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The Cadet Chapel Organ

Few graduates realize that the organ in the Cadet Chapel at West Point has become famous throughout the world for its beauty and artistic worth. It is used throughout the academic year not only for services in the Cadet Chapel, but also for recitals by the organist, Mr. Mayer, and by eminent guest artists. These recitals add tremendously to the cultural pleasure and education of the Corps of Cadets, the West Point garrison, and many visitors. Over the past thirty-seven years, by means of memorial gifts from graduates and others, the organ has grown in accordance with an artistic plan of the organist, Mr. Mayer. Today it is completed, with over 14,000 pipes, and it is the third largest organ in this country.

Coincident with the plan for the development of the organ proper, Mr. Mayer has designed and developed a new console to provide for maximum flexibility in playing the organ and to enable the organist to bring out its full grandeur. The basic present console was installed over twenty-five years ago. It has been added to in a "Topsy" fashion, as new stops were installed; and, as a result, it is very unorthodox and complicated. Furthermore, it has been exposed twice to steam baths from broken pipes in the basement. For these reasons it has been for some time in a very unsatisfactory condition.

Recognizing this state of affairs, Col. E. W. Garbisch, of the Class of 1925, has donated \$28,000 for the purchase of a new console, the contract for which has been let. Delivery is expected during the winter of 1948-49, and installation is planned during the summer of 1949. It is estimated that the installation will cost an additional \$3,500, and the Chapel Board has promised to meet the cost from the Chaplain's Fund.

Unfortunately, a new console alone will not put the organ in first class playing condition. To provide for proper utilization of the numerous stops there are ancillary mechanisms, known as coupler-relays and adjustable combinations. The present coupler-relays and the limited number of adjustable combinations are old and of greatly impaired serviceability

because of exposure to the same steam baths which damaged the console. From a technical viewpoint it will not be feasible to connect the new console to the old coupler-relays or the present adjustable combinations, and without them the organist will be unable to use the organ except in a most limited manner. Furthermore, it will be much more expensive in the long run to install these mechanisms at some time after the console is installed. Therefore the Superintendent and the Chapel Board feel that it is highly desirable to install the new console, the new coupler-relays, and the new adjustable combinations simultaneously. The estimated cost of a new coupler-relay system and new adjustable combinations equivalent to those now installed is \$16,831. Towards this amount the Chapel Board has agreed to contribute \$2,500 from the Chaplain's Fund, which leaves \$14,331 still lacking for the project.

The adjustable combinations referred to above constitute only about 10% of the full installation of the combinations which Mr. Mayer has envisioned to preserve an organ providing maximum flexibility. It is estimated that eventually approximately \$67,000 more will be required to purchase and install these adjustable combinations.

The immediate problem, however, in order to implement the installation made possible by Colonel Garbisch, is to raise the \$14,331 necessary to purchase and install a new coupler-relay system and a first unit of adjustable combinations. This amount of money *must* be forthcoming in the very near future if contracts are to be placed in time to permit the installation of these mechanisms simultaneously with the new console which has been so generously donated by Colonel Garbisch.

Therefore, the Superintendent and the Chapel Board appeal to all graduates of the Military Academy to help keep our organ one of the finest in the world by sharing in the expense of purchasing a new coupler-relay system and new adjustable combinations. Those who care to contribute should send their checks to the Chaplain, U.S. Military Academy, made payable to "The Organ Fund". Such gifts are deductible on income tax returns.



146th ANNIVERSARY, U. S. M. A.

AND

Joint U.S.M.A.-U.S.N.A. Celebration of the Unification of the Armed Forces

Traditionally the anniversary of the founding of the United States Military Academy on 16 March 1802 is celebrated by West Point Societies and other groups of graduates and former cadets throughout the world in March of each year. The Saturday evening nearest 16 March has been customarily chosen by most of these groups for these annual celebrations. This year, 1948, Saturday, 13 March would be the date normally selected for this purpose.

This year, however, the West Point Society of New York and the Annapolis Society of New York, acting for the Association of Graduates, U.S.M.A., and the Naval Academy Alumni Association, will sponsor a joint dinner in celebration of the recent unification of the Armed Forces of the United States, at 7:00 P.M., Eastern Standard Time, in the Grand Ball Room of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York on Friday, 2 April 1948. For members of the West Point Society of New York and for graduates now stationed at West Point this joint dinner will constitute the only celebration of the founding of the Academy to be held this year in the vicinity of New York and West Point. This joint project this year has the enthusiastic approval and support of the Secretary of National Defense, the Secretaries and Chiefs of Staff of the Army, Navy and Air Force, and the Superintendents of the United States Military Academy and the United States Naval Academy. Mr. Forrestal has accepted an invitation to speak at this dinner and several other high officials of the government and the Armed Forces will participate. It is certain that both General Taylor and Admiral Holloway will appear on the program as representatives of the two Academies. It is now expected that the principal portion of the dinner program will be broadcast over one or more of the national radio networks beginning about 9:00 P.M., Eastern Standard Time. It is also expected that, through the facilities of the Armed Services Radio, this program will also be broadcast via short wave to all Army, Navy and Air Force installations overseas. In this connection please note that this radio program will be in lieu of the radio program normally sponsored by the Association of Graduates on the anniversary of the founding of the United States Military Academy and will be the only radio program sponsored by the Association this year. West Point Societies and other local groups of graduates and former cadets desiring to listen to this program on Friday evening, 2 April 1948, should consult their local radio broadcasting stations and their local press for the exact time the program will be on the air in their vicinity.

Many prominent military and naval organizations in the vicinity of New York City are being invited to send representatives to this joint dinner on 2 April 1948. In addition, it is planned to send individual invitations to all graduates, former cadets and midshipmen of the two Academies, who are known to be residing in New York City or within such distance therefrom as would probably permit their attendance. The Banquet Committee, composed of representatives of the Alumni Associations of both Academies, which is making arrangements for the dinner confidently expects an attendance of at least 1,500.

In view of the arrangements outlined above it is believed that several of our West Point Societies throughout the United States, and other groups of graduates and former cadets throughout the world, may desire to hold their annual celebrations of the founding of the United States Military Academy on 2 April 1948 instead of the traditional date, 13 March 1948. In addition, it is believed that many local organizations of West Pointers may want to join on 2 April this year with graduates and former midshipmen of the United States Naval Academy residing in their vicinity, in a celebration of the unification of the Armed Forces similar to the meeting in New

York. These considerations and the action of various local groups of West Pointers in this respect are strictly matters for determination by each local group, and the Association of Graduates has no intention or desire to prescribe the scope or time of meeting of any local group assembling this year to celebrate the anniversary of the founding of the Military Academy and/or the unification of the Armed Forces of the United States. It is emphasized that the joint dinner in New York this year has been conceived and planned as outlined above for this year only, and is not to be considered as establishing a precedent for the future.

Many inquiries are being received at West Point about various items which may be made available to local groups for their programs incident to the annual dinners this year. For planning purposes in connection with these dinners the following information is pertinent:

PROGRAM: There is no set pattern, sponsored by the Association of Graduates, for the program to be followed by any local group in its observance of the anniversary of the founding of the Military Academy. Usually these programs include toasts or speeches by the oldest and youngest graduate present and a talk by some other prominent graduate of distinguished accomplishments who can be secured by the local group for this purpose.

FILMS: Frequently motion picture films about West Point and the last Army Football Season, if available, are shown at these meetings. It is not known at this time how many of these films will be available at West Point this year for loan to local groups for this purpose. Applications for these films, already being received at West Point, should be made to the Secretary of the Association of Graduates at West Point and will be filed to the extent of the films available in the order of the receipt of each application.

SKIN LISTS: No skin lists concerning any graduates are available at West Point for loan to local groups and all applications therefor must of necessity be denied. These records are boxed and stored in the basement of the Library and research in them for the information of local groups is quite beyond the capacity of any agency at West Point.

RECORDS: An Album of phonograph records, including most of the time-honored music of West Point, is on sale by the Secretary of the West Point Army Mess and orders for these records should be sent to him. The cost is \$3.75, which includes postage to anywhere in the United States.

SONG BOOKS: A book, *West Point Songs*, compiled by the Cadet Chapel Organist, Mr. F. C. Mayer, and including the words and music of most of the time-honored West Point songs, is on sale at the West Point Exchange and may be ordered by mail directly from the Exchange. Cost, \$1.35 per copy, plus postage.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL WEST POINT ALUMNI!

If you expect to be in the vicinity of New York City on 2 April 1948 and have not received an invitation to attend the Unification Banquet described above by 1 March 1948 please apply for your invitation to Mr. Paul T. Cullen, Suite 4524, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, N. Y. The Navy will be there in force and West Pointers will not want to be outnumbered on this important occasion.

WEST POINT SOCIETIES

For the information of all of our membership we publish below a list of 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. It is hoped that more of these societies will be organized and that all of them will continue to increase their local efforts in the interests of the Academy and its alumni.

THE WEST POINT SOCIETY OF NEW YORK

New York, N. Y.

President: Meade Wildrick, '10
15 West 55th Street,
New York, N. Y.

Vice President: Charles P. Gross, '14
22 East 36th Street,
New York, N. Y.

Secretary: Paul T. Cullen, Ex-'37
81 Willoughby Street,
Brooklyn 1, N. Y.

Treasurer: Edward B. Hyde, Jr., '15
170-11 35th Avenue,
Flushing, New York.

THE WEST POINT SOCIETY OF PHILADELPHIA

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

President: Douglass T. Greene, '13
835 Morgan Avenue,
Drexel Hill, Pa.

Secretary: Samuel Edelman, Ex-'10
1524 Chestnut Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Treasurer: Herbert M. Cady, '36
1000 Lincoln Liberty Bldg.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

ST. LOUIS ASSOCIATION OF WEST POINTERS

St. Louis, Missouri

President: Spencer A. Merrell, '16
D-16 Railway Exchange Bldg.,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Vice President: Thomas F. McDonald, Ex-'16
812 Olive Street,
St. Louis 1, Missouri.

Secretary: Harry C. Barnes, Jr., August, '17
Army Emergency Relief Liaison
Officer,
1709 Washington Avenue,
St. Louis 3, Missouri.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATES

Los Angeles, California

President: Joseph S. Herron, '95
143 Corona Avenue,
Long Beach, California.

Vice President: Briant H. Wells, Jr., '24
1134 Oxford Road,
San Marino 9, California.

Secretary: Eugene T. Spencer, '13
151 N. Arden Boulevard,
Los Angeles 4, California.

Treasurer: F. J. Toohy, '13
2626 E. Anaheim Street,
Long Beach, California.

WEST POINT SOCIETY OF SAN FRANCISCO

San Francisco, California

President: LeRoy Bartlett, '05
924 Arlington Avenue,
Berkeley, California.

1st Vice President: John A. Stewart, '24
311 Portola Avenue,
Palo Alto, California.

2nd Vice President: Lawton Butler, '27
Hq. 6th Army,
Presidio of San Francisco,
California.

Sec.-Treas.: Hamilton P. Ellis, '20
2140 Lake Street,
San Francisco, California.

WEST POINT SOCIETY OF BIRMINGHAM

Birmingham, Alabama

President: George M. Morrow, Jr., '06
c/o Goslin-Birmingham Mfg. Co., Inc.,
3700 10th Avenue, North
Birmingham, Alabama.

Secretary: William Logan Martin, '07
600 North 18th Street,
Birmingham, Alabama.

WEST POINT SOCIETY OF SEATTLE

Seattle, Washington

President: Eley P. Denson, '09
1609 22nd Street, North,
816 Joshua Green Bldg.,
Seattle, Washington.

Secretary: S. M. Strohecker, Jr., '24
1110 Hoge Bldg.,
Seattle 4, Washington.

DENVER CHAPTER OF THE ASSOCIATION

OF GRADUATES

Denver, Colorado

President: John F. Curry, '08
1900 Colorado Boulevard,
Denver, Colorado.

Vice President: Harvey P. Barnard, Jr., '38
2026 Hudson Street,
Denver, Colorado.

Sec.-Treas.: Arthur D. Maxwell, '40
900 Logan Street,
Denver, Colorado.

MONTEREY PENINSULA WEST POINT SOCIETY

Fort Ord, California

President: Raymond S. Pratt, '01
Box 353,
Carmel-by-the-Sea, California.

Vice President: William H. Hobson, '12
M.P.C.C.,
Del Monte, California.

Sec.-Treas.: W. McC. Chapman, August, '17
P.O. Box 74,
Pacific Grove, California.

WEST POINT SOCIETY OF MICHIGAN

Detroit, Michigan

Sec.-Treas.: Darius D. Thorpe, '22
878 St. Clair Avenue,
Grosse Point 30, Michigan.

WEST POINT SOCIETY OF MIAMI

Miami, Florida

President: Ernest D. Scott, '98
6775 Indian Creek Drive,
Miami Beach, Florida.

Secretary: Lloyd P. Horsfall, '06
3851 Kumquat Avenue,
Miami, Florida.

THE WEST POINT SOCIETY OF CENTRAL CALIFORNIA

Bakersfield, California

President: Eustis L. Hubbard, '15
Box 998, Route 7,
Bakersfield, California.

Secretary: Earl M. Price, '15
1620 G Street,
Bakersfield, California.

Treasurer: Drexler Dana, November, '18
Fairway Drive, Stockdale,
Bakersfield, California.

THE WEST POINT SOCIETY OF CHICAGO

Chicago, Illinois

President: Gilbert E. Humphrey, '07
2440 Lakeview Avenue,
Chicago 14, Illinois.

Vice President: Manus McCloskey, '98
Cook County Hospital,
1835 West Harrison Street,
Chicago 12, Illinois.

Sec.-Treas.: James C. Short, '23
166 W. Jackson Blvd.,
Chicago 4, Illinois.

BULLETIN BOARD

OUR OLDEST LIVING GRADUATE

Again we are glad to report that our Oldest Living Graduate is Colonel *George H. Morgan*, Class of 1880, who lives at the Ontario Apartments in Washington, D. C.

Colonel Morgan has been ill recently in Walter Reed General Hospital but, as we go to press, his condition is reported as so much improved that he plans to return to his home soon.

JUNE WEEK, 1948

It is now expected that the program of events and activities for June Week, 1948 will follow closely the pattern of the program for June Week, 1947. For planning purposes the following dates are important:

Thursday, 3 June—Academic recitations cease at 3 P.M.

Friday, 4 June—First day of June Week.

Sunday, 6 June—Baccalaureate Services.

Monday, 7 June—Alumni Day. Alumni Exercises, Review of the Corps by Alumni and Luncheon and Annual Meeting of the Association of Graduates.

Tuesday, 8 June—Graduation.

As in previous years accommodations for returning alumni, graduates and former cadets, will be provided on the Post. Accommodations at West Point or in its vicinity for members of the families of returning alumni cannot be provided or arranged by any agency at West Point. Such arrangements must be made directly by the individual concerned. The Thayer Hotel and most of the living accommodations in the vicinity of West Point are reserved for the families and guests of members of the graduating class and of other cadets.

Classes planning reunions at West Point during June Week should make arrangements for the use of facilities on the post and in its vicinity, desired for their class activities, directly with the facility concerned through a representative of the class.

REGISTER OF GRADUATES AND FORMER CADETS

(A statement by the *West Point Alumni Foundation, Inc.*)

EXPLANATORY

Judging from many letters of inquiry the following points reference the *Register* bear explanation:

1. The *Register* takes its year of issue from the latest Academy Class included in it. Thus the 1946 (First) *Register* included the Class of 1946, the 1947 *Register* the Class of 1947, and the 1948 *Register* will include the Class of 1948, and so on.

2. The closing date for changes in each year's *Register* is June 30, thus including the class that graduated three or four weeks earlier.

3. The year's *Register* is printed and distributed as soon after October 1 as proves possible to get the work done.

4. Letters of information giving data to be included in the *Register* are welcomed at any time. If received before June 30, the data is used for the current year's *Register*; if after June 30, it is used for the next year's *Register*.

5. All bookkeeping and filing are done under U.S.M.A. numbers (as used in the Locator of the *Register* and the index of Cullum's Biographical Register) rather than names, since this materially reduces the work involved. In all correspondence, therefore, and especially in subscription orders and corrections, if you state your U.S.M.A. number, if you know it, you assist us materially.

PLANS

The cost of publishing the *Register* depends to a very large extent on the number of changes from year to year. Experience thus far indicates that these will number from four to five thousand, and should not be permitted to exceed the latter figure. Cost of publication and degree of success in obtaining advertisements, combined with subscription support by graduates and former cadets will determine whether or not this project can be continued indefinitely, and prove a source of income to the Association of Graduates.

Every possible effort will be made to add to the *Register's* popularity and interest. According to repeated suggestions and requests, the next *Register* (1948) will include to the limit of permissible changes, a brief statement of current assignments of graduates on the Active List of the Army and Air Force. This feature will be the final entry in a Brief and in form will be such as, "PMS&T Princeton 46", "Instr TIS 47", "G3 Sect USAF 45", "CO 19Inf 24InfDiv Japan 47", "Stu C&GS 47-48", etc., etc. Such an entry will automatically indicate the address of the officer. When an assignment changes the preceding assignment will normally be omitted from the Brief. The date is the date of entry upon the stated assignment and is necessary because it will be equivalent to the statement—"Last known assignment is, which was entered upon in 194....". Circularization of graduates and former cadets for subscriptions to the *Register* and *Assembly* will enable collection of information on current assignments.

Beginning in February 1948 circularization of graduates and former cadets for personal histories will be initiated and spread over a period of three years to reach all living alumni. To circularize all living graduates and former cadets at one time would make too many changes in one year and thus make costs prohibitive. Circularization beginning in February 1948 will commence with the earliest classes and include the Class of 1928. It is now planned that in January 1949 the classes of 1929 to 1941, inclusive, will be similarly circularized, with the remainder being covered the following year.

To make and keep the *Register* and *Assembly* of great and continuous interest to all graduates and former cadets is our devoted purpose and aim.

PLACEMENT ACTIVITIES OF THE WEST POINT SOCIETY OF NEW YORK

One expanding activity of the West Point Society of New York is the effort to place graduates and former cadets, who have been or are about to be separated from the services, into responsible positions in business and industry. Russell L. Maxwell, Class of 1912, a Vice President of American Machine & Foundry Company, is Chairman of the Placement Committee. Assisting him as members of the Committee are Thomas B. Doe, Class of 1905, President of Sperry Corporation, James L. Walsh, Class of 1909, President of the Army Ordnance Association, and William L. Kost, Class of 1925, who is with the National Broadcasting Company.

Until recently the activities of the Placement Committee have been opportunistic, most of the successes having been obtained through personal contacts provided by the members of the Committee. It is now planned to put the service on a more nearly professional basis. The management field will be canvassed extensively for possible position vacancies, and definite interviews will be sought at which candidates for employment may complete the selling job.

Success of the work of the Committee will be determined largely by the interest which can be developed by leaders of business and industry in obtaining the services of graduates and former cadets. It is felt that never before have men of character and integrity been in such short supply. By developing a demand for the services of West Pointers, a dual purpose can be served: the placement of available graduates and former cadets, and the enhancement of the reputation of our Alma Mater.

Members of the Association of Graduates in civil life, who have openings in their organizations, are invited to correspond with the Committee, and are urged to make the work of the Committee known to business contacts.

It has become apparent that the files of the Committee do not contain enough applications. The Committee has been unable to make recommendations for several excellent position openings because there were no registered applicants who possessed the stated qualifications. All graduates and former cadets, regardless of their locations, who seek positions in civilian life, or are looking for a change of position, are urged to apply for registration blanks. While the West Point Society of New York does not want to infringe on the fields of activity of other regional societies of graduates, it offers the services of its Placement Committee to these regional groups throughout the United States and seeks cooperation in this work from other local societies. Already position vacancies have appeared in areas beyond metropolitan New York City.

Through the courtesy of the Officers and Board of Directors of the Officers' Club of New York, Inc., the Committee has opened an office in the club building. Mail for the Committee should be addressed:

Placement Committee,
West Point Society of New York,
c/o The Officers' Club of New York, Inc.
28 East 36th Street,
New York 18, N. Y.

The telephone number of the office is MURRAY HILL 3-0029.

U. S. HOTEL THAYER

A new annex to the U. S. Hotel Thayer has been completed recently. This annex, or wing, was constructed especially for the purpose of accommodating the young lady guests of cadets. The same accommodations that have been provided previously on the second floor of the main hotel, for four girls in each room, are provided in the annex.

With the new addition, more space will be available for other guests. The Thayer is a modern up-to-date hotel located on the reservation near the South Gate. Except for the Christmas holidays and June Week, accommodations may be provided Army personnel and others who desire to avail themselves of the opportunity. Rates are reasonable and meals and service are first-class in every respect. The facilities of the Post are open to all Service personnel. Inquiries should be addressed to: The Resident Manager, U. S. Hotel Thayer, West Point, N. Y.

THE HOWITZER

There are available at the *Howitzer* office at West Point a limited number of copies of the *Howitzer* for the following years: 1926, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1938, 1940, 1942, 1943, 1946. Any U.S.M.A. graduate desiring one of these back copies should forward check or money order for \$5.00, plus \$0.75 to cover packing and mailing, a total of \$5.75, to:

The Circulation Manager,
1949 *Howitzer*,
West Point, N. Y.

BOOK REVIEWS

WEST POINT: "The Key to America." By John Crane and James F. Kieley. New York: Whittlesey House . . . \$6.

Reviewed by
WILLIAM J. MORTON, JR.,
Librarian, U.S.M.A.

Messrs Crane and Kieley have produced something original in books on West Point history by making the treatment largely pictorial. There are approximately 400 illustrations that take up 215 of the 319 pages. Whittlesey House has done its part by turning out a handsome volume in quarto size, paying careful attention to attractive arrangement, clear reproduction of halftones, and pleasing typography. The color work inside and on the dust jacket is first rate.

The text, written by James Kieley, presents a reliable account of the history of West Point and the Military Academy from Revolutionary times to VJ-Day. There are also chapters covering the architectural development of the Academy, the educational and disciplinary systems, tactical training, cadet life, the Spirit of West Point, the services of graduates in our six wars and the Indian wars, and also an account of the distinguished services of West Pointers in civil life.

Mr. Kieley did much of his research at West Point, where he received the active assistance of the authorities in making information accessible to him and giving him an ac-

curate understanding of traditions, customs and spirit. It is too much to expect that every "old grad" will find nothing at which to cavil; but even the most critical will have to acknowledge that he has presented a straightforward, readable and accurate history of the Military Academy as well as a remarkably faithful picture of cadet life. The chapter on the civil contributions of graduates contains facts that will doubtless surprise many readers.

John Crane, who selected the pictures and wrote the captions, has arranged his illustrations at the ends of the chapters to which they pertain. The absence of numbers on the pages of illustrations is a minor irritation to the reader, caused by the modern penchant for "bleeding" pictures off the margins. There are some errors in both pictures and captions, but less than one would expect, considering the herculean task of identifying, marking and arranging so many photographs.

The wealth of early drawings, lithographs and engravings in this work is striking, and in some respects more effective in telling the story than the photographs of later periods. The historical pictures, with few exceptions, were obtained from the U.S.M.A. Library, and the photographs of present buildings, cadet training and cadet life were furnished by the Signal Corps through the public Information Office.

The pictures and captions bring out many additional facts not mentioned in the text. Especially in the chapter entitled "Pathfinders of Progress", the total effect is that of a collection of "believe-it-or-nots". All in all, this book will surprise and please even the best informed graduate with its wealth of factual material.

Although VJ-Day was chosen as the terminal date for the pictures, and the book was completed before the new four-year curriculum went into effect, Mr. Kieley had access to the curriculum studies and was able to include a good synopsis of them. One should, however, consult the most recent edition of the *Catalogue of Information*, distributed free by the Adjutant General, Department of the Army, for the latest details of the present curriculum.

WHO AM I? By John B. Walthour, Dean of St. Philip's Cathedral, Atlanta, Georgia. New York: The Macmillan Company. \$2.

Who Am I? should be especially interesting to West Point graduates. Many of the younger graduates will remember how stimulating these quizzes were when, as cadets, they actually took part in them and matched their wits against Dean Walthour when he was Chaplain of the Military Academy.

Now he has decided to share these talks with an even wider audience and has written a book of addresses, fresh and original, animated and interesting. He has worked out a new type of discussion and teaching of the Bible that will have a universal appeal. The addresses were of great interest at West Point; they should have the same interest for all alumni of the Academy.

Twenty quizzes are each devoted to a description of a character in the Bible—Nehemiah, for instance, or Deborah, Andrew, Thomas. A clue is given at the end of the first few paragraphs, and the question is asked—"Who Am I?" If the reader does not know, further clues are given as the

discussion progresses until the name of the character is discovered. Beyond the specific device used, however, these addresses are interesting pen portraits of striking Bible characters and conjure up descriptions of the mighty happenings of another day.

Who Am I? will bring back many pleasant memories to recent graduates of West Point, and should prove of interesting value to other alumni as well.

FIRST CLASS PRIVILEGES

In consonance with the continuing policy at West Point to make the transition at graduation from the status of a cadet to that of a junior officer less abrupt, and consequently to familiarize First Classmen, insofar as practicable, with the duties and responsibilities which will be theirs as Second Lieutenants, members of the graduating class are now accorded more privileges prior to graduation than in former years. Some of these present privileges are:

Banking Accounts. During January each First Classman withdraws \$100.00 from his account with the Treasurer, U.S.M.A. and may establish a checking account in a bank of his choice. Beginning in February the Treasurer will pay to each First Classman monthly the credit balance of his account, withholding only that portion necessary to meet bills for his officer's uniforms and equipment, formerly known as the Equipment Fund, and to meet certain fixed charges such as bills for laundry and dry cleaning. This Fixed Account will be closed about the middle of May and the remaining balance, if any, will be paid to First Classmen upon graduation. Beginning in February also, all personal purchases by each First Classman are made on a cash basis. Thus, by about 1 March, to all intents and purposes a First Classman's financial status and personal financial responsibility are similar to those of a newly commissioned officer.

Dining on Friday Evenings. Beginning in October members of the First Class, except those serving special punishment, who are proficient in all studies were authorized to accept invitations to dine at officers' quarters on Friday evenings on the post, and in January this privilege was extended to include dining at the U.S. Thayer Hotel with guests. Cadets taking advantage of this privilege are required to return to barracks prior to 2030.

Visiting. First Classmen not deficient in academics and not serving punishments may visit other First Classmen's rooms, immediately after the 1915 evening call to quarters inspection but must be in their own rooms by taps. Those not deficient in academics and not serving punishments may also visit the First Class Club on any evening until 2155, and on nights when Saturday Evening Privileges are in effect, until 2400. Permission is granted for First Classmen to visit the Protestant Chapel and the Catholic Rectory during evening call to quarters.

Gymnasium and Skating Rink. First Classmen may visit the gymnasium for the purpose of exercise between 2000 and 2130 on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday evenings, and they may visit the skating rink between 2000 and 2130 on Wednesday evenings. Guests may accompany them to the skating rink.

CADETS AND MIDSHIPMEN TO EXCHANGE VISITS

The graduating classes of the United States Military and Naval Academies will exchange visits beginning February 12th, it was announced today. The third in a series of annual exchanges, the visits were conceived in 1946 by the Superintendents of the two institutions to further cement inter-service relations.

Five groups each of cadets and midshipmen will participate beginning respectively on February 12th and 26th, March 25th, and April 15th and 29th. By May 2nd, all members of the class of 1948 from one institution will have lived as students of the other academy for a three-day period.

In addition to being oriented in the customs, training, and general system at West Point, visiting midshipmen will live in cadet rooms and attend all formations and activities with their hosts. These will include academic and tactical classes, athletics, the weekly "hops" and chapel services on Sunday. Frequently midshipmen will assume command of cadet units in formation.

This will not be the first contact between the two senior classes. Last summer the future officers participated in Exercise CAMID, joint amphibious training and landings in the Chesapeake Bay area.

It is anticipated that small groups of officer-instructors of the two institutions will also exchange visits during the same periods. There are now two naval officers stationed

at West Point and two army officers assigned to the Naval Academy, all as academic instructors.

The annual CAMID exercises and the exchange of instructors are further developments of the long-range plan to promote mutual understanding between the two services. The plan was initiated in 1946 jointly by Major General Maxwell D. Taylor, Superintendent of the U.S. Military Academy, and Vice Admiral Aubrey L. Fitch, then Superintendent of the U.S. Naval Academy. The latter's successor, Rear Admiral James L. Holloway, Jr., and General Taylor have continued the program with the approval of the Army and Navy Departments.

THE MODEL ROOM

There is a room in Old North Barracks which is kept in such perfect order that no cadet has ever been reported for deficiencies within it—at least not since it was designated the "Model Room." When visiting dignitaries step into room 1911, they see a room completely equipped and arranged according to cadet regulations, even to name cards. However, visiting dignitaries are the only ones who visit room 1911; it is provided for their inspection, in order that occupied cadet rooms will not be disturbed. Who keeps the room in such perfect condition? Plebes? The Junior Officer of the Guard? The Cadet in Charge of Quarters? Nope—the Barracks Policemen!

Last Roll Call

Reports of deaths of graduates and former cadets received since the publication of the October, 1947 Assembly.

| Name | Class | Date of Death | Place of Death |
|-------------------------|------------|-------------------|---------------------------|
| Eckstein Case | Ex-1882 | December 20, 1944 | Cleveland, Ohio |
| Allen D. Raymond | Ex-1889 | November 3, 1947 | Denver, Colorado |
| George D. Moore | 1890 | December 12, 1947 | San Diego, California |
| Joseph L. Donovan | 1891 | December 19, 1947 | San Jose, California |
| Edwin B. Winans | 1891 | December 31, 1947 | Washington, D. C. |
| Sterling P. Adams | 1892 | November 7, 1947 | San Antonio, Texas |
| Frank E. Wilson | Ex-1893 | December 27, 1947 | San Gabriel, California |
| Nathan K. Averill | 1895 | October 27, 1947 | Albany, New York |
| Herbert A. White | 1895 | December 7, 1947 | Fort Sam Houston, Texas |
| Willard D. Newbill | 1897 | November 28, 1947 | Washington, D. C. |
| Lyman M. Welch | 1897 | August 13, 1946 | San Francisco, California |
| Walter S. Sturgill | 1906 | January 14, 1948 | Newburgh, New York |
| John A. McEveety | Ex-1907 | March 28, 1947 | Pleasantville, New York |
| Franklin L. Whitley | 1908 | November 6, 1947 | Washington, D. C. |
| John M. Wright | 1909 | October 4, 1947 | Washington, D. C. |
| Alexander D. Surles | 1911 | December 5, 1947 | Washington, D. C. |
| Clarence E. Bradburn | 1913 | December 5, 1947 | Pasadena, California |
| Warner W. Carr | 1916 | December 30, 1947 | Houston, Texas |
| Howard H. Newman | June, 1918 | January 3, 1948 | Ivy, Virginia |
| Roy A. Moore | 1919 | November 28, 1947 | Savannah, Georgia |
| Robert C. Andrews | 1924 | December 22, 1947 | Caracas, Venezuela |
| Dean S. Ellerthorpe | 1924 | December 21, 1947 | Ellenville, New York |
| Lawrence S. Carson, Jr. | Ex-1926 | November 10, 1947 | Baltimore, Maryland |
| William J. Glasgow, Jr. | 1927 | November 14, 1947 | near Ishikari, Hokkaido |
| Robert S. Blodgett | 1936 | October 2, 1947 | Boston, Massachusetts |
| Lawrence L. Cobb, Jr. | 1942 | November 1, 1946 | Mount Blanc, Italy |
| John T. F. Milnor | 1945 | December 15, 1947 | near Nierstein, Germany |



New Members

We welcome to our membership the following graduates and former cadets who have joined the Association since the publication of the October, 1947 issue of *Assembly*.

Charles S. Hoyt, '04—joined October 27, 1947
 James L. Dunsworth, '09—joined October 27, 1947
 Eugene Vidal, November, '18—joined October 27, 1947
 Philip H. Enslow, '23—joined October 27, 1947
 Richard W. Fellows, '37—joined October 27, 1947
 James C. Nelson, '46—joined October 27, 1947
 Elbert E. Farman, '09—joined November 14, 1947
 John F. Kahle, '15—joined November 14, 1947

Edmond A. Kuna, '46—joined November 14, 1947
 Ronald M. Kolda, '40—joined November 26, 1947
 Stephen J. Chamberlain, '12—joined December 3, 1947
 Edward G. Herb, '33—joined December 3, 1947
 Charles T. Harris, Jr., '07—joined December 16, 1947
 John H. Evans, '23—joined December 16, 1947
 John F. Williams, '24—joined December 16, 1947
 Richard M. Kinney, '46—joined December 16, 1947

Oren B. Meyer, '90—joined December 24, 1947

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1883

The '83 Foursome—*Walker, Freeman, Haynes* and *Steele*—has lived unbroken through another twelvemonth.
 —*M. F. Steele.*

1884

As Class President, I want to acknowledge my appreciation, respect and admiration for the non-graduates. There are many of them as loyal and as devoted to West Point as any graduate.

At the 25 Years After Graduation Reunion of '84, in 1909, there were twelve non-graduates present with the class, and one of them, Mr. *William C. Beer*, a prominent New York City attorney, proposed and put over the Class Association idea, and the Class Fund as a "must" for the success of the Class Bulletin. The Class Bulletin was published every six months for many years and was a very creditable publication, and of great influence in keeping the members of the Class informed and in touch with each other.

Another non-graduate, Mr. *Constant Eakin Jones*, who was a grandson of Colonel Constant Eakin, Corps of Engineers, Class of 1817, and was himself a prominent business man, took over the management of the Fund and publication of the Bulletin as Association Secretary and Treasurer. He made both the Bulletin and the Class Fund successful, and he also created a beautiful class album, with the photograph

of each member of the Association, as a cadet, and one also as 25 Years After Graduation, with a short biographical sketch of each member, and furnished a copy to each member of the Association.

At his death in 1919, the work of the Bulletin and the Class Fund (which was built up at its peak to about \$3,000.00, and which in addition to publishing the Bulletin did much good for some of the needy among the class members and of class widows later).

The work was taken up in succession by *Richard C. Chapin* until his death, then by *Louis A. Springer* until his death, and then by *Edward C. Clark*, all non-graduates and all of them prominent and successful in their business lives.

The ledger book of the Fund now in my possession is a fine example of good bookkeeping and a record of excellent administration and good work.

The Class Association of 1884 is proud of its non-graduate members.

Dentler and his family are all well, and he is as busy as an old retired Colonel should be. His son, Major John A. E. Dentler, United States Reserve, is now serving in the Veterans Administration at Baker, Oregon.

Mr. *Fred A. Kribs* a member of '84 Class Association and a business man of Portland, Oregon, is still at his office daily and doing well, at the age of 88.

General *Farrand Sayre* says that he and his daughter Elizabeth are well and busy at his home in Baltimore,

Maryland. And that he believes that '84 was the first Class to include non-graduates in the Class Association, probably because the Class was so small, only 37 graduates, while 85 were admitted.

General *George O. Cress* and his family are all well and busy at Mills College, Oakland, California, where his daughter Cornelia is a member of the Faculty. His son, James B. Cress, No. 2 of the Class of 1914, has been with the family for a visit recently. The General believes that '84 was the first Class to publish a printed copy of the Howitzer, February 23d, 1884.

General *Grote Hutcherson* has written to me as follows:

"On the 25th anniversary of the graduation of the Class of 1884 held at West Point, New York, in June 1909, those present decided to establish a Class Association of the graduates and non-graduates, to carry on the memories of their associates while at the U.S. Military Academy and later through life. The Class graduated 37 members, three of whom, *Robbins, E. S., Clark, P. H.,* and *Corthell, C. L.* had died since graduation. The non-graduates, numbering 45, joined the Association, which lived on through the years, and contributed much pleasure and satisfaction to those thus associated. The Association issued from time to time a class bulletin circulating reports and comments from the various members which proved of great interest to all and kept us informed of the activities of one another. We were like a

large family interested in each other. Only four of the graduates are alive at this writing—No. 21, Farrand Sayre; No. 24, Clarence E. Dentler; No. 25, Grote Hutcheson; and No. 27, George O. Cress.

"Some of the members of the Class visited West Point each June and every fifth year held an informal meeting there during graduation week. The last of these meetings was in 1939 but a small meeting was held in 1944"

—C. E. Dentler.

1889

A first hand account of the experience of one of our "boys of 80 plus" may be of interest to readers of the *Assembly*. *George T. Langhorne* and wife were trapped at Bar Harbor by the recent forest fire and he writes as follows:

"You were good to ask about Bar Harbor. We stayed in the boat house we rented until driven out by fire and the fire fighters on Thursday night, October 23rd. Then we motored to the Athletic Field,—there were many cars and a resting place for the soldiers from Dow Field. The fire was very near to the West and South, and one could see it for miles to the North. Word came that people were to be evacuated from the dock—about three quarters of a mile to the North—by Coast Guard boats. So we left our car and walked there. Some thousand people gathered in the Park near there. We went into a little information office—quite crowded but a grand protection from the wind, which was blowing a gale. People coming in brought news and rumors. To the North three miles of fire and houses burning—a very spectacular affair as water was on one side and fire on the other. When word came that boats were ready to take off women and children, Mary did not want to leave me, but we went outside to 'look-see'—she was blown off the sidewalk the moment she walked out from the protection of the building. When on the dock I had to walk on one side of her and a policeman on the other, to keep her from being blown down. The tide was very low; the boats very small; and the sea—Frenchman's Bay—was very rough. The women and children had to be gotten down by a ladder some 12 feet to the boats. My friend, the policeman, said that the soldiers were endeavoring to clear a way through the burning and burnt buildings and soon would be ready. So we waited until a clear way was announced. Then we went back to our car (one of the few left at the Athletic Field) and then motored out through the open way—opened by the soldiers and watched and kept open by them with firehose, machines, etc.—a way just wide enough for a car. The disaster was spectacular—1,500 or so persons gathered at the dock with the fire on three sides cutting off their escape by land, and the rough sea and little boats their only means of escape by water was cause for alarm, and yet the people were so well behaved—no panic, no complaining, no hysteria, only helping the sick and injured and feeble. One can be proud

of them. We made Ellsworth about nine P.M. and spent the night with some friends".

