringing daughters also—will return to West Point for our 25th reunion this year. If you read this column and have not already notified *Ollie* whether you can come please do so at once—and come if you possibly can. The local *Orioles* have the situation well in hand and our reunion is sure to be a memorable occasion. Returning wives and daughters can count on beds in '22 quarters on the post and all returning classmates—and accompanying grown-up sons, if any—will be quartered together in Cadet Barracks. Be sure to return the post card, which you should have by the time you read this, to the Alumni Reception Committee by 15 May if you are returning for June Week this year. Otherwise it may not be possible for the Committee to assure you quarters in barracks with classmates.

There isn't much other news to offer this time, and perhaps it's just as well to leave most of the current gossip for

oral exchange in June. All of us here regret to lose the *Leonards* to Fort Bragg in May—*Len* hopes to be able to return for the reunion—but we are glad *Charlie Barrett*, recently appointed Professor of Modern Languages, and family will be here for permanent station about 1 July. The *Barretts* are coming for the reunion, too. Here are the others who have informed *Ollie* that they will be here: The *Lawton's*, *Chidlaw's*, *Cook's*, *Crawford's*, *Cary's*, (and daughter), *Armes'*, *Stout's*, *Wilhide's*, *Mathewson's*, *C. R. Smith's* (and daughter), *Spalding's*, *R. L. Taylor's*, *Kastner's*, *Freeman's*, *Kyle's*, *Tyler's*, *Uncles'*, *Wardlaw's*, *Pierce's*, *McClure's*, *Leedy's* (and daughter), *Lee's*, *Douglass'*, *Klein's*, *Clark's* and *Strong's*. Also: *Nelson*, *Dean*, *Spry*, *Bodine*, *Beal*, *Olmsted*, *Johnson*, *R. H.*, *Mudgett*, and *Pirkey*. And, of course, the then local residents: *M. D. Taylor's*, *Grant's*, *Greenc's*, *Hughes'*, *Straub's*, (Lt. Col. *Ted* is now also a Major, Ord—R.A.) and *Branham's*.

—C. N. B.

1923

Christmas greetings to the class, received too late for publication in the last issue, were sent by the following: *Fred Manross* (Lt. Col.), 7th Cavalry Regt., 1st Cav. Div., A.P.O. 201 c/o P.M. San Francisco; and *Deke Stone* (Col.), Adj. Gen., Hq. Antilles Dept., A.P.O. 851, c/o P.M. Miami, Fla.

Sheff Edwards (Col.) is on duty in the War Dept. and his home address is 6 Edgewood Terrace, Alexandria, Va. *Lou Barley* has returned to civil life and is living at 492 Peachtree St., N.E., Atlanta, Ga. *Eddie Love* has been appointed manager of the Koiled Kord Division, Kellogg Switchboard and Supply Co., 6630 S. Cicero Ave., Chicago. *Stewart Towle* is now Washington Representative for the Northrup Aircraft, Inc. He was formerly Chief of Staff of the 8th Fighter Command in England.

We are sorry to pass on the sad news of *Herb Campbell's* death at Carlisle Barracks, Pa., on 25 December 1946, and his burial in Arlington National Cemetery. We have no details except that he had recently been a patient in the Valley Forge General Hospital. He returned to the service two days after Pearl Harbor and served with the Air Corps in the Pacific and in Tokyo.

Freddie Phillips' address is Box 3, Kinderhook, N. Y. The following addresses have come to us second-hand and are in some cases incomplete: *J. E. Bowen, Jr.*, Pentagon Bldg.; *J. B. Carroll*, c/o Second Army, Phila., Pa., or Baltimore, Md., may reach him; *C. W. Getty*, c/o Delaware National Guard, Wilmington, Del.; *R. H. Krueger*, c/o 11th Air Force, Elliot-Fisher Bldg., Harrisburg, Pa.; *D. McLean*, c/o Coast Artillery Regiment, Penn. Nat. Guard, 15th St. near Hamilton, Allentown, Pa.

—W. J. M.

1924

The Washington contingent has organized as the Washington Chapter of the class with *Buck Lanham* as president, *Jerry Sullivan* as vice-president, and *Martin Hass* as secretary-treasurer.

Working committees have been appointed to take care of various activities including active liaison with classmates everywhere. The dead line for this issue hit us just too soon but we hope to include full notes in succeeding issues.

To start things off The Washington herd recently staged a most successful and enjoyable dinner dance at The Army-Navy Country Club.

McLamb came through Washington not long ago on a business trip. After his war service which took him from The Ordnance Department at U.S.M.A. to Japan via the Philippines he is now back as an officer of The National City Bank in New York.

The following notes were passed to us by *George Finnegan*, who is practicing law again as senior partner of his firm in New York after service as Staff Judge Advocate at West Point:

Don Rule is the only member of The Herd still at West Point and we hear he is to leave in June.

Jim Poore, now retired, writes from "down under":

"I would like all the Bulls and Heifers to know that a fifth son and sixth child was born to the undersigned and Betty (Mrs. P) in Melbourne, Australia, 3 November, 1946. He is named Thomas Wyatt in recognition of a paternal ancestor who backed a losing claimant for the British throne in Elizabethian times.

"I sailed for Australia early this year, where I represent the Coca Cola Company. The entire family is with me, less James E. Poore, III, who is a yearling at the Point. Young Jim will be the fourth successive eldest son to become an Army Officer"

—R. V. L.

1925

Since copy went in for the last Assembly word was received that *Chuck Scovel* died suddenly on 12 August 1946 at Boise, Idaho. *Chuck's* brother writes:

"My sisters and I remember how distressed he (Chuck) was a few years ago when he lost his original ring and the trouble he had replacing it.

"Since it is entirely possible some other 1925 man may have suffered the same loss—or may in the future—we would like to put our brother's ring at the disposal of the class as a replacement".

I have contacted *Saltzman* with respect to this very thoughtful offer and the plan approved by him and Mr. *Scovel* is as follows: Any classmate who has lost his ring should write me (*Suede Underwood*) here at the Point stating the circumstances of his loss. On 1 June I will send these letters to *Saltzman*, who will decide who should have the ring, and when he lets me know his decision I will promptly send the ring to the lucky man. I have received the ring and placed it with the Association of Graduates for safe-keeping.

Mike Esposito is under orders here as the new Professor in the Dept. of Military Art and Engineering. Good going, Mike.

Charlie Saltzman is the Chairman of the New York City Committee in the \$2,000,000 campaign of the Planned Parenthood Federation of America.

Pat Noyes became the Deputy C.O.

of the Middletown Air Material Area last December.

Carl Tischbein writes that *Hank Westphalinger* concocted the idea of getting members of the class stationed in Washington together periodically for a luncheon. They met on 29 January and started an organization for the purpose. A second luncheon meeting was scheduled for 26 February at which time it is expected that a permanent Secretary will be elected. *Carl Tischbein* has been doing the honors as Acting Chairman. We have 30 classmates in and around Washington. They are *Barlow*, *Bryte*, *Burback*, *Chamberlain*, *Daugherty*, *Dawson*, *Dobak*, *Evans*, *Gamber*, *Houze*, *Huyssoon*, *Jones*, *E. K. (Ex.)*, *Kuhre*, *Lincoln*, *Liwski*, *Mason*, *McLaughlin*, *E. D.*, *Myers*, *C. M.*, *Newman*, *Nicholas*, *Ordway*, *Pheris*, *Purdue*, *Ritchie*, *Scheerer*, *Tischbein*, *Tulley*, *Westphalinger*, *Wood*.

I received at the yearling hop the other night. Two of the prettiest girls there were *Jean Weitfle* and *Sally Tischbein*.

Mary Carol Hopkins was born on 24 December 1946. Nice going Hop and Sophie!

Frank Fraser has left West Point to become a student at the Armed Forces College at Norfolk.

—W. N. U.

1926

Bob Nourse reports that about 50% of the class have answered the call for class dues. In the event any member of the class has not received the "poop-sheet" *Bob* circulated in December, the amount is \$3.00, and those who had not paid for the 20 year booklet were asked to contribute an additional \$2.00. So, if you haven't received *Bob's* notice, please consider this as such and mail in a check or money order made out to "The Class Fund, U.S.M.A., 1926" and forward it to Col. R. S. Nourse, Room 4E756, The Pentagon, Washington 25, D. C.

The Class sent flowers at Christmas to the widows of *Jimmy Anderson* and *Clair Conzelman*. Unfortunately they were the only widows whose addresses were on record, so it will be appreciated if anyone knowing the whereabouts of any other of our war widows would communicate the addresses to *Bob*, who is maintaining the class files.

Mrs. "*Brook*" *Brady* wrote that she had seen "*Pete*" *Young* and family established in Pasadena and going strong. More of our better-halves are invited to contribute to this column—it needs help and can only survive if you send in news of yourself to *Frank Miter*, 2422 Taylor Ave., Alexandria, Va.; or to *Red Reeder* at West Point.

Mal Kammcrer says he watched the 11th and 15th Infantry fold up under him at Camp Campbell, Ky. and has moved on to Hqrs., 9th Training Regiment, Fort Jackson, S. C.

Brig. Gen. *John F. Doyle*, nee "Trooper", sends his regards to the gang and invites all and sundry to climb in a plane and pay an official visit to sunny California. The address is March Field. Straighten up the guest room Trooper.

A committee consisting of *Bo' Riggs*, *Freddie Munson* and *Moody Merrell* made arrangements for another Joint

Army-Navy Class of 1926 party held on 28 March at the Officers' Club, National War College.

Among our Christmas correspondents with best wishes to all, were:

Sparky Baird, who is still at Leavenworth, runs the Golf Club and the Bull Pen for embryonic instructors. *Bill House*, who incidentally looks fine, is also on the platform at Ft. Leavenworth. *Hal Forde*, who is also instructing at Fort Leavenworth, is thankful that he isn't a student.

Roy Silverman, reports a family of a boy of eight, a girl of five, and a boy of one and a half years. He is at the Army Finance Center, St. Louis, Mo.

Johnny Perman, who is in E.T.O., reports nothing. Come clean Johnny. How do you expect us to write this column?

The *Red Cordermans* and the *Norm Matthiases* held a class party in Germany in December.

Rod Smith reports, "The family (two boys of 15 and 10 and wife) have now joined the pioneers in post-war Manila and things are looking up"

Bobby Ross is still in Rome and expects to be there till June.

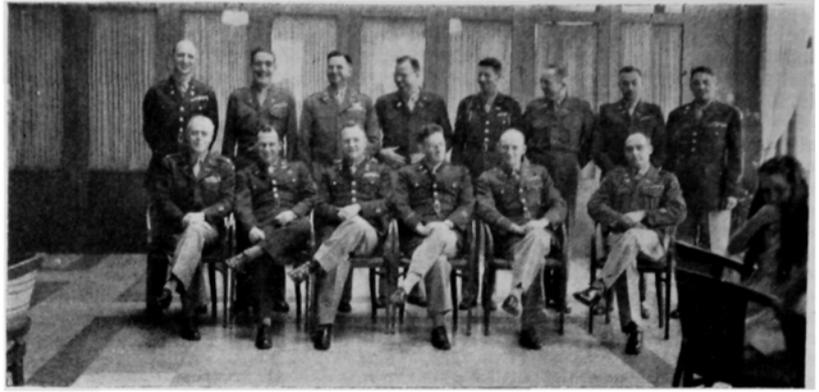
Merson Skinner has contributed \$50.00 to the Class Fund as a starter toward the erection of a permanent memorial at West Point for our classmates who died in war service. To date no very concrete ideas have been advanced on this subject but it is hoped that we can have a memorial in the proposed new Memorial Hall at West Point. In view of Merson's specifically expressed fond memories of *Jimmy Anderson*, part of his contribution was used for flowers placed on the altar of the Cadet Chapel in Jimmy's memory.

George Hickman was in the Pentagon for a few brief weeks this winter fighting for a bit of the budget for the boys in Japan. At the present writing, he is winging his way back to Tokyo for a few remaining months of his foreign service tour. While here, he exhibited a proclivity for "seegars" and one could see that he wears them well.

Skeet Van Meter arrived in Washington toward the end of January and is bolstering up the War Assets Administration. On the other hand, *Val Heiberg* is leaving the same organization for a teaching job at Leavenworth.

Anky reports receiving greetings from *Nellie Nelson* who commands the Fighter Command in Panama.

The December, January and February luncheons, held on the third Thursday of each month in the field officers' dining room at the Pentagon, were attended by the same old standbys reported in the last issue. Our only visiting fireman was *Jimmy Burwell* who attended the 20th February luncheon on a flying trip from the faculty of the Air University at Maxwell Field. At the same time *Ray Maude* joined the local fraternity and is on duty as Chief of Staff, Airways and Air Communications Service in Washington (Gravelly Point).



1927 REUNION IN OLD HEIDELBERG, GERMANY
January, 1947.

First Row (left to right)—Glavin, Dickinson, Lowe, McKinney, Thorpe, Daly, E. G.
Second Row (left to right)—Thiebaud, Bixel, Aloe, Land, Allen, Lindsey, Burdge, Felber.

And now for a piece de resistance, and we are sure that we can voice the heartfelt congratulations of the class to Brigadier General "Admiral" *Sims* on his recent appointment to the ranks of the Brass Hats. Admiral is on duty as Executive Officer to the Assistant Secretary of War for Air. Nice going, Admiral.

Ludy Toftoy, rocket and fishing expert was at West Point on 10 and 11 March to lecture to the First Class on guided missiles—not fishing. Tuffy is the Chief of the Rockets and Guided Missiles Division in the Office of the Chief of Ordnance.

Johnny Roosma and Marjorie came up to West Point for a number of basketball games this winter. Johnny is still remembered at West Point (and he will be for a long time) as one of the greatest basketball players ever to pull on an Army basketball jersey.

Churchill Hutton sent in a very complete autobiography which inadvertently did not make the Twenty Year booklet. Church reports no home address, but can always be reached at the Department of State. He is now the second Secretary of Embassy to the American Embassy, Guatemala. Church married the lovely Frances Stearns whom many of us knew when we were cadets. They have two children, Paul 10, and Cuthbert age 8. Church has served as Vice Consul in Panama, he graduated from the State Department's Foreign Service School in Washington, and in 1931 was Vice Consul in Bombay, India for two years. He also served as Vice Consul in Dublin for 18 months where he was promoted to Consul. Their two sons, incidentally, are pseudo Irishmen, as they were born in Dublin. Church returned to the United States in 1939 and on arrival in Washington was temporarily assigned to the Department of State. He was promoted again and transferred to Mexico City where he spent a two-year tour. He transferred to the Department of State in 1941. During the war he worked for the Joint Intelligence Staff and Joint Intelligence Committee of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Part of the time on the J.C.S., he was the State Department's sole representative. He received another promotion in 1945.

—F. F. M. and R. P. R.

1927

TWENTIETH REUNION

Schedule of class events for June
Week is as follows:

Sunday, 1 June, 4 P.M.—1927 Tree Dedication.
5 P.M.—1927 Picnic (Bull Pond)

Monday, 2 June, 8 P.M.—1927 Dinner (Approximately) at Bear Mt. Inn

A circular letter was recently sent to every member of the class whose address was on file. This letter indicated the tentative program listed above.

Colonel H. G. Stanton at Cornwall, New York, has made available rooms in his prep school for the ladies and girls pertaining to the Class of 1927. Those desiring reservations should notify Colonel Stanton not later than May 1st. Colonel Stanton is the uncle of *Ray Stanton* and has been most helpful.

Cost for the picnic and the dinner shown above will be pro-rated.

Arrangements have been made for the plaque for the class tree to be delivered by June 1st.

Whelchel is with the G-3 Section, U.S.F.A., A.P.O. 77, c/o P.M., New York. He expects to return to the States in July.

Bill Glasgow is with the G.H.Q. F.E.C., A.P.O. 500, San Francisco. He is located in Tokyo and is working with *Woody Burgess*.

Hutchinson is at the same place as Chief of the G-4 Plans and Policy Division. *Louie Ham* is also there in G-3.

Forrest Sinclair is at P.O. Box 633, Los Altos, California. Forrest was retired in 1946.

Tom McManus has returned to civil life and lives at 2595 Piedmont Avenue, Berkeley, California.

Lec Washbourne is on Okinawa, A.P.O. 1050, San Francisco.

Goobar McLamb is the Military Government Commander in the Sakishima Group about 300 miles southwest of Okinawa.

Ben Gray is in Guam.

The Class of '27 had a big reunion in Heidelberg in January. People attending were *Glavin, Dickinson, Lowe,*

McKinney, Thorpe, Daly, E. G., Thiebaut, Bixel, Aloe, Land, Allen, Lindsey, Burdge and Felber. Bob Lowe sent pictures (see cut) as well as a program and mimeo. Jupe Lindsey walked home thinking that his car was stolen but the next day he found it the same place that he had left it. Ed Farland, Bixel and Bob Lowe have been moved to Vienna, A.P.O. 777.

Other members of the Class of '27 in the E.T.O. are Wesner, Zeller, Paxson, Kilgore, Whittle, Meredith and Whelchel.

Granny Granholm is with Hq., 8th Army, A.P.O. 443.

Chuck Stone is with the Headquarters, Air Defense Command, at Mitchell Field.

Col. John Carmichael, father of Jack, died last month. We sent flowers from our Special Class Fund. Herewith is a note from Mrs. Carmichael:

"The beautiful wreath of gladoli that was sent to Dave by his class was put very close to him where he would have wanted it. I want to thank you all for your wonderful thoughtfulness and friendship throughout the years. Sincerely,

"Virginia Tucker Carmichael."

Letters to Smyly and Derby were returned (address unknown).

Horace Quinn is working for the Armour Research Foundation in Chicago. He has retired. He has a son in the Plebe class.

Ruby Hunter lives on Palmetto Road, Bellaire Estates in Clearwater, Florida. He has been retired since 1930.

Hal Isaacson is at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

Bill Verbeck has orders to remain as an instructor at the National War College when he finishes.

Freddy Thorpe is with the 56th Quartermaster Board, A.P.O. 169.

Mike Williams has just returned to this country after 30 months in the Pacific. He is with Hq., 7th Army, Atlanta, Georgia. He spent his entire service overseas with the 11th Airborne. Smyly was mixed up in that deal too and busted something when he jumped in New Guinea. He was evacuated to the States.

Mid Condon joined the 11th Airborne in 1946 and now commands the 188th Parachute Infantry Regiment.

Granholm is in Yokohama.

Charlie Wesner is in Grofenwohe, Germany. He doesn't get home until August.

Thiebaut returns to the United States about September.

Fred Day is attending the Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago and gets a Masters Degree this summer.

Harry McKinney is the P.R.O. in Bamberg, Germany. He is with the Constabulary.

Ralph J. Mercer is at 717 East 221st Street, New York City, 67.

Barney Rose is at Hq., Philippine Air Material Area, A.P.O. 714, San Francisco. His serial number indicates that he is back in the Regular Army. He had resigned in '29.

Ham Hunter is at the Armed Forces Staff College in Norfolk.

Willis Matthews lives at 4153 Mandan Crescent, Madison, Wisconsin. He is in R.O.T.C.

George Van Horn Moseley is at Graf-ton, Vermont. He retired for physical

disability. He jumped in Normandy the night preceding D-Day and busted a leg.

Bert Holtzworth is at Hq., The Armored School, Fort Knox.

Graybell is at 240 Bushnell Avenue, San Antonio, Texas.

Fran Foster is retired and lives in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Henri Luebbermann is at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Upon graduation he is going to Chile on a vacation.

Correction: Blair and Dot Garland are stationed at Langley Field, Virginia.

Joe Phelan has just recently retired and lives in Natick, Mass.

Art Solem is at Fort Sill.

Howard Perrilliat is at 833 Esplanade Avenue, New Orleans, 16. He retired for disability in '31.

Mac Miller is in San Diego with the Amphibious Training Command, Pacific Fleet. He spent the war in the Pacific area and had a regiment of Cavalry most of the time. He came home and got married.

Dana McGowan retired in '46, however, he is now on active duty as Executive Officer of the G-1 Section of Hq., 2nd Army.

Jerry Holland is Provost Marshal of the 5th Army in Chicago. He is not married.

Chuck Ewing is with the Detroit Arsenal in Centerline, Michigan.

Jim Green has recently been appointed a permanent Professor of Electricity here at the Military Academy. He reports to West Point about 1 July. He gets his Doctors Degree in electronics at Cal. Tech. and is bald-headed.

Jerry Lillard is with the G-3 Section, G.A. Division, Hq., PHILRYCOM, A.P.O. 707.

Bob White and Trap Trapnell are taking the course at Leavenworth.

On the faculty at Leavenworth are Marty Morin, Duke Gilbreath, Stu Wood, Tony Luebbermann and George Martin. Bell Hennig also.

Chubby Roth was messed up in that Bikini deal.

Stan Meloy is the Commandant of Cadets and P.M.S.&T. at Texas A.&M. College, College Station, Texas.

Gar Davidson is with the 6th Army in San Francisco.

Helen McKinney, wife of Mac, is living at 1303 Starke Avenue, Columbus, Georgia.

Attending the National War College in Washington are Bell, Brown, Collins, Hoeffler, Pachynski, Sterling, Verbeck and Zwicker.

Petey Ginder apparently is attending the Industrial College, as is Kunesh.

Doug Douglas is at Fort Belvoir.

Harron, Hocker, Howard, Max Johnson, Meckling, Ostenberg, Segarra, Towner, Webb and Whatley are all fooling around down there in the Pentagon.

McGregor is at Gravelly Point, Virginia.

All those people living in Washington get together in the Pentagon on Thursdays for lunch.

Jack Hopper is with the Air American Supply Agency, 806-17th St., N.W., Washington 6, D. C.

We have about \$380.00 in this Special Class Fund and I'm just holding it until somebody tells me what to do with it. So far about \$26.00 has been spent for stamps and flowers, etc.

We would like to have a very fine reunion this year. The only way that it can be successful is for a flock of us to show up. How about it?

—R. F. S.

1928

News, this last quarter, came in from localities scattered from China to Germany.

At the time of writing Fred Dau was Assistant Military Attaché at Nanking. He reports that Tom Moore was on duty in the same city.

Near the other end of the line, Bob Browning, Bill Maeridian, and Bob Fleming have been lurching together frequently in Frankfurt. Also in Germany are Carl Fritsche, Elmer Gude, and Tommy Moran. You will be glad to know that it is reported that Tom Tarpley, for a while in Germany and now in Italy, looks the same as ever, with no apparent ill effects from three and one half years in a Japanese prison camp.

Quite a few of the class are gathered around the Air University. A. V. P. Anderson and Tommy Lane are holding the torch of learning high on the faculty of the Air Command and Staff School, while across the way Ned Sirmeyer, Jim Totten, Charlie Goodrich, and Ralph Coon are students at the Air War College. Tom Cody is staff communications officer there.

Joe Potter is District Engineer in Kansas City while Jerry Smyser holds the same position at St. Louis. While the foreign ministers continued to talk, Smyser achieved his own Anglo-American merger by bringing home a charming W.A.A.F. officer as his bride. But there is an even more recent marriage in '28 than Smyser's, according to our reports. A news item says that Bill Caldwell returned to Chicago in January with his bride, the former Miss Marjorie E. Powers, whom he had married at Heidelberg shortly before leaving Germany.

As noted in the preceding Assembly, we are certainly adequately represented in Washington. Some of those not previously mentioned are Boatner, Heiman, and Thomas. Walter Simon, who was overseas with A.A.F. during the war, is a civilian again. He is with F.H.A. and lives in Arlington. Dick Smith at Fort Belvoir is close enough to see his classmates in town, and far enough away to have a big set of quarters.

George Bienfang was last reported at Tinker Field, and Harry Wilson with the Air Proving Ground Command at Eglin Field.

Fred Anderson and Buck Wiley have been at West Point to lecture to the First Class. Jim Green was here for a visit.

Hastings, who was back in the service and was stationed here with the Law Department during the war, has come into the Regular Army in the latest integration. We are all pleased to welcome him.

Our appreciation goes out to those who sent in notes. All the personal statistical data has been filed with the Association of Graduates to insure up-to-date accuracy in the next publication of the Register of Graduates, U.S.M.A. For the next issue of Assembly we should like to hear from any survivors of the various annual West

Point dinners who may have coherent recollections of classmates seen there.

—E. K. D.

1929

Recent visits of *Abe Lincoln* and *Ken Nichols* to West Point, followed by their attendance at a class "binge" in Washington, have stirred up a few notes in this direction. I am presently hoping that a promised letter of news from *Army Armstrong* reaches me in time to add to these April notes.

First, a few notes picked up from other sources perhaps not seen by most of you:

Melie Coutlee returned to the U.S. after having been in command of Talara, Peru, for several months prior to its being officially turned over to that government.

A Christmas card from *Dud Wiegand* reports all well in Guatemala. He is helping to institute a Military Academy there.

In December *Paul Freeman* was at Fort Bragg, accompanying General Obino and other Brazilian Army Officers on a tour of various Army installations.

Frank Merrill has been relieved from assignment with Hq. 6th Army, and is assigned to the United States Military Advisory Group to the Republic of the Philippines.

"*Kirk*" *Kirkpatrick* was recently assigned to West Point as Post Engineer, and has arrived here. When *Ken Nichols* gets here in May (after a couple of months in Florida) to take up his new duties as Junior Professor of Mechanics, the total of '29-ers here will be swelled to 9. Both have recently been at Oak Ridge, Tenn.

A son was recently born to the *Paul Shumates*.

The following members of our class are now assigned to study at the Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Va.: *Maulsby, Bork, Mays, Hunter, and Theimer*.

Abe Lincoln and *Heinie Zimmerman* were at West Point in February, when *Abe* lectured to the cadets. We enjoyed cocktails with them at *Al Viney's* quarters.

Billy Greear visited *Harkins* in February. He was back in this country from Germany to sit on the trial of the Hesse gem theft.

Allan Mc Nerney's wife writes from Tokyo that she, 3 sons and 1 daughter, joined him there in August after four years separation. Among '29ers stationed there are B.G. "*Pinkey*" *Wetzel, Wimer, Chaffee, Don Poorman, Tom Lynch, John Hammond, Daddy Sykes, and Bruce Rindlaub*. What a "reunion in Tokyo"! *Bruce* was married there in December, his third wedding.

If I get *Army Armstrong's* news in time, I will add it to these notes. Meanwhile, *Glen "Ducilly" Williamson* wrote a letter as a result of that same dinner in Washington. A "memo" on the party allegedly attached to letter was not attached, *Glen*—please send same. *Glen* reports the party, at the Army-Navy Country Club on February 22, was well attended, but I don't have the full list since he forgot to attach it. *Charlie Tench* handled the finances. *Quill* was unable to be there, but was represented by his wife. *Huglin*, just

back from Germany, was present, looking fine. *Bill Hall*, listed, couldn't make it, nor could *Velasquez* (or else *Glen* did not see them).

Glen reports *D. J. Keirn* is with the Atomic Energy Commission in Washington.

George Wilde is back in business again. He has an export-import firm in Washington (Lynch, Wilde & Co.), to which he commutes from his farm in Lenox, Mass.

Glen says that *Johnnie Walker* and *George Bush* live near him in Arlington.

Glen has been retired, as of 31 January 1947, due to a leg injury received in England. He is presently working on civil aviation as Special Assistant to the Secretary of Commerce.

—McA.

1930

Ned Moore, sojourning in Walter Reed, writes that he has met "*Slim*" *Royal* there. "*Slim*" expects to be retired soon as a result of a wound received in the E.T.O.

Both were then looking forward to the class party given by *Larry Norstad* on the 14th of March. It was then expected that about 40 classmates would attend.

Jack Rothschild, Jack Dudley and *Paul Yount* have had occasion to visit the Academy since the last issue of *Assembly*.

Bartlett wrote from Fort Lewis, Washington, that he expected to be assigned as Engineer for the 15th Air Force at Colorado Springs sometime in April.

Carl Brandt is C.O. of Eglin Field.
—R. P. Swofford, Jr.

1931

Taking one day in which I did not listen to anyone telling how busy he is or how short he is of personnel, I had plenty of time to round up general locations as follows:

Bays, University of Washington, Seattle.

Smith, C. C., supposedly in Austria.

McConnell, Fort Knox.

Smellow, Frankfurt Arsenal, Pa.

Davis, W. A., Manila, P. I.

Hagood, retired. Now in Venezuela with some Oil Company.

Brown, J. M., Fort Monroe.

Hockenberry, Maxwell Field, A-1.

Cassevant, Tokyo, Assistant Signal Officer.

Arnold, now a civilian with some National Air Outfit.

Berry, G-3 Section, A.G.F., Fort Monroe.

Wilson, Plans Section, A.G.F., Fort Monroe.

Troxel, some kind of instructor at some kind of school at Carlisle Barracks.

Hightower, A.G.F. Board No. 2, Fort Knox.

Messinger, head of military mission in Costa Rica. (His house has a swimming pool.)

Tyler, Headquarters, U.S.A.F., P.O.A.

Gallup, W. F., Japan.

Brown, R. Q., Seventh Army, Atlanta.

Singles, Fort Benning.

Lawson, Fort Riley.

Westpheling, Motor Officer, 2nd Military District, Munich.

King, G-3, Armored Center, Fort Knox.

Marnanc, Headquarters, Fifth Army, Easterbrook, Fort Benning.

Hughes, Manila, P. I.

Ford, O.T.A., Japan with M.G.

Reidy, O.R.C., Trenton, N. J.

Hardick, Yokohama, with Eighth Army.

Steinbach, U.S.F.E.T.

McAlear, National Guard, Buffalo, N. Y. On being assigned the local papers described John as "Clear, clean-cut and youthful".

Malloy, G-3 Section, A.G.F., Fort Monroe.

Adams, Air University, Maxwell Field.

Woodward, England—same place as Train.

Heiss, retired. Working in Richmond with V.A. but home in Washington.

Ruggles, G-3 Section, A.G.F., Fort Monroe.

Roller, somewhere around New York City.

McGee, John, R.O.T.C., University of Illinois.

Bond, Van, Headquarters, Seventh Army.

Peters, A.G.F., Board No. 3, Fort Benning.

Leary, Development Section, A.G.F., Fort Monroe.

Workizer, last seen (November 1946) Peking, China.

Truly, Atlanta, Georgia.

Mahoney, National Guard, Boston, Mass.

Mayo, University of Pennsylvania.

Hoover, Tokyo.

Barclay, China.

Schomburg, Ottawa, Canada.

Bogart, G-4, Alaskan Department. Short on funds and personnel but not weight.

Irvine, G-2, Alaskan Department. Recently a new papa. Give us the short version Mike.

Blunda, Italy.

Speidel, A.G.F., Board No. 1, Fort Bragg.

Tipton, Air Borne, Fort Bragg.

Train, arrived in England in time for cold wave and coal shortage.

McNair, last seen (November 1946) in Peking, China.

Hunter, H. W., retired, living somewhere around New York.

Webber, D. B., Argentina, Assistant M.A.

Schmick, G-1, Hawaii.

Stines, Liaison with Canadian War College.

Greene, A. A., West Point, N. Y.

Duffy, M., Watson Lab., A.M.C., Eatontown, N. J.

Hansborough, Air University, Maxwell Field.

Guy, at the University of Michigan. Still a school boy and once again a house owner.

Ellis, G-1, Tokyo.

Hackett, Headquarters, Second Army, Baltimore.

Wertz, West Virginia, National Guard.

Daley, West Point, New York.

Eddy, Cal. Tech.

Rogers, Glenn, Fort Riley, Kansas.

Carlson, G. W., Eighth Army, Yokohama.

Ott, retired. 3328 N.W. Thurman St., Portland 10, Oregon (recently purchased home).

The following are assigned in and around Washington:

S.S.&P., W.D.G.S. — *McCrimmon, Gough, Duff, Krueger, O. C., MacLaughlin.*

P.&A., W.D.G.S. — *Dick, W. W., Magee, M. M.*

P.&O., W.D.G.S. — *Bonesteel, Parker, Ted, Weber, M. G.*

Intelligence, W.D.G.S. — *Wirak, Lash, Dickey.*

R.&D., W.D.G.S. — *Mansfield, Spangler.*

Chief of Ordnance—*Powell, Purnell.*
Chief of Engineers—*Jewett, Cassidy, Reed, Howard.*

Hauck, L.&L.D.; Stroker, Finance; Corbin, O.U.S.W.; Carter, Pat. O.A. S.W.; Greer, Industrial College; Moore, Mickey, Beebe, Barr, Lee, Strother, Timberlake, Students N.W.C.; Waters, O.S.W.; Wagner, C. C., Levenick, National Guard Bureau; Elegar, A.G.D.; Baldwin, G-2, A.G.F.

Air Forces, Washington — *Alan, A.A.F./5; Blake, A.T.C.; Yates, Weatherman; Young; Mooney, A.A.F./1; Fulton, Bolling Field; Smart; Eaton, A.A.F./1; Bowman, A.A.F./3; Carter, R. S., Andrews Field; Dougher, A.A. F./5; Callahan, Andrews Field.*

Armed Forces School—*Brown, E. A., Sullivan, J. B., Diestel, Carraway, Hampton, Coolidge, Ward, Stayton.*

Fort Leavenworth — *Sams, Little, McBride, Perry, Chandler, Green, C. E., Dishman, Pachler (son born 29 January '47), Raymond, Farris, Cardell daughter born 12 October '46), Harris, Jackson, Beishline, Kohls, Houser, Cusack, Huntsberry (Ex.'31), Sheen (Ex. '31).*

Fort Sill—*Dietz, Howard, Davis, J. J., Fisher, Walker, E. A.*

E.T.O.—*Krueger, W.; Lichrie, G-2, C.B.S.; Brown, S. G., G-2, U.S.F.E.T.; Inskoop, C.I.C., U.S.F.E.T.; Moses, G-3, U.S.F.E.T.; Bard, J.A.G., Heidelberg; Cook, Signal Section, U.S.F.E.T.; Redden, A.E.S., U.S.F.E.T.; Peyton, J.A.G., U.S.F.E.T.; Isbell; Patterson; Houze, Q.M. at Weisbaden; Cather; Pratt; Fletcher, S. S., U.S.F.E.T.; Read, J.W.M.; Boyd, G-3, U.S.F.E.T.; Decker, J.A.G., U.S.F.E.T.; Hay, Special Services; Steinbach; Ayers, Trans. O., C.B.S.; Candler, G-1, U.S.F.E.T.; Coyle, Prov. Marshal, C.B.S.; McGowan, Ord., U.S.F.E.T.; Maloney, I.G. Headquarters Cmd., U.S.F.E.T.*

Please send any fresh dope to A. A. Greene or Daley at West Point.

—O. C. Krueger.

1932

In this issue we are doffing our field caps (shade 33) to *Jim McCormack* who just bit a dog. While generals all over the army are transferring their stars from their blouses to their bathrobes, Mac has completely disregarded the current trend and been made a Brigadier General without even having the impetus of a small war to help him. He was appointed director of the Division of Military Applications of the Atomic Energy Commission recently and his promotion is in line with the duties and responsibilities involved.

And right on the heels of that bit of news comes a deplorable commentary on the extent to which civilians are taking control of the army. Tucked away under an 8-column headline on page 1 of the Boston "Herald" was

an item which states that *Ray Stecker* formerly of Hazelton (sic) Pa. has been appointed to command a 250 plane reserve squadron to be founded at Bedford, Mass., on the first of the airfields to be set up under the new defense program for the future. General Stratemeyer specifically chose Ray to command the first of the new units and the article implies that after business hours citizen Stecker has the fundamentally simple mission of making the northeast quadrant of the United States secure from attack. To accomplish this he has a sizeable number of A-26's, B-25's, and P-61's with a flight of helicopters to fling into action when the going really gets tough. When asked if he had any statement for the press while being interviewed upon his appointment, Colonel Stecker stated that the conversion from foam rubber cushions to highest quality hair and felt in the planes of his command would not be complete before June 1st at the earliest.

Letters from classmates about the country indicate that a sizeable portion of the class is attending the higher level schools. Consolidating piecemeal reports, some of which have been published previously, we find *Hewett, Gavin, Goodwin, Pryor*, as instructors at Leavenworth and *Brucker, Culp, Beach, Roy Moore, Schorr, Doyle, Bowler, Herman, Hunt, Massello, Meeks, Pugh, Tiffany* and *Cairns* as students. In one capacity or another at the Air University at Maxwell Field are *Kelly, Anderson, Dahl, Totten, Terrill*, both *Campbells* and *Puryear*. From the Armed Forces Staff College at Norfolk, *Charlie Baer* writes that *Lincoln, Hillberg, Gillette, Lon Smith, Ray Cochran, Godwin* and *Al Schroeder* are all students. *Jim Massey* is at the Armed Forces Industrial College with *Duke Ondrick*.

From Leghorn, Italy, where he has been in the Ordnance Section of P.B.S. for the past two years, *Bigelow* writes that he expects to return to the States late this summer. *Beanie Goodwin* and *Harry Quartier* are with the 88th Division near Trieste, and *Ed Shinkle* is with A.M.G. in Italy.

Larry Babcock has left Vienna and is now Executive Officer of the 11th Constabulary Regiment in Regensburg, Germany. *Ed Rowan* is Executive Officer of the European Theater Intelligence School in Germany and is scheduled to return to the U.S. in July. He reports that *Karl Scherer* and *Milt Glatteer* are in Frankfurt, with *Frank Johnston* in nearby Hochst. *Bus Wheeler* is G-3 of the Constabulary in Heidelberg and *Al Gerhardt* has a top drawer job with the Military Government in Berlin.

Bill Powers wrote a fine long letter from the Panama Canal Department giving more details on the five classmates down there who were mentioned briefly in the last issue. Probably one of the most interesting jobs in the army is *El Davis*' in the Special Engineering Division of the Panama Canal which is charged with improving the capacity and security of the Canal, and takes El throughout most of Central America. Although none of them will be back in time for our reunion they plan to throw one of their own down there. As a matter of incidental intelligence, *Bill* states that *Luke Morris* has one of the largest

collections of miniature liquors extant and that it is truly a collector's pride. If any of you run across any rare or unusual samples how about sending some to Luke or telling him where he can obtain them? His address is Headquarters, P.C.D., Canal Zone.

Stan Stewart commands the 8th Fighter Group and *Ashiya Air Base* located in the northwest corner of Kyushu, Japan and has been living in a tent camp among the rice paddies while his field is being rebuilt. Seems there is no water for bathing but plenty for mud, and if the grass is greener on his side of the fence, it's only because there is plenty of rain. *Dale Means*, whom we hadn't heard from in some time, is in Yokohama and *Hutchison* commands the 38th Bomber Group at Itami Air Base at Osaka. *Archie Lyons* now runs the military railway in Japan and does his traveling out of Yokohama in a private railroad car. That seems reasonable as I often had my own telephone when I was an Army Signal Officer.

George Descheneaux' friends (practically a roster of the class) will be glad to know that he is making good progress in his bout with the tuberculosis he contracted in a German prison camp two years ago. He is at *Fitzsimmons General Hospital* and in a letter full of high morale (did I get a small rib for not knowing McCormack's address!) he says that he sees the *John Streets* frequently and recently had a visit from *Mary Blair*, widow of *Art* who was killed in Normandy.

Unconfirmed information has it that *Ned Winston*, who was at *Welch Convalescent Hospital* in Daytona Beach, Florida, and since transferred to *Kennedy General Hospital* in Memphis, has been retired also. *Ralph Darcy* wrote from the Manhattan District where he has been for the past couple of years to state that he was retired for physical disability and goes on inactive status in June.

Irv Roth is the Director of the Department of Tactics at the A.A. School, Ft. Bliss, Texas, and laments that he is the only member of the class on the post. *Johnny Coughlin* is now living at 1251 Seville Road, Sante Fe, New Mexico, and would like to see any classmates who happen to be in the vicinity or passing through.

Ruth Cunningham, widow of *Jimmy* who was killed in an air crash in 1942, is the librarian of a large convalescent hospital in Miami. An eye-witness says that she is as attractive as ever and is doing just fine. *Jane Spengler* also has been living in Miami since *Danny* was killed in France, with their three (I think) children.

Bob Scott has just left the Pentagon after a year in the Office of Legislative Services and is now back with the 14th Air Force, this time at Orlando, Fla. *Norman Ford* is now professor of English at *Norwich University*, and in addition to doing some acting himself, stages summer theaters in Vermont and in Cornwall. *Jack Sutherland* is at *Wright-Patterson Field* and *Merle Williams* is C.O. of the *Twin Cities Ordnance Plant*. Also confirmed on a visit to *Terre Haute* that *Commodore McDonald* (one rowboat on a private pond behind his quarters) actually owns and operates 22 miles of railroad track on a post two miles long and thinks nothing of driving one of his

two big Diesel locomotives about the post in the grande mannière. To the accompaniment of prolonged cheers by everyone who knows him in this class or any other, *Bill Hood* recently received his Regular Army Commission in the Cavalry.

The Class of 1932 is still holding its own in the fight for survival. Winthrop Lindsay Adams just arrived on March 9th and unreported in the last issue were William Massello, III, and Mary Malloch Coutts. Apparently the printer saw something objectionable to *Lou Coutts'* having a baby in the first place, because although I included it in my manuscript (one of the most dignified names this column has ever been called) that was the only item which was deleted. Delicacy forbids my mentioning the names, but there will be five new members by the end of summer at which time their arrival will be duly announced. When all returns are in an undisputed champ (and Mrs. Champ) will be recognized having five (you heard me) entries in the field. *Ernie Powell* and *Tom Darcy* may never catch up.

Plans for the reunion look better all the time. We have had a sizeable response to the questionnaires and of those who answered them, approximately 40% have expressed their intention to attend the reunion. The housing situation, which was our only real problem in the beginning, has been completely solved both for officers and families (including children) since the first announcements went out as many accommodations have been located much closer than Newburgh. If anyone knows the addresses of *Red Bengston*, *Erskine Clark*, *Gerry Cowan*, *Bill Freeland* (retired in California), *Joe Greenwood* or *H. E. Shaw*, please notify me as they are the only ones we haven't been able to locate.

Thanks for the quick and voluminous response to my request for information. I tried to answer all the longer letters and those which asked specific questions, but like everyone else I have to give an occasional thought to my job and was just too snowed under to acknowledge all the notes which were included with the questionnaires. They were sincerely appreciated, however, and I hope you will continue to write when you have news. When the load is a little more evenly distributed, I shall do my best to answer them all. The most confusing answer came from one of our boys who said he couldn't make the reunion because his C.O. wants him to be on hand over the Labor Day weekend. Take it easy, Joe.

This will be the last issue of *Assembly* to appear before June Week. Remember that if a large crowd returns, it will be fun regardless of what is scheduled and if YOU attend you will see more of your friends both in this and adjacent classes than you could at any other time and place. If you can be here for only one day make it for the dinner-dance Saturday night as that will be when we shall have most people here.

So long till then.

—Zitzman.

1934

"ROLL CALL", the class biography which has been in the process of com-

pilation by the U.S.M.A. group for some months under the leadership (and whip) of *Smoller* should have reached you by the time you read this. If you are expecting one and it fails to show up—let us know. If your mailing address has changed since you sent in your questionnaire last fall, or when it changes—keep us informed.

The "ROLL CALL" will consist of 50 legal-sized mimeographed pages of biographies, and 10 pages of snapshots and photographs of classmates and their families—you'll not want to miss it!

Perry Griffith sent a letter dated 1 January 1947 to *Jerry Higgins* with news of the Canal Zone. Perry is at Albrook Field, C. Z. Hdq. Caribbean Air Command where he is President of the Manpower Board. *Charlie Revie* is Ass't G-1 of P.C. Dept., *Kushner*, G-5 (Plans) Caribbean Defense Command Hdq. *Axel Waugh* is on the Atlantic side at Fort Sherman. "Moose" *Donovan* is Air Attaché at Buenos Aires and had been up for a conference late in December. Perry and his wife, Florence, had Kushner and wife, Dorothy, Charlie (Carrie has not joined him yet) and "Moose" at the quarters for a '34 hoedown. Kushners have a new baby.

Lieut. Colonel *Horace L. Sanders*, G-3 Div., Hdq., U.S.F.E.T., A.P.O. 757—that's the address—"Beat" and children arrived last November in Germany. Sanders expects to be back not later than 1 September '47. He commanded the 284th F.A. Bn. from August '44 'til the end of the war. He has seen "Jabbo" at "Dede's" (*Simenson*). *Simenson*, *Hayes*, *Gerhart*, *Williams*, *Bunker*, *Hubbard*, *Bilbo*, *Jack White*, and *Winkle* are at Wiesbaden. *Stacey Gooch* had recently visited them from Bamberg.

Tom Hayes wrote from Europe that there were plans for a big Class dinner-dance under way for "Jabbo" at the famous Kronberg Castle; "As many of the local members as are able are inviting house guests who live beyond commuting distance. We hope to have a total of about 38 classmates and wives". *Jablonsky* recently toured U.S.F.E.T. with an armful of Army football films which, incidentally, were stolen from his car at one stop and required emergency replacement. "Jabbo" is back now and has orders for permanent assignment in Japan.

"Pee Wee" *Fellenz* is the commanding officer at Camp Detrick near Frederick, Maryland. Saw a "squib" where he had recently made a speech on "eye witness account of the Bikini Bomb experiments".

Lt. Colonel *Dennis (Mick) McMahon* and Emily, plus three sons, are in Japan. Address: Aomari Military Government Team A.P.O. 248—c/o P.M. San Francisco, Cal. Understand he served in Hawaii, Iceland, Germany (with 97th Div.) where he received the Bronze Star. This is *McMahon's* second year in Japan and his family joined him last August.

John Lawlor married Mary Jane McLaughlin in Berlin, Germany, on December 4, '46. John is Chief of the U.S. Element of Allied Liaison and Protocol Section. They are living in Vienna, Austria.

Dieffendorf came back to U.S.M.A. for a month to brush up on Calculus prior to a teaching job at Aberdeen Proving Ground.

Ted Hoffman will soon leave U.S. M.A. for several weeks temporary duty in Germany where he will lay the ground work for the establishment of language schools under directives from the Director of Intelligence, W.D.G.S. Present plans call for him to return to U.S.M.A. to complete the academic year and then return to head up the new job in Germany this summer.

The *Tom O'Neil's* have a new red-headed daughter. That makes three children.

If you have been relying on that other classmate to send in the news your turn has arrived. Let us hear from you and you and you!!

—Kenerick

1935

It is presumed from the dearth of news that most of you are still perusing the U.S.M.A. "Who's Who" lately published by the West Point Alumni Foundation, Inc., and haven't come up for air as yet. Well, don't choke on all the facts, send us some amusing lies to print!

Jimmy Adams, from the confines of Tegucigalpa (rhymes with St. Elizabeths), states he is head of the military mission there in Honduras and that *Mac Peeke* is likewise over in Venezuela. Seems someone in the W.D. had a sense of humor or wanted to impress our S.A. friends with the size of the "gringos".

A wire from *Ed Ferris* has him giving up his suite at Walter Reed. He has been returned to general service and will likely be sent overseas.

Charlie Leonard's day has come at last—Marge and the kids left West Point for Japan to join him a week or so ago. Haven't heard if *Milt Taylor* in Germany has been joined by Irene, but hope so.

Please send me a line here at the Point, care of the Math Dept. Incidentally, the 100th Nite Show was O.K.—the A.A.A. was the goat. June's coming so make your plans now to return.

—J. S. B. D.

1936

News for this issue is rather meager. Most of '36 here seem to have hibernated on the post last winter. Those taking advantage of the skating rink were the *Bess's*, *Mohleres*, *Saffords*, *Katz* and *Hiesters*. Although snowfalls were rather infrequent, a few of us managed to get out on the ski slopes to escape the winter gloom period.

Small bits of news include: a hasty visit by *Eddie Dunn* from Harvard, *Furphy* from M.I.T. for a hockey game, *Milne* from Washington for a lecture to the Yearlings, *Palmer* ordered to G-3 at Ft. Jay and *Longley* establishing residence in N. H.

Bill Connor's newsy letter from E.T.O. states:

"For the benefit of those who were not there, the last Theater class reunion was a delicious buffet supper with the *Oren Swains* over at Hoechst on Saturday night, January 25th. Those present were the *Bob Currans*, the *Phil Greenes*, the *Al McCormicks*—fresh up from Esslingen, the *Ham Morris*, the *Pete Kieffers*, *Ray Tif-*

fany, *Freddie Bothwell*—now in civs, the *Rudy Ganns*, the *Jack Lynches*, *Betty Connor* and the outgoing European Secretary. *Bob Curran* very cordially agreed to take over as European Secretary for the next stretch, so from here on please address further communications to him c/o I.&E. Division, Hqs., U.S.F.E.T., A.P.O. 757.

"As news of who will be leaving in the tremendous exodus this Spring will be of great interest both to those of us here in the Theater and to all subscribers to *Assembly* at home, any information which you could write in on the subject would be greatly appreciated by all concerned. It appears that *Phil Greene* and I will be among the first out from here, with E.T.D.'s late June and late May, respectively. *Russ Janzan* and *Tiger Janof* have, however, already left. Their departure was partially balanced by learning of *Elmer Grubbs'* presence at Nurnberg—from how far back I don't know".

Thanks a lot Bill and we're looking forward to seeing you. Now how about you guys in the other corners of the globe sending in some news about yourselves and classmates? We'll get the dope out if you'll only get it in.

—*Dave Hiester*.

1937

With our 10th Reunion in sight news has been coming in fast and furious.

As you may know June Week will be early this year with graduation being on June 3rd. *Gene Stann* has made arrangements for a class dinner-dance at the nearby Stewart Field Club for the evening of June 1st—so mark that one down on the calendar. *Gene* also plans to send a card to everyone; however, if you haven't received one by the 1st of May, drop us a note saying whether you can make it or not.

The plan for housing "old grads"—that's you and me—will follow the normal Association's policy of putting all graduates in North Barracks—grouped according to class. If you can bring your wife—fine! However, I'd strongly recommend that you make personal arrangements at once either with friends here or at some outlying hotel or inn. Housing here is critical and of course priority is given to the graduating class.

Harve Dorney wrote a note from Washington where he is stationed with most of the class. He and *Houghton Hallock* worked up a '37 class gathering for February 15th at the Army-Navy Country Club. The party must have been quite a success as the turnout was splendid. Revelers from the Washington area included the *Chases*, *Comptons*, *Cosgroves*, *Drums*, *Fellows*, *Gurneys*, *Hallocks*, *Hippes*, *Hyzers*, *Klockos*, *Mitchells*, *Murrays*, *Ohmans*, *Reeves*, *Strandbergs*, *Taylor*s, *Ulricsons*, *Westovers*, *Dave Parker*, *Jack Gulick*, *Ed Hobbs*, *Freddie Ressegieu* and "*Mitch*" *Mitchim*. Others who attended were the *Chapmans*, *Clagetts*, *Reaves*, *Evans*, and the better halves of the *Broadhurst*, *Abercrombie*, *McDowell* and *Sanborn* families.

Harve also reports that *Nobby Suriya*, his wife and baby, recently visited Washington and threw a party at the Carleton Hotel. *Nobby* apparently looks and acts the same.

Milt Clark came forth with quite a

bit of news that just did arrive in time. *Milt* and *Phyllis* are back in college at M.I.T. (Boston). There with them are *Jim Brierley*, *Charlie Register*, *Doc Leist*, and *Dave Griffin*. *Johnny Zierdt* has been reprieved and is enroute to command an Ordnance Depot at Milan, Tennessee—not Italy. *Johnny* and *Lee* just had another girl but I haven't the name or exact date as yet. I hear she arrived too late for the 1946 income tax!! *Paul Schiedecker*, *Freddy Campbell*, and *George McDowell* are going to Harvard Business College. *Milt* also reports that recent news from *John* and *Carol Nance* (now retired) puts them in Seattle after a trailer trip across the U.S.

Woody Joerg's mother wrote me a nice note recently. *Woody* was killed while commanding a unit of the 551st Parachute Infantry in Belgium. *Woody's* wife, *Ethel*, and their two daughters are living near San Antonio. *Mrs. Joerg's* address is 1052 Wachita, Atlanta, Georgia. *Jack Lynch* also sent me a very newsy letter last December. As you remember *Jack* resigned after graduation but when war came reentered the Army with the Tennessee National Guard. He served awhile at U.S.M.A. and ended the war as a lieutenant colonel in command of a T.D. Battalion in the Philippines. He and *Jean* are back in Memphis now and he has started a new real estate agency. His address is 381 Prescott Street.

Other bits and pieces of news include word from *Jack Minor* in Buenos Aires. *Jack* says that he and *Sherry* are very happily settled there, but that prices are very high. While traveling in Uruguay they ran into *Mercado*. *Merk* is with the U.S. Military Mission in Paraguay. *Johnny* and *Harriet Batcher* spent part of their Christmas leave with *Harriet's* folks in Highland Falls. *Johnny* is now stationed at Wright Field. *Stu O'Malley* reports that *Obie Oberbeck* has received his orders to the Math Department, U.S.M.A. *Bob Van Volkenburgh* has also received orders to Hq., Fourth Army, Sam Houston. *Whitey Mauldin*, *Dick Barden*, *Hank Byroade*, and *Clark Hyzer* are students at the Armed Forces Staff College. *Dave* and *Evelyn Nye* sent Christmas greetings from Leavenworth and also a very lovely card arrived from *Howard* and *Peggy Smalley* in Germany. *Bill Travis* was last reported headed for the nearest stove in the Arctic. *Bill* is an A.G.F. observer with Operation "Frigid". A rather belated announcement is that *Robbie Robbins* served as a committeeman on "Dirty Work at the Crossroads", a play presented in November at Maxwell Field. We regretfully announce that our only B.G. is no more. *Hank Byroade* was busted last January 17th. We are still proud of you, *Hank*.

Jim Pealc was recently awarded the D.S.C. in a ceremony at Aberdeen. *Jim* received his decoration for actions during the Battle of the Bulge.

Three of our few remaining bachelors have recently crossed the threshold. *Al Russell* married *Charlotte Leach* in Baltimore, October 1st, and then went on to Randolph to take pilot training. *Jack VanVliet* married *Mrs. Jack Barton* of Lincoln, Nebraska, January 12th, and then returned to Ft. Benning where they are stationed. *Jack Worcester* married *Gertrude Natvig* of

Deborah, Iowa, January 10th and returned to Washington.

New additions to the 1937 family include *Bill* and *Ann McKinley's* new daughter, *Courtney Winfield*, born at West Point, 24 January 1947; *Olie Seaman's* new son, *Michael John*, born at Ft. Jackson, S. C., 20 December 1946; *Johnnie* and *Bernie Johnson's* new daughter, *Arden Patricia*, born at West Point, also 20 December 1946; and *Gene* and *Marie Stann's* new daughter, *Susan*, born at West Point, 8 February 1947.

Hoping to see you June Week. Regards to all.

—"*Scott*" *Hall*.

1938

According to the last *Assembly*, I volunteered to relieve *Honest John Corley* for this edition. That's the trouble with these class get togethers: two coca cola's and I forget the 14th general order. As a matter of fact, though, I don't mind relieving *Honest John*; he's a Tac, and you know how tired they get writing. Speaking of class functions, I hear that the Washington, D. C., Chapter of the loyal sons and daughters of '38 had quite a blowout. *Bill Brett* was supposed to give us a report on the proceedings. What's the matter, *Bill*; don't you remember a thing either?

I wonder how that party compared with the Navy-game rally staged by our German contingent? Almost as many gathered in Frankfurt to close Army's third undefeated season as were at the latest Washington party: twenty in all; count 'em—*Elmore*; *Haynes*; *Machen*; *Walson*; *Missal*; *Damon*; *Riordon*; *Jackson*, C.; *Beverly*; *Irvin*; *Mrazek*; *Learman*; *Lynch*; *Burke*; *Schmidt*; *Clark*. E. L.; *Strange*; *Hogan*; *Long*; *Daniels*. They even had *Chuck Jackson* to lead the cheers and tumble as he used to. Well, that's not quite true; he's grown some—laterally—since graduation. Now he rolls.

Another session of sharpening colored pencils and shoveling snow has recently ended for us of the U.S.M.A. chapter. Taking off soon (rumor) for Leavenworth are *Colonel Amick* (I wanted to get that one in) and *Allan Hulse*. Whether they are to visit relatives or take the course, I didn't hear. While there, they no doubt will see our contributions to C.&G.S. Staff: "*E bush*" *Erlenbusch* of Logistics, *Ben Sternberg* of Combined Arms, and *Swenson*, the Airborne expert. I suppose *Jim Taylor* has left by now—with his bride, *Charlotte*. But to get back for another few lines of local news before covering notes from other sections of the U.S. and abroad, have you heard that *Curly* and *Fran Harvey* filled a requisition for a second son this March? Did you know that *Anderson*, C. H. is at Riley preparing for the Olympics? And—but this item isn't so cheerful, *Jeep Anderson*, while returning from the function I mentioned in the opening lines, attempted to straighten out a curve on the Old Storm King. While nursing his bruises in the local abbatoir, *Flyboy Andy* remarked "It's this travel in only two dimensions that gets me".

A few of the class are attending other educational institutions either to prepare for a tour here or for the pure

love of learning. *Freddie Lough* is at Columbia; *Kelsey* is acquiring a charge prior to teaching Juice here; *Sinnreich* and *McHanev* are at Princeton; the *Lotz's* are in Michigan; *Bud Mearns* is studying Russian at Columbia.

Despite Bill Brett's defection, let's look into the doings in and around Washington: Just north, *Frank* and *Jean Hartline* and the two children should have settled in Baltimore by now. For those of you who didn't see the release, *Frank* is A.&R. officer for 2d Army. By the way, *Frank*, do you suppose gravel-pounding would be popular in your command? You and I did our best to popularize the sport here, as I remember.

In Washington proper, the newest honor bestowed upon the Class came to *Larry Pitchford*—J.C.S. Liaison. Also in the Capitol City now is my uncommunicative roommate, *Eddie Gillivan*, S.S.&P. Ferreting through 201's in the Officer's Selection Branch and living in Alexandria is *J. B. Coleman*. He is recently recovered from a broken wing, or ankle—I don't remember which—suffered in a mid-air collision. If you write him, write in Spanish: he claims he learned it at Randolph.

A little farther south, determining Ground Forces policies, are *Tittle* and *Sundin*. Ah, the Monroe trip. Still farther south, in Texas (rumor again) is *Jack Ryan*. What do you mean by breezing through Usmay and consorting with the class of '39? Don't you know you have classmates here, *Jack*? This thing can get out of hand, if you don't watch it. Why, just recently, as two members of '38 met, one asked the other "Have you seen any classmates?" To which the second answered, "I've seen two of mine but none of yours." (Names furnished on request).

But from the deep, deep, south comes perhaps the best news. The *Jacunski's* have another young one and have settled in Gainesville, Fla. *Jack* is drawing P at the University. Among the top social events is *Alan Neff's* recent marriage to *Lenore Lensky*, also in Florida. Say, will either of you two gentlemen offer me a job?

And now let's go to South America. There, in Rio, we find both *Freddie Dean* and *Andy Lipscomb*. *Fred* (Col., A.C.) is on the Joint Brazil-U.S. Military Commission. *Andy* is ostensibly on a Military Mission.

Confidentially, I heard he is looking for the answer to "What do they do in Rio on a rainy night?" *Zohrlaut* is in Panama, alone in our class. *Zoe*, if the Atlas and the Balboa beer gardens are still open, you can't be lonesome.

Also on semi-foreign service, *Frank Miller* is in Hawaii, serving as Ass't G-3 of Central Pacific. Does *Frank Sturdicant* ever stop in from the Philippines? Living in Manila and stationed at Clark Field, *Frank* has his family with him. Another family together there is *Browning, P. V.'s*.

In that area, I hear *Polhamus* has Guam all to himself. Enjoying life with his family on Okinawa is the *Peterson* family. He claims there is no food, clothing or housing shortage on his island estate. Or did he say there is no food, clothing, or housing?

In and around Tokyo: *Sawyer* and *Red Brennan*. *Red*, with 8th Army Hq., should have *Ibby* and the two

children with him now. Speaking of children, did you know that on December 8 the *Sammy Eatons* had their first, a daughter, in China? *Sammy* has been in Peiping since May of '46. Thanks for the letter, *Sam*.

Another welcome letter, this one from *Bob Works*, takes us back to Germany to right a wrong. *Bob* claims that *Jeff Irvin*, not he, was married last March. He further asserts, with some heat, that he intends to remain with his first wife—and two daughters. Sorry, *Bob*. Also in the Constabulary with *Works* are *Berery*, *Harrington*, *Sussman*, and *Wansboro*. Brute, I think the M.P.'s is a good spot for a used *Tac. Burke Riordan*, and *Jeff* are in Heidelberg, *Jeff* having lost his deadbeat as ski expert. Not too far away, in Frankfurt, are the *Longs* and the *Missals*. *Joe* and *Mary* celebrated Pearl Harbor Day last with the *Burkes* and *Riordans* in Heidelberg. They also had the good fortune to win a car in the theatre lottery, which they should be bringing home with them this June. Oh, I almost forgot to correct another piece of misinformation. *Mary* writes to say that a thorough examination discloses that she has three children—not two as we originally reported—all boys! Some people have all the luck. This column also wronged *Dick Long*, but not so seriously. *Dick* is in G-1, not the A.G. section, of U.S.F.E.T. Incidentally, are you two families coming back on the same boat? Speaking of sons and boats and things, did you see the front-page pictures of the *Durbins* debarking? Those four sons can one day add a lot of fight to the Army team of 196—. Is *Frank Glace* of *Sears Roebuck*, still touring the P.X.'s on the continent; and does anyone ever see the *Tyrol Tilsons* of Austria? *Chuck Jackson* at the time this edition goes to press, is back in Germany after a trip home; his better half remains in Canada to fill a requisition. Perhaps *Buckland* and *Ward Ryan*, the latter having an important sounding berth with the Canadian General Staff, will be able to look her up.

Well, it seems this column has made a complete circle—from the U.S. to the East, around to the West, now to the North, thence back home again. The squib is about ready for the "Thank you and 30". If in these meanderings you find yourself misquoted, misrepresented, or otherwise wronged, my apologies and so much the better. Therein lies our secret in eliciting copy from you reluctant penmen. Seriously though, we are grateful to those whose letters made this column possible: *Long*, *Zohrlaut*, *Shirley Lotz*, *Sam Eaton*, *Freddie Dean*, *Bob Works*, *Coleman*, and *Mary Missal*. Thanks, and keep them coming.

—Bill Corbett.

1939

A sufficient number of excellent letters managed to penetrate the outer walls during the gloom period to make a column possible. It is realized that many in the class have not been mentioned in a long time as to their whereabouts, doings, family status, etc. whereas others are reported upon rather frequently. It is truly a matter of the information available and

we certainly would like nothing better than to report in the next issue upon those who have been going recently without their due attention. So how about a little buck-up and increase the number of letters to the Resident Secretary, '39.

A much appreciated (need more like it) letter from *Ed Smith*, who is presently on duty with the W.D.G.S. G-1 Section and soon to join the Tacs here, included a complete list of our classmates on duty in Washington, its vicinity and some others with A.G.F. at Ft. Monroe. It reveals the number has dwindled to about 50 from a high of around 70. Among those listed who have not been mentioned in any of the recent issues except for possibly being seen at the Washington Class party or some of the football games last Fall were: *Art Allen* (Office Under Sec'y War), *Ray Belardi* (S.S.&P.), *Jack Bestic* (A.A.F.-3), *Joe Bowman* (P.&A.), *Bill Boyd* (O.&T.), *Freddie Boye* (S.S.&P.), *Bill Buster* (P.&O.), *Moon Cain* (Sig. Corps), *Lew Cantrell* (P.&O.), *Jim Carvey* (S.S.&P.), *Pete Clifford* (P.&A.), "Cappy" *Clough* (O.C.S.), *Chris Coyne* (P.&O.), "Bull" *Davis* (S.S.&P.), *Stan Dziuban* (P.&O.), *Andy Goodpaster* (P.&O.), *Wally Grant* (P.&O.), *Rufe Holloway* (A.A.F.-1), "Jake" *Jacoby* (R.&D.), *George Jumper* (A.A.F.-1), *Walt Kerwin* (P.&O.), *Jim Knapp* (A.A.F.-5), *Jack Lampley* (A.A.F.-5), "Lato" *Latowieski* (P.&A.), *Bill Martin* (O.&T.), "Mac" *McGowan* (A.A.F.-3), *Jimmy Muir* (P.&O.), *Bud Neccomer* (Int.), *Henry Neucomer* (A.A.F.-1), *Ollie Olsen* (A.G.F. G-1, Ft. Monroe), *Art Poinier* (C.A.D.), *Jim Reardon* (A.T.E.), *Bob Richardson* (P.&O.), *Jim Rogers* (S.S.&P.), "D. J." *Rogers* (P.&A.), *St. Clair* (Int.), *C. B. Smith* (Int.), *M. C. Smith* (O.C.S.), *Sully Sullivan* (A.A.F.), *Dan Tatum* (P.&O.), *Pete Vandevanter* (A.A.F.-5), *Van Harlingen* (Sig. Corps), *Wallach* (Ft. Meade, Md.), *Tom Whitehouse* (P.&A.).

The sections to which the above are assigned in the W.D.G.S. or A.A.F. were included for whatever purposes anyone wishes to make of them. For those finding these designations mysterious we offer an explanatory key: (P.&A.)—Personnel and Administration (old G-1); (Int.)—Intelligence (old G-2); (O.&T.)—Organization and Training (old G-3); (S.S.&P.)—Services Supply and Procurement (old G-4); (P.&O.)—Plans and Operations; (O.C.S.)—Office Chief of Staff; (R.&D.)—Research and Development; (C.A.D.)—Civil Affairs Division.

Homor Barber sends from Panama that *Jack Schrader*, *Johnnie Wald*, and *Chuck Lenhoff* are packing in preparation for their return to the States.

Bob Pennell kindly answered the plea in the last issue for more class news and came through with a much appreciated letter on the class members stationed with him at Ft. Sill.

Jim Kelly and *Ves Shultz* are in the Dept. of Materiel. *Herbie Price* in the Dept. of Combined Arms, *Bur Showalter* with Gunnery, and *Caldwell* and *Pennell* are on duty with the 18th and 17th F.A. Bns. respectively. *Ken Griffith's* widow, *Ann*, with her young daughter passed through there recently on her way home from El Paso. *Bob* stated, "Young *Ann* is a daughter we'll all be proud of".

Dick Morrison, who is stationed in Wiesbaden, Germany with the Air Force Hqs. forwarded considerable information on the class. He has been joined by his wife, son, and daughter. He reports that *Serrem* is running the Ordnance Depot at Munich. *Lampert* is on duty at the Swiss Leave Center, Mulhouse, France. *McChristian*, *Boylan*, and *Ed McConnell* are located at or near Heidelberg. *Bob Curtin*, *Phil Royce*, and *Ernie Maxwell* are also in Wiesbaden. *Wohlfel*, *Fatjack Kelly*, and *Lache* are in Frankfurt, while *Jim Collins* and *Sterling Johnson* are in Hoechst, *Tim Simpson* at Erlangen, and *Bob Shellman* and *Don Miller* still in Berlin. Thanks a lot, Dick, for the excellent coverage.

A letter from *Joe Perry*, due soon to leave the island of Guam for the states, gives the following info. "*Mac*" *McCoy*, Chief of the Supply Division at Harmon Field Air Depot. On a flight up to Tokyo he saw *George Zethren*, *Iseman*, and *Wynn*, all on duty with F.E.A.F. George is awaiting the arrival of his wife and daughter and the latter two share an apartment house with their wives. *Bill Henry*, with G.H.Q. G-1 Section, lives in the Dai Ichi Hotel with his wife and son.

A Delaware newspaper clipping tells of *Kenny Collins* receiving the Belgium Croix de Guerre with Palm, the Luxembourg Croix de Guerre, and the Army Commendation Ribbon for exceptional service as Commander of the 60th Arm'd Inf. Bn. He is presently stationed in Bamberg, Germany as Commander of the 10th Constabulary Regiment and is accompanied by his wife and daughter.

Bob Camp is now at Leavenworth serving as an instructor in Intelligence.

Bob Coleman recently abandoned the ever-windling ranks of the bachelors. Marriage ceremony took place in Japan where Bob is assigned to the IX Corps.

Davey Dillard recently returned to the United States from Kyushu where he had spent the last 14 months of his Pacific Tour. He is slated for duty with the 29th Division Hqs., Virginia National Guard at Norfolk.

Erf Ford reports he is now stationed at Barksdale Field as an I.G., assistant to Air Inspector, Hq. Air Tng. Command. He has quarters at the base, and his wife and two daughters are with him.

"J.P." *Kelly* is stationed in Korea on duty with the 7th Inf. Div.

Bob Matter is now stationed at the Amphibious Training Command, San Diego.

McBride has forsaken the Pentagon to join us here for duty with the Department of Mechanics, bolstering the class number to thirty.

Bill McCaffrey with his wife and daughter visited here recently. Bill is enroute or will have reached his new station of Hawaii by the time this goes to press. "How about some news of the class in that locale, Bill" No word has reached us from that vicinity in a long while.

Dick Moushegian is presently attending Pitt U. in preparation for a year he is to spend with Standard Oil of California as part of his course in Petroleum Engineering. He is married and has two sons.

Danny Nolan is now on National Guard duty in Puerto Rico. He and

his wife announced the birth of a daughter in January, their second.

J. K. Norris is the P.M.S.&T. at a high school in Ogden, Utah.

Bud Stocking is reported to be flying out of East Orchard Air Field as an air instructor of the Illinois National Guard. He is presently living in Chicago.

Now for a little of the local news—Two new sons joined the class recently—one to the *John Rays* (Johnnie is with the Law Dept.) this fall and to *Jim Kellers* (Jim is a Tac) in late December. It was the first off-spring in each family.

The class held a dinner party at Stewart Field on Washington's Birthday. *Charlie Mount*, *Johnnie Ray*, and *George Gibbons* were in charge of the arrangements and they really did a bang-up job of providing us with an enjoyable evening. *Ed Seipel* and his wife, who were visiting here, were among those present.

We are planning a class picnic during June Week and we hope it will be possible for many of you to be here with us to help make it the biggest and best class party since graduation.

Remember this column's survival is dependent on what it can scavenge from you, scattered about the globe—so give and give generously.

—*Charlie Fredericks*.

1940

Mail bag was very thin for this issue. Everyone must be fat and complacent and not faced with a deadline every three months. Here goes:

Vanderhoef has been transferred from Governors Island to Columbia University in New York City; *Simpson, H. T.*, is to be an instructor, Virginia National Guard in Portsmouth, Virginia; *Mac Lemley* to Columbia University; *Ulm*, after a course at University of Pittsburgh is on duty with City Service Oil Company, Shreveport, Louisiana; *Woodward* transferred from Civil Affairs Division in Washington to the University of Virginia; *Renwanz* to staff and faculty, Armored School at Fort Knox, Kentucky; *Floyd* is serving on an Army Ground Forces Board at Fort Bliss, Texas; *P. S. Reinecke, Jr.*, is with Headquarters, 7th Army in Atlanta, Georgia; *Maedler* to the University of Pittsburgh for a one year course in petroleum engineering; *East* from New York University to 400th A.F., Hamilton Field, California; *McKenney* from C.A. instructor National Guard to Organization and Training Division, Office of C. of S. in Washington, D. C.; *Gushurst* moved over to Columbus from Cleveland; *Banks* to Atomic Energy commission serving on Military Liaison Committee; *O'Brien, R. A.*, to the staff and faculty, the Armored School at Ft. Knox, Kentucky; *Heidtke* from foreign service to Aberdeen Proving Ground, expected to arrive in U.S. in May; *Britt* gets well deserved promotion, now in Ordnance and doing research and development (rocket) at Fort Bliss, Texas.

The list of the class going to school around Boston continues to grow. *Thayer* writes that *Esau* is going to Harvard Business school, *Std Fisher* going to Engineering School at Harvard, while *Bowlby* and *Harnett* are attending the school of Arts and

Sciences. *Collins* is going to the Quartermaster School Advance No. 1 at Camp Lee. *Ahmajian* and *Wagner* are at Fort Belvoir. *Mastran* is going to Wharton School of Finance and Commerce, University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia.

Chuck Balthis writes a report on the Class Reunion held at Bad Nauheim, Germany last November. Mail and deadline date did not click so this news is a bit old. *Heidtke*, *O'Keefe* and *Shagrin* planned and organized and caused to come about a wonderful reunion complete with steak, wines, liquors, music, dancing, and a live Army Mule and Navy Goat. Following attended: *Milner*, *Tom* and *Kay Chamberlain*, *Chuck* and *Elizabeth Balthis*, *Podufaly* and wife, *George England* and wife, also brother *Pat England*, *Roland Gleszer*, *Mendez* and wife, *Mayo* and wife, *Wilbraham*, *Bob Williams*, *Sam Webster* and wife, *P. J. Moore*, *O'Brien, J. A.*, *Zero Zahbrobsky* as the handsome bachelor of the party, *Bob O'Donel*, *John Aber*, *Sam Godwin*, *Frank Watrous* and his dog "Ajax", *Meszar*, *Strauss* and wife, *Tom Gordon* and wife, *Ray Renola*, and *Mike Kuziv* and wife.

Dave Dalziel takes time out in busy Washington to tell me that the class of 1940 is well represented in the Pentagon Building. He reports the following are there: himself, *Parker, M. E.*, *Gideon*, *Bagstad*, *Abbey*, *Jones*, *Yewell*, *Deems*, *Brown*, *Bidwell*, *Moore*, *Aubrey*, *Kent* and *Campbell*. Others in the area are *Hughes*, *Ware*, *Rasmussen*, *Gillem*, *Hank Adams*, *Black*, *Kintner*, *Couch* still at Walter Reed, and *Bill Porte*, retired.

Late word from *Reinecke* puts him now on faculty of Armed Forces Staff College in the Intelligence Division. His address is Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk 11, Virginia. *Hough* writes on a post card from the Thayer Hotel saying that he has dusted the good earth of China from his boots and is Quartermaster Property Officer at West Point. *Bonham* is at Greenbrier Military School attached to A.S.U. 2405 in Lewisburg, West Virginia. Latest unpardonable omission was the arrival of *James Mason Smelley, Jr.*, whose pop, *Jim Smelley*, is hard at work in Bogota, Columbia where he is attached to United States Air Mission to Columbia. *Jim* received the British Distinguished Flying Cross before leaving for Bogota.

My correspondent from Japan *Clark, C. L.*, comes through with the following information in a letter dated 14 January: Stationed at G.H.Q. Far East Command, A.P.O. 500, Tokyo are: *Cullen Marsh* and *Wilderman* in the G-1 Section, *David Parker* in the Engineering Section, *Lanny Witt* in the G-2 Section, *Hoover* is executive officer of the Economic and Scientific Section, "*Big John*" *Coontz* is officer in charge of G.H.Q. officers club, the official club at one time of the Mitsui clan of Zaibatsu fame. *Silvasey* is with the Statistical and Reports section, *Crocker* is Deputy Provost Marshal and *Dick Cassidy* is with the A.A. Section.

Word comes from Washington that will be interesting to all members of the class who will be in or around Washington on Saturday 10 May. The Washington Chapter, Class of 1940 U.S.M.A. plans to hold a dinner dance

at the Officer's Club, National War College on Saturday, May 10th at 8:30 p.m. Classmates planning a Washington visit might set their sights on that date. Reservations for the dance can be made by writing to Lt. Col. E. S. Adams, Jr., 713 N. Oakland St., Arlington, Virginia. Reservations should reach Hank by May 5th and should be accompanied by a check (\$8.50 per couple or \$5.00 single). *Bill Kintner* sends the information above.

Late information from West Point reviews the fact that *Yeager*, *Krause*, and *Lemley*, are studying Russian at Columbia. *Harry Stella* announces the birth of Shirley Ami born at West Point on February 23rd. *Townsend* is C.O. of the Infantry Detachment at West Point. *Gasperini* is with 117 Bn. R.T.C., Ft. McClellan, Alabama.

In order to get the latest address of each member of the class I am having some post cards made which I will mail to you at the address I have in my files. Please write me on card your address (temporary and permanent) so that I may keep my files up to date.

Will welcome any information that you can let me have about anyone in the class. I hope to have reports on the March 15th get together. My address: Valley Forge Military Academy, Wayne, Pa.

—Hank Brewerton.

1941

News of "41" is even more meager than usual. We have to rely chiefly on the information we get from those of you who stop off here at the Point and the occasional letter addressed to the Association of Graduates. Henceforth don't be so modest, send in a little more news, either to some of us here or to the Association of Graduates.

George "the Jeep", *Adjemian* came back to the States with a wife and jeep acquired in Europe. At last report he was with the I.G. in Chicago. Rumor hath *Jack Adams* married or about to be. "The Prince" *Aliotta* is still with the Eng. Sec. 3rd Army, Germany. Should be home soon. *Burt Andrus* was snooping about the Pentagon the other day trying to get orders to Hawaii. *Atkinson* keeps the wheels turning in the Pentagon these days, ably assisted by *Rowney*, *Harding*, *Ball*, *Huffman*, *Howdy Clark*, et al. *Berger* proudly announces the birth of twins in Panama—that's three for *Butch* now. *Bob Borman* was through the Point in March from Fort Monroe, Virginia. *Earl Brown* is in the process of becoming a "legal eagle" at the University of Virginia—he'll return to the Law Department here at the Academy. *Ted Brown* and *Mickey Moore* are among those of us incarcerated at institutions of higher learning, this time at the University of Illinois. To prove that it could be done *Chuck Cannon* and *Kevan* have added a son to their family. *Vince Carlson* is making maps in Washington. *Jim Carroll* piled up his new Buick after having same for less than a week—so he's back to his bicycle once more. *Dave Cooper*, *Jim Laney*, *Hank Irwin* and *Jim Stigers* make up the "41" contingent in Puerto Rico. *Paul Pigue* recently departed from P.R. *Deane* is joining the ranks of the married men,

leaving only a few holdouts. He will marry Miss Elaine Virginia Conroy at Fort Meyer on 2 May. *Ted deSaussure* drops in here periodically in his job as aide to Gen. Devers. *Paul Skowronek* has four week's T.D. in Washington, having come up from Panama. He reports monthly get-togethers down there by the "41ers", *Upton*, *Perkins*, *Berger*, and *Dessert* are some of the group. *Ben McCaffery* makes a mighty fine recorder for the group. He (Ben) asks that he be credited with a boy rather than a girl. The new McCaffery is called Steve H. *Trizie Ward* is visiting in Panama and reports seeing the 41-ers there. *Rod O'Connor* was through Panama recently. He's on 6 months D.S. in Chile. *Salinas* is in Quito with his wife. *Bob Dixon* and *Honey* expect to be back in the States this spring. *Hugh Foster* announces with pride the birth of a son. *Woody Garrett* is now with the 82nd Airborne Div., he also is newly-married. *Matt* and *Roberta Harrison* have an additional exemption—another son. *Ed Kisiel* is trying to make his son as capable a poker player as the old man. *Kosiorek* is completing his year's schooling in Madrid before reporting here. *Lee Ledford* hasn't been heard of since he passed through here resplendent with his Transportation Corps insignia. Where is *Moose Longino*? *John Manley* is now N.G. instructor in Washington, D.C. *Spec Powell* of Tac Dept. renown, is a family man—one each girl. *Fox Rhynard* is at the State College, Bozemon, Montana. *Chuck Roton* is with the U.M.T. outfit at Knox. *Jim* and *Biz Roy* are the proud parents of a boy. *Sawyer* is in China on a four year area schooling detail. *Phil Seneff* and *Vicki* report a second girl. *Joe Weidner* has had a couple of weeks deadbeat at Baguio, P. I. *Du Val West* is out of the Army. *Dave Woods* reports a son also.

—M. C. H.

1942

Johnny Finney's promotion to major came through at last. He's a Tac and "hard but fair"; he's well on his way to becoming a legend in the finest Costello-Easterbrook tradition. . . . *Matt Redlinger*, engaged, wants to know who will be in California along about Easter for the ceremony. . . . *Waller's* marriage is confirmed and made a matter of record. . . . Baby girls to the *Grimshaws*, *Obenchains*, *Fureys*; baby boys to *Charlie Mizell* and *Frawley*.

Jim Hottenroth from Tokyo: ". . . *Tom Hanley*, *Al Frawley*, *Jim Hottenroth* in H.Q., F.E.A.F., A.P.O. 925. *Dale*, *Buchanan*, *Garth Stevens*, *Sam Koster*, and *Hank Ivey* work in G.H.Q., F.E.C., A.P.O. 500 (Tokyo). *Frank Koisch* and *John Carpenter* in H.Q., 8th Army, A.P.O. 343, Yokohama. . . . *Bud Roecker* and *Charlie Rogers* are in 35th Inf. Regt., A.P.O. 25. *Jim McAdam*, *Dick House*, *Al Ward*, *Don Fisk* and their families are on Guam. *Charlie Ferguson* is with the 1st Cavalry Division, Tokyo. . . ."

Tommy Arms and *Ed Colladay* are training U.M.T. units at Fort Knox. *Studer* is apparently in O. C. of S., Washington. *Gene Robbs* is with a Service Group in Germany. *Frank*

Clay is back from Germany, present whereabouts unknown. *Dopey Stephens* and *Crittenberger* stopped off at the Point to see *Brimingham* in the P.R.O. office.

Van Warren's name came up in the Senate on March 5. He wants to switch from C.A.C. to Inf. No record available of Senate reaction. *Lee Jones* is doing special experimental work on guided missiles at G.E., Schenectady. *Carl Stapleton* attends Columbia University for the next two years—business administration. *Jeff Davis* is in Panama. *Simon* is at Camp Shanks. *Bill Watkin* is assigned to West Point. *Tom Rienza* is at Ft. Monmouth.

Rumors: *Johnny Atwood* is married. *Paul Omans*, retired, has permanent position on faculty, U. of C., Berkeley, Calif. *Johnny Atwood* is not, repeat not, married. *Bill Zimmerman*, back in Regular Army, refused commission ranking '42 classmates. Atwood owes *Wilder* a letter.

Housing situation at West Point very grim. *Willie Morgan* lives in Monroe out beyond the old Proctor estate of Plebe hike memory. *Willie's* been snowed in twice this winter. *Garvin* owns a farm near Cornwall, plans a crop this summer.