—Pipe of '89.

1890

Brigadier General *George D. Moore* died December 12, 1947 in the Navy Hospital at San Diego, California; burial was at Fort Rosecrans on Tuesday, December 16.

Brigadier General *J. A. Ryan* has gone to St. Cloud, Florida, for the winter. His address is Hunter Arms Hotel.

—J. A. R.

1891

When sixty years have elapsed since the plebe year of a class, it may be pardonable to reminisce a bit.

Among the pleasant memories of 1887-88 are the friendships formed from the beginning of beast barracks, and the thrill of missing one's name from the list of those who, following entrance exam, "will repair to their homes". Later came the end of plebe camp, the release from "finning out", and our first contact with the Class of '89, whom we so much admired and who became our firm friends from our yearling camp on thru the years.

Our first holidays at Thanksgiving and Christmas were red-letter occasions, of course, but the outstanding event of our plebe year was the visit of Irving and Terry with their Lyceum Company to present to the Corps *The Merchant of Venice*, with improvised stage and "scenery", in the mess-hall. This was really something to write home about, and that we did right heartily, not forgetting to mention the mistaken sense of humor of the hospital people in "medicating" our supper that evening; nor the contemporary March blizzard of 1888 and our enjoyment of jumping out of the window of Dialectic Hall into the area snowdrifts. Fortunately no bones were broken, but if my memory may be relied upon there were a few cases of "skin" trouble.

Less pleasant are the memories of farewells in January and June to classmates whose talents did not run to Math or French; many of them prime fellows, who made thoroughly good in civil life thereafter.

Coming down to the present day, we have but a few items of news.

Donworth reports per post card from time to time, and appears to be in fine health. He meets *Bradley* each month at the West Point luncheons in New York. He is sojourning in the Nutmeg State, and we have two addresses: Box 467, Cheshire, Conn.; and a more recent one: 229 Momtonese (?) St., Branford, Conn.

Cosby wrote us in November from Washington. He would like to be informed of a sure cure for arthritis of the knee. He reports the frequent enjoyment of a rubber of bridge with *Julius* and *Jean Conrad*.

Hines wrote in October to correct a rumor that he had acquired a summer home at Warm Springs, Va. Some one had confused that former popular resort with White Sulphur Springs, West

Virginia, where Birdie spent his summers until 1945, when he sold his place there. He reports himself in satisfactory health.

Howard writes cheerfully of his vivid memories of his classmates and of long past scenes of army life, and of tramping, riding, hunting, golf and other experiences of more recent years. His letter reveals a warm buoyancy of youthful spirit which bespeaks excellent health and the joy of living.

Schoeffel sent a cordial word of Christmas greeting and the goodwill of a real lover of his fellowmen. A visit from his son, Admiral *Schoeffel* (Malcolm, to '91) and a more lasting sojourn of his daughter *Marian*, have cheered him greatly of recent months. He writes with peculiar affection of West Point and its memories, and the Academy and our Class have no more loyal friend than "Mage", as he is known by civilian friends.

McMaster reports himself back from Florida and greatly improved. His recuperation from his operation will require but a few more months.

It is with regret that we note the passing of "*Sep*" *Adams* at his home in San Antonio on November 7. We have no details of his illness. He had made his mark as an athlete in cadet days, and in his profession after graduation.

Col. *William J. Glasgow, Jr.*, son of our *Billy*, died in Japan in November. He had made a name for himself for efficiency in the service, and had attained distinction as a staff officer. He had promise of still further advancement in the years to come.

The sympathy of the Class has been extended to both of the bereaved families.

—L. S. S.

1894

Another member of '94 has joined the great majority. *Bat Averill* died on October 27 at his home in Albany, New York. Funeral services were held in the Fort Myer chapel on November 3, with burial in Arlington National Cemetery. *Frank Cocheu* and *Rosy Rosenbaum* represented the class of 1894. The class flowers consisted of a large green palm wreath with white chrysanthemums and pink gladioli with ribbons in West Point colors, the black ribbon inscribed "U.S.M.A. Class of '94" in gold lettering. A very appreciative note has been received from *Bat's* daughter, thanking the members of the Class of 1894 for their "kind thought and lovely expression of sympathy, which were deeply appreciated and of great comfort to all the family".

Hoke Estes has again been chosen President of the Retired Officers Club of Clearwater, Florida, numbering some 65 officers of Army, Navy and Coast Guard. He is also a Director of the local Rotary Club and the Clearwater Concert Association. He and *Frances* now occupy their new home looking out over Clearwater Bay and the Gulf of Mexico. *Hoke's* new address is 124 Bay Haven Court, Clearwater, Florida.

Ham Hawkins and *Mrs. Hawkins* celebrated their Golden Wedding on November 10th at their home in Washington. A number of relatives and

friends were gathered to extend congratulations and good wishes, in which all members of 1894 cordially join.

—W. B. L.

1895

Death has laid a heavy hand on '95 of late.

Langdon's wife died October 13, *Averill* died just two weeks later, on the 27th, and *White* we lost December 7; all within a period of two months.

Mrs. Langdon's death came most unexpectedly, and suddenly ended a life of activities of no mean proportions, in which she demonstrated marked leadership and commendable zeal; and to think of her otherwise would be never to have had the good fortune of knowing her.

Averill, not so well for some time before his death, was buried in the Arlington National Cemetery, with full military honors, on a rainy, stormy afternoon; a dark and dismal day, and not at all in keeping with his characteristic jovial disposition—at least up to the time of our 50th Reunion. And it's sadly disappointing not to anticipate his added cheer at our next prospective get-together, or Reunion 55. Both '94 and '95 were represented at the funeral—by flowers and in person.

White's death came as a grievous disappointment, of course, regardless of warnings. We had but one *White*, and our loss may well become more and more impressive with time; for he was a wise counselor, who inspired confidence and whose name on our roster has contributed in no small way to our Class luster. He was buried with due ceremony at Fort Sam Houston, after having made his home in San Antonio since his retirement.

A welcome letter from *Hawkins*, deep in the heart of Texas, arrived late in November, in which he sends his "best wishes to all the classmates"

Pritchard is to be thanked for an interesting account of his three sons in the Service, with a fine picture of two of them.

Casper and Mrs. *Conrad* are hoping "to get East" one of these days. Welcome to Washington, and all other points on their line of march.

—F. B. W.

1903

Chick Leeds recently made a visit to New York from his home in Los Angeles in connection with his engineering business. He saw one or two of his classmates in New York, and it can be faithfully reported that *Chick* looks about the same age as when he graduated, although he is several times a grandfather.

Julian Schley sailed on December 3rd for a short visit to Panama. Mrs. *Schley* is going with him.

Billy Nichols came on from La Jolla, California, recently, visiting New York and Washington, which is one of his usual business trips each winter. He stated that the largest number of persons were handled in Yellowstone Park last year in the history of the Park, keeping him busy not only in the bus lines but in the hotel accom-

modations as well. If you are thinking of going through the Park next summer you had better get hold of *Billy* now and make reservations.

A Committee of the Class consisting of *Schley*, *Cocheu*, *Grant*, *Lynn*, *Montgomery* and *Levi Brown* met in Washington on November 24th to make preliminary plans for the Reunion, an announcement regarding which has been forwarded to the Class.

A preliminary result of the first canvass regarding the Reunion shows a surprising number who really expect to be present. If this number materializes it will be an outstanding gathering next June.

—A. M. P.

1906

Many letters have come in, praising *Assembly* as a means of spreading class news, but none from *Dutch Kieffer*, *Henry Finch*, or *Dawson Olmstead*. Let us have their news.

Frank Andrews was buried in Arlington Cemetery in November. *Tubby Loughry* and *Sue Clagett* were honorary pall bearers, *Jim Riley* sent Class flowers and attended. *Watts Rose* had his son attend for him. A hundred or more generals of the Air Corps and the Army were among the attending officials from the Defense Department of the Nation. *Jeannette Andrews* (Johnnie to most of us) tried to get in touch with members of the class. The justification in recent days of what *Frank* stood for, the memories of what he did in Panama, Egypt and England in the last war, and the story of his tragic death in Iceland, so well told by *Cort Parker* who handled his funeral in Iceland, stir the minds of many men at the mention of his name. Peace to him now in the shades of Arlington.

Johnnie is now at the Kennedy-Warren Apartments in Washington and will go to Miami Beach a little later on.

Red and *Christine Hoyle* are jubilant over having a home of their own at Hamden, Connecticut, just north of New Haven a little way. *Red* used to be P.M.S.&T. at Yale, where both *Red* and *Christine* are well known. The address is 80 Hepburn Road in case you go that way or want to argue with them about your better place. *Jim* and *Gene Riley* and *McKew Parr* have already found them.

Cort Parker and his two boys saw *Columbia* score the first victory over the Army team in three years almost. *Cort* and *Elizabeth* settled in Boston, where *Cort, Jr.* and *Jim* are getting a New England training.

Hugo and *Elsie Selton* are now living at Forest Hills Inn at Forest Hills on Long Island. *Hugo* states he is in position to advise on the wells of Long Island, particularly those that have the best drinking water. Their son, "Knight" of 1906, Class of 1944, *Robert Warren Selton* came home from the war with the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the Bronze Star Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Army Commendation Ribbon, and two Presidential Unit Citations for his platoon. Worthy Knight, we salute you with great pride!

On the way down from Dillard, *Elizabeth* and I and the two cocker spaniels had lunch with *Christine* and *George Morrow* on their Halifax River Estate at Daytona Beach. They have done some fine improvements since last May and are still at more of them. They went north to the Waldorf Astoria for their annual fling—West Point visits — Army-Navy Football game — theater — style shows — home furnishings—and whatever you do on such things. They were seen in Philadelphia at the Penn-Army game too.

Don Robinson spent several weeks in Madigan General Hospital near Fort Lewis, Washington in 1944 and was there again for a check-up this year. His operation was the same as *Red Hoyle's* and they are comparing statistics. The *Robinsons* are at their country place ten miles west of Port Angeles, Washington. Their two sons and two daughters are reported as follows;—Major *Donald A. Robinson, Jr.*, A.A.F. has two sons. The eldest daughter is married, the other two children are attending the University of Washington,—not in the married section.

Washington State, learning that *Skinny Wainwright* was born at Fort Walla-Walla, August 23, 1883, promptly claimed him as a native son, acclaimed him as its greatest soldier citizen, and erected a monument in the old abandoned fort. It was dedicated in November 1945 with a big affair at which *Skinny* made a grand speech. *Don Robinson* attended for the class and had a grand visit with *Skinny* too. He also joined *Skinny* at Bellingham, Washington, when he spoke at the American Legion State convention in August, 1946. *Don* says that *Skinny* is even more honored and revered in Washington than he is in Texas. He hopes *Skinny* will run for the Senate where his great prestige, his abundant wisdom and his ability as an effective and impressive public speaker ought to help this country get out of its present devilish predicaments.

Jim Riley and his daughter, Mrs. *Joe Anderson*, went to see *Watts Rose* in his apartment at 1661 Crescent Place, Washington, D. C. and found him in good spirits in spite of the pains in his phantom leg. *Watts* has lots of time to read in case you find any time to write. A new grandson arrived last month to *William Watts Rose III* in New York, a wonderful piece of news for anybody. Also arrived at his apartment for *Watts* a smoked turkey and a whole Wisconsin cheese. And I have heard that his faithful foundrymen, for whom *Watts* worked so effectively for a long time, sent him a sizeable piece of paper to let him kick the wolf around a bit. *Watts* asked *Marie* to send a razor and a bottle of gin to the new heir, but she didn't.

The latest dope on the *Riley* grandchildren has been completed for comparison with that recently assembled about the *Daley* heirs. *Eugenie Ward Riley* and *Col. Joe Anderson* (U.S.M.A., 1935) have *David Riley Anderson* and *Judith C. Anderson* in their army home in Virginia across from Washington, D. C. *Elizabeth Hascall Riley* married *Van Ostrand Perkins* (U.S.N.A., 1936) and they had *Pamela Van Os-*

trand Perkins. Van was killed in the Battle of Leyte Gulf and later Van's classmate James C. Shaw, (U.S.N.A., 1936) married Elizabeth and they have Christopher Grattan Shaw. James Wilson Riley IV, married Barbara Clapp and they have James Wilson Riley V, and twins, Jefferson Barker Riley and Linda Kirkland Barker Riley. But young Bill Riley is still looking around from his father's desk at 49 Wall Street.

Someone told me that they saw Tubby Loughry and a bride at the *Katie Connor's* cocktail party for *Bob Eichelberger* in Washington last month. Will somebody please elaborate on this news?

This house at 1199 Bay Drive passed through two stiff hurricanes during my absence this summer, with some little damage on the exterior and a lot to the shrubbery, but we are all fixed up again and fishing off the dock, trying to keep out of the way of the crowd that has already jammed the parking and the highways. But *L. P. Horsfall* and I plotted the Army-Navy Game for the military crowd at the Coral Gables Elks Club with great glee and threaded our ways back home through the traffic safely. The Horsfalls are still at Kumquat Ave., Coconut Grove in the winter and on the Connecticut shore in summer.

—Charles G. Mettler.

1907

Freddy Cruse is still in Guatemala City and expects to remain there for another year. His mailing address is in care of the United States Embassy. *Freddy* had planned to attend the 40th Reunion but was prevented from coming at the last minute by illness in the family. He reports that one of his sons has a destroyer on the Mediterranean station, another is a designer at Van Nuys, California, and a married daughter is living in Milwaukee.

Judge Henry is still in Carmel, California where he has been living for the last four years. He and *Enrique White* are the only members of the class there but many other classes are represented on the Monterey Peninsula. He says that Carmel is quiet and not nearly so much like Greenwich Village as some think.

Goat Spencer wrote that he recently called on the *Wymans* and that both were looking fine. The *Spencers* had just returned from a trip in the east and had stopped at Summit, New Jersey where they enjoyed a visit with *Cal Stedman*. *Goat* saw *Collins* in Washington and *Crafton* in San Francisco. When he wrote he was enroute to Palm Springs for a month or so. His address there is 1441 East Ramon Road. He reports that they spend most of their time on their little ranch on the Russian River near Healdsburg, California in the same country where *Hap Arnold* is located.

Johnny Jenkins is located at 602 Drexel Place, Pasadena, California.

Jimmie Steese's present address is the Army Navy Club, Washington, D. C.

Jim Laubach was in New York for the Illinois football game. *Glassburn*

and *McLuchlan* were regular attendants at most of the games last fall.

Jimmie James was discharged from Brooke General Hospital in San Antonio in October where he underwent an operation for the removal of a cataract from the right eye and in another year he expects to have a similar operation on the left eye. When this is behind him and with glasses properly fitted, he expects to have better vision than ever before. *Jimmie, Jr.* is at the Signal Corps School, is married and has two children. *Betty* is in Japan and *Nancy* is at Fort Lewis, Washington.

Hap Arnold was decorated with the Order of the Grand Cordon of Yun Hwei for his "contribution to the cause of the Allied nations". The decoration was accompanied by a citation extolling him for his "great ability and outstanding skill as a military leader in World War II, and for his "great assistance in training the personnel of the Chinese Air Forces".

Wyman has learned that *Nagle* is living in Santa Barbara, California—address P.O. Box 29. He intends to look him up if he can get a street address. He also reports that *Fadie Prince* is at 976 S. Menlo, Los Angeles, California.

Wyman and *Roger Alexander* both report that they had a most successful reunion at the monthly luncheon of the West Point Society of Los Angeles on November 3 on the occasion of *Roger's* visit. *Roger* was greeted and entertained by a large and enthusiastic group from 1907. *Johnny Jenkins* was there and in honor of the occasion *Patsy O'Connor*, *Prince* and *Wyman* came from nearby. *Boone* came in from Claremont, *Dailey* and *Dusenbury* from Carlsbad and *Patten* all the way from Del Mar. *Jerry Taylor* was out of town and was unable to attend. *Roger* reports that he and *Ruth* had a most enjoyable visit in California and that they were given a warm welcome wherever they went.

McNeil wrote that he had attended a reunion of his overseas office in New York in November at which there were one hundred six at dinner with people coming from Texas, Florida, the Carolinas, St. Louis, Chicago and Detroit. Commenting on the work of his group *Mac* says that his office did the biggest job of criminal appeal cases ever done. Only one man has been let out by the civil courts and another case is on appeal to the Supreme Court. *Mac* reports that *Mary* is very well and looks fine but has to take things easy.

The Washington group gave *Hap Arnold* a luncheon while he was east for the National Geographic Society and Aeronautic Committee meetings at which there were ten of the class present.

Paul Larned wrote that *Eastman* pulled a fast one and got married ahead of the announced date and left for a month's honeymoon on the west coast. *Paul* neglected to identify the bride so we will have to wait for the next issue of *Assembly* for details.

Harry Pfeil is reported to be improving after a slight stroke and *Max Murray*, who had feared the loss of sight in one eye is thankful to have kept about 40 per cent of it.

We recently sent letters to all mem-

bers of the class who had overlooked sending in their subscription to *Assembly*, reminding them to do so. We want to have all members of the class on the subscription list so as to have the widest possible distribution of class news.

—H. W. W.

1908

Edgerton and *Hughes* are still on the Active List.

Chaney is retired and lives at 3410 Reservoir Road, N.W., Washington, D. C.

Nulsen is retired and lives at 233 Greely Street, Alamo Heights, San Antonio, Texas.

Ellis, *Garrison*, *Hall*, *Hughes*, *Johnson*, *Sturdevant* and *Ricker* were at the Army-Navy Game.

—R. E. O'B.

1909

Chester Mills died at his apartment in the Hotel Ashley, New York City, 13 September 1947. He had been in failing health for several years. Burial was at West Point in the Mills family plot.

Marvin Wright died at his home, 2540 Massachusetts Ave., Washington, D. C., 4 October 1947. He had suffered for months from a severe heart disorder. Services were held at the Fort Myer Chapel and burial was at Arlington.

The *Carl Baehrs* have sold their home in Kentucky and have established themselves at 5302 Baltimore Ave., Chevy Chase, Md.

Cliff Bluemel has been retired for physical disability and is living temporarily in Trenton, N. J.

"*Duke*" *Davis* has been retired and is living at 1350 Tasso Street, Palo Alto, Calif.

"*Johnnie*" *Johnson* has broken his ties with the Great Northwest and has been sojourning at *Horace Fuller's* farm near Lusby, Md.

Ed Marks has been retired and is now living at 693 Hilldale Ave., Berkeley 8, Calif.

Mrs. Roy (Ethel) *Matheson* is now living at 229 Pomona Ave., El Cerrito, Calif.

Bob and *Emmeline Eichelberger* have been in the United States for several weeks while *Bob* has been serving on a General Officers' Board in Washington. They are returning to Tokyo in December.

"*Count*" *Rossell* is now President of the Hudson & Manhattan Railroad which furnishes the tube service between New York City and New Jersey.

—G. L. V. D.

1910

1910 was well represented at the Army-Navy game on November 29th. Among those enjoying this decidedly pleasant afternoon (both score and weather) were *Durward Wilson*, *Meade Wildrick*, *Fritz Strong*, *Pappy Selleck*, *Brother Pendleton*, *Flood Scowden*, *Dan Torrey*, *Bunny Robb*, *Sammy Edelman*, *Joe Leonard* and *Snakey Dunlop*. There were undoubtedly others of the class there, whom we didn't

see. As everybody knows the play of the Army Team was simply great.

Speaking of the Army-Navy game, Sammy Edelman again distinguished himself by arranging for and staging a mammoth dinner, dance and entertainment after the game for the Corps of Cadets and their friends at John Wanamaker's big store in Philadelphia. From all reports it was a complete success. The dinner was fine; two orchestras played for dancing the entire evening and an excellent floor show was continuous until the Cadets' train left at midnight. Sammy deserves a lot of credit for he did this thing himself, with the help, of course, of his good contacts in Philadelphia. It is good to know that the Corps could celebrate a glorious victory with such good, clean entertainment as was thus afforded them on this occasion.

Goat Griswold was discharged from Fitzsimons General Hospital in the late summer entirely recovered from his recent illness. Griz then went to Nevada to visit relatives in the old home state while Betty came to Washington, D. C. and was here when another grand-daughter, Katherine Ann, was born to Lieut. Colonel and Mrs. Wm. L. Porte (Matile Griswold) on October 20th. Betty then joined Griz and they will spend the winter at The Broadmoor, Colorado Springs, Colo. Griz was retired on November 30th.

Several of the class have been visitors in Washington during the past few months. It was certainly fine to see them again. *Martin Ray* stopped off for a day or two in October on his way back home in Florida from a visit to West Point and Long Island. He tells a funny story about taking an aptitude or IQ test at Miami University. He says the results were gratifying but rather astonishing. *Martin* lives at 1307 Madrid Street, Coral Gables. *Chesty Barnett* was also in town for a week or two and we had several convivial sessions at the Army and Navy Club. We listened to a broadcast of the Army-Notre Dame game together and were of course somewhat low in mind afterward. *Robbie Roberson* and *Isabel* came East for a short Christmas visit with his sister, Mrs. Freddie Barrows at 4500 Lowell Street, N.W. A few of us foregathered with him at the Club for a cocktail or so and luncheon. We had a good time. *Robbie* just at present is running a cotton farm at Anthony, New Mexico. *Flood Scowden* was also around town a few days in November. He says he is having a great time just travelling around enjoying his retirement. He has been living for a short time in Berkeley, California but has not decided on anything permanent yet. Mail will always reach him c/o C. A. Douglas, 120 Douglas Road, Rochester, New York.

Jack Heard writes from Glacier National Park of being on an extended motor trip across the continent which would make one envious indeed. He and *Ella* left their home in Baltimore August 13th and drove up to Murray Bay, Quebec. They tarried there a bit and then drove up the river to Montreal and then westward to Yellowstone National Park. Jack says that Fort Yellowstone hasn't changed at all since he rode there from Fort Assiniboine in 1904. They continued their trip

through old Fort Benjamin Harrison at Helena and the now abandoned Fort Missoula, both of which Jack knew as a boy with the 3rd Cavalry. From Glacier they will go on to Spokane, Mount Rainier, Crater Lake, and down the coast to Monterey, California. Honolulu by air is to be the next stop and home sometime in January. A grand trip! Jack lives at 3700 N. Charles St., Baltimore, Md.

Bo Lewis is now retired and not so long ago came back to Washington and is now working with the Army Ordnance Association. As *Bo* used to be one of our good Ordnance experts and much interested in this work, he will undoubtedly be very successful in his new job. He is living at 3105 Garfield Street, N.W., Washington, D. C.

P. D. Uhl, *Daddy Byars* and *Durward Wilson* come to Washington fairly frequently and their visits are always occasions for getting together somewhere to "bend an elbow" and "chew the fat".

The Washington contingent of the class now has luncheon on the second Wednesday of every month at 12:30 P.M. at the Army and Navy Club. They are well attended and most enjoyable. The crowd here includes: *Rex Cocroft*, *Don Connolly*, *Snakey Dunlop*, *Dolly Gray*, *Jack Heard* (Baltimore), *Joe Leonard*, *Bo Lewis*, *Dave McCoach*, *Mick Miles*, *Brother Pendleton* (near Baltimore), *Pappy Selleck*, *Fritz Strong*, *Dan Torrey* and *Roger Williams*. If others of the class come to Washington at this time of the month, be sure to make your presence known and join the party. Phone *Snakey Dunlop*. His number is Emerson 7164.

—R. H. D.

1911

Bob Clark has returned to Sarasota, Florida, after a short stay at Walter Reed.

Dave Cowles reports that he saw *Spec Wheeler*, *Nichols* and *Jim Weaver* at a Reserve Officers' dinner in San Francisco in October. *Spec* was the principal speaker at the dinner.

Phil Fleming reports that there are about sixteen members of the Class residing in Washington and vicinity. The latest arrival is *Bluntie*, who is on a Personnel Board in the Department of the Army.

Phil Fleming was awarded an honorary degree of Doctor of Laws by St. Francis College, Loretto, Pa., in October.

Pink Hardy has been heard from at his home in Craig, Montana. He is still enjoying sheep raising on his ranch in that State.

The following members of the Class attended the Navy game at Philadelphia—*Gus Franke*, *Howell Estes*, *Jimmy Crawford*, *Jack Christian*, *Franklin Kemble*, *Bob Gray*, *Harry Kutz*, *Bill Wyche*, and *Phil Fleming*.

Jack Kutz reports that he saw *Joe McNeal* at the Army-Penn game in October.

Gus and *Mrs. Franke* spent a week in New York City after coming North for the Navy Game. *Gus*, along with *Jimmie Crawford* and *Bob Gray* attended the annual meeting of the West Point Society of New York early in December.

Bill Hardigg has a new addition to the family, a daughter, born on October 23rd, at Evansville, Ind. This is believed to be some kind of a record for 1911.

A unique gathering of the Class was promised for luncheon on November 26th last at the Army-Navy Club in Washington. Eleven of old 1911 were planning to attend but last minute demands upon *Spec Wheeler* kept him away. Aside from the number, another unique feature would have involved the assembly of our two 3-star Generals—*Chink Hall* and *Spec Wheeler*. *Phil Fleming* would have added two more stars to the assembly. Those present at the luncheon were *Howell Estes*, *Bluntie*, *Johnnie Hatch*, *Jack Christian*, *Shekerjian*, *Karl Bradford*, *Chink Hall*, *Bill Wyche*, *Phil Fleming* and *Gus Franke*.

Howell Estes is retired and living at 1524 18th St., Washington, D. C. He has not grown any more hair but neither has he acquired any evidences of age—he still looks as young as ever.

Bluntie is still very active and is on duty in the same office as *Jack Christian*. Both are assigned to the Personnel Records Division of the War Department. *Bluntie*, with his family are residing at 858 North Kensington St., in Arlington.

Johnnie Hatch has taken up residence temporarily at 1649 Mt. Eagle Place, Alexandria, Va., while still casting about for a more permanent abode.

Karl Bradford distributed copies of "SPORTFOLIO" at the luncheon in Washington in October. *Karl* has been taken on by the publishers to help increase the circulation of that magazine.

Bill Wyche was the youngest looking member of 1911 at the Class luncheon. Too bad *Spec Wheeler* was not present to compete with him as *Spec* is carrying his age just as well as *Bill*.

Shekerjian has left for Germany as the representative of the American Armenians. He is to confer with the authorities there on the problems of 150,000 displaced unfortunates of that nationality.

It is reported that *Chink Hall* is looking none the worse for wear in spite of his many responsibilities of planning the training of our Army of today.

Alex Surles died on December 6th at the Walter Reed Hospital after an illness of several weeks. He was Director of Public Relations during the War and after the War was appointed Director of the War Department's Bureau of Information. At the time of his death he was a member of an advisory group of general officers assisting *General Eisenhower* on organization and other military problems. At the funeral service, the following acted as honorary pallbearers—*Chink Hall*, *Spec Wheeler*, *Bill Wyche*, *Phil Fleming*, *Karl Bradford*, *Jack Kutz*, *Bluntie*, *Jack Christian*, *Howell Estes* and *Johnnie Hatch*. *General Eisenhower*, in tribute to *Alex*, said: "In the death of *General Surles*, the Army has lost one of its most valuable senior officers—and I, personally, have lost a close friend and trusted adviser. Throughout his thirty-six years of active service, he was a model of all an

officer should be—courageous and unswerving in his devotion to duty. As an old-line cavalryman, he contributed much to the development of our wartime armored force. Later assigned as War Department Chief of Public Relations—when every instinct of his soldier's heart sought combat service—his honesty, wisdom and warm understanding of America's people made him an important and prominent factor in the unified national effort that won victory"

—H. G. S.

1912

"Brad" Chynoweth was retired as Brigadier General for physical disability recently.

DuBois was also retired for physical disability.

Eaton Edwards announces the arrival of a new grandson, Dan Carson Kelly, at Long Beach, California.

"Giant" Kirk, recently appointed Brigadier General, Regular Army, and temporary Major General, as Chief of Field Service Division, Office of Chief of Ordnance, has recently returned to duty after an operation at Walter Reed Hospital.

Mrs. Madge Stokes Larrabee, wife of Colonel Sterling L. Larrabee of Warrenton, Va., died in Doctors Hospital, Washington, D. C., recently.

Johnny Lindt visited Eaton Edwards at Coronado over the week-end of December 6th.

"Big John" Littlejohn recently submitted his resignation as head of the War Assets Administration to be effective November 28th, the day before the Army-Navy game.

"Jim" Mooney has hung out his shingle as Attorney-at-Law at 526 Bond Building, New York Ave. at 14th St., N.W., Washington 5, D. C.

"Slats" Morrissey also was recently placed on the retired list for physical disability.

"Sid" Spalding has been designated as Army Member of the Executive Committee Munitions Board, National Military Establishment.

Following members of the Class attended the Army-Navy game in Municipal Stadium in Philadelphia on 29 November: Cook, Gatchell, Haislip, Hinemon, Holliday, Patterson, Smith and Snow. Their seating assignments were too widely scattered to permit much get-together.

Recent visitors to the Military Academy were Robertson on his way to his new assignment as Deputy to General Clark in San Francisco and Bill Wilbur, who came up to see his son, who is a 2d Classman. Bill is now retired and is engaged in import and export business, which recently took him on a trip to Japan. At the same time he is carrying on his lecture tours on the subject of National Preparedness.

In this issue of *Assembly* you will find a write up about the need of funds to perfect the Cadet Chapel Organ. This is a very worthy project and needs the support of graduates to make the organ capable of its maximum artistic performance. Every member of the Class is urged to send a contribution to the Organ Fund of the Cadet Chapel.

So far the news submitted to the committee appointed by *Bun Hobson* to prepare 1912 Notes for the *Assembly* has been very meager. If you want these notes to be successful there is only one way to do it and that is, send in the news. We cannot get it by mind reading.

—O. J. Gatchell.

1913

The 1913 buffet supper at the Ben Franklin Hotel after the A&N game was attended by many classmates and cadets. Many of the "Godsons" were there who are now at the Academy, among them, Cadets Palmer, Heard, Crittenberger and Green. We missed one more, Spragins.

"Doug" Green and Viner made the actual arrangements, with Cramer and Crane assisting in financial matters.

We saw a lot of 1913 members at the game—Cramer, Crane, Jones, Sadtler, Danielson, Davidson, Schmidt, Lewis, McCulloch, Green, Young, Johnson, Heard and others. Many came to the Ben Franklin after the game, others went back on the Washington Special.

I had a letter from Copthorne who is at the Pine Bluff Arsenal. His boy is "prepping" at Stanton's in Cornwall. Louis Craig is in Berlin—says he sees Keyes often, also saw Henry Perrine at Heidelberg. Nelson is in San Francisco with the Veterans Administration. They see many through the West Point meetings. Jack Conside is in Napa, California.

Colonel Clarence E. Bradburn died of heart trouble at his home 242 S. Grand Ave., Pasadena 2, California, on Friday, December 5th, 1947.

—Viner.

Editor's Note: A mimeographed bulletin entitled "News of Class 1913, U.S.M.A.—November 1947" was received by the Editor prior to the publication of this issue of *Assembly*. From its form and context it presumably had been already distributed to members of 1913, hence it is not quoted in this column.

1914

Elmer Adler was in Washington recently on a quick trip up from San Antonio. He reported on a reunion they had last spring. The 1914 contingent there includes Johnny Carruth, Ike Gill, Bill Houghton, Phil Thurber and John Woodberry, besides Elmer.

J. B. Anderson is now working with Folger, Nolan & Co., investment bankers in Washington.

Jim Cress' work with the V.A. brings him to Washington quite often and he is seen at the A.&N. Club hobnobbing with the other V.A. brass.

Dad Ingles retired as Chief of the Signal Corps and is now with Radio Corporation of America, New York.

Jack Jouett tore himself away from the isle of his dreams long enough to fly to New York and motor down to Washington. He and Skimp Brand got wet outside and damp inside trying to get together at the A.&N. Club. Jack hurried back to St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

Hal Loomis is back from Paris, retired and living at 3109 South St., Washington 7, D. C. Hal looked fine and happy but we couldn't tell whether it was memories of Paris or the pleasure of being back.

Chaunce Benson had a letter from Pink Ward telling how things are in Korea. The hottest night last summer Chaunce had the gang at his house. The occasion was a visit from John Woodberry.

Pete Orton was in Washington for a while but is now reported to be dabbling in real estate in California.

Gene Villaret has returned from France, is still in service and living at 3706 Reno Road, Washington 8, D. C.

Some others still located in or near Washington are: Brannan at Fort Belvoir; Bull and Byron, J. W. at Hagerstown; Harris and Kerr working with V.A.; Paschal, Price and Spatz.

Fred Herman had a letter from Vicente Lim's widow, Pilar. She was about to leave for the Philippines with her three younger children. Two older sons are in California but expect soon to go back to their native land where another son is already located.

Snowden Skinner is living in Providence and commuting daily to Boston where he is in the Veterans Administration with Curtis Nance.

The death of John L. Parkinson was listed in the October, 1947, *Assembly*. He died of a heart attack in Los Angeles, June 24, 1947, and was buried in Arlington. Five members of the Class attended the services.

—F. W. H.

1915

A roundup of the class,—who, where, what, and wartime P.C.S. is in the offing. More from Evans on that as soon as Army budget problems can be handled in something less than a 70-hour week. We do learn, however, that only about 60 of the class are left to kid the medicos into the idea that we are still fit for active duty.

The biggest nucleus of the retired group have responded to California's highpowered publicity: Fox, Hearn, and Waldron are in Palo Alto; Kelton and Howard in Sacramento; Cousins and Howell in Los Angeles; Balsam and Keliher in Carmel; Hubbard and Price in Bakersfield; Ver in San Francisco; Herrick in Oakland; Hodgson in San Mateo; Finley in Santa Barbara; Donnelly in La Jolla; and Pulsifer in San Diego. And not a real Okie or Arkie in the crowd.

The Southeast holds the next largest contingent. In the Carolinas we have Avert in Greenville; Brownell in Highlands; Cochran in Charleston; King in Asheville; McNair in Aiken; Sherburne in Rock Hill; Taylor in Chapel Hill, and Wogan in Oteen.

Down South also we find Gibson in Coral Gables, Florida; Stringfellow in Mountain Creek, Alabama (sounds hill-billy, doesn't it); Tompkins in Richmond, and Lev Williams in Orlando. Just two have pitched their tents in Texas, Holcomb and Hocker. As Evans says, a lot of them come from Texas but few go back. And Joe Hayse has developed a fine com-

bination of law and politics for his bread and butter with farming for the fun of it. Look him up the next time you are in Louisville.

If anybody has the addresses of *Brady, Hall, McDermott, Straub, Thompson, or Williams, J. H. C.*, please pass them on to Evans.

1916

On September 17th Mary and *Stanley Scott* and *Brig Bliss* together gave a Class reception in honor of *Irene* and *Horace McBride*. It was held at the Scotts' quarters at the National War College. Those attending, in addition to the guests of honor, were: *Bobby O'Hare, Nettie Hoge, Carolyn and Murph Irvine, Nancy and Pablo Parker, Susan and Knox Cockrell, Edith Cabell, Myrtle and Jesse Tarpley, Anne and Ham Maguire, and Betty Guyer Towne, the widow of Bob Guyer.* Red O'Hare and Bill Hoge were both away on an inspection trip and missed the party.

Since the last issue word has reached us that *Otto Lange* has retired. Also we hear that *Bill Spence* has settled in San Antonio after his retirement last summer. We still do not know his exact address.

In October *Paul Kane*, now on duty with Ground Force Headquarters at Fort Monroe, was in Washington to give a talk on "Operation Frigid" before the Society of American Military Engineers. It was a swell talk.

By the time these notes are printed *Horace McBride* will have taken off with his mission to Turkey. *Roland Shugg*, who is attached to the mission, left in October as an advance party, and is already in Asia Minor.

Ham Maguire, who for more than a year has been Commanding Officer at Fort Meade, Maryland, is now in Greece with a military mission.

Pablo Parker, who has been living in the Virginia suburbs of Washington for more than a year, finally succumbed to the call of the Seminoles and left for Florida on November 1st. His future address is Brooksville, Florida. Before leaving he guaranteed a bear hunt for any member of 1916 who would visit him. We understand part of the guarantee is that you get the bear—the bear does not get you.

Red O'Hare spent the late summer on an inspection trip of the E.T.O. He is back now in Washington.

Holland Robb is Commanding the 32nd Engineer Group constructing the Misawa Air Base on Northern Honshu in Japan. His oldest daughter, *Janice*, was married in October to an Englishman, *Mr. William S. Anderson*. Her husband is Hong Kong manager of an American firm, and they will live at 2 Stanley Road, Hong Kong.

L. E. McGrav, former cadet of 1916 and now a retired colonel, is reported last at Bradenton, Florida.

Bruno Brundred was seen at the Army and Navy game. Later he told *Parker Kuhn* that his present address is 4722 Broadway, Kansas City 2, Missouri.

Dwight Johns writes that the offices of the South Pacific Engineer Division, of which he is Division Engineer, have recently been moved from San Fran-

cisco to the Oakland Army Base. He and *Laura* bought a house and are living at 55 Park Way, Piedmont, California.

Goop Worsham is in charge of the Western Pacific Engineer Division with headquarters at Sausalito, California. We do not have either his exact home address or his office address.

Woodward is now stationed at the Presidio of California. From this you will see that the Class of '16 has outposts all around San Francisco Bay.

Spike Maulsby, after serving first in the Pacific Theater, from which he was hospitalized with a tropical malady, and then in the European Theater where he picked up a serious limb injury in the Battle of the Bulge, from which he was also hospitalized back to the States, but despite that fact insisted in returning for 15 months with the Army of Occupation, is now demobilized and has returned to Stuart, Florida where he plans to make his home.