Automobile situation grim. *Pete Moody* flying a Plymouth '40 in tight formation behind old classmate *Jay Hewitt* up Storm King highway to Stewart Field. *Jay* stopped for red light; not so *Peter*. . . Three months no spare part for radiator; three months no car. Three months Mrs. *Peter* also very difficult.

Suggestion: This column is being written in turn by members of '42 stationed at the Point. Very little information is normally available except what local classmates have picked up. (*Halpin*, *Redlinger*, and *Hottenroth* wrote in this time.) *Assembly* maintains a '42 file and will receive any letters that come in from Europe, Asia, and the Americas. The guy who receives the buck will have something to go on, if a few people once in a while write in from faraway places. *Ogden* is writing this column next time; he doesn't know it yet.

—A. D. W.

June, 1943

Dear June 43ers:

Below you'll find bags and bags of poop which the troops in the English Department here at the Rock went all out to assemble. They were able to bone up some little fact about more than 150 of you. Some of it's hot and some of it's as cold as old spuds. But we want to keep everybody right up to the minute in the future and, since the *Assembly* is the logical vehicle for doing so, how about getting hot (yes, you!) with your fountain pen and dropping one of these gents a line prior to 10 June: *Tid Watkins* or *Dick McAdam* in Electricity; *Dick Shaefer*, *Rollo Brandt* or *Doug Deal* in Chemistry, or Yours Truly, c/o The Office of the Sup't. Hope you'll fatten our file before 10 June!

—Lee H.

Walt Hutchins writes from Texas A.&M. of the arrival of a baby daughter December 31, named *Iyllis Elizabeth*, to be called "Buff". Also in his letter he gave the news of *Jane* and

Clare Farley's second son's birth date last November. Clare is now at the University of Iowa. Hank and Betty Romanek are still at Cornell—Pete Langstaff is assigned to Fort Shafter, T. H.—Bill Deekie is headed to the Office of the Quartermaster General, Washington.—As of the 16th of March Doug Parham has been assigned to Recruiting District 11, Ft. Banks, Mass.—Fox Fredericks returned from the Pacific for a detail at State College of Washington, Pullman, Wash.—Dave Conard is assigned to the Manhattan Engr. District, with station at 2761st Engr. Bn., Sandia Base, Albuquerque, N. M.—Art Surkamp is temporarily with the Army Map Service, 6500 Brooks Lane, N.W., Washington, D. C., prior to attending Harvard this June.—Warren Hecker is detailed as an instructor in Toledo, Ohio, with the Nat'l. Guard.—Sonny Giffin is studying Russian at the Presidio.—Ned Burr is with the 83rd F.A. Bn. at Fort Benning.—Ivan York is with the Sixth Army, stationed at Ft. Lewis, Wash.—Clark Baldwin is with Bill Peak, both studying Russian at Columbia U. in New York. Address is 415 W. 117th St., N.Y.C.—Ed Kreml, whose basic branch is C.A.C., had been detailed in the F.A.—Bernie Wiener is with the G.H.Q., 6th Army, Presidio, Cal.—Hal Head is a new arrival at West Point and will study at Harvard prior to duty with Economics, Government and History.—Jim Canning returned from overseas about the end of January and was assigned to the 571st F.A. Bn. at Ft. Benning.—Ralph Young returned from overseas and is now at A.A.& G.M. Branch of the Art'y School, Ft. Bliss, Tex.—Bill Calnan, after returning from overseas, has been assigned to M.D.W., Ft. Meyer, Va.—Don Detwiler is assigned as a supply officer with the Air Corps on Guam.—Les Hardy is with the 86th Div. and has a Battery of F.A.—Bethel Edrington, is with the 342nd Inf. of the 86th Div.—Walt Roe is with Military Gov't. on Okinawa.—Norm Kiefer is at Clark Field, P. I. in a B-29 outfit.—And Bill Brierty is still flying Mr. McNutt around in his C-54.—Rosie Rumpf is with Hq. A.F.W.E.S.P.A.C., in the Spl. Staff, Trans. Corps Section.—Charlie Abel is on Luzon with an A.A.A. Group.—Ed Cleary is in the G-3 of A.F.W.E.S.P.A.C. and has his wife and daughter with him in Manila.—Bill Lutz has his wife with him in the Philippines and commutes 65 miles on week-ends to get home from his job with the 12th Div.—Civilian Hank Lockwood and his wife Nancy are in Manila.—Boller is assigned to the 50th M.P. Bn. at Hq. A.F.W.E.S.P.A.C.—Howie Coffman is commanding an Engr. Bn. of the 86th Div. Jug Young is Coffman's S-3 and Bill Malone, who has his wife and daughter with him is the S-4. Bill swears he is the most pushed around man in the Army.—Luke Wright is assigned to the 6th Armored F.A. Bn. at Ft. Sill, Okla.—Art and Jean Surkamp announce the birth of a daughter, Susan, born January 24, the day after he returned from the E.T.O.—Clyde Earnest is assigned to Hq. A.G.F. at Ft. Monroe.—Hal Dunwoody is at the Armored School at Ft. Knox, Ky.—Sam Pinnell writes from Ludwigsburg, Germany, proudly announcing with his wife, Elsie, the birth of their baby boy, Douglas Craig, born 26 November at

Stuttgart. He mentions seeing Johnnie Bell in Frankfurt where Johnnie is working in O.C.E. Stock Control. Sam is assigned to the Hq., 26th Inf. Reg't, A.P.O. 154, N.Y.C.

As reporter for the Continental Base Section, G-3 Section, Bad Nauheim, Walt Mitchell sent us news (together with interesting eyewitness comments on the Nurnberg trials) of Bill Glasgow, Engr. Sect.; K. T. Sawyer, G-4 Sect.; Charlie Reed, G-4 Sect.; Milt Steinbring, Engr. Sect.; and Bobby Griffin, formerly with them and now with the A-Bomb boys at Sandia Base, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Also bearing much interesting information comes a letter from Marge and John Bowley at Lechfeld, Germany, John being in the 2010 Labor Supervision Co. From them we hear that Lt. Col. Marty Martin, Second in command at the Lechfeld Base, recently was married; the Van Anken's are in Salzburg, Austria; Leo Hayes is in Landsburg, Germany; Jack Rawlings is in Furstenfeldbruck, Germany, patiently awaiting his wife's arrival in February; Pat Hurley, an expectant papa, is in Lechfeld; and Freeman Bowley is Asst. Air Attache in Warsaw. Thanks for the poop Marge, and good luck.

Through channels we have it that Ray Blatt is Plans and Training Officer, 88th F.A. Bn., 12th Inf. Div., at Camp O'Donnell, Tarlac, P. I.; Joe Huan, an assistant to the Assistant Chief of Staff of personnel in the Caribbean Air Command Hq.

Ernie Cragg (home address: River-view Road, Westbrook, Conn.) reports that he's finished his thirty months in the E.T.O., which included his marriage over there to an American nurse and subsequent birth of his now one year old boy. He's now with the Air National Guard as Senior Air Instructor of Rhode Island, and is applying for P.G. work at the Univ. of Illinois. Ernie passes on some unconfirmed poop to the effect that: Deke Childs was in the E.T.O., but is now with the A-1 Section of A.A.F., in Washington; Dick Stoddard was also in the E.T.O., but was quite ill when last heard from—he—and we—hope it was not serious; Dale Sweat is with U.S.A.F.E., A-3 Section; Vince Gaudiani and Harve Latson are at Wright Field with the Air Material Command.

Our editorial apologies in our best journalese to Spike Phelps who doesn't think it right for us to consider him single when he's been married for over three years and has a new dependent, Sandra Lee, born 16 December 46. We agree; but at any rate, that's one way to get you "sodjurs" to write in. Spike is a school boy at Iowa State along with Warren Rogers (also married), Bruce McDowell, and Bruce Koch, all accompanied by their families. Thanks and Congrats, Spike.

Walt Burnette wishes it to be known that his family has swelled with the birth of his third child, Christopher Mitchell, born 28 December 46 at Mitchell Field Hospital. His other two offspring are Walter Neal, III, two years, and Stephanie Elisabeth, one. Nice goin', Walt, but we won't say, "Keep it up".

Danny Cullinane, our faithful Pacific Correspondent at G.H.Q., F.E.C., A.P.O. 500, has compiled and forwarded the following:

G.H.Q., Far Eastern Command (former A.F.P.A.C.), A.P.O. 500:

Quint Atkinson, recently joined by wife, Acey, and son, Jerry is in H.Q. &S.V. Group, G.H.Q., A.P.O. 500. Mike Davis, Atkinson's boss is known as Gen. MacArthur's No. 1 Dependent Housing Boy. Wife, Andy, and son, Kimmie, arrived in June. Tony Grice, G-4 Sect., has been joined by his wife and they are living in the Mantetsy Apts.

H.Q., Far Eastern Air Forces (former P.A.C.U.S.A.) A.P.O. 925:

Stocky Linton, A-2, lives in Bunka Apts., Tokyo, with his wife, Laurie. Jack Morris, A-4 Engineer Utilities Sect., lives in Army Hall, Tokyo. Wally Potter was pottering around as aide to Gen. Whitehead, C.G., F.E.A.F., until his recent assignment to a tactical unit. Norm Frisbie and Jim Pugh, newly arrived, are both awaiting permanent assignment.

H.Q., Eighth Army, A.P.O. 343:

Bob Sonsteltie celebrated the November arrival of Valerie and son, Richard, by providing Scribe Cullinane with a fine meal. Joe Boyle and Doc Reinhalter are holding down G-4. Tom and Doris Elgin living in Yokohama and highshooting with the A.A. Kelly Nash, Bea, and daughter, Susan, with Milgout Reports Sect., live next door to Sonsteltie. Tommy Tomlinson, aide to "Uncle Bob" Eichelberger, is ending a sojourn in the U.S. on T.D.Y. Tony Hartman is with the Army Engineers.

11th Airborne Div., A.P.O. 468:

Jon Vordermark, Ass't S-4 Divarty, stationed at Yamagata, Japan. Dutch Umlauf, Btry. Co., 675th Glider F.A. Btn., recently joined in Yonezawa, Japan, by his wife. Dave Chase, S-3 of 3rd Batt., 188 Parachute Inf., welcomed wife, Jean, at Sendai in November. Jack Winn, Bn. S-3, 674th Parachute F.A. Bn., is still in Jimmachi, Japan.

1st Cav. Div., A.P.O. 201:

Bob Danforth, wife, and son with 2nd Brigade Hq., 25th Inf. Div.

Ial Gingrich, 27th Inf. Regt., joined by wife and cheild. Joe Weyrick is reported to be with this Div. (unconfirmed).

24th Div., A.P.O. 24:

Willie Cover now C.O. Btry B, 11th F.A., at Fukuoka, Kyushu, Japan. Red Dirkes, S-3, 3rd Engr., soon to return home. Bill Brabson with Divarty H.Q. Jack Teague reported to be with this outfit (please confirm this scoop, Jack).

Korea:

Bruce and Barbara Arnold, 7th Div., are sporting a zoot car in Seoul. Art Lacouture reporting to Milgout, Seoul, A.P.O. 235. Junior Lloyd, C.O. 6th Constabulary Regt., C.O. 99th Milgout Group, A.P.O. No. 6-1. Al Van Schoick returning to 31st Inf., 7th Div., from swimming meets in Hawaii. Willie Hunt was last reported in G-3 Sect., XXIV Corps, A.P.O. 235.

China:

Johnny and Peggy Lucas with F.A. Sect., M.A.G., A.P.O. 909. Jesse Fishback doing Engineer work somewhere in China.

Miscellaneous:

Eddie Soler returned to U.S. for wedding and Puerto Rico honeymoon. Pinky Winfield and his wife, somewhere in vicinity of Yokohama.

Jack and Allayne Novak are enroute to Czechoslovakia, where he will be Ass't. Air Attache.

ARMY BRATS have been presented to the following named of our classmates by their wives: *Dutch Ingwersen*, *John Blair Beach* (daughter), *Fergie Knowles* (son), *Al Shiely* (daughter), *Charlie Pence* (son), *Ed Parks* (son), *Bill Naylor* (daughter), *George Thompson* (daughter), and *Dutch Umlauf* (daughter). We were all distressed to hear of the untimely loss of our classmate *Ed Parks* shortly after his son was born. The following classmates have taken the proverbial leap: *Hi Fuller* was married to Dorothy Stuart, a K.K.G. from Cornell, on 4 October '46; *Frank Rhea* to Judith Ann Tribble on 31 December '46—they are now at the U. of Iowa; *Ed Burr* to Patricia Nicholas on 21 December '46—they're now at Benning; *Mike Beckett* to Charlotte Jeanne Carter on 18 September '46—now at the U. of Illinois; *Konnie Nesselbush* to Wanda Lee Higdon on 2 November '46—now at March Field; *Leo Brooks* to Mary Workman on 21 December '46, here at the Cadet Chapel; *Stuff Kengle* to Dorothy Noonan on 18 December '46; *Robin Olds* to Ella Raines in Hollywood on 6 February '47—*Al Tucker* was an usher.

Bernie Rogers and Ann Ellen are going to Moscow and then returning to the States with Gen. Clark before going to Oxford in September where Bernie will be a Rhodes Scholar.

The following comes by courtesy of *Arch* (Fancy Songs and Patter) *Hamblen* in Heidelberg, 3rd Army G-3 Section:

First of all *Cal Bell* is now a Captain and is stationed up in U.S.F.E.T., A.P.O. 757, with the office of the Chief Engineer.

You left out of your list my good and trusty roommate *Al Burdett*. He is a major, and is with me here in the G-3 Section of Third Army, A.P.O. 403.

Bob Campbell and Mary Lou are stationed in Darmstadt with a F.A. Bn.—he's a captain now, too. *Jim Canning* is billeting officer of the Heidelberg Area Command—address Heidelberg Military Community, A.P.O. 403.

Major *Steve Gordy* threw a humdinger of a promotion party with Major Flip Fenili, Class of January '43 the early part of this month. Edith Gordy was one of the first dependents to reach Heidelberg.

Captain *Reading* and Ruth *Wilkinson* (also G-2, T.U.S.A.) have lived in Heidelberg since September. Reading was in Karlsruhe as S-3 of a A.A.A. Bn. before. The day after Ruth joined Reading in Karlsruhe they were in an automobile accident in which their two year old boy, Reading, Jr., was killed. Ruth fractured her pelvis, but she's O.K. now, and is full of pep as ever.

Jack Brier (Capt.) came up from a constabulary troop in Darmstadt one month ago to become aide to Lt. Gen. Keyes, who was then commanding the Third Army—now deputy commander to Gen. Clark in Austria.

On an inspection tour of the 12th Constabulary Sqdn. in Neustadt, Germany, I ran into Captain *Caleb* and Bonnie Jean *Cole*. Caleb has "D" troop. In the same sqdn. were Captain *George Moe*, and *Charlie Jones*—each of whom has his wife with him.

Jock Barickman, G-2 Sect. T.U.S.A. just returned from a honeymoon at the Riviera with his pro French bride,

Yvette. She won the Croix de Guerre during the war for her work as a French Red Cross Ambulance driver. *Stan Staszak* (G-2 Sect. Dist. III in Bad Tolz) stood up for Jock in the Paris wedding. Less than a week ago (after returning from the wedding trip) Stan was in a jeep accident and fractured his hip. It will take a couple of months, but ole Stan will pull thru O.K.

Charlie Daniels, Class of '45, was up from Kaufbeuren Military Community, with his wife Dotty Stamps.

Jug Burrows (1st Lt.) is still teaching out at the Third Army School Center outside of Heidelberg.

Allen and Linn *Jones* have recently had their second baby—a boy this time, and the III no less. Al has been with the G-5 Sect. T.U.S.A. since he came overseas for the second tour. He moved up to U.S.F.E.T. yesterday to join the S.G.S. Section.

I see *Frank Jones* every now and then on a week-end here in Heidelberg; he's stationed up in Bad Wildungen.

Got a note from Bunny, *Don*, and little Diane *Dargue* showing an address of 312 West Cheyenne Road, Colorado Springs, Colo.

Another note from Flossie and *Bob Plett*. Bob's just fresh back in the States in November; he's now working on the Manhattan Project out in Albuquerque, New Mexico. His address is 2761 Engr. Bn. (Spec.), Sandia Base, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Bob and El *Mathe* are another couple out in Albuquerque on the Manhattan deal. Bob's address: P.O. Box No. 4054, Albuquerque, New Mex.

Maggie Saine is with the G-5 Section, Hq. Dist. III in Bad Tolz in Bavaria. *Jim Keenan*, likewise, is with the G-1 Section, Hq., Dist. III.

Johnny Moses, Captain, is stationed in Darmstadt, connected with the G-5 Section of Dist. II.

Buzz Bucher is still holding down a big position in A-3, U.S.A.F.E., in Wiesbaden.

Dale McGee is still with G-3 Bremen Enclave.

Wandering through Europe, *Allen Burdett* saw several classmates and their wives. *Gabby Ivan* and wife entertained him royally in Vienna where Gabby has an ultra intellect job with \$10,000 a year men working under him. In Berlin Captain *Dave Davenport* and wife were a welcome sight. *Wick Wickert* and *Carlos Young* showed Allen La Gay Paree ooh la la just prior to Wick's and Carlos' departure to the Z1 in December. This past fall in Garmisch Al saw "Smooth Sam" *Jenkins* who was with the S-3 Section, 2nd Const. Regt.

A month ago the U.S.F.E.T. crowd held a small scale reunion (sponsored by the *Tenny's* and the *Rooker's*), for those in nearby areas. Allen and I saw *Gary* and *Margie Black*, the *Page Jackson's* the *Gordy's*, *Bill Glasgow* and his wife, *Wally Magathan*—minus his wife, for at the moment she had just arrived overseas and had just had a baby in Bremerhaven. *Jack Elliot*, *Stan Ott*, *Charlie Reed* and frau, *Milt Steinbring* and his wife, and *Harry Schroeder* who was all set and ready for his new wife—his old Usmy drag Anne Cunio—to come overseas.

Arch also says that he and *Al Burdett* are due to return May 25th.

1944

Many thanks for all the good letters and news of yourselves and others in the class. They warmed the heart on cold winter days in the Gloom Period. Don't forget to start making plans for our June Week reunion. If you can't make it let's hear from you at any rate.

Bob Armstrong writes in from Eglin Field, Florida, that he married a girl in November he met when his B-29 was forced down. *Mitchell* and *Todd* left for the Pacific in February with the 11th A./Bn. *Staser* and *Kutchinski* have been passing the winter in Alaska on airborne experiments. They had to take a few jumps at 40 below—brrrr. *Hibbard* was presented with a daughter in December. *Shelton*, *DiSilvio*, and *Almquist* are at Bragg. *Cowherd* and *Milam* came back from the 508 prcht. regt. in Frankfurt to the 82nd. *Dravo* returned recently from Japan to be retired—an injury he got after the Rhine jump in March '45. *O'Connor* is also rumored being retired after a jeep accident in Manila. *Pickett* is still on jump status with the Airborne School at Benning.

Mason Young writes the following news from Hq. Comdts office of G.H.Q. in Tokyo: *Bill Shirey* is running the Army Exchange, G.H.Q.; *Rog Hendrick*, in the Tokyo Area Engr. office, his wife arrived recently; *Bill Gerhard* is expecting his wife in March along with Young's; *Wally Gilson* is in F.E.A.F.; *Buzz Gordon* is a general's aide in the 1st Cav. Div.; *Jimmy Adanson* is with the honor guard of the 11th A./Bn.; *Gerry Hall* is a captain and S-1 of the 12th Cav. Regt. *Pitts* is Asst. G-1 of the 1st Cav.; *George Hayman* is in G-2 Sect. 8th Army. *Marshall* is with the 8th Army Eng. *Gregory* recently returned to the U.S. as aide to Major General Mullins.

Bob Wessels recommends the Antilles Dept. very highly. He and the following are enjoying the warm delightful climate of Antigua; *Joe Phillips*, who is getting married in June, *Joe Petrone*, *Bob Martin*, and *Nick Fuller*. Nick is married and a father and rates an eleven gun salute as American consul.

McAuliffe, the power behind it all in South Korea, reports plenty of Scotch available and helping him drink it up are *Ed* and *Margo Decker*, *Dunc* and *Ann Palmer*, *Mike* and *Ruth Micklewait*, *Lenny "Hibachi" Sims*, *Bill "punchy" Bell* (and friend), *Bob "What's Kimchee" Daly*, and *Val "Hand me another one" Prael*. Sitting it out on a hospital bench are *Art McLean*, *E. C. Parker* and *Dorsey Schaper*.

Dan Wallis was kind enough to supply a few of the missing links from Linz, Austria: In the 4th Constabulary Regiment there are *John Carley*, *George Tuttle*, *Frank Cash*, *Cabaniss*, and *Jack Pollin*. Also in the 4th, but in the outlying districts are *Jim Dunham* and wife, *Hugh Snelling*, and *Don Gruenther*. Last heard from in Vienna were *Ike* and *Carter*. *DeArment* and *Dixon Rogers* are in Zone Command Austria Hq. *Fred Smith* and *Bob Parks* are M.P.s. *Dave Zillmer*, *Ace Harper* and *Jim Douglas* are with the 16th Inf.

George Blanchard reports that *Kate Elizabeth* reported for duty the 5th of December in Frankfurt, a fine

squalling army brat. George is now with G-3 and the lucky winner of a new Chevvy. He is due to return to the States in August.

Al Wald is another amongst the few who have rung the bell for two. He now has one of each. Al, Dave Wood and Bill Murray are studying with Einstein the Principals of Atomic Energy at Princeton. Al had the following to report:

Frank Mahin married a raid-headed French girl—Suzie—on December 21. Bob Murphy has his best man. Frank and Ol' Hive Scoggin are in the Historical Section of U.S.F.E.T. writing up the official battle reports for the war. Ted Altier, recently was married over there. Heath Bottomly has a squadron of R.C.N. planes in Japan north of Tokyo; Joe Waterman is his exec.; Bill Tuttle and wife are at Ft. Dix. Bill is in an Inf. Trng. Det.

I had an interesting letter from Johnny Donaldson, who is studying at the Sorbonne in Paris (lucky devil) from where he will end up here in the Modern Language Department some time this coming summer. He, Randy and Becky Cary and Joe and Mary Grace Cutrona spent a pleasant eve celebrating the Cutrona's first wedding anniversary.

The Feather Merchant, Nolan, sent in an excellent report from the Pacific area. He's on Okinawa, a captain and seriously considering transferring to the Engineers, having inherited Johnny Carlson's job after he left for Manila and later the States. Klingle is in the Petroleum Div. in Tokyo; Faas, Fairbrother, and Farris are all with the 301st Fighter Wing. Mangan and Cabell both have their families with them on Oki. Mangan is Adj. of all Q.M. forces on the island. Can't tell what Cabell does to earn his pay. Tripp is with the 53d Port. Co.; Davis, Hanley, Gamble and families are with the 316th Bomb Wing; Farne is rumored to be hiding out on the island. Steger, King and McPherson were on the P. I. Champ football team that visited Oki in December. Wally Moore, Pete Moore and Ug Reeves are running the Post Engineers at Clark Field, P. I.

Gathered from here and there: Johnny Susott is with Hq. 35 Ftr. Grp., Whiting is C.O. of the 41st Ftr. Sq. in the same group; Phil Grant and Grace McDowall were married in Switzerland in February; Nick Creed's wife has joined him in Sukioka, Japan; Ciszewski, who is now in Germany, is to marry Joan Bader in several months. Janeczek spent Xmas in Passaic, N. J., flying in from Japan—he is now at Williams Field, Ariz., taking jet training. Notice was sent of the wedding of George Hayman and Barbara Adams in Kobe, Japan, March 16th, Anne Wilson's engagement to Jim Blandford was announced in January. Jim is in Europe, Gene Callaghan's family joined him on Guam during the holidays.

Once more—keep up the letters, gotta keep this column alive and I got no time to dream up your news.

—Hi Ely.

1945

There seems to be nothing but wedding announcements for the column this issue. However that is news.

Stan Calder to Nadya Kalam Wat-

ter at Freising, Germany on January 15, 1947. Nadya is an Estonian whose home was in Mergentheim, Germany. Stan won the E.T.O. golf championship last July. Stan and Nadya will be stationed in Freising.

Ted Adair to Elizabeth Louise Weed of Chatsworth Gardens, Larchmont, N. Y., at Larchmont, February 3, 1947. Willie Combs was one of the ushers. Ted and Elizabeth will be stationed in Beppu, Japan.

Chester Sargent to Shirley Mills of Washington, D. C., at Fort Myers, Va., in November. They will be stationed in Tokyo with the 7th Cav.

Chuck Gorder to Mary York of Columbus, Ohio, at Columbus in January. They will be stationed in Deggendorf, Germany.

Engagements:

John Geer engaged to Elizabeth McElroy of Erie, Pa. Elizabeth is presently with the Clubmobile Unit of the American Red Cross in Korea. John is also stationed in Korea.

Bill L. Davis engaged to Patricia Rlordan of Elmhurst, N. Y. Bill has recently returned to the States from Manila and is now stationed at Fort Bliss.

Chuck Pratt is with the 301st Fighter Wing on Okinawa and is flying P-47s. Bob Burgess is C.O. of a battery in 1st Cav. Div. He is at Camp Drew, Koizumi, Japan. Joyce Halligan has sailed to join Ted in Sapporo, Japan. The A.A. gang of San Marcelino, Luzon is still holding down the job of training Philippine Scouts. Among their number are, Ray Cavanna, Bill and Jane Reidy, Bill McNamee, Dud Ingham, Bill Trudy, Dave Stuckey, Bud Pitzer, O'Donnell, and Johnny Goff. The entire group has received their 1st Lt. promotion. Most of them have had their own batteries since their arrival in P. I. in November of '45.

From Schofield Barracks on Oahu comes news of more of the boys passing through. The inter-command swimming meet in December brought Jack Truby, Bill Glynn, Jim Edwards, and Bob Lee. Outcome of that fishy get-together is not included by the author, Hap Adams. Hap, Dood and 8-months Robbie are still enjoying their stay in Hawaii. At nearby Hickam Field are: Ed Munyon, Jim Horowitz, Bud Farris, Bill Preston, and Jim Rouch.

Hap also reports the whereabouts of his former wife at the Point, Joe Carvion, as being in Korea. Hap has sent in a group of addresses of classmates with whom he corresponds. One may obtain these and others by writing to the Association at the Point.

With the 60th Div. in the vicinity of Ludwigsburg, Germany are the "original five officer replacements since combat ended". This quintet is comprised of Perry Wilcox, Bob Webster, Red Burton, Bob Stetekluh, and Ran Preston. The 60th is being deactivated and all five of the boys expect to become officers in the Constabulary. As of December last assignments were: Stetekluh commands a truck company, Burton and Wilcox have companies as do Preston and Webster. Smitty Chamberlain is with Third Army H.Q. Foreign Liaison Section of G-2 in Heidelberg.

Bob Valpey, Dave Crockett, Clair Whitney, and Dick Conniff are on Okinawa with 418th Night Fighter Sq., fly-

ing P-61s. Dick Conniff was married to 1st Lt. Ruth Garvey, Army Nurse Corps, 29 July '46. Ruth is from Rutland, Vt. Bill Raymond is in Korea with 433d Fighter Group at Osaka. He married Elizabeth Ann Curl at Memorial Hall Chapel in Yokohama on 25 December '46.

From Furth Air Base, Germany comes this list of the A.A.F. troops there. 45th Rcn. Sq. with A-26s has Townsend, Fite, McDonald and wife, and Chase and wife. Flying P-51s and P-80s with 160th Rcn. Sq. are: Moran, Neville, Fields, Romncy and wife, Wallace, Trimble, Hanes and wife, and Childs.

From various Army Public Relations Offices comes the following news. Tom Marks is with 44th Fighter Sqdn., 18th Fighter Group. Don Fowler assigned as Supply Officer for the 56th Eng. Combat Bn., 12th Inf. in the Philippines. Elizabeth Fowler resides at Camp O'Donnell, Tarlac, P. I. Harry Middleton is attending the Air Tactical School at Tyndall Field, Florida. Formerly Harry was Adjutant at Enid Air Base, Oklahoma and his present permanent assignment is as Supply Officer at Barksdale Field, Louisiana. Also assigned to Tyndall Field is E. J. Davis. Ernie's permanent assignment is with the 99th Fighter Squadron at Lockbourne, Ohio. Ernie and Frances have a son, Ernest, III.

In the Philippines are Slazak and McCullough with the 56th Eng. Both have a company and are working on the housing problem. Also with the 56th are Rickey Kleist with his wife, Mary Jane. Rickey is S-3. McCarroll is aide-de-camp to the C.G. of 12th Inf. Myers has a battery in 23d F.A., Red Wooley and Pettee are in the 91st Inf. along with Krebs and his wife, Warren Drake, and George Fee.

Also with the 91st are Jim and Betty Root, Nancy and Mac McGovern, Peggy and John Murphy, Eleanor and George Nelson, and Faye and John Bennett. Betty and Al Childress, Mary Lin and Howie Bealmear have gone to Okinawa. Charley Limpus has gone to Japan as aide-de-camp to Brig. Gen. Cooper Smith. Jean and John Goff have gone to Okinawa from San Marcelino, Luzon. Reidy and wife are still at the A.A.A. post at San Marcelino. With the A.A. at Clark Field are Murray and Pat Field, Hannah and Wally Hynds, Lynn and Pat Cummings, Fred and Natalie Bond, Ann and Red Ducall, Ray and Dee Basham, Fritz Hartwig, and Toby Gandy. With the 45th Inf. is George Eyster and his wife Harriet. George supplied the news from the P. I.

Back to E.T.O. E. O. Post is stationed at Oberammergau, Germany. Detailed as T.J.A. he is assigned with H.Q. Det., E.T.I.S. Waiting for his wife Frances to arrive, Post has obtained quarters in a six-room Alpine chalet. John and Margie McDonald will be stationed with them.

Bob English and Buzz Fenn are pilot and co-pilot of the Embassy plane in Greece. Whelan with wife and son are at Istris, France. Art Hanket and his wife are at Foggia, Italy. Bobby Marlow, Jim Summer, Nichols, and Fingar are stationed at Wiesbaden. At Erlangen are Sam Lessey, Ted Fite, and Wilkenson.

Ralph Hinman writes that he is with 25th Div. at Osaka, Honshu as

Div. Procurement Officer. Ralph rooms with *John Johnson*. Also in the 25th are *Bill Wolfe*, *Hardy*, and *Gleason*. Hinman was previously with the 4th Div. along with *Earl Hardy*, *Rolfe Hillman*, *Harris Findley*, *Mike Gilligan*, *Jim Crowe*, and *Jim Herbert*. Other men on Honshu are *John Forbes*, *Steve Day*, and *Jett* with the 27th Div. and *Bob Woods*, *Hark Wood*, *Yerks*, *Erskine Smith*, *Pete Spragins*, and *Dick Armstrong*. Spragins was through New York the last of February with his new bride.

Chuck Partridge writes that he is with the 303d at Furstenfeldbruck, Germany as Leo Hinkey's adj. *Briggs* is Asst. Provost Marshal, *Froede* is Mess Officer of the 26th, *Paul Baker* is Adj. of the 26th M.T.S., *Al Bailey* is newly assigned as Personnel Officer, *Ed Bailey* is Asst. Adj. de la Mater in the 128th M.P.'s, *Brenneman* is de la Mater's Adj., *Bill Hollis* is Classification and Assignments Officer, *Brewer* is Fire Marshal and Asst. Air Installations Officer. The entire group was promoted to 1st 20 November. Chuck has seen *McNaughton* who is aide-de-camp to General Gay of the Constabulary, and *Bill Snow* who is aide to General Walsh, Com. Gen. of the XII T.A.G. *J. Allen* is touring the theater giving lectures to the troops. *Tony Parish* is still in Linz, Austria and has a daughter.

The news filling the last fourth of this column is from the boys via *Pops McNeil* in Washington. Pops has an up-to-date list of addresses of all the troops in the class who were in A-1 Company. Anyone who desires such addresses may obtain same from McNeil by reaching him through the Army-Navy Club of Washington. Pops welcomes a phone call from any of the troops passing through Washington.

Steve Olds has been in Hollywood to attend his brother's wedding. Robin married Ella Raines. Steve is studying voice in New York.

We have received the regrettable news of the death of *William L. Clarkson*. Bill was killed while ferrying L-4's to Denmark. The accident happened January 24, 1947.

Continue to send your news to the Association of Graduates at U.S.M.A. and keep this column alive. As an alternative you may send your letters to McNeil at the address above or to me at N.B.C. in N.Y.C.

—George Lenfest.

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Editor's Note: News of '46 has been sent to the editor by several of the class and we publish it below substantially as received. In order to avoid duplication and to insure better coverage of news of the whole class it is again suggested that all future items be channeled to the Secretary of the Association of Graduates at West Point through a single class news representative. *Futrell, A. F.*, was the first to volunteer for the job, and gives the following as his permanent address:

Lt. A. F. Futrell,
1737 Pilgrim Ave.,
Bronx, 61, N. Y.

For the time being all class news should be mailed to Futrell at the

above address. Since most of '46, including Futrell, will probably soon be overseas it may prove desirable for the class to select as its permanent news representative one of the members who will be resident in the United States indefinitely. Mr. *Samuel E. H. France* writes that his address will be 21 Parkview Court, White Plains, N. Y. for "at least 3 or 4 years". France volunteered to act as the '46 news representative after Futrell's offer had been received. It is suggested that correspondence between France and Futrell could effect a change in the news representative, if a change is desired by the class.

News received from Futrell (Fort Benning):

We are sorry that the news in this issue of the *Assembly* does not cover the activities of the whole class, but we didn't have time enough before the deadline for this issue to request news from all the posts on which our classmates are stationed. However, we can make the issues from here on fairly complete, if everyone sends in any information he may have. For the next few years at least, this will be the best way of keeping in contact with our classmates.

Reports of marriages since those at West Point on 5 June, births, and—deaths, comprise what little definite information we have.

The marriages are as follows:

Robert T. Richmond, to Betty Wright at Waynesboro, Va., on 23 July 1946.

Earl F. Markle, to Roena Wegrich at Terre Haute, Ind., on 12 June 1946.

Peter M. Jacula, to Evelyn Byrd Wellman at New York, N. Y., on 8 June 1946.

Christopher B. Sinclair, to Virginia Barnes at Ft. Benning, Ga., on 26 October 1946.

Sevall H. E. Johnson, to June Pallesen at St. Paul, Minn., on 10 June 1946.

Robert L. Walker, to Rosemary Flagg at Baltimore, Md., on 10 July 1946.

William C. Powers, to Joyce Vincent at Ft. Benning, Ga., on 25 January 1947.

Rollin W. Skilton, to Barbara E. Way, at Saybrook, Conn., on 28 December 1946.

Robert W. Seaman, to Doris McKinney at Macon, Ga., on 30 December 1946.

Duquesne A. Wolf, to Ellen Pauline Schatz at West Point, N. Y., on 10 June 1946.

Marshall Sanger, to Lila Seidman at New York, N. Y., on 6 June 1946.

Edward F. Crowley, to Rita E. Collins at Winchester, Mass., on 13 July 1946.

William B. Castle, to Dorothy M. de Moya at Hartsdale, N. Y., on 5 June 1946.

Allen H. Wood, III, to Barbara Anne Bender at Short Hills, N. J., on 18 June 1946.

Grover W. Asmus, to Sallie Mae Holman at Ozark, Ala., on 1 March 1947.

Richard A. Bresnahan, to Rachel A. Delisle at Leominster, Mass., on 30 December 1946.

Rolland A. Dessert, to Dorothy Anne Brophy at Ft. Benning, Ga., on 26 October 1946.

John S. Gayle, to Mary Linn Pratt at Milford, Del., on 8 June 1946.

Anthony P. Wesolowski, to Irene E. Matejov at Ft. Benning, Ga., on 22 February 1947.

Bernard J. Pankowski, to Beverly Kane, at Arizona, on 28 December 1946.

Willis D. Cronkite, to Joyce A. Baldwin at Bordentown, N. J., on 5 June 1946.

Carcie C. Clifford, to Janet Wohlferth at Hallis, N. J., on 8 June 1946.

James J. Gigante, to Olga Massimiano at West Point, N. Y., on 28 December 1946.

James H. McBride, to Barbara Lee Smith at Barnsville, Ga., on 22 February 1947.

Lloyd Adams, Jr., to Betty Rose Driver at Humbolt, Tenn., on 27 December 1946.

Raymond Ochs, to Mary Joe Searby at St. Marie, Ill., on 8 June 1946.

James Ladd, to Margaret McAlpine at Fredrick, Md., on 29 December 1946.

Morgan J. Murphy, to Virginia O'Connell at Chicago, Ill., on 15 June 1946.

Robert J. Lamb, to Miriam D. Leetch at Washington, D. C., on 27 December 1946.

Robert H. Phillips, to Madelyn Zender, at Cresco, Iowa, on 20 June 1946.

James M. Gridley, to Natalie S. Smith at West Point, N. Y., on 13 June 1946.

Byron D. Greene, Jr., to Betty Byerly at Hartsville, S. C., on 12 June 1946.

Robert E. Arnold, to Betty Ann Kaiser at Dallas, Tex., on 19 July 1946.

Joe B. Flores, to Betty Ann Draina at Ft. Benning, Ga., on 26 October 1946.

Gale E. Stockdale, to Mary Kathleen Taylor at Ft. Benning, Ga., on 4 October 1946.

Allan C. Torgerson, to Roberta B. Joster at Owatonna, Minn., on 27 July 1946.

Albert R. Ives, to Ellin N. Ramsdell at Rydal, Penn., on 23 December 1946.

Bert E. David, to Shieley F. Fagan at Leighton, Penn., on 8 June 1946.

John F. Green, to Jeanne C. MacDermut, at Ft. Benning, Ga., on 19 February 1947.

Walter L. Frankland, to Carrol Armstrong at Jackson, Tenn., on 20 June 1946.

Clair L. Book, to Clairice M. Hay at Sterling, Ill., on 14 July 1946.

Raymond T. Moore, to Betty Jean Halett at San Antonio, Tex., on 11 July 1946.

William R. Kelty, to Elaine DeWitt Krause at New York City.

William W. Lewis, Jr., to Elizabeth Binner, at West Point, N. Y., on 28 December 1946.

Bill E. Shelton, to Mary M. Riley at Ft. Benning, Ga., on 21 December 1946.

Arthur J. Bugh, to Barbara Ann Richardson at Scranton, Penn., on 26 December 1946.

Kendrick B. Barlow, to Joanne Clark at Trenton, N. J., on 5 June 1946.

Richard H. Mealar, to Anna Catherine Jones at Athens, Ga., on 28 November 1946.

Vincent Gannon, Jr., to Denise H. Heinle at Ft. Benning, Ga., on 31 August 1946.

Joe W. Finley, to Virginia Barbar at Macon, Ga., on 21 June 1946.

Clarence E. Jordan, to Boots Greer at Montgomery, Ala., on 23 December 1946.

John D. Miley, to Joanne D. Graham at West Point, N. Y., on 23 December 1946.

James E. Coleman, to Rosalind Reed at Norfolk, Va., on 8 June, 1946.

The class expresses its deepest sympathy to Jim in the death of his wife and baby daughter. The baby was born January 11, and died the following day. Rosalind Coleman died January 29.

Elmo E. Cunningham, to Corrine Hedrick at Tulsa, Okla., on 5 June 1946.

Our sympathy also goes to Elmo, whose wife was drowned while canoeing at Beaver Dam Lake, N. Y., 12 June 1946.

From all reports of the race for the class cup, it appears the *John Schmitts* have the lead. Their son was born 15 February at 10:02 A.M. A baby girl was born to *Bob* and *Betty Richmond* 11 March.

The men in Infantry are at present finishing their course in Branch Material. Approximately half of them have volunteered for Airborne training, and all are scheduled to leave for overseas soon after completing their courses.

Bill Simpson informs us that the C.W.S. boys are making war with the test tubes at Edgewood Arsenal till their course ends April 11. All seven of them are assigned to troop duty while awaiting overseas assignments.

Bruce Shaave, who is now an Adjutant at Langley Field, and a few other of the A.C. were seen recently in Baltimore.

We hear *Birdie Ghrist* spent an afternoon in Juarez, Mexico, arguing prices with the local merchants—all in Spanish. He offers his conquest of a souvenir at half-price as proof of his fluency.

Rex Beasley reports that the C.A.C. and F.A. are gathered at Fort Bliss being exposed to the good old goat subject of guided missiles. Their two-hour study periods every night are just to make sure they absorb it all.

Ollie Moses of the Q.M. is one of the few of us who knows definitely where he will spend the next few years. He has already left for the Antilles.

Charles Bonner and his Engineer cohorts have been seen roaming about the capital city.

Cavalry, Engineers, Ordnance, and Infantry have received their overseas assignments, but we will have to wait till the next issue for their exact addresses.

Remember please, to send in your news. Any information at all will be very welcome. Since ours is the largest class ever to have graduated from W.P.—let's make ours the newsiest column in the *Assembly*!