Members of the Class will certainly be interested to know that *Peg Snow, Tup Snow's* widow, has taken over the gift shop in the Hotel Thayer at West Point.

During November *Notley Duhamel's* father died in Washington, D. C. where he had been an outstanding citizen all his life.

The Class mailing list was shot to pieces by the War. Since 1946 every effort is being made to bring the list up to date. From time to time addresses of active-duty officers can be corrected from information contained in Army orders. Retired officers disappear and leave no trace. Won't you please help the Class officers by informing the Secretary or the Assistant Secretary when you change address. A line to either *R. Parker Kuhn, 100 Broadway, New York City, Secretary, or E. G. Bliss, 725-13th Street, N.W., Washington 5, D. C.* will do the trick. If you do not believe that your present address is known to the Class officers, please sit down now and let us have it.

—E. G. B.

April, 1917

A news item of outstanding interest to the Class concerns the appointment of *Bill Heavey* to the newly created position of Consulting Engineer to the Department of Marine and Aviation, New York City. We quote here in part an article which appeared in *The New York Times* of 8 December:

"Col. William F. Heavey, New York District Engineer of the Army Corps of Engineers, will be appointed today by Mayor O'Dwyer to the newly created \$12,000 post of Consulting Engineer to the Department of Marine and Aviation. The Mayor said yesterday that Colonel Heavey would take office immediately after retiring from the Army next Monday.

"The appointment, one of seventeen to be made today by the Mayor, will make available to the city, at a time when it is considering sweeping rehabilitation of its waterfront facilities, one of the Army's outstanding engineering experts in this field,

"Colonel Heavey, who lives at 71 Washington Square South, received the Distinguished Service Medal last year in recognition of his outstanding record in World War II as a temporary brigadier general in command of the Second Engineer Special Brigade. He led this unit in numerous assault landings in the Southwest Pacific and in more than fifty landings under combat conditions in the Philippine Islands. The brigade, the function of which was to clear the way for landings by combat units, accomplished sixty-seven missions in twenty-seven months.

"Colonel Heavey was graduated from West Point in 1917. He served in World War I and was wounded in the battle of Chateau-Thierry.

"After World War II Colonel Heavey was assigned to the New York District, where he directed port improvements and was in charge of planning and construction of veterans' hospital projects."

Congratulations from all of us, Bill, on this signal achievement!

And another highlight in Class news items is the list just published showing the names of permanent major and brigadier generals in the Regular Army recommended by the Army's first selection board under the new Officer Personnel Act of 1947. The recommendations made by the board were approved by President Truman on 2 December. Included in the list are: Major Generals *Joe Collins, Matt Ridgway, Dan Noce, Johnny Devine, Fred Irving, Birdie Eagles, Ernie Harmon, Arthur Harper, Milton Halsey, Love Mullins;* and Brigadier Generals *Cowper Smith, Bob Bathurst, Louie Ford, Bill Harrison, Aaron Bradshaw, Laurence Keiser, and Rex Beasley.* These appointments, together with the appointments of *Mark Clark* and *Harris Jones*, already made, gives the Class a total of 19 permanent generals on active duty—a noteworthy record!

Add to our list of effective speakers *Johnny Devine*. On 15 October Johnny, upon the invitation of the Superintendent, U.S.M.A., made a special trip from Fort Knox to West Point to give the Cadets of the First Class the latest information on the Universal Military Training Program. Johnny presented the facts and figures on U.M.T. in an interesting and inspiring manner, emphasizing the role which the graduated cadet will play in the program now before Congress.

And on 31 October *Spec Nisley* delivered the commencement address to the graduating Ordnance class at Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland.

On 1 December *Joe Collins* presented a lecture to the Cadets of the First Class, U.S.M.A. on "The Normandy Breakthrough and the Defense of Mortain". *Joe*, who is now Deputy Chief of Staff U.S. Army, came to West Point from Washington to give the cadets first-hand information about some of his interesting and thrilling experiences as a Corps Commander in World War II.

After having served more than 5 years continuous overseas active duty in England and in Italy, *Jack Nygaard* returned to the U.S. on 25 October and stopped at West

Point for a few days' visit. From West Point he went to Tilton General Hospital at Fort Dix, New Jersey, for a physical examination prior to reverting to a retired status. After his return to the retired list, Jack plans to visit his home in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, from where he will go to Italy to rejoin his bride, the former Signorina Anna Maria Canali from Lucca, Italy. Present at the wedding ceremony, which took place at the Hotel Excelsoir, Florence, Italy, on 18 April 1946, were Mark Clark, who acted as Best Man, and *Louie Martin*. Signorina Canali is an opera singer, a mezzo soprano, who sang last year at the Royal Opera in Rome and at the world famous La Scala Opera in Milan, Italy. She is a graduate of voice of the Communale School in Florence, Italy, and has sung in opera in Vienna, Budapest, Holland, Germany, and France.

And another wedding of interest to the Class is that of Lt. James L. ("Buster") Hayden, U.S.M.A., Class of 1945, son of *Jim* and *Laddie Hayden*, to Miss Glen Thompson, daughter of Col. John Moore Thompson, U.S.A., and Mrs. Thompson, which took place at Governors Island on 17 October. While en route to the wedding from their home in Carmel Valley, California, Jim and Laddie paid a short visit to West Point, where they received a most happy welcome.

Dad Weems has been relieved recently from assignment and duty as Chief U.S. Military Representation Allied Control Commission for Hungary and has been assigned to Hq EUCOM at Frankfurt, Germany.

Bob Kunz has been relieved from duty with the Staff and Faculty of the Command and General Staff College and assigned to AGO Casuals for duty with the Personnel and Records Board, Department of the Army. Army orders recently issued relieve Arthur Harper from duty at Ft. Meade, Md., and assign him to the U.S. Army Gp American Mission for Aid to Greece, in Athens, Greece.

Among those present at the Army-Navy football game in Philadelphia on Saturday, 29 November, were Bob Bathurst, *Aleck Campbell*, *Sef Clark*, *Joe Collins*, *Bates Compton*, *Norman Cota*, *Carleton Coulter*, *Birdie Eagles*, *Leo Erler*, *Ernie Harmon*, *Bill Heavey*, *Fred Irving*, *Harris Jones*, *John McEwan*, *John Trott Murray*, *Spec Nisley*, *Jack Nygaard*, *Burnett Olmsted*, *Bob Ransom*, *Dave Rumbough*, *Tom Sinkler*, *Don Swanton*, *Walter Vander Hyden*, and *George Wooley*.

And we are indeed grateful to have received the following note from *Charlie Gerhardt*, who is now at Ft. Meade, Md., giving an account of a Class luncheon which he organized and engineered at the Army and Navy Club in Washington, D. C., on 4 December:

"We had a fine luncheon at the A-N Club, 17 and I Streets, 4 December, 12:15 to 1:45.

"A toast was drunk to the Army Team.

"Those attending were *Armstrong*, *M. G.*; *Black*, *P. G.*; *Bradshaw*, *Aaron*; *Campbell*, *A. H.*; *Collins*, *J. L.*; *Coulter*, *Carleton*; *Crump*, *Ira A.*; *Erler*,

Leo J.; *Gerhardt*, *C. H.*; *Harmon*, *E. N.*; *Irving*, *F. A.*; *Nisley*, *H. A.*; *Nygaard*, *Jack*; *Olmsted*, *B. R.*; *Ransom*, *R. B.*; *Rumbough*, *D. S.*; *Sherrill*, *S. H.*; *Vander Hyden*, *W. F.*; and *Wooley*, *George F.*

"Steve Sherrill and Leo Erler will have the running of future ones which will be every second month. It was a good gathering and we had fun.

"Up 1917."

We hope that Steve and Leo will send us accounts of the bi-monthly luncheons planned for the future. We badly need such news items.

—T. S. S.

August, 1917

Hiram Baldwin Ely, Sr., recently celebrated the birth of a class grandson, *Hiram Baldwin Ely, III*, son of *Hiram Baldwin Ely, Jr.*, Class of 1944.

Harry Wood is head of the Veterans Administration's regional office for Connecticut. One of his two sons is headed for the Academy.

Jack Knight has now stopped wandering around over the country and is with the Equitable Equipment Co., 410 Camp Street, New Orleans. If anyone is thinking of opening up a movie theater, Jack is the man to see.

The following are reported to have retired from the service since the last reunion: *Bobrink*, *Hasbrouck*, *Heavey*, *Maling*, *Meade*, *Milan*.

Bob Hasbrouck, of 7th Armored Division fame, reports that he is getting along fine after his serious operation.

Jack Coffey says that various members have inquired about a class window in the Cadet Chapel. The low-down is that we have had a window there since 1919. It is marked "1918" instead of our official name, "August, 1917", but is there just the same. Jack is investigating the possibility of having the name corrected.

At a nice little ceremony in the Pentagon, General Wedemeyer recently pinned the Distinguished Service Medal on *Jack Heavey* for the outstanding work he did in China during the war. Among those present were: *Des O'Keefe*, the Airforce J.A.; *Pete Purvis* and *Red Warner*, the two main props of the A.G.O.; *Bill Reeder*, the Chief Signal Officer's right-hand man; *Henry Demuth*, on duty with one of the selection boards; and *Jesse Matlock*, C.O. at Fort Myer. *Ed Leavey*, *Froggie Reed*, and *Frankie Meade* had to be out of town and couldn't attend. Jack was retired for physical disability not long ago and is living at 3386 Gunston Road, Alexandria, Va.

He doesn't know it yet, but *Jack Coffey*, the Ordnance "P", is going to take over as class reporter effective the next issue. How about everyone who hasn't been heard from recently writing Jack a letter and giving him the latest information on the writer. Let's start the new scribe off right.

—T. D. S.

June, 1918

Questionnaires covering the plans for our 30th Reunion in June Week, 1948 have been mailed out and the fol-

lowing quotes are taken from early replies that have come in: (If you didn't receive a letter concerning the 30th Reunion, notify *Bit Barth* at New York Military Academy, Cornwall-on-Hudson, New York. Also please send in new address if you have moved within the last year and a half.)

Connie Jadwin writes from Hq Military District of Washington, D. C. (where he is Chief of Staff) that fifteen of the class attended a luncheon when *Lucius Clay* was back for conference in Washington; present were, *Jadwin*, *Gruhn*, *Clay*, *Kimble*, *Caffey*, *Underwood*, *Mielenz*, *Hoffman*, *Holt*, *Azelson*, *Bishop*, *Baish*, *Robinson*, *Holman*, *Kovarik*. *Growley Gruhn* has recently gone to foreign service in Europe; *Heinie Baish* is an Instructor at the Industrial College; *Swede Axelson* is on duty in the Office of Chief of National Guard Bureau; *Rabbit Robinson* is about to go to Turkey on Attache duty. (Here is a quote from *Connie's* letter, bearing witness to the passing of the era of the horse, "The boat is fine, and I have just been elected for the second time Commodore of the Corinthian Yacht Club of Washington!")

Jim Gillespie writes from Air Force Headquarters in Washington that he expects to retire about next June, and hopes to be on hand for the Reunion. Says he spent a lot of time during the war on experimental test flights for the Air Corps and hopes to go into the field of civilian aeronautical engineering.

Ollie sent in an interesting letter from One Madison Ave., N.Y.C.—says he is President of the Touchdown Club of New York, as well he might be if we dig back in our memories to the day in 1916 when he ran through the whole Navy team on the opening kickoff. He also admits membership in the Saints and Sinners Club. (Didn't say which category applies.) He told of the appearance of General Max Taylor before the Touchdown Club as "fall guy" Apparently they gave him the works and *Ollie* was loud in his praise of Max's sportmanship and the fine impression he made. *Ollie* is group supervisor of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. and has built a fine home at Ridgefield, Connecticut.

Laddie Bellinger, who has been a "wheel horse" in the Association of Graduates and also in the New York Chapter, sends news of classmates in the Metropolitan area. The New York colony consists of *Laddie*, *Bob Horr*, *Heinie Stenzel*, *Jim Marshal*, *Ollie*, *Reg Hubbell*, *George Aigeltinger*, and *Jack Grant*. *Laddie* says he's talking up the idea of regular class luncheons but the press of business makes it very hard to get the group together. *Laddie* has this to say of *George Aigeltinger*—I'm sure we all agree heartily—"We always miss *George* when he doesn't show up. We have a special fondness for him that has mellowed over the years and hope he will soon feel up to par again".

Addie Adcock writes from Germany, (A.P.O. 757, c/o P.M., New York) that he is representing the U.S. on the Bipartite Control Council on economic affairs. He reports that in addition to the boss, *Lucius Clay*, we

have *Clarence Townsley* at Stuttgart and *Phil Gallagher* with the Constabulary at Heidelberg. We'll be sorry not to see *Addie* next June—his job will not be finished by then.

Hans Kramer writes that he and *Alice* will be on hand next June. *Hans* is a consulting engineer—address 462 Nevada Avenue, San Mateo, California. Serious sickness resulting in retirement hasn't dampened his spirits, he's the same old *Hans* we used to know as *Kaydets* and I get a big lift every time I see him.

T. Q. Donaldson writes from Hq Caribbean Command, Quarry Heights, C. Z. bringing us up to date on himself and Canal Zone classmates. *T. Q.* served in Italy during the war; then at Harvard as P.M.S.&T., and is now on Gen. Crittenberger's staff. *Bill Barriger* is chief of Staff of the Caribbean Command. *Hans Kramer* was in the Zone on the board studying the sea level canal route. *Pat Wilson* passed through en route to Puerto Rico where he has settled after retiring. *T. Q.* tells of his two sons who are on duty at West Point and also indulges in a little bragging on his own account. Quote "I am still active and in fit condition. Cannot play polo due to lack of horses. My tennis is still what you might call strong and I can trim any member of our class (bragging)." Says he and *Betty* will be on hand for the reunion.

That winds up the current news. Please help get our list of addresses up to date by writing in your new address if you have moved. Don't fail to show up, complete with wife, for June week, June 5-8, 1948.

—G. B. B.

November, 1918

The response to our circular letter in October was gratifying. We received many letters and notes accompanying the returned questionnaires. A total of one hundred of these personal data sheets have returned. This means that there are nearly the same number who have failed to send one in. If you are one of the guilty, please get on the beam immediately, otherwise our class booklet, "One Score and Ten" will not be a success. If you failed to get a copy, or misplaced yours, write *Badger* immediately for another copy.

Plans for the thirty year reunion are going forward. Your committee met in Washington on Monday, 1 December, and approved the program.

The following information on about one half of the class was received from *Hunk Holbrook*. There will be more dope on some of the others in subsequent issues:—

Tom Aaron has been assigned as Special Service Officer at Honolulu. This is the place where he met his wife, and he is very happy. *Dick Babbitt* thought that he was going to be retired, but he is now G-4 for the Infantry School at Ft. Benning. *Kit Baker* recently returned from four years as Military Attache at Iran. He is now assigned to A.S.U., Organized Reserve Corps Instructors, Jackson, Mississippi. *Elmer Barnes*, who

was on duty at Frankfurt, has returned and is now with the Second Army at Ft. Meade. *Charlie Bathurst* is with the War Department General Staff in the Operations and Training Division. *Vere Beers* is in Yokohama, Japan, with the 598th Engineer Base Depot. *Bill Bennett* who was stuck at home during the entire war has finally been able to pry himself loose, and is now enjoying service at Frankfurt. *Hinie Bergman*, according to a recent report, is in the exporting business in New York City, with exports going chiefly to South America. *John Binder* is back in Barnesboro, Pa., after serving with the Eleventh Air Force in Alaska, during the war. *Bill Blair* writes that he and *Bill Benton* are doing some pheasant and duck hunting near Sterling, Colorado, where *Bill* has retired, and he further reports that he will be flying around the country soon. *Mark Boatner*, who saw varied service during the war in both the Engineers and Infantry, retired in October. *Frank Bowman*, who did most of his fighting in the Pacific, returned to be G-4 of the Army Ground Forces, and is now Commanding General, Columbus General District Depot, Columbus, Ohio. *Fred Butler*, who has an outstanding record as an Infantry Commander during the war, and who made fame at Hill 609 in Africa as Assistant Division Commander of the 45th Division, later commanded *Butler's* task force in France, and made the headlines. He has been with the Foreign Liquidation Commission in Australia and was later assigned as Engineer for the Occupation Forces in Korea. He has returned home and is waiting for his next assignment. *Mutt Cambre* thought that he would be retired in May, but he is now assigned to the Far East Command, Tokyo, Japan. *Howard Canan*, who saw much service in the United Kingdom with *Van Voorst*, has been assigned as District Engineer at Nashville, Tennessee, and is frequently in and out of Washington. *James Carroll* is at Ft. Monmouth, New Jersey. *Jim Christiansen*, after being Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army Ground Forces, became Chief of Staff for General *Styer* at Manila. He recently came home for a check-up and is now Commanding General of the Second Armored Division, Camp Hood, Texas. *Charlie Colson* became Assistant Division Commander of the 88th Armored Division in Italy after the break-up of the 8th Armored Division. He is presently assigned to Headquarters, First Army, Governors Island, N. Y. *Bryan Conrad*, after retiring early this year, spent the winter in Tucson, Arizona, and is now back at Highland Falls, outside West Point. *James Cullens* is at 2 Bella Vista Terrace, Sierra Madre, California. *Bill Dunkelberg* still carries on in the Infantry Section of G-1, Army Ground Forces. *Bryan Evans* has joined the Research and Development Division of the General Staff in Washington. *Bonner Fellers* is still a big publicity man with the Veterans of Foreign Wars. *Lew Gibney* left the War Department last spring and is now Post Commander at Fort Knox, Kentucky. *Pop Gildart* is still on duty at Ft. Dix, and is on

many boards there. *Morris Gulland*, after returning from Frankfurt as Deputy Marshal and subsequently on duty with the First Army, was stationed at Governors Island, and is now Assistant Commandant at Ft. Belvoir. He makes the Class Luncheons in Washington most of the time. *Mike Gillespie*, after considerable experience as an armored man, is now Senior Instructor, Officers Reserve Corps, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. *Pete Goertz* is going to the European Theater of Operations about January 1. *Count Gorlinski* saw service over a wide stretch of territory during the war period and is now assigned to Sacramento, California, as District Engineer. *Jesse Graham* is P.M.S.&T. at Indiana University. *Dave Griffiths* is making the headlines as engineer in charge of construction work in Athens, Greece. *Leslie Groves* is conducting his atom bomb activities as President of the Army Special Weapons Division. *Krum Harding*, who performed such excellent work during the war, returned first to the Engineer Depot at San Bernardino, California. He is now at R.O.T.C., Missouri School of Mines, Rolla, Missouri. *Kester Hastings* is in the office of the Quartermaster General. *Pop Hendrick* is on duty with the Civil Affairs Division in Washington. *Ronald Hicks* is now the country squire near Catlett, Virginia. *Johnnie Hinds* is a member of the Military Liaison Committee of the Atomic Energy Commission. *Charlie Hixon* was finally ordered out of the country after spending four years here. He is now in Europe with the Civil Affairs Division at Vienna, Austria, where undoubtedly he is doing what he can to smooth out affairs there. *Charlie Jewell* is once more back running the Washington office of the L. C. Smith and Corona Typewriters, Inc. *Al Johnson*, upon his retirement early this year, has gone into law practice at Richmond, Virginia. *D. T. Johnson* is in Sendai, Japan, with the IX Corps. *Mike Kelly*, after returning from Europe as an anti-aircraft specialist, was on duty with the Army Ground Forces. He later was G-4 of the Fifth Army at Chicago, and is now ordered to Far East Command, Tokyo, Japan. *Bull Kendall* is now top dog with the Second Infantry Division at Ft. Lewis, Washington. *George Keyser* is now Commandant at Counter Intelligence Corps Center, Holabird Signal Depot, Baltimore, Maryland. This is quite a change for *George* as he spent all the war as an Artillery Commander of a combat unit. On orders to Tokyo. *Chris Knudsen* has retired and is living near San Antonio, Texas. *Dick Lee* is assigned to the Upper Mississippi Valley Division, Corps of Engineers, at St. Louis, Missouri. *Pinkie Lock* was District Engineer at Memphis, Tennessee. He retired in October and is now living in Manhattan Beach, California. *Andy March*, after returning from Europe as Assistant Division Commander of the 82nd Airborne Division, was assigned to the Army Integration Board, then P.M.S.&T., Ohio State University, and with the War Department's Personnel Records Branch, in connection with the promo-

tion board. He is now on sick leave at Washington, D. C. *Svede Mickelsen* is in the office of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces in Washington. *John Middleton*, after commanding the Chinese Training Center and the China Theater Replacement Service, returned for a tour at Ft. Benning and is now assigned as Military Attache at New Delhi, India. *Eric Molitor* has been Artillery Commander with the 88th Division for many months and he pulled out of Italy when the Division moved. *Hammond Monroe* is Chief of Staff, Headquarters Alaskan Department, Ft. Richardson, Alaska. *Joe Moss* is still slugging it out in G-1 Division of the Army in the C.A.C. Section in the Pentagon. On orders to European Command. *Maud Muller*, who reached fame as George Patton's G-4, and returned subsequently to the military government of Bavaria, is now returning to Washington. His new assignment has been announced as G-4 at Norfolk, Virginia. *Tom Munford* is P.M.S.&T. at V.P.I. in Blacksburg, Virginia. *John Niles* was in Berlin, Germany. Now with an Engineer Combat Group, Camp Campbell, Kentucky. *Ernest Norman* recently returned to Washington and is now on the staff of the Washington Military District. *Raymond Odor* has decided to enjoy the life of a civilian and was retired in the middle of the summer. *Gerald O'Rourke* has again retired, in Hawaii, after serving in the Southwest Pacific during the war. *Howard Peckham*, who was Class Secretary for a short time, now heads the Grave Registration in Paris. *Julius Piland*, after leaving the Navy, is on duty with the Veteran's Administration, Washington, D. C. *Art Pulsifer* was in the office of the Chief Signal Officer, E.T.O., and is now with the Second Army at Fort Meade, Maryland. *Tom Ramsey*, after being relieved from commanding Cumberland County District, is now stationed on the West Coast at Sacramento, California. *Mark Rhoads* is still plugging it out at Arlington Hall. He is one of the top specialists in the Signal Corps. *Bobby Schow* is G-2 of EUCOM. *Johnny Sherman* is now assigned to Central Intelligence Group at Washington, after a long period of high level staff work, particularly in Belgium, and a tour in the Military Intelligence Division of the War Department. *Fred Sherrill* has been in and out of Washington several times recently. He is now back in Washington trying to improve the cotton situation in the West. *E. W. Smith* has retired and is living in Washington. He intends to go into some business venture shortly. *Tubby Snow*, after a tour in the Office of the Chief of Engineers, spent a very pleasant, but short tour at Wilmington, North Carolina. He has recently been ordered to Marianas-Bonin Command, Guam, Marianas, as District Engineer. *Mamie Stokes*, after a tour of G-2 in Washington, is back in Hungary as Military Attache. *Frank Stoner*, after a tour as Assistant Chief Signal Officer, is now handling communications for the United Nations at Lake Success. *Ippy Swift* returned from service in the 12th Army Group, Second Armored Division and 82nd Airborne to be legislative

representative of G-1, War Department General Staff. He is now Assistant Division Commander in the Second Infantry Division, Ft. Lewis, Washington with Bull Kendall. *D. A. Taylor* is at Headquarters, Ft. Knox, Kentucky. *Bev Tucker* is with the War Assets Administration in Washington. *Heath Twichell* was recently detailed at R.O.T.C., Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, New York, and is now at Engineers Research and Development Laboratories, Ft. Belvoir, Virginia. *Jo Twitty*, after a tour as an instructor at the National War College, is assigned as District Engineer of Mobile, Alabama, which is near his home. *F. B. Valentine* is Military Attache for Air at Paris. *Marion Van Voorst* has returned from Europe for duty with the Chief Signal Office in Washington. *Sammy Walker*, who was Chief of Staff of the 80th Division, returned to Washington, and is now with the Legislative & Liaison Division and spends his time hobnobbing with Congress. *Pinkie Walsh* has been assigned recently as District Engineer at Portland, Oregon. *William Wanamaker* spent most of the war in the Pacific and is now assigned to the North Atlantic Division, Corps of Engineers, at Baltimore, Maryland, as District Engineer of the Baltimore District. *Clyde Welch* is on duty with the O.R.C. in Columbia, S. C. *Dick Wheeler*, having spent considerable time at Armored Commands during the war, is now assigned to the Far East Command at Yokohama, Japan. *Jake Wheelchel* has left for Panama Canal Department, Quarry Heights, Canal Zone, which promises to be a delightful detail. *Pinkie Williamson* is enjoying life as P.M.S.&T. at Alabama Polytechnic Institute. *Jack Winn* was at Ft. Jay with the First Army. Now on temporary duty G-2 Army preparatory to M.A. job. *Bob York* is now under orders from Boston to Far East—Korea—probably to fill Butler's job.

—G. M. B.

1919

The S.O. class appears to have done very well for itself with the recent General Officers Selection Board. On the recommended list for permanent major generals were the two Als, *Wedemeyer* and *Gruenther*. The recommended list for permanent brigadier generals included *Tony McAuliffe*, *Bill Wyman*, *Bill Keene*, *Willie Palmer*, *Bob Montague*, *Harian Hartness*, *Mike Brannon*, *Hugh Hoffman*, *Pee Wee Collier*, *Bob Critchlow* and *Claude Ferenbaugh*. The total number selected from the class, 13, is larger than from that for any other class except 1915 and April 1917.

Wess Jervy writes from the Office of the Chief Signal Officer that there are some 34 members of June 1919 stationed in and around Washington. At a class luncheon on 3 October there were 29 present, including *Tom Hedekin* from Ft. Bragg and *George Horowitz* from New York. On Friday, 31 October the group held a 29th Anniversary Party at the Officers Club at

the National War College. The Washington group consists of *Barlow*, *Bean*, *Bizby*, *Booth*, *Brannon*, *Burnell*, *Crowe*, *Drury*, *Ferenbaugh*, *Gard*, *Green*, *Gruenther*, *Hayford*, *Hopkins*, *Jervy*, *Jones*, *McAuliffe*, *McLean*, *Moore*, *Moroney*, *Murphy*, *O'Reilly*, *Ovenshine*, *Phillips*, *Price*, *Pyle*, *Shaw*, *Speed*, *Stearley*, *Syme*, *Wedemeyer*, *Wynne*, *Young* and *Zimmerman*.

Wess writes of himself, "For the past two years since my return from the European Theater, *Phyllis* and I have been in Washington where I am on duty as Chief of the Army Pictorial Service. Our son, *Jack*, has been integrated as a 1st Lieutenant in the Regular Army and has been married over a year. He was never able to get into West Point on account of his eyes, but came into the A.U.S. through Officers Candidate School and was in the European Theater for about two years"

Bill Wyman is now Chief of Staff of the First Army at Governors Island. *Helen* and I had the pleasure last fall of entertaining *Bill's* daughter and her roommate at boarding school, who is *Paul Donnally's* daughter, for a football weekend, and can report that they are a pair of charming young ladies. Incidentally, we spent a fall weekend at Madison, Conn. with *Sid Gould* and *Paul Donnally*, both of whom are residents of that delightful town. *Paul* is completing repairs to his old colonial house which was badly gutted by fire last year.

Hilde Hildebrand writes from Ft. Sheridan that he is in command there and wishes to nominate *Sheridan* in the competition for the most beautiful post in these U.S. *Hilde* says that *Joe Cranston* is now commanding general of the Michigan Military District with Hq. at Detroit, and that *Red Szymanski*, recently integrated back into the Regular Army, is Special Services Officer for the Fifth Army and has his chest covered with all the Polish decorations issued during the past war.

Visitors to West Point during the football season included *Ike Ritchie* from Aberdeen and *Walt O'Reilly*, who is in the Research and Development Section in the Pentagon.

Recent retirements include *Bill McMaster*, *Dave McLean* and *Jack Raaen*, all as colonels. *Willie Palmer's* new address is: S.S.&P. Division, Hq. EUCOM, A.P.O. 757, New York, *Willie* having been transferred from the Army Information School to Frankfurt early in November. The October issue of "Signals", the journal of the Army Signal Association, contains an article by *Elton Hammond*, formerly Third Army Signal Officer, entitled "Signals for Patton". *Alex Alexander* has prepared an obituary for *Rusty Nelson* which will appear sometime next spring.

You are reminded once again that the S.O. class is now officially known as the Class of 1919 (June) and that accordingly the date for our 30th Reunion will be in June 1949. Let's have any suggestions for making that occasion a gala celebration.

—B. W. B.

1920

Since the last publication of *Assembly*, orders to various assignments have been noted on the following: *Leland S. Smith*, former Adjutant General, U.S.M.A. (and, incidentally, able writer of this column), to duty as Adjutant General, Army Ground Forces, Pacific, Fort Shafter, T. H.; *Rhu Taylor* from Hq. Fifth Army to J.A.G. Office, Washington; *Al Perwein* to Hq. Second Army, Ft. George Meade, Md.; *Bill Crist* to O.C. of S., Washington, for duty in Office, Director of Intelligence; *Bill Long* from Hq. A.G.F., Washington, to European Command, Bremerhaven, Germany; *Leslie B. Downing*, retired as Lt. Col., 31 October 1947 upon his own application.

It was announced on 2 December 1947 that the President had approved the Selection Board's recommended lists of officers to be appointed permanent and temporary general officers. Congratulations to *Eddie Plank*, *Lyman Lemnitzer*, *Clovis Byers*, and *Hank Hodes* who are to be Brigadier Generals, Regular Army!

The following classmates have been noted in attendance at various Army football games throughout this fall: *Lyman Lemnitzer*, *Duke Lanahan*, *Don Leehey*, *Morris Chitterling*, *Bill Crist*, *John McNulty*, *Selwyn Gay*, *Russell Smith* and *Joe Harriman*.

Since the departure of Leland Smith, the undersigned has assumed the responsibility of reporting for you in this column. The receipt of pertinent news and notices will be greatly appreciated and very helpful.

—E. C. Gillette, Jr.

1921 and 1922

Most surviving *Orioles* have seemingly dug in somewhere for the winter. At least not many have made news that has come to our attention at West Point since the October '47 issue of *Assembly*.

According to the "usually reliable sources": *Kastner* is now in Greece with the American Mission there; *Marcus* is in the Personnel Bureau, A.G.O., Washington; *Crandell* is with the Recruiting Publicity Bureau, A.G.O., at Governors Island, N. Y.; *Perry Smith* is managing our careers from a desk in the Career Management Branch, G.S., U.S.A., in the Pentagon; *Hensey* was recently transferred from Hq. A.G.F. at Fort Monroe, Va. to Hq. Fifth Army, Chicago; *Pughe*, retired 30 November '47 as a Lt. Colonel upon his own request; *Ham Meyer* will do likewise, effective 29 February '48.

Johnson, R. H., 64 Wall St., N.Y.C. writes that a letter to him from *Milo Cary*, S.S.&P. Div. Hq. EUCOM, Frankfurt includes the following: *Spalding* is in charge of all Army Post Exchanges in Germany. His office is in Bad Nauheim. Spud had seen *Jerry Dowling*, who is now in the Finance Department in Friedberg, Germany.

We are informed that *Hartley M. Caldwell*, ex-1922, is now a Master Sergeant in the U.S.A.F., Air Materiel Command, 3636 Beverly Boulevard, Los Angeles 54, California. He resigned from U.S.M.A. in 1919 and grad-

uated from Dartmouth in 1922. Prior to World War II he was in the insurance business in California. He enlisted in 1942. His decorations include the French Legion of Honor and the Army Commendation Ribbon.

George Mitchell writes from Washington that *Orioles* there now meet regularly for luncheon in the Officers' Dining Room in the Pentagon on Thursdays at 12:15 P.M. He urges all classmates visiting Washington to attend these luncheons whenever they can.

—C. N. B.

1923

Dave Larr's funeral was held here on 16 December. The Class was represented by *Bob Hallock* from Governors Island, *Johnny White* from New York City, and *Bill Morton*, your scribe. *Bill Craigie*, *Clyde Rich*, *Jim Bowen* and *Dave Dunne* were to have flown up from the Pentagon, but were grounded by the weather. *Peggy* and her two boys, *David* and *Peter*, stood the ordeal with soldierly fortitude. The sympathy of the Class was extended in the form of flowers.

The fifty-six members of the Class in and around Washington have organized with Col. *Cecil W. Nist*, 833 S. Oakland St., Arlington, Va., as President and Col. *Stewart W. Towle*, 2001 16th St., N.W., as Secretary. They have selected a committee consisting of *Bill Craigie*, *Jim Bowen* and *Dave Dunne* to make arrangements for the 25th reunion. The chairman's address is: Maj. Gen. *L. C. Craigie*, U.S.A.F., Director of Research and Development, Dept. of the Air Force, Room 4E144, The Pentagon, Washington 25, D. C. Col. *Robert F. Hallock*, Arty. Sect., Hq. 1st Army, Governors Island, N. Y., has undertaken to get the New York group organized. The scheme is to have all arrangements planned by the Washington group in consultation with New York; the latter to assist with any special work in the City and by liaison with *Bill Morton* at the Point, who will act as agent on the spot.

John Noyes from the Pentagon, and *Bob Hallock* were at West Point recently and received data concerning the reunion for transmission to their respective groups. *Bill Craigie* was here at Christmas for further consultation. You should therefore receive a preliminary circular with tentative plans early this year.

The Class will regret to hear that *Kenner Hartford*, who is on the Military Advisory Committee to the U.N., has just had pneumonia. He seems to be getting along satisfactorily at the Ft. Totten Hospital to judge by his sprightly card.

A fresh shock has come to us in the announcement that *Joe Cella*, retired, died at Albuquerque on 24 October 1947. He was G-2 of the 2nd Air Force during the war.

Space limits me to the inclusion of only one more item, received from *Pinky Palmer* in Nanking, where he and *Pooper Grove* have been planning for the establishment of Chinese equivalents of West Point and Leavenworth. He writes as follows:

"Last month (September) I was in

Shanghai for about ten days, and as my name got into the newspapers, *Wong* saw it and left a call for me. We had three or four meetings, going to a Sing-Song house on the last one, just to see what it was like.

"I enjoyed my visits with *Wong* very much, and he appeared to be very glad to have one of his classmates to talk to. Things haven't been going any too well with him in recent years, any more than they have with China as a whole. When the Japanese war broke out he was in Shanghai, and remained there during the war. I believe it was some sort of public utility he was with, doing a bit of underground work on the side with the Youth Corps, as I understand it. When V-J came Dai Lee's outfit, a sort of Gestapo known as the Bureau of Information and Statistics, which was at cross purposes with the Youth Corps, apparently put *Wong* in prison. He was finally tried and given a sentence of 1½ years, from which he was released this past spring. While he was in prison his wife died, after having worked very hard trying to get him out. I imagine *Bill Biddle* and *B-food Marron* will remember her from having met the *Wongs* in Shanghai in 1931. His wife's picture occupies a very important place in *Wong's* home, and I can see that he misses her. He has four children—three boys and a girl. There are two boys about 18 and 16, I guess, the girl, and the youngest boy about ten. The girl lost her hearing as the result of sickness several years ago, but she is a bright, cheerful creature. A fine family. One of the boys was hoping to enter the Chinese Naval Academy at Tsingtao, but was kept out on account of his eyes. The two older boys seem to have weak eyes, whereas *Wong* still gets along without glasses, and the two younger children don't need glasses. *Wong* is in business in Shanghai now with another Chinese West Pointer, *Zau* of November '18.

"I expect to be down in Shanghai week after next for a few days again, and expect to take a couple of 'Assemblies' down to *Wong*. He is still very much interested in the Point, and quite reminiscent of the days there and elsewhere in the States".

—W. J. M.

1924

On the 6th of September the members of the Class in Washington initiated the fall season with a big turnout at a luncheon held at the Army War College. Numerous members teaching or attending school at the National War College and the Industrial College, as well as the great numbers stationed at the Pentagon, Ft. Belvoir and other surrounding posts, turned out en masse. *Bob Finley* and *Jack Outcault* took time out from business to attend this session.

Many bulls turned out at the annual meeting of the Class held at the Army-Navy Club on October 3rd. It was a stag affair, buffet dinner with drinks, for the purpose of electing Class Officers for the ensuing year. The election results were as follows: President, *Art Trudeau*; Vice Presidents, *Buck*

Lanham and Pete Lee; Treasurer, Earnest Lee; Secretary, Joe Morris. Among those attending the meeting were Jim Anders, Jerry Sullivan, Buck Lanham, Pete Lee, Joe Morris, Martin Haas, George Finnegan, Von Berger, Slicker King, Bill Forbes, Pete Haines, Ganorsky Griffith, Eddie White, Reggie Dean, Frank Kreidel, Jesse Wells, Lowell Limpus, Peyton McLamb, Allen Dawson and Perry Brown. Due to the fact that the National War College and the Industrial College were holding a formal function that same evening, the large contingent of the Class from those institutions could not attend.

The group paid respect, on behalf of the Class, to Buck Lanham, Martin Haas, Joe Morris, Jerry Sullivan, Pete Haines, and Pete Lee who had given so generously of their time in setting up the permanent Class organization and in making extensive reports on the Class activities for *Assembly*.

Extensive plans were made for further Class activities, not least of which is the publication of the next issue of the *Thundering Herd*.

Bill and Mary Maglin are now at Carlisle Barracks where Bill is Commandant of the Military Police School. George and Mary Duerr are also at Carlisle. George heads the Army Information School. Pete and Bobby Lee became proud grandparents in November. The baby was born in Germany to the wife of R. V., Jr. Sammy Samouce has joined the Pentagon contingent, replacing Dave Erskine in the A.G.F. Public Information Office. Dave has departed for Germany. Willie Schaeffer has also become a Pentagonite. He is assigned to the Personnel Board.

Art Trudeau roosts at the Pentagon when he is not flying around the globe. He was kind enough to furnish the following information regarding classmates he met during a recent trip to the Pacific Ocean Area.