News received from *Matejov* (Fort Bliss):

For some general information — I suppose it's common knowledge now that the Coast Artillery and the Field Arty Officers are receiving identical training because of the contemplated amalgamation. From August to February we were stationed at Fort Sill learning the ins and outs of the Field Artillery. Now we are at Fort Bliss taking up Seacoast, A.A. and Guided Missiles training. We're even scheduled to see a V-2 shoot at White Sands, New Mexico.

Those who are not going to take Airborne training will leave for over-

seas on or about May 15th. The parachute boys will begin their training at Benning May 5th and end it on June 24th—to go overseas sometime in July.

Alderson, Frederick K., married Barbara Ann Gyorf, 26 December 1946 at Wilbur, Washington—going to Japan.

Andersson, Gunnar E., taking paratroop training then to the Pacific.

Andrews, James L., married Tallulah Deen 12 June 1946 at Ocala, Fla.—going to Guam.

Armstrong, John L., married Patricia Sage Anderson 15 March 1947 at Stanford Chapel, Palo Alto, California—going to Japan.

Ash Alvin—going to Yokohama.

Ashton, Shirley S.—going to Yokohama.

Babcock, Robert A.—to Europe—his Mother and Father are in Germany.

Bacon, Richard H.—to Guam.

Baker, David T.—to Europe.

Baker, Van Roy—to Europe.

Basham, Edwin W. — Paratroop School in May, then to Japan.

Beasley, Rex W.—to Japan.

Bowen, Frank M.—to Korea.

Bowen, Robert B.—married Valerie Snell 16 June 1946 at Grass Valley, California—going to the Antilles.

Bowley, William T.—going to Korea.

Brady, Philip B.—to Korea.

Bramblett, Lawson D. — married Eleanor Jane Bruner 24 July 1946 at Brazil, Indiana—going to Guam.

Brooks, Herold W.—to Korea.

Brown, Benjamin C.—married Billie I. Hill 29 June 1946 at Endwell, N. Y.—is going to Japan.

Bullock, Robert O.—Airborne School at Benning in May, then to Japan in June.

Burnell, Ray L.—Europe.

Byrne, John J.—Jump School at Benning, then Guam.

Carter, James E.—to Guam.

Carter, Robert F.—to the Antilles.

Caruso, Frank S.—to Korea.

Cavanaugh, James R.—to Japan.

Chase, Benjamin K.—to Japan.

Conner, Stephen L.—to Japan.

Constant, Thomas M.—was married to Clarine Aust Collins 18 June 1946 at Columbus, Ohio—is going to Korea.

Convey, James E.—to Europe.

Cowey, Felix F.—to Korea.

Cramer, Robert G.—to Yokohama.

Elmo E. Cunningham—to Japan.

Daniel, Charles D.—was married to Ann Meredith Carter 7 June at Fort Myer in Virginia—is going to Japan.

Daniel, Robert S.—was married to Marjorie Hope Grant 5 June 1946 at West Point—is going to Guam.

Davis, Harry A.—to Korea.

Dayton, John B.—was married to Valerie A. Scheeline 15 June 1946 at Reno, Nevada—is going to Europe.

Delong, Walter J.—was married to Carolyn Hemstead 8 June 1946 at Albany, N. Y.—is going to Japan.

Dennett, George L.—was married to Barbara Anne Webber 5 June 1946 at West Point—going to Korea.

Derrick, Horace F.—was married to Iva J. Thomas at Towson, Maryland on 21 July 1946—is going to Japan.

Dettrey, Glenn W.—to Japan.

Diver, Richard B.—to Europe.

Dixon, James T.—to Europe.

Dockstetter, Farrel E.—to Europe.

Dodd, Frederick A.—to Korea.

Drinkwater, Edward G.—was married to Jane Gants 6 June 1946 at Prov-

idence, Rhode Island — is going to Japan.

Dwyer, John W.—to Japan.

Elder, James M.—to Japan.

Fair, Stanley D.—was married to Phyllis J. Peters 9 June 1946 at Delphos, Ohio—is going to Guam.

Faires, Hunter H.—was married to Mary Smith 11 June 1946 at Charleston, South Carolina—goes to Japan.

Farris, Philip A.—was married to Virginia Lee Saunders 19 August 1946 at Lawton, Oklahoma—goes to Japan.

Feldman, Martin B.—goes to Japan.

Fields, Jesse A.—was married to Nancy Stovall 11 June 1946 at Oanulle, Virginia—goes to Korea.

Finnegan, Daniel J.—was married to Jeanne Darby 8 June 1946 at New York City—goes to Guam.

Fuller, Elisha J.—to Korea.

Gaines, Thomas E.—goes to Korea.

Gatch, Thomas L.—goes to Korea.

Geary, John C.—married Rita Dowgala 22 June 1946 at Hazelton, Pa.—goes to Japan.

Ghrist, Meredith W.—goes to Japan.

Gilbert, Raymond H.—goes to Korea.

Gillespie, John W.—goes to Guam.

Giza, Joseph A.—to Japan.

Grier, Samuel—to Korea.

Griffith, George W.—married Beverly Jo Brown 1 November 1946 at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma—goes to Korea.

Grisham, William H.—married Velma J. Vento 9 June 1946 at West Point—goes to Japan.

Hagel, Jack B.—married Sue Ann Schild 13 June 1946 at Washington, Indiana—goes to Guam.

Haisley, Philip D.—married Virginia Dare Parker 5 June 1946 at West Point—goes to Japan.

Hall, Charles M.—to Japan.

Hallgren, Hal E.—to Europe.

Halloran, Jerome V.—to Korea.

Hamilton, Robert M.—to Japan.

Hamilton, Walter E.—to Korea.

Harris, Jesse S.—married Mary Evelyn Phelps 9 June 1946 at El Dorado, Ark.—goes to Korea.

Hauley, Robert C.—married Peggy Byrne 26 December 1946 at Norwalk, California—is going to Korea.

Hazzard, Rutledge P.—to Europe.

Hibbard, Preston M.—to Korea.

Hickey, Daniel W.—to Japan.

Hickey, Frederick F.—married E. Jane Brown 6 June 1946 at West Point—to Japan.

Hirschberg, Thomas V.—to Japan.

Hirschfield, Howard B. — married Lois R. Cohen 10 June 1946 at Chicago, Ill.—goes to Japan.

Hoar, John C.—to Korea.

Horne, Harold W.—to Japan.

Hoskins, Lynn W.—to Guam.

Hough, Granville W.—to Korea.

Houseworth, Joseph E.—to Japan.

Huddleston, Thomas M. — married Odile E. Robinson 8 June 1946 at Fort Bragg, North Carolina—goes to Korea.

Humphreys, William A.—to Japan.

Ingham, Henry L.—to Japan.

Inskeep, James H. W.—to Guam.

Jacobsen, Gordon R.—to Japan.

Jones, Edward W.—to Guam.

Jordan, Amos A.—married Mardeane Carver 5 June 1946 at West Point—he is going to Oxford University, England. Rhodes Scholarship.

Joseph, Edwin M.—to Korea.

Joyce, Jean K.—to Korea.

Kane, Robert V.—married Norma

- P. Fleming 6 June 1946 at West Point—*is going to Japan.*
- Kelley, Paul A.*—to Guam.
- Kelso, Minor L.*—taking Jump training, then to Korea.
- Kenney, William J.*—to Japan.
- Key, Robert C.*—married Mavis Parker 23 December 1946 at Westfield, N. J.—*is going to Europe.*
- Kiser, William M.*—married Betty Jean Percy 5 June 1946 at Arlington, Va.—*is going to Korea.*
- Kren, Robert E.*—married Betty Jane Chitterling 28 December 1946 at Glen Ridge, New Jersey—*going to Japan.*
- Kurowski, Lloyd C.*—married Betty Harris 5 June 1946 at West Point—*is going to Europe*—had a baby boy, born 11 March 1947, to be named Stephen.
- Larock, Ralph I.*—married Jane Alene Corliss 26 December 1946 at St. Albans, Vermont—*is going to Japan.*
- Lee, Robert V.*—married Cynthia Warren 8 June 1946 at Ridgewood, N. J.—*is going to Europe.*
- Lenzner, Robert E.*—*going to Europe.*
- Loome, James R.*—to Japan.
- Love, Stanley J.*—to Japan.
- Luettgen, Lawrence J.*—to Korea.
- Marberger, John*—to Guam.
- March, Robert L.*—married Marguerite Clark 27 November 1946 at Fort Sill, Okla.—*is going to Japan.*
- Matejov, Stephen A.*—Airborne training at Georgia, then to Korea—regrets he couldn't see his sister get married to Tony Wesolowski at Benning 22 February 1947.
- Matteson, Jack F.*—to Japan.
- McBryde, Thomas H.*—married Barbara White 28 December 1946 at New Albany, Miss.—*is going to Japan.*
- McCoy, Robert W.*—to Korea.
- McDonough, John D. H.*—to Korea.
- Mendenhall, Clarence M.*—married Lillian Vance Halleck 6 February 1947 at Fort Sill, Okla.—*is going to Korea.*
- Meola, Ralph A.*—married Lucille L. Leone 28 December 1946 at New York City—*goes to Korea.*
- Merritt, Doyle*—married Betty Virginia Dodson 8 November 1946 at Fort Sill, Okla.—*going to Korea.*
- Milligan, Carey W.*—*going to Japan.*
- Morgan, Edward J.*—to Japan.
- Moriarty, Daniel R.*—to Japan.
- Morris, Robert F.*—married Helen Doris Proctor 5 June 1946 at West Point—*going to Korea.*
- Muir, George C.*—married Laneth Welling 25 October 1946 at Fort Sill, Okla.—*is going to Yokohama.*
- O'Connor, Patrick J.*—to Yokohama.
- O'Neill, Carroll R.*—to Japan.
- Paden, John Kenneth*—to Europe—his mother and father are in Manheim, Germany (Major J. K. Paden).
- Pagano, Stephen J.*—to Japan.
- Palmatier, Francis M.*—to Guam.
- Papatonos, Alexander J.*—*is going to Japan.*
- Parker, John G.*—to Japan.
- Parker, William C.*—to Japan.
- Parker, William R.*—to Japan.
- Pepe, Joseph P.*—to Japan.
- Pepin, Ernest A.*—to Japan.
- Pfauth, Eugene V.*—to Japan.
- Pfeifer, Thomas E.*—to Guam.
- Porter, George J.*—married Joan Sheehan 7 July 1946 at New York City—*is going to Japan.*
- Pleuss, Howard E.*—married Carole R. Schmidt 15 June 1946 at Manitowoc, Wis.—*going to Japan*—J. Howard was born to them 11 March 1947.
- Pohl, Richard S.*—to Korea.
- Prestidge, Billy M.*—to Japan.
- Price, John T.*—to Korea.
- Provenzano, Thomas G.*—to Japan.
- Rea, Everett L.*—married Cynthia Hartung 8 June 1946 at New York City—*is going to Japan.*
- Reeder, William T.*—married Marilyn Ruth Parker 24 December 1946 at Laramie, Wyoming—she is the sister of William R. Parker—Tom is going to Japan.
- Roberts, Louis N.*—to Japan.
- Robinson, Elisha M.*—married Jane Farris Haynes 15 June 1946 at Nashville, Tenn.—*going to Korea.*
- Rogers, Guy A.*—to Japan.
- Rovis, Del P.*—married Patricia Jean Martin 6 June 1946 at West Point—Del is taking Airborne training and then to Korea.
- Ruble, Richard L.*—married Barbara E. Wayne 14 July 1946 at Albert Lea, Minn.—*taking Jump training, then to Guam.*
- Rush, Robert I.*—married Jeanne Margaret Orth 6 June 1946 at West Point—*going to Japan.*
- Sadler, John A.*—to Korea.
- Sandoval, Richard P.*—to Europe.
- Schmidt, Carl P.*—married Nancy Jane Carroll 26 December 1946 at Wheeling, West Virginia—*going to Airborne School, then to Japan.*
- Schoen, Frank C.*—married Anna Lee Bauer 26 December 1946 at Rawlins, Wyoming—*going to Japan.*
- Simpkins, Roy G.*—*going to Japan after Airborne training at Benning.*
- Simpson, John E.*—married Yvonne Hogrewe 15 June 1946 at Williamsville, New York—daughter, Sharon Ann born 4 March 1947—*going to Japan.*
- Smith, Glenn C.*—to Japan.
- Smith, William R.*—to Japan.
- Speake, Russell E.*—married Elizabeth Sartin 5 June 1946 at West Point—*going to Japan.*
- Stark, Dudley S.*—to Japan.
- Starnes, Ralph A.*—married Joy Jones 30 August 1946 at Ardmore, Okla.—*is going to Japan.*
- Steen, Kenneth J.*—after attending Airborne School will go to Europe.
- Storm, Robert W.*—to Korea.
- Stroud, William R.*—to Korea.
- Street, Oliver D.*—to Europe.
- Terrell, Harold A.*—married Carolyn Porter 10 June 1946 at Gainsville, Ga.—*is going to Japan.*
- Tharp, Blucher S.*—to Japan.
- Thayer, Raymond E.*—to Japan.
- Thomas, James E.*—to Japan.
- Throckmorton, Elbert S.*—to Japan.
- Thurman, John R.*—to Japan after Airborne School at Benning.
- Title, Samuel H.*—to Japan.
- Trotter, William H.*—to Korea.
- Tuck, Richard C.*—to Europe.
- Van Deusen, Edwin R.*—Airborne training, then to Korea.
- Venters, Harley E.*—married Anne Liccione 4 October 1946 at Oklahoma City, Okla.—*will go to Japan.*
- Vester, John W.*—to Korea.
- Wagner, Robert T.*—to Panama.
- Watson, Donald S.*—to Antilles.
- Weber, Edwin L.*—to Japan.
- White, Robert M.*—to Japan.
- Whitlock, Prentice E.*—to Japan.
- Wieringa, John S.*—Paratroop School in May—*then to Japan.*
- Wildrick, Richard M.*—married Bill Stroud's sister Ruth—Wildrick goes to Europe.
- Williams, Benjamin B.*—Paratroop school in May, then to Guam—married Catherine Jane Brown 6 June 1946 at Mt. Carmel, Pa.
- Williams, Robert M.*—Pacific Theatre.
- Winfree, Robert T.*—to Japan.
- Wirrick, James E.*—to Japan.
- Woods, Harris H.*—married Barbara Wakeley 6 June 1946 at West Point—*going to Japan.*
- Zorn, Martin F.*—Paratroop School in May, then to Japan.
- News received from *Van Auken* (Aberdeen Proving Ground):
- The thirty-three members of '46 at Aberdeen Proving Ground since November taking the Basic Ordnance Course graduated on 4 April and went to their various assignments. *Bill Jank* left us early in the course as he was assigned to White Sands, N. M. The bachelor officers of the group gave a dinner on 18 February for the married officers and their wives with beer and songs following the dinner. On 21 March a beer party and song fest were held at the club with *Horowitz, Bonner, Freck, Malley* and *Levi Brown* from Belvoir as welcome guests. The night before our course ended the officers of the Officers Training Division of the Ordnance School gave us a Graduation Cocktail Party at the Main Officers' Club and thus our five month tour here ended on a very happy tone.
- Ben* and *Edna Gay* were the parents of a daughter, *Bennet Marie* born on 25 February. *Ben* was assigned to the Proving Ground with the Ballistic Research Division. The *John Wisnes, Walt Eanes* and *Rob Hefferons* will be at the Proving Grounds until Fall. *Art* and *Peg Hansen* and *Jim* and *Mabel Hoey* are making their homes in Albany, N. Y., as *Art* and *Jim* are taking electrical engineering at R.P.I. *Dick* and *Betty Walker* are going to Ann Arbor, Michigan where *Dick* is to study chemical engineering, as is *Babe Serotta*, while *George Sheffer* is studying industrial management at the same institution. The *Larry Millers* and *Bill Fullers* are going to Ft. Bliss, while *Ray Boyd* and *Brooke Albert* are going to White Sands, N. M. *Chuck Hall* and *Jerry Bowman* are going to Picatinny Arsenal, in Dover, N. J. *Tom Agnor* slipped from the ranks of the bachelors on April 8th when he married *Miss Dorsey Jeanne Cater* in Kansas City, Missouri prior to reporting to Detroit Tank Arsenal in Center Line, Michigan for duty, where *Ben Hill* is also assigned. *Wayne Anderson* was assigned to Alaska as was *Wade Pitts*. *Charles Jaco* and *Gibb Shar-koff* expect to have their wives with them in Germany before summer, while *John Mathias, Rocco Petrone, Bob Bassler, Jim Fitzgerald* and *Ken Van Auken* were also assigned to E.T.O. *Sam Skemp's* departure for Europe was delayed by an operation on his knee performed at Valley Forge Hospital in Pennsylvania. *John Grace, Dave Lane* and *John Fischer* are studying electrical engineering at M.I.T., while *Verne Thomas* is studying petroleum engineering at the University of Oklahoma. *R. J. Quantz* is assigned to Ft. Benning for paratroop training.



By Joe Cahill

At the mercy of nearly everyone last winter, including Navy, Army's colors have been revived and a vernal renaissance is on.

BASEBALL

With the simplest and surest formula of success on the diamond—good hitting and good pitching—Paul Amen has developed a veritable murderer's row as far as college baseball goes. In nine games the Cadets have yet to be stopped in college circles, although they have had more than they could contend with from the elements, namely; rain, snow and wind, a triple play combination that has knocked them out of eight ball games.

The bulk of the offense is concentrated in Charlie Mackmull, Glenn Davis, Norman Robinson and Jim Enos, all of whom are courting averages well above the coveted .300 mark. Mackmull, a plebe from Dayton, Ohio, is currently top man with an amazing .559 percentage. But that is only part of this husky's versatility on the diamond. He has pitched and won all five starts, stopping Rutgers, Panzer, Trinity, Brooklyn College and Princeton in that order. When he is not toiling on the mound, he is filling in at first base or left field. Yes, in the words of Herman Hickman, "he is a good country ball player".

Roger Conover, who hurled respectable ball last spring despite a lack of fielding support, is back bigger and stronger and, with the addition of a sound infield to aid him, the Montclair, New Jersey righthander has won all four starts, taking the scalps of Hofstra, then leading the Metropolitan League, Lafayette, Kings Point and Villanova.

Glenn Davis? We haven't bothered to mention him in the lead principally because we have come to expect the little guy to carry us over the hump especially in the crucial ones. And he has done just that in half of the games to date. In the Hofstra game, for example, he stepped to the plate and promptly deposited the ball on the lawn in front of Cullum, sending three runners scurrying across the plate ahead of him to break up a close ball game. Against Princeton, Glenn was playing with a painful muscle injury in his left leg. For the first time in his life his base running was ball-and-chained, but he drove in two runs with sharp singles and scored a third. Army won the game 4 to 1. Then there was another game against Brooklyn College. That day the inimitable Davis singled in three of his five trips to the plate, scored two runs and stole FOUR bases, running his total of pilfers to eleven for the season. Rather than go on and on, let's just say that Glenn is doing what we would expect of him; namely, winning ball games.

LACROSSE

Averaging 15 points per game in their first six contests of the season, the lacrosse club spiraled Morris Touchtone's all-time Army coaching record to an impressive .760, he having won 130 games, while losing only 37 in his nineteen year tenure at the Academy. There were two tie games in this stretch.

The tremendous surge in the game's popularity throughout the country, and particularly in the East, has been notable at the Military Academy, where Coach Touchtone finds himself flooded with requests for data on the Army team. Most queries also include a request for tickets to witness the Cadets' home games. Another indication of the current interest in the game is the fact that several of the players who competed here in the past decade are out on the practice field a few days every week imparting their knowledge to members of this year's aggregation. These old-timers include Carl Hinkle, Keller, Bradley, Bolling and Parker.

Denied a share in the national intercollegiate lacrosse championship last year for the first time in three cam-

paigns, Touchtone is preparing a drive for the 1947 title with a schedule that will permit a real bid. It is a twelve game program which challenges every major outfit in the sport, including Navy, Johns Hopkins, Maryland, Princeton, Duke, Syracuse, Rutgers and Cornell. Two non-collegiate foes were added starters. The Cadets lost to the National Open Champions of Mt. Washington by a score of 6 to 4 in a thrilling game decided in overtime, and they trounced the highly regarded Crescent A. C. by a score of 16 to 1.

TRACK

Unlike the baseball team, the thinclads have not had to cavort in the polar bear weather this year; so it is difficult at this time to prophesy our outdoor possibilities. However, one thing is certain, if the Cadets are to fare any better than they did against their Eastern rivals indoors, Leo Novak will have to work hard and long to bring them through.

TENNIS

Leif Nordlie, replacing Ralph Chambers, who had served as tennis coach since 1933, has a representative contingent on the clay courts. Losing only to two of the best college teams in the country, William & Mary and North Carolina, the Cadets otherwise have held their own, defeating Harvard, Brooklyn College, Lehigh, Kings Point and Pittsburgh. Charlie Oliver, in the No. 1 slot, is about the best racquet man to don the grey in the past decade. It will be recalled that Oliver ranked among the first ten, nationally, prior to coming to West Point, defeating men of the caliber of Ted Schroeder.

OFF-SEASON SPORTS

FOOTBALL

Bolstered by the return of only two regulars, namely; Captain Joe Steffy, guard, and Goble Bryant, tackle, Coach Blaik's job actually resolves itself into one of rebuilding.

As a nucleus nine lettermen are on hand, around whom a starting team will have to be molded. The principal cogs in spring drills to date are Elwyn "Rip" Rowan and Bobby Jack Stuart. Rowan spelled "Ug" Fuson throughout most of last season and capably filled the lumbering halfback's shoes in the starting role in the last three games of the season when Fuson was sidelined with a recurring back injury. After spending a full season on the bench as a result of a hernia operation, Stuart is now having trouble with a leg injury, and his status at this time is uncertain. It will be recalled that he had to withdraw from winter track competition because of this condition.

In the line there is even less to talk about. Hank Foldberg and Barney Poole have left gaping holes in the end ranks. Art Gerometta, although he has still another year to go before getting his bars, will not be eligible to play this year. Shelton Biles, a regular tackle, and Jim Enos, starting center, both "bid farewell" come June and graduation. Of the team that started against Navy last year only Captain-elect Joe Steffy, guard, and Goble Bryant, tackle, will be available.

To summarize then, Army lacks real line or backfield strength, but the squad, heavily laden with underclassmen, could develop into a potentially strong unit in 1948.

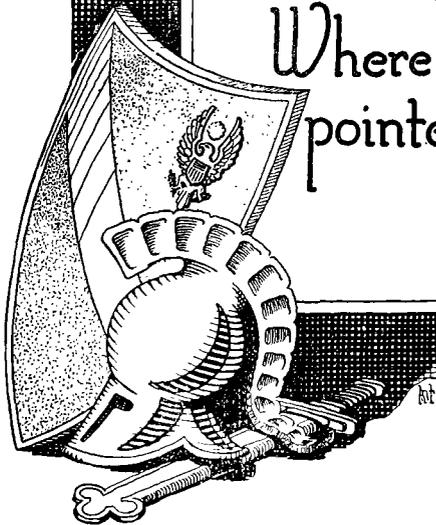
BASKETBALL

John W. Mauer, basketball and assistant football coach at the University of Tennessee since 1938, was appointed head coach of Army basketball last March, succeeding "Stu" Holcomb. He will round out his duties at the Military Academy as a member of Earl Blaik's football staff.



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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CLIFFORD, T. E., JR.	1936	JUNE 24, 1945	13
DOREY, H.	1897	JUNE 19, 1946	3
ETTLESEN, C. C.	1942	FEBRUARY 9, 1945	23
FERGUSON, R. L.	1912	APRIL 5, 1944	24
FIANDER, H. J., JR.	JANUARY, 1943	AUGUST 21, 1944	25
GERALD, J. P.	1940	OCTOBER 17, 1944	19
GREELEY, H.	1937	JANUARY 31, 1945	16
HAGAN, J. V.	1933	DECEMBER 10, 1945	11
HAUGEN, O. D.	1930	FEBRUARY 22, 1945	8
HAWKINS, J. M., JR.	1933	AUGUST 31, 1944	12
HERMAN, H.	1916	DECEMBER 26, 1944	4
HOFFMANN, B. F.	JUNE, 1943	APRIL 22, 1945	27
JONES, D. E.	1932	APRIL 10, 1945	10
KENYON, H. J.	JUNE, 1943	MARCH 24, 1945	28
LAUDANI, T. J.	JUNE, 1943	NOVEMBER 6, 1944	29
LOTHROP, R. B.	1930	OCTOBER 21, 1944	9
MEEHAN, A. W.	1928	DECEMBER, 1945	8
MEIGS, M. C.	1940	DECEMBER 11, 1944	20
MURPHY, J. J., JR.	1940	SEPTEMBER 7, 1944	20
NEWCOMER, D. A.	1919	AUGUST 25, 1944	5
NEWMAN, D. B.	1939	MAY 29, 1943	18
POGUE, A. R.	1926	MAY 27, 1945	6
POLLA, H. J.	1941	DECEMBER 15, 1944	23
PRAEGER, R. B.	1938	DECEMBER 3, 1944	16
PRESNELL, J. F., JR.	1940	DECEMBER 15, 1944	21
REYNOLDS, J. F.	JANUARY, 1943	MAY 28, 1944	25
ROSENSTOCK, E. S.	1938	JANUARY 31, 1945	17
RUMBOUGH, J. E. H.	JANUARY, 1943	DECEMBER 3, 1944	26
SCOTT, W. H., JR.	JANUARY, 1943	APRIL 12, 1945	27
SIMPSON, F. J.	1930	APRIL 14, 1945	10
SMITH, W. H.	1901	JUNE 11, 1946	3
STICKNEY, R. C., JR.	JUNE, 1943	JANUARY 3, 1945	30
STRICKLER, D. G.	1927	FEBRUARY 8, 1942	7
THOMPSON, J. P.	1940	SEPTEMBER 30, 1944	24
WARREN, M. P., JR.	1933	JANUARY 9, 1945	12
WATKINS, E. M., JR.	JUNE, 1943	APRIL 20, 1944	31
WHITEHURST, C. B., JR.	1938	OCTOBER 24, 1944	17
WIESER, L. C.	JUNE, 1943	APRIL 21, 1945	31



Halstead Dorey

NO. 3784 CLASS OF 1897

Died June 19, 1946, at San Antonio, Texas, aged 72 years.

THE death of Major General Halstead Dorey at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, comes as a great shock to his classmates of '97, U.S. Military Academy, and to his many friends throughout the country both in the service and in civil life.

After some fifty years since entering West Point the loss of comrades seems less tragic and one's classmates turn to reminiscence and remembrance. Halstead Dorey came from that remarkable state of Missouri that did so well by the Class of '97. That is easy to prove when I recall Workizer, Frizzell and Gibson, and others still living. Every one of them brings back to '97 spicy and flavored incidents of a remarkable group that made their mark not only in the class but in the service of the United States. Mr. Lincoln once remarked that the most noble person he had ever met and the only one that lived up to his expectations in appearance was Colonel Doniphan of Missouri. The thought of that remark often occurred to me since first seeing Halstead Dorey. One of his classmates writes to me that he was the most lovable character he ever knew. Another speaks of his fine soldierly bearing and all unite in their mentioning his serene temperament, both in peace and war, and his selflessness in the little and big relations of cadet days and of his service in the army. Since his death, friends throughout the country, both in the service and in civil life, have expressed general sympathy and deep affection in their remembrances.

Great sorrow and sympathy will also be felt throughout the Philippines, where General Dorey had many assignments and intimate associations. At Zamboanga and Manila, both the General and his family, with their abiding interest in the Moros and the Filipinos, and their charming kindness and hospitality, have left much of that spirit which fostered the consistent loyalty of the people of the Philippines during the past war.

Upon graduation from West Point in 1897, Dorey was commissioned as an additional second lieutenant and was assigned to the 23d Infantry, with which he served at Fort Brown, Texas, until the outbreak of the Spanish-American war.

A great portion of his service in the line is associated with the 4th Infantry, with which he served with gallantry and distinction both in the Santiago campaign and in the Philippine Insurrection as a junior officer, and later as its commanding officer in World War I, when he particularly distinguished himself, receiving the Distinguished Service Cross and the Distinguished Service Medal, accompanying citations of which are as follows:

The Distinguished Service Cross: "When his men had become almost exhausted by twelve days of continuous fighting against stubborn resistance and had suffered heavy casualties, Col. Dorey, himself suffering from a painful wound, went forward from his post of command through a heavy enemy barrage to the front line, where he reorganized his forces and directed the attacking units for two days until he was again severely wounded. His conspicuous bravery inspired his troops to the successful assault of a strongly fortified ravine and woods, which were of vital importance, and resulted in the capture of numerous prisoners and important material".

The Distinguished Service Medal: "He commanded with distinction the 4th Infantry, 3d Division, during the battle of the Marne, the advance from the Marne to the Ourcq, and in the St. Mihiel and Argonne-Meuse offensives. It was his regiment that led the advance to the Ourcq, capturing Chamel, Charmel-Chateau, Villardelle Ferme, and Rhoncheres. The successes attained by his command were greatly influenced by the high qualities of leadership he continually displayed in all these operations".

Dorey was an outstanding infantryman and was devoted to his old regiment, the 4th Infantry, and to the men who served under him through the years in his capacities from company officer to regimental commander. He was serving as Assistant to the Chief of Infantry when promoted to General Officer.

He was a typical West Pointer who looked his part, and his character, code of conduct, and professional attainments correspond, so that from time to time, although known throughout the service as a field soldier, he was called to staff duty not only as aide to Generals Hall, Ludlow, and Leonard Wood, but in other key staff assignments. He was a Graduate of the Army War College, and served on the War Department General Staff.

He accompanied General Ludlow as a member of a board sent by Mr. Root to study the general staff systems in Europe and was recorder of that board, which was instrumental in establishing our General Staff system.

When General Wood became Governor of the Moro Province in 1903, Dorey was commanding a battalion of Scouts (Maccabees), and as such had experience and sympathetic understanding of the natives so that as Aide to General Wood in the handling of the Moros in the South and later on

in Manila he was invaluable in helping General Wood in his sympathetic relations with Filipinos, Moros and the Hill Tribes. When Colonel Stimson followed General Wood as Governor General he recalled Dorey at once to continue as his Assistant. On Dorey's leaving the Philippine Islands he received a letter from the then Moro Representative in the Philippine Assembly which begins:

"It caused my Moro people and myself no little shock to learn from the columns of the press that you will soon be relieved from the Philippines and called for duty in the United States. The Moros, especially of Zamboanga, have been considering you as their second father next to the late General Wood. The fatherly and wise advices you have patiently and unselfishly given the Moros and your untiring efforts to help them in promoting their welfare while assigned in Mindanao and Sulu (old Moro Province) during the early American occupation of the Philippine Islands and while detailed in Malacanan as aide to the late Governors-General Wood and Stimson until the present time, will be forever remembered by them and related to their children and their children's children".

In 1915, while serving as aide to General Wood, General Dorey had charge of the citizens military training affairs and commanded the first businessmen's training camp at Plattsburg, New York. He is thus well known to that group of men which played such an important part in World War I and in subsequent years in channels of National Defense.

After World War I, General Dorey served with distinction both in the United States and in the Philippines and in 1934 took command of the Hawaiian Division, where he subsequently retired.

With the shock of General Dorey's death and the sympathy felt by all, there is an accompanying feeling of great pride in him and in his service, that his classmates, friends and associates the world over will continue to cherish.

General Dorey is survived by his wife, the former Theodora Cheney of Manchester, Conn., and his daughters: Miss Edna Dorey of Boerne, Texas, and Georgiana, wife of Col. M. F. Grant, now Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1 of the United States Military Academy at West Point.

Walter Herbert Smith

NO. 4055 CLASS OF 1901

Died June 11, 1946, at Washington, D. C., aged 66 years.

IN June of '97 two skinny, blond Southern boys from small towns of Georgia and Kentucky spent their last night as civilians in the same boarding house in New York, recommended by "home town folks", before taking the old steamer Mary Powell for West Point. The Georgia boy was Walter Herbert Smith, who became "Bill" to distinguish him from Walter D. Smith, known as "W.D." Both shy, and facing the same horrendous problem, they formed then and there a

friendship that never altered in half a century.

After plebe camp they chose to room together for their four years at the Academy; and after graduation Fate sent them to Leavenworth as Cavalry Shavetails, to help organize the new Fourteenth Cavalry. Again they were room-mates from choice, though they might have luxuriated in an apartment apiece in Schofield Hall.

After that their paths were generally separate, though there was never anybody who could take Bill's place. His high sense of honor and duty, his steady determination to master the work at hand with a gay deprecating smile at his own seriousness, were just Bill.

As a bachelor at the Infantry and Cavalry School and Staff College at Fort Leavenworth (1905-1907) he was in constant demand, but always had time to be "Uncle Bill" to all the youngsters on the Post, who adored him.



Bill married a Georgia girl, lovely Emita Dobbs of Marietta, in 1915. She lives in Washington, where she and Bill lived after his retirement for disability in 1934.

Just as he faithfully served his country, he served his many devoted clients in civil life, until his sudden death.

Three children had the joy of Bill's devotion; Kimball, Wilda—now Mrs. Edward J. Klecka—and Peter S., who is doing graduate work at Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

Since 1934, Bill's classmates stationed in or near Washington had been privileged to keep in closer touch with him than had been possible to the writer. They could probably write fully of the events of his later life. He was a loyal and beloved member of 1901, as the Class Bulletins show.

Walter Herbert Smith was born on September 4th, 1879, at Thomasville, Georgia. He entered the U.S. Military Academy, June 19, 1897, graduating February 18, 1901. He was promoted through the various grades, and reached the grade of Colonel, Regular Army, on January 1, 1932.

The following is a brief summary of his service, from War Department records:

He had the degree of B.S. conferred upon him by the United States Mil-

itary Academy, 1901; and was a Distinguished Graduate, Infantry-Cavalry School, 1906; Staff College, 1907; Field Artillery School, Battery Commanders' Course, 1919; Advanced Course, 1927; and Chemical Warfare School, Field Officers' Course, 1931.

Upon his graduation from the United States Military Academy he served with the 13th United States Cavalry, and later was a student at the Infantry-Cavalry School and at the Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, to 1907; assigned to the 7th and 8th United States Cavalry, Signal Corps, Quartermaster Corps and Field Artillery Corps, to 1917; assigned to the 18th Field Artillery, Fort Bliss, Texas, and later with the American Expeditionary Forces in France, to December 1919; Commanding Officer, 14th Field Artillery, to March 1922; Executive Officer, 152d Field Artillery Brigade, Headquarters, 77th Division, 39 Whitehall Street, New York, New York, to August, 1927; Student, Advanced Course, Field Artillery School, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, to March, 1928; Regimental Executive, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, to July, 1931; Student, Field Officers' Course, the Chemical Warfare School, Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland, to August, 1931; Unit Instructor, 862d Field Artillery (Horse) Baltimore, Maryland, to August, 1933; assigned duty as Chief, Historical Section, Army War College, Washington, D. C., to September 30, 1934, the date of his retirement.

—K. T. R.

Harrison Herman

NO. 5581 CLASS OF 1916

*Killed in Action, December 26, 1944,
near Arlon, Belgium, aged 52 years.*

veles and the month at sea by organizing a circulating library of current fiction. Bookcases that functioned on a rolling ship, ingeniously contrived to hold together as bookshelves or as packing boxes were made, and books were acquired by contributions from officers and by purchase through the Post Exchange.

All of his daylight time of the quarantine period and the long trans-Pacific voyage were devoted to the operation of this library, enjoyed by officers and their families and men alike.

He saw much of Army life before entering the Military Academy. In the winter of 1909 while stationed at Fort D. A. Russell, Wyoming, a blizzard descended upon the land after the children from the Post had gone to school in Cheyenne, about two miles away. The snow lay so deep by mid-afternoon that all transportation had stopped between the city and the Post and all roads were impassable for man or beast. At the close of school Har-



COLONEL HARRISON HERMAN was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, on November 9, 1892,—the second son of Colonel Fred J. Herman, (Cavalry) U.S. Army, Retired.

Harrison lived in Cincinnati until his father entered the Regular Service in 1902, and thereafter spent his boyhood among the soldiers in the West and in the tropics, experiencing all the handicaps and difficulties that beset the children of officers of the Regular Service prior to the First World War in educational matters, due to the many changes of station of his parents.

While in the Philippines in 1907-8, the High School at Batangas, although splendidly equipped otherwise, was geared to the mental calibre of the native children and unsuited to boys of his age and appropriate grade. So his father was obliged to be his tutor, and spend much midnight oil brushing dust and cobwebs from his own knowledge of the studies involved in order to be fit to give lessons to Harrison on the next day.

Harrison was a considerate youngster, much interested in the soldiers of his father's regiment and mingled freely with them, helping in the solution of their personal problems.

When orders came returning the regiment to the States, he conceived the idea of breaking the monotony of the long quarantine period at Mari-

son marshalled the children from the Post and took them to the largest hotel in Cheyenne and had them register for the night,—then telephoned the Post that all were safe and would go to school as usual on the next day and come home in the evening if snow conditions permitted. By the next afternoon transportation to the Post had been re-established and the children all returned to the Post,—and the hotel made no charge for their shelter and entertainment.

He often accompanied his father and his brother Fred W. Herman (Class of 1914, U.S.M.A.) on practice marches in the West and Southwest and spent the entire summer of 1904 with the troops in the Yosemite National Park where the U.S. Cavalry then performed the duties of Forest Rangers.

Appointed at Large, he entered the U.S. Military Academy in 1911 and was graduated in June 1916.

His cadet nickname was "Beans". He was a clean-sleeve, sharpshooter. A.B. Indoor Meet, and Captain of two teams,—one, the 1916 Medicine Ball Team and the other the Cullum Hall football squad, on which he played four years. Had he been a little heavier he would have been on the great squad.

Assigned to the 28th Infantry upon graduation he joined his company at Fort Ringgold, Texas, receiving his promotion to First Lieutenant at the same time. Early in 1917 he transferred to the Cavalry and during the First World War served overseas at Brest, France, with the 3rd Cavalry, one of the few officers of Cavalry serving in his own arm in that war.

After serving for a period as a Captain in the Tank Corps he returned as a Major with the 3rd Cavalry to Fort Ethan Allen, Vermont, with nearly two years service in Europe.

In 1919, in New York City, he married Ruth Bingaman, an Ohio girl, a talented and well-known pianist who had made a name for herself in the professional world.

Harrison was an enthusiastic Polo player,—at Fort Ethan Allen, Vermont,—on the border at Marfa, Texas,—on the Governors Island Team,—and as Polo Manager at the Presidio of Monterey, at one time rating a National Handicap of two goals,—and participated in many tournaments.

He was on duty with the Air Corps Tactical School at Langley Field in 1930 and participated in the first air corps maneuvers over the Eastern and Central States during which the entire air force assembled at Chicago and vicinity and flew en masse to New York City. He graduated in that course.

After graduation from the Cavalry School at Fort Riley and the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, he organized the Fresno District (California) of the Civilian Conservation Corps with exceptional efficiency and served with distinction through two tours of duty with the Organized Reserves in New England.

Harrison's outstanding characteristics were his quiet sense of humor, his wit and sincerity, his unassuming demeanor, his love for animals and his evident joy in his chosen career. He was well liked at the Academy and became one of those solid, responsible, loyal officers upon whom the Regular Army depends. His long service with troops gave him mastery in the art of handling men. With their interest at heart he was always well beloved by officers and soldiers alike. Thoroughly at home in his profession and abreast of the latest developments he was enthusiastic as to the value of the tank destroyer and willingly gave up his lifelong devotion to the horse and the rifle for this new weapon.

His love of animals was not diminished by the stress of war. While billeted on an Estate of an English Earl in 1944 an unfortunate buck entangled his antlers in a barbed wire fence and Harrison, after two hours labor succeeded in freeing him without injury. While in Belgium and Luxemburg he wrote with regret of the use of the fine German Shepherd dogs used solely for work in drawing milk carts and herding cattle.

Guns always intrigued him. He was an excellent marksman with the rifle and for three summers attended the matches at Camp Perry (1922—1923—1924).

His great interest and belief in the armored units led to his detail to organize the 691st Tank Destroyer Bat-

talion in 1941 at Fort Bliss, Texas. Upon promotion to Colonel he was given command of the 7th Tank Destroyer Group at Camp Hood, Texas, serving later at Camp Shelby, Mississippi. He took the Group overseas in January, 1944, participating in the entire Normandy Invasion, the campaign in Luxemburg and the fighting around Brest.

His command was at Harlang, a small Luxemburg village five miles from Bastogne, on December 16th and 17th when the Germans began their attack in the Battle of the Bulge. When the Germans were in Wiltz and almost to Bastogne on December 19th his Group was ordered to Neufchateau and then to Liebramont to protect the left flank of the 8th Corps whose C.P. had been in Bastogne. On the 24th, 25th, and 26th the 7th Tank Destroyer Group was at Liebramont, a center of an important road net, and had established blocks on all roads except the road to the southwest. The 8th Corps was then at Neufchateau.

During this period Colonel Herman had gathered the stragglers of all arms coming back, including Infantry, Railroad Engineers, Ordnance and Supply troops, a battalion of 105s that had lost all of its officers, and a battery of 50-cal. anti-aircraft guns—assigning them where they were most needed to strengthen his lines and he was thus able to deny to the enemy a very important road net and to make possible the American counter-attack that threw the Germans back to their original location. Many of these salvaged troops were taken from him and sent to other sectors upon orders from the 8th Corps. A force of 2,000 Germans was at St. Hubert but the dispositions of the 7th Tank Destroyer Group prevented them from capturing Liebramont.