Gordon Rogers and Tom Roberts are regimental commanders in the 1st Cavalry Division in Japan. Danny Martin is an I.G. with I Corps in Northern Honshu. Fred Henney has an engineering assignment in the Tokyo area. Ed Chazal is in the G-1 Section of the 8th Army. Henri Burgess is the G-4 of the 8th Army at Yokohama. Don Hill has an Engineer Construction Group in Korea. Hulley has a Special Services assignment in Korea. Jimmy Clyburn runs the Port at Ginsen and Pete Shunk is the Signal Officer of the Port. Triplett is Chief of Staff in Okinawa. Steve Koszewski and Vic Conrad are Planning and Signal Staff Officers at Philrycom Headquarters in Manila.

Bill Renn writes that he is now with the Georgia Hardwood Lumber Company of Augusta, Georgia. Bill will be manager of their Plywood and Veneer Department. He will live in Augusta permanently after 1 January. He hopes to bring Martha and the children there by 1 February.

Bruce Bidwell has left the "sacred" halls of the Pentagon for Guatemala. Malin Craig is P.I.O. with Headquarters, U.S.A.R.P.A.C. in Hawaii. Fisher Blinn announces the arrival of a "bull calf" in Williamsburg, Virginia. Fisher is teaching math at Wil-

liam and Mary, having been retired for high blood pressure. He says those jokes about absent minded professors are not funny, you do get that way.

Tom Allen has also reported for duty in the Pentagon with the Personnel Board. Marcus and Agnes Stokes are due to go to Panama when Marcus completes his present course at the National War College. Boatner, when last heard from, was G-1, Fourth Army. Gene Ely is with A.G.F. Headquarters at Ft. Monroe. Eddie White received a richly deserved star from the U.S.A.F. in October. Congratulations and good luck, Ed!

Pete Day, having completed his course at the National War College, is now stationed in the Pentagon with Plans & Operations Division, General Staff, U.S. Army. Cary Hutchinson has joined Pete Haines in the S.S.&P. Division, General Staff, U.S. Army at the Pentagon. Dan Healey recently paid a visit to Washington. Believe he is with A.G.F. Headquarters at Ft. Monroe. Reg Deane, Chairman of the Class Entertainment Committee reports that the Bulls and Cows of the Class enjoyed a most successful cocktail party held at the Officers Club, Army War College, on December 6th. About 50 couples attended and a swell time was had by all. There were no casualties and a unanimous vote to hold more of same.

—F. A. K.

1925

The Washington Chapter is going strong and in the person of Jack Chamberlain came across with five pages of copy for this issue. Jack is modest, he says it needs a good bit of polishing up. It beats my feeble attempts at composition.

The Washington-and-viceinity contingent of Unreliables totaled, at last count, thirty-seven. Class luncheons, held once a month, have afforded classmates a chance to see one another. Occasional evening parties, with the wives invited, have been held, and on several occasions joint parties with the Class of '25 of the Naval Academy, have given us many pleasurable contacts with our contemporaries from the Severn.

Don Bailey is now Deputy Chief of the Eurasian Branch, Intelligence Division. Don took an A.A.A. Group to England and later landed with it on Omaha Beach. As part of the XIX Corps, Don went on through France, Belgium and Holland to the Elbe River. He later served as Executive Officer for Pop Harrold in the 3rd Constabulary Brigade. He reports Pop as being "ding hao" as a General.

After spending 18 months with the Military Staff Committee of the United Nations in London and New York, Pearre Cabell was relieved in order to attend the current course at the National War College. Upon reporting to Washington, he found that his orders had been changed and he was to report to Air Force Headquarters instead. He is now Deputy Director of Intelligence.

Ray Barton reports that having spent two years "recuperating" at the Industrial College and the War College, he has finally been put to work. He is Chief of the Supply and Control

Branch, S.S.&P. Division of the General Staff.

Walt Bryte is at Air Force Headquarters in the Pentagon, in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations. He reports that he saw General Charley Caldwell and Fred Powell in action last July in Buenos Aires and that he purloined a pair of Charley's "bombachos" which, he explains, means "trou" in the Gaucho vernacular. Fred is a War Department employee in Buenos Aires and works for Charley. It is rumored that Fred, with his lovely wife and daughter, may soon return to the States. Incidentally, we all had a glimpse of Charley recently when he made a brief visit to Washington. He has been acting for the last year and a half as both Military and Air Attache to Argentina.

Nick Nicholas is still in the Central Intelligence Agency, doing—he says—God knows what. He claims to have been in Washington so long that he is having a good deal of annoyance correcting rumors that he took over from George B. McClellan.

Bill Nutter returned to the States from Panama in August and is now a student in the Industrial College. Ike Evans, Red Willing, Leland Kuhre and Lou Riggins are also getting their gray matter shaken up in the same institution of learning. Nutter reports that he was within "spittin' distance" of George McManus, who was A.G. of the Caribbean Defense Command, the two of them being the only representation of the Unreliables in the theater. Once in a while, however, Bill caught a glimpse of Gene Steele, Military Mission Chief in Guatemala, and Joe Cleland, Military Attache in Chile, on the occasion of their visits to Panama.

Don Dunford is back from a three year tour in Italy with the 88th Division, Fifth Army and M.T.O.U.S.A. He is assigned to the Career Management Branch of the P.&A. Division, but regrets that he can do nothing in the line of career managing for '25. "You're on your own now, boys, you're too old." Don had lunch with Meredith Noble at Camp Holabird a short time ago. Noble is Exec. at the Counterintelligence School. Don also comes up with news of Bim Carnes and Johnny Black (Don seems to get around quite a bit); he saw both of them at the Navy Game in Philly. Bim and Johnny are doing yeoman service at a tin school in Philadelphia and cordially invite all classmates to give them a ring if they get into the neighborhood. (Telephone number supplied upon request.)

Charley Saltzman is seen on occasions when he can extricate himself from the many problems confronting him as Assistant Secretary of State.

Nineteen twenty-five has two brigadier generals at the present time delving into the higher reaches of learning at the National War College; Jack McCormick and Russ Randall. In spite of the burden of study, they manage to make most of the class get-togethers.

Hank Westphalinger, President of the Washington Chapter of the Unreliables is currently on duty with the General Staff in S.S.&P. Division. Hank reports that he has just returned from a brief official trip to Paris and London.

Carl Tischbein is Chief of the Supply Group, S.S.&P. Division and is glimpsed at intervals rushing about the corridors of the Pentagon heading somewhere. He reports that *Pickles Martin* was recently retired and is understood to be commandant of a military school in Oklahoma.

Jack Chamberlain has been in the Pentagon for nearly two years. On return from foreign service, he was assigned to the Public Information Division and was recently transferred to the Office of the Secretary of Defense, where he is doing a little bit of everything.

In this mad, mad life of Washington, it is hard—believe it or not—to see one's classmates except at rare intervals. Buzzing down the Pentagon corridors, one is apt to see *Jack Bird* busily engaged in a conference with someone on matters of organization and training. *Andy Barlow* in Intelligence manages to hide out pretty well, but comes to the surface for the luncheons and parties. *Claude Burbach*, after a session at the War College, is with Personnel and Administration and, in addition to his other duties, has played a leading role in class affairs. *Alex Dobak* ("We want our. . .") is reported to be in Camp Lee, Virginia, but further info. is not forthcoming. *Ed Jones* is with Weaver Brothers, a realty firm in Washington and turns up, looking swell, at class luncheons once in a while.

Bill Gilmore—General Gilmore to you, suh!—was in Washington for a few days at Thanksgiving to help his father celebrate his eightieth birthday, Bill will shortly be enroute to Japan for duty.

Pat Lynch, who has been on duty with the Civil Affairs Division, was recently assigned to the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army.

Dave Tulley is assigned to the Legislative and Liaison Division of the Department of the Army. He still enjoys nothing quite so much as pursuing the elusive trout in the brooks of Maryland and Virginia.

B. G. *Bill Ritchie* is head of the Plans Office of the Plans and Operation Division of the Air Force.

Bobby Howze is Chief of the Classification and Personnel Actions Branch, P.&A. Division of the General Staff.

Pete Liwski and *Charley Cavelli* are both in the Office of the Quartermaster General; *Johnny Gamber* and *Abe Lincoln* are also inmates of the five-sided wonder, the former with the Ordnance, the latter with Air Force Headquarters. *Colby Myers* drops in on occasions from Andrews Field.

Si Orday, Chief of the Western Hemisphere Branch of P.&O., is one of the oldtimers around the place, and at class parties is usually to be found indulging in his favorite occupation of trying to out-Nick Nicholas.

Charley Mason, formerly Chief of the Topographic Branch, Intelligence Division, was recently retired. Incidentally, Charley is due to deliver an address on December 29 at a symposium on military geography in Charlottesville, Virginia, on the occasion of the annual meeting of the Association of American Geographers and the American Society for Professional Geographers.

Red Newman, who used to be in these parts, is now a prof at the Army Information School at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania. We catch glimpses of him every once in a while.

Miles Dawson is now assigned to the Army's General Staff and is working on Industrial Mobilization Planning with regard to Industrial facilities. He tells us that *Jerry Galloway* is the District Engineer at Little Rock, Arkansas, working on flood control projects.

Link Linkswiler, back from a long tour in the Aleutians and Okinawa, was assigned to Washington last April. He is on duty with the Research and Development Division of the Office, Chief of Engineers.

Strickland (Goat, Briar, Strick, Hank, etc.) rejoined the Army after a six-year detail with the then Air Corps. He's with the Manpower Board and is located in a remote corner of the Pentagon from whence he emerges annually with the ground-hog to glimpse the light of day. He has a yearling son, another one at Georgetown University and a third not yet of college age. "The present address is 4815 Reservoir Road," says Strick, "for any Unreliable playing a one-night stand."

Art Ruppert finally came up for air in November with a long letter. Art did a three and a half year hitch with the Air Force and is now back in civil life. Art has deserted New York and established his own business in Los Angeles. He didn't say what the business was and his return address only states "Arthur A. Ruppert and Associates" He says he would appreciate it if any classmates in L.A. or passing through would call him up at Madison 7727 (office) so they can have a private reunion.

Art was in San Francisco last March and attended the West Point dinner. *Mike Geraghty* had the gang out to his house for cocktails beforehand. Art goes on to say "Unreliables present were *Tim Mulligan*, *Benny Fowlkes*, *Joe Cannon*, *Mike Geraghty*, *Ernie Holmes*, *Carl Holcomb* and so they tell me, myself. We made *Joe Cannon* water corporal and, believe it or not, we threw glasses at our only general present."

Mutt Crandall (and Betsy, Nancy, Harry Jr., Stephen) reported in December, at West Point, for duty as Fiscal Officer. This brings the local garrison up to four Unreliables and about four hundred other officers. Mutt was Finance Officer of XIII Corps and did his overseas service in Europe.

There were a lot of the boys at the game in Philadelphia but I didn't have much of a chance to talk to them, having seats down with the class of about '42. Saw *Bruce Clarke*, both *McLaughlins*, *Cabell*, *Crandall*, *Westphalinger*, *Linkswiler* briefly at the stadium. That night some of the class showed up at the Ben Franklin. *Daddy Dunne* and his wife were there. *Johnny Black* and *Bim Carnes* were playing host, they being local residents. They are teaching at Valley Forge Military Academy. *Lucien Bolduc*, *Dunaway*, *Hopkins*, *Carl* and *Sally Tischbein*. *Dunaway* looked prosperous,—says he is selling real estate in Florida.

Received a letter from *Wilmer Ben-*

nett just a few days too late for mention in the last *Assembly*. Benny was married to Miss Anne Catherine Hutton of Drexel Hill, Pa. on 11 October 1947. The wedding took place in Okinawa. Benny is Deputy Chief of Staff, Ruyukus Command and Anne is with the American Red Cross in Okinawa. Welcome to the ranks of '25 wives, Anne.

Now that we are growing older and higher ranking we will always have more classmates in and around Washington than at any other place. The suggestion has been made that the "Washington Chapter" be made the official class organization. A committee of the Chapter composed of Bill Nutter, Walter Bryte and Don Dunford is now studying the proposition. Hank Westphalinger is president of the Washington Chapter and *Claude Burbach* is secretary. The latter's address is room 2E 933a, The Pentagon, Washington 25, D. C.

Charlie Barth was buried with a simple graveside ceremony at West Point on 5 November 1947.

—W. N. U.

1926

The response to the circular letter sent out in September has been most gratifying both from the standpoint of income for the class fund and in the wealth of news, rumors and wisecracks ad libbed. I am especially grateful for the latter and will welcome any further contributions to make writing this column easier and more informative.

But to lead off—congratulations are in order for:

Bill Creasy—awarded the Distinguished Service Medal for work on Gen. Wedemeyer's Staff in the China Theatre.

Art Kirchoff—awarded the Legion of Merit for outstanding services as C.O., 41st Eng. Regt. from June '42 to February '43.

Tom DeShazo—on again becoming a father. No further statistics.

Norm Matthias—on becoming the father of a son, now six months old.

You know, it occurs to me that this class cup idea is all wrong. Would it not be more appropriate to award it to the classmate presenting the class with its first son after thirty years of active duty?

It might have a sobering effect at this time to announce that:

Shirley Sims graduated from Vassar last June and is now mastering in psychology at Michigan.

Bill House's daughter is also at Michigan University.

Sparky Baird and *Charlie Connally* both have sons in the Plebe class where they are undoubtedly being administered to by Yearling Charles Sloane III.

Before going on to news of the class, let me state that because your name is not mentioned below does not mean that we did not receive your check for class dues. Consult your cancelled checks as no receipts were rendered. And next time, send in some news.

George Hickman returned from Japan in September and is acquiring a Harvard accent and, incidentally, completing his last year of law. He re-

ports G.I. housing trouble and has left his family in New Jersey for the duration.

Norman Matthias is due back from Europe in the spring. Keep us posted on your new station, Norm.

Olaf Pearson is presently loafing about New Jersey and Connecticut but by the time this is published, should be leading a useful life at 501 A.A.F. B.U., Hq. A.T.C., Washington, D. C.

Ken March is enjoying the beer in Munich.

Pick Collins says he is due to return Stateside before Christmas. He reports *Johnny, A. H., Doug Douglas* and *Bill Hawthorne* still in Tokyo and *Art Kirchoff* in Yokohama.

Coke Carter, in Kyoto, had several reunions with *Walter* and *Louisa Stanton* and youngster. Also *Douglas* and *Pick Collins* "who hasn't changed a bit". Is that good, Pick?

Tyler Calhoun, who is Exec. of Camp Carson, bemoans the dearth of classmates in Colorado Springs. He and *Leon Johnson* are crying in each other's beer. Ty says *Morris Nelson* flew in from Panama for a one night stand. A bit off the beam weren't you Nellie? Or where were you going?

Skinny Ringler, the only member of Hqrs. A.G.F. who can maneuver around the old Casemate Club at Ft. Monroe without bending over, reports that institution is living up to its fine old traditions.

The Leavenworth Chapter consisting of *Bill House*, *Val Heiberg*, *Sparky Baird*, *Hal Forde* and *Mac McDaniel*, have been heard from and appear to be well satisfied with life. The Heibergs and Bairds seem to have a very nice working arrangement. *Sparky* writes, "Val Heiberg and wife are busy with golf". Val says, "Sparky Baird is engrossed in keeping the local golf course in shape" Tell 'em to replace their own divots, *Sparky*.

Other Leavenworth notes: *Bill House* and *Hal Forde* give forth in the local choir. *Mac McDaniel*, who went there from the National War College last summer, is with the Analysis and Research Section.

Bill Deyo is Transportation Officer at Hqrs. Fifth Army and wrote in October that *Hamer Ford* was there as G-2.

Benny Heiser has joined the homeless in Washington and is assigned to Office of the Inspector General.

Jimmy Davidson is "Professor of Logistics" at Benning and reports *Harry Grizzard* is Exec of School Troops. *Paul Hamilton* was due there in October.

The P.M.S.&T. at Hampton Institute—*Pinkey Grinder*—wrote in September, "Have just returned from leave. Spent part of it with *Mike Molloy* who is now working for himself as an engineer. His home is 2732 Main St., Glastonbury, Conn. Has an office in Hartford"

Tep Barbour contributed a lengthy epistle that was worth his annual dues and then some. Rather than usurp the entire issue of *Assembly*, I will quote only a few extracts:

"I was tempted to forward you an amount that would cover the remaining years of my tour in the E.T. in order to reduce the load on the com-

mittee in sending out reminder messages. On second thought, I decided not to do it for two reasons: First, I might not receive any more informational literature from the committee for I would be a paid-up member for three years and secondly, I do not wish to frighten *Red Reeder* into completely disrupting the Fund. He, as you may know, is a great student of $F = M a$. Where F stands for Fund, M = Money and a actual members paid. With his intimate knowledge of this formula, I am afraid that in substituting for a, he might assume that that letter represented accrued, and we would not have the Fund straightened out until our next reunion.

"The representatives in this Theater, who at one time numbered approximately twenty, have since dwindled to six as follows: *Wally Barnes*, Deputy G-1, E.U.C.O.M.; *Swede Pearson* in command of Engineer General Depot in Hanau; *Doc Jones*, Personnel Information Division (I believe he is under orders to return to the Z.I. shortly); *Matty Matthias* in command of the 566 Engineer Composite Service Group in Frankfurt and *Stag Stagliano* in the office of the Chief of Finance, E.U. C.O.M. However, I believe *Benny Thurston* is on the way and that addition should make up for many of our losses in more ways than one, and I am sure you know what I mean.

"Despite the many unpleasant features of this service there are many compensations. The most outstanding of which, is the feeling of utter joy it gives me each night to retire to the upstairs sitting room without a tour to the pots and pans in the kitchen. I have washed more dishes since becoming a Colonel than I ever did as a 2nd Lieutenant.

"Kindest personal regards to you all and my best wishes for your continued success."

Tep also wishes to correct an error in his address as reported in the July '47 issue of *Assembly*. He is A.G. of the U.S. Constabulary in Heidelberg not Frankfurt.

Charles/Chin Sloane is in charge of the Special Projects Section of the Ground General School, Ft. Riley, Kansas.

Marvin Peck, who retired a few years ago via the Mayo Clinic, is running PEX Theatre in Sparta, Georgia.

Dick McMaster gives his home address as 4523 Trowbridge St., El Paso, Texas. Office—El Paso High School. "Attended Texas College of Mines during the summer session, otherwise no news." Open the door, Richard. What's cooking?

Eddie Watson writes that *Harry Baxter* is Senior Instructor, Washington (State) National Air Guard, McChord Field. Eddie's address is 3814 S.W. Greenleaf Drive, Portland 1, Ore. and is working (or banking, he didn't say which) with the First Nat'l Bank of Portland.

Hal Brusher, from Hqrs. Atlantic Sector, Fort Davis, C. Z., sneers at us Pentagonians with "Ramps, ramps-going up and down again; Ramps, ramps-time to close the desks again." I'm looking for a replacement in May, Hal.

Stag Stagliano wrote in October from

Germany. He should be back in the States by now but hasn't revealed his whereabouts.

Bill Ennis is on A.G.F. Board No. 1 at Ft. Bragg and writes that *Chuck Canham* is there as Asst. Div. Cmdr., 82nd Air Borne Div.; *Bud Black* is G-3 of V Corps and *Alex Sewall* is on the board with him.

Merson Skinner writes from Hawaii that although the war changed the place tremendously, it is still the best place in the world to live. Sounds like he's selling real estate. What's more—he is. Address, 305 Damon Bldg., Honolulu, T. H.

Bill Laidlaw returned from Germany recently via Walter Reed. Since beating the rap there, he has become Ord. Officer, Fourth Army at Ft. Sam Houston and likes it. Move over, Bill.

On 24 October, the Washington contingent held a class buffet dinner at the Bolling Field Officers Club and it was attended by approximately 35 members and wives. The Entertainment Committee consisted of "Skeel" *Van Meter*, *Bill Bayer*, and *Freddie Munson*.

The class was well represented at the Navy game on the five yard line in the rarified atmosphere of about the 60th row. Next year, we should be in an excellent position to judge field goals.

"Take it, *Bob Nourse* at West Point."

"Thank you, *Frank Miter* in Washington, D. C."

Red Reeder is now on duty in the Army Athletic Office and doing a bang-up job too. Looks like a permanent berth. Congratulations, Red—it couldn't happen to a better man.

Several of the Class have paid short visits to us up here. *Red Duffy* in September, *Bobby Ross* in October and *Charlie Martin* in November. The *Roosma* and *Heidner* families took in all of the home games. *Pinky* and *Lucy Burns* took in the Washington and Lee game accompanied by Mrs. *Bob Duncan* (*Lucy Ann Burns*).

Hank Ross, *Spud Murphy*, *Bill Deyo*, *Al Heidner*, *Pinky Burns*, *Red Reeder*, *Bobby Ross* and *Bob Nourse* saw the Illinois game in New York.

The Columbia upset was viewed by *Harry Storke*, *Bob Gaffney*, *Hank Ross*, *Trooper Doyle*, *Red Reeder* and *Bob Nourse*.

Al Heidner sailed for the European Theater with his family in November.

The Class is well represented at Headquarters First Army on Governors Island. *Harry Storke* is Deputy Chief of Staff, *Spud Murphy* is now Acting G-3, *Pinky Burns* is Chemical Officer and Acting Inspector General in addition and *Johnny Roosma* is still Chief of Police, Sheriff and Saints and Sinners Representative.

Trooper Doyle is now located at Mitchel Field, Long Island. How these Air Corps gents get around.

Boone Gross has turned out to be a pretty sharp individual. He is Vice-president of the Gillette Safety Razor Company, having gone to this job from the liquor business. Boone says that this is a better job because "you can always pour liquor down your throat but you need a razor blade to cut it". Thought it was a safety razor.

Next closing date for notes for Assembly is 10 March. Get your information in to Frank Miter in Washington or Bob Nourse at West Point by 1 March please. We depend on you men out in the big world to help us out. We merely arrange what you send in. Please let us hear from you by 1 March 1948. Happy New Year from each to each other.

—R. S. N.

1927

Sid Parsell is now C.O. of a Field Artillery Battalion at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. *Mone Asensio* is the Engineer of the Air Defense Command, Mitchel Field. He has a boy 16 and a girl 14. Mone has transferred to the Air Forces. His boy is to enter West Point next year. *Ray Bell* is with the Strategic Branch, Department of the Army, Washington. He has three boys and one girl. *George Bender* is the Operations Officer, Pacific Sector, Fort Clayton, Canal Zone. He has one girl age 9. *Paul Berrigan* is Executive of the Western Ocean Division, C.E., at Sausalito, California. He is married but has no children. *Fox Conner* is President of the Alcock Manufacturing Company, Ossining, New York. He has three children, a boy 19 and two girls. *Ray Curtis* is A.C./S., G-3, Caribbean Defense Command, Quarry Heights, Canal Zone. He has two daughters age 12 and 9. *Gar Davidson* is Acting Chief of Staff of the Sixth Army at the Presidio, San Francisco. He has three boys, the oldest being 11. *Barney Daughtry* is with the U.S. Military Mission, Iranian Army, A.P.O. 616, c/o Postmaster, New York. He has two boys, the older being 19. *Dike Deichelmann* is the Deputy Commandant of the Air Command and Staff School, Maxwell Field, Alabama. He has two boys, the older being 9. *Chubby Doan* is the Executive with the Development Section, Hq., A.G.F., Fort Monroe, Virginia. He has a daughter 11 and a son 7. *Ralph Doty* is the P.M.S.&T. and Commandant of the Brown Military Academy, San Diego, California. He has one daughter age 19. *Chuck Ewing* is with the A.G.F. Development Section, at the Detroit Arsenal, address—15778 Birwood, Detroit 21, Michigan. He has two children, Chuck, Jr. of the Class of '51, U.S.M.A. and Judith, 18. *Francis Foster* is attending the California Institute of Technology, Pasadena. He is married and has no children. *Blair Garland* is a student at the Air War College, Maxwell Field, Alabama. He has two children, a boy 19 and a girl 13. A typographical error called *Carl Graybeal* G. Beal on the address list. He is with Headquarters, Fourth Army, Fort Sam Houston, Texas. We apologize for the error but I am sure that everybody could figure it out.

Jack Griffith is the C.O. of the 23rd Infantry, Fort Lewis, Washington. He has two children, one stepdaughter age 22 and a son age 10. *Bob Turner* and *Ty Cobb* are both in the 2nd Division at Fort Lewis. *W. B. Harris* is an electrical engineer with the Bell Telephone Laboratories. He has one daughter age 14. His address is 463 West St., New York 14, N. Y. *John*

Hines is still hospitalized at Valley Forge General Hospital, Phoenixville, West Virginia. He has one son age 8. *Jerry Holland* is Provost Marshal, Fifth Army, Chicago, Ill. He is still a bachelor. *John Holst* is with the G-3 Section, 2nd Army at Fort Meade. He is married and has one son, Anthony, age 8. *John Hopper* is the President of the Air-America Supply Agency, 1732 Eye St., N.W., Washington 6, D. C. He is married and has three children, two boys and a girl. The oldest child is married. *Ruby Hunter* lives on Palmetto Road, Belleair Estates, Clearwater, Florida. He has a wife but no children. *Ham Hunter* is the Executive of the 1st Constabulary Brigade, A.P.O. 633, New York (Wiesbaden, Germany). He is married but has no children. *J. T. Kenny* is with the Railway Mail Service, Pittsburgh, Penna. He is married and has one child. He is now a civilian. *John Kilgore* is the C.O. of the 7720 E.U.C.O.M. Replacement Depot, A.P.O. 872, Marburg, Germany. He is married but has no children. *Fred Kumes* is Chief of the Industrial Mobilization Branch, P.&D. Div., Office of the Chief Signal Officer, Washington. He is married but has no children. *Hank Kurstedt* is the P.M.S.&T. of the Carnegie Institute of Technology, Pittsburgh 13, Pennsylvania. He has two children, a boy 8 and a girl 2.

Larry Kuter has the longest title of anyone in the class. He is the U.S. Representative to the International Civil Aviation Organization. He works in the Sun Life Building, Montreal, Quebec. He has one daughter, Roxanne, age 19. He and Ray Bell spent July flying around South America. *Hackman* is living in Buenos Aires. *Olaf Kyster* is a student at the National War College, Washington. He is married and has one daughter age 15. *Jerry Lillard* is with the P.&A. Division, Department of the Army, Washington. He just returned from Manila. He is married and has one daughter, Jane, age 9. *Dave Loughborough* is with the Flight Research Dept., Cornell Aeronautical Laboratory, Buffalo 5, New York. He is married and has two children, a girl 18 and David, Jr., 12. *George McCoy* is a student at the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Washington. He is married and has two daughters 12 and 10 years of age. *Dana McGown* is at Fort Meade, Maryland. He is retired for physical disability but is still on active service. He is married but has no children. *Harry McKinney* is with the German Youth Activities at Hq., U.S. Constabulary, A.P.O. 46, Heidelberg, Germany. He has two children, Nancy, age 19 and Bud, 15. *Tom McManus* is in construction engineering. He has three boys, the oldest being 11. He is at 2959 Piedmont Ave., Berkeley, California. *Stan Meloy* is P.M.S.&T. and Commandant of Texas A.&M., College Station, Texas. He has three boys, the oldest being 17. Stan says that *Louis Ham* is with an American Military Mission in South America someplace. *Ralph Mercer* is with the New York Telephone Company. He states that he is not married and that he has no children. *Mac Miller* is a Unit Instructor, 102d Cavalry Group,

Newark, New Jersey. Within the last year he acquired himself a beautiful bride. *Marty Morin* is an Instructor in Intelligence at Leavenworth. He has two children, a boy and a girl. *Duke Gilbreth* is on the Faculty of the Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth. *Henri Luebbemann* is at Walter Reed. He is about to be retired for physical disability. *Bob Naylor* is in Kyoto, Japan as Engineer of the I Corps (A.P.O. 301, San Francisco). He has a boy, age 7, and a girl age 4. He states that *Hawkins* is the C.O. of the 1st Engineer Construction Group, A.P.O. 929, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco (Fukuoka, Japan). His wife Lana is with him. *Chris Nelson* is a Unit Instructor, O.R.C. He is on temporary duty at 90 Church Street, New York. He is married and has two daughters, the older being 18. *Frank Ostenberg* is in the Pentagon at Washington. He is working with the Procurement Planning Branch of the Adjutant General's Office. He has two children, a boy and a girl. *Pat Pachynski* is Chief, Policy and Plans Branch, Air Communications Office, Hq., U.S.A.F., Washington. He is married and has a boy 8 years old. *Harry Paxson* is with Sixth Army Headquarters, Presidio. He has two daughters age 13 and 11. *Buzz Butler* is the Adjutant General of Hq., Sixth Army and Paxson claims that he is the best damn Adjutant General in the U.S. Army. At the last reading Buzz had one son. *Mike Pegg* is with the Armored School at Fort Knox. He is married and has a boy 12 and a girl 6.

Carl Lundquist was badly burned in an air accident at Knox last summer, but has greatly improved. *Wink Ehr Gott* was in the same ship. Wink wasn't hurt too badly, but lost his clothes. He visited West Point recently. *Holtzworth* is with the Industrial College at Washington. *Howard Perrilliat* is the President of a construction company in New Orleans. He is married and has one child, Leigh, age 5. *Mucker Quinn* has retired and is with the Armour Research Foundation, Chicago. He has six children, the oldest of which is a yearling at the Military Academy. The family is divided up fifty-fifty, three boys and three girls. *Barney Rose* is with the A.T.C. at Patterson Field. He has one daughter age 12. Last summer he came back into the Regular Army after being out for many years. *Art Roth* is a student at the Air War College, Maxwell Field. He has a son age 6. *Antulio Segarra* is with the National Guard Bureau, Washington. He has two children, a boy and a girl. *Art Solem* is with the Artillery School at Fort Sill. He has one daughter, age 12. *Jack Sterling* is with the Central Intelligence Agency in Washington. He is not married. *Fred Thorpe* is with the European Q.M. Depot, E.U.C.O.M., A.P.O. 169, c/o Postmaster, New York. He has a boy 9½ and two girls. *Harry Townsend* is at Fort Kamehameha. He has three children, two sons and a daughter. *Lee Washbourne* is a Deputy Engineer of the Fourth Army at Fort Sam Houston. He is married and has no children. *Mary Watlington* filled out Wat's poop sheet. They have two children, a girl 18 and a boy 15. Wat went to Korea last July. *Connie Ganahl*, *Joe's*

widow, lives at 3280 Chadbourne Road, Cleveland, Ohio. Joe's stepson, William E. Otis, is now a yearling at West Point. Young Joe is starting his first year at Andover. *Spike Webb* is Chief of Maintenance, Field Service, Ordnance, Department of the Army, Washington. He is married and has one son, James, age 9. *Bob White* is an instructor in Intelligence at Fort Leavenworth. He has four children, three girls and a boy. *Cal Whittle* is with the Transportation Division, Second Army, Fort Meade, Maryland. He has two daughters age 19 and 14. *Mike Williams* is at the National War College, Washington. He is married and has one son age 13. *Zwicker* is with the O.&T., Washington. He has three children, two boys and a girl. The oldest boy is 18. At last report *Mid Condon* was with the 11th Airborne Division in Japan. He is reported to have a new bride. *Ben Gray* is now in the Office of the Chief of Transportation in Washington.

Charley Hutchison was seen in Tokyo parked in a mansion. *Chuck Stone* is now at Wright Field. *Charley Wesner* is with the U.M.T. at Fort Knox. *Chick Harding* is in Honolulu. He is with the 7th Air Force at Hickam Field. *Wood Burgess* is on the Faculty of the Armed Forces College in Norfolk. *Jimmy Collins* is an instructor at the Command and General Staff College at Leavenworth. *Hal Isaacson* is to be the Military Attache in Honduras. *Al Lepping* is at Fort Bliss. *Scoon Gardner* has been ordered to the Staff and Faculty, Fort Sill. *Palmer Edwards* is at the Artillery School on the Faculty. *Louis Ham* is reportedly in Tokyo. *George Derby* is believed to be District Engineer at Norfolk, Virginia. *John Kochevar* is at Hq., A.G.F., Fort Monroe. *George Pierce* is reported to be at Fort Scott, California. *Trapnell* has undergone parachute training and is with the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. *George Richon* is at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey. *Henry Douglas* is supposed to be in Okinawa. *Whelchel* is reported to be in G-3 Section of A.G.F., Fort Monroe. *Lovell* is the Military Attache to Rumania. *Farrand* is reported to be in Vienna. *Land* is supposed to be in Germany. *Masters* is reported to be in Burlingame, California. *P. D. Ginder* is probably in Tokyo. His address is A.P.O. 500, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco. *George Levings* is Chief of the Military Commissions Review Div., J.A. Section, G.H.Q., F.E.C., Tokyo, A.P.O. 500, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco. He has two children, a boy and a girl. Other people reported in the Washington area are *Brown*, *Ehrgott*, *Harron*, *Hocker*, *Hoeffler*, *Buzz Howard*, *Max Johnson*, *Kunesh*, *Bill McNamee*, *Ed Mechling*, *Bill Pence*, *Ray Stanton*, *Mitt Towner*, *Bill Verbeck*. *George McGregor* is with the Air University at Maxwell Field, Alabama. *G. M. Allen* is reported to be at the Valley Forge Hospital, Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. *Granholm* and *Kaylor* are reported to be in Tokyo. *Stu Wood* is reportedly on the faculty at Fort Leavenworth. *Ed Glavin* is with G-3, E.U.C.O.M. *Dick Dickerson* is the C.O. of the Mannheim Military Sub-Post in Germany.

His wife Mae is with him. They have no children. *Bob Lowe* and *Bizel* are in Austria. *Ken Thiebaud* has returned to the U.S. from Germany. *Chamberlain* is now retired and living in California. *Orin Grover* is at the Air War College, Maxwell Field. *Schull* is with the U.S. Military Mission at Lima, Peru.

The permanent plaque for the Class of 1927 tree has been installed underneath the tree. The location of the class tree is near the water fountain close to the Clock Tower of the West Academic Building. This cost about \$35.00 and was paid for out of the Special Class Fund. The Special Class Fund now has approximately \$400.00 in it and the Treasurer has no instructions as to what to do with that money. Our expenses are mostly stamps.

Kaylor visited West Point during October. He is now located with First Army at Governors Island. *Tiny Hewitt* was seen at the Washington and Lee game during October. *Bob Aloe* is the C.O. of the Wurzburg Military Post in Germany, A.P.O. 800, c/o Postmaster, New York. He has three children and expects to remain in the E.T.O. until June 1948. *Irvin Paris* of Honolulu visited in Washington last Fall on a three months vacation in the States. *Hank Hoeffler* is on the Faculty at the Industrial College. *Ted Brown* is on the Faculty at the National War College.

A letter was received from Ray Bell in Washington which states as follows: "George Martin blew in here at the Pentagon—and will be here for temporary duty. McNamee and Paxson have reported to P.&O. recently for duty. There are plenty of the class in these parts these days".

George Levings sent the following clipping about the death of *Bill Glasgow* which occurred in Japan on 14 November:

"Colonel William Jefferson Glasgow, Jr., a member of the Joint Strategic Plans and Operations Group, G.H.Q., F.E.C., died suddenly Friday noon in Ishikahari, Hokkaido, a small town near Sapporo. He was believed to have suffered a heart attack.

"Colonel Glasgow had been on temporary duty in Hokkaido. At the time of his death he was returning from a hunting trip with a party headed by Maj. Gen. Joseph Swing, Commanding General of 11th A./B. Before joining J.S.P.O.G. in January 1947, Glasgow held one of the leading planning posts in G-4, G.H.Q. He joined Gen. MacArthur's headquarters in 1945, and had been one of the chief planners for the detailed logistic support of the second of two large scale projected invasions of Honshu in 'Operation Olympic'."

Bill was one of the most popular members of our class and everyone regrets his untimely passing. We extend to his family our sincere condolences.

After the first of the year we expect to put out a revised list of all the current addresses of the members of the class. These will be mailed to each member. *Chuck Ewing* at Detroit did the mimeographing for the last list and we are going to work on him again to do the next one.

If any of the poop indicated above is wrong, the two of us here at West Point would be glad to hear about it and make corrections.

—J. W. G. and R. F. S.

1928

Our recent letter outlining proposed plans for our 20th reunion has produced more information on our comings and goings than we've had at any one time in the past 19½ years. Several facts stand out: we're spread out pretty thin; we're still in the process of furthering our education; and some of us are occupying some pretty important positions.

Ramey commands the 8th Air Force, a B-29 outfit; *Everest* is in command of the air forces in the Yukon Sector at Ladd Field, Alaska; *Taylor* is C.G., Kelley Field Air Depot, and *Warren* is C.O., Hensley Field, Dallas.

The following are attending service schools: *Stritzinger* and *Cummings*, Command and General Staff College; *Pohl*, *Daley*, *E. K.*, *Henig* and *Moore*, *W. T.*, Armed Forces Staff College; *Denniston* and *Anderson*, *W.*, The Industrial College; *Mason*, *Harbold*, *Hinrichs*, *Barnes* and *Mundy*, The National War College; *Ellsworth*, New York University; *Matthews*, *E. S.*, Harvard Business School.

Quite a few of us are on the dishing out end of this education business: *Upham*, *Van Natta*, *Nadal*, *Traub* and *Adams* are at Leavenworth; *Lane* and *Spivey*, Air University at Maxwell; *Johnson*, *W. P.* at the Armored Force School, Knox; and *Tate* at the National War College.