At 3 o'clock of the afternoon of the 26th of December the German bombers came over,—two M.E. 109s and an American P-38 that had been taken by the enemy. The day was cold and gloomy with the sky overcast. The 7th Tank Destroyer Group Command Post, in a school house, was hit by two 500 pound bombs and set in flames extending upward for a hundred feet. The noise of exploding bombs was terrific and all who could, had taken cover in slit trenches or otherwise; a 500 pound bomb struck twelve feet from Harrison's trench killing him and Major George Davidson,—a lieutenant, and several enlisted men of his command at that point,—twenty-five men were killed in that immediate vicinity within two minutes.

When taken from the trench there was not a mark upon Harrison. He and most of the others at that point had been killed by concussion.

He was buried in the U.S. Military Cemetery of La Faily, France.

The Decoration of the Order of the Purple Heart and also of the Legion of Merit were posthumously awarded to Harrison and presented to his widow, Mrs. Ruth Bingaman Herman, of 438 Canterbury Hill, San Antonio, Texas, at Fort Sam Houston.

The Citation accompanying the Decoration of the Legion of Merit reads: "For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service as Commanding Officer, 7th Tank Destroyer Group from 19th to

26th of December, 1944. Colonel Herman, when assigned the mission of providing for the close-in defense of the VIII Corps in the Ardennes salient organized a task force of 2,000 men and established road blocks along the Liebramont-Recogne road net which thwarted every German effort at penetration. His sound tactics delayed and channeled the enemy advance to that point where it could most expeditiously be defeated".

Harrison's career ended in the way he would have wished, a soldier's death in the heat of combat. He was one of the senior Colonels in the European Theatre, and both in his daily work and in his death, he set the example to younger commanders that was so much needed in our inexperienced army to give them the final victory.

The war and its responsibilities brought into sharp relief his consideration for his men by whom his loss was deeply lamented. The officer who assumed command at Harrison's death wrote:

"We miss his sound decisions.—But we are employing his teachings and tactics with success,—they have given us valuable confidence".

Another officer commented "We who soldiered with him are proud of the part he played in breaking the backbone of the Germans' desperate attack" And finally the Chaplain spoke for them all: "Our grief is very deep in this group. All of us, officers and men, feel that a great man has been taken from our midst,—a great man, a great leader, and a fine friend. The Colonel died as he had lived,—always his first concern was for his men and his duty to his country he had served so long and so faithfully".

—Fred J. Herman,

Colonel, U.S. Army, Retired.

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David Albert Newcomer

NO. 6257 CLASS OF 1919

Died August 25, 1944, near Loriot, France, aged 45 years.

THE end of hostilities and the information developed as a result of on-the-spot investigations bring to light some of the details marking the closing incidents in the eventful career of a distinguished graduate, the report of whose death heretofore remained shrouded in the fog of war.

On the afternoon of 25 August 1944, while engaged on a special mission during the invasion of Southern France, Colonel Newcomer found himself in the thick of a surprise action at Bonlieu cemetery, in which a small group of American soldiers were surrounded by an overpowering force of Germans. Outnumbered and without support, the American group was unable to withdraw and obviously doomed. In this hour of crisis, Dave was assisting his comrades in making maximum use of shelter when an enemy shell seriously wounded him. He was shortly thereafter taken prisoner. Although given first aid treatment by an American officer, he succumbed a few hours after his capture. Enough of the final chapter is now known to indicate that to the very end he displayed a conscientious en-

deavor to go beyond the perfunctory performance of duty and to sacrifice his all, if necessary, to accomplish what others may have considered impossible.

David Albert Newcomer turned naturally to a military career in the Corps of Engineers. His father, Henry Clay Newcomer (U.S.M.A., 1886) set an example, later followed by David's older brother, Francis K. Newcomer (U.S.M.A., 1913). David was born in Memphis, Tennessee, March 29, 1899. Attending grammar school in Pittsburgh and high school in Washington, D. C., he early determined to try for West Point and to uphold the high scholastic standards associated with his family name. Before entering the Military Academy in June 1917, he pursued a two-year course in Letters and Science at the University of Wisconsin.

In his cadet days, Dave was at once the hero and the helper of his classmates in their struggle with tangents, toluol, and incidental tenths. Steady and sound in his thinking, Dave was ever ready with a helping hand to assist those whose talents failed to include a gift for brilliant performance in the classroom. In graduating number two in a class then considered large, Dave's official academic record is an enviable one. No less outstanding is the high esteem in which he was held by his classmates and associates who knew and worked with him during his cadet days. Upon graduation from the Military Academy and assignment to the Corps of Engineers, he fulfilled two of his boyhood ambitions.

Dave started his active military service with the 2d Engineers in Texas. In good army style he soon thereafter took himself a bride—Lilian Russell Hughes. Married in San Antonio on September 20, 1920, Dave and Lilian together enjoyed a congenial, happy life as the exigencies of the service led them from adventure to adventure. The death, shortly after birth, of twins, Allan Kosier and Russell Clay (1928) marks the one cloud that cast its shadow over this happy union.

With his Engineer classmates, Dave was ordered to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1920 to pursue a special course of study arranged by the War Department, which resulted in his being awarded a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering. Neither his new bride nor the intricacies of Civil Engineering could prevent him from showing the brilliance which characterized him. He immediately put his engineering training into practice in a year's service with the District Engineer at Pittsburgh.

The Military Academy again called him and he served from 1922 to 1924 as instructor in Engineering and later in Mathematics. Again, his brilliant mind made easy what his less gifted associates considered difficult.

After completing a three year tour of foreign service at Schofield Barracks, T. H., Newcomer enjoyed a pleasant two years at Fort Humphreys (now Fort Belvoir) Virginia, completing the Company Officers' course at the Engineer School and subsequently serving with the school staff and the 29th Engineers stationed there. A pioneering operation now awaited him

in Nicaragua. Assigned to an Engineer Survey Battalion in October 1929, Dave soon proved himself a tower of strength in this technical field. In connection with the Nicaragua Canal Survey, he commanded an engineer company operating on the shores of Lakes Nicaragua and Managua, as well as on the San Juan River. Upon completion of the Nicaragua Survey, David remained six months in Panama with the 11th Engineers and there, as Commander of Co. "D", brought to that organization some of the practical surveying know-how developed in Nicaragua. The heat and dampness of the jungle and the physical hardships of the field could not disturb his quiet but resolute determination to accomplish his assigned tasks—and to do them right.

From 1931 until the outbreak of the war, David's activities covered a comprehensive field which the less fortunate may envy. Three years with



the District Engineer, Portland; two years with the 8th Engineers at Fort McIntosh, Texas, including command of Troop B; four years as Engineer Professor of Military Science and Tactics, New York University, where he achieved a signal success, commanding the respect and interest of the students taking his course, and was highly commended by the Corps Area Engineer inspecting his work; and finally duty with the 20th Engineers at Fort Benning, Georgia. While serving with the 20th Engineers, Dave was placed in charge of a major construction project, the early completion of which was a military necessity. In the face of great practical and technical difficulties Colonel Newcomer approached the job with unusual originality and enterprise. To make possible the early completion of the project he greatly simplified the construction details without any impairment to utility. He organized procurement and supply under difficult conditions so as to insure rapid flow into the project and, at the same time, treated fairly both the Government and the supplier. The satisfactory completion of the project on schedule was directly attributable to his conduct of the operation. The outbreak of the war caught him as Adjutant of the Engineer Replacement Training Center at Fort Belvoir. His knowledge of

training methods led to his assignment as Engineer Instructor at the Cavalry School. Here the skill with which he conducted field exercises prompted the admiration of students and instructors alike. His subsequent assignment to the Fourth Service Command at Atlanta, Georgia was cut short in February 1944 by the break which he had long awaited—orders for overseas duty and a chance to make use of the knowledge, leadership and technical skill which he had set out to acquire in the years before.

David saw action on two fronts. As Engineer Observer with Allied Force Headquarters, he joined the G-3 section of that staff in Italy and was later transferred to the 7th Army. With the 7th Army he participated in the landings in Southern France. The fog of war of necessity hides many of the details of his activities prior to the 25th of August 1944. A senior staff officer provided this illuminating observation: "Dave had been selected for this assignment because we knew that his reports would be complete and unbiased, which was what we needed in setting up our training requirements. Dave did his job well and it is a signal loss to the Engineers to lose his precise and analytical mind and Dave as a person".

Dave had applied his unusual mental capacity to the utmost in studying and appraising military campaigns and the phenomena relating to their conduct and their influence on history. He had carefully studied and reflected on, and was intimately familiar with many of the great campaigns of history, both of the middle ages and in recent times. He was thus a profound student of the methods of war and the consequences of major campaigns upon the societies which undertake them and their effect upon the conquered peoples. It was his plan, had the War not interrupted, to put his reflections on the philosophy of war into book form.

The Military Cemetery at Luynes, near Marseilles, France, now holds the body of David Albert Newcomer. His wife and relatives, his classmates, and a host of friends hold the memory of a scholar, a gentleman and a soldier.

Virgil Richard Pogue

NO. 7984 CLASS OF 1926

Died May 27, 1945, at Wiesbaden, Germany, aged 42 years.

DICK POGUE was born in Media, Illinois on September 10, 1902.

When he was appointed to the Military Academy and entered with the Class of 1926 he embarked upon a career partly civilian and partly military, but throughout which the thread of military service remained intact.

Within six months of graduating Dick was taken sick and given a leave of absence until the following August, when he reentered the Academy, graduating with the Class of 1926. At the time of his departure on sick leave Dick was a cadet battalion adjutant, and, as an indication of the esteem in which he was held, the same position was held open for him so that he might resume it upon his return.

Shortly after graduation leave Dick was ordered to Fort Randolph, Canal Zone and assigned to the 1st Coast Artillery. The lure of civilian life was strong, however, and the following June Dick resigned to accept a position as Engineer with the New York Telephone Company. Almost immediately he became active in the New York National Guard and remained so for thirteen years. First as a battery officer with the 244th Coast Artillery, and then as aide to the brigade commander and as Plans and Training Officer of the Coast Artillery Brigade he made an outstanding contribution to the efficiency of the New York National Guard and the effective part it was to play in the struggle to come.

When the National Guard was ordered into Federal service Dick was one of the first to go. As a major he transferred to the 245th Coast Artillery and was inducted on September 15, 1940. The tour of Federal service



was then to be for a period of one year but Dick was never to leave the Army. Before the year was up the tour was lengthened to eighteen months and then the war extended it indefinitely.

In September 1941, when the First Army staff was being augmented for the important Carolina maneuvers, Dick, at that time a lieutenant colonel, was ordered to Headquarters First Army on temporary duty and assigned as Executive Officer of the Signal Section. His accomplishments were so outstanding that he was subsequently assigned to the position permanently, promoted to colonel, and, when the First Army Headquarters cadre departed for England, Dick was among the chosen few who were destined to constitute the nucleus of the Army Headquarters charged with the assault on the Normandy coast.

There followed frantic days of planning for the long awaited D-Day. Dick performed so well during that period that he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal, "For meritorious service in England, from 20 October 1943 to 31 May 1944 as Executive officer, Signal Section, Headquarters First United States Army, in connection with military operations against the enemy".

For the Normandy invasion he was assigned to the Task Force Flagship

where he had a ringside seat for the great show. After landing in Normandy, Dick continued throughout the Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Germany campaigns as Executive of the First Army Signal Section. During that period, which carried him from the beachhead to the heart of Germany, the communications problems were enough to try men's souls. But Dick was always there with intelligent, conscientious and diligent application to every task and a ready wit and sense of humor which did much to see him and his comrades over the toughest hurdles. His devotion to duty was an inspiration to all those with whom he came in contact.

Dick's untimely passing at Wiesbaden, Germany on May 27, 1945 brought to an end a career already rich in accomplishment but which gave promise of many years of added service to his country. His loss deprives us who knew him of a stout friend and loyal comrade, and the Army of an officer of the finest type.

On June 1, 1932 Dick married Miss Nell Coleman of Columbia, South Carolina, and during the course of their happy married life two children, Richard Coleman and Meredith Frances, were born. Beside Nell and the two children who are living in Columbia, he is survived by his father and mother, John Louis and Leona Baker Pogue; a sister, Dorothy Pogue, all of Ottumwa, Iowa; and another sister, Mabel Pogue Miller of Knoxville, Tennessee.

—R. V. L.

Dudley George Strickler

NO. 8187 CLASS OF 1927

Killed in action, February 8, 1942, in the Philippine Islands, aged 39 years.

AFTER graduation from the Culver Military Academy in 1921, Major Dudley G. Strickler attended Purdue University for a year and one-half and then entered the United States Military Academy from which he graduated in 1927. After graduation he was assigned to the 29th Infantry, Fort Benning, Georgia where he remained for four years and then took the course at the Infantry School. Having graduated from the Infantry School, he was transferred to the 15th Infantry, Tientsin, China. Having finished his tour of foreign service, he was assigned to the 1st Infantry, Fort Francis E. Warren, Wyoming and was soon appointed Aide-de-Camp to Brigadier General Charles Humphreys. Upon completion of this tour of duty, Major Strickler was sent to the Cavalry School at Fort Riley, Kansas to take the course thereat. Upon graduating, he was assigned to the 45th Infantry, Philippine Scouts at Fort William McKinley, P. I., and later went to Camp John Hay, Baguio, P. I. Shortly before the outbreak of the war with Japan, he was transferred back to Fort McKinley and assigned to command the 3rd Battalion, 45th Infantry, Philippine Scouts, at that station. Upon the outbreak of the war, Major Strick-

ler accompanied his Regiment to the Bataan Peninsula and for a short time, with his Regiment, was in general reserve of the forces defending Bataan. When the enemy landed on the west coast of Bataan at Quinauan Point, the hurriedly organized Philippine Army troops were unable to resist the landing and repel the attack. The Commanding General, I Philippine Corps, then sent Major Strickler's battalion to this point to expel the enemy. By his intrepid leadership and gallantry, Major Strickler advanced his battalion until he forced the enemy to the shoreline and eventually destroyed all of them. He was constantly on the front line of his battalion and for his gallantry in action was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross with the following citation:

"Dudley G. Strickler, Major, 45th Infantry, Philippine Scouts, for extraordinary heroism in action in the vicin-



ity of Quinauan Point Bataan, Philippine Islands, on January 31, 1942, when the battalion under his command was in close contact with the enemy forces in the face of heavy fire from hostile machine guns, small arms and grenades, in spite of active enemy snipers, Major Strickler persisted in moving about in the forward elements of his front line companies, shouting encouragement, giving personal directions and assistance, and by his courageous example motivating his men to a high degree of effort. His consistent and gallant concern for the welfare of his troops, transcending any consideration of personal safety and comfort, were a prime factor in the high morale and efficiency of his command, in spite of material battle losses"

Just before clearing Quinauan Point, Major Strickler was killed by a bullet which penetrated his brain. He was again awarded the Distinguished Service Cross (Oak Leaf Cluster) by the Commanding General, U.S. Army Forces in the Far East.

The gallantry and heroism of this officer exemplify the finest traditions of the Military Academy and they should be held before generations to come as examples of what should be expected of the graduates of West Point.

Arthur William Meehan

NO. 8415 CLASS OF 1928

Missing in Action over New Britain since November 16, 1942. Officially declared dead by the War Department in December, 1945. Aged 38 years.

COLONEL ARTHUR W. MEEHAN was listed as "missing in action" following a night bombardment mission against Japanese shipping at Buln-Faisi on November 16, 1942. This untimely event marked the finish of an illustrious career as a military aviator.

Art was born in Woodstock, Illinois, on September 11, 1904, the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Meehan. His parents moved to Indianapolis, Indiana early in Art's life, and his schooling through high school was in Indianapolis. After completing high school he attended the University of Indiana at Bloomington. Mr. Stuart of The Indianapolis Star, who had followed with interest the athletic ability of the youngster while he was playing high school football and baseball, was influential in securing for him an appointment to the West Point Class of 1928.

From beast barracks days Art was a leader among his classmates, a particularly able athlete, and a most popular cadet. His personality was such that he was liked immediately by his classmates and upper classmen alike. Captain of the wrestling team, quarterback of a great varsity football team, hop manager, second class corporal, and first class lieutenant, Art's academy life was a full one and a happy one. He graduated near the middle of his class in 1928 and went immediately to flying school at Brooks Field, San Antonio, Texas.

Graduating from flying school in the pursuit section, Art reported to Selfridge Field as a Second Lieutenant, Air Corps. Randolph Field, Mitchel Field, and Hickam Field followed in order for his peacetime assignments. While at Selfridge Field he married the sweetheart of his cadet days, Lucy Daniel of Newburgh, New York. Two little girls were born of this union.

Throughout his service in the United States Art coached football at West Point during football seasons. His ability, patience, and leadership made him an exceptionally capable coach and he gained a host of service friends through this association.

Upon transfer to Hawaii Art began his bombardment career and was in command of the 72d Bombardment Squadron when the Japanese attack took place on December 7, 1941. From this job he went to the Staff of the Seventh Air Force as the Assistant Chief of Staff for Operations, and in that position was responsible for the planning and processing of many early air units through Hawaii to the Pacific war. An active pilot, and having pioneered long over-water flights in land based aircraft, Art volunteered for and executed the longest over-water bombing mission, against Japanese installations on Wake Island. For this flight he was awarded the Dis-

tinguished Flying Cross in June 1942.

In August 1942 Art, then a Colonel in the Air Corps, was given command of the newly organized 90th Heavy Bombardment Group and he began his last minute grooming of that organization before taking it into the war against the Japanese in New Guinea. Art's station was Iron Range in the northern Australian jungles. From this base, he began bombing operations against shipping in and near Rabaul Harbor. The second mission led by this able leader resulted in his death somewhere over Japanese waters. His life and active leadership ended with this flight, but the influence of his courageousness and ability stayed with his organization throughout the war. Art's death undoubtedly brought an end to a career that would have continued in the illustrious pattern set by his early war exploits. To those of us who knew him intimately his high ideals were fully realized. He lived



true to the traditions of the motto of his Alma Mater, "Duty, Honor, and Country", and his spirit will ever fly with his comrades.

Orin Doughty Haugen

NO. 9023 CLASS OF 1930

Died February 22, 1945, as a result of wounds received in action on Luzon, Philippine Islands, aged 37 years.

ORIN DOUGHTY HAUGEN, was born at Wyndmere, North Dakota, August 18, 1907. He entered the Academy in 1926 after attending St. Olaf College in 1924 and Cornell College (Iowa) in 1925.

When Orin was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in 1930, he was assigned to duty at Fort Snelling, Minnesota. While stationed at Fort Snelling, he married Marlon Sargent, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Sargent of Minneapolis, Minnesota, on June 1, 1931. The couple were active in the horse activities of the Post and the Twin Cities. It was here that Orin became an enthusiastic polo player, as well as interested in Horse Show competition and riding to the hounds. He continued to follow these interests all during his service.

In 1934, Orin was ordered to the 21st Infantry, at Schofield Barracks, T. H. In 1936 he attended the regular course at the Infantry School, Fort Benning, Georgia, and in 1937 was ordered to the 23rd Infantry, Fort Sam Houston, Texas. In 1940, he was ordered to the 32nd Infantry then being activated at Fort Ord. However, shortly after arriving at Fort Ord, the War Department requested volunteers for Parachute Training and Orin was among the first officers to volunteer for this service. He reported for duty at Fort Benning, Georgia, in November of 1940 and was assigned as Commander of Company "A" of the 501st Parachute Battalion—the first tactical Parachute unit created by the War Department. He joined the outfit as a Captain on November 16, 1940, in the morning, and in the afternoon he began his jump training, making his first parachute jump.

Orin served as a Battalion Commander in the 502nd Parachute Regiment, and as Executive Officer of the 505th Parachute Regiment. In 1943, he was assigned command of the 511th Parachute Regiment then being activated at Toccoa, Georgia, and a few months later he was elevated to the rank of Colonel.

During the rugged basic training of the 511th, Orin was given the nickname of "Hard Rock", in tribute to his durability. A news release by the News and Pictorial Section, G.H.Q. Public Relations Office, San Francisco, probably best relates how he lived up to this nickname.

"For leading a patrol through enemy lines to bring reinforcements to his trapped unit, Colonel Orin D. Haugen, pioneer army paratrooper, received the Silver Star.

"He was leading an element of the 511th Parachute Infantry Regiment through the Leyte mountains on November 27, to initiate mopping up action when heavy machine gun and sniper fire enfiladed the column as it was passing through a narrow gorge. The Japs were strongly entrenched on the ridges above the American units position and constituted a numerically superior force.

"Haugen directed a counter attack against the enemy emplacements. The steep slope in front of the machine gun nests had been cleared of cover and except for a few logs and stumps the Japs had a clear field of fire.

"A sniper hidden in a tree top was sending slugs near the Colonel's unprotected position behind a stump, according to P.F.C. George Garrett of Columbus, Georgia, who was with the unit in action.

"I was about 10 yards from Haugen's position. He was directing the counter attack from behind a log," Garrett said.

"I saw splinters from a bullet kick splinters into the colonel's face.

"However, he disregarded it, until another nicked the log near his arm.

"Then he searched the trees.

"Pointing to the top of one, he turned to me and said:

"Get that sniper.

"I couldn't see a thing. Those snipers were always invisible.

"Then the colonel said:

'Loan me your M.I.; take my carbine.

'I traded weapons with him. He aimed into a tree top as carefully as though he were back on the range at Camp Mackall, N. C.

'He fired. I saw a limb break off from a tree, then a Jap came down right after it. It was a beautiful shot—Jap and limb both.'

"Later on in the same action, he made his 38th parachute jump when he stepped out of a 'flying jeep' over a pocket-size mountain clearing to re-join his command.

"The ceiling was about 150 feet. The Colonel's target looked like a postage stamp from the air, according to the pilot. Drifting beyond the perimeter meant exposure to Jap snipers which infested the area around every mountain position, or a broken leg or worse in the trees or on the boulders of the creek bed.

"Haugen landed inside the defense



perimeter with about two feet to spare. 'How was it?' asked a corporal, helping the officer out of his harness.

'Easiest jump I ever made,' Haugen answered.

'No prop blast and this thick fog lets you down as light as a feather.'

"For 35 days the Colonel led his regiment through the mountains on their first combat mission through the world's worst terrain, to clean out the Japs driven into the mountains by the American divisions on the coast and to occupy the main supply trail cutting across the island. When the paratroopers reached their destination on the west coast, they had killed over 3,000 Japs by official count."

Orin was intensely proud of his tough young paratroopers. He trained them for endurance, fast marching, and hand-to-hand combat. He never asked a man to do a job that he himself was not willing to do first.

He led the 511th in a parachute landing on Luzon, and made an unprecedented march into the outskirts of Manila. While making a routine inspection of his command posts with General Swing, Commander of the 11th Airborne Division, Orin was mortally wounded when a shell from a

Jap anti aircraft gun exploded in the room where he was.

In addition to the Silver Star, he was awarded the Bronze Star, the Legion of Merit, The Air Medal and the Purple Heart.

Orin was a brave and gallant soldier. His constant unselfish devotion to duty was an inspiration to all who knew and served with him. His memory will live always in the hearts of his family and many friends.

Orin is survived by his wife; his son, Billy; and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Haugen of Minneapolis; his two brothers, Perry and Gilbert; and three sisters, Mrs. R. Lillestol, Mrs. B. Johnson and Mrs. B. Webb.

—M. S. H.

Robert Blake Lothrop

NO. 8797 CLASS OF 1930

Killed October 24, 1944, while being transported as a prisoner of war in the South China Sea, aged 37 years.

MAJOR ROBERT BLAKE LOTHROP, the son of Captain James Norris Lothrop, United States Army, retired, was born at Fort Baker, California on January 14, 1907. He was the eldest of a family of six children. Even at the adolescent age of thirteen he had the ambition of going to West Point and becoming a regular army officer. He clung firmly to that desire through his elementary schooling and when a senior in high school in Washington, D. C. he took the West Point examination. He passed the examination, not high enough, however, to enter West Point then on a competitive basis. Upon graduating from high school he attended the Schadman Preparatory School for one year and then entered West Point in June, 1926.

Bob's career at the Point was colorful in so far as participation in activities was concerned. He possessed an unlimited amount of energy and I believe his classmates ably described him in the Howitzer year book by saying, "Bob is an intense bundle of energy. If you want to laugh, gripe, talk or indulge in horseplay with 'much gusto' just make his acquaintance". He won his letter in gymnastics, and he was active also in Engineer football, rifle and pistol marksmanship, the Howitzer, and the Cadet Choir. He was captain of "G" Company in his fourth year and received honor stars upon graduation. He graduated in 1930, standing twelfth in his class. Upon graduation he received his commission in the Corps of Engineers.

Bob's first assignment was at Wilmington, North Carolina on river and harbor work. He was there for two years, then he was sent to Cornell University for a course in engineering. He received his degree at Cornell in 1933. His next assignment was troop duty for two years at Fort Du Pont, Delaware. Then he was sent to the Engineer School at Fort Belvoir. About 1936 he went to the University of Illinois where he was an instructor in the R.O.T.C. for four years.

Bob married about a year after graduation from West Point. He married Miss Harriette Burke, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Burke of Newburgh, New York. Their first child, Robert Blake, Jr., was born in May of 1933. He died in January, 1943 while his father was a prisoner of war. A daughter, Joanne Marie, was born in February 1936.

In 1940 Bob was ordered to the Philippine Islands. He was assigned to troop duty with the 14th Engineers at Fort McKinley. He took his family with him, but by the end of the first year there they were ordered home. Bob found it difficult to send them back for he was definitely a lover of home and a family man. His letters to his home folks reflected the loneliness in his heart, but he tried to absorb himself in the work to which he was devoted. In September he was ordered to Corregidor as Assistant Engineer Officer in Local Charge of Fortification



Work in the Harbor Defenses of Manila and Subic Bays. He was on Corregidor at the time of the fateful attack on December 7, 1941.

From all reports that sifted through, Bob, throughout the invasion of the enemy conducted himself as a true soldier. He received the Purple Heart, and he also received the Silver Star for his courageous defense of vital utilities in the face of enemy fire. After surrender the story is a sad one. It is one that grips at the hearts of all true patriots. The humiliations, the heartaches, the unhappy existence of a prisoner of war called upon all the heroic courage that any strong man could possibly possess. However, through vague channels came the word that Bob had survived it all remarkably well. Then came the report from the War Department that Bob had been lost on a prison ship. It was reported sunk on the twenty-fourth of October, 1944.

The memory of Major Robert Blake Lothrop remains deeply entrenched in the hearts of all who knew him; and through his devoted service to his country he demonstrated at all times that he had clung closely to the traditions and training of his beloved West Point.

Frederick James Simpson

NO. 9025 CLASS OF 1930

Killed in Action, April 14, 1945, in Germany, aged 39 years.

FREDERICK J. SIMPSON was born in Rochester, N. Y. on June 29, 1905. After attending grammar and high school in Rochester he studied at Swavely Preparatory School at Manassas, Va., for admission to West Point. He was graduated from West Point in June 1930 as a Second Lieutenant of Infantry and assigned to Ft. Ontario, N. Y. After several tours of duty as an Infantry Officer he studied in the Tank section of the Infantry School and then started an illustrious career as a "Tanker"

In March 1943 Colonel Simpson was impatiently waiting at Camp Campbell,



Ky. to meet the men he was eventually to lead into action. A group of raw recruits was received by an excited cadre and no time was wasted in molding these men into an aggressive and efficient unit. Considerable time and effort was spent by the Colonel in getting the right men into the right places. He saw to it that a man with some medical training was in the medics, a good mechanic went in a service company and a good cook in the mess hall. Under Col. Simpson's tireless leadership, everyone strove for perfection in his duties. He always impressed upon his men that no matter how lowly the task it was to be well done.

Under Col. Simpson the 701st achieved outstanding success as a fighting unit. Time and again he exposed himself to enemy fire while personally inspecting outposts and earned the name of "Fearless Freddie". It was on April 14, 1945, on one of these inspection trips outside the German city of Gardelegen, that he chose to shoot it out with some fanatical Nazis, and so gave his life for his country. His fiery and energetic spirit, together with his gallantry, inspired many in his battalion to heroic action, and he and many of his men received the Silver Star. His men will always be grateful to him for the excellent train-

ing they received under him, for it served them well in combat.

His friends will always remember him for his many kindnesses, his idealism, and his devotion to duty. Freddie is survived by his wife, the former Maude Yarbrough; his daughter, Maude Elizabeth, born on November 9, 1944 at Ft. Benning, Ga., while he was in England; and his mother, Mrs. Fannie Lovelace Simpson of Rochester.

David Emory Jones

NO. 9449 CLASS OF 1932

Killed in action, April 10, 1945, at Northern, Germany, aged 36 years.

DAVID E. JONES was killed in action April 10, 1945 when the vehicle in which he and his reconnaissance party were riding ran into an ambush at Northern, Germany. The citation for the Silver Star which was awarded him posthumously reads in part: "The disdain for danger, fighting spirit and leadership displayed by Lieutenant Colonel Jones enabled other members of his party to escape the ambush". So died Davy Jones, beloved by all who knew him, a real gentleman, a fine and gallant soldier, and above all, a great and true friend.

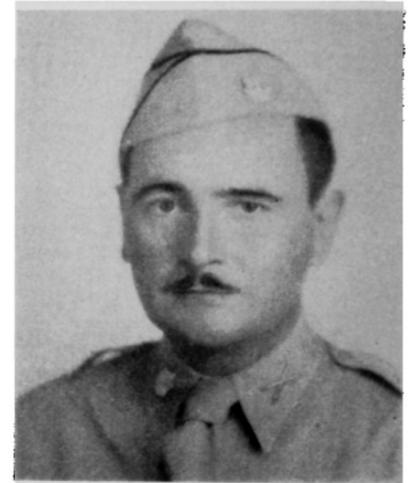
Dave was born at Carbonado in the state of Washington June 26, 1908. While still a youngster his family moved to Tacoma where he spent his early years and received his pre-college education. After graduating from Stadium High School in 1925 he worked for a period of time and then attended the College of Puget Sound. Finally deciding on a soldier's career, he entered the United States Military Academy in 1928 and was graduated as a Second Lieutenant of Field Artillery in 1932.

During his time at the Academy Dave's distinguishing characteristics were his easy affability and never-failing cheerfulness. Academics caused him no particular worry as he generally stood well above the middle of the class and as a result his extra-curricular activities were many and varied. No one ever loved a friendly discussion more than Dave. He was always ready at any moment to enter into a prolonged conversation, particularly after taps and on cold Sunday afternoons. His fund of sparkling tales and his willingness, if necessary, to argue any side of a question brightened many an otherwise dull day. He had the happy faculty of getting the most out of every moment and enjoyed himself hugely while doing it.

Those of us who knew him intimately were aware of his decided convictions on the better things of life. It was apparent to all that Dave was solid gold all through. As a plebe Dave found the time and energy to make the soccer and track teams. During his last three years he was on the wrestling team and was chosen as Manager during his First Class year. In addition, he was a member of the Choir during all of his four years at the Academy. By the time he became a First Classman, there was no one in the Corps who was better known or liked than Davy.

After graduation Davy's Army career followed the usual peace-time pattern of duty, with stations at Fort Lewis, Washington; Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; Fort Russell, Texas; Fort Sill, Oklahoma; and Fort Davis, Canal Zone. In 1937 Dave married the lovely Kathryn Harrington of Salt Lake City, Utah, and settled down to the family life he loved so much. In 1940 their daughter, Sharon, was born and Dave immediately became the proverbial proud father.

Dave spent two years at the Field Artillery School, graduating from the Regular Course in 1938 and from the Advanced Motor Course in 1939. The beginning of the war found Dave and his family in Panama. In the turmoil of those early days and the worry of safely evacuating his family to the United States, Dave became G-1 of the Panama Mobile Force where he did an outstanding job. It soon became apparent that there would be no action in that part of the world. After a



great deal of consideration and discussion generally held late at night, Dave decided that the quickest way to the battlefield was by way of the States. After much persuasion on his part to convince his superiors that he could be spared Dave was returned to the States with orders to the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Upon graduation, instead of going overseas or to a division, he was assigned as an instructor at the Field Artillery School, Fort Sill, Oklahoma. After a year of instructing Dave was assigned to the 84th Division where he happily and wholeheartedly jumped into, as he considered it, his battle job. He was invaluable, as his superiors said in his many commendations, in training the Division Artillery, and was with it through the Louisiana maneuvers, across the Atlantic to Europe, through the campaigns in France and Germany, and finally still with it on his date with destiny at Northern, Germany, less than a month before the European war was over.

If Davy had to die, he died as he wished—out in front, at grips with the enemy, and attempting to save the other members of his party. Dave had told me many times in our discussions during the early days of the war in

Panama, that when his time came he hoped that he'd be killed outright in the open and not have to die a lingering death in bed. Dave got his wish and his only regret, I know, was in leaving his wife and baby whom he loved dearly and who were always in his thoughts. He was the ideal husband and father, always kind and thoughtful. Mention home, or in particular his daughter Sharon, and his face would light up with enthusiasm as he launched into his favorite topic.

Shortly before his death, Dave had written home that "the fighting is over to all practical purposes". On April 10, 1945 the Division Artillery command post of his division was near Hanover, Germany. An advanced command post had been located near Lenthe. Dave decided to go forward with a party of two other officers and a driver in a reconnaissance vehicle to check this new command post, to get some fresh air, and to see an artillery group commander. Instead of taking the normal route forward, they chose a short cut that went through the town of Northen, which, unknown to the members of the party, had been by-passed by our forces and was filled with German troops. They got into the town before they discovered the presence of the enemy; at about the same time the Germans discovered them. In the fight that ensued and under Dave's direction, the vehicle was turned around and with Dave covering the rear the entire party of four got away, but in the last burst of fire from the enemy Dave was hit in the neck and died immediately. His commanding officer had this to say: "He died in action playing his part in a fighting team. There were never any conscious heroics about Dave, but he was a man on whom you could always lean and know that your reliance was well placed"

That Dave had done his job well is indicated by his battle decorations, which included the Purple Heart; the Bronze Star for the period 17 November to 2 December 1944 when he "obtained maximum effectiveness of field artillery firing in support of the 84th Division which at times involved direction of 13 battalions of field artillery and the use of additional allied artillery"; the Legion of Merit for his overall outstanding services; and the Silver Star.

The finest tribute would be none too good but I believe Dave would appreciate most, from his legion of friends, a simple, "Well done, Dave".

James Vance Hagan

NO. 9599 CLASS OF 1933

Died December 10, 1945, at Fort Knox, Kentucky, aged 36 years.

VANCE HAGAN was born at Owensboro, Kentucky, on November 16, 1909. Any boy or man who knew Vance will assure you that a courageous fighter with a great heart was born that day in Kentucky. It was to be expected that he would choose the Army as a profession. He enlisted in the Field Artillery on April 18, 1928, and won an appointment to the Mil-

itary Academy, effective July 1, 1929. After four active years he graduated near the top of his class and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Corps of Engineers.

Members of the Class of 1933 and many others will best remember Vance Hagan by his activities during those four years at the Academy. All will remember the skill and courage that he evidenced each time he stepped into the boxing ring. Many will recall his apparent enjoyment of adversity and his willingness to meet trouble more than half way. Few men knew him well but all who knew him respected him and all knew that he would carve a place for himself in the world, against heavy odds, if given a reasonable opportunity.

Vance's first assignment after graduation was with the Memphis Engineer District where he fought the Mississippi River and the problems that it presented for two years. Officers who



have served on the Mississippi know of the many challenges that the river presents, and those who knew Vance, with his energy and ability, will smile when they think of his acceptance of those challenges. He left Memphis in 1935 to take post-graduate work at Princeton University where he earned a Master's degree in Civil Engineering. He then attended the Engineer School at Fort Belvoir, completing this course of study in May 1937. During this latter period Vance was again ordered to the Mississippi River to assist in the fight to control the river during the record flood of 1937. His outstanding work during this flood fight aided materially in assuring the successful completion of the struggle to keep the river between the levees.

After completing the course at the Engineer School, Vance remained at Fort Belvoir with the 5th Engineers until the latter part of 1939, except for a brief period of duty at Camp Perry, Ohio, as officer in charge of the Engineer rifle team. During the winter of 1939-40 he was assigned as assistant P.M.S.&T. at Rose Polytechnic Institute at Terre Haute, Indiana. In the summer of 1940, the real demands of World War II began to be apparent and Vance moved to Fort Benning, Georgia, to assist in the activation of the 2nd Armored Division under Major General George S. Patton. After a

very active period of duty with the 17th Engineers of this division, including several maneuvers, he was ordered to the Armored Force Replacement Pool in January of 1942 and soon thereafter was sent to Camp Polk, Louisiana, for the activation of the 7th Armored Division in which he was given command of the 33rd Armored Engineer Battalion and promoted to Lieutenant Colonel. After participating in maneuvers in Louisiana and the California desert with this Division, Vance was suddenly ordered to the Southwest Pacific Theater in the fall of 1943 to help correct the serious shortage of engineer officers that had developed in that theater. The two armored engineer battalions that he had assisted so materially in training were later cited for their action in the European Theater. It would be interesting to know what Vance's part in the war might have been if he had gone overseas with one of these battalions instead of being required to match his fighting ability against the Japs, mud, and mosquitoes of New Guinea.

Vance arrived at the headquarters of Sixth Army at Finschhafen, New Guinea, late in December of 1943 and was immediately assigned as Engineer of a task force being formed in the minimum of time to drive the Japs from the vicinity of Saidor, New Guinea, in order to permit the establishment of an air and land base at that point. Here was an engineer mission that would have dismayed many of the engineers experienced in the operations of that theater. With insufficient time to assemble personnel, supplies, and equipment, it was necessary to land in an undeveloped section of the New Guinea coast, remove the enemy from the area, and construct port, base, and air facilities during the rainy season in rough jungle terrain. Vance accepted this challenge as he had accepted many before it and, within a few days after landing in the theater, he was engaged in a struggle with the Japs, mud, and mosquitoes of New Guinea. Pushing his construction troops night and day, and minimizing the delays due to rain and enemy bombings, Vance supervised the solution of the multitudinous construction problems and placed all facilities in operation with a speed that was not believed possible when the task force was formed. However, because of malaria and other evidences of ill health, he was unable to complete the task that he started so well, and he was returned to the United States in April of 1944. Upon arrival in the States, he was assigned to duty as Chief of the Department of General Subjects at the Engineer School at Fort Belvoir. He endeavored to carry on this work with his old vigor but his health remained unsatisfactory, necessitating intermittent periods of study and treatment in Ashford General Hospital for six weeks in the fall of 1944; one month in Walter Reed General Hospital in the spring of 1945; and approximately six months, April to September 1945, in the hospital at Fort Belvoir. Vance died suddenly on December 10, 1945, while on a brief trip to Fort Knox, Kentucky.

Vance married Helen Frances Hopper in September after graduation. He

is survived by his wife, now living at 3 Ruskin Road, Raddburn, New Jersey; three sons, James Vance, Jr., 10, Craig Allan, 9, and Keith, 4; his mother, Mrs. James M. Hagan; and two brothers, Ned R., and Lewis F. Hagan.

The Class of 1933 has lost another good soldier and fighter. But Vance's classmates and friends will never forget him, and his deeds during his life will continue to inspire and give pleasure to those who knew him. He packed a lot of living into those years and faced every problem with a courage that was extraordinary.

Jesse Martin Hawkins, Jr.

NO. 9855 CLASS OF 1933

Killed in Action August 31, 1944, in the European Area, aged 33 years.

JESSE MARTIN HAWKINS, JR., the younger son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse M. Hawkins, was born December 19, 1910, in Ironton, Missouri. There he attended the public schools, graduating from Ironton High School as valedictorian of his class in 1928. He was appointed to the Military Academy that year, graduated, and was commissioned a second lieutenant in June, 1933.

He was first assigned to the Air School at Randolph Field, Texas, then to the 8th Cavalry at Fort Bliss, Texas. In 1936 he was sent to Fort Riley, Kansas, to join the 2nd Cavalry; the following year he took the equitation course at the Cavalry School at Fort Riley. Upon graduation in 1938 he was sent to the 7th Mechanized Cavalry Brigade at Fort Knox, Kentucky. He was in the 13th Cavalry Regiment when the Armored Force was organized. He was made Headquarters Commandant of the 1st Armored Division and later of the 1st Armored Corps. In 1941 he was sent to the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

After graduation he went with the 5th Armored Division to Camp Cooke, California. From there he was ordered to the 6th Mechanized Cavalry at Fort Jackson, South Carolina; and while on maneuvers in Tennessee with the 6th Cavalry, he received orders for immediate overseas duty. He went by plane to Algiers on June 5, 1943. He joined Lieutenant General George Patton's staff in Algiers and then was made liaison officer between the American Seventh Army and the British Eighth. He went with the British to Malta, then on to Sicily. After landing at Siracusa, he joined General Patton and was given command of the 2nd Tank Battalion of the 66th Armored Regiment. After the Sicilian Campaign he went with the 2nd Armored Division to England for further training and maneuvers. In May, 1944 he joined the General Staff as G-2 of the 2nd Armored Division, which was his position at the time of his death, August 31, 1944.