The remainder of our presently assigned military duties are many and varied. *Hartman* keeps busy writing several hundred volumes on the history of World War II; *McLaughlin* runs a rest camp in the Bavarian Alps; *Riggs* is in the Civil Affairs Division of the General Staff in Washington; *Hastings* is on the International Military Tribunal trying war criminals in the Far East; *Curran* is on the International Boundary and Water Commission at El Paso. In Washington on assorted jobs are *Fleming*, *Bulger*, *Seeman*, *Heiman*, *Myers*, *Tarrant* and *Bratner*; *Fritzsche*, *Moran*, *T. J.*, *Nelson*, *McCutcheon*, *Kistner* are in Europe; *Breden*, *Buck*, *Allen* and *Wadman* in Japan; *Samford* and *Mills* in the Caribbean; *Travis* and *Wells* in Hawaii; *Crallé* in the Philippines; *Dau* in China; *Wyman* Assistant Military Attaché in Cairo; *Green*, *J. L.* on Okinawa. *Buster Briggs* is with the 15th A.F. at Colorado Springs; *Coleman* with the 12th A.F. at El Paso; *Harry Wilson* at the A.A.F. Proving Grounds; *Koon*, *Frederick* and *Bienfang* at Maxwell; *Smith*, *G. F.*, *Brentnall*, *Hefley* and *Sams* at Wright. At A.G.F. Hq. are *Oakes* and *Finnegan*. *Sawyer* is at Bliss; *Bullock* at Ft. Jay; *McLemore*, *Mercer* and *Walter* at Sill; *Browning*,

Hq. 6th Army; *Brown, R. C.* and *Shute* at Belvoir; *Stevens* at Eustis. Engineer Districts: *Smyser*, St. Louis; *Potter*, Kansas City; *Falkner*, Pittsburg; R.O.T.C.: *Doidge*, Denver High School; *Maerdian*, U. of Oregon; O.R.C. and National Guard: *Mitchel, P. J.*, Colorado; *Steed*, Boston.

Civil life has claimed a lot more of us since the war. *Anderson, F. L.* is vice president of the Hodges Research and Development Co., San Francisco. *McGuire* is with American Airlines, Los Angeles, *Brickman* is with Pan American and *McLennan* is with Bell Aircraft. *Smith, R. L.* is connected with the Skelly Oil Co., Tulsa. *Simon* is connected with F.H.A. in Washington. *Scudder* is with Sears Roebuck, Los Angeles. *Leeds* is with the Underground construction Co., also in Los Angeles. *Lovejoy* is in the life insurance game, Penn Mutual, in New York, and *Tommy Rich* is still in real estate and insurance in his home town of Marietta, Penna. *Staley* is still helping to make fire brick someplace in Missouri. Likewise there is no change in vocation of *Finlay*, counsel for Standard Oil, *O'Connell* with S. H. Kress and Co., *Vincent, L. A.* with the National Board of Fire Underwriters. *Peery* is retired, teaching and writing somewhere in California, and *Leahy* is teaching in a private school in Massachusetts. The following are also retired or have resigned but we don't know exactly what they're doing: *Markham*, Alexandria, Va.; *Boos*, Raleigh, N. C.; and *Howard, C. F.*

Douglas is in Fitzsimons and *Watkins* has probably had as tough a break as any of us—he's spent three years at Letterman recovering from wounds. Reports are he's doing fine, and he'd like to hear from his friends.

That's all we know now. Give us more dope and we'll publish it.

First returns from our 20th reunion letter were very encouraging and we predict a good turnout. We've got the family accommodation problem solved—but more of that in a letter coming your way soon.

—T. L. S.

1929

Received the following from *James O. Stephenson* who is located at 227 East Dunklin St., Jefferson City, Mo. "I have just recently received my copy of *Assembly*, and in appreciation of your difficulties in getting the 'poop' for our '29 column I am taking time from my civilian responsibilities to get this note out to you.

"I took time to drive to South Bend for the Notre Dame game this year and was very pleased to see a number of our classmates. Those in the stands, agonizing with me over the beating we were receiving from a well-coached Notre Dame team were: *Joe Colby*, *Ducky Hail*, *Harley Parks*, *Freddy Dent*, *Nelly Lynde*, *Tom Conley*, *Ronny Pierce*, *Rudy Fink*, *Zip Millett*, *Doby Kraft*, *Jack Crary*, and *Mich Roth*.

"This dozen looked pretty good, not too much changed since graduation. A little paunchier, a little grey, some of that 'spread' that comes along with Forty . . .

"Unfortunately none of us had looked ahead to plan a get together after the game, so our fraternizing was restricted to the visiting we could do during the game.

"*Doug Dwyre* is stationed here, on D.O.L. with the Missouri National Guard. I see him from time to time, recently had him as a luncheon guest at Kiwanis. He owns his home in Columbia, lives there with his boss and their three children, commutes the sixty odd miles daily.

"*Wes Wilson* stopped here for a brief visit last Spring, went from here to Cape Girardeau, Missouri for Station. He too is D.O.L., he too a Daddy three times. Had a letter from *Wes* just recently. He had solved the housing problem in the same manner as *Doug Dwyre*, by buying.

"*Tom Conley* came through here about a month ago to make a speech. You probably know that he is at Leavenworth as an instructor. At that time, he, *Doug*, and I got together, had a nice time visiting over a big pot of coffee. *Tom's* due back tonight for another talk, expect to see him again, and think I'll even go to hear him—that's real friendship.

"As for me—am in the automobile business, sales and service. I naturally miss the Army and the many old Army friends, and would therefore appreciate very much a visit from any classmate passing through this Capital City."

Many thanks *Jimmy*—I just discovered your postscript on the back of your letter. The Association of Graduates will send you a new rosette and bill you thirty cents. The Treasurer, U.S.M.A. has your name on a long list for plates at \$15.00 per dozen and will write you when your name gets down to where they can accept your order.

A notice dated 7 November 1947 in the *Tottenville, N. Y.* papers informs us that *Bork*, a recent grad of the A.F.S.C. was newly appointed Asst. Chief of Staff, G-4 at Fort Ruger, Hawaiian Islands.

Lefty Mace visited *Phil Draper* here at West Point recently. *Lefty* looked hale and hearty and is with the Ground Force Board No. 1.

On a recent trip to Maxwell I saw *Napier*, *Harlan Parks*, and *Monty Montgomery*. They all appeared to be in swell shape—particularly *Monty*.

—K. D. N.

1930

First things first: *Bob Wood* is certainly to be congratulated on the fine job he did on the War Years Notes. It is not only interestingly written and beautifully printed, but is also very much up to date. *Bob*, you may have enjoyed it, but we appreciate it.

I doubt if this is bringing news to any of you, but *Laurie Norstad* is moving into the firmament with three stars and his job as deputy chief of the Air Forces. Nice going!

Happy Brooks sent in dope from the U.S. Constabulary at Heidelberg. *Sam Roth* is exec of the Heidelberg Military Post. *Gundy Gunderson* is the Constabulary Chemical Officer. *Sammy Morrow* was there, but after losing part of a finger in a dog fight, de-

cidied he had better head for Sill. *Joe Twyman* is in Heidelberg. *Sam Kelley* is in Darmstadt. *Happy* swears that he has had his last fling at anything but Fat Men's doubles in tennis in finishing as runner-up in the Constab singles and as runner-up in the E.T.O. doubles. Believe it if you will. *Happy, Jane*, et al, will be at the Armed Forces Staff College at Norfolk shortly after the new year.

Football season brought around a lot of new faces. *Bromie* and *Clara Bromberger* got to most of the games here and abroad. They're spending the next few months at their island near Sea Island, Georgia.

Mandy and *Evelyn Mandelbaum* saw Villanova lose. *Mandy* is back in the Signal Corps from the Air Corps. They are at Monmouth where *Mandy* can practice his portrait painting (he's good at it).

Joe and *Julia Haskell* saw Colorado go down to defeat. *Joe* is assistant to the vice president of the National Distillers Corporation in New York City. With *Herbert* the president of the Roemer Wine Company, that makes two of our classmates picking enviable spots.

Saw *Wiley Ganey* at a couple of the games but didn't get to talk to him.

Jim Luckett (Penn game) is P.M. S.&T. at Lehigh. I didn't get too much time to talk to him, but it seems that along with gathering a few medals and wounds during his stay in France and Germany, he gathered himself a wonderful time.

Noel Neal also appeared at the Penn game. He is still on active duty at Ft. Slocum, but expects to get out soon.

Moon Sudasna has finished his three month tour here looking over U.S.M.A. By now he should be back in Siam starting on his job as acting Superintendent of the Siamese Military Academy. *Moon* hopes to be able to introduce some of the techniques used here. Also, he guarantees to get *Swasti Pradisdh* back on the "located" list.

Bob Wood tells me (what would we do without *Bob*) that two very successful luncheons were held in Washington. The first one was for our class alone on 7 October and 33 attended. The second one was a joint class luncheon with '30, U.S.N.A. We had 28 there while the Navy turned out 40. Those attending both—*Allen*, *Boyd*, *Clark, P.*, *Clarke, C. H.*, *Cron*, *Corr*, *Fitch*, *Folk*, *Ganey*, *Gibbs*, *Hampton*, *Harris, W. H.*, *MacLean*, *Moore*, *Nyquist*, *Smith, P. W.*, *Stoughton*, *Urhane*, *Woolen*, *Wood*. In addition, the following made the class luncheon: *Baker*, *Burnett*, *Hutchinson*, *Lewis, M.*, *Nelson*, *Norstad*, *Perry, W. A.*, *Peter-son, A. C.*, *Porter*, *Ruestow*, *Smith, H. L.*, *Sweeney*, and *Wilson*, while these supported us in the bout with the Navy: *Carter*, *Guthrie*, *King*, *Klinke*, *Kromer*, *Lancefield*, *Townes* and *Yount*. At the class (U.S.M.A.) luncheon, *Mil-lard Lewis* was elected to be the Secretary of the Washington Contingent.

Also from *Bob* (I'm giving by-lines hoping that some of the rest of you will get the idea): the Benning group. *Beauchamp*, *Beasley*, *Mifflin*, *Lindquist*, and *Smith, A. D.*, played host to visiting classmates from Leavenworth and Norfolk on 1 October. Visitors: *Goodwin*, *Ned Moore*, *Eastburn*,

Chalmers, Ammerman, Hayden, Dudley, Broom, Curtis, Bradley, Maggie Weber, Cron and Chandler.

Roy Muth writes once in a while. He, Doris and the kids are at the Army Chemical Center, Edgewood, Maryland.

Fritz Weber has covered himself with glory and proved that all of us don't have to give up with approaching age. He has been in training here with the Pentathlon Squad as a member of the Olympic Fencing Squad. However, he decided to ignore his approaching senility (or maybe faunt it) and compete in the Pentathlon try-outs. He won the riding, fencing and shooting events, so they decided to take him to the International Modern Pentathlon held in Stockholm 20-24 October. There he distinguished himself as the "Old Boy" in competition with 44 youngsters from Switzerland, France, England, Denmark, Finland and Sweden by coming out as the highest American. He won a King's 1st Regiment Royal Swedish Horseguard sword and medal as high American, a medal from the Bromma Pistol Club of Stockholm as high American shot, and a Swedish bronze medal with Royal crest as winning American in the steeplechase. Congratulations, Fritz!

Lois Lee has made *Mike* a proud papa—a 6½ pound boy on 14 November here at West Point. Beside that, all quiet on the home front. A successful New Year to you all.

—*Jac Rothschild.*

with spirits of unification, dinner, and dancing at the Breezy Point Club of the Norfolk Naval Air Station on 19 December. Army students from the Armed Forces Staff College were: *Jack Barclay* (Aberdeen Pr. G., Md.); *Leo Cather* (O.I.G. S.S.U.S.A., Washington); *Earle Cook* (Hq. Fourth Army, Ft. Sam Houston); *Bill Hardick* (9th Div., Ft. Dix); *Dick Lawson* (Plans and Opr. G.S.U.S.A., Washington); *Walker Milner* (Plans and Opr. G.S.U.S.A., Washington); *Rags Ragland* (Manila Engineer District, P. I.); *Wilbur Skidmore* (National Security Council, Washington); and *Maggie Weber* (Army Pers. Records Board, Washington). Student assignments after completion of the course in January are shown in parenthesis. A.F.S.C. faculty included *George Spiedel* and *Johnny Sullivan*. From Hq. Army Ground Forces we had *Chet Diestel*, *Ned Purnell*, *Charlie Raymond*, *Tom Stayton*, and *P. O. Ward*. *Johnny Barr*, *Billy Bell*, and *Bob Lee* came from Hq. Tactical Air Command and *Paul Chappel* (rejoined) from his studies at the Transportation School. This joint 1931 jam session of friendly forces, sponsored by the A.F.S.C. contingent, was a sequel to the recent successful unilateral party promoted by the Fort Monroe classmates.

Nothing much new around here and it would be a pleasure to hear from you so it would not be so difficult trying to find news for this column.

—*Ockie Krueger.*

taking a course in Mechanical Engineering at the University of Michigan. Last reports on the mighty *Chipper Lavigne* has him learning to be an industrial psychologist at the university of Colorado, Route 2, Box 5, Colorado Springs. Have seen *Red Smith* several times. He's stationed at Mitchel Field. *Howarth* sent in a very nice letter from Paris where he has been for the last 2½ years as Fiscal Director, Foreign Liquidation Commission. '32's best wishes for his wife's rapid recovery from 10 months serious illness. The two young daughters are fine, and as for *Howarth*, as he says, "the head is bald, the eyes and hearing weak, and the 'oomph' rapidly diminishing".

Tod Slade, temporarily assigned here as manager of the Pentathlon team, just returned from a preliminary competition in Sweden. *Johnny Metzger*, who has been in Walter Reed for several months, is still in doubt as to his future. *Sad Sam* and *Ruth Daniel* are at the Detroit Arsenal, Centerline, Michigan.

Reported at the Army-Navy game were the following: *Dan Gilmer*, *Eddie Hartshorn*, *Bill Smith*, *Joe Stearns* on duty in Baltimore, *Tom Hannah*, *Dwight Johnson*, *Merle Williams*, *Chuan Kambhu* who is now in Washington, *Steve Mellnik*, *Gene Musset*, and *Milt Ogden*.

Johnny Steele is now located in Newport, Rhode Island. *Louie Truman* was seen in New York recently. *Bus Wheeler*, just back from foreign service, saw a football game here this fall.

Tom Harvey has volunteered to write the next column and he wants news, so please write to Tom or to Hillberg, Trice or Beach, and we'll see that Tom gets the information.

The following grand contribution just arrived from *Ken Zitzman* in time to make the deadline. The entire class appreciates your interest, Ken. Here it is:

"Following is the class news as seen from the Pentagon, where the escalators change twice daily, where it is a 300 yard walk or a five mile drive from the River Entrance to the North Parking lot, and where at any Beverage Bar you can get a cup of steaming hot coffee and at the same counter find a bowl of crushed ice put there for the express purpose of cooling it off.

"Previously unreported arrivals here include *Marv Iseley* and *Freddy Young* in Plans and Operations, *Joe Gill* (still a bachelor) in the office of the Air Engineer and *Lazy Lazar* in Service Supply and Procurement. *Bigelow* just back from Italy has checked in at the Office of the Chief of Ordnance and *Hot Rock McConnell* (short title: Brigadier General John Paul) has transferred his sphere of influence from the Republic of China to the A-3 Division of A.A.F.

"*Olie Hanson* is also in the Office of the Chief of Ordnance and has bought a house two blocks from mine just over the District line in Maryland. *Bill Smith* has joined General Groves' esoteric circle on the A.F. S.W.P. (atoms) and has recently bought a house in swank Belle Haven below Alexandria. *Pop Duncan* and *D. B. Johnson*, both recently back from

1931

Despite urgent pleas in the last edition of *Assembly*. I have received only a few short notes from members of the class.

Sam Smellow is trying to pass a course in business administration at Stanford University and is located at 2526 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto, California. He states that *Ham Peyton* lives around the corner. *Charlie Densford* is located at Hobbs Army Air Field, Hobbs, New Mexico with six children (4 boys and 2 girls) and a house full of shooting medals which include the 1947 State Championships of Texas and Louisiana. *Don Buchwald* is in Post Headquarters at Carlisle Barracks and sees *Tricky Troxel* occasionally. Received a note from *Don Little* in P.&O. Division, Washington. He forwarded a copy of an invitation to a class party in Washington on the 22nd of November. *Billy Bell* was up here to the Washington & Lee game and is stationed at Langley Field.

Saw *John McAleer* and *Deacon Roll*er at the Columbia and Illinois games.

Merv McGee was present at the Navy game with new Buick and new suit of clothes. Talked to *Jim Corbett* on the phone, but never did make the "Kite & Key" room for a short reunion.

Charlie Hoy and wife *Martha* dropped a card from Pinehurst where they are vacationing.

Some 40 members and wives of the West Point and Annapolis Classes of 1931 in the Tidewater, Virginia Area celebrated a joint Christmas party

1932

With the football season over the enthusiasm among the members of '32 here at West Point in writing this column is amazing, just like taking a plunge into Delafield on one of these frosty mornings. I was pushed—so here goes!

Farmer Jamison and *Claire*, with the two youngsters, are back from their imprisonment on that isle of enchantment in the Pacific, Shemya, Alaska. *Farmer* is willing to lend his "grit" to anyone going that way. Says they'll need it. He's now floating around Pennsylvania on leave. Next station—Washington, D. C. *Torg Wold* with the Missus and his four young'uns installed at Wright Field, Ohio, with the Air Materiel Command. Saw *Jim* and *Helen McCormick* at a little get-together *Tom* and *Billie Harvey* threw for '32 at their quarters. *Harley* and *Sis Trice*, *Lauri* and *Edna Hillberg* and the *Beaches* were present.

Had a little correspondence with *Ray Stecker* and *Tom Darcy* concerning football tickets, but wasn't able to crash the A.A.A. for anything worthwhile. However, am willing to try for what it's worth. *Ray's* just been married and is back in Connecticut. *Tom's* at Barksdale Field. Saw *Moon Mullins* (ex '32) at the Army-Navy game. He's now a civilian and as he says, "is making an honest dollar in Philadelphia". During the fall football season have run into *Ash Manhart* enroute to Europe, *Munn* teaching school in New Jersey, *Rayburn* in Washington, and *Preston Steele*.

Bill Call is in Ann Arbor, Michigan,

Europe are both in Organization and Training and *Harry Porter*, who has been in the Office of the Air Ordnance Officer right along has recently transferred to the Air Force.

On the outgoing side, *Bill* and *Sue Menoher* have gone to the Ogden (Utah) Ordnance Arsenal and *Jim Churchill* is on his way to Tokyo.

"It's probably old hat by now but for those who didn't see it in the *New York Herald Trib* and the *Asbury Park Gazette* of all improbable places, *Ray Stecker* married *Mathilde Ros* (engagement reported in the last issue of *Assembly*) having for his best man *Tom Darcy* (often a decoy but never a duck). Incidentally, *Tom*, who knows an airplane when he sees one, will shortly take over as C.G. of the Fighter Training Center at Williams Field near Phoenix, Arizona. Hope he finds a better stooge out there than *Farmer Jamison's* nine year old daughter who by *Tom's* own admission beats him easily at cribbage. *Farmer* by the way has finally returned from the Aleutians and when seen at the Navy game was en route to Eighth Air Force H.Q. at Fort Worth for a new assignment.

"*Ash Manhart* said hello on his way to an assignment as a student at L'Ecole de Guerre in Paris (how do you get jobs like that?) and *Ray Cochran* and *Johnny Pugh* both took the short course at the Army Intelligence School in the Pentagon as a preliminary to their instructor jobs at Leavenworth. Had quite a bull session with *Johnny*, incidentally, and for the record he ranks *Harvey Fischer* among the four best people in the world which puts him somewhere above *Abraham Lincoln* and just below the guy who first mixed a dry martini. Seems that when *Johnny* was first liberated he had nothing (but nothing) except a neat pair of shorts which he had fashioned out of an old handkerchief and some leaves. While the others on the reception committee asked *Johnny* 'if there was anything they could do for him' *Harvey* gave him half of his own underwear, shirts, etc., and offered to match him on the toothbrush.

"A few incidental notes from all over: *Sam Russell*, who joined our class from '31 one bleak (for him) afternoon in November, heads a major branch in the Research and Development Group and I can say from personal observation is doing a top flight job. *Tom Hannah* has been ordered to Korea to leave in March, *Duke Ondrick* is back at Leavenworth as is *Larry Babcock* and *Gary Hall*. *Rom Puryear* went to Guam in October and his *Alice* with two small fry are temporarily back at Gallatin, Tennessee where it all started in the first place.

"Apropos of nothing, *Bill* and *Vivian Kunzig* have what is undoubtedly the best appointed recreation room (but not for water sports) that I have ever seen, complete with mirrors, revolving lights and good companions,—everything in fact except a cash register.

"In closing I should like to recommend official action against the National Geographic Society for the insult direct, given our class on page 71 of their publication 'Insignia and Decorations of the U.S. Armed Forces'. In a picture showing a group of Air

Corps officers executing some unusually difficult maneuvers while hangar flying in formation, our *Bob Scott* (*God Is My Co-Pilot, Damned to Glory, My Drive from Randolph Field to Macon, Ga. in 1932* (verbal) and countless unborn best sellers) is identified merely as 'the pilot second from right'. I interpret that as an overt act to de-emphasize our class, the Air Corps and the value of off duty training in general.

"That's about all the news I've run across down here. I'll send you more from time to time as it comes in."

—Beach.

1933

From the "*Lucky Star*", thanks to *Baumer*, *Sparrow*, *Hurlbut*, et al.:

"The largest contingent of the Class of 1933 is now in Washington on duty at the Pentagon with the Army and the Air Force. There are 73 members at the last count, including *Shinnie*, who is studying at the Episcopal Seminary and preaching at a small church in Virginia; *Harry King* and *Red White*, selling insurance and working in Intelligence, respectively; and *Buck Pohl*, running a West Point Preparatory School. The great bulk of the remainder of the Washington gang are on the General Staff with one of the largest group holding up Plans and Operations. There you can find *Bert Sparrow*, now the chairman elect for getting out the "*Lucky Star*" and *Johnny Lane*, his assistant in the same job. Also in P.&O. are *Bill Harris*, *Sam Donnelly*, *Sid Giffin*, *Eddie Bastion* the Executive, *George Beeler*, our atomic expert, *Ted Conway*, and *Ben Harris*. On the General Staff in S.S.&P. (G-4 to me) is *Fling Fanny Hurlbut* who has written letters to a dozen of you in the field to get the latest dope. He just returned in late October, from a trip to Europe where he went with *Bert Sparrow*.

"They report seeing *Red McMorrow* happily reunited with his family at Springfield Arsenal in a beautiful set of quarters, after a long stretch in the Pacific. In Italy they discovered *Allen Chapman* as G-3, M.T.O. In E.U.C.O.M. *Tom Evans*, *Pete Bellican*, and *Cy Letzler* were contacted. *Bert* talked to *Pat Guiney* on the phone in Paris. *Alden Sibley*, also a fugitive from bachelor ranks, and *Bill Richardson*, *Bob Gallagher*, *Billy Clark*, *Avery Cooper*, *Frank Zeller* and *Bruce Logan* also hold forth in S.S.&P. *Billy Clark* is going to I.O. to be groomed for attache work. In Organization and Training there are *Art Tyson* and *Adrian Hoebcke*. Intelligence has *Bob Turner*, boss of attaches, *Geo. Chapman*, and (on temporary duty) *Al Welling*. *Red White*, *Eddie Hale*, *Jimmie Boswell* and *Johnny Cleveland* are in Central Intelligence, and *Bill Quinn* left there for the War College—the first of our class to get into its sacrosanct halls as a student. Any day around the Pentagon one is liable to run into *Clay Bridgewater* with the Under Secretary's Office, *V. C. Smith* with Legislative and Liaison. In Personnel and Administration Division there is *Red Akers* looking a little

heavier but carrying it well. Also, in P.&A. are *Chet Dunn*, *Cal Smith* and *Ned Gee*.

"For those in the Ground Forces who need information about future assignments don't be bashful about contacting *Sluggler Douglas* and *Doug Gilbert* in the Infantry Section and *Neil Wallace* in the F.A. Section.

"Around the Air Force Staff there is *Johnny Armstrong* looking the same as ever with his hat on. When he takes it off he rivals *Bing Downing*; *Milt Summerfelt* is working with *Johnny Armstrong*. *Freddy Fairchild* is with the Air Forces in guided missiles. Also present are *Doug Cairns*, *Dwight Devine*, who is a very recent arrival, *Ed Raff* the Ground Force liaison officer, and *Harry Bishop*, and *Sam Donnelly* (who recently transferred to Air Forces and now is Executive to General *Wedemeyer*). *Ted Marshall* recently departed for Turkey. *Dick King* is at nearby *Andrew Field* looking like an All American again after a tour in a Jap P.W. Camp. *Buck Vansant* is Assistant Air Ordnance Officer. Others seen around the Pentagon are *Vic Maston* with the Military District as transportation boss, *Charley Miles* running the Finance Department, *Gerry Robertson* awaiting overseas orders, *Graydon Essman* who beat a Retirement Board and has gone to school at the U. of California, *Bill Given* in Signal Corps, *Bob Meals* in Ordnance, *Duck Hallock* and *Baldy Franklin* in Research and Development, and *Pete Carroll* as Assistant Secretary of the General Staff and guardian of the Chief of Staff's outer door, and the editor of this script (*Butch Baumer*) is in Troop Information of Information and Education.

"Nearby at Gravelly Point in the Chief of Engineer's Office are *Jack Danis*, *Johnny Matheson*, *Bob Koerper*, *E. B. Downing* and *Tom Glass*. At Fort Belvoir *John Connor* is a civilian with the Engineer Board, and *James Mulrooney* (ex '33) is a Major stationed there. *Ivan Parr* is in O.Q.M.G., and *Freddie Coleman* is a Law Student at George Washington University. *Charley Leydecker* recently departed for Quito, Ecuador for station. *Joe O'Malley*, by the way, is M.A. in Peru.

"At the Army Industrial College as students are *Haskell Kibler*, *Frank Elder*, *Bus Evans*, *Milt Haskin*, *Russ Klanderman* and *A. A. McCrary*.

"Straying farther afield we see that *Fred Zieruth* was one of the lucky ones to land at the Armed Forces Staff College along with *Jim Polk*."

"From *Rosy Grubbs*, a report as follows:

"*Bob Totten* and 'Cowboy' *Elliott* are both instructors in the Air Command and Staff School, while I struggle to hold down the job of Secretary of the Air War College. Our classmates are causing me a lot of trouble already, and why not? Look who they are—students in the Air War College: *Karl Truesdell*, 'Kingfish' *Kelly*, *Gabe Disosway*, *Tommy Moorman*, 'Tee-Tee' *Tiemann*, *Dave Gibbs*, and *Bernard Card*."

"From Hawaii, *Abe Lincoln* sent in extracts on members of the class located there as follows: *Abe* himself is with Engineers after what was apparently a long and not too pleasant

session in Korea with the Joint U.S.-Soviet Commission which involved commuting from Hawaii to Korea many times. *Ed Ashworth* reports his family living at Fort Kam while he commutes to Shafter to work in G-1. *Jack Rudolph*, undoubtedly without hair but with avoirdupois, is the Public Information man.

"*Don Cubbison* is Field Artillery Instructor of the Hawaii National Guard and lives at Schofield. *Clyde Jones* is Exec. for Civilian Components at Shafter and lives at Schofield. *Bob Hain* alias "Pyrene The Cat" is in G-4 at Shafter, lives at Schofield. *Geo. Van Way* is Deputy G-4 at Shafter and resides there. *Dodd Starbird* is there too.

"At West Point, *Dick Meyer* holds down the Transportation job; *Ed Ehlen* is the Quartermaster, *Tom Hall* is Assistant P. of Modern Languages (Portuguese). *Bill Calhoun* is in the Ground Arms Detachment; *Bob Tripp* teaching Physics and *Dave Gray*, Graphics; while *Russ Broshous* is the assistant graduate manager of athletics". (Editor's note: Broshous has been recently appointed Junior Professor of M.T.&G.)

"Hop to Tokyo and there is *Sam Otto* as Secretary of the General Staff, trying to keep tabs on *Dick Montgomery* flying a desk in the Joint Plans Section. *Oscar Senter* is weather chief for the Pacific, just as he was in the U.K. during the war. Sounds like an easier job except the typhoons come riding in. *Kay Kaesser* is the Liaison Officer from Korea; and *Carl Darnell* is in the government section. *Maury Kaiser* is in G-1 and *Jean Engler* in Ordnance there in Tokyo. *Pete Pitman* is in G-3 handling organization and equipment. *Ed Bodeau* is also in Ordnance and *Bennie Ray* is a C.I. sleuth. *Ferd Humphries* recently departed from Tokyo for Washington for duty in Office, Chief of Ordnance.

"Second Army at Fort Meade is held up by a single member of the class, *Walt Jensen* in the G-4 business.

"From First Army *Bob Blanchard* says he's in G-2; *T-Bone Bowen* and *Bob Lawlor* in G-3. This good spread is supplemented by *Bob Neely* as light aviation chief. *Phil Pope*, they report, is down at Princeton as Assistant P.M.S.&T. *Bob*, *T-Bone* and *Bob Neely* are living at Governors Island while *Bob Lawlor* lives at Miller Field. *Bob Lawlor* was another survivor of Jap P.W. Camps.

"From Benning, *Harpo Chase* gives the names of the class and lists them all as instructors. Pity the poor students with *Lyle Bernard*, *Bill Blandford*, *Freddie Gibb*, *Ben Harrell*, and *Joe Remus* riding herd. Guess every one of them has at least one Silver Star or a D.S.C., not to mention a flock of Purple Hearts.

"From Fort Bliss, *Duff Sudduth*, who is temporarily residing there as a student from Fort Sill, reports the following: *Lafar Lipscomb* commands an A.A. Bn., *Lamar Ratcliffe* is Senior Instructor in the Department of Tactics in the A.A. School. *Gwinn Porter*, there in guided missiles, is another survivor of the Philippine Campaign having lived through P.W. treatment. *Blackie Myers* is retired living near-

by. *Blackie* came back in during the war and put in a long stretch in the Pacific as did *Duff*. *Geo. Powers* and *Rob Speiser* are reported being at Fort Sill. *Ben Thompson* is back in L. A. practicing law. *Dick Lutz* was integrated in R.A. last year.

"*Sus Pritchard* is on A.G.F. Board No. 2 at Fort Knox and sends word that *Harry Sweeting* is in the Training Literature Department, *Bill Fuller* soon to arrive from the U.K. where *Norm Markle* is located on armored force business.

"*Old Squarehead Johnson* who foxed the Nips in the Philippines is at Leavenworth as an instructor. His partner *Roy Reynolds* who also accomplished the same feat is there as a student. He lists the following on the faculty: *Fran Hill* and *Dutch Scoville* in personnel; *Satch Ferris* in Intelligence; *Snappy Joe Crawford*, *Chet Dahlen*, *Cy Dolph*, *Maddrey Solomon* and himself in combined arms; *Ab Huntsberry* in Logistics; and *Steve Fuqua* in the language department. On the other side of the fence, as students are: *Sim Whipple*, *Ed Cahill*, *Georgie Carver* and *Gerry Porter* in Personnel; *Bill Daniel*, *Doug Davis*, *Larry Merriam*, and *Roy Reynolds* in Intelligence; *Frank Kleitz*, *Bill Ryan*, and *Ted Schull* in Combined Arms; *Buddy Powell*, and *Ralph Talbot* in Logistics. Evidently *Steve Fuqua* doesn't have to teach any of our classmates.

"From here and there: *Guy Lothrop* in Heidelberg with the Constabulary G-3; *Pop Risdien* in Berlin, presumably on A.G. work; *Cy Letzelter* running the sports program for Special Services; *Tom Evans*, deputy G-4 for the theatre; *Pete Bellican* counting socks and refrigerators in you-know-what. *Reverend Signer* is the toy king for Sears, Roebuck in Chicago, having been retired physically.

"*Jake Messersmith* was in Manila as Chief of Transportation for Philrycom but rumored as destined to move to Tokyo. *Dave Adamson* is in G-4 at the same headquarters. *Dan Hine* recently returned from Okinawa for assignment in U.S. *Bob Cyr* is a student at Howard School of Business and *Fred Thorlin* at M.I.T. *Paul Gillon* is stationed at Watertown Arsenal. *Johnny Shinkle* recently returned from China and is rumored on the West Coast. *Leo Heintz* is C.O. at Tooele Ordnance Depot in Utah. *Harry Burkhalter* is rumored being at March Field. *Mac McClelland* is retired and working for Caterpillar Tractor Company in Texas. *George White* is Ordnance Officer of M.A.R.B.O. located in Guam with his family. *Bob Leslie* is Liaison Officer for A.G.F. with Bell Laboratories. *Johnny Breit* is in Alaska with Air Forces. *Pat Guiney* is Executive for Graves Registration in Paris, France. *Earl Macherey* is M.A. in Ecuador according to rumor. Among those retired during the war or shortly thereafter whose addresses are not known at present, are *Wolf Larsen*, *Bear Eyler*, *Matt Kane*, *Glen Garrison*, *Soapy Waters* and *Don Stevenson* are at Fort Monmouth. *Jack Lewis* is in the Insurance and Real Estate racket in New Jersey after having been back in the Army during the War. *Bob Chapman*, ex '33 and brother of Allen,

is in business in Shreveport, La. *Bob* was in the service during the war.

"No reports from Panama, Alaska, Antilles and similar spots. We'll have to wait until those guys get out of those places before we get any dope, I guess.

"Vital Statistics: Someone figured that there are 270-odd left in the R.A. of the original 346. More than 40 have died and the others are making a go of it in civilian fields. Looks as if the Air Corps members of the class will be permanent colonels next year and the groundlings may just get under the wire as lieutenant colonels. That's pure Washington rumor. Let's make the 'Over the Hump' Reunion a big success. Write any time to *Butch Baumer*, *Hurly Hurlbut*, *Johnny Lane* or *Bert Sparrow* here in the Pentagon, or *Dick Meyer* at West Point"

Just a few other items: *Bing Downing* is at Anchorage, Alaska with *Bimby* and the children in a house he had to buy. Sounds like Washington. *Clyde Hibler* writes from 2160 Scottwood Avenue, Toledo 2, Ohio, where he is retired, that he saw a number of the class at the Notre Dame game.

Ted Conway has already sent his two bucks to the class fund—first again, as usual.

Clayton (Moon) Mullins, is retired in Swarthmore, Pa. and working for an oil company in Philadelphia.

Keep sending in the dope and look for your *Lucky Star*. Write *Bert Sparrow* if you haven't received it yet.

—*Dick Meyer*.

1934

A gathering in the room of *Jerry* and *Mary Higgins* in the Ben Franklin after the Navy game brought together the *Edsons*, *Jennas*, *Seamans*, *Pirams*, *Charlie Johnson*, *Percy Hennigar*, *Hi Turner* (rtd), *Charlie White*, *Marjorie Glassford*, wife of *Guy*, and the usual group from West Point whose names you are probably tired of seeing in print. A telegram written at half time and signed by the entire '34 group at Leavenworth was duly noted by the above assemblage. *Bill Mullen*, now Infantry expert at Sill, also checked in by telegram. A note from *Emory Lewis*, now a student at the Armed Forces Staff College at Norfolk, places *Seaman*, *Darrah* and *Tom Wood* in the class there with him. *Tank* is one of their instructors in the Logistics Division. *Tom Hayes*, now at T.I.S., Benning in the Tactical Section, has kicked in with a list of those on duty there: *Dede* and *Evelyn Simenson*, *Murray* and *Betty Cheston*, *Meade* and *Bernice Dugas* (all in the General Subjects Section), *Alex* and *Min Stewart* (A.G.F. Board No. 3), *Kermit* and *Ruth Davis* (Arty. Sect.), *Charlie* and *Betty Johnson* (still Secretary, T.I.S.). The engagement of *Dale E. Huber* (rtd) to *Madelyn Vance* of Hollywood was announced in late October. The *Dick Webbers* are on their way back from Europe. He has orders for Sill. *Bud* and *Helen Buehler* were here the weekend of 1 November staying with *Bob* and *Sis MacDonnell*. The *Buehler's* address is 6003 Welborn Drive, Washington 16. *Jerry Higgins* was on leave in Hollywood for a couple of

months this fall acting as technical advisor on the new movie, "The Long Grey Line". Mary went out from time to time. As probably noted previously *Jabbo Jablonsky* is Chief of Staff of the 11th Airborne Division, Japan. *S. H. Smith's* address is now Savings Bond Branch, Army Finance Center, O.C.F. Bldg. 204, St. Louis 20, Missouri. A letter from *T. T. Brown* has him returning from Japan in June '48. His family are with him in Kyoto where he is I Corps Q.M. *Pothier* is I Corps Engineer. Both *Edson* and *Yarborough* are at Headquarters, A.G.F., Ft. Monroe. *Dud Wilmeth* has gone back overseas, this time to Korea. Address is U.S. Commission, Seoul, Korea, A.P.O. 235, S.F. He and his wife stopped briefly at the Point before his departure. *Dud* talked to the cadets while here. He grows better with the years. *Russ Volckmann* finally broke loose from Walter Reed. When last seen he was working in the Pentagon. *Jerry Blair* and his wife *Muff* were here for an early football game. They were heading for Randolph Field for station. *Jim* and *Eleanor Winn* came up for several games. He's still at Governors Island. *Guy Glassford* is on foreign service again. This time in the Carib theatre. His wife's address is 857-28th St., Newport News, Virginia. *P. S. Brown's* address has changed to Office Ch. of Finance E.U.C.O.M., A.P.O. 757, N.Y. A clipping from *Stars and Stripes* dated 13 October sent in by P.S. says that *Gene Tibbetts*, who is Air Attache in Lisbon, got typhoid and was flown to Frankfurt for treatment. No further word as to *Gene's* condition. Incidentally, P.S. reports that he is married, wife's name *Lucille*, has two daughters 10 and 7 years old, that he transferred to the Finance in '41, and now looks like any fat Finance Officer. *Jim Snee* with the Colo. Nat. Gd. in Denver reports that he sees *Lee Ingram* retired and living in Denver now and then and that *Craig Smyser* is the Dist. Engr. there. *Leo Shaughnessey*, bless his soul, is continuing his stellar work as '34 reporter at Leavenworth. He tells us that *McMahon*, *Nielson* and *Northam* are students at Leavenworth in addition to those reported previously. From *Leo* came glowing reports of the hospitality of '34 at Benning during visits of the Leavenworth Class to T.I.S. The first class party of the season for the Leavenworth group was Nov. 1. It started at *Cuntins* and ended at the Golf Club. All local classmates were present plus *Charlie* and *Tede Brown* from Columbia, Mo. where he is a journalism student at the U. of Mo. *Pop Womack* is now at Ft. Knox. *Kenny* and *Edie Kenerick*, late editors of this column, can be reached at 2318 Sea View Avenue, Honolulu. *Ferdie Tate* was in Walter Reed the early part of November but is now back at his old stand in the local Department of Mechanics. If you want to see your name or any other classmate's in print, write in.