Jess made friends easily and was liked and respected by his fellow offi-

cers and the men he commanded. General Brooks reported: "Jess was a great help to me and his loss a severe blow. He was not only a very efficient officer, in whose quick mind I delighted, but he was also a great joy in any gathering, particularly at mess time"

Above all Jess believed and contended that his was the greatest and most noble profession in the world. He was a constant student of military history and had the utmost confidence in the American soldier. After the Sicilian invasion he wrote, "Our troops have been marvelous. Most of them have had no battle experience but are now unconquerable. Their bravery is remarkable; their ingenuity unbelievable. The British consistently asked me before the battle, 'Are your chaps fit?' I told them I was sure we would take every objective on schedule and keep abreast of the famous Eighth Army. We did and more, and now they



say, 'Jolly good, your chaps'. Initially we had the hardest fighting and hardest supply but met all problems, took more prisoners and moved as fast as or faster than our allies. The combination can't seem to fail"

He was awarded the Bronze Star "for meritorious service in England during the period 1 May 1944 to 11 June 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy". Later he received an Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal for "meritorious service in France 26 July 1944 to 31 July 1944 in connection with military operations against the enemy". During this period Lieutenant Colonel Hawkins served as Assistant Chief of Staff G-2, Headquarters 2nd Armored Division". He also was awarded the Silver Star Medal "for gallantry in action on 31 August 1944" and was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart.

Lieutenant Colonel Hawkins is survived by his widow, Carolyn Stephenson Hawkins; his daughter, Stephanie Hawkins, of Charleston, West Virginia; his father and mother of Ironton, Missouri; and one brother, Russell Hawkins, of Jackson, Missouri. His remains are interred in the United States Military Cemetery at St. Andre-De-Eure, France.

Miller Payne Warren, Jr.

NO. 9912 CLASS OF 1933

Killed January 9, 1945, while being transported as a prisoner of war, in Takao Harbor, Formosa, aged 36 years.

ON the 9th of January, 1945 Major Miller Payne Warren, Jr. was killed aboard a Japanese prison ship when it was bombed by American forces as it lay at anchor in the harbor of Takao, Formosa. Major Warren was being transferred from the Philippines to Japan with other American prisoners of war. His death was a great and tragic loss to his family and friends. The Army and his country are the poorer for it for it ended the career of a soldier who had been tried and not found wanting.

"Boots", the oldest son of Miller Payne and Martha Keith Warren, was born December 6, 1908 in Midlothian, Texas. Though he had no previous connections with the Army he early became imbued with the Army spirit and an intense desire to become a cadet at the Military Academy. The will to serve his country never faded and after attending Austin College he was finally admitted to West Point as New Cadet Warren in July, 1929. He was appointed from the 5th Texas Congressional District.

His cadet days were uneventful and he did not distinguish himself academically, being neither "goat" nor "engineer". But upon graduation he did have the satisfaction of knowing that his commission had been earned.

"Boots" was graduated a Second Lieutenant of Infantry in June, 1933, and was assigned for duty with the 17th Infantry at Fort Crook, Nebraska. While stationed there he married Hazel L. Pratt of Ferris, Texas, a girl whom he had long known and loved, on March 24, 1935. The next year, April 7, 1936, Hazel presented him with a little daughter, Jans. Two months later he was made a First Lieutenant.

From Fort Crook, in May, 1935, Boots was transferred to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, where he again did duty with the 17th Infantry. In June, 1937 he was assigned to Fort Benning, Georgia, as a student in the Regular Course, from which he was graduated in May, 1938. From Benning he was transferred to Fort Sam Houston, Texas, for duty with the 9th Infantry, and it was there that a second child was born to the Warrens on February 9, 1939, a son, Jon Miller.

In July of 1940 he reported to his first foreign duty station, Fort William McKinley, Philippines, for duty with the 57th Infantry (PS). It was mostly work and little play in this far-off tropical station. He worked tirelessly and ceaselessly to perfect the training of his company for the trial he always felt would come to this American outpost. His efforts bore fruit in the outstanding performance during the Bataan campaign of the company he had labored with. Boots was not with them then. In September, 1940, he was given a temporary Captaincy.

These were happy days for Boots and Hazel, with the children, but they were to soon be clouded, for in May, 1941,

Hazel and the children returned to the United States with other families under War Department orders, and Boots was destined never to see his own little family again.

Though he keenly missed Hazel, Jans and Jon Miller, he never forgot the teachings of West Point and its motto, "Duty, Honor, Country" was almost his religion as he immersed himself deeply in the serious business of preparing himself and his men for still darker days.

In August of 1941 the Philippine Army was inducted into the Armed Forces of the United States, and these ill-equipped and untrained units were sorely in need of competent instructors from the United States Army. The high regard with which Boots was held by his senior officers was evidenced in his selection by them to assist in the needed instruction. He was made Executive to the Senior Instructor of the 21st Division (P.A.). To him fell the lot of training the entire officer personnel of the division, and whether or not he successfully inspired in those men the qualities so essential to an officer in battle is adequately answered in the record of the 21st Division, which distinguished itself consistently in delaying actions from Lingayen Gulf to Bataan, and later in prepared battle positions in Bataan. The task given to Boots was to all but himself a hopeless one. By exercising extreme patience and initiative in the training of his officers they were as competent as any when the Japanese forces struck Luzon on December 8, 1941.

The day the war started he was made, in addition to his other duties, Assistant to the Senior Instructor of the 21st Infantry (P.A.), one of the Infantry regiments of the 21st Division (P.A.). He was as well aware as any other in the islands that the Philippine Army forces were not ready for combat, either in respect to training or equipment. The divisional artillery had not fired a shot in training, and one regiment of infantry had not even been issued rifles. But Boots welcomed the war gleefully, for this was the business end of the business for which he had prepared himself and struggled over practically insurmountable odds to prepare his men. He was soon to see the effectiveness of his own leadership and devotion to his duty, for there was little else to fight with.

The 21st Infantry was assigned to beach defense on Lingayen Gulf, between the towns of Sual and Lingayen, and Boots hurriedly preceded it there with Filipino staff officers to reconnoiter the beach. He continuously checked positions, fortifications and continuous training, going several days without food or sleep until he was satisfied the best had been done. He promptly removed incompetent Filipino officers and American assistant instructors, and inspired a great confidence for himself in the men. Training continued on the beaches, and Boots' devotion to his job and his endless source of energy left no doubt in the minds of his junior instructors what was expected of them. Some recognition of his efforts came with his Majority on December 19, 1941.

When units on the right of the 21st Infantry were forced back by the Jap-

anese forces, Boots planned its withdrawal to escape being cut off. The 21st Infantry withdrew from the gulf down Highway 3, the main artery of Luzon, fighting continuous delaying actions and suffering extremely heavy casualties but never leaving a delaying position ahead of the scheduled hour. The tenacity of purpose at each position was but a reflection of Boots himself, who was constantly with the combat elements, lending advice and encouragement and frequently bolstering courage with examples of his own.

The first day on Bataan was spent in wound-licking behind a line of fresh troops and in reorganizing the decimated 21st Infantry. It became a battalion, but it was still Boots' child, and he, though an instructor and officially with no command function, guided its destiny to the end, through successive positions on Bataan, including the great slaughter on Mount Samat. During the battle on Mount Samat the



Senior Instructor was killed and Boots inherited his job, though for only a short time, for the Bataan forces surrendered, starved for food and supplies, a week later.

With the surrender of Bataan on April 9, 1942 he made his way to Corregidor convinced that the fight and his usefulness were not over. There he again proved his worth in an advisory capacity to a Marine unit charged with a sector of beach defense on the island. When Corregidor fell on May 6, 1942 he was made captive by the Japanese forces and remained so until his death.

Shortly after the surrender he was transferred to the infamous Cabanatuan Prison Camp, Nueva Ecija, Luzon, with the Corregidor personnel. There he remained until the Japanese sent a large detail of prisoners to Davao, Mindanao, in October of 1942. Boots was in this group and remained in a prison camp near Davao until American forces again invaded the islands. He was then transferred to Manila with other prisoners to await shipment to Japan to prevent their recapture. The disappointment he felt was great for he knew that liberation was at hand. He embarked on a prison ship in Manila Bay on December 13th, 1944 for Japan but the voyage was of short duration for the ship was bombed by American forces and beached off

Olongapo in Subic Bay on the following day. He was among the survivors who managed to swim ashore, escaping the machine gunning of the swimming prisoners. He was shipped out again from San Fernando, La Union, on December 25, 1944, and the long voyage to Japan began again, under indescribable conditions. While the ship was anchored in Takao harbor, Formosa, for refueling before continuing the voyage to Japan proper, it was bombed by American planes, and most of the prisoners held in the holds were killed. Boots was among these and was killed instantly. He died a soldier's death in the service of his country.

He was awarded the Silver Star for his heroic work and courageous actions during the early and trying days of the war. He has been recommended for a posthumous award of the Legion of Merit. Those of us who served under him shall always find in his memory a guiding star in his unselfish devotion to his duty and his family. Few men have equalled him in these qualities.

He is survived by his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Miller Payne Warren; two brothers, Harris and Keith; by his wife, Hazel; his daughter and son, Jans and Jon Miller, and by his country. He never failed any of these.

—A Friend.

Thomas Edgar Clifford, Jr.

NO. 10687 CLASS OF 1936

Killed in Action, June 24, 1945, near Tamogan, Mindanao, Philippine Islands, aged 34 years.

It's hard to get down here the things I feel—my respect and friendship and admiration for the finest soldier I saw in this war.

It's been more than a year since Jock and I were in the Mindanao campaign together, and the day when I stood on Tolomo Beach and heard the word that the shell with his number on it had arrived in the Tamogan area where he and the 19th Infantry were putting the final touches to the campaign. I just stood there and couldn't believe it, because he had always seemed so indestructible. My first thought was of Brownie, and I remembered the day I first saw him with her in Hawaii in 1940 as they sat in their car eating ice cream in front of the post exchange at Schofield.

Then I briefly reviewed my five year friendship with Jock. First there was that officers' basketball team we had in Hawaii. Of course I had known about him as a famous football player at West Point, and had also seen him coach the 21st Infantry football team—but the basketball court really brought us close together.

Then came the war on December 7, 1941, and he was soon a battalion commander in the 21st Infantry of the 24th Infantry Division—finally leading his battalion in the Hollandia Campaign. Later, after I became regimental commander of the 34th Infantry, he joined us on Leyte as one of my battalion commanders—and then as a result of his magnificent battle performance he was promoted to full colonel and given command of the 19th

Infantry, while I went back later as division Chief of Staff, and thus remained in close touch with him and watched the brilliant climax of his career in Mindanao.

And now, more than a year later, the feeling of shock and unbelief I had on Tolomo Beach still persists—for he still seems so indestructible. In my mind's eye I can see him standing as he always did—so superbly erect, yet relaxed and unaware of his own magnificent presence.

In the past months, however, I have come to realize that Jock really is indestructible—that his name and place in history and in the hearts of all of us who knew him will live and grow with time.

For much of Jock's story I want to call on the aid of a mutual friend of ours to help me, Boyd Stutler, for he feels as I do about Jock. In June of 1945 Boyd published a story about Jock in the West Virginia Review—a story Jock never saw. Boyd was with us on Leyte, and I know will not mind if I use his words directly and freely when my own fail, or in those places where my inability to digest a piece of Jap steel left a gap in my knowledge.

The title of Boyd's story was "Colonel 'Jock' Clifford—Regimental Commander". That title expresses him to me, for I look upon Jock as the model of everything a regimental commander should be—and as an infantryman I can pay him no higher accolade.

"Hell Roaring Jock" (this is a quote from Boyd) the men called this tall, rangy, barrel chested West Virginian who led elements of each regiment of the 24th Division into and out of so many scrapes that he became a legendary character. He was not called "hell roaring" because of his bellow, but because he had a way of roaring right through to his objective, whether on the football field or fighting the Japs.

He was a grim, determined leader, a stark fighter who pushed his men to the utmost of their endurance, but did not spare himself. In battle he had the dash and audacity of an armored knight, the tough endurance of seasoned hickory, with just enough of whimsy in his make up to make him a very human sort of person. That's why the men in his outfit respected and admired him—repeated little incidents about him—and followed him to the death.

Jock fulfilled the early promise he gave on the playing field at Greenbrier Military Academy at Lewisburg and at West Point, where he starred as an athlete and gained his first national fame as an All-American football center in 1935. The same characteristics which gained him renown in athletics later made him bad news for the Japs in the S.W.P.A.—and gained him national acclaim as a battlefield leader.

He was born in Ronceverte, West Virginia, where his mother, Mrs. Mary Clifford, and his sister, Mrs. Charles Huffman, still live. His wife, the former Miss Brownie Peters, and Kris, their five year old daughter, spent the war at Ceredo, West Virginia. Actually, he had had no home but the Army and military schools since 1928.

Overseas in 1939—under fire at Pearl Harbor—Jock fought the whole war

in the Pacific. After a period of service in Hawaii, he fought his first battle in New Guinea at Hollandia in early 1944, where he commanded the 1st Battalion, 21st Infantry.

His daring landing with his battalion at Depapre in Tanahmerah Bay without naval fire support, followed by an almost incredibly rapid drive through a mountainous jungle defile on the first day, were decisive factors in the success of the whole campaign. It was his personal courage and dynamic leadership that made possible the spectacular success which culminated in the quick seizure of the main Hollandia Airfield.

After Hollandia, Jock took a mainland leave for the first time since the opening of hostilities. While on leave he learned that the date of the initial landing in the Philippines had been set forward, and that his outfit was one of the assault divisions. He wangled quick transportation back to New



Guinea—but the convoy had sailed. He boarded a fast naval vessel for Leyte which was scheduled to catch up with the slower moving convoy, but his ship was torpedoed. Rescued by a Navy PBV Catalina plane, he finished the trip by air, but arrived two days after the landing—and found another officer commanding his battalion in another area.

However, he was not out of a job more than a few hours.

I learned of his presence and requested his assignment to my regiment. Thus, commanding the 1st Battalion, 34th Infantry, he plunged forward with his characteristic aggressiveness as our battalions leap-frogged in a breakthrough. Pushing on through Leyte Valley by way of Jaro to Carigara, and on to Capocan and Pinamapoan, splitting the enemy defenses, Jock's dynamic presence added greatly to the power of the spearhead—though his unit of necessity suffered heavy casualties.

It was on November 10th that Jock's 1st Battalion, already exhausted by twenty-one days of unrelieved combat, was committed to a flanking movement in the Pinamapoan area to seize and hold Kilay Ridge far behind the Nip lines. That was the beginning of the fight for the Ormoc Corridor—a slow, heartbreaking, man-killing job—the deciding factor in the

Leyte invasion. Possession of the ridge was of the utmost importance.

"Hold that ridge at all costs" was the order given the battalion. And there Jock and his battalion held at a terrible cost in blood and suffering and courage. They stood for nineteen days of tooth and claw fighting in a constant downpour of rain, and against hunger, exposure, disease, wounds, and death.

Their supply lines were cut by the enemy and the muddy rivers that once were roads; food and ammunition were air-dropped, with much of the supplies falling inside of the Jap lines because of heavy jungle and close contact with the Japs. Other supplies were hand carried over slippery, precipitous mountain trails by Filipinos and tired doughboys, who had to fight their way through enemy patrols and trail blocks.

The battalion stood off assault after assault. Enemy attacks, many of them in the blackness of torrential night rains, came from three sides. Each time the battalion lost ten, fifteen, twenty men—once, twice, or even three times each day. Whole companies were cut off during portions of the action. Weapons, coated with mud, refused to function, and the defenders closed in hand-to-hand combat. Many times, concentrated forces of Nips forced Jock's men to give ground, but never was any of the ground permanently lost.

The ridge became a slippery, slimy sea of mud in the constant downpour. Clothing and shoes rotted; fever, foot ulcers, and dysentery were epidemic. Men grew steadily weaker from insufficient food and hardships. Ammunition was counted and carefully rationed; at times a concerted Jap attack would have finished the thin line—but they did not fall back. On one day, along toward the end, the battalion killed 250 Japs, and when fresh troops came to relieve them on November 29th, a total of 825 Jap bodies were counted in front of their lines—in addition to uncounted hundreds disposed of by the Japs in their custom of retrieving their dead.

General Yamashita drew the cream of his fighting forces from other islands to stay the Yanks on Leyte. Jock's battalion faced continuous attacks of Japan's crack combat troops three full weeks . . . and, as his men were the first to say, it was Jock's indomitable will and leadership which inspired them to make their heroic stand against overpowering odds. For this they later received a Presidential Unit Citation.

With but a brief breathing spell, other action quickly came to the battalion, even before it filled the wide gaps in its ranks. While the fierce battle of the Ormoc Corridor was at its height, the enemy made a landing in force at San Ysidro which threatened the American right flank. Guerillas reported thousands of Nips, but they had been mauled by naval and air attacks. Jock and his battalion, with a considerable force of guerillas, were ordered to make a reconnaissance and, if possible, to prevent the forces from organizing into an effective unit.

Jock's force accomplished this by a series of raids and quick thrusts from

its headquarters at Calubian. So rapid were their movements, so deadly their strikes, that the Nips were never able to get together for a concerted advance.

Jock was promoted to full colonel and given command of the 19th Infantry in early February, 1945, and island landings followed in quick succession, in the mop-up of the Japs on Mindoro, Luzon, and the Visayas. In early April the division staged for a major assault on Mindanao.

The 19th was picked as the assault regiment at Parang. The battle-seasoned doughboys surged across the narrow beach and into the inevitable coconut palm grove on April 17th—but the Nips had fled. Taking up pursuit without a halt, the 19th Infantry, with Colonel Clifford at its head, slogged across the southern peninsula of Mindanao as part of a leap frogging drive from Parang to Digos, a distance of 120 miles in ten days.

That was an endurance test—a cross-country marathon under full pack. Bridges had been burned. The gravel bedded road was overgrown with wiry, cutting cogon grass; they had to wade or swim rivers, climb mountains and wade through marshland, all in scorching, searing tropical heat, halting now and then for brief fire fights with the Japs. Supply lines were cut after the second day, and air drops were made.

At Digos the division commander again placed the 19th Infantry and Jock in the lead for the final twenty mile drive to capture Davao—one of the most brilliant and audaciously executed coups by any regiment in the Pacific area. Thus when June 24th brought an end to his career in the final battles of this campaign, Jock left us as his battle spirit flared its brightest.

Jock had such a hold upon all who knew him that efforts to keep his memory fresh have continued. The men of his regiment idolized him, and every one of them will tell others of their great commander as long as they live. Down in Mindanao they named a main street after him in Davao, and the mayor and people of Davao are building a memorial park named in his honor. After the war they held a special memorial ceremony for him, with a life size photographic likeness of him displayed on the speaker's stand.

Back in West Virginia, his home state, they have proposed a memorial for him.

It is inevitable that such a great soldier would receive awards for valor. Some idea of his tremendous battle drive can be gained from these brief extracts from citations:

From the Silver Star at Hollandia: ". . . Throughout the entire period of this operation, often under enemy fire, Lieutenant Colonel Clifford performed his duties in an outstanding manner, distinguishing himself by gallantry in action above and beyond the call of duty by showing complete disregard for his personal safety under all circumstances in order to accomplish his mission".

From the Distinguished Service Cross on Leyte: "Lieutenant Colonel Clifford aggressively executed the maneuver and seized a prepared enemy position well in rear of the main hos-

tile defenses. . . Always in contact with the enemy and frequently attacked by much larger forces, his battalion made determined and sustained harassing attacks on enemy supply lines . . . and thus disrupted a major enemy counter-offensive. Without rest . . . immediately launched a further determined attack. During this entire period, Lieutenant Colonel Clifford, by his aggressive leadership and courageous personal conduct in close contact with the enemy, imbued his men with an indomitable fighting spirit, the direct result of which was a costly and serious defeat of the enemy. "

From the Oak Leaf Cluster to his Distinguished Service Cross, in Mindanao: ". . . Constantly advancing with his forward elements through mountainous jungle terrain . . . heavily mined roads and bitter enemy resistance, Colonel Clifford . . . led his unit in a grueling, sustained drive to the south bank of the broad unfordable Davao River. . . After a rapid reconnaissance, Colonel Clifford personally led the advance elements of his assault company across a small, hastily repaired foot bridge and, under small arms and artillery fire, fearlessly directed the establishment of the initial beachhead. By his intrepid leadership, great personal bravery, and determination to perform his mission, Colonel Clifford played a major role in assuring the success of his regiment, and his outstanding leadership and courage provided a lasting inspiration to his officers and men".

Jock also received the Legion of Merit, but of all his citations the one that is most revealing is a Bronze Star awarded him for heroism on Leyte. It means the most to me because he was one of my battalion commanders at the time, and I gave him an order which he carried out—doing himself what he did not wish to ask another officer to do. The citation reads:

" . . . Lieutenant Colonel Clifford was directed to send out a small motorized patrol in a jeep to locate the enemy position to insure the uninterrupted advance of the infantry. Knowing the danger of the mission, he chose to personally lead the six man patrol, rather than delegate the task to another. The patrol came under extremely heavy fire from combined infantry weapons and three men were wounded. Colonel Clifford skillfully withdrew with his casualties, with such detailed information that the enemy positions were destroyed that night by massed artillery fire. This bold and skillful action, undertaken himself because of its very danger, was witnessed with great admiration by his officers and men. "

Perhaps the last days in Jock's final campaign can best be told in this extract from the letter written by Major General R. B. Woodruff, his division commander, to Brownie:

"Your husband had proved himself a brilliant and courageous soldier in the invasion of Hollandia, New Guinea, where he played a vital part in capturing the main airfield there. In the invasion of Leyte, his was one of the brightest names, for he was in the hardest and most decisive battles and acquitted himself with spectacular distinction. This resulted in his early

promotion to a Regimental Command over many who were senior to him.

"In the Mindanao campaign the same dash, audacity and brilliance characterized everything he did. Under Jock's leadership the 19th Infantry made the initial landing at Parang and led the way in the unprecedentedly rapid drive across the island. Later, after we reached Davao Gulf at Digos, the 19th Infantry again took the lead and drove so rapidly up the coast that he had crossed many river barriers, forced a column through a narrow corridor between the Japs and the sea, and captured the city of Davao literally before the Japs knew what was happening. This had a decisive effect on the entire campaign.

"Later, he made a sustained drive northeastward up the coast as far as Isang, clearing out the Japs as he went, and made contact with guerrilla forces there. He followed this by clearing the entire east bank of the Davao River, having a particularly hard fight in the fortified Mandog area.

"After only a few days rest, his regiment again entered the battle. This time he made a wide enveloping movement north of Mt. Monoy, passing between Mt. Monoy and the Davao River. This move was made with the brilliance and drive we had all now become accustomed to in any operation he led.

"On June 24th near Tamogan he was forward most of the day with his leading battalion, encouraging and leading them against hard Japanese resistance in extremely difficult terrain. It was there, in the very forefront of battle as he encouraged his men to greater efforts, that he was caught in heavy mortar fire and killed instantly. We feel that Jock went as he would have wished to go—at the head of his regiment in the flame of battle.

"Jock was laid away in a graveside ceremony in the Tolomo Cemetery, attended by sorrowing men and officers he had so bravely led. Here at Division Headquarters we held a special evening memorial service for him, attended by my entire staff and officers from his regiment. "

I was present at that ceremony, and I know that my feelings were similar to those of others there: That it just could not be that Jock had left us. In my mind I could see him standing as he always had: So erect and soldierly, with an aura of limitless strength held under control; with a directness of look and manner that was completely lacking in pretense . . . yet so full of force and purpose. Subconsciously perhaps, I came to a decision that has grown stronger with me since that time: That I would not accept his passing, but would keep him with me in my heart as a model, a symbol . . . which was more concretely fixed in my mind by the message that the division commander distributed to the entire division. An excerpt reads: ". . . No finer soldier ever wore the uniform of our army. No braver commander ever led his unit in battle. He was not only a skillful and gifted soldier, but the kind of military man we would all like to be".

—Aubrey S. Newman,
Colonel, Infantry.

Horace Greeley

NO. 10921 CLASS OF 1937

Died January 31, 1945, in Japan, as a result of injuries received while being transported as a prisoner of war, aged 30 years.

HORACE was born at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, on February 10th, 1914. He was the youngest of five brothers and a sister. He went to grammar school at Scott Field, Illinois. When he was about nine or ten his father, who was in the



Quartermaster Corps, was transferred to Puerto Rico, where Horace went through school to the ninth grade. In Puerto Rico he learned to speak Spanish fluently and also learned to be an expert swimmer and outstanding diver—two things at which he later excelled at West Point. When his father was transferred to the Army Base at Brooklyn, Horace started school at Manual Training High School there, from which he was graduated. Like many boys whose fathers are in the Army, Horace had some difficulty in getting an appointment to West Point and during the long period of uncertainty between examinations and an appointment, he served as a Private in the Coast Artillery for a year and was stationed at Fort Totten, New York.

While he was at West Point—which was from 1933-37—he was outstanding as a gymnast and swimmer. He was a cheerleader, I think, for three of his four years there, and was head cheerleader during his First Class year. Horace was a cheerleader for the last time in November 1941 in Manila, when he and Colin Kelly led the cheers for the Army during the short-wave broadcast of the Army-Navy game received at the Army-Navy Club in Manila, only a few weeks before war started.

Horace wasn't brilliant in his academic studies at West Point, and graduated about the middle of his class. He studied as much as was necessary—more in subjects in which he was interested—and took an active part in athletics. His manner was casual and easy-going, and belied his underlying

great determination to succeed at those things which were important to him. Few except his closest friends knew the seriousness of purpose which was the basis for every important step he took, because his casual, easy-going manner hid his earnestness.

He was determined to go into the Air Corps, although at West Point he failed twice to pass the Air Corps physical examinations before he finally made it. He went to Randolph Field in the fall after his graduation from West Point and was graduated from Kelly Field the following year, a full-fledged pilot. He was sent directly from there to Mitchel Field, Long Island, for his first tour of duty in the Air Corps. He liked his post, and particularly serving with such men as Lauris Norstad, and he did what General Norstad said was "an outstanding job" there.

We were married June 5th, 1939, two years to the day after we met during his graduation week at West Point. Horace had always wanted to have a tour of duty in South America, and when he learned that there were no immediate vacancies there, he applied for and got orders to the Philippines, which he had also wanted for some time. We arrived there in the latter part of May, 1940 and were stationed at Nichols Field with his good friends and classmates, Jack Caldwell, "Slugger" Pell, both killed during the war; and Dick Fellows and Bill Horrigan. In October of that same year, Horace requested transfer to a bombardment squadron, and was accordingly sent to Clark Field at Fort Stotsenburg.

In February, 1941, he was chosen by the War Department, upon his commanding officer's recommendation, to go to Chungking, China, for a six months tour as Assistant Military Attache for Air. He flew to Chungking February 19th, 1941—alone, since regulations at that time forbade his taking me. During his absence in China I was evacuated to the United States. He returned to Manila in the fall and was assigned to Headquarters, of the Far Eastern Air Force, in which he remained until war began.

He fought on Bataan as an infantryman, after the planes and equipment were gone, and he received a Silver Star for gallantry when he led a ground attack against Japanese landing parties on Bataan's west coast, and successfully prevented the enemy from making a landing. He was captured on April 9, 1942 when Bataan fell, and died in January 1945, in a Japanese prison camp, after three years of imprisonment.

Horace Greeley had great courage of a very deep and permanent kind. His courage extended beyond physical valor and bravery to the depths of his moral fiber and gave him the strength to do and say what he believed was right, often in the face of stubborn opposition. He had tolerance as well—a quality which made him understanding and patient in a great degree. With this rare combination of attributes Horace could be, and was, light-hearted and had an easy facility for wit and humor that made him easy to know and liked by everyone. It was this quality that helped him through the long, tragic days of

prison, and helped make life tolerable for the fellow-prisoners with whom he spent so much time.

His will to live was intense, and he continued to live long after he had been given up by doctors. In prison he survived several illnesses which are usually fatal, and carried on day after day by will power and faith in God. He only died when he was exhausted beyond human endurance to survive any longer the agony and despair of imprisonment.

Horace Greeley was a rare man, because he had courage, determination, understanding, humor and the faith in God by which he lived. His place can never be taken.

—J. C. G.

Ralph Burton Praeger

NO. 11167 CLASS OF 1938

Killed December 3, 1944, while held a prisoner of war by the Japanese at Manila, Philippine Islands, aged 30 years.

MAJOR RALPH BURTON PRAEGER, son of Herman A. and Gertrude E. Praeger was born April 7, 1914, on a farm near Clafin, Kansas. He grew to manhood on this farm and took an active interest in helping with the farm work when not in school. At the age of 11 he drove the Model T Ford truck and delivered the wheat crop from the combine to market. He entered grade school in Clafin, at the age of 6 years, in 1920 and finished grade school in 1928. He completed the high school course of four years at Clafin High, graduating in 1932. While in high school he took an active part in athletics, playing football and bas-



ketball on the high school team. He played the flute and piccolo in the Band and Orchestra. He also sang in the School Glee Club and was on the debating team. He attended one year post graduate work in Clafin High following his graduation. He attended one year of school at Sterling College, Sterling, Kansas.

Major Praeger received an appointment to West Point from Congressman Clifford R. Hope of Kansas and enter-

ed that institution in 1934. While in West Point he played football as a substitute on the First Team.

He married Verda Evelyn Ames of Claffin on June 15, 1938, in the West Point Chapel. To this union was born one son, Ralph Burton Praeger, Jr. on November 25, 1941.

He was graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1938. After a short tour of duty with the Air Corps at Randolph Field, Texas, he was ordered to the 26th Cavalry (Philippine Scouts) at Fort Stotsenburg, P. I. in July 1939. When the war broke out he was commanding Troop C.

This troop was cut off in North Luzon when the enemy broke through the main defenses at Lingayen on 22 December 1941. Captain Praeger promptly commenced guerrilla operations against the Japanese. He struck his first blow against an important Japanese airfield at Tuguegarao, Cagayan on the night of 12-13 January 1942. Leading less than 100 men against 2,000, he took the enemy completely by surprise, seized the airfield and killed about 200 Japanese soldiers. For this brilliant feat he was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross by General MacArthur. He continued to harass the enemy garrisons in north-eastern Luzon, isolating them from each other, and interrupted their communications so effectively that they were restored only after the fall of Corregidor.

Throughout 1942 he contained the enemy in a small area, and maintained free governments in Cagayan and Apayao until 1943, long after the remainder of Luzon had fallen to the enemy.

In October 1942 he established radio contact with the War Department, and provided the only means of communication between Luzon and the United States until his capture on 30 August 1943.

After his capture he was confined as a criminal by the Japanese. Finally, after nearly a year of imprisonment and starvation, he was court-martialed in August 1944 and sentenced to death. He is believed to have been executed in Manila on December 3rd, 1944.

In his devotion to duty he set a shining example for soldiers everywhere. To him, more than any other man, is due the credit for initiating the great resistance movement in the Philippines.

Awards and Decorations:

He was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, posthumously, for extraordinary heroism in action during the period April 1942 to August 1943.

He was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross—Oak Leaf Cluster, posthumously, for a daring night attack against the enemy at Tuguegarao, Cagayan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 13 January 1942.

He was awarded the Legion of Merit, posthumously, for meritorious service between December 1941 and March 1942.

He was also awarded the Purple Heart posthumously.

—C. A. Pierce,
Brigadier General, U.S.A.

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Edgar Stanton Rosenstock

NO. 11141 CLASS OF 1938

Died January 31, 1945, while a prisoner of war in Japan, aged 29 years.

EDGAR S. ROSENSTOCK, son of W. S. and Leta Rosenstock, was born May 29, 1915 in Manila, P. I., where his father was in the service of the Philippine Insular Government. His parents settled in San Francisco after returning from the Philippines in 1917 and Ed received his schooling there, graduating from Lowell High School in 1932 with high scholastic honors and as an R.O.T.C. Captain.

With an eye on West Point, Ed enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1933 and after serving a year at Fort Winfield Scott, Calif. he entered the U.S. Mil-



itary Academy. He graduated with his class in 1938 and was commissioned in the Coast Artillery Corps. His first station was Fort Winfield Scott where he served until April, 1939 and then went to the Philippines for a tour of duty.

He was married on March 17, 1939 to Norma Hueter and they arrived at Corregidor on May 28, 1939. Ed served at Fort Frank with the 91st C.A., then as C.O. of the Army Mineplanter "Harrison" and last as a battery commander in the grade of Captain. He developed into an officer of outstanding ability, esteemed by his officers and men. His mineplanter and later his battery played important parts during the siege and battle of Corregidor, for which Ed was awarded the Bronze Star medal.

He was taken prisoner by the Japanese with the fall of Corregidor on May 6, 1942 and he was held in various prison camps in the Philippines until December 1944, when he boarded the ill-fated Oryoku Maru enroute to Japan. He survived the bombing and sinking of that ship off Olongopo, P. I.; he was only slightly wounded when the second ship was bombed off Formosa; and he was among the few to reach Japan alive on January 30, 1945, but he succumbed on the next day at Moji, Japan.

Ed's physical stamina and his great sense of humor carried him through

the hardships and privations of his long imprisonment and his fellow prisoners praised his high morale and good spirits.

Ed is survived by his wife Norma, and by his father and mother, who reside at Hayward, Calif.

—J. E. K.

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Collin Batson Whitehurst, Jr.

NO. 11333 CLASS OF 1938

Killed October 24, 1944, while being transported as a prisoner of war in the South China Sea, aged 30 years.

COLONEL COLLIN BATSON WHITEHURST, JR. was killed in action on 24 October 1944. This information was transmitted to his family on 18 June 1945 in a letter written them by J. A. Ulio, The Adjutant General of the Army.

Collin was born on 3 February 1914 at Richmond, Virginia, the son of Collin B. Whitehurst, Sr. and Adelaide Rawls Whitehurst. At the age of seven, he and his parents moved to Cincinnati, Ohio, and Collin attended Washington School and Hughes High School. While in Washington School, because of his pleasing personality, he was recommended by the Principal for duties with the Cincinnati Public Library, and he was connected with the Library—doing work in the evenings—until his appointment to West Point.

Upon graduating from Hughes High School Collin entered the University of Cincinnati as a pre-medical student, and at the end of his second year in the University he became interested in getting an appointment to West Point. Accordingly he entered the Academy in June 1934, and graduated in 1938.

Collin was always very much interested in good music. At the age of nine he sang in the choir at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, and later sang in the choir at Christ's Episcopal Church and was confirmed in the latter church. For the two years immediately prior to his appointment to West Point he attended Calvary Episcopal Church, and assisted the Bishop in organizing the Brothers of St. Andrews. At the age of sixteen he was taken into the DeMolay Order and was active in that organization until his appointment to West Point.

Collin had a tough grind at the Academy, as the records there will show. He never talked much about it however—he would just write home and say, "I am turned out and will not be home for Christmas"—but somehow he boned up and made it. The following is from the 1938 Howitzer:

"All during his four year stay Whitey and the Academic Department have slugged toe to toe. Now, four stars on his bath robe evidence Willie's superiority. Along with those hard-earned stars, Willie has gained the ability to perform under pressure—something that many cadets miss. By dogged effort and persistence, White Willie has finished the course, but in spite of his academic worries he always found time for recreation. Never has he allowed the Academic Depart-

ment to infringe on his scheduled bridge, tennis, and dragging time".

Collin was also in the Chapel Choir four years, the Glee Club one year, was Manager of Goat Football for two years, and was a Pistol Marksman.

His first assignment after graduation was at Fort Thomas, Kentucky, with Headquarters Company 10th Infantry, and while at this post he was married to Miss Rose Kneubel, daughter of Colonel and Mrs. John Kneubel.

Collin and Rose sailed for the Philippines in June 1940, and he was stationed at Fort McKinley. Their son, John Collin, was born there on 28 October 1940, and Rose and John had to leave for the States in April, 1941. Collin was then transferred to Cebu, and later was under Major General William F. Sharp, who wrote to Collin's parents as follows on 3 January 1946:

"My Dear Mr. and Mrs. Whitehurst:
"Your son was a member of my



Command when I served as Commanding General of the Visayan-Mindanao Force in defense of the Philippines.

"I last saw your son in September of 1942, in the Japanese Prison Camp in Mindanao, at which time I was taken north to Formosa and later to Manchuria by the Japanese. I did not learn until after V-J Day of the death of your son on one of the ill-fated Japanese ships attempting to evacuate prisoners northward.

"Your son was a fine, loyal officer who did excellent work while serving with my Command. He was always cheerful and willing; he made a lasting impression on all with whom he came in contact.

"I deeply regret his loss and mourn with you his passing. Mrs. Sharp joins me in extending to you our heartfelt sympathy in your bereavement.

"Sincerely,
"WILLIAM F. SHARP,
"Major General
"U.S. Army"

Mr. and Mrs. Whitehurst, Sr. received cheerful prisoner of war cards from Collin while he was at Mindanao Prison. They also received a letter, under date of 20 September 1945, from Major Robert B. Blakeslee, advising them that he had been in Mindanao Prison with Collin, and that on Christmas, 1943, Capt. Monett, Chaplain for the Episcopalians, conducted an ap-

propriate service, and that Collin organized and trained a choir for this occasion which added greatly to the beauty and impressiveness of the ceremony.

Some time later, Colonel Whitehurst was transferred to Cabanatuan Prison, and then on to Manila where he was placed on the prison ship. The vessel sailed from Manila, Philippine Islands on 11 October 1944 with 1,775 prisoners of war aboard. On 24 October 1944 the vessel was sunk by submarine action in the South China Sea, 200 miles from the Chinese coast which was the nearest land. Five of the prisoners escaped in a small boat and reached the coast. Four others have been reported as picked up by the Japanese, and all others were lost.

Collin's spirit never wavered during the long months of his imprisonment. He wrote from the prison—"Dad, can you get me a new car when I come home—no trade in?"—and "Mother, don't you forget how to make my favorite strawberry cake". It is the opinion of all who knew Collin that he always felt confident he would live to return to his dear ones in the States,—and he does live—in his son, John, and in the hearts of his many friends and loved ones who will forever cherish his memory.

Donald Burnell Newman

NO. 11602 CLASS OF 1939

Killed in Action, May 29, 1943, at Attu in Aleutian Islands, aged 28 years.

CAPTAIN DONALD B. NEWMAN was born at Midvale, Idaho, August 27, 1914. He spent most of his early life at Caldwell, Idaho. While attending the College of Idaho, early in his second year, he received an appointment to West Point and entered July 1, 1934.

While there he received the nickname of Deb and his roommate wrote of him in the Howitzer—"To those who do not know him intimately, Deb is a paragon of the serious and exact in man. To those who know him as one of the boys, he is the Imp of Humor himself. Nothing pleases him more than a good grind or a humorous fall out of one of his friends. Guardian of all ideals and honor, self appointed granddaddy of all the plebes, Deb was never the less a charter member of the clean sleeve brigade. Add a stubborn determination to see a thing through to its proper conclusion and you have Deb".

Upon graduation in June 1939, Donald was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant of Infantry. On June 13, 1939, the day after graduation, he married Jessica Hughes at Portland, Maine. She soon learned to love army life, and her Irish wit made her the life of the party, whether it was a formal dance, a skating party or a hunting trip in a storm. She was always ready to move when ordered to new assignments.

Donald's first assignment was with the 4th Infantry Regiment at Ft. George Wright at Spokane, Washington. In 1940 he was sent to Ft. Benning, Ga. for intensive training in com-

munication, and early in 1941 went to Ft. Richardson, Anchorage, Alaska, with the 4th Infantry. At Ft. Richardson he was promoted to 1st Lieutenant and then to Captain in 1942.

When the situation in Alaska became critical, Jessica, with all army wives and families, was sent back to the states, and it was only logical to send the veteran 4th Infantry out into the Aleutians on Adak. Engineers, Infantrymen, and Artillerymen alike, drained and leveled a tide water flat and a creek bed and constructed airfields, docks, roads and military facilities.

They moved from their holes in the ground to tents and into Quonset and Pacific huts.

Few realize how hard the wind can blow along these islands where the Bering meets the Pacific. There was a gauge to measure the wind on Adak, but it only measured up to 110 miles



an hour, that was not always enough, the wind sometimes blew the gauge over the top.

The 4th Infantry was not originally scheduled for action on Attu, but a change of plans sent them to Massacre Bay May 18th, one week from the day the first troops landed.

The troops went immediately into a battle sector and engaged the Japs within 24 hours after landing.

The battle of Attu was essentially an infantry battle, the climate greatly limited the use of air power for almost every day the island was shrouded in fog and swept by high winds.

The terrain—steep jagged crags, knifelike ridges and boggy tundra—made impracticable any extensive use of mechanized equipment and any use of motor vehicles. Thus deprived of the most important accessories of modern war the Doughboy, moving only on foot, climbing single file to altitudes of 2,000 feet or more in snow blanket mountain areas high above the clouds, had to blast his way to victory with the weapons he could carry with him.