—J. F. S.

1936

On 3 November 47 the members of the Class of 1936 who are stationed at

West Point met at the West Point Army Mess for the general purpose of discussing class affairs and for the specific purpose of electing a new class Secretary to relieve *Dave Hiester* from that job. *Dave* reviewed the decision made at our tenth reunion to the effect that the classmates stationed at the Point would elect two of their members to be the temporary secretary and the temporary treasurer respectively of the class. Almost as smoothly as if it had been rehearsed the good men and true elected the undersigned Class Secretary. *Bernie Bess* continues to be our Treasurer.

As the first thing that I do, I want to express our thanks to *Doris* and *Dave Hiester* for the fine job which has been done during *Dave's* tour of duty as secretary.

Our inventory of thirty-sixers here at West Point now includes the following: *Howie Snyder*, holding down a regimental commander's job in the Tactical Dept.; *Henry Katz* grounding the cadets in Math; *Gordy Holterman* recently installed in quarters near the Catholic Chapel, with the well famed view; *Josh Finkel* teaching Ordnance as a profession and teaching his twins as an avocation; *Eddie Dunn* instructing in the Social Sciences; *Johnny Heintges* teaching the German Language which he recently practiced in Heidelberg; *Inch Williams* in the Dept. of Social Science, too; *Ben Evans* as S-1 of Cadet Brigade Hq.; *Mick Mikkelsen* now teaching Ordnance; *Bob Safford* in the Department of Military Topography and Graphics as well as Officer in Charge of Track; *Doc Mohlere* teaching Physics; *Jack Kelly* in Modern Languages; *Jim Landrum* in the Tactical Dept., and poised to move to the Canadian Army Staff College for a ten month course; *Bill Landry* running the Cadet Store; *Dave Hiester* and *Bernie Bess*, teaching Electricity and myself operating the Engineer Detachment.

We were all shocked to hear of *Bob Blodgett's* death in Boston this autumn. *Bob* will be much missed wherever '36'ers gather.

Fran and I made the trek to Philadelphia on November 30th and enjoyed both the decisive victory over Navy and the opportunity to see classmates. The Army team was well cheered by: *Mick Mikkelsen*, *Dave Hiester*, *Larry Ellert*, *Roy McCarty*, *Fred Gaston*, *Biff Milliken*, *Whitey Grove*, *Dead Eye Dickson*, *Charley Pack*, *Nick Perkins*, *Ted Klock*, *Pete Kieffer*, *Eddie Miles*, *Bob Kessler*, *Bill Davis*, *Johnny Heintges*, *Hal Low*, *Ben Whipple*, *Art Kramer*, *Bob Burnette*, *Don Bodine*, *Lou Chappellear*, *Bruce Palmer*, *Jack Torrey*, *Phil Gage*, *Gordy Austin*, *Bill Kimball*, *Bud Loyne*, *Bob Safford*, *Bob McCabe*, *Inch Williams*, *Gil Dorland*, *Whitey Hess*, *Randy Dickens*, and *Skip Beard*.

Deluke DeLesdernier and *Jane* stopped at West Point, in December after a rough Atlantic crossing enroute from Heidelberg to Fort Lewis, Washington.

Russ Grohs is stationed at Bolling Field. *Nick Perkins* is in the office of the A-3 at Washington. *Blue Boy*

Illig is being educated at Harvard. *Clif Cordes* is attending Harvard Law School. *Frank Gillespie*, *Swinton Steele*, *Jack Chiles*, *Garnett Lee* and *Zip Stokes* are studying at Norfolk. *Dwight Monteth*, *Casey Vincent* and *Joe Nazzaro* are instructing at the Air University. *Gordy Austin* is a student. *Pete Kieffer* is studying engineering at M.I.T. *Warren Wildrick* is a high level student at the Industrial College.

Wirt and *Patty Williams* have a new son, born 14 November in Yokosuka, Japan. The *Dick Carmichael's* announced a son born at Maxwell Field, October 30th.

Lou Chappellear is working with movies again, this time in New Hampshire. *Jim Twaddell* was at the Columbia game in New York. *Ken* and *Evelyn Madsen* were at the Illinois game enroute to Bermuda for some well earned leave. *Kay* and *Jim Landrum* have a little girl, born at West Point in October. *Jack Weaver* is ordered to China.

Dave Hiester is in charge of the Hockey rink at the Point this season. *Bud White* is at Fort Belvoir, where he is working on research. *Jim* and *Gerrie Lampert* drove up from Washington to one of the games during the football season. The *McElhenys* visited the *Whipples* for the Notre Dame weekend in their beautiful home at 2 Greenview Way, Upper Montclair, N. J. *Ruth King* writes from Vicksburg that *Ralph* is enjoying his job as Director of the Experimental Station.

The West Point contingent recently turned out en masse to cheer *Henry Katz* on to married bliss. *Henry* and *Elizabeth* were married the day before Thanksgiving in the Cadet Chapel. There was a beautiful reception in the Blue Room at the West Point Army Mess. Welcome to the '36 family, *Elizabeth*. *Bob Safford*, turned producer, sparked the West Point Players through three successful performances of "The Male Animal" in early December. *Bob* and his cohorts were aided by the following classmates with the Thespian urge: *Edna* and *Bernie Bess*. *Dave Hiester*, *Jack Kelly*, *Fran McElheny* and *Edie Safford*.

The *Besses* report that on a trip to Washington in November they were happy to spend an evening at *Honey* and *Bob Breaks* with *Cissie* and *Fredie Walker*, *Marge* and *Charley Pack* and *Bill Hay*. *Tommy* and *Rita Lawlor* have a daughter *Patricia Jane*, born in September. They are at Leavenworth. *Mary Lou* and *Dud Hartman* are in Vienna. Also in Austria are *Muriel* and *Bob Trout*, where *Bob* is Finance Officer in Vienna. Their address is: Hq. U.S.F.A., A.P.O. 777, c/o Postmaster, N. Y.

The football games offer a good opportunity for news gathering. However, now that the season is over, this column can be only as good as your letters. We believe that the bonds of friendship fostered by our four years together in the Corps are worth strengthening. So, please, write giving us your suggestions and information on any classmates. Hope 1948 is a wonderful year for all of you!

—*Fran* and *Dan McElheny*.

1937

The mail was meager again this past quarter—but letters from *Stan Connelly*, *John Cone* and *Charley Register* and two cards, from *Bill Snouffer* and the other anonymous, are gratefully acknowledged. Stan wrote from Stockholm, Sweden where he is on Military Attaché duty. He said that he has "no class news to report from this isolated spot" but that "you can report to our classmates of Swedish origin that they can be proud of the land of their ancestors. It's a clean, model country . . .". John reports that he is "on what is essentially a one-man post, (although the location is at Detroit Arsenal)" and that consequently "news of the class from this end is very scarce". The information in Charley's letter concerned the gang at M.I.T. and Harvard Business School and is incorporated in the column below. All who wrote asked to be remembered to the rest.

At a Brigade Review of the Corps of Cadets held at West Point on 22 November, Major General Maxwell D. Taylor, the Superintendent, presented our classmate *Bud Zehner* with the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Distinguished Service Cross for extraordinary heroism in action in France, and the First and Second Oak Leaf Clusters to the Bronze Star Medal. Congratulations from us all, Bud.

Now the changes in our class family: We have word that *Jim Peale* was married at Hilo, Hawaii, on 19 August to Miss Mary Juanita Penrod of Los Angeles. Jim has been a National Guard Instructor in Hilo but recent orders have him transferred to Hq. U.S.A.R. P.A.C., Fort Shafter, T. H. *Dick* and *Madelyn Klocko* added another daughter to the family on 1 September at Walter Reed General Hospital (send us her name, won't you, Dick?); *John Ulricson* and Mrs. U. added a boy, Charles Bruce, on 10 September, also at Walter Reed; *Bill* and *Marge Bailey* had a son, Carl Brunt, on 1 October at the 49th General Hospital, Tokyo, Japan (this is number 4 for them—better look out Snouffers, it looks like your record of 5 is being challenged!); *Luke* and *Florence Hoska* introduced Lukas Ernest III on 19 September at Syracuse General Hospital, Syracuse, N. Y. (Luke is attending the University there); *Kim* and *Edie Kimbrell's* son Robert Langston first appeared at the Station Hospital, West Point, N. Y. on 20 October (this is the second son, third child for both the Kimbrells and Hoskas); *Harry* and *Molly Wilson* had a son on 4 October at the 161st Station Hospital, Sapporo, Hokkaido, Japan (will you drop us a line and give us his name, please?); *Harry* and *Betty Elkins'* daughter Gertrude Elizabeth made her initial debut on 12 November at the Station Hospital, Fort Bragg, N. C. where Luke is on duty with the 82nd Airborne Division; *Milt* and *Phyllis Clark* had a second daughter some time in the latter part of September. (They are now living in Dedham, Massachusetts); and *Fin* and *Evelyn Unger* had another son some time about 7 November. They expected to return from Europe some time early in December to go to the Armed

Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Virginia in January.

Overseas go "O. J." *Seaman* and "B. F." *Taylor*. *Olle* and *Jean Seaman* are leaving Fort Jackson, South Carolina and *Frank* and *Mary Taylor*, Washington, D. C. for Korea. *Ed* and *Dot Lee* are now in Tokyo. *Red* and *Sherry Minor* have returned to the States from South America. *Red* is now with the General Motors Export Division in New York City. *Bob* and *Page Fitzgerald* are expected to return soon to the States from Okinawa. Rumor has it that *Bob* may resign to take a "high-powered job" in Manila, P. I.

Other changes of station include: *Harry Van Leuven* from Bolling Field, D. C. to Turner Field, Georgia; *Bob Herman*, relieved as A.C. of S., A-4, Hq. 15th A.F., Colorado Springs, Colorado, to Hq. Strategic Air Command, Andrews Field, Maryland; *Jack Chapman* from the G-4 Section, Army Ground Forces, to the Office of the Chief of Staff, Washington, D. C.; *Woody Wood* from Office of the Director of Intelligence, O.C./S., Washington, D. C. and *Battle Barksdale* from Fort Hamilton, N. Y. both to the Personnel Records Board, A.G.O. Casuals, Washington, D. C.; *Fred Clarke* from the Hanford Engineer Works, Richland, Washington to the Armed Forces Special Weapons Project, Albuquerque, New Mexico; *Bill McDonald* relieved as C.O. 97th Bombardment Group, Smoky Hill Air Field, Kansas, to Hq. A.A.F., Washington, D. C.; *Charlie Kuna* from Phoenixville, Pa. to the Engineer Center, Fort Belvoir, Va.; *Bill Dodds* from Washington, D. C. to the 4th Infantry Division, Fort Ord, California; *Walt Eckman* from Armed Forces Special Weapons Project, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, to 4121 A.A.F. Base Unit, Kelly Field, Texas; and *Sam Gurney* from Office, Director of Plans and Operations to Office, Joint Chiefs of Staff, Washington, D. C.

Baron Musgrave was transferred from the Percy Jones General Hospital, Battle Creek, Michigan to Hq. 5th Army, Chicago, Ill. and *Leigh Fairbank* from the Detachment of Patients, Walter Reed General Hospital, to 1st Army, 1301st A.S.U., Fort Monmouth, N. J.

Kelsie Reaves left Fort Monroe, Virginia to go to the Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Va. Upon completion of the course about 17 January he expected to be transferred to the 9th Infantry Division, Fort Dix, N. J.; *Sam Agee*, *Big John Erikson*, and *Ken Sanborn* also graduated from the Armed Forces Staff College about 17 January. They have orders to Squadron L, 4020th A.F. Base Unit, Wright Field, Ohio (with Station at Washington, D. C.); *Ogden Air Materiel Area*, Hill Field, Ogden, Utah; and Hq. U.S. A.F., Washington, D. C. respectively. *Tom Holdiman* moved from Hq. 15th A.F., Colorado Springs, Colorado to the Air Command and Staff School, Maxwell Field, Alabama.

At M.I.T. are: *Jim Brierley* (Ph.D. in Physical Chemistry), *Milt Clark* (S. M. in Electrical Engineering), *Doc Leist* (S.M. in Physics), *Charley Register* (Sc.D. in Mechanical Engineering) and *Dave Griffin* (S.M. in Elec-

trical Engineering). *Milt*, *Doc*, and *Dave* should finish up in June 1948 but *Jim* and *Charley* are good for an additional year. At Harvard Business School are: *Fred Campbell*, *Whitey Mauldin*, *George McDowell*, and *Paul Scheidecker*. They should finish up in either February or June 1948, except *Whitey*, who will go on until June 1949. *Dick Fellows* was recently transferred from Hq. A.A.F., Washington, D. C. to Leland Stanford, Jr. University, California. (Other orders say he goes to Squadron S, 41st A.A.F. Base Unit, Maxwell Field, Alabama. We don't know which order supercedes which.)

Hank Byroade and *Delk Oden* were detailed in the G.S.C. and assigned to the W.D.G.S.; *Dick Klocko* and *Westy Westover* were relieved from the G.S.C. and assigned to Hq. U.S.A.F., Washington, D. C. *Doug Quandt* is in the Engineers in Washington, D. C. and *George Sloan* is G-3 at Fort Riley, Kansas.

Al Clark's 7th Bombardment Group is making quite a reputation for itself. It is the first organization to be assigned the latest long-range aerial weapon, the six-engine, B-36 Bomber. Recently, too, *Al* commended members of the B-29 crew from his command who, on 13 November, set a new long-distance flight record of 4,410 miles. Congratulations, *Al*!

The newspapers recently carried a short article telling of a visit to the "Freedom Train" of *Colin P. Kelly*, 3rd, son of our *Colin Kelly*, to inspect the original letter written by President Roosevelt recommending the appointment of the now seven year old *Colin III* to West Point in 1956.

At the First Winter Horse Show at Fort Riley, Kansas, on 14 November, *Pony Scherrer* won third place in the Officers and Ladies Jumping Class while *Joyce* assisted at the show by presenting trophies and ribbons to the winners in the Student Officers Advanced Horsemanship Class. *John Cromelin* was on a committee appointed by Lt. Gen. Wheeler for an Engineer party held at the Army-Navy Country Club, Washington, D. C.

The *Al Clark's* and the *Seaman's* names were noted as having attended parties at Fort Worth, Texas and Fort Jackson, South Carolina, respectively. The members of our class had a get-together at Fort Leavenworth on 13 September. Eighteen (18) classmates attended — namely: *The Spenglers*, *Russels (D. C.)*, *Postlethwaits*, *Greens (M. L.)*, *Curtises*, *Chabots*, *Neiers*, *Mercados*, *Marrs*, *Montgomerys*, *Van Volkenburghs*, *Evanses*, *Strandbergs*, *Majors* and *Steelys*; and *Bill Travis*, *Fred Ressegiev*, and *Ed Richardson*. The gang here at West Point got together twice during the past quarter, the first being in early fall, we had a picnic party at the Lodge at Round Pond. The second was a dinner party held at the Stewart Field Officers Club. Almost 100% attendance was achieved at both parties—100% including: *the Barkos*, *Conways*, *Duncans*, *Gildarts*, *Grahams*, *Halls*, *Hallocks*, *Hineses (J. B. R.)*, *Holcombs*, *Johnsons (C. L.)*, *Johnsons (J. R.)*, *Kimbrells*, *Lewisles*, *McKinleys*, *Murrays*, *Oberbecks*, *Ohmans*, *O'Malleys*, *Pearsalls*,

Rumphs, Shives, Stanns, and Zehners. The *Starks* and the *Pfeffers* visited the Round Pond party and the *Hineses* (C. B.) and the *Starks* attended the Stewart Field affair.

The "37 Wives" at West Point have been holding their monthly get-togethers too, in addition to the two parties mentioned above.

Harve and *Dot Dorney* spent the W.&L. football game week-end at the Holcombs at West Point. They were up from Washington, D. C. as were *Delk* and *Margaret Oden* who week-ended with the *Ohmans*.

Football season is over—and it was great while it lasted. The games were veritable class reunions since we all ended up approximately in the same sections. We won't try to mention all of those we saw at one or more games, but it was sure nice seeing so many again after such a long time.

Well, guess this is about all for now. Wish more of you would drop us a line so that we could get some info first hand—won't you try? There are still about a hundred copies of the "1937 Sketch Book" available. (It's a short biographical sketch of each of the members of the class of 1937 which we published for our Tenth Reunion last June.) We will be only too glad to send you one if you will only drop us a line and inclose five cents in stamps for the postage.

So we'll sign off for now, wishing you a HAPPY NEW YEAR.

—*Helen and Ray Rumph.*

1938

In the midst of our pre-Navy jubilation at the West Point Army Mess, *G. G. O'Connor* pointed his class presidential finger at me and conferred the dubious honor upon me of writing these notes for the *Assembly* from our seriously depleted mail bag—and here they are:

Jim Luper and *Johnny Carusone*, with their families are in Nanking, China contemplating "la vie orientale". *Jim* is in the Air Div. and *John* in the Ground Div. of Army Advisory Gp.

Bill Neff, contrary to the 1938 column in the last *Assembly* issue, is very much alive; the "starlet" of 100th Night Show fame will appear in Paramount's "The Long Grey Line". He has appeared in 20 films since his screen bow as a submarine commander in "They Were Expendable".

Burt Brown, Exec. O. in the Off. of C.G., Philrycom, left the dwindling ranks of bachelors. A release from P.I.O., Hq. Philrycom announced his engagement to Miss Ann Moore, daughter of Maj. Gen. George F. Moore and Mrs. Moore. The wedding was planned for late November. Best wishes *Burt* and *Ann*.

Among those drawn to the magnetic Army-Navy game and congregated in our sky-high W-L section were: *McHaney, Jess Thomas, Smith, W. W., Wallace, Kenzie, Holman, Taylor* . . . from Hq. A.G.F.; *Lipscomb*, on a brief respite from the N.Y. National Guard. . . . *Huglin* recently from Korea and his coat rack now in Washington. . . *Sturdivant* home from the Philippines and in A-2, Washington. . . *Bill Latta*

on a short saunter away from his stronghold in Plans and Operations, Washington—undoubtedly arriving no sooner than the kickoff. . . *Haynes* and *Davis, P. C.* put aside the burden of international relations at Eli for the pilgrimage.

York, E. J. and *Collins* turned in at South Bend for the final Army-Notre Dame game. . . *Folda* and *Bassett* are pondering International Relations at Georgetown U. *Jerry* was a proud father again last month. It was a boy. . . *Sussman* of U.S.M.A.'s Dept. of Math was also a very paternal cigar-giver last month.

New Pentagonians: *Ekman* of 82d Airborne is in P.&O. Div., G.S. . . *Wansboro* recently from Europe now in Central Officers Assignment Gp., P.&A. Div. *Bill* recently dispensed cigars as the proud pater of a baby girl. . . *Hutchins* now in Hawaii. . . *Dick Thomas* is at the Marine Corps School, Quantico. . . *Henderson* is in G-2, Mil. District of Washington. . . U.S.M.A. '38 and U.S.N.A. '38 of Washington and environs held the second joint luncheon at the A.-N. Club on 15 October. The merger success was due in no small measure to (W.D. G.S.) P.&A. Div.'s *Bill Rhyne*, who handled arrangements on our side.

At C.&G.S. College, Leavenworth, a sizeable contingent are pondering staff phenomena:—*Duncan, C. E., Erlendbusch* and *Izenow* are instructors. The workers of coded problems are:—*Barschdorf*, who just finished mastering civil engineering at M.I.T. . . *Blake* . . *Corley* . . *Hulse* . . *Jones, R. A.* . . *Mrazek* . . *Nickerson* . . *Patrick* . . *Sibley* . . *Sternberg* . . . *Sundlof* . . *Zohrlaut* . . . *Rhine* from a military prefecture governorship in northern Honshu.

Jim Lynch took *Chuck Jackson's* place—Mercedes and all, as military governor of Heidelberg. . . Returning from Hq. E.U.C.O.M.: *Elmore* and *Long*; *Vince* to Washington, *Dick* to Ft. Sill. . . *Bob Love* is delving in Business Administration at Harvard. *Adams* is specializing in Acoustics at U.C.L.A. . . *Altenhofen*—grappling with Engineering at Cal.-Tech. . . *Svenson* studying Guided Missiles at U.S.C. . . *Sundin* is with the Dept. of Tactics, U.S.M.A. . . *Bayer* is in the Office of the Air Comptroller, Washington. . . *Saunders* is an instructor at the Air University, Maxwell Field. *Coira* in Hq., U.S.A.F., Washington. . . *Young, C. M.*, at Air University. . . *Crouch* and *Strand* are students at the Air Command & Staff School. . . *Harmon*—last observed at Kirkland Field, New Mex. . . *Ed Chalgren* is in Hq. V Corps. During the past 18 months he has been juggling alternately the burdens of Deputy Chief of Staff and G-1. . . *Dave Byars* and family left Fort Bragg for Frankfurt, Germany. *Dave* will be in Hq., E.U.C.O.M. . . *Ed Lahti* took over the 504 P.I.R. of the 82d Abn. Div. when *Bob Ashworth* went over to become an A.-G. Liaison Officer at Wright Field in late November. *Ed* just returned from service with the 11th Abn. Div. in Japan. . .

Has anyone seen our rapid fire linguist *Joe Conigliaro*?

Source material for this issue was indeed meager and sketchy. *Bill Johnson's* mail bag was flat and our files

at the Office of the Association of Graduates were as bare as Mother Hubbard's cupboard. So keep the faith and periodically let us know what you know or are doing in the changing scene which is the world today.

—*A. J. D.*

1939

From the Mailbag:

Chuck Parsons Disbands Cavalry, Gets in Mess. In a tear-jerking ceremony at the Cavalry Plain *Chuck* led his vallants to their last review this Fall, after which the Cavalry Detachment and all horse activities ceased to exist at West Point. *Jap Wilson* Commands Last Mounted U.S. Unit. As coach of the mule riders. *Speedy Hull* Coaches All Intermurder Teams in Battle of Europe. As Athletics Branch Chief, Hq. E.U.C.O.M., *Bad Neuheim, Jack Bestic* and *Red Gideon* vie for Army-Navy Game Plaudits. *Jack* wearing a Yellow Corduroy Pork Pie a la Pentagon. *Red Rooster* eating 3 hot dogs at one time. *Walt Higgins* and *Bob Miller* Elected Class Secretary and Assistant. *Ann* now resident wife of the Assistant Secretary. *Helen* marches in as assistant wife of the Resident Secretary.

1939 Graduates Continue to Pursue the Stork—Moscow, Nov. 1947: *Walter Wells*, Assistant Attaché reports that his swell wife, *Marilyn*, has presented him with their third child, a girl, *Shelley*.

Thirty-niners Still Populate Europe: *Rogers, J. L., Cassidy, Kunzig, Myer, Wimpy Walker, Fat Jack Kelly, Ed McConnell, Stone, Page, Stirling Johnson, Tex Adams, Don Miller, and Dick White.*

Classmates Incarcerated in Leavenworth: *Barnett, Beuchner, Hall, Kerwin, Lasche, Minahan, Schellman, Scott, K. L., Seaver, Williams, R. M., Camp, Chapla, Davidson, Ewell, Hackett, Krisman.*

Kobes Cocktail Party at Philly After Army-Navy Game: *Brewerton, Higgins, Reeves, Mount, Evans, B. S., Winton, Taylor, Sears.* V.P.I. Game Party at West Point to Welcome Newly Assigned Classmates: *Medusky, Schrader, Coates, Greer, McBride, Winton, Duke, Habecker.* Guests from the hinterlands: *Knapp, Lentz, Maslowski, Batson, Dziuban, Crandall, and Legier.*

Graduated from Armed Forces Staff College: *Phelan, Whitehouse*—Congratulations, *Rod* and *Tom.* Attending U.S.A.F. Staff Course at Maxwell Field: *Dickman, Bowman.*

—*Johnny Ray.*

1940

Have recovered from a Navy Game weekend with *Donovan* and *Ruth Yeuell.* Complete with two German Schnauzers. In the Municipal Stadium saw *Bonham, Shockner, Ted Biswanger, Ernie Jones, Haggard, Cibotti, Ray LaRose, Silvasy, Joe Couch* who retired December 1st, *Black, Hough, Kintner, Fairlamb, Fellenz, Ferrill, Gideon, Gildart, Bidwell, Moore, Humphrey, Marsh, Robinson, Norris, Jake Roberts, Shaunesey, Harry Simpson,*

and many others. Philadelphia was a conversion point attracting members of the class from their holes at U.S. M.A. and the Pentagon.

Information has been coming in steadily thanks to willing operators in the field. *Jim Maedler* attended a meeting in Pittsburgh and represented the class at a luncheon given by General Somervell. Also attended the Notre Dame game and encountered the following characters: *Perry, Goodwin, O'Donnell, Milliken, Wynne* and *Bethune*. *Don Baumer* writes in that he is with U.S. Military Advisory Group, A.P.O. 707, San Francisco, California. *Brice* is on duty in Richmond, Virginia in the State Office Building. *Harry Simpson* there too.

Jim Walters writes from Pasadena, California where he is attending school at Cal. Tech. Expects to graduate in June. Father of a second boy on 21 November named Gordon Wood Walters. Has fullback aspirations for the class of 1967. *Jake Taylor* also studying guided missiles at Cal. Tech. *Jim Wendt* is at Southern California taking same course and *Cook, E. G.* is studying Civil Engineering at Cal. Tech. *Bob Brewer* is studying at Illinois Institute of Technology. *Kenney* and wife report arrival of Richard Louis Kenney on 13 November. Notice was post-marked Los Angeles.

Received a long Sunday afternoon letter from *Sam Goodwin* from Tactics Department at the Armored School in Fort Knox. His status is still bachelor but is subject to change. The sound of Sam's letter makes writing this column worthwhile. He states that at Knox there is *Phil Loofbourrow* who is Air Instructor at the Armored School. "Junior" *Renwanz* is there as a gunnery instructor in the Weapons Department. *Danny Briggs* is a student in the Advanced Course as is *Wally Clement*. *Manzollilo*, after graduating from Benning without taking any turn-out writes, is now an instructor at the Armored School in small arms. Sam hangs out the welcome sign to any of the members of the class who come through Fort Knox. Stimulant guaranteed. He further reports that on a trip to Benning he was entertained royally by *Ben Delamater* and *Freundendorf*. There he saw the following: *Budge Bingham*, (A.G.F., Fort Monroe); *Hank Daniels*, student at T.I.S.; *Leahy*, instructor at T.I.S.; *Ray Renola* from C.&G.S.; *Alan Strock*, instructor at T.I.S.; *Mike Paulick* also an instructor along with *Sam Webster*; *R. A. O'Brien* and *Oglesby*. *Mike Kuziv* who was last heard of streaking around in Berlin has turned up at Fort Adams. *Lee Fritter* is at the Infantry School. *Johnny Townsend* is a student at C.&G.S. End of letter from Goodwin. Emulate this guy.

Next correspondent with an ear for news is *Leo Dunham*. He took time out to make a grand tour complete with Helen and children to get the news by word of mouth from classmates in New England area. Started out with the idea of fifteen minute cigarette call but hospitality of classmates was so great he travelled until wife and children were exhausted. Dunham encountered *Larry Legere* in the Harvard Yard between classes.

Legere and *Bill Roedy* are attending school at Harvard in Public Administration. *Noble* is living at Devens and commuting to Harvard to school. Better than commuting from Syracuse. *Ray Sleeper* and wife are living in Somerville, Mass. while he attends school. *Red Bengston* and Ann are living in Watertown. Fed Dunham tea and gingerbread. *Minahan* and *Lynn* are bachelors. *Sid Fisher* has bought himself a home in Waltham. *Charlie Banks* is in Brighton, Mass. *Chuck Esau*, with wife Marie, lives in Needham, Mass. Chuck has sired three: Suzanne, Beth and Charles, Jr. Dunham says Esau has not changed a whit and would be able to captain the U.S.M.A. baseball team of 1948 as well as he did that one of 1940. Chuck advanced the information that *Dave Crocker* is with the Massachusetts National Guard. Dunham noted that the regulations at the Harvard Law School were not as stringent as those of E Company Corps of Cadets and *Sid Fisher* may wear his hair long as befits a student in Harvard Law School who will graduate in June 1949.

Eleanor Abbey sits home with her three boys while *Dick* flies cross country to get the information. Then Eleanor writes that: Dick saw the following at Maxwell Field: *Norman, Bethune, Coleman, Gillem, Litton, La-Breche, Barnard* and *Izzy Shearer*. Class in Washington, Eleanor continues, put on a merger party with the class of 1940 United States Naval Academy. The entertainment was handled by those well known bon vivants, *Yewell* and *Ferrill*. *Olin Bell* and *Larry Sheetz* present after being away for a long time. *George Mayos* back in Washington and the *Pennys* are back at Belvoir and have a baby. Sex not disclosed to this reporter. *Moon Mullin* back from Korea and is also at Belvoir. *Schockner* is back from Hawaii and raises orchids as a hobby. Brother that's a business. *J. P. Donohue*, retired living in Leaksville, Mississippi. *McKenney* and *Porte* have both recently sired daughters.

Hough writes from Belvoir that he is now Deputy Director of Service and Supply at that station. *Schmaltz* took Hough's place at West Point. *Quaid* going to school at Belvoir while *Wagner* acts as Air Corps Liaison Officer with school.

Homer Chandler from the Information Section Headquarters Army Ground Forces in Washington sends me the following information. *Bunze* is a new arrival at the Pentagon and will join the Research and Development section of the Air Force. *Tommy Chamberlain* and *M. B. Chandler* also new Washington arrivals. *Jack Wright* has completed the airborne class at Fort Benning and has returned to Washington a full fledged paratrooper. He joins the ranks of *Eddie Black, Hank Adams*, and *Larry Legere*. Jack took time out long enough to write an article dubbed "Japan Will Win the War" November-December issue of Coast Artillery Journal, page 46. *Murphy, C. A.* has been placed on detached service in Hollywood to act as a technical advisor on a new film called "A Foreign Affair". Upon completion of film he will return to First

Army Headquarters where he will join *Freddy White*. Important note to those of the class who expect to visit new York City. Frustrated? Call up *Eileen Willis* at the Hostess House on Governors Island. She'll take care of you. Understand she ranks the members of *Stan's* class above two star generals. Mike Willis is the image of his father. *George England* is at Headquarters V Corps while *Carnahan* is attending Rensselaer Poly Institute in Troy, New York.

Hamelin writes from Berlin to get all the news on Valley Forge Military Academy. He joins the P.M.S.&T. staff here soon. At time of this writing he has not reported but is expected momentarily. *Couch* tells me that *Don Stewart* is on R.O.T.C. duty in San Antonio, Texas. He, Couch, became father of daughter in August as did *Sam Patten*. *Jim Lotozo* writes that after a three year detail in the Field Artillery he is back with the Coast Artillery. He is stationed with 1st Guided Missile Bn. at the Artillery School at Fort Bliss. *Saunders* is with the 384th A.A. Gun. Bn. at Fort Bliss. *Osborne* anticipates supplying drags from Vassar to the Corps of 1961-67 with two daughters, Ann and Lucy. Has resigned and is in the seed business in Culver, Indiana.

Karen Ann arrived to the *Sattems* according to a small card I received complete with pink ribbon. *Beaudry* writes from Far East Command, A.P.O. 500, where he is with Ordnance Section, General Headquarters. He frequently sees *Case, Parker*, and *Tom Gordon*. *Bennet* writes from Fort Sill and reports a party that was held in Benning. Geography means nothing. Present were *Raleigh, Rizza, "Tiger Bill" Horton, Green*, and *Mike Bavaro*, all students at the Artillery Officer's Advanced Course at Sill. *Gasparini* who is taking Advanced Course at the Infantry School was also there. This could be fringes of the party reported earlier by *Sam Goodwin*. Others at the Artillery School according to *Bennett* are *Paul Phillips, Jack Dibble, Urey Alexander, Bill Farthing, Hack Hackett*, and *Wendell Coats*. However *Coats* was about to leave to the University of Wisconsin for a course in journalism.

Len Orman is getting out a booklet in which he has bound nine of his articles that have appeared in the Coast Artillery Journal on radar. He reports that *Sell* is getting all A's at Johns Hopkins, *Wilderman, Bert Lane*, and *deLatour* reported at Okinawa while *Don Bierman* and *Bob Dice* are said to be in Yokohama. *Coontz* still running palatial officer's club in Tokyo. *Brown, H. C.* studying nuclear Physics at University of Chicago. Has a boy and girl. *Borden* on R.O.T.C. duty in Fargo North Dakota. *Ross Milton* reported at Westover Field while *Clay* is with Bell Telephone Company for Ordnance Department. *Cassidy* writes that life in Florida on National Guard duty is fine. *Bates* is at Fort Monroe.

Page and *Helen Smith* report on a party given at Fort Leavenworth for members of the class of 1940. Adopted excellent idea by passing around paper and pencil to each member present and having them note down information. I have been able to decipher the fol-

lowing: Pat *Cassidy* wishes that I were there for everybody is having a good time. *Bob Cassidy* reports that *Wetherill* took over his Battalion and may stay at Fort Lewis. *Jacky Cagwin* assures me that all is well and *Lee Cagwin* states baldly that this is a gala gathering. *Joe Hardin* remarks that he is glad to be back in the United States and that he has two kids. Joe's better half says "Ditto". *Phil* and *Chic Elliott's* child is a boy named Steve, five years of age. *Del Marston* boasts that he once played a harmonica in one of the 100th Night Shows. Next accomplishment . . . he is still a bachelor. *Helen Smith* states that she and *Page* have three girls now. *Ray Renola* puts down some words about goats and hives which do not seem to make much sense. *Lou* and *Jeanie Mendez* point out that they not only have three daughters but also one son. It must have been some party.

This closes out the news for 1947. Remember to send all information to me at Valley Forge Military Academy, Wayne, Pennsylvania. It's your letters that keep this column alive. Happy New Year.

—Hank Brewerton.

1941

We will omit the apologies this time and plunge immediately into the poop. *Bob Dixon*, now stationed at Fort Benning, reports the addition of a son to his family—the total now stands at three, two girls and a boy. *Billy Clifford* came back from Heidelberg in September to report to his new job with the National Guard in Fort Smith, Arkansas. *LeMoyné Michels* is out of the Army and leading the fast civilian life with a contracting engineer firm in Los Angeles. The B.T.U. states that civilians also have to get up early and work late. We're going to miss you Mike. *Biz Moore* is burning the candle at both ends by teaching English and working out with the Pentathlon Squad. *Biz* qualified for a trip to Europe with the squad this fall but his duties at Woo Poo kept him from it. Saw *Lee Ledford* at West Point in October—he is recently returned from Bremerhaven and is now at Harvard Law School. *Pete Gleason* returned from Heidelberg in the fall. Where are you, Pete? Saw *Jake Pratt* at the reunion in Vienna last year. *Jake* was then at the Q.M. Depot in Linz, Austria. *Dick Rastetter* reported to U.S.M.A. this fall as an Ordnance P.

Tom Sharkey showed us the ropes in Paris last Spring. Tom was the Exec in the Military Attache's Office at the American Embassy. He got our passports visaed, issued us maps, and invited us to his house (very plush) for an elegant dinner—don't see how Tom finds time to do so much for the passers-through because Paris is full of vacationers. *Jack Thigpen* is out of the Army—a real loss for us. *Jack* is teaching Mechanical Engineering at Louisiana Tech. *Fox Rhyard* is out in California studying Aeronautical Engineering. Says it is about to sink him. *Sandy Matheson* is learning more about aircraft petroleum from the Standard Oil Co. in New

York. He and *Hilda* live at 191 Main Ave., Staten Island 10, New York. No, *Sandy* is not out; just becoming an expert. *George MacIntyre* has left the West Point contingent for the glamour of Hollywood. *George* is working as a technical advisor for Paramount on a West Point picture. The other day, *George* reports, he and *Frank Gerig* made a tour of the studios and hobnobbed with all the starlets, etc.—sounds like a real D-E-A-L! No, he is not out of the Army—just resting enroute overseas.

Old *Fizz Fitzpatrick* appeared on the special train to the Navy Game. *Fizz* is in command of a tank battalion out at Fort Lewis, Washington. Says he saw *Max Tyler*, who was on his way to school someplace, but had no other news. *Dick Travis* is Air Inspector in Headquarters, T.A.C., at Langley Field. *Dick* says that *George Hicks* is also stationed at Langley. *Butch Rising* is holding forth in the Pentagon with the G.S.C. in G-4. *Butch's* job has the initials S.S.P. (something about procurement) but I forgot to translate them in my notebook. *John Rossell* has taken over *Ted deSaussure's* job as Aide to General Devers at Fort Monroe. In case you did not know it *John* married *Elkin Franklin's* sister, *Jane*. *Ted deSaussure* is learning about guided missiles at Johns Hopkins. *Barney Woodruff* is stationed at Grenier Field, New Hampshire. Two daughters. *Charley Fletcher* is stationed at Fort Knox working on the U.M.T. program. *Paul Ramee* is another B.T.O. in the Pentagon. Like *Butch*, he has a lot of initials: S.L.P.G. The job is with the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the "G" stands for "Group", but again, my notebook is incomplete. *Pete Crow* is stationed at M.I.T. *Frank Linnell* and *Rosy Rosenbaum* are at Quantico attending Marine Amphibious School. *Dick Aldridge* is in A-1 in the Pentagon. *Larry Greene* works in the Pentagon. *Howard Felchlin* is studying Russian at Columbia. *Chuck Willes* had a party at his house near Philadelphia after the Navy Game—hear it was really good. *Chucko* is going to Penn.