On May 22, 1943 Company A, commanded by Captain Newman, occupied a position on the left flank of the South Force, just below Pendergast Ridge. Shortly before midnight higher headquarters notified Captain Newman to expect patrols from the North Force, in position on the other side

of the ridge. However during the night the North Force was pushed back and the ridge above Company A's left flank was occupied by Japanese. Captain Newman immediately redeployed his company to meet the threat on his flank. Deciding that an attack on the Jap position was not feasible, and that his weapons could not shake the Japs loose from their protected crevices, Captain Newman radioed for artillery support. He was informed that artillery support could not be furnished because the heavy fog made observation impossible and friendly troops were too close. Becoming desperate, as each time the fog rolled lower and thicker down the slopes the Japs came with it.

Something had to be done outside the book. Could the artillerymen control the fire if Captain Newman radioed back how far each burst seemed off the target? Luckily the observer knew the terrain and had fired a concentration on the ridge the day before.

The two-man combination coolly and carefully gave directions and distance. Captain Newman and his men, crouching a bit lower against the wet rocks, waited and listened tensely. Then as a great swish tore the air almost overhead, the Captain's voice rose in excited triumph: "Right on the nose!" The artillerymen fired ten rounds which threw the Japs into confusion, a condition which Captain Newman took advantage of, and Company "A" opened up with enthusiastic machine gun and rifle fire on every visible Jap. As a screen he requested more artillery fire ahead of his advance elements and with Company "B", which had come up as reinforcements, the platoons climbed from crevice to crag with hardly a casualty. With rifles and grenades they cleaned out small pockets of the shaken enemy and drove the rest across the crest and down into the fog on the Holtz Bay side.

On May 29th, while leading his company in an attack on an enemy position high on Fish Hook Ridge, Captain Newman was killed by a Jap sniper.

This high peak on Fish Hook Ridge has been named "Newman Peak" in memory of him.

For outstanding bravery during this campaign Donald was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart, the Combat Infantryman Badge and the Bronze Star Medal.

Captain Newman's successful action was described by Captain N. L. Drummond in the *Infantry Journal* for July 1944.

We have many wonderful memories of him, one especially as loving outdoor nature. He loved to study and examine every flower and the lines of different leaves, and said he always felt nearest to GOD when he was out on a mountain among flowers and trees. His favorite poem was "TREES".

He had an unbeatable fighting spirit and was unafraid.

His life's work was accomplished while still young, and we his parents, are humbly grateful to have been given, for even so short a time, a son whose soul and spirit were almost above and beyond this earth. He will never be forgotten.

—His Mother.

John Paul Gerald

NO. 11915 CLASS OF 1940

Killed in action, October 17, 1944, near Aachen, Germany, aged 26 years.

JOHN PAUL GERALD was born in Augusta, Georgia, September 17, 1918, the third and youngest son of Anne Cosgrove Gerald and the late Robert William Gerald. His early education was obtained in the grade and high schools of Sumter, South Carolina, and he was graduated from Sumter High School in 1934 at the age of 15. Because of his scholastic attainments he earned scholarships to the University of South Carolina, Wofford College and Furman University, and availing himself of the first-named, he studied for two years at the University of South



Carolina. In 1936 he received two nominations to the U.S. Military Academy. A rather unusual circumstance in that regard is that he was named for the West Point appointment by the Honorable James F. Byrnes, the former Secretary of State and then Junior Senator from South Carolina, and also by Representative Fulmer of the Congressional District in which Sumter lies, having made the highest mark in both examinations.

He entered West Point July 1st, 1936, and was graduated there in the Class of 1940, standing 125th in a class of 449.

Having chosen the Cavalry Arm of the service he was sent to the Cavalry School at Fort Riley, Kansas, August 1, 1940 and later served at various posts, including a term at the Gunnery School at Fort Knox, Kentucky. After service at Fort Knox, he was sent to Camp Cooke, California; there he was promoted to the rank of Captain, and served there as Chief Defense Counsel of several courts martial within his division. In 1943 he was ordered to the area of maneuvers in Tennessee and there received his Majority. In August, 1943 he was ordered to the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, for a special course of study.

Upon graduation from the C.&G.S. School, November 11, 1943, he was married at Leavenworth to Miss Helen Marshall of Baton Rouge, Louisiana. In December 1943 he was ordered to the Indiantown Gap Military Reservation in Pennsylvania and served there until February 1944, when he sailed for England with the 85th Cavalry Reconnaissance Battalion (Mechanized), attached to the 5th Armored Division, with which he served until his death on October 17th, 1944 while serving as Commanding Officer of the Battalion.

A letter from Neill P. McInness of Oklahoma City reveals some of the circumstances surrounding his death:

"When I joined the Squadron I was told that if there was anything I wanted to know I should ask Major Gerald. He was a good leader, respected and well loved by his men. He accompanied a dismounted patrol behind enemy lines and was several feet ahead of me when we were fired upon. He told me he was wounded but his concern was not for being taken back, but for the safety of the rest of the patrol. He was killed very shortly after that and I do not believe that any of the others survived. He shot the German who wounded him. There was no one alive within hailing distance and when twenty Germans came up I surrendered. I tried then to get to your husband but he was taken back immediately. They told me the Major was dead".

Major General Lunsford E. Oliver, Commander of the 5th Armored Division, wrote in part:

"Major Gerald earned the high respect of the officers and men by his leadership and gentlemanly deportment. At the time of his death he was actively engaged in an important and dangerous mission along the Siegfried Line in Germany. In the carrying out of his task he was ambushed and, together with his Sergeant, was killed.

"It may comfort you to know that your husband was one of our outstanding and energetic young leaders. I personally shall miss him very much.

"Major Gerald was buried in one of our cemeteries in Belgium, with a Chaplain of the Roman Catholic Church officiating".

At the posthumous award at Camp Jackson, South Carolina of the Silver Star, Major General Clarence A. Martin read the citation following:

"For gallantry in action in Germany on October 17, 1944.

"When the squadron which he commanded was ordered to destroy a heavily defended road block, Major Gerald, with complete disregard for his personal safety, led the attacking party. Major Gerald was fatally wounded by enemy rifle fire. The action of Major Gerald in leading a force on a dangerous mission, when he could have delegated the mission to a subordinate commander without reflecting discredit upon himself, is worthy of the highest traditions of the military service".

In reflecting upon the life and character of this youthful soldier we who knew him best and cherished him exceedingly find it difficult to choose, among a host of admirable traits, that

quality which most distinguished him. He was possessed of a brilliant intellect, which in any field of endeavor would have gone far toward assuring bountiful success, but that of course was a natural gift. Perhaps his high moral character, his intense devotion to duty and his keen sense of responsibility were the traits which most forcibly impressed those who had intimate contact with him. As the Silver Star citation states, he was in command of the Squadron and could without discredit to himself have placed the patrol under the leadership of a subordinate officer, but he chose to share the risks of the men. That agrees with our own knowledge of him. In early youth he acquired a notable composure of demeanor. At that time he had acquired an astonishing variety of general information and amused us at times by remarks evidencing a remarkable maturity of opinion.

His choice of the career of a professional soldier may well have been determined by the threatening aspect of international affairs when his choice was made. It may be too that his decision was influenced by the fact that his forebears had served in every war since the Revolution (save World War I, in which his father sought to volunteer, but was rejected). Whatever his reasons there is no doubt that he brought to the profession of arms the brilliant intellect, the devotion to duty and the unflinching courage which distinguished him to the end of his life. His advancement in the Army seems to warrant the conviction that but for his untimely death he was destined for future distinction.

We, his kindred, may be permitted by our intimate knowledge of him to believe that to John war bore no aspect of gay and glorious adventure; that he looked upon war as a brutal bloody evil—a curse to all mankind which he fervently longed to have a hand in ending for all time. We believe that desire remained with him to the last moment of his life.

And so he died—died by the hand of a foe who surely could have had no personal enmity for one whom he had never seen before that meeting. Let us prayerfully strive to insure that his death—and the deaths of all his young comrades—shall not be unavailing to remove the curse of war from this tormented earth!

The French, through all the centuries of war in which they have engaged, have evolved a felicity of phrase in saluting the fallen in battle. "John Paul Gerald, dead on the field of honor! God receive thy soul! Farewell!"

Major Gerald is survived by his wife (nee Helen Marshall, of Baton Rouge, Louisiana); his daughter Rebecca (born 32 days before his death); his mother, Mrs. Anne Cosgrove Gerald; and two brothers—Robert Edward Gerald and Edward Cosgrove Gerald, both of whom also served in World War II. His widow and daughter are living with his mother and brother in the old home at Sumter, South Carolina.

Requiescat in Pace!

Montgomery C. Meigs

NO. 11834 CLASS OF 1940

Killed in Action, December 11, 1944, in France, aged 25 years.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL MONTGOMERY MEIGS was given command of the 23rd Tank Battalion, 12th Armored Division four years after his graduation from West Point. His career is a record of intelligence and gallantry. His father being a naval officer, he moved many times in his youth and attended some eight schools in different places prior to entering West Point. He declined a principal appointment to the Naval Academy in order to wait for an uncertain later appointment to West Point. During the latter part of his school career he was handicapped by a painful back injury which kept



him in a plaster cast for six months and in an iron brace for a year. Nevertheless he entered West Point when barely seventeen and graduated 44th in his class.

He chose the Cavalry as his branch of the Army and first served in the 8th Cavalry at Fort Bliss. In 1941 he was transferred to the 2nd Armored Division and in 1942 to the 7th Armored Division. While in these two divisions he was seriously and painfully injured in motorcycle accidents, first with a broken neck vertebra and second with a broken knee.

Given command of the 23rd Tank Battalion of the 12th Armored Division after his second discharge from the hospital, he went overseas a year later, in the early autumn of 1944. The battalion went into combat for the first time on December 9, in Alsace, against the Maginot Line. Throughout that day, Meigs, himself continually exposed to heavy mortar and artillery fire, directed the firing and movement of the battalion on a direct fire mission from the flank against the village of Binning, to support a reinforced infantry battalion which was assaulting frontally. The infantry occupied Binning in the afternoon. Meigs spent the night drawing up his plans and orders for an assault next morning on a sector of the Maginot Line just north of Rohrbach. December 10th the bat-

tallon was in action and under heavy fire for nine hours. The battalion took its objective, but was then met by well-concealed anti-tank fire. The battalion's position was consolidated, preparatory to another attack next day. Again Meigs spent the night, his second without sleep, on his plans and orders. On the morning of December 11th, Meigs, with the lead tanks of his first assault wave got onto a ridge which the Germans had "zeroed in" with 88's, well-concealed. Three tanks were hit and disabled. Meigs gave the order to hold up and locate the German gun positions. He proceeded in the direction of Bettwiller, soon picked up a gun flash, ordered smoke fired on the edge of the village and ordered the tanks to take cover. Immediately afterwards his own tank was hit in the turret by an 88 and he was instantly killed.

He was posthumously awarded the Silver Star for "gallantry and extraordinary service." His citation states that "Lieutenant Colonel Meigs' actions during the three days' operations under artillery, mortar and small arms fire set an example for all officers and men of his battalion, inspiring them to continue the attack on the Division objective, which was taken on December 12, 1944. Lieutenant Colonel Meigs' courage and utter disregard for his own life in leading his battalion, exemplifies the finest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States".

Montgomery Cunningham Meigs, of Havre de Grace, Maryland, is survived by his widow Elizabeth Griggs Lampman, daughter of Captain John B. Griggs, U.S.N., and by his son Montgomery Cunningham Meigs who was born January 11, 1945. Meigs was the son of Commander John F. Meigs, U.S.N. (ret.) and of Elisabeth Hubbard Meigs. Both his parents survive him and also his brother Commander Charles Hubbard Meigs, U.S.N.

John Joseph Murphy, Jr.

NO. 11894 CLASS OF 1940

Killed September 7, 1944, off Mindanao, Philippine Islands, while being transported as a prisoner of war, aged 28 years.

JOHN JOSEPH MURPHY, JR. was born in South Bend, Indiana on January 7, 1916, the only son and youngest child of John Joseph Murphy and Josephine Lesley Murphy. He attended St. Patrick's Parochial School and was graduated from Central High School in 1933.

During his senior year in high school he applied for consideration as a candidate for appointment to the United States Military Academy, from his congressional district. After he was named second alternate, not anticipating an opportunity to enter the Academy, he resumed his previous plans to study aeronautical engineering at Purdue University, and in September, 1933 he matriculated in that school.

At Purdue he was introduced to the Field Artillery, which from that time was one of his major interests. He became also a member of the Zouave

Drill Squad. In his junior year he was accepted for advanced military training and was selected to membership in the *Purdue Order of Military Merit* and *Scabbard and Blade*.

During that year another appointment to West Point became available and he again applied for it. This time he was named first alternate. In late June, as he was preparing to go to Fort Knox for summer training with the Purdue R.O.T.C., he received word to report to the Academy.

His days at West Point as a member of "M" Company were apparently happy ones, although he had a few sharp struggles with the French and Tactical Departments.

Following graduation in 1940, he spent several months at Fort Sill and then, after Christmas of that year, went to the Philippine Islands, the station of his choice. His family has little information about him after December 8, 1941. Sometime previous



to that date he had volunteered for service with the Philippine Scouts and a few days before Thanksgiving had moved from Fort Stotsenburg to Panay. His last letter dated before the war, received the day after Pearl Harbor, told of his having had Thanksgiving dinner in the home of some Americans resident in Iloilo.

In March, 1942, his family received an undated letter, postmarked Australia, in which he mentioned having arrived at his present post by moving by night from island to island, having experienced Japanese attack and having disputed with cobras the shelter of foxholes.

He appears to have been in the Cagayan Sector until mid-February, 1942. The exact time and place of his capture by the Japanese is unknown to his family. He was held at Davao where he worked in the rice fields. Through the kindness of a fellow-prisoner, Col. W. F. Dalton, they have learned that he was one of a group of officers who staged an Independence Day "banquet" in the prison camp on the night of July 4, 1942, the menu consisting chiefly of food lifted from the Japanese. Somehow, the group managed to have a picture taken and a copy of it was sent to them.

A letter from Major Melvin Rosen, who went to the Philippines with John,

gives us this account of his later days there:

"... he went to duty with the Philippine Army in about September of 1941. In late October he left Luzon for Iloilo with the 61st Field Artillery (Philippine Army)—left there about 2 January 1942 and went to the island of Mindanao where he was transferred to the 81st F.A. (P.A.). John was then given command of a battery which he held until he became ill with malaria—and then came the fall of Mindanao. Murph then was held in the prison camp at Malaybalay on Mindanao until November 1942 when he was sent to Davao Penal Colony . . . where I joined him that month. We were together until he was sent to Lusang on the same island. I left the island 6 June 1944—about three months after we were separated—and did not get to see him again.

"In case you have not been informed, we now have here at Fort Sill a Murphy Road named after John. . ."

In August, 1944 John was one of a large group of prisoners started to Japan. Off the west coast of Mindanao, on September 7, the convoy was attacked by American submarines. He escaped from the ship but never reached the shore two miles away.

John is survived by his parents and four sisters, Marguerite, Elizabeth, Dr. Josephine Murphy of South Bend, and Dr. Rosemary Murphy of Boston, Massachusetts.

—Marguerite Murphy.

John Finzer Presnell, Jr.

NO. 11793 CLASS OF 1940

Killed December 15, 1944, while being transported as a prisoner of war in Subic Bay, Philippine Islands, aged 30 years.

JOHN FINZER PRESNELL, JR., was born in Portland, Maine, November 2, 1914, the son of John F. and Fanny Farwell Presnell. He attended the local schools, graduating as salutatorian of his class from the Portland High School in 1932. He entered Bowdoin College that fall and began an academic career of unusual distinction. In 1936 he obtained his degree of Bachelor of Arts summa cum laude, having in the meantime won the Goodwin French Prize, the Smyth Mathematical Prize, the Brown Memorial and Kling Scholarships, and having been elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He also acted as undergraduate assistant in Mathematics and Chemistry. In college he was quiet, modest, popular. For two or three years he was a member of the National Guard, so deeply did he feel his obligations to his country. Appointed to West Point by Senator Hale in 1936 he continued there as a high ranking student; upon graduation he was awarded the Sons of the American Revolution Cup for military efficiency, the General Pershing sword as a cadet captain and regimental commander, and the Robert E. Lee Memorial sword presented by the United Daughters of the Confederacy for the highest rating in mathematics. It is perhaps well to emphasize the really distinguished scholastic record of

Presnell both at Bowdoin College and at West Point because it is evidence of a fine mind, of unusual industry and of a strong character. When he received word of his appointment to West Point, with characteristic modesty he wrote to me, "I hope that I may be able in small part to reflect the fine training in scholarship that I have received at Bowdoin" That he graduated third in his class at West Point is proof that this ambition of his was well fulfilled.

Commissioned as second lieutenant Presnell sailed for the Philippines in August 1940. He was captured at the fall of Bataan, the War Department officially notifying his parents of that fact December 12, 1942. For three years a prisoner of the Japanese; he was reported as having died December 15, 1944 after the sinking of a Japanese prison ship in Subic Bay, Luzon, P. I.

Just thirty when he died he left to



all who knew him the memory of a good man, a splendid officer and a fine and generous spirit. In his memory his parents have given a scholarship to Bowdoin College with the interesting provision that the recipient should keep in mind during his college course "the Cadet Prayer of West Point". Thus a college of liberal arts founded in 1794 and the United States Military Academy both have pride in the life and death of a young American who all through his career was an outstanding example of the military phrase, "beyond the call of duty"

—Kenneth C. M. Sills,
President of Bowdoin College.

Jack Pershing Thompson

NO. 12037 CLASS OF JUNE, 1940

Missing since September 29, 1943, somewhere over the North Atlantic Ocean, aged 26 years.

(Death is officially presumed to have occurred on September 30, 1943.)

AFTER he had survived ten months of hard combat fighting in the Pacific area, and three crash landings, the entire citizenship of Stigler, Oklahoma was bowed in sorrow at the tragic announcement of the death of

Jack Pershing Thompson on September 29, 1943, while on a flight from Newfoundland to the British Isles as Commanding Officer.

On two occasions during the war Jack's parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Thompson, and family, were overwhelmingly grief-stricken. On August 10, 1944, Colonel Paul Thompson, West Point graduate of June, 1929, was killed in action near Pleslin, France. With the loss of two sons, and three others still in the service, the entire citizenship shared the grief and anxiety of the Thompson family.

Jack Pershing Thompson, born June 19, 1917 at Kusa, Oklahoma, graduated from Stigler High School with the class of 1936. When he was chosen first alternate in competitive test, his appointment to West Point came when his brother, Albert, failed to pass the physical examination. Jack entered West Point July 1, 1936, graduated June 11, 1940 and was thereupon appointed a Lieutenant, Field Artillery.

His father having served in two wars, Jack was the heir of a military tradition. From West Point he came home in uniform. Tall, muscular and handsome, he made a gallant picture and old and young alike idolized him. His natural shyness to public acclaim by reason of a beautiful modesty endeared him to all.

Jack took his pre-flight training at Tulsa and San Antonio and received his wings in March, 1941. During early training it could be seen that he was destined to become a crack bomber pilot. He carried the freshness, eagerness and simplicity of youth into his work, studies and meditations. Jack went overseas in February, 1942, and at first was based at Melbourne, Australia as a B-17 pilot attached to the 28th Bombardment Squadron, 19th Bombardment Group.

This Group saw action for more than a year in various Pacific theaters of operation and was highly touted as one of the most experienced heavy bombardment outfits in the Army Air Forces. Its members are heroes to a man!

Although the Nips had complete air superiority in the Southwest Pacific during the early stages of the campaign, Jack and his outfit carried the fight to the enemy, inflicting heavy damage against Lae, Salamaua, Rabaul and Kavieng. They never had the advantage of pursuit protection—their flights were always alone and unescorted. The bomber Jack flew was scarred and marked by battle bullets and shell holes that had never been repaired.

It may be truly said that Jack, who was affectionately called "Crash" by his comrades and acknowledged by them as one of the best pilots of his Group, was loyal to the highest ideals of the service. He was loved and respected by those who fought with him.

In a letter home, Jack once wrote: "I have supreme confidence in the men I fight with; and just as long as I'm in there pitching with men such as they are, it will take considerably more than a little Yellow man to stop us!"

From March 17, 1942 to November 5, 1942, Jack was credited with 21 completed missions and 415:55 combat

hours. But some narrow escapes marked his attacks against the enemy.

Once, while on a mission in the vicinity of Mareeba, a formation of thirteen heavy bombers, one piloted by Jack, was attacked by about 30 Jap Zeros. One of the bombers, piloted by Lt. Pease, was shot down in flames. Jack's radio operator, Sgt. Hickman, was killed instantly by an explosive shell, and Cpl. Copeley, his assistant radio operator, was seriously wounded.

A thriller took place in the sky when, on September 11, 1942, Jack's plane made a direct hit on a Jap destroyer, just south of the Tropical Islands, with a 500-pound demolition bomb. There was a Jap cruiser nearby. The plane Jack was flying "was just an old crate", as he put it, but the "run" was highly successful despite the "sluggishness" of the B-17. The flight indicator went out and Jack was compelled to fly by the needle and ball. The first "run" on the Nip des-



troyer brought forth a burst of anti-aircraft fire which hit one of the plane's bombs just as the missile left the bomb-bay, and the resulting explosion was terrific. It hurled the plane upward more than 100 feet, filling the entire plane with choking, white smoke. Jack's lower turret man said he was blinded by an orange-like flame that belched over the plane which caused him to "stop breathing for about two minutes".

Jack said he wondered if "that was it". The ack ack was cutting all around them, and he was happily surprised to find the wings not in flame. He banked to the left and found the only damage inflicted was a few holes in the wings and control surfaces. With four bombs left, Jack decided to make a "run" on the cruiser and to see "how his crew would react to real danger". He banked out of range of the ack ack and started in on the cruiser as its guns spouted flames toward him. However, he started the "run" too far back, so it was necessary that he get away in order to make another "run" on the destroyer. The ship was critically damaged and doubtless sunk.

The Japs landed troops on Milne Bay, Papua, on August 27, in order to obtain an advance base to recapture their lost positions in the Solomons. Aircraft attacks by Jack and his com-

rades inflicted such heavy losses that the Nip forces withdrew two days later. An unsuccessful thrust for Port Moresby on September 10 was made by the enemy.

One mission, Jack said, added more gray hairs to his youthful head. On September 19, 1942 Jack flew on an armed reconnaissance in the Milne Bay area, searching for enemy shipping believed to be reinforcing the Jap landing party which had already penetrated the trackless jungle. Only a few days before, September 15, 1942, the 14,700-ton U.S. aircraft-carrier *Wasp* was attacked and sunk by a Jap submarine in the Coral Sea. She went down in an inferno of flame and smoke as she escorted a large supply convoy bound for Guadalcanal in the Solomon Islands. There were tropical rainstorms raging over the entire area when Jack's plane roared into the hazardous area and visibility ranged from zero to fifteen miles in haze. The search area was dotted with small islands, mostly five or six hundred feet high. Several times Jack broke out of the blinding rain squalls only to see an island directly ahead. The maps used were not too accurate. Only expert navigation and prayers brought them through without mishap.

Jack executed a daring feat during one of his raids on Rabaul that was described by a headquarters spokesman as "one of the finest examples of co-ordination ever put on in that part of the Pacific". Jack, then a Captain, and his co-pilot, Lieut. Bill Crawford of Niles, Ohio, made a bomb "run" with five searchlights trained on them. The ack ack was devastatingly heavy, but Jack, calling on his expert knowledge of maneuvering, managed to escape after ten minutes of "living hell". Lieut. Crawford later wrote a book, "Gore and Glory" which centered around harrowing experiences such as this one.

No hero ever fought more fiercely or fell more bravely than did Jack Pershing Thompson. The medals he received were awarded for daring and valiant feats in combat service. An excerpt from the citation accompanying the Distinguished Flying Cross said: For "extraordinary achievement in aerial flights" in the Southwest Pacific sector between December 8, 1941 to November, 1942". He had flown over 200 hours on operational flight missions throughout which he "demonstrated outstanding ability and devotion to duty".

When the Air Medal was awarded, a letter from George C. Kenney, Lieutenant General, Commanding Fifth Air Force, said the medal was awarded "in recognition of his courageous, fearless service to his combat organization, his fellow American airmen, his country, his home and to you", and closed with, "I would like to tell you how genuinely proud I am to have had men such as your son in my command, and how gratified I am to know that young Americans with such courage and resourcefulness are fighting our country's battle against the aggressor nations".

H. H. Arnold, Commanding General, Army Air Forces, on October 25, 1944, wrote: "It has been brought to my attention that Major Thompson earned

a worthy reputation as an airman in this organization. He drew upon the experience of his cadetship at the United States Military Academy and the pilot school at Kelly Field, to aid him in achieving unusual success as an officer, and he made a conscientious effort throughout his military career".

Following his valiant combat record in the Pacific area, Jack came home. He landed in the States November 30, 1942, at Palmdale, California. Because of his brilliant and successful combat record he was appointed the Commanding Officer of the "Thompson Provisional Group", thus named in his honor. For awhile he was on duty as Commanding Officer of the Group and as an instructor at Pyote, Texas and Dyersburg, Tennessee, where he taught fledgling bomber crews the full meaning of their slogan, "Bombs for Venom".

Not many of the 19th Group remained, the toll of lives in the Pacific having bled the organization of almost all of its original personnel. Consequently, Jack's services as an instructor were a valuable contribution to the war effort.

Jack's mother requested that he not volunteer for another tour of duty overseas to which Jack explained that since he had been trained to be a pilot and a fighter it would be traitorous to his friends who had paid the supreme sacrifice and those imprisoned by the enemy not to continue in combat service. Daring, gallant, strong-willed and heroic, "Crash" requested another crack at the enemy.

Jack's life was such a costly sacrifice to lay upon the altar of world freedom and lasting peace—which he could never enjoy.

Only immortality can, and will, reward him.

—Nat Henderson.

Hector John Polla

NO. 12576 CLASS OF 1941

Killed December 15, 1944, while being transported on a Japanese prison ship, in the Philippine Area, aged 28 years.

ON the fifteenth of December 1944, First Lieutenant Hector John Polla was killed when American forces sank a Japanese transport in Subic Bay, off Luzon, Philippine Islands, with 1,600 Americans aboard. Hector's tragic death came as a deep shock to his family and many friends. One cannot picture one so alive as he, and with so many useful years ahead, struck down in the prime of life and when his career was just beginning.

Lieutenant Polla was born September 30th, 1916 in Lexington, Missouri, where he attended the Christian Church and the local high school. He moved with his family to Higginsville, Missouri, where he finished his last year in the Higginsville High School. After graduation he entered Wentworth Military Academy at Lexington, Missouri, graduating from Junior College in 1936.

A year later he received, from the Honorable W. L. Nelson, of Missouri, his appointment to West Point. After

graduating from the Academy in June 1941, he had a short furlough.

It was his choice to go to the Philippines. He reported to the Infantry School at Fort Benning, Ga., in late July for a basic course, prior to his going overseas.

On November 4, 1941 he sailed for the Philippines, reporting for duty at Fort William McKinley. Lieutenant Polla was assigned to the Philippine Scouts. During the heroic defense of Bataan he was awarded the Silver Star Medal. The citation accompanying the medal reads as follows:—

"On February 9, 1942 during a coordinated attack in which his organization had reached the objective but was forced to partially abandon same due to loss of contact and failure of an adjacent unit to close up, Lieutenant Polla did, on his own initiative, personally move through the gap under heavy fire, contact and bring the



adjacent unit up into position. This courageous act, in addition to saving the lives of many men, allowed his battalion to hold a position which could not have been held otherwise".

After the fall of Bataan, Hector 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.

One can only say, "Well done". Like so many young Americans who have made the supreme sacrifice, Hector John Polla died in order that freedom might endure in the world.

He is survived by his father, mother, and sister.

—His Sister.

Charles Campbell Ettlesen

NO. 13035 CLASS OF 1942

Killed in Action February 9, 1945, near Helmsdorf, Germany, aged 25 years.

WHEN a bright, buoyant, joyfully alive young man dies, even when the manner of his death more than meets the highest obligation that can come to any man, the living who loved him can truly find comfort in

the assurance that he was at peace with himself and his convictions.

"Chuck" Ettlesen was twenty-five years old that February afternoon in 1945, when on a precarious escort mission, he and his plane disappeared near Helmsdorf, Germany; but everyone who knew him, however fleetingly, knows that he was sure of what he was doing, why he was doing it, and that he did it with his utmost ability, for Chuck had a calm sense of purpose and an inner serenity that deeply impressed every person who knew him, from his closest friends to comparative strangers, and this quality of his was doubly impressive because he had such a disarming, natural kind of friendliness. He was so easy to know, to laugh with, and to like.

Nobody ever called him Charles. Even that simple, unpretentious name seemed too austere to suit his warm expansive personality, so he ran the gamut of nicknames from childhood's "Boby" to the more manly, "Chuck". His name, however, was Charles Campbell Ettlesen. He was born in Montreal, Canada, on August 17, 1919 of an American father and a Canadian mother. Both his parents saw service in World War I: his father, Geoffrey C. Ettlesen, previously with the National Guard on the Mexican Border, as a Captain with the A.E.F. in France and his mother, Muriel Henderson Ettlesen, as a volunteer nurse first in France during the Battle of the Marne and later in England until the end of the war.

With this background it was natural enough that Chuck should desire to enter the United States Military Academy. Indeed, even in early childhood the then "Boby" announced his desire to go to West Point. So young Ettlesen grew up with a purpose. His parents had settled in New Jersey and Boby went to Pingry School in Elizabeth, to high school in Summit, then away to prepare for his goal at Stanton Preparatory School in Cornwall, New York. When he was graduated from Stanton, the Commanding Officer wrote his parents that Ettlesen "set a fine example for several students who needed someone to be loyal to high ideals and who possessed the moral courage to stand up for principles". Even at this early age there was present that moral courage, that sense of direction, hidden beneath his affable exterior.

Chuck was no bookish gent but he had a mind that things went into, were mulled over, then brought out and used. He was a rather amazing mechanic. People used to say that he could do anything with his hands. His living quarters overseas were invariably embellished with sleek appointments made from suspiciously familiar looking objects. One of the Maquis who harbored him during the several months after he was shot down the first time in May 1944, wrote his parents that, "He peeled potatoes like a demon" and that, "Captain Ettlesen joined me and my wife in being good cooks and good friends"

Chuck had other talents, too. He was a good athlete and at the Academy enjoyed lacrosse, boxing, and squash. A great surprise came to him as a Cadet when he was informed for the

first time in his life that he had a good voice and that his services were requested in the Chapel Choir.

Life was not all fun to Cadet Ettlisen as he worked hard for the Academic Department and learned his "army" inside out. He epitomized that sense of duty which the Academy strives to impart to its men.

After being graduated from the Point in the Infantry, he elected to train for the Air Corps and was sent to Visalia, California, where he took his primary flying training and made his first solo flight. He received his wings at Luke Field, Arizona, and went on to win a reputation as one of the most valuable flyers of the 359th Fighter Group. In March 1944, "Bill's Buzz Boys", a group of pilots who volunteered to fly as members of a special strafing squadron, were placed under his command. In the account of the activities of the American 359th Fighter Group, published in England, we



read, "Bill's Buzz Boys were led by Captain Charles C. Ettlisen, twenty-four year old West Pointer, considered one of the most expert flyers of the 359th and a flight leader of long service" In the same document he is referred to as, "Commander of the VIII Fighter Command's experimental strafing squadron and low level attack specialist of the Group". He was a ferocious fighter and could get "blazing mad", an expression of his own. However, his firm, intense thoughts never made him oblivious to the human feelings of his men who admired him and liked to call him "Chief" Ettlisen.

Captain Charles C. Ettlisen held the Distinguished Flying Cross with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Air Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters, the Distinguished Unit Badge, and was awarded the Purple Heart posthumously.

With a spirituality that came not from any marked outside sources, but from deep within him, he wrote home the day before he was killed in action, "Sometime in the future we expect victory, but not too soon for us. We are over here to get this thing over with. I have yet to find anyone who enjoys it. I have learned lots here, things that are difficult to put into words but which run deep. God is very much present, so much so that I wonder if he has the time to attend to the needs

of those at home. So many have fallen that the knowledge of something beyond all this is certain to those of us here. If it is your turn to fall you may be sure that you are in good hands. Men here have shed the cloak of civil individuality and have become true brothers. There are so many cases of 'he gave his life for his friend', that citations or decorations will never catch up with those who most deserve them"

This is why all of us who knew Bob, Chuck, Chief Ettlisen, Captain Charles Campbell Ettlisen, feel secure in the knowledge that he is really at peace and has become a member of THAT LONG GREY LINE "which stretches through the years of a century told"

—M. B.

Robert Langdon Ferguson

NO. 12707 CLASS OF 1942

Killed April 5, 1944, in a plane crash in the European Area, aged 26 years.

ROBERT LANGDON FERGUSON was born in West Point, Georgia, June 21, 1918, the second son of Mr. and Mrs. Anderson Drew Ferguson. Bob, as he was affectionately known to his friends and relatives, was one of those rare characters who possessed every attribute of courage, honor, ambition and supreme trust in God, which go toward making a successful career.

From early childhood, Bob had a burning desire to attend the Military Academy. His record in his native high school still stands unequalled by any other student. After graduation he attended Marion Military Institute in Alabama for one year. Here again he was outstanding scholastically, making the highest average for the year and ranking as a gold star cadet. He also participated in the College Glee Club and orchestra, and played first trumpet with the band.

Failing to receive the principal appointment for West Point, he enlisted in the Regular Army at the age of 18, asked for service in Honolulu, and at once entered the West Point Preparatory School at Schofield Barracks. It was here, after nine months training, that by competitive examination he won the Army appointment; at the same time, he received also the Senatorial appointment, winning over 250 other Georgians. Bob's dream was at last realized, and in July, 1938 he entered the Academy.

His four years at West Point continued along the same high level of achievement. He was a Cadet Officer, ranked high in the class, and received the honor star his first-class year. With his sincerity of purpose, he possessed a fun-loving nature, and this happy combination made him many real friends. He was a member of the Choir, and played trumpet in the Cadet Orchestra, becoming leader of it during his first-class year. Although the Infantry was his first preference, Bob finally chose to try for Air Corps Wings, as a fighter pilot, after graduation.

With several classmates he successfully completed training in the Air

Corps at Ocala, Florida, Greenville, Mississippi and finally at Craig Field in Selma, Alabama. December, 1942 was an eventful month: on the 12th, he married Miss Jean Andrews, of Marlon, Ohio, whom he had met during furlough summer and on the 13th he was awarded his Silver Wings at Craig Field.

Remaining at Craig Field for Fighter Transition Training, Bob received his promotion to First Lieutenant in January 1943. His next and longest assignment, including a month at A.A.F.S.A.T. in Orlando, was at the Army Air Base in Richmond, Virginia, with the 325th Fighter Squadron, flying the P-47 Thunderbolt. The 325th was part of the Parent Group at Richmond which trained and activated groups for overseas duty, and Bob was continually requesting to be assigned to one of these groups—to "get in the fight". He was made Operations Officer of the 325th Squadron and, in Aug-



ust, 1943, promoted to Captain. In September the 325th was sent as a separate unit to Millville, New Jersey for east coast defense duty. Bob's first act was to make his wishes known to Headquarters in Philadelphia, and one month later came the call to join the 366th Fighter Group, commanded by Colonel Dyke Myer. This Group was then in Wilmington, North Carolina, preparing to go overseas, and after two months of intensive training there and again in Richmond, they sailed on December 17, 1943.

Bob was Operations Officer of the 391st Fighter Squadron in the Group, and after their arrival in England was, for a great part of the time, Acting Squadron Commander. His letters expressed his satisfaction in the part he and the Group were taking in the War, the thrill of his first missions, pride in his achievement and in the recognition of that achievement as expressed by a commendation from Colonel Myer.

His last mission was on April 5, 1944—less than three months after their arrival. The Flight had no more than taken off when the fog rolled in obscuring the field, the mission was called off and the pilots told to land wherever they could. Bob and his wing man, Lt. John Whitten, crashed near the English coast in a never-to-be-explained mid-air collision. No finer tribute could be given to Bob's per-

sonal qualifications and to the training of which he was so proud than this excerpt from a letter written by a member of the Squadron: "Captain Ferguson was a real leader of men; he was fair, square, firm, reasonable and just. He insisted that things would have to be done the Army way—nothing could be haphazard; he actually was the backbone of the entire command; he directed practically every department and synchronized the various services so that the Commanding Officer had practically nothing to do but fly and sign reports. Doubtless he would have been our next C.O. had not this unfortunate occurrence robbed us of him". He was given a full military burial at Brookwood American Military Cemetery, near London. (His posthumously awarded Air Medal was presented to his wife five months later, prior to her departure for overseas duty with the American Red Cross.)

When news of this tragedy reached his home town, the community was stunned. The little Georgia town had lost one of her most honored sons, and the only boy from the community to graduate from the Academy. Although he never lived to enjoy the success that would surely have been his, yet in his twenty-five years he lived a full and satisfying life. He died as he had lived, "doing his full duty", because to him "Duty was the sublimest word in the English language". At his Memorial Service, his former scoutmaster said, "Bob Ferguson crowded more real living into his twenty-five years than most men do in seventy-five", and one of his classmates wrote, "When we leave the Point we take something away, but Bob Ferguson was one graduate who left something there when he finished". His family console themselves that his was a life well-lived, and possibly this life was the one thread that the Great Designer needed to weave into the fabric to write the words "No More Wars".

In addition to his widow and parents, Bob is survived by his sisters, Mrs. Redmond Forrester of West Point, Georgia, and Mrs. Philip C. Loofbourrow, of March Field, California. At the time of his death, his two brothers were also overseas—Captain Drew Ferguson with the Emory Hospital Unit in France, and Major Miles Ferguson with Merrill's Marauders and later Mars Task Force in Burma. To his family and to his many friends, Bob's noble spirit lives on; and all who loved him say, in the words of the poet,

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

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

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

Hubert James Fiander, Jr.

NO. 13355 CLASS OF JAN., 1943

Killed in action August 21, 1944, in France, aged 23 years.

THE laughter of a slim, bronzed lad echoing in the streets of the weathered fishing city of Gloucester; the cheerful songs, rendered in a resounding New England twang, which swelled from the 1st Division tower room overlooking the Plain; and the eternal promise of "I do" spoken in the sacred quiet before the altar, still live in the hearts of those who were closest to the young paratroop officer who lies forever on the sunny coast of southern France. A lengthy account of all the virtues that were Fi would promptly be decryed by him as hypocritical. The essence of



the man was a simple and natural devotion to the welfare of others, a keystone of his character which was evidenced so quietly as to be unrecognized by all but his intimates. The fact that his devotion extended to giving his life was a natural expression of his selflessness and, in his mind, would merit no commendatory letters or appropriate verse. To the fortunate few who were privileged to be Fi's close associates, elaborately conceived words of praise would be inconsistent. As a man whose actions were invariably marked by complete unselfishness, Fi stood apart in any group.

If these few words fail to encompass Fi's many material accomplishments, it is solely because he would consider the detailed recital of his successes as relatively unimportant and too soon lost in obscurity. It would be fallacious to evaluate his loss in terms of deeds accomplished as the commanding officer of his high school R.O.T.C. detachment in Gloucester, Massachusetts; the efficient "Plebe", the unhappy "Yearling", joyous "Cow", and impatient First Classman; the ambitious student officer and the courageous leader who commanded his men in the bitter struggle for Casino, on through Italy, and into southern France where a land mine destroyed all but a worn class ring whose scarred shield remains mute evidence of duty well done. The true magnitude of his

loss can only be measured by the intangible attributes of character which prospered in a strong heart and a fertile mind.

Among gray stone and on flaming beachheads, quiet determination, sturdy independence, unobtrusive courage, a hearty sense of humor, sincere selflessness, and an unswerving sense of honor were forged into a mature strength of character which stands as the measure of the man—and our loss.

—D. W. T.

James Foster Reynolds

NO. 13165 CLASS OF JAN., 1943

Killed in action, May 28, 1944, over France, aged 25 years.

DEDICATED to the memory of my brother Lt. James F. Reynolds. A soldier who died as he had lived: Unafraid.

James Foster Reynolds, the youngest of five children, was born August 2, 1918. His childhood was spent deep in the piney woods of East Texas in the old neutral grounds which formerly separated the United States from Spain. Young Reynolds' mother died while he was a baby and his father shortly after. He never really knew his parents and the security of home and family. After the death of his parents Jim went to live with the Odems, who were distant relatives of the family. This family consisted of a spinster daughter, a bachelor son and their aged mother. Though poor these people were the salt of the earth. They knew the value of an education and had high moral standards. They taught Jim these standards along with his three R's. It was from them he learned that things of value do not come easily, and that things worth having are worth fighting to secure and keep. Often when this family was unable to buy kerosene for their lamps Jim's studying was by the light of torches which they held. Other than as a spartan existence this phase of Jim's life was uneventful.

When he was fourteen a sister, Lottie, secured employment in Houston, Texas, and took Jim with her to live. While there he attended Sam Houston High School. As this was during the worst of the depression Reynolds was forced to deliver papers after school to augment their meager income. On his first weekly pay-day he received \$4.50, which to him was a tremendous sum. He made a purchase for one dollar of something he had always wanted but had never been able to own. Filled with misgivings as to whether his sister would approve his spending such a sum he hid his treasured possession on his arrival home. The sister was somewhat alarmed on arriving from work to hear a steady ticking emerging from the closet, as though from a time bomb. An investigation disclosed that the family had acquired a dollar watch. His sister was not angry as he had expected her to be for she knew her little brother had the makings of a fine and noble man.