Johnnie MacIntyre crashed through with a whole letter full of poop—here it is in toto: "The other night *Jack Christensen* and his wife had a wonderful party. The usual discussion about *Assembly* and who had written came up. Being the lowest ranking present, I volunteered to act as recorder and send you this note. Latest news is that *Strain* was married in Kyoto. Since everyone present at the party is a proud parent, we all want you to know the following statistics pertinent to the proper census: The *Dick Couches* have one son and one daughter, the *Purdys* also have one of each. The *Christensens* have a boy and the *Ben Wests* have two girls and a gleam. *Kline* and spouse were present and reported one of each. *Fisher* was present, and being newly arrived in Japan, was alone but still boasting two girls. The *Gordon Harpers* have a boy and a girl. *Burt Andrus* hopped over from Hawaii about a week before and reported a son. *Mullane* is in Yokohama. He has two girls. And don't forget me—I think I am the first class member to

have a child born in Japan—(this in absence of contradicting information) *Natale* had a girl in July. This makes a boy and a girl for me. It is difficult to give information on others in Japan—these mentioned are only the ones in or near Tokyo.

There are others in Japan, but rail communications being what they are it is difficult to keep contact with the class. *Jakie Towers* left about a month ago, and *Stillson* left even before that".

Howdy Clark is studying Photogrammetry at Princeton. *Bud Thompson* is stationed at Gravelly Point in Washington, D. C. *Delly McMillan* also threw a party in Philly after the Navy Game.

An old letter (8 August) from *Pete Tanous* has news of many classmates. Some of this may be obsolete by now but here goes anyway: *Pete* himself, holds the record for fancy addresses: Heraldic Section, Research & Development Branch, Military Planning Division, Office of the Q.M.G., Washington 25, D.C.! *Pete* returned last summer from a tour of Europe. I mean just that, Greece, Hungary, Roumania, etc. *Zaremba* and *Bud Brown* are in the Office of the Q.M.G. *Johnny Zott* is at the University of Pittsburgh studying Petroleum Engineering. *John D'Esposito* is at Pine Camp, New York. *Ducky Deyo* reported to the office of the Q.M.G. for duty on 1 September. *Peer deSilva* completed a course in Russian at Columbia last fall. Must be overseas now. *Spike Briggs* was flying Attorney General Clark around Europe last summer. *Pete* saw *Spike* in the Bal Tabarin in Paris—h-m-m.

Saw many '41ers at the Navy game. I did not talk to all of them and I am sure I did not see all that were there—please forgive any omissions in this list of those seen, but not heard from—I wanted to watch the game, too: *Freddy Stanford*, *Jack McClure*, *Hill Blalock*, *Claire Armstrong*, *George Brown*, *Potter Campbell* (I think), *Floyd Cofer*, *John Easton*, *Blubber Reilly*, *Bob Salisbury*, *George Stalaker*, *Walt Woolwine*, *John Deanne*, *Mac McCaffery*, *Lightin' Layfield*.

Like to keep you posted on those of us who are roughing it here at our Alma Mammy—honest, it is tough—one has to have all kinds of rank to get quarters and the Bachelor Building looks like a '41 reunion every evening, O.K., I won't try to convince you. The present incumbents are: *Bentley*, *Brown*, *E. V.*, *Brown*, *E. W.*, *Camp*, *J. H.*, *Cannon*, *Carroll*, *Clendenning*, *Cochran*, *H. W.*, *Edger*, *Foster*, *H. F.*, *Harrison*, *M. C.*, *Heaton*, *Howze*, *Kelsey*, *Kiesel*, *Knowlton*, *Mayo*, *McKee*, *Mitchell*, *Moore*, *G. B.*, *Moucha*, *Rastetter*, *Root*, *Seneff*, *Smith*, *B. J.*, *Smith*, *C. L.*, *Theisen*, *Tuttle*, *R. M.*, *Watson*, *L. H.*, *Woods*, *D. S.*, *Yates*, *E. P.*, *Ellis*, *H. V.* *Jack Harris* and *Kosiorik* (in Spain).

All information published in this column is from usually reliable sources. Of course, that leaves me a loop-hole in case any of you characters have been misquoted or erroneously located. One way to get yourself properly written up is to WRITE: *Jim Carroll*, Department of Mechanics, U.S.M.A.

—B. J. S.

1942

Everybody in the Class who was in the Middle Atlantic States during November, attended the Army-Navy game, where 1942 and guests occupied two full sections in the coffin corner. Although we could not see much of the game, we enjoyed seeing old friends. One of the few abstainers was *Grant Jones*, just returned from Tokyo a bachelor, who did not go to Philadelphia because he could not get a hotel room. Most of us stayed at the Ben Franklin with *Doc Hyde*, whose parties have become an Army-Navy institution.

From *Dick Wise*, still seismographing for oil in Venezuela, comes a much appreciated letter saying he saw *Olmedo Alfaro* in Panama City. *Hottenroth* in Tokyo says the *Dale Buchanans* hold open house to '42ers. Others in Japan include, with families, the *Kosters*, *Reinerts*, *Fergussons*, *Pasciaks*, *Charlie Hills*, *Roger Barnes*, and *Bunky Scofields*, *Watsons* and *Frauleys*. *Jim Studer* is one of the few remaining class bachelors.

To "Out" and "Small Fry" *Reinert*, a future lacrosse player, Al, Jr.

Here at the Rock Pile "Rock" *Obenchain* and "Hub" *Hinkle* were among those giving large cocktail parties. The *Garvins* and *Hewitts* also gave parties at their country estates in Cornwall. Also the class occasionally gets together for dinner at *Stewart Field*.

Visitors in November included the *Bill Snous* from Wright Field and the *Ray Millers* from a Troop Carrier Group at Austin, Texas.

Address your news letters to Class of 1942, U.S.M.A., West Point, N. Y.

January, 1943

The number of heirs in the class have shown a large increase since the last issue of *Assembly*. The *Wearts* announce *Terry Anne* born the last part of September. The *Harrisons* announce *Barbara Anne* born the first of October. *Wilbourn* became the father of *Janice Louise* on 31 October. The *Hogrefes* had a boy the latter part of November. The *Lenfests* had their third girl, *Diane Carol*, here at West Point 15 October 1947. *Duke Kane* announces his first child. The *Rippins* write that their second child is a boy. *Frank Shaw* was presented with a boy on 14 November, and the *Bertams* had a girl, *Abigail*, on the 16th. *Mike Robinson* announces *Francis Gilpin* born on 4 November.

Thanks to the efforts of *Frankosky*, *Raen*, and *Seith*, the party which we held here in the club was very successful. Sixty-one people came. Below is a list of those who came and whatever notes we could pick up. *Fishel* flew up from Washington. He is in the guided missiles section in the Pentagon, and is studying international relations on his own at night school. *DeGruchy*, *Herrington*, *Brittingham*, *Daye*, and *Shaefer* came up from Wright Field. *Daye* is very interested in the study of business administration, and he claims that it is just the thing for the up and coming

Air Force officer. *Talliferro* is at Wright Field. *Hain* is living in New York City. He is out of the army and working for Western Union as a junior executive. "Rabbit" *Brook* is still working for Westinghouse. *Werhle* is with the National Guard in Providence, R. I. At present he has a moustache which measures six inches from tip to tip. *Hamilton* and *Butcher* came to the party from Eglin Field. "Max" *Butcher* wants everyone to know that he is there and not lost. *Wade* and *Shaw* are on Governors Island. *Kirby Gean* is living at Camp Shanks and commuting to Columbia where he is studying nuclear physics. *Hofman* is with a National Guard unit in New Jersey. *Greenberg* showed up with a broken foot. He said that he was in a jeep accident. *Footo* and *Hackler* were here from Washington. *Boone Seeger* is still in New York City as Aide to General *McNarney*. I am sorry, but I got nothing on *Dakin* and *Burr* who were at the party. The people who are stationed here and came are, *Raen*, *Harrison*, *Nickel*, *Goss*, *Parker*, *Willcox*, *Frankosky*, *Seith*, *Donaldson*, *Bestervelt*, *Maloney*, and *Lenfest*.

Beeson called a class meeting to elect some officers and get the ball rolling on some entertainment for June Week. He is sending out a letter containing the proceedings to everyone in the class. If you fail to get one of these letters, please notify us because it concerns you. We are definitely cooking up some entertainment for our fifth reunion during June Week. If you can come during June Week, let us know. If you need a place, we will try to fix you up. We are planning at least two and maybe three parties.

Mildred E. Moore of 22 Mountain Ave., Highland Falls, would like to know the whereabouts of the following. *Edgmon*, *D. T.*, *Hughes*, *J. E.*, *Steuer*, *W. B.*, *Whiteside*, *D. P.*, *Wise*, *R. V.*, and *Winn*, *J. C.*

We have a couple of newspaper clippings here. One announces that *Jimmy Changaris* is on the faculty at the Citadel as an Assistant P. of M.S. & T. The other is an account of a speech made by Major *Edward M. Flanagan* to Boy Scout Troop 36 on "Paratroop Training". Unfortunately, it is impossible to tell from what newspaper the clipping was taken. For that reason I don't know where *Flanagan* was at the time.

Dan Cota writes that he is out of the army and in the paint business as a purchasing agent.

Jim Anderson just returned from overseas. He writes that he will be assigned to an R.O.T.C. unit in Davenport, Iowa.

Gregg Henry writes that he is taking a postgraduate course at Annapolis in radiological safety. He says that *Jim Alveras*, *Lee James*, *Pat Wardel*, *Joe Stabler*, *Roy Sanders*, *Spann*, and *John Healy* (newly wed) are at Ft. Bliss. *Bill Myers* is at Johns Hopkins.

By the time that this issue of *Assembly* is published the Rose Bowl game will be just a memory. Anyway just for the record *Doug Blue* wants to know how he can get tickets to the game. *Doug* is now at Cal. Tech.

Speaking of football tickets I learned something the other day. If anyone

returns from overseas, or unexpectedly arrives in this vicinity in time to attend one of the big football games, the best way to get tickets is to call the Assistant Graduate Manager of Athletics here. If your story is sufficiently tearful and convincing, he will probably let you have the tickets.

Doug Blue writes that *Bob Blake* is going to U.C.L.A. to study jets and guided missiles. *Bob* now has two children. *Ed Carberry* is in Pasadena, and just had his first child. *Charlie Pinkerton* is at Cal. Tech. *Doug* has two boys, one three, and the other born last August.

Sam Karrick is going to be stationed at West Point next year, probably in the Department of Mechanics.

I have a letter here from *Fisher* who had just returned to the States on 5 November from Okinawa. On the transport with him was *Bill Stewart*. *Fisher* expected to go to Eglin Field, and *Stewart* to Wright Field. He said that *Earl Hehn* and *Don Bruner* are still on Okinawa, but expect to come home soon. *Art Sebesta*, *Watson*, and *Bielecki* just arrived on the Island. He wants to know about *Dan Parker* who is still here at West Point.

Bill Knowlton went to a lot of work to prepare a list of everyone in the class with rank and address. I am going to bring it up to date with the information we have here.

Aifano, C. F., Major, Ft. Monmouth.
Baker, Ben L., Capt., White Sands, N. Mex.
Baer, John Willard, Major, Hq. A.A.F., Washington, D. C.
Barger, David Harvey, Major, Hq. A.A.F., Washington, D. C.
Barr, C. H., Capt., Ft. Monmouth.
Beeson, Thomas Henry, Lt. Col., U.S. M.A., West Point, N. Y.
Behn, Milton Albert, Capt., S.A.C., Andrews Field, Md.
Benner, Stephen Otto, Major, Air Tng. Comd., Ft. F. E. Warren, Wyoming.
Benson, J. W., Major, 77th Sig. Su. Bn., A.P.O. 742, c/o P.M., N.Y.C.
Bertram, R. A., Capt., West Point.
Bestervelt, Harold James, Major, U.S. M.A., West Point, N. Y.
Bevan, Wendell Lowell, Jr., Major, W.D.G.S., Washington, D. C.
Bishop, Cleo Merton, Major, A.U., New York Univ., N. Y.
Bowlin, Roy Lindsay, Jr., Major, Hq. A.A.F., Washington, D. C.
Boyd, Frank Edward, Major, 20th A.F. (Asgmt to A.M.C. upon ret. to Z.I. in October)
Brady, William Diebold, Major, Hq. A.A.F., Washington, D. C.
Brittingham, Raymond Cecil, Jr., Major, Hq. A.M.C., Wright Field, Ohio.
Broach, Richard Howell, Captain, Hq. A.M.C., Wright Field, Ohio.
Buckner, John Hugh, Major, U.S.M.A., West Point, N. Y. (Temporarily at University of Illinois)
Bush, James Emerson, Jr. Killed in China, June '44.
Blue, Douglas L., Major, California Institute of Technology.
Butcher, Chester John, Capt., A.P.G.C., Eglin Field, Fla.
Carmack, Morton Campbell, Major, W.D.G.S., Washington, D. C.
Cary, Thomas Isaac, Capt., S.A.C., Roswell A.A. Field, N. Mex.

- Cherbak**, Victor Anthony, Jr., Major, Hq. E.U.C.O.M., A.P.O. 757, c/o P.M., N.Y.
- Cadwallader**, R. L., Capt., White Sands, N. Mex.
- Cobb**, James Bernhardt, Major, Hq. A.A.F., Washington, D. C.
- Cook**, William Joseph, Major, M.I.T., Cambridge, Mass.
- Costello**, Edward Michael, Capt., S.A.C., Davis-Monthan A.A. Field, Tucson, Ariz.
- Courtney**, John Joseph, Jr., Capt., U.S. M.A., West Point, N. Y.
- Criss**, George William, Jr., Major, A.D.C., Ft. Slocum, N. Y.
- Danforth**, George Luck, Jr., Capt., Air Tng. Comd., San Antonio, Tex.
- Dakin**, M. H., Capt., Ft. Monmouth.
- Daye**, John Frederick, Jr., Capt., A.M.C., Wright Field, Ohio (A.A.F. I.T.)
- DeGruchy**, Oliver Williams, Jr., Major, A.M.C., Wright Field, Ohio. (A.A.F. I.T.)
- Dempsey**, James Raymon, Major, A.U., Univ. of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich.
- Dettre**, Rexford Herbert, Jr., Major, A.U., Univ. of Calif., Berkeley, Calif.
- Dolby**, William Frederick, Major, Overseas.
- Dover**, Joseph Harrison, Capt., Air Mission in Peru.
- Doyle**, James Leslie, Major, A.D.C., Olmsted Field, Pa.
- Edwards**, Edmund Barber, Major, A.P.G.C., Eglin Field, Fla.
- Ellis**, Frank Terry, Major, Hq. A.A.F., Washington, D. C.
- Fault**, Robert Hugh, Jr. Killed in Jamaica, Aug. '47.
- Fishel**, Robert Ralph, Major, Hq. A.A.F., Washington, D. C.
- Fisher**, Lowell Boyd, Capt., Overseas.
- Fisher**, Roger Louis, Eglin Field.
- Foote**, Edward Potter, Major, Hq. A.A.F., Washington, D. C.
- Frakes**, James Fisher, Major, Hq. A.A.F., Washington, D. C.
- Frankosky**, James Oliver, Major, U.S. M.A., West Point, N. Y.
- Fritz**, W. H., Capt., 2d Cav. Brigade, A.P.O. 201, P.M., San Francisco.
- Gatewood**, Moses Joseph, Jr., Major, Mil. Air Mission in Ecuador.
- Glasgow**, Charles Glenn, Capt., A.M.C., Wright Field, Ohio.
- Gorman**, John Jay, Major, W.D.G.S., Washington, D. C.
- Goss**, Quentin James, Capt., U.S.M.A., West Point, N. Y.
- Griffin**, Donald Ernest, Major, S.A.C., Andrews Field, Md.
- Hackler**, James Franklin, Jr., Major, Hq. A.A.F., Washington, D. C.
- Hamilton**, Joseph Louie, Major, A.P. G.C., Eglin Field, Fla.
- Hardebeck**, Edward James, Major, S.A.C., Ft. Worth, Texas.
- Hardy**, Charles Edward. Retired.
- Hardy**, William Lamar, Major, A.U., Yale Univ., Cambridge, Mass.
- Harrison**, Thomas Daniel, Major, U.S. M.A., West Point, N. Y.
- Hatch**, McGlachlin, Major, W.D.G.S., Washington, D. C.
- Hehn**, Earl LeRoy, Jr., Okinawa.
- Herrington**, Russel McKee, Jr., Capt., A.M.C., Wright Field, Ohio.
- Holt**, Charles Asbury, III, 1st Lt. A.U., Univ. of Illinois, Urbana, Ill.
- Hovde**, William Johnston, Major, T.A.C., March Field, California.
- Hume**, William Haywood, Captain, A.M.C., Wright Field, Ohio. (A.A.F. I.T.)
- Hurr**, Arthur Pershing, Lt. Col., A.D.C., Hamilton Field, Calif.
- Hynes**, Richard Joseph, Major, Air Tng. Comd., Barksdale Field, La.
- Jackson**, Arthur Vincent, Capt., A.M.C., Wright Field, Ohio. (A.A.F.I.T.)
- James**, Stanley L., 1st Lt., Fort Monmouth.
- Jones**, Jack Jean, Major, A.U., Univ. of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich.
- Jordan**, Hugh Fagan, Captain, T.A.C., Marshall Field, Kansas.
- Kane**, Francis Xavier, Major, A.U., Georgetown Univ., Wash., D. C.
- Kerig**, John Arthur, Jr., Major, A.U., Georgetown Univ., Wash., D. C.
- Kerr**, William Albert, Jr. Killed in Louisiana in 1943.
- King**, Frederick Martin, Capt., A.P. G.C., Eglin Field, Florida.
- Kinney**, George Romanta, Major, Bolting Field Comd., Wash., D. C.
- Kirby**, Henry Hodgen, Jr., Major, A.D.C., Brooks Field, Texas.
- Klerk**, Jacob Whitman, Capt., A.D.C., Olmsted Field, Pa.
- Kyle**, William Donald, Jr., Lt. Col., T.A.C., Langley Field, Va.
- Lacy**, Robert Ernest, Lt. Col., A.D.C., Hamilton Field, Calif.
- Lane**, Albert Lossen, Jr., Capt., S.A.C., Andrews Field, Md.
- Ledbetter**, James William, Major, A.U., Columbia Univ., N. Y.
- Lenfest**, Charles William, Major, U.S. M.A., West Point, N. Y.
- Lindell**, Keith Gordon, Major, Q.U., Stanford Univ., Palo Alto, Calif.
- Linton**, John Harvey, 1st Lt., A.D.C.
- Lovett**, John Rossignol, Capt., A.D.C., Marietta A.F., Georgia.
- Lowe**, Jessup David, Major, A.U., Univ. of Mich., Ann Arbor, Mich.
- Lutrey**, Theodore Thomas, Capt., Pacific Air Comd., c/o P.M., S.F., Cal.
- McDermott**, Robert F., Major, Hq., A.A.F., Wash., D. C.
- McGough**, Edward Alexander, III, Major, A.U., Stanford Univ., Palo Alto, Calif.
- McKinney**, James Alfred, Major, Hq., E.U.C.O.M., A.P.O. 757, c/o P.M., N.Y.
- Maloney**, Robert Seton, Jr., Major, U.S.M.A., West Point, N. Y.
- Marston**, Arthur Anson, Capt., A.M.C., Muroc A.F., Calif.
- May**, Britt Stanaland, Major, A.U., Ohio State, Ohio.
- Mazur**, Henry Joseph, Major, Hq., E.U.C.O.M., A.P.O. 757, c/o P. M., N.Y.
- Meltzer**, Lester, Capt., A.Y.C., Morrison Field, Fla.
- Moore**, Clifford James, Jr., Major, Hq., A.A.F., Wash., D. C.
- Minckler**, Rex D., Capt., White Sands, N. Mexico.
- Muldrow**, Robert, Major, Hq., A.A.F., Wash., D. C.
- Moses**, John S., Capt., Germany.
- Nett**, J. E., Capt., Ft. Monmouth.
- Nickel**, John R., Major, U.S.M.A., West Point, N. Y.
- Nygaard**, W. E., Capt., Arlington, Va.
- Parker**, Dan Morey, Capt., U.S.M.A., West Point, N. Y.
- Pinkerton**, Charles Clifford, Jr., Capt., A.M.C., Wright Field, Ohio.
- Pitts**, William Frederick, Major, Hq., A.A.F., Wash., D. C.
- Pitts**, Younger Arnold, Jr., Major, Hq., A.A.F., Wash., D. C.
- Porter**, Frederick Sherwood, Jr., Capt., A.U., Princeton Univ., N. J.
- Prior**, George Thomas, Major, S.A.C., Andrews Field, Md.
- Reynolds**, Emmet R., Major, University of Illinois.
- Rippin**, James Alfred, Lt. Col., Hq., A.A.F., Wash., D. C.
- Roberts**, John Edward, Major, U.S.A. F.E., c/o P.M., N. Y.
- Rowlin**, E. C. Major, Fort Monmouth.
- Sayler**, Henry Benton, Jr., Major, Hq., A.A.F., Wash., D. C.
- Schofield**, J. H., Major, Fort Monmouth.
- Schlossberg**, Richard Turner, Jr., Capt., A.U., Training with industry Q.M.G.
- Seloesta**, A. S., Capt., Okinawa.
- Seith**, Louis Theodore, Major, U.S. M.A., West Point, N. Y.
- Shaffer**, John Hixon, Major, A.M.C., Wright Field, Ohio.
- Sheley**, Edward Lee, Jr., Lt. Col., Hq., A.A.F., Wash., D. C.
- Smith**, Robert Nelson, 1st Lt., A.M.C., Wright Field, Ohio.
- Smith**, Russell Jackson, Major, S.A.C., MacDill Field, Fla.
- Smith**, William Bernard, Jr., Capt., U.S.M.A., West Point, N. Y.
- Stewart**, William Robert, Jr., Capt., O/S. (Asgmt to A.M.C. upon ret. to Z.I. in Oct.)
- Smith**, D. M., Capt., Tokyo, 71st Sig. Su. Bn., A.P.O. 500 c/o P.M., San Fran.
- Stuart**, Joseph Alexander, Jr., Major, A.M.C., McLellan Field, Calif.
- Sykes**, George Kunkel, Major, Hq., A.A.F., Wash., D. C.
- Taliaferro**, Walter Richard, Major, A.M.C., Wright Field, Ohio.
- Taylor**, Lester George, Jr., Capt., Air Tng. Comd., Barksdale Field, La.
- Thaler**, Melvin Sidney, Capt., A.M.C., Wright Field, Ohio.
- Thompson**, Donald Warren, Major, Hq., A.A.F., Wash., D. C.
- Thompson**, William Martin, Capt., S.A.C., Grenier Field, New Hampshire.
- Turner**, Hiram Glenn, Jr., Capt., Air Tng. Comd., Boca Raton A.A.F., Fla.
- Van Dugn**, John Edgar, Major, T.A.C., Stewart Field, N. Y.
- Walling**, Robert John, Major, A.M.C., Wright Field, Ohio.
- Weart**, George Spoor, Capt., A.M.C., Olmsted Field, Pa.
- Weber**, John Leroy, Jr., Major, A.U., Georgetown Univ., Wash., D. C.
- Whitlow**, Robert Victor, Major, Mexican Military Academy.
- Wilson**, Louis Locke, Jr., Major, S.A.C., Colorado Springs, Colo.
- Wilkes**, L. L., Major, White Sands, N. Mexico.
- Wriston**, Roderic Thomas, Capt., Air Tng. Comd., San Antonio, Tex.
- Yount**, Barton Kyle, Jr., Capt., S.A.C., Andrews Field, Md.

—Harrison.

June, 1943

As usual, we've acquired a number of Honorary June '43ers. They are: Robert Douglas *Madison*, born 18 September to *Gayle* and *Gretch* out in sunny Hawaii; *Cynthia Ann* who arrived on 15 October to the *Dave Galases* at Scott Field, Illinois; *Julia*

Kathleen Thomas, born 11 October to Lorry and Betty in Evansville, Indiana; Allison Sarah, arrived on 27 September to the Jim Kecks at Providence, R. I.

The class has slowed down almost to a dead run as far as changes of station are concerned. The following moves are the only ones we've heard about here at the Rock: *Tim Ireland* from the P-gon to Headquarters, Caribbean Air Command, A.P.O. 825, c/o Postmaster, New Orleans, La. *Jack Barickman* to Columbia University for a course in International Relations. *Jim Phillips* to Headquarters, V Corps Artillery, Ft. Bragg, N. C. *Hank Schroeder* to Georgia Tech for Communications Engineering. *E. M. Rhoads* from R.O.T.C. duty with the Denver High Schools to the Third Cavalry Group, Ft. George Meade, Md. *Jack Teague* to the Artillery School, Ft. Sill, Okla., for duty with Staff and Faculty. *Ed Shaifer* from the 82nd Airborne to the Pacific (destination unknown). *Bob Holmes* from Ft. Sill to the Army Language School, Presidio of Monterey, California, for a course in Turkish. *Smith, G. L.* to the New York National Guard, with station at Buffalo. *Smitty* can be reached c/o Adjutant General, State of New York, 112 State Street, Albany 7, N. Y. *Ned Burr* from Ft. Benning to the Armed Forces Special Weapons Project, Sandia Base, Albuquerque, N. M. *Hal Neill* from Ft. Hancock, N. J., to the Army Language School, Presidio of Monterey for Arabic training. *Reading Wilkinson* to the 3244th A.S.U., R.O.T.C., The Citadel, Charleston, S. C. *Jim Harrold* from G.S.C., Dept. of the Army, to Headquarters, U.S.A.F. (A-3). *R. O. Whitaker* from Camp Campbell, Ky. to 6925th A.S.U. Service Detachment, Yuma, Arizona. *Bill Lutz* from Letterman General Hospital to 6802nd A.S.U., R.O.T.C., Oregon State Agricultural College, Corvallis, Oregon. *Bill Daner* from Langley Field, Va., to 130th A.F. B.U., H.Q. 2nd Air Force, Offutt Field, Ft. Crook, Nebraska, with station at the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, N. D. *Jack Kidder* to the 6812th A.S.U., R.O.T.C., University of California, Santa Barbara, California. Sounds rough, Jack! *Maggy Saine* to the 3225th A.S.U., R.O.T.C., Riverside Military Academy, Gainesville, Ga. *Jack Elliott* is assigned to the Aberdeen Proving Ground with station at White Sands Proving Ground, Las Cruces, N. M. *Frank Ball* has abandoned Washington, D. C., for Headquarters, 24th Composite Wing, Borinquen Field, Puerto Rico. *Lloyd Zuppann* from Oak Ridge, Tenn., to H.Q., U.S.A.F., for duty with A-1. *Al Ellis* to Watervliet Arsenal, Watervliet, N. Y. *Dave Chase*, returning from the Far East, goes to the 7010th A.S.U., R.O. T.C., University of Maryland, College Park, Md. *Ed Cleary* finds his initial station in the States at the 5433rd A.S.U., R.O.T.C., Kansas State College, Manhattan, Kansas. *Walt Mitchell* returns from Europe for assignment to the 2128th A.S.U., Ft. Knox, Ky. *Dutch Umlauf* and *Jon Vordermark* bade farewell to the Pacific for service with the 82nd Airborne, Ft. Bragg, N. C. *Lemon Blank* remains in Washington, but has switched jobs

—from H.Q., U.S.A.F., to the Munitions Board, National Military Establishment. *Tom Garrett* has recently attended the Air Tactical School, Tyndall Field, Fla. He is stationed at H.Q., 8th Air Force, Ft. Worth, Texas. *Hal Gingrich* to H.Q., Ft. Monmouth, N. J. *Warren L. Taylor* to H.Q., V Corps, Ft. Jackson, S. C. *Al Burdett* has returned from Europe to find himself in the P.M.S.&T. business at Georgia Tech.

Miscellaneous: *Johnny Hull* retired on 30 September as a Major. Let us know where you settle, Johnnie. *Benny Dyla* resigned as of 30 October. *Keith Pigg* and *Patricia Elizabeth McKay*, of Greenwich, Conn., have announced their engagement. *Stan Staszak* is rumored to be a big wheel in the New Jersey National Guard. *Joe Walsh* is still bending a diplomatic elbow in Mexico City, according to the grapevine. *Bobby Cutler* and son are staying with her folks in Hawaii until *Ed* gets on the spheroid with some quarters in Japan. *Mike Davis* has transferred from the Signal Corps to the Corps of Engineers. *C. W. Dickinson* has transferred from the Coast Artillery to the Engineers. *Bernie* and *Ann Rogers* may be reached by mail at Thootton Close, Boar's Hill, Oxford, England. We hear that they have a fine house and enjoy the whole set up muchly.

Letters: *Art Rasper* still N.G.-ing it in Okemah, Oklahoma, says that *George Bugg* is now with the 33rd Infantry in Panama. *Harry Heintzelman*, recruiting officer at Bolling Field, Washington, D. C., has applied for Postgraduate work at a civilian college to start in September '48. *Dan'l Cullinane* did himself proud again with three big fat letters. Among the bits of intelligence submitted by our Pacific scribe are the following: "I believe I wrote you about *Al Brown's* impending marriage to *Jean Jorgensen*. Said event took place on 11 October and a goodly collection of '43ers were present. The wedding was performed at the G.H.Q. Chapel Center with a reception following in the Gold Room of the American Club in Tokyo. The bride was welcomed into our local Army set with the usual fanfare. Al's ushers were *Bunky Scofield* of '42 and our own *Bill Naylor*. Visiting from the Philippines was *Norm Keefer*. It is rumored on good authority that *Detwiler* is located in and around F.E.A.F. Headquarters. This rumor is confirmed by *Pugh*. I didn't know it before but a recent communication from XXIV Corps proves beyond a shadow of a doubt that '*Bitter Bill*' *Spahr* is in the G-2 Section thereof. I must admit that this is some show when a file in G-2 doesn't know the other files in G-2.

"New dope about old people: Your old *Will Cover* was up from Kyushu on his second visit to the big city. This time *Will* was trying to recover a couple of staff cars that had been taken away from a lower headquarters by a higher one. The only outstanding thing was that your old *Will* did the job. The next item of importance was a little stag dinner instigated by *Edrington* (our only bachelor) and assisted by *Atkinson*. The affair was held in the Dai Iti Hotel here in Tokyo

on Saturday, 22 November. The main purpose was to compare paunches and in general just to let everyone have a chance to see who in the class was here. The following is the roll call of those present: *Edrington*, *Atkinson*, *Joe Boyle*, *Mike Davis*, *Ed Cutler*, *Al Brown*, *Bill Naylor*, *Tommy Tomlinson*, *Tom Elgin*, *Tony Grice*, and *Bill Linton*. Naturally your intrepid reporter was present. Absent: *Jim Pugh*, *Bob Sonstelle* and *Norm Frisbie*. *Word* has reached me from Yokohama that *Tommy Tomlinson* has his ever-lovin' wife with him now. The other folks down there seem to be rolling along in a rut. Work in the mornings and golf in the afternoon. Almost any day you can drop in at *Sonstelle's* establishment and hear how he came out top man for the booby prize in one of the local golf tourneys. I understand from some local semi-official poopsheet that *Ray Blatt* is in the theater and his his Mrs. with him. It is rumored by those reputed to be in the know that he is with the 11th A./B. Div. up around sendai way". *Ben Cassidy* has arrived at his Hawaiian destination: 91st Ftr. Sqdn., 81st Ftr. Grp., A.P.O. 959, P.M., San Francisco. *Ben* and *Tom Foulk* are in the same Squadron: The former is Ops Officer; the latter, Engineering. Some of the local troops certainly could've used those Notre Dame tickets that followed you to Hawaii, Ben.

Local: The *Tid Watkins* and the *Bob Hoffmans* teamed up to put on a big feed at Round Pond after the Colorado Game. In addition to the local contingent, *Wynne* and *Ernie Price* showed up—also "*Rojo*" *Aldrich* and wife (Ex June '43 and Grad. of '44). The *Jack McGregors* and the *Doug Deals* threw a fine wing-ding at the O-Club after the Washington & Lee game. The *Bill Herres* and the *Fergie Knowles* had the local mob in for a pre-Christmas shindig. Bags of good cheer were dispensed. The following squibs have been dredged up from the West Point files: *R. C. Grady* says that *Berenice Peak* and daughter *Kathy* have left for Germany to join *Bill* recently. *Walker Jamar*, who went off the deep end with *Nanci Lyman* in Milwaukee on December 27th, says that he ran into *A. S. J. Tucker* in N.Y.C. *Tuck* is on his way to England for a year's duty with the R.A.F. We expect to see you next with a handle bar mustache, *Tuck*. *Arch Hamblen* married *Margie Ruddled* in Wisconsin during October. *Hal Head* contributes the fact that *Ed Cleary* dropped by here prior to reporting to Kansas State. *Bob Hoffman* informs us that the *Ralph Hallenbeck's* have added a '47 Model Male-Type child—bringing their score to three of that variety. *Ralph Scott* says that I gave *Dutch Ingwersen* credit for some non-regulation extra-curricular activities in a recent issue when I stated that his second son had arrived. It seems that *Dutch* is a bachelor. *Scotty*, escorting the U.S.M.A. Debate Team as Coach on the U. of Iowa Trip, also ran into the *Jack Morris*, the "*Tom*" *Sawyers*, the *Frank Dirkes*, the *Jim Betts* and the *Howie Coffmans*. *Doug Deal* brings to light the following: "*Sully*" *Sullivan* is holding down MacDill Field, Fla. He hopes to get a Law Degree under the U.S.A.F. Civil-

ian Schooling Program. The *Gorelangtons* are expecting another small sized family arrival in Hawaii. *Cliff Cornell* is now an appraisal Engineer for the Southern Ohio Electric Co. *Fran Ireland* is in Arlington, Va., waiting for *Tim* to obtain Quarters at Albrook Field, C. Z., so she can join him. *George Campbell* says that *Ed Geaney* is now Asst. P.M.S.&T. at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wis.

One final Pearl of Wisdom: *Bud Boling* and *Woody Woodson* have taken over as co-chairmen of our 5th Reunion Committee and they have some red hot ideas as to making the affair a success. Make your plans now to visit the Rock and get into the act.

—Lee H.

1944

The football season gave a number of us a chance to see each other for the first time since graduation. *Hi Ely*, assisting in the press box, saw almost all of the games. *Hi* and *Judy* are now proud parents of a bouncing boy, *Hiram Baldwin, III*, and the cigars were flying thick around this French Department. *Hi* is due to leave next summer, destination uncertain. *Jack Combs* is doing a swell job running the club at Stewart Field.

Doug Kinnard, now at Princeton as a student, was up for most of the home games. He looks fine, likes his work. *Brady* was up here with him one weekend. *John McPherson* and *Johnny McClure*, on leave from their station on Okinawa were here with their wives for one of the first games. *Bob (Errol) Flynn* and I chanced a meeting at the Columbia game in New York. At the Notre Dame game were *George B. Brown* and *George Tuttle*. *Tuttle* is now a student at Michigan, is planning switching to Ordnance. He has been having trouble with his game knee, is on limited service. At the Navy Game, we bumped into *Warren Conlon*, "*Chuck*" *Davis* and "*Knobby*" *Knoll* at the Ben Franklin Hotel. All three looked rosy and healthy, *Knobby* with his "cooky-duster". *Chuck* is studying "Juice" at Purdue.

Warren is doing glider work down at Benning, where there is a mob of our class. *Dave* and *Madi Zillmer*, new arrivals, write that *Dave* is now an instructor in the school. *Jack ("three") Hennessey* and *John Sullivan* are M.G. instructors, *George Wear* is with the Weapons Section, *Phil Grant* is Asst. Adjutant of School Troops, *Bob Selton* is a C.O. in the 37th Infantry, and *Bill Enos* and *Art Hyman* are at the Airborne School. *Dave* also mentioned that *O'Brien* is there. *Ralph Sciolla*, a battery commander in the 83rd F.A., has just tied that important knot with *Claire McCarthy* of Lowell, Mass. *Dave Ott*, now at Sill, will be taking jump training soon.

From Belvoir, *Otto Steinhardt* says that a large crew down there made a flight to Benning to see Operation Combine not long ago. Of those along were *Jim White*, *Bruce Codling*, *John Tcacik*, *Frank Moon*, *Norman Shepard*, "*Knobby*" *Knoll*, and *Bill Spalding*. *Bill* will have been married to

Marjorie Ann Wahl, of Port Chester, N. Y. by the time this issue reaches you. This bunch is taking the Advanced Course, and *Jean "Hedy" Lamarre* is an instructor at the Engineer School.

From Ft. Bragg, N. C., *Bob Mills* writes that quite a few men are there with the 82nd Airborne. "*Rock*" *Stuser*, "*Kutch*" *Kutchinski*, *Tom Mahon*, *Ed Hibbard*, *Joe Shelton*, *Pete Almquist*, and *Bill Tuttle* are all there, though most are due for a move. *Joe Shelton* was married to *Mary Hyman* of Dunn, N. C., in November. *Pete Almquist* is "busy having babies". *Bill Tuttle* went on the mission receiving war dead in New York. *John Carley* with V Corps Hq., plans going to jump school, thence to the 82nd. Thanks, *Bob*, for the dope.

Down at Aberdeen Proving Grounds *Jack Peterson*, very happily settled with his wife and daughter, is taking the Advanced Course.