When he finished high school jobs were unobtainable and college an impossibility for a boy in his circumstances. Jim had heard of a wonder-

ful opportunity. From the United States Army a deserving boy might be selected from the ranks to attend West Point and receive a commission. Although the odds were a thousand to one against him nothing seemed impossible to a boy of Jim Reynolds calibre.

He enlisted in the Army Air Corps in 1936 and was assigned to Randolph Field near San Antonio, Texas. The Army filled an empty space which had always existed in young Reynolds' life, taking the place of parents and a home. The United States Army is made of American men and women who place their country's welfare above all other things. Jim immediately made application to attend the preparatory school then held yearly at Camp Bullis, Texas. From this school appointees were selected to attend the United States Military Academy. He was unsuccessful in his first try but he was not discouraged, for he had already been graduated from the acad-



emy of "Tough Breaks". Because he did not know the word failure he laid plans for his next try, in which he was successful. He was assisted and encouraged by his squadron commander, whom he always remembered with gratitude and affection.

James F. Reynolds was admitted to the United States Military Academy in July 1939. When war was declared in 1941 the country was desperately short of pilots. A group of cadets were selected to become fliers. Jim was in this group and was thus able to return to his first love, the Army Air Corps. He took his primary training at Cuero, Texas, then went to Randolph Field, where he had trained as a rookie soldier, for his basic training. He completed his advanced training at Ellington Field in time to return to West Point and graduate with his class on January 19th, 1943. Upon graduation he married the former Ann Harrison of Newburgh, New York. Ann was a wonderful girl and they were very happy. It was perhaps the most carefree and happy time of Jim Reynolds' whole life. Their honeymoon was spent in East Texas among his friends and relatives. Then he returned to the grim business of training to fight. His country was at war and to him the motto "Duty, Honor, Country" was not a hollow slogan but a

way of life. He first went to Laughlin Field near Del Rio, Texas, to learn to fly the B-26 Marauder. After completing this training he joined the 344th Bombardment Group at Lakeland Field, Florida. There he trained with his crew and prepared for an overseas assignment. He left for England on January 16, 1944. After completing twenty-six missions he was ordered to U.S.S.T.A.F. HQ. to represent the B-26. Jim, feeling that a man could always do a little more, insisted on increasing his missions to thirty. On May 28, 1944 he was shot down over France. Four of his crew escaped by bailing out, but Jim rode his ship to the ground and was killed. He was awarded the Air Medal with four Oak Leaf clusters and the Purple Heart.

He is buried somewhere in France. Although his body, like those of thousands of other American boys, lies on foreign soil, his spirit has joined that illustrious assembly of warriors who have given their lives fighting for their ideals and their homeland. I know that Jim Reynolds will be happy in knowing he belongs with those Immortals, and will feel at home in that land of sunshine where the weather for flying is always just right and the ceiling—unlimited.

—Marvin W. Reynolds.

James E. Hickey Rumbough

NO. 13312 CLASS OF JAN., 1943

Killed in Action, December 3, 1944,
near Ananong, Leyte, Philippine
Islands, aged 24 years.

LIKE most Army sons, Jimmy's schooling was interrupted many times as he moved with his Signal Corps family from post to post. He started his schooling at Gunston Hall (Lower) School in Washington, moved to Fort Leavenworth, then to El Paso, then to Washington for a year, during which he attended and became thoroughly imbued with the spirit of St. Albans. Then to Red Bank, N. J., for a year and back to Washington to graduate from St. Albans and go on to Millard's West Point Preparatory School.

Jim had great love and loyalty for Saint Albans. His obituary in the *Saint Albans News* was written by Reverend Albert H. Lucas, the Headmaster, and reads in part as follows: "It was like Jim to ask assignment to an airborne outfit. A many-sided boy, he was self-effacing but not really shy. He spoke only when he had something to say and by his manner his words carried weight. His scholarship was dependable rather than brilliant."

"Integrity, loyalty, and determination were Jim's outstanding traits. He could be depended upon in an emergency and it was undoubtedly that quality of persistence which was early recognized by his superior officers and which landed him in an outfit where self-reliance was an absolute requirement. Yes, men would trust Jim Rumbough—trust him with their lives."

"Jim was not a great athlete as schoolboys go, but that quality of persistence was ever to the fore. He won

his STA in football as a substitute tackle during his last year. But his game was soccer. He played on our varsity for three years, being captain during the 1938 season. He was a strong right wing on a fast forward line and he scored points in five of the ten games scheduled. His team won the City Scholastic Championship.

"Death came to Jim Rumbough, but it came as he would have elected to meet it—in battle and in line of duty. St. Albans School has already paid its tribute to him at services held in the Little Sanctuary, before the ever-burning lights on the Altar. Washington Cathedral, too, has commemorated his passing at the Altar in the Bethlehem Chapel—an Altar before which Jim conscientiously and wholeheartedly gave of himself as a Server. We know that the souls of the righteous are in the hands of God—and Jim Rumbough was righteous in that word's most inclusive sense."



Jimmy worked hard while in attendance at Millards—hard enough and efficiently enough to win one of the most highly competitive appointments to the Military Academy, a presidential. It is interesting to note his roommate's comment, however, in the *Howitzer* for January 1943. "Having won a presidential appointment to West Point, you would believe Jim to be the bookworm type—studious and intellectual. Though intellectual and, when necessary, studious, he is not a bookworm."

It was rare, to find Jimmy not engaged in sports during his free time at the Academy. He excelled in water soccer, winning his monogram in that grueling sport. His major winter pastime was skiing, although he showed great aptitude for many other activities as varied as soccer and chess. Although Jimmy was far from being a fileboner, his military and disciplinary record during his underclass years earned him the stripes of a Cadet Staff Sergeant in his First Class year. Although Jimmy outwardly seemed prouder of his loud, non-reg plaid shirt than of his stripes, no one ever questioned his attention to duty nor dared to cross him in the performance of it. But the factor in Jimmy's cadet career that is most revealing of his personality to those who know West Point is

the combination of respect and popularity accorded to him by all his associates, underclassmen as well as his own classmates.

Jimmy was graduated in January 1943 near the middle of his class and reported to Fort Benning for a course at the Infantry School. While there he applied for paratroop duty and in May, soon after completing the ground course, he was promoted to First Lieutenant and was detailed for a course at the Fort Benning paratroop school, graduating on June 5, 1943. He was then assigned to the 511th Paratroop Infantry of the 11th Airborne Division and reported to his regiment at Camp Mackall, N. C., serving with it until his death on Leyte eighteen months later. Jim was proud of his wings—his paratrooper boots—his regiment. He had chosen to be a paratrooper and was happy in his choice.

In September, he took a short leave and married Jean Shumway at her home in Cambridge, Mass., thus carrying out a plan which the two had agreed upon and discussed during many a West Point week end. After a short honeymoon in New Hampshire, Jean returned to Smith College to graduate in December and Jimmy went back to Camp Mackall to find a war-camp home for his bride. There followed busy, happy weeks for the young couple at Camp Mackall and later at Camp Polk, La., for Jean was an adaptable Army wife, following her husband, undiscouraged by scant quarters and difficult conditions.

The 11th Airborne completed its training in New Guinea and there prepared for its important role in the assault on the Philippines. Jim's letters from his jungle camp were full of news of his friends, of the strange surroundings and of the high spirits of his companions of the 511th. And then came the landing on Leyte and the untried Division's finding itself, becoming a great Division in battle, and becoming so through the courage and daring of its members.

On the evening of 3 December 1944, after the Division had set up its perimeter defense in the central mountain range of Leyte in the vicinity of Ananong, Jimmy was sent with a squad to investigate some firing in a creek bed about 1500 yards north of his battalion area. The country was heavily wooded, and the position was strongly defended with entrenched automatic weapons and mortar support.

Upon arrival at the creek bed, Jim made immediate contact with the enemy and sent out two lead scouts. One of the scouts was killed and the other wounded by Jap sniper fire, both men falling into the stream. Jim and his men dragged the wounded man out, after which Jim continued to lead his patrol. He took cover behind a small mound. While raising his head to observe his front, he was killed instantly.

A second squad came in to assist Jim's men and both then withdrew, carrying Jim's body with them. Jim lies in the 11th Airborne Division cemetery near Ananong.

His citation for the Silver Star reads, "For gallantry in action on Leyte, Philippine Islands on 3 Decem-

ber, 1944, Lieutenant Rumbough voluntarily led a patrol forward to gain contact with the enemy. While advancing, the patrol encountered heavy hostile fire which killed the lead scout and seriously wounded the other scout. With utter disregard for his own safety, Lieutenant Rumbough moved forward over the fireswept terrain to rescue the wounded soldier. In the performance of this heroic deed, Lieutenant Rumbough was killed. His great courage, intrepidity, and high sense of loyalty to his men exemplify the finest qualities of an officer, and are in keeping with the high traditions upon which the military forces of the United States have been founded".

William H. Scott, Jr.

NO. 13362 CLASS OF JAN., 1943

Died April 12, 1945, as a result of wounds received in action near Jena, Germany, aged 24 years.

WILLIAM H. SCOTT, JR. was born at Jackson, Tennessee on September 5, 1920. He spent his entire boyhood in that city attending the



public schools of Jackson, and graduating from the Jackson High School in 1938.

Captain Scott attended Marion Military Institute at Marion, Alabama, in preparation for entrance to the United States Military Academy at West Point. The latter school he entered in July 1939, and graduated therefrom in January 1943. In 1943 Captain Scott attended the Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia, being a graduate therefrom in the Officer's Basic Course and receiving promotion to first Lieutenant of Infantry.

After graduation from the Infantry School, Captain Scott was assigned to duty with the 80th Infantry Division where he served variously as a platoon and company commander until his death. The 80th Division was sent overseas to the European Theater of War in June 1944 and participated in the invasion and final defeat of the German Forces. Captain Scott was promoted while a member of the 80th Division and was placed in command

of Company "B" of the 319th Infantry Regiment. At the time of his death he was leading his company in an attack upon the German positions near Jena, Germany. As a result of his leadership against a strongly held enemy position the enemy opposition was overcome and the City of Jena was captured, but it was while engaged in this military operation that Captain Scott received wounds which caused his death.

Captain Scott's military record is one of which any man might well be proud. He was wounded in action on two separate occasions, the second such wound resulting in his death. He was the holder of the Presidential Citation signed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, he was the recipient of the Purple Heart for each of his wounds, and he was the holder of the Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievements while serving with the 80th Infantry Division in the European Theater of Operations in World War II.

As the result of his fine quality of leadership which he had acquired through years of study and natural aptitude he contributed much toward the success of his outfit.

There are many fine tributes to his leadership and devotion to duty which have been gratuitously offered to his family by those officers most closely associated with him. He had the faculty of impressing his personality upon the men under his command to the extent that they both respected and loved him. This was accomplished largely by the wonderful example which he set for those with whom he was associated. Many fine tributes have been paid to Captain Scott by his superior officers and also by those who were of lesser rank and grade, and they all attest to his good judgment, ability, strength of character, and personal bravery.

Captain Scott's civilian life during his boyhood and early manhood was exemplary to a high degree and in the community in which he resided and spent his early years he bore the love and respect of not only his contemporaries but also of his elders.

Captain Scott's family throughout the years have been leaders in public affairs of the State of his nativity. There can be no finer tribute paid to any man than that which he leaves as an epitaph, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant".

—Col. R. H. Bond.

Benedict Francis Hoffmann

NO. 13777 CLASS OF JUNE, 1943

Killed in action April 22, 1945, on Okinawa, aged 24 years.

LIEUTENANT BENEDICT HOFFMANN was born August 16, 1920, at Winsted, Minn., the second child of Frank and Elizabeth Hoffmann. During his youth, which was spent with his family, he displayed great devotion to his home. He successfully passed from first to twelfth grade at Holy Trinity School at Winsted, carrying five major subjects during both his junior and

senior year, and meriting commendable grades. In fact, he ranked second in his class, being graduated in June of 1938.

Besides his scholastic activities, he was intensely interested and actively participated in athletics, in which field he manifested qualities always so characteristic of him, love for sportsmanship and fair play.

In 1939 he attended preparatory school at Fort Devens, Massachusetts. It was there that he obtained his army appointment for West Point in July, 1940. In June, 1943, he was graduated and commissioned Second Lieutenant.

After his graduation, he spent his leave at Winsted with his loved ones at home and the friends of his boyhood days. His fellow townsmen were proud of Benedict, and in their happiness to have him in their midst, they celebrated at a festive banquet in his honor, where congratulations were showered upon him.

His return to duty found him stationed at Fort Benning, Georgia, for infantry training. Later he spent some time at Camp White, Oregon, where he attained the rank of First Lieutenant, and in December, 1943, he was assigned to the 96th Division and joined the 383rd Infantry. This meant transfer to San Francisco, from whence he sailed for overseas duty in July, 1944.

As for his life over there, possibly Colonel Edwin T. May, Commanding Officer of the 383rd Infantry, was in a position to say most. He writes in a letter dated May 1, 1945:

"Before the present Okinawa campaign, Lieutenant Hoffmann was placed on my special staff as liaison officer, which entailed taking and receiving valuable information to and from higher headquarters. He had performed this job excellently, when his ability was sorely needed in the Second Battalion, and he was transferred there to serve as Battalion S-3. His organization was in close contact with the enemy, and fierce fighting ensued. Upon losing one of our best company commanders, Lt. Hoffmann was immediately considered for this most important task, as his excellent work while serving in his various assigned positions had clearly shown that he possessed all the necessary requisites to assume the many responsibilities that would come with his new office.

"His death came as he was moving forward to assume command of his company, when an enemy sniper, firing at long range, shot and instantly killed him. Medical aid was immediately rendered, but to no avail.

"He was buried in the 96th Division Temporary Cemetery, Grave Number 576, Okinawa Shima, in a quiet and peaceful setting, beside other of his brave comrades who had made the supreme sacrifice. He was buried with full military honors, according to the rites of his own faith.

"Lt. Hoffmann's death leaves a void in the hearts of us all. During the Leyte campaign, he had done an outstanding job, when he was shot in the stomach by an enemy sniper and immediately evacuated. His recovery was extremely rapid for a wound so serious, and soon he was back with us again. His every action, during both the Leyte and the Okinawa operation, was indicative of the highest courage,

ability, and honor. He was a soldier's soldier, and he died as he had lived, with courage and a strong heart, on 22 April, 1945."

Reverent and loyal to his God, kind and magnanimous toward his fellow-man, trustworthy and dependable in duty, Benedict, like the host of his comrades in arms who so generously gave their all, merits the praise and tribute given them by Joyce Kilmer, who wrote:

In a wood they call the Rouge Bouquet
There is a new-made grave today,
Built by never a spade nor pick
Yet covered with earth ten metres thick.

There lie many fighting men,
Dead in their youthful prime,
Never to laugh nor love again
Nor taste the Summertime.
For Death came flying through the air
And stopped his flight at the dugout stair,
Touched his prey and left them there,
Clay to clay.



He hid their bodies stealthily
In the soil of the land they fought to free
And fled away.

Now over the grave abrupt and clear
Three volleys ring;
And perhaps their brave young spirits hear

The bugle sing:
"Go to sleep!
Go to sleep!
Slumber well where the shell screamed and fell.

Let your rifles rest on the muddy floor,
You will not need them any more.
Danger's past;
Now at last,
Go to sleep!"

There is on earth no worthier grave
To hold the bodies of the brave
Than this place of pain and pride
Where they nobly fought and nobly died.

Never fear but in the skies
Saints and angels stand
Smiling with their holy eyes
On this new-come band.

St. Michael's sword darts through the air
And touches the aureole on his hair
As he sees them stand saluting there,
His stalwart sons:

And Patrick, Brigid, Columkill
Rejoice that in veins of warriors still
The Gael's blood runs.

And up to Heaven's doorway floats,
From the wood called Rouge
Bouquet,
A delicate cloud of bugle notes
That softly say:
"Farewell! Farewell.
Comrades true, born anew, peace to you!
Your souls shall be where the heroes are
And your memory shine like the morning-star,
Brave and dear,
Shield us here.
Farewell!"

Harry Jesse Kenyon

NO. 13478 CLASS OF JUNE, 1943
Killed in Action, March 24, 1945, in Germany, aged 23 years.

"Soldier rest, thy warfare over—
Sleep the sleep that knows not breaking,
Dream of battled fields no more."

SOMEWHERE in Holland my friend Harry Jesse Kenyon, Captain, United States Army, sleeps among scores of America's finest men who paid the supreme sacrifice that our nation might live. Soldier, husband, son, brother and friend—one whose memory is so strongly alive in our everyday thoughts as Harry can never be regarded as gone from us.

Born in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, February 15, 1922, Captain Harry spent the greater share of his eventful life there. Going back many years to our boyhood together, Harry confided in me his burning life's ambition—to one day be appointed to the United States Military Academy at West Point—a noble ambition he was to live to see. While attending the local high school he built up an enviable scholarship record, as a result of which he was awarded the coveted Elks college scholarship award. At the age of fifteen Harry attained the highest scouting award, the rank of Eagle Scout.

Not content to rest on his laurels, Harry continued his education at the University of Wisconsin, standing high in his class, striving to achieve the necessary knowledge for the long anticipated West Point examination and appointment. Never the type to waste a precious moment in his upward path, Harry spent his time studying instead of dating the campus belles and engaging in the social whirl. He moved in a small circle of close friends of long standing. After two years of college work the long awaited day arrived—Senator Robert M. LaFollette of Wisconsin appointed Harry to the Academy, after he had placed first in the state-wide examination in a field of ninety-seven applicants.

The years at the Academy went by swiftly. While there, Harry met the girl in his life, Kathryn Gardner of Pennsylvania, who was later to become his wife.

In the summer of 1943 he walked out the gates of the Academy for the last time, a Second Lieutenant in the Army of the United States, with his nation at war. Promotion to First Lieutenant came in December of 1943. August of 1944 found Harry on the high seas, enroute to Europe with the 513th Para-

chute Infantry Regiment of the 17th Airborne Division.

Then began the tedious and trying period during which our armies prepared for the final offensive against Germany. Harry was a firm, but a just and fair leader. As a company commander he earned the deepest respect and admiration from his men. Always abiding by his time-worn philosophies, his understanding of men and their problems was remarkable, considering his youth. His subtle, dry humor was a constant source of encouragement and inspiration to his associates—one of his men once said, "I always hated digging fox holes, but somehow the Captain made digging fun"

Returning to France from the bitter winter campaign in Belgium to prepare for the long awaited jump over the Rhine River, Captain Kenyon trained new replacements into fighting shape to replace his men lost in Belgium. He felt a deep personal



loss for each man of his command that fell in the Belgian Bulge campaign, and his foremost thought was that he wanted to get the Germans responsible. Although wounded in the fierce fighting in Belgium, he had refused to be evacuated because he felt that as he was the only officer left, his presence was necessary to guide the remaining thirty-five men of his company.

On the fatal March 24, Captain Kenyon and his unit were dropped four miles beyond their assigned zone, landing in an area firmly entrenched by the Germans. With numerous machine gun emplacements surrounding him, he immediately recognized the danger to his men. Alone, he savagely charged the nearest machine gun nest, killing all of its members with his pistol. While he was charging for the next gun emplacement, a sniper in a nearby fortified farmhouse brought an end to his brilliant life and career. So intense was the fury of the remaining men that they completely annihilated the fanatical enemy, accomplishing their task in the face of bitter enemy resistance.

Many kind and appreciative words of tribute are said about a man after he has gone, but the thoughts expressed by many men who served under Captain Harry indicate the cherished spot he held in their hearts. As one

Sergeant said "He could have led the thirty-five of his men that were left into hell, and we would have followed, as the Apostles followed Jesus". One cannot help being reminded of the words "Greater love hath no man than this, that he give his life for his friend".

Captain Kenyon was the possessor of a rare combination of characteristics and qualities that carried him to positions of leadership in the military and civilian worlds. A natural leader with a brilliant mind and a capacity for making friends, Harry lived a full life in his brief span of 23 years.

Posthumously, he was awarded the Silver Star medal, with the following citation:

"For gallantry in action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany, on 24 March, 1945, Captain Kenyon parachuted into enemy territory during the airborne crossing of the Rhine River. With a few of his men he landed in a heavily fortified enemy position. With complete disregard for his own safety, he led his small group of men in a gallant charge through intense small arms fire to destroy a German anti-aircraft and machine gun. Never faltering, he accounted for several snipers in his courageous dash to the gun position where he disposed of the crew members with his pistol. His immediate and inspiring action unquestionably averted many casualties to his fellow soldiers. His service at all times was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Armed Forces"

Besides his widow, parents and grand-parents, Harry leaves, to mourn his loss, a devoted sister and brother—Patricia, age 17, and Laurence, 20. Laurence, a 2d Lt. in the Infantry, has recently returned from a year of duty with the Occupation Forces in Tokyo.

So long, Harry—we shall not forget you.

—Robert G. Parrish,
Second Lieutenant,
United States Marine Corps.

Thomas James Laudani

NO. 13691 CLASS OF JUNE, 1943

Killed in Action November 6, 1944,
in the European Area, aged 24 years.

THOMAS JAMES LAUDANI was born on October 27, 1920 in Lawrence, Massachusetts. Since his boyhood, our son's life ambition and goal was to have an education, and above all, in later years, to attend West Point. He received his early education at the Oliver Grammar School, graduating with the Class of 1935. In the fall of the same year, he commenced his High School Term, taking a College Course.

Born of an average American family, he was the oldest of three children and we found it very difficult to keep him in school. As the years went by, the burden got heavier. We sacrificed the earnings he possibly could have made rather than have him discontinue school. He remedied this by working after school hours, and thus lent a helping hand. For four full

years he labored nights in a restaurant in a nearby town and with the aid of a bicycle, supplied his own transportation back and forth to his home.

While in his Senior year at the High School, he took a physical examination at the Army Base in Boston in December, 1938. Passing it, he chose to enlist in the Regular Army upon completion of his High School term. He knew it was very difficult to get a Congressional appointment instantly, leaving him no alternative other than doing it the harder way. He graduated from Lawrence High School with great distinction in 1939. He was ready then to enter into the service of his country and was sent to Fort Hoyle, Maryland. After two months of study and training, he took a competitive examination for entrance to West Point. Passing this test, he was sent to Fort Monroe for further study. In the latter part of



1939, he received notification to report to the Eleventh Company, First Student Training Regiment, at Fort Benning, Georgia. There, only the first ten in conduct and examinations were selected for further study. Our son considered himself very fortunate, for he was a step nearer to reaching his life's goal. In the year of 1940, he again was given physical and mental examinations for appointment to West Point. The most joyous moment of his life came when he was notified by the War Department that he had been selected to enter the United States Military Academy in September, 1940. Fulfilling all the requirements while training and studying at West Point he also was sent to Oklahoma to train as a pilot. Graduating from West Point in June 1943, he chose the Infantry for his branch of the Armed Forces. He reported to Fort Benning, Georgia in July, 1943. From this point, he was transferred to Camp Abbott, Oregon, until October of the same year. The following month, November, he was shifted to Arizona. During his stay there, he was given a promotion to the rank of First Lieutenant on December 1, 1943. Shortly after receiving this promotion, he was transferred to the Desert Training Center in California. In March, 1944, he was stationed at Camp Carson, Colorado. After a brief stay of two

months there, he decided he would take a further step in life, convincing himself he was ready to take the wedding vows. On May 15, 1944, during a furlough, he came back to Lawrence to take to the altar the former Miss Florence Trotter. Within a week or two he reported back to Camp Carson, Colorado. On August 30, 1944, he was sent overseas.

He then started to move quite rapidly. He served with the First Army in the 104th Division. From France, moving to Belgium, the Division advanced to Holland. It was there that our son paid the supreme sacrifice for his country on November 6, 1944, in action. We were notified by the War Department that he had been given a military burial in a cemetery in Belgium.

Left behind, are his wife, Mrs. Florence Laudani; his mother, Rosaria; his father, Antonio; and two brothers, Joseph and Salvatore.

Thus ends our tribute to the Life until Death of our proud West Point Graduate, Thomas J. Laudani.

—His Parents.

Richard C. Stickney, Jr.

NO. 13742 CLASS OF JUNE, 1943

Killed in Action, January 3, 1945, at Anatahan, Marianas Islands, aged 24 years.

RICHARD CARLTON STICKNEY, JR., was born April 11, 1920, at Manhattan, Kansas, the son of Colonel (then temporary Major) Richard C. (class of 1915) and Pearl (Goddard) Stickney. He was descended on both sides from ten generations of New England stock.

Like all Army "brats", he attended schools in many places. He started school at Leilehua School at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, attended the Post School at Fort Leavenworth for six years, Thomas Jefferson High School at San Antonio for two years and was graduated from Brookline High School in Massachusetts in 1938.

About this time he decided that he wanted to go to West Point, so after a post graduate course at Brookline he entered Millard's in Washington. Meanwhile, on his eighteenth birthday, he had enlisted in Battery K, 241st Coast Artillery (Harbor Defense), Mass. National Guard. He entered West Point on a competitive National Guard appointment.

When aviation was put into the U.S.M.A. curriculum he was one of the first to enroll. He took his primary training at Avon Park, Florida and in June, 1943 he was graduated with wings in the first class that graduated air cadets who had trained at Stewart Field.

His first assignment was to B-25's at Mather Field, after which he was assigned to B-17's at Roswell, N. Mex. and at Dalhart, Texas. At Dalhart on January 6, 1944 he married Mildred Gibson Webb, who is also an Army "brat", having been born at West Point when her father, then Captain William C. Webb, Jr., was on duty there.

When the 73rd Wing, pioneer outfit of B-29's, was activated at Clovis, N.

Mex. Richard was assigned to it and from then on continued with B-29's at Great Bend, Kansas and Kearney, Nebraska, from which he went overseas in October, 1944. As Airplane Commander he flew his ship to Saipan with the 875th Bomb Squadron, 498th Bomb Group.

Operating from Saipan his plane, the *T Square 42*, is seen in the film, "Target Tokyo", as it leaves for the run into line on Thanksgiving 1944, the day the Jap homeland was first attacked by very heavy bombers. Rich is known to have flown at least five missions over the Jap homeland, including two over Tokyo and his final mission over Nagoya.

In early evening on January 3, 1945, the *T Square 42* completed its bomb run in a raid on Nagoya and started back to Saipan. Shortly after leaving Nagoya Richard's ship radioed the lead ship, which had been injured in the raid, and asked if he could be of



any use to them. The lead ship radioed back to the *T Square 42* to go on ahead, as they would make it all right. The Squadron made the return trip in broken formation in a black night.

The *T Square 42* did not reach Saipan and the crew of 11 were listed as "missing in action". Various rumors and surmises followed as to what might have happened. On March 5 a search party postively identified the wrecked *T Square 42* and members of the crew on the almost inaccessible crater of Anatahan Island, 60 miles north of Saipan. Official reports were later changed to "killed in action". A letter which Richard's wife received from Major Robinson, Squadron C.O., dated March 19, tells something of this:

"... When Lt. Col. Griffith wrote you that your husband, Richard, was missing in action on January 3, 1945, every hope was held that his crew had successfully ditched their aircraft and were safe. Recent events seemingly have proven our hopes false, as I shall endeavor to explain.

"Approximately a month ago reconnaissance aircraft located a wrecked B-29 on Anatahan Island, close to this base. Search parties were sent out but considerable delay was experienced, since the airplane was resting near the top of the volcano which comprises the

island. The first party was unsuccessful, but the second surmounted such obstacles as dense jungle grass twelve feet high, loose rocks and sheer cliffs, and reached the scene of the crash on March 5, 1945. The airplane in question was definitely identified as *T Square 42*.

"The airplane was completely demolished, both by the impact and by fire, except for the tail section, which had remained intact and bore the identification. In this area were found the bodies of eight crew members of which two were identified. Your husband, Richard, was not one of these.

"The assumption made by the search party was that Richard's aircraft entered the crater at the Northeast side of the island through the lowest point in the rim of the crater, circled to the left, and crashed head-on into the higher peaks of the Southeast side. From the evidence available, it would seem that all personnel whose bodies were found had been killed instantly. All the bodies were buried near the scene of the crash and registered with the United States Army Graves Registration Service.

"I knew Richard when I was his Flight Commander. He was a competent Airplane Commander, performing his numerous duties in a constantly superior manner. He was very popular in this organization. His cheery good humor and his superior workmanship will be missed, not only by this organization but by the Army Air Forces, for Richard typified the finest qualities of an officer in the Army Air Forces. He unstintingly gave of his time and efforts to materially contribute to a better world of tomorrow."

Originally, before the finding of the wreckage, many in the Squadron believed that the *T Square 42* had been shot down over Iwo Jima on the return to Saipan, and in view of the position of the ship when found and subsequent information from various members of the Squadron it is believed that the ship may have suffered battle damage from enemy fighters over Iwo and was having operational difficulty and that they were trying either to get over land to bail out, or possibly to get into position to ditch, when they crashed in the pitch black night.

In a later letter from the War Department the family was informed that Richard's body had been found and identified. He is buried in Army Cemetery No. 1, Saipan, Marianas Islands.

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Unto Thee O God, be praise and thanksgiving for every splendid deed of sailors, soldiers and airmen, for every act of devotion of workers at home. May Thy blessing rest upon them and keep them in all their ways. More especially we praise and bless Thy Name for those who have been faithful unto death. Into Thy holy keeping we commend their souls, beseeching Thee to grant to all of us, for whom they died, that their love and devotion may bear fruit in us in more abundant love for others; for the sake of the great Captain of our Salvation, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Edward Menefee Watkins, Jr.

NO. 13577 CLASS OF JUNE, 1943

*Lost in the Mediterranean Sea,
April 20, 1944, aged 23 years.*

EDWARD MENEFEW WATKINS, JR., was born in Eagle Pass, Texas, April 30th, 1920.

The son of Edward Menefee and Josephine Dreager Watkins, he was raised in this Mexican Border town and attended the public schools, graduating from Eagle Pass High School in May 1937.

As a very young boy Edward entertained the idea of entering West Point, and after all the regular sources of appointment were tried without success, he enlisted in the army for one year and entered the West Point Preparatory School at Camp Bullis near Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, in September 1938. Having failed the first year to make the grades necessary for appointment, he re-enlisted for three years and upon later examination made the grades required, and received his appointment to West Point. He entered the U.S.M.A. in 1940.

His letters of experiences there were gems, because he had a gift of writing which few possess. He was very enthusiastic over the flying courses and promptly applied to learn to fly. His class was the first class of West Point to fly. Upon graduation he was assigned to reconnaissance, much to his disappointment, because he wanted combat flying, but as he wrote, "I shouldn't complain, after all there is a job to be done".

He was sent to Brooks Field for training and from there to Peterson Field. Finally he was transferred to Will Rogers Field, where he was assigned to the 10th Photo Recon. Sq., and after several months of training he wrote that he had been made an instructor but that he was trying to get transferred to a "red hot" Squadron. He succeeded, because he wrote that he was transferred to the 32nd Photo Recon. Sq., which was ready to go "over". He was given leave and came home in February 1944 to tell us goodbye. He seemed perfectly happy over his "luck", and spent a very short leave at home. We didn't hear very much from him after that, except for business transactions. Edward was very methodical and orderly. From a very young child he showed those characteristics. He left the United States in April, because on April 29th, the day before his 24th birthday, we received a War Department telegram informing us that since April 20th Edward had been missing in action in the North African Area. That was all, until the telegram two weeks later which stated that from all reports it was assumed that Edward was killed in action on that date. We heard from other sources that the ship in the convoy he was on was sunk by enemy action. We have received no other information from the War Department, although we did receive the Purple Heart awarded to him. A letter from a classmate from China reads as follows:

"October 23, 1944

"Dear Mr. and Mrs. Watkins,
"I have been putting off writing

this letter because I keep hoping to hear some good news about Ed. But I feel that I should at least write you something, for Ed and I were very good friends.

"Grover (Bill Whalen), Ed and I were together at Brooks, Peterson Field, Oklahoma City, Wordwar, and Oklahoma City again, always in the same squadron. Just before the 32nd Squadron left for overseas it was decided there were too many West Point men in the outfit, so the three of us matched and I lost and was transferred out. I was very sorry to leave the 32nd and especially Ed and Grover since we had been together so long. Ed and I roomed together at Brooks Field before I was married and I think he helped me decide to have Anne come out to San Antonio to marry me. We were disappointed when he had to be in the hospital during the wedding. After that at various fields Grover and Ed would come out



for supper and Anne would try out her cooking on them. They were good sports about that and always said they enjoyed it.

"Shortly after the 32nd left for overseas I left in another Squadron. News travels so slowly when one is far away, that it was the first of June before I got a letter from Mrs. Whalen telling me that Grover and Ed were missing in action.

"Ed was one swell boy, one of the best liked in our class at West Point. We and all those who worked with him after graduation will always remember his ready smile and willingness to help others. I am proud to have been his friend. "EDWARD BURDETT."

Edward was an outstanding athlete. When very young he won first place in diving for three successive years at a Boy Scout summer camp. And at the age of fourteen, in a big inter-city meet, he lost only to the then champion diver of Texas.

At West Point he chose Gym work and was very proficient on the flying rings. He was appointed Captain of the Gym Team in his last year at West Point. He wrote enthusiastically of the games that they won and very ruefully of the ones they lost, but always with a feeling they should have done better.

Edward was the first Eagle Pass boy ever to enter West Point. Our entire

town watched with pride his progress at the U.S.M.A., and is proud to know that he did not disappoint us in any way.

His passing has been deeply felt in the entire community but if the passing of these stalwart, courageous boys will bring us a better way of life, then we will bow our heads and say "God's will be done".

Louis Charles Wieser

NO. 13553 CLASS OF JUNE, 1943

Killed in Action April 21, 1945, over Regensburg, Germany, aged 23 years.

THIS biographical sketch is proudly written by a friend of the family, a family whose love and devotion for each other was the fitting inspiration for the many accomplishments of Captain Louis C. Wieser.

"Bud", as he was affectionately known among his legion of friends and comrades, was born September the first, 1921, at Gary, Indiana, the son of Louis and Josephine Weiser, both of whom had come to the United States from Germany many years before in quest of the kind of freedom and opportunity in which they could raise a family that was to include two able sons and a fine daughter. But how ironic was the twist of fate that would someday find Captain Wieser of the United States Air Force in command of bombing expeditions that rained destruction on the fatherland of his parents and on a country which was still the homeland of many of his near and distant relatives. This fact, however, never deterred "Bud" in his valiant and heroic efforts because right was might and he was helping mightily to bring peace out of a world gone mad with prejudice and a lust for power that would envelope the universe unless our cause was won.

"Bud" attended elementary school in Hammond, Indiana, and in 1935 entered Catholic Central High School where he established a long list of accomplishments seldom reached by others. He was outstanding scholastically and had one of the highest records as an honor student, graduating as Salutatorian of his class in 1939. His keen mind and strong physique, however, equipped him for other activities, too, and he naturally became interested in athletics, where he acquired a love for sportsmanship and fair play that were ever apparent to all who came into contact with him. His outstanding performances in football, basketball, and baseball will not soon be forgotten by those of us who followed his play.

The following year he received from the First Indiana Congressional District an appointment to the United States Military Academy and by way of preparation attended the Tennessee Military Institute for one year, graduating with highest honors as Valedictorian.

In 1940 "Bud" entered the Military Academy where he began three years of training which accentuated and developed the fine traits of character for which he was so much admired and respected by all who knew him. His ever-present smile was his passport through the thick and thin of

cadet life and he took West Point in stride with the same confidence, open mindedness and willingness to learn with which he undertook all things. During his three years as a cadet, "Bud" always ranked high in his class in both academics and military training. He took his elementary training as a flying cadet at Parks Air College, St. Louis, and his basic flying and advanced training at Stewart Field. "Bud" displayed outstanding ability as a pilot and received his wings and commission as a Second Lieutenant with the June, 1943, graduating class.

After graduation "Bud" was stationed at Smyrna Air Base, Nashville, Tennessee, for transition training and gunnery, where he saw his dreams of flying fighter planes materialized. On completion of this course he received combat crew training at Langley Field, Virginia, and Westover Field, Massachusetts.

It was only natural that Wieser's keen ability and brilliant leadership



should bring further recognition—as a Lieutenant he had developed into an excellent officer and exhibited such traits as to mark him as extremely suitable for overseas combat duty. He was always exceptionally industrious, enthusiastic and ambitious, and his intelligence and judgment, so well known to those of us back home, must have likewise impressed his superiors because he was promoted to the rank of captain and sent overseas to England for duty in the European Theatre of war.

As commanding pilot, "Bud" completed a long series of successful operations over Europe, but on April 21, 1945, his bomber was shot down in a heroic raid over Regensburg, Germany. This last flight personified Captain Wieser's noble characteristics in that he, as commanding officer, assumed personal command of this dangerous mission, although it was his prerogative to assign the task to somebody else if he so desired. But he was not one to ask his men to undertake any duty that he himself would not risk.

Although "Bud's" career was comparatively short, it was of the very highest calibre and brought him the honors and rewards which he so valiantly fought for and so richly deserved. In recognition of his meritor-

ious service to his country and fellow men, Captain Wieser was awarded two Air Medals with four Oak Leaf Clusters, three Presidential citations, the Distinguished Flying Cross, and the Purple Heart. He was buried in an American Military cemetery twenty-five miles outside of Metz, in France.

"Bud's" passing leaves a tragic and irreparable vacancy in the hearts of his beloved family and friends back home in Indiana and, we venture to say, in the hearts of all who experienced the pleasure of his warm friendship and counsel, but we will find a measure of comfort in the knowledge that he had made a great name for himself as a superior flight commander and that he was loved and respected by his superiors, his contemporaries and his subordinates. . . "The Lord said unto him, well done, thou good and faithful servant. Thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things. Enter thou into the joy of Thy Lord".

Pierre Bontecou

NO. 14018 CLASS OF 1944

Killed in Action, April 5, 1945, in Germany, aged 23 years.

ON April 5, 1945, at approximately 2:30 p.m. Lieutenant Pierre Bontecou was killed at Bad Soden, Germany. A small group of German soldiers was known to be on a nearby mountainside and he volunteered to take a body of men to attack this group. German prisoners were taken, but in the preceding fighting Pierre was shot in the chest and died several minutes later.

His death was mourned by all who knew him. He had the respect and admiration of his superior officers as well as the men who served under him, because of his abilities as an officer and a leader of men. All of them recognized his concern for the protection and comfort of his men and noted the brilliancy he displayed in the execution of his office.

A letter received from his commanding officer stated: "In his short time in combat he proved to be a superb leader. On one occasion, near the town of Trulben, he led a combat patrol to the very edge of the Siegfried Line. Under intense artillery and mortar fire he accomplished his mission, for which I recommended him to be given The Silver Star for gallantry in action"

"On subsequent occasions he proved himself a superior leader and I considered him one of the most promising young officers I had ever known. The men in his platoon have told me that they would go with him anywhere, anytime. This tribute from his own soldiers confirmed my great admiration for Lt. Bontecou".

Lieutenant Bontecou commanded a rifle platoon in Company "B" of the First Battalion of the Fifth Infantry, 71st Infantry Division.

Pierre Bontecou was born on August 9, 1921, in Beacon, New York, the son of Dr. Howell Sylvester Bontecou and Eva Archer Bontecou. While quite small he lived for a time in California,

then moved to Hopewell, Virginia, which became his permanent residence. At the age of 12 he became a Boy Scout and later a Patrol Leader.

He was graduated from Hopewell High School in 1938 with honors. While a student there he became the Editor-in-Chief of the "Kaleidoscope", the school annual.

In September, 1938 he entered Virginia Polytechnic Institute at Blacksburg, Virginia and was attached to Battery "I" His course of study was Mechanical Engineering. He was a Staff Reporter and a member of the State Journalism Committee. In his third year he was elected News Editor of "The Virginia Tech". He had membership in the following honorary fraternities: Pi Delta Epsilon, Omicron Delta Kappa and Tau Beta Pi. In his second year he took the course given by the government in aviation and received his Private Pilot's License from the Civil Aeronautics Authority in 1940. A Congressional appointment to the



United States Military Academy at West Point terminated his career at V.P.I. after three years.

He was admitted to West Point in July 1941, and was first attached to Company "B". He became Regimental Personnel Clerk and a member of the Cadet Chapel Choir during his plebe year. In his third year he was the Company Commander of Company "C", 1st Regiment, and held the rank of Cadet Captain. He was graduated 58th in his class of nearly 500 on June 6, 1944. On the same day he was married to Betty Books, whom he had known since childhood.

He completed the Officers' Basic Course September 30, 1944, at Fort Benning, Georgia and was attached to the 71st Division, which was stationed at Fort Benning at that time.

He was promoted to First Lieutenant on January 22, 1945, while on the transport which was to take him to France. His outfit soon moved from France to Germany and after only a few months of combat his promising career was brought to an abrupt end.

To him it was not enough to do a job to the best of one's ability—all workmanship had to be outstanding. Thus he did his work and lived his life. All who ever associated with him were benefited for having known him.