Our man, *Tommy Moore*, now reunited with *Maudy* after he was flown back to the U.S. for his course at Pennsylvania, is up to his ears in slip-stick work. Struggling along with him are *Don Gruenther*, *Jelks Cabaniss*, and *Jack Pollin*. The *Moore*s and *Pollin*s should have places in *Merchantville* by now.

Speaking of schools, we note that a good part of our class is now enrolled in different universities. We trust that *George Blanchard* and all the others are progressing well in their work. Thanks, *Bill Kahn*, for the information on the men at Southern California. Studying Guided Missiles there, are *Bill*, *Dee Pettigrew*, *Bob Murphy*, and *Doug Gallez*. *Bill* was returned to general duty after avoiding retirement for wounds, is the proud papa of *Jeffrey Alan Kahn*, born a year ago December. At the University of Pittsburgh, studying petroleum engineering is *Kris Klinge*. He will be there until September '48, is working for his Master's. *Bob Robinson* is now at N.Y.U. studying Business Administration.

A nice letter from *Bufe Norman* arrived in November. He, *Patsy*, and little *Bufe*, are now in Memphis, (2752 Natchez Lane). They have a home of their own and are all settled. Retired as a Captain, *Bufe* is now teaching high school math, will soon be with an accounting firm. Thanks, *Bufe*, and good luck!

Out in New Mexico our Engineers seem to be going strong. We talked to *Jack Cushman's* C.O. after the Navy Game and from all accounts *Jack* is doing very well in his S-3 work. Our best regards to the whole crew!

Here's hoping "*Ace*" and *Ronnie Harper* have everything under control at Ft. Ord, California.

Out at Riley, Kansas, are *Jimmy Stewart* and *Larry Czewski*. *Larry* was married in October to *Joan Bader* of New York. They were both up for one of the first home games.

In Washington, *John Glad* is now with Army Map Service, having returned from Okinawa. *John* married *Beverly Schulz* of Milwaukee.

Ted Bartz gave us some good dope on those stationed at *Eglin Field*, Florida. *Bob* and *Caroline Callan*, with their daughter *Carrie Lou* have been there a long time. *Ted* and *Nor-*

ma's son *Tucky*, now two years old, is a great chum of *Carrie Lou's*. *Ted* included a clipping of the announcement of the birth of a son for *George* and *Mrs. Hoffman*.

Down in the Caribbean area, *Roy Hoffman* writes that he is now stationed at Quarry Heights, Canal Zone, and lives at Ft. Gullick on the Atlantic side. *E. P. Anderson* is down there in the Ordnance with *Col. Gruver*. *Art Nelson*, still with Honduras mission, is about due to return home. He has been doing great work. *Joe Petrone*, now in the Q.M., is stationed with the Antilles Quartermaster.

Over in the Far East, *Jim Cumberpatch* writes from Nagoya that on the trip to Guam several months ago, he saw *George A. Brown*, *Hammond*, *Bradley*, *Bingham*, *Boning*, *Glick*, *Ingersoll*, *Clayton*, *Hamm*, *Callaghan*, *Norton* and *Courtney*. They were flying B-29's at North Field. *Bill Courtney's* wife was due to arrive any week then. *Lou Armstrong* was touring the Pacific in a special B-29 and giving maintenance demonstrations. *Freddy Eglin*, "found" during Yearling year, is now with the 495th (V.H.) Bomber Squadron at Ft. Worth, Texas. He now has his R.A. 1st lieutenancy. *Jim Cumberpatch*, with his wife, *Mary*, and his son *Ricky*, is in A-3 division of 5th Air Force Hq. Thanks, *Jim!*

Roy Marshall sent a nice fat letter full of poop concerning the Tokyo area. *Roy* married *Patty Ingle* on his T.D.Y., and now has a son, *Arthur Roy, Jr.* *Phil Toon*, Aide to *Gen Byers*, is a proud father as of October. *Hank Aurand* got his Master's at Iowa, is now with the Engineers in Yokohama. *Alex Maish* in Tokyo with the 64th Engr. Bn. *Jerry Capka*, with the 8th Engr. Squadron, 1st Cav. Div., was coach and star shortstop for the 1st Cav. *Gerry Hall* is with the 1st Cav Brigade south of Yokohama. *Bill Graham* is with the 8th Army Engr. Section. *Joe Waterman* was mentioned as returning to U.S.M.A. for rifle marksmanship training, but no sign of him yet. The *Susotts* are at Johnson Field, near Tokyo. *Dave Henderson* is at Stazuki Field on Kyushu. *Buzz Gordon* is now home, after his A.D.C. work with *Gen. Hoffman* of the 2nd Cav. Brigade. *John Simmons* and family are in Yokohama. "*Colonel*" *Pitts*, recently married in Tokyo, is with the 2nd Cav. Brigade. *George* and *Barbara Hayman* are in Yokohama, also. *George* is in G-2. *Dick Erlenkotter* and family are there, too. He is at the Engineer Depot. *Bill Shirey* and *M. J. Young* are in Tokyo with G.H.Q., F.E.C. *Heath Bottomly* was last seen by *Marshall* with jet planes near Tokyo. *Hi Ely* saw *Heath* at the Notre Dame game.

Boodler Richards and *Jim Giles* keep news coming in from Tokyo and Oska. *Jim* is now with the 27th Infantry and likes being back with a line outfit. He and *Mickey* should have quarters by now. "*Boodler*" is due to hit *Usmay* in January on leave, and he and *Marjorie* will be wed at the Cadet Chapel. "*Bood*" is now with C.I.C. in Tokyo.

A nice note from *Louise Nolan* told us of her plans to leave for Okinawa with little *Marshall, Jr.* Out there

with Marshall are *Bass Hanley* and *Lou Gamble*. Thanks, Louise.

In the E.T.O. *Hal Beukema* is still in Berlin with his family. *Bob Dart* and *Jeanne Nestler* of New Rochelle, N. Y. announced their engagement November 9th.

Keep the poop flowing in, and we will surely put it out. I expect to be here with the Language Dept. some three years. Rumor hath it I will teach German next year.

—J. W. D.

1945

Chuck Partridge and wife announce the birth of their son, *Charles Warren III*, born at Munich, Germany, 25 October. *Gabby* and *Mary Ann Shumard* had a baby boy born 22 August in Tokyo. The young man has been named *Gordon Hughes Shumard, Jr.* The Shumards are stationed near Tokyo with the 1st Cav. Born to *Bob Evans Woods* and wife on October 15, a son *Robert Evans Woods, Jr.* *Ed* and *Dot Gudge* announce the birth of their daughter, *Nancy Lee*, born 10 November.

Jim Hayden married *Glen Thompson* 17 October at Governors Island. *Jim* and *Glen* went to California on their wedding trip and thence to Passau, Germany where *Jim* is stationed with the Constabulary. *Harry Hause* and *Jeanne Jones* were married at Corpus Christi 8 October. The couple spent their honeymoon at Hot Springs, Va. *Harry* just returned from a two-year tour in Korea and will now be stationed at Fort Dix, N. J. *Ivan Foster* and his bride *Allie May Smoot* have arrived at March Field, California following their marriage at Alexandria, October 9.

Harry Drake married *Dorothy Ann Wallsten* at Bad Weissen, Germany on August 8. After a trip through Austria and Bavaria, the couple will return to *Harry's* station at Neuburg, Germany. *Dick Carnes* is engaged to *Joan Louise Murphy*. *Dick* is stationed with the 90th F.A. in Nara, Japan.

From H.Q. Erding Air Depot we have the following report on *Leon Dombrowski's* achievements in the field of sports: He is currently the hammer throw champion of E.T.O. and in the recent past has played on the A.A.F. football team and track team. This fall *Leon* was named football coach and Athletic Officer of the Roth Air Ammunition Depot at Nurnberg, Germany.

Stationed at Neuburg, Germany with the 86th Composite Group are the following: *Danny Farr*, *Brewer*, *Maynard*, *Karr*, *List*, *Blessely*, *Snow*, *Broughton*, *Foley*, *Ludlow*, *Wilcox*, *Brett*, *R. E. Spraggins*, *Stoer*, *Johnson*, *Pugh*, *Pine*, *Shaffer*, *Wayne*, *Minkler*, *Marston*, *Rocheffort*, and *Kenny Jackson*. *Jackson* is flying P-51's and the rest of the boys are in P-47's. A.P.O. for this entire group is 407, N.Y., N.Y.

On the rolls at Clark Field, P. I. are the following: *George Bond* Operations 23d Recn., *Don Bissell* Detachment C.O. Recn., *Ray Basham* Rescue Sqd., *Clem Cummings* same, *Red Duvall* Adj. M.P. Co., *Murray*

Field Sqd. Adj., *Toby Gandy* Recn. Sqd., *Joe Hadzima* Base Air Installations, *Don Henderson* H.Q. Eng., *Beep Holway* Statistical Control Unit, *Pat Hurley* Rescue Sqd., *Wally Hynds* Troop Carrier, *Bill Jones III* Service, *C. L. Linton* Civilian Per., *Frank Marvin* A.G. Section, *Hal Swain* A-1, *Harry Middleton* 18th Fighter Grp. and *Dan Perry* Aide to C. of S. 13th A.F. Average time for this group is twenty months in P.I. so anticipation is running high for the return to the States.

From way down in the Canal Zone comes the voice of *C. E. Meyers*. Working in Statistical Control *Meyers* was in Colorado until May of '46. At that time he was transferred to H.Q. Sixth A.F. at Albrook Field, C. Z., flying 47's. Presently he is with the Sixth at Howard Field doing Stat. Control. *C. E.* and his wife, *Snuffy*, have a daughter born in New York in 1946. Also in that general area is *Jack Beezley* stationed at Borinquen Field, Puerto Rico. *Jack* is Aide to General *Sanford*, C.G. of the 24th Comp. Wing.

Bud Farris is now at the A.F. O.C.S. at Lackland Air Base, San Antonio, as a Tac. *Bud's* traveling has been through the Pacific where he had two assignments on Hawaii and one at Okinawa. During his last tour he received a kidney injury in softball and was sent to the States. September 15 *Bud* married *Phyllis Loveland*, a nurse at Brooke Hospital where he was treated. Also at Lackland is *Zuke Evans* who is teaching atomic energy and military law.

It is my understanding that many of our class will be returning to the States for another assignment after the first of the year. In view of furthering the scope and accuracy of this column may I suggest that as you reach the States you drop me a postcard with information of new address, assignment, family, etc. Address same to the Association of Graduates at the Point.

FROM: Public Information Office, Hq. PHILRYCOM

TO: College Park, Ga.

RELEASE

First Lieutenant *George E. Dexter*, son of Colonel and Mrs. *H. W. Dexter*, of Box 44, Inverness, Fla., who has been assigned as commanding officer for Company E of the 45th Infantry Regiment (Philippine Scouts) at Camp O'Donnell, Tarlac, Philippines for the past eight months, is returning to the United States for a new assignment with the Third Armored Division at Fort Knox, Ky.

A graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York, Lt. *Dexter* attended the Millard Preparatory School in Washington, D. C., and Georgia Military Academy at College Park, Georgia.

He has served with the renowned 86th Infantry "Blackhawk" Division prior to his assignment with the 45th Infantry.

—George Lenfest.

1946

From *Bob Arnold* in Salzburg, Austria, I received a lengthy and informative letter. Here's the poop. On September 28, 1947, in Munich, *Frank Blazey* married *Beatrice Joy Drew* of Great Neck, Long Island. *Bob* was best man, *Frank's* sister *Anne Hovey* was maid-of-honor and *Kent Keehn* and *Cal Benedict* were ushers. *Dick Fuller's* wife, *Sue*, and *Pat Hunter* were bridesmaids. Others at wedding: *Cal Benedict's* wife *Jane*; *Bob Knapp* (whose wife has since joined him in Augsburg, where *Dick Fuller* is also stationed), *Frank Conant*, *Herb Flather*, *Milt Hamilton*, *Jack Gilham*, *Lloyd Adams*, *Russ Burn*, *Jim Day*. For Class of '45 there was *Max Stewart* and wife *Janet* (twin sister of our *Bob Lenzner*), *Jack Pauly*, *Warren Briggs* and *Dean McNaughton* with his wife, the ex-Zee *Gay*, sister of *Hap Gay '46*.

After a reception at home of Lt. Col. and Mrs. *Meyer* the couple left for a week's honeymoon at Berchtesgaden. During this period they had dinner one evening in Salzburg with *Arnold*, *Lloyd Adams*, *Herb Flather*, and *Milt Hamilton*.

Bob joined 16th Inf., 1st Div. in Salzburg on 17 June '47. At that time *Bill Cound* was there, but he has been transferred to Vienna. *Lloyd Adams* took *Cound's* job in Salzburg. *Adams* and *Arnold* with their wives live in same building. Around 13 August '47 *Milt Hamilton* and *Herb Flather* came in from Marburg and the jump school at Benning. *Jim Day* is at a constabulary checkpoint at Freilassing, Germany. *Russ Burn* is at Degernsdorf with 66th Constab. *Andy Tabbot*, *George Webb*, and *Charlie Simmons* are in Constab. at Linz, and *Cookie Kopald* and *George Miller* are at Wels. *Bob Lenzner* was at Augsburg.

Blazey and *Benedict* are with 26th Inf., 1st Div. in Bamberg. These two men are coaches of the 26th Inf. Blue Spaders with a good record of victories this season. *Arnold* must be with the Salzburg Military Community team for he felt that his team might meet the Blue Spaders in the E.U.C.O.M. playoffs.—Did they?

That about takes care of *Bob's* letter. He mentions some luxury item shortages, expected arrival of personal cars—and a desire to hear from *Ben Boyd* and *Dick Gruenther*.

Joe and *Gene Buzhardt* have a daughter *Linda Annette* born September 2, 1947, 9 A.M. at Augusta, Ga. *Buz* is in Alaska for winter, to return in March or April. In *Gene's* letter she mentioned that *Brent* and *Phil Clements* have a daughter born June 14 as do *Johnny* and *Pris Doolittle* and *Jo* and *Bob Clemenson* (*Barbara Jo* born 10 March '47).

Dick Bresnahan over in Seoul, Korea, called his parents in Mass. on their Silver wedding anniversary; he also talked to his wife *Rachael*. *Dick* was assigned as a coach for the football team in that area.

Lenny Edelstein writes that he, *George Hagedon* as Bn. Personnel Off., *John Perkins*, and *Bill Schneider* as Bn. Heavy Equipment Off. are in the same Engineer outfit on Okinawa.

Perkins and Edelstein are platoon leaders with "C" and "B" Co.'s respectively. Also on the island fresh from jump school at Benning as of October are *Pat Pendergrass* and *Leo Miller*. With the 29th Topo. Co. Engineers on Guam are *Dave Smith*, *Bill McCollam*, "*Mickey*" *Strain*, *Ted Braun*, "*Giles*" *Day*, and *Freddie Badger*. In the Philippines are *Bill Wray* and *Bud Devens*. Around Tokyo area is *Ray Beatty*. *J. R. Horowitz* and *Jack Becker* are with 11th Airborne Engrs. *Meola*, C.A.C., is on Saipan.

Sam France has been selling carburendum around Wilkes-Barre, Allentown, and Williamsport, Pa. This is not a permanent territory, that will come in 1948 along with his specializing in coated abrasive selling.

Vince Gannon and wife became parents of a boy on 29 October '47. Gannon is an instructor at Fort Riley, Kansas.

Alex Gerardo is engaged to Miss Beverly Lynn of Bogota, N. J.—No date for wedding set. He is now in Tokyo.

Fee Hardin, one of the faithful news reporters tells a good story about the recent unit changes in Cav. His old 3rd Con. Regt. broke up. His old squadron (37th) was deactivated, the 68th went to Augsburg intact and the 81st stayed put. *Gilham* and *Hardin* are now working together in B Troop, 2d Sq. *Joffrion*, *Knapp*, and *Street* are with 68th. *Fuller* is with 42nd, *Kurowski* and *Hallgren* with 66th. The 5th Const. Regt. which *Hardin* had joined became the 2nd as the 2nd was deactivated along with the 3rd in July '47.

Clint Friend, *Bill Pence* and *Schulke* are with 97th Constab Sig. Sqdn. moving about doing repair work. *Anthony* won the right to buy a new car in an auto lottery over there. Back in September '47 *Hardin* saw *Wade Kingsbury* in Nurnburg at the Grand Hotel. *Wade* said he expected his wife would soon join him. *Jim McClure* has been in Nurnburg a bit. *G. S. Patton* joined the 2nd Sq. when the paratroopers left the theatre.

Zeke Hopkins acquired a broken foot sometime in early September '47 while playing basketball at Shawe Field, S. C. Since November '46 when about 28 of our class arrived at Shawe Field *Hal Williams* and *Bill Rooney* departed to fly C-82's at Brooks Field, Texas. *Bob Lowry* and *Ed Longarini* left to fly P-80's from Langley Field, Vir. *Mo Weber* is now with 414th Night Fighters flying Black Widows in Alaska and *Slats Stees* is in Texas. The rest are with 55th, 77th and 79th Sqdns of 20th Fighter Gp. at Shawe flying P-51's expecting by now to fly P-84's (Thunderjets).

This is the group at Shawe Field as of 25 September '47: *Bob* and *Penny Wayne* (parents of Barbara Suzanne born 13 August '47); *Chuck* and *Fran Parsons*; *Roy* and *Jean Hudspeth*; *Jim* and *Ann Furuholmen* (parents of a girl in October '47); *Wally* and *Ruth Burnside*; *John* and *Patty Castle* (to Hawaii in November); *Bob* and *Jo Clemenson*; *Bill* and *Phyllis Yancey* (parents of Bill III 14 August '47); *Bob* and *Lynn Miller*; *Bill* and *Carolyn Gordon*; and the latest addition to married ranks, *Bob*

and *Doris* (formerly *Doris Schmucker*) *Dosh*, married at a ceremony attended by all our classmates at Shawe in Charlotte, N. C., 6 September '47.

The bachelors are: *Johnny Bartholf*, *Phil Fryberer*, *Stan Welch*, *Tad Skladzien*, *Hap Gay*, *Bill Evans*, *Ed Carr*, "*Twill*" *Newell*, and *Zeke Hopkins*.

Ed Houseworth writes from Kyushu, Japan of his marriage to *Miriam Francis Hastings* on May 9, 1947, in Phila. Ed met *Miriam* at O.C.W., Chickasha, Okla., back in April '45 when trying unsuccessfully to get his wings.

Many of you may have received *Ed Majeroni's* printed poop sheet by now. Just to remind you he is with New York Life Insurance Co. out of Washington; also, he is attending Georgetown University, studying law.

Tom McBryde is at Camp Jimmachi, Honshu, Japan assigned to 11th A.B. Div. Artillery. He and *Bob Kren*, *Ben Brown*, *Pat O'Connor*, *Billy Bob Smith*, *Roy Simkins*, *Ralph Stainer*, *Charlie Hall*, *Pat O'Neill*, *Fred Alderson*, *Bill Humphreys*, and *Ben Chase* all took the 11th Abn Jump Course soon after arriving in Japan last spring. In an earlier issue I mentioned that *Chase* had broken a leg and returned to States.

Tom and *Babs McBryde* are proud parents of daughter, *Elise*, born 7 October '47 in New York City.

Other airborne men now in Japan are *Phil Haisley*, *Gunner Anderson*, and *Bob Bullock*; these boys took their jump course at Benning.

Bill Moore, formerly with 414th Night Fighters at Shawe Field and Rio Hato, Panama, is now in Cali, Columbia. In September '47 he was transferred to the Military Mission Division of Caribbean Defense Command for a two year tour with Columbian Air Force. His job is of a diplomatic nature and also keeping the Columbians posted on new U.S.A.F. developments. He would appreciate hearing from any and all as he is quite alone—write to: Lt. A. R. Moore, Jr., U.S. Military Mission, c/o U.S. Vice Consul, Cali, Columbia.

Navy game!! It was a happy occasion for we lucky ones before and after the game. There were many '46 men around, those I remember are: *Wes Posvar*, *Ben Kinney*, *Jim Hughes*, *Ham Shawe*, *Dick Gruenther*, *Bill Evans*, *Jim Furuholmen*, *George Adams*, *Jim Carbine*, *Bud Fox*, *Ed Longarine*, *Twill Newell*, *Bob Lamb*, *Bill Kenny*, *Moichan*, *Bill Jank*, *Ed Crowley*, and *H. W. Tucker*. I'm sorry I could not list the entire gang—I hate to miss anyone. *Posvar* thinks I've made a miscalculation as to when we will all be married. The reason is I don't know of all the marriages. So if yours hasn't been mentioned in *Assembly* drop a line this way.

Air Corps men note!! The Auger Inn, Eglin Field, Florida is rapidly becoming the most famous bachelor's paradise in the Air Corps. This large house is situated on the Gulf of Mexico, has a private beach, road entrance, and sign to show the way! *Posvar* (incidentally this guy was with a very attractive femme from Phila. for Navy game) and three other officers live there, but others are always welcome.

When next at Eglin don't forget—Auger Inn.

Ray Ochs is in Tokyo with 8th Cav. Regt., 1st Div. He left the States in August, is living with *Cassidy* and *Williamson*. *Ray* and his wife have a son, *Richard Glenn*, born 8 June '47.

David Plank and *Madris Layne* of Columbus, Ohio married 5 June 1946.

Al and *Pat Riedel* have a daughter *Patricia Alyce*, born 22 July '47. *Al* has been transferred from Texas to *Scott Field*, Ill. for school.

Dick Ruble and wife have a daughter born September 19, 1947.

Bailey Strain wrote a letter commensurate with the type a "hive" would—long, informative and interesting. He and *Margaret Luzella Epperson* (known as "Irish") were married 30 June '46. On July 15 he reported to *Luke Field* to finish flight training, after two weeks *Luke* closed, so off to *Randolph Field* along with *Gene Melo*, who if you remember from *July Assembly* was in an auto accident. Apparently *Strain* was also in hospital for 2 months and 3,000,000 units of penicillin. He finished Basic in February '47 and went to *Barksdale Field* at *Shreveport*. He was assigned to 4 engine advanced and joined the first class (12 men) to use B-17's as trainers. The experiment, as it was, turned out okay for the practice is to be continued.

On 27 March '47 *Barbara Louise Strain* was born to make *Bailey* a father like so many other classmates—28 at latest count and best of my knowledge. On 27 June '47 *Strain* received his wings and assignment to 307th V.H.B. Group, *MacDill Field*, Tampa, Fla. In a month's time he went to the Air Tactical School at *Tyndall Field*, Panama City, Fla. This is the basic school in the Air University preparing one for squadron commander or staff jobs. Others there are *Wes Posvar*, *George Adams*, *Jim Carbine*, *John Donahue*, *A. A. McCoy*, *Bill McKay*, *Earl Paytress*, *George Stiney*, *Allen Wheat* and *Emory Wells*. To the A.A.F. Institute of Technology at *Wright Field* have gone *Bob Stewart*, *Rog Lengnick* and *Buckley*.

Ruggerio was at *Barksdale* as a "Tac" and Supply Officer for Sq. "S.M". He has been grounded because of a bad ear.

Steve Stephenson shot me a letter full of poop. I hope I get it all over to the rest of the class before I get writer's cramp and have to stop. He and other multi-engine lads did transition in B-25's at *Enid*, Okla. After transition the following men were sent to *Davis-Monthan Field*, Tucson, Arizona: *Stephenson*, *Don Messmore*, *Milt Sherman*, *John Schmitt*, *Clyde Denniston*, *Chuck Wiedman* (now overseas), *Ed Harris*, *Bill Gassett* (killed in a B-29 crash June '47), *Frank Lester*, *Dave Newman*, *Harry McPhee*, *Bob Burke*, *Merl Hutto*, and *George Dorman*. These boys are with 43d Bomb. Gp. of 8th Air Force all flying B-29's. In June '47 they went to Japan for 30 days of good times while working with Far Eastern Air Force. While there *Steve* ran across *Wayne Nichols*, Engrs., stationed at *Johnson Field* outside Tokyo. In August '47 they went to Germany

for more fun. On return they stopped at Bermuda. While in Germany Steve saw *Larry Gordon* on T.D.Y., regular station being Salina, Kansas. Again in September this joy riding, world touring crowd of lucky bums went to Alaska for a week of cold weather operations, poker and glass raising. *Phil Clements* was in Alaska preparing for a winter stand. A stop at March Field on return from Alaska provided a reunion with the '46 boys of March Field. This list has been mentioned in a previous *Assembly*.

Ed Brechwald married *Bobby Wilson* of Chickasha, Okla., during summer of '46. Also during the same period *Stu Harper* married *Joan Young* of Enid. On 5 October '47 Steve Stephenson married *Doris Griffin* of Chickasha. Steve met *Doris* at Brechwald's wedding. They flew east for their honeymoon, and of all places went to West Point. One evening they dined with Mrs. Barth, her mother, and *Gene Deatruck* at Bear Mt. They saw Illinois game and afterwards were with *Deatruck*, *Don Hackney*, and *John Barricklow*, of MacDill Field, Fla. While at the Point Steve met *Johnny Sauer* and *Tom Lombardo* '45 doing coaching work with the "big rabble". *Max Minor* and *Bobby Dobbs* were playing on the 8th Air Force football team coached by *Big Al Nemetz*.

Spider Reed and *Buz Wilcox* (Philippines) are overseas now.

Steve reports the following as proud fathers—*Max Minor*, *Kirk Williams*, *Ed Harris*, *Dave Newman*, and, it looks good from here, our cup winner *Johnny Schmitt*.

There's no more poop for this trip, hope all is okay with everyone, everywhere. You know how I get my info for this column, so how about filling

my mailbox again. Thanks to all those letter writers that made this column what it is. Good luck to all till April.

—S. E. H. F.

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News of the class for the past several months has been very scarce, presumably because every one is settling down to work after a pleasant summer. Since October the mailman has brought me exactly two letters, one from *Frank Boerger* and one from *C. H. McKnight*. Unfortunately I have temporarily misplaced McKnights and so cannot give exact details of what he is doing. He is working here in New York as an engineer for some firm on Fifth Avenue, and was married shortly after graduation. He and his wife are making their home in Hackensack, New Jersey. *Pete Molnar* is working one building away from me in Rockefeller Center in the big RCA radio and television display. He has high hopes of getting into television work while the field is still relatively new. I went in to visit him one day and was scared to death when he took me through the place, demonstrating all the latest electrical gadgets as he went. If I'd known he was going to go through a routine like that I'd have worn my overshoes like we used to do in last section Juice lab.

Roca is also working in New York with an export firm at 350 Fifth Avenue. He expects to work here for a year or so and then go back to South America and enter his father's export business there.

My apologies to those I did not include in last issue's list of marriages. *Frank Boerger* wrote to tell me that

the following have since been married: *Jerome B. Christine* and *Jan Falkenberg*, *James E. Colburn* and *Mary Shafer*, *John Culin* and *Barbara Bolin*, *Mel Rosen* and *Shirley Lerner*, *George Levenback* and *Jeanne Rich*, *Jack Dunham* and *Eleanor Jane Uridge*, *James Edington* and *Mary Lou Wharton*, *Jack Schuder* and *Betty Evans*, and *Bill Conger* and *Betty Hicks*. According to *Frank* many more were scheduled to take the step around Christmas. If they will send me an announcement or drop me a note so that I can include them in the next issue of *Assembly*, I will be most grateful.

B. J. Gardner, who has been instructing at the Food Service School in Chicago has been sent to Cornell for further study.

That's all the class news I've been able to gather and as you can see from the classes before us, it isn't too much. Please write in any details which will be of interest to any of the rest of the class and let's get this column going like it should. There is just one more topic for discussion in this issue. It seems that we haven't been out of the Point for long but I am sure you will all agree that it is longer than you think in some respects at least. All of which brings us to the Cup. Neither *Frank Boerger* nor I are sure how past classes have handled it but we decided that any one who thinks his young son eligible for the stakes should send in the young man's name, date and hour of arrival, and dimensions to me. Then *Frank* and I will confer and determine the winner. We will also have to chip in a very small amount each so that a fitting Cup, suitably engraved, can be presented to the class godson. A Happy New Year to all of you.

—D. L. T.

DOWN THE FIELD

By Joe Cahill

Successfully weathering one-third of their respective schedules in the first month of competition, it is evident that a majority of our ten winter sports teams will have successful seasons.

The evidence, while inconclusive at this writing, is nevertheless indicative of things to come. Highlighted by the Fifth Annual West Point Relays that drew a record throng of 302 competitors from eighteen colleges, the winter season has been signally successful thus far.

Lowering two meet records, winning two other events and tying for a third, *Leo Novak's* thinclads virtually dominated the meet although no team score was kept.

The cadets fractured their own 1200 yard mark in the very first race on the program when *Ed Wagner*, *Ed Mastaglio*, *Charlie Nash* and *John Hammack* were clocked in 2:08.9, bettering the old standard of 2:10.5 by nearly two seconds.

The 2400 yard relay was the other record to feel the Cadets' power. *Mike DeArmond*, *David Boltz*, *Charles Kessler* and *Hammack*, again, teamed up in a superlative 4:55.6 effort. As was expected *Hammack* is far and away our leading contender for National and Olympic honors. His 1:11 clocking for the anchor leg of the 600 bested the times turned in by such luminaries as *George Guida* who won the Boston Knights of Columbus meet the same night in 1:13.

Other Black, Gold and Grey winners included *Jim Scholtz* in the 35 pound weight and *Dick Bastar*, who tied *Gordon Densley* of Yale at 12 feet 6 inches in the pole vault.

The boxing team celebrated *Billy Cavanagh's* twenty-seventh year as coach by outpointing the University of Maryland 4½ to 3½ in our initial meet of the season. The *Terps* figured prominently in the National ranking last

year and were Sugar Bowl champions this January. In their only other start, *Billy's* boys handed the Citadel its first loss in two years and nine dual meets. Both of these matches were decided in the final or heavyweight bout. *Joe Kiernan* provided the margin of victory over Maryland by winning an up-hill battle and *Bill Keltum*, a likely starter at end for the gridiron grenadiers next fall, knocked his man out in 1:05 of the second round in his first intercollegiate boxing effort against The Citadel.

The Fencing team enjoyed similar success when they rose to new heights to down Brooklyn College 14 to 13. Brooklyn placed third in the National Intercollegiate tournament at Chicago last year and were riding on the victory crest of sixty straight bouts. A further tribute to *Joe Velarde's* sword wielders is the fact that they made up a seven point deficit, winning nine of the last ten bouts. All three of our saber entries defeated the National Champion.

Continuing the wholesale deflation of champions, the gymnastic squad highlighted their early season activity by edging out Minnesota, Big Nine Champions, 56½ to 55½. *Tom Maloney*, coaching here since 1931 when he succeeded *Francis Dohs*, has developed a well-balanced squad, although noticeably lacking in individual stand-out performers.

For forty-four years Army hockey teams have unsuccessfully coped with the cream of the intercollegiate ice crop in the East and in Canada, but puck chasing enthusiasts here at the Academy are already hailing the "dawn of a new era".

Five victories in six starts, including an incomparable 4 to 3 triumph over usually invincible Yale, form the basis for the optimism. Previously, the cadets had beaten the

Ellis twice in thirteen engagements. Their 7 to 2 conquest of New Hampshire was only their second over the Wildcats in nine meetings.

Leonard B. (Len) Patten, former coach of the Sands Point Tigers and a co-founder of the popular Metropolitan Amateur Hockey League, is leading the renaissance. Patten came to West Point in 1946 and practically started from scratch in remodeling the game here.

In 1949, one of intercollegiate hockey's most colorful rivalries will be renewed when the Royal Military College of Kingston, Ontario, returns to the Army schedule in a home-and-home series following a hiatus of six years because of the war. The Canadians first came to West Point in 1923.

Paced by Stan Thevenet, 155 pound Eastern Intercollegiate champion in 1947, the wrestling team has shown great promise thus far, winning two and tying one. Rifle, likewise, is off to a good start with three straight victories. The swimmers are in the unique position of being too good for half the opponents on their fourteen game schedule and not good enough to make it close for the others.

The basketball quintet is currently in the midst of a harrowing experience. After winning a two point victory over Swarthmore in a belated opener, they lost successively to Pitt, Princeton and Columbia. Then they seemed to have hit their stride by walloping Williams 53 to 27. But Dartmouth eliminated the possibility of winning two straight with an eleven point setback. So as we near the half way mark, it is hard to predict or even to venture a guess just what is in store for our over-anxious, but out-classed quintet.

OFF-SEASON

Dennis J. Lavender, former Dallas open and amateur golf champion, will serve as "Pro" of the United States Military Academy's new 18-hole course, according to an announcement made by Colonel Lawrence Mc.C. Jones, Graduate Manager of Athletics.

In addition to his duties as pro of the course, Lavender will coach the Cadet Intercollegiate golf squad, succeeding Jim Deal.

Lavender has an impressive background on the links. He captured the Texas Amateur title four times, in 1929, 1931 and 1932 and again in his last year of amateur play in 1934. The following year he turned to the professional ranks and added the Texas open to his laurels in 1937.

A Navy combat veteran of 45 months, 36 of which were at sea, Lavender is the present holder of two all-time course records in Dallas. His 62, a nine under par for the Stevens Park Course (Dallas) and his 63, eight under par for the tough Cedar Crest layout, still stand.

Prior to coming to the Military Academy he served as pro of the Stevens Park Course in Dallas and guided the golf efforts of Sunset High School in between chores.

The U.S.M.A. golf course, now in the final stages of construction will be the final unit in a perfect and complete sports plant at West Point. The designer, Robert Trent Jones of New York, widely recognized as one of the world's foremost golf architects, has stated that the course will be championship in all specifications, and one of the finest and most picturesque in the entire country. The course will not be completed in time for competition this spring, but with a favorable break in the weather, nine holes are expected to be ready for use by midsummer.

U.S.M.A. Winter Sports, 1948

(With Scores to Include 31 January)
(All Contests at West Point Unless Otherwise Indicated)

BASKETBALL

| Date | Army Score | Opponent and Score |
|------------|------------|---------------------------------|
| January 7 | 41 | Swarthmore 39 |
| 10 | 41 | Pittsburgh 42 |
| 14 | 46 | Princeton 52 |
| 17 | 46 | Columbia at New York 64 |
| 21 | 53 | Williams College 27 |
| 24 | 43 | Dartmouth College at Hanover 57 |
| 28 | 50 | Villanova 84 |
| 31 | 48 | University of Maryland 44 |
| February 4 | | University of Pennsylvania |
| 7 | | Harvard at Cambridge |
| 11 | | Rutgers |
| 14 | | Fordham |
| 18 | | Univ. of Connecticut |
| 21 | | Lehigh |
| 25 | | Colgate |
| 28 | | Yale at New Haven |
| March 6 | | Navy |

| Date | Army Score | Opponent and Score |
|------------|------------|---|
| January 17 | 4½ | Univ. of Maryland 3½ |
| 24 | 4½ | The Citadel 3½ |
| 31 | 3½ | Syracuse Univ. at Syracuse 4½ |
| February 7 | | Penn State |
| 21 | | Catholic Univ. at Washington |
| 28 | | Univ. of Virginia |
| March 6 | | U.S. Coast Guard Academy at New London |
| 12-13 | | Eastern Intercollegiates at Univ. of Virginia |

FENCING

| | | |
|------------|-----|-------------------------------|
| January 10 | 14 | Brooklyn College 13 |
| 17 | 18 | Columbia Univ. 9 |
| 24 | 11½ | Cornell Univ. at Ithaca 15½ |
| 31 | 15 | Penn State 12 |
| February 7 | | Princeton |
| 14 | | Temple |
| 18 | | Yale at New Haven |
| 21 | | Rutgers |
| 28 | | Harvard at Cambridge |
| March 6 | | New York University |
| 19-20 | | Navy Eastern Intercollegiates |

GYMNASTICS

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|------------|-----|-------------------------------------|
| January 10 | 72½ | Lock Haven State Teachers 22½ |
| 17 | 59½ | Jersey City Dept. of Recreation 36½ |
| 24 | 56½ | Univ. of Minnesota 55½ |
| 31 | 75 | Cortland State Teachers 21 |
| February 7 | | Syracuse at Syracuse |
| 14 | | Westchester State Teachers |
| 21 | | Penn State |
| 28 | | Temple at Philadelphia |
| March 6 | | Navy at Annapolis |
| 13 | | E. Intercollegiates at West Point |

HOCKEY

| | | |
|------------|----|------------------------|
| January 7 | 7 | U. of New Hampshire 2 |
| 10 | 4 | Yale 3 |
| 14 | 4 | Colgate 6 |
| 17 | 9 | Cornell at Ithaca 0 |
| 21 | 10 | Vermont 0 |
| 24 | 3 | Brown 2 |
| 30 | 3 | Boston Univ. 4 |
| 31 | 2 | St. Lawrence Univ. 1 |
| February 7 | | Harvard at Cambridge |
| 14 | | Lehigh |
| 18 | | Univ. of Massachusetts |
| 21 | | Dartmouth |
| 25 | | Middlebury |
| 28 | | Williams College |
| March 6 | | Clarkson Tech |
| 13 | | Princeton at Princeton |

PISTOL

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| February 21 | | U.S. Coast Guard Academy at New London |
| March 6 | | Navy at Annapolis |

RIFLE

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|------------|------|--|
| January 10 | 1402 | Rutgers 1345 |
| 17 | 1385 | Pennsylvania 1215 |
| 24 | 1391 | Columbia at New York 1325 |
| 31 | 1391 | New York University 1366 |
| February 7 | | Maryland |
| 14 | | George Washington U. |
| 21 | | U.S. Coast Guard Academy at New London |
| 28 | | Mass. Inst. Tech. |
| March 7 | | Navy |

SWIMMING

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|------------|-------------|-------------------------------------|
| January 3 | (Cancelled) | U.S. Merchant Marine A. (Cancelled) |
| 10 | 29 | Harvard 46 |
| 17 | 55 | Columbia at New York 20 |
| 21 | 35 | Williams College 40 |
| 24 | 48 | Colgate 27 |
| 31 | 44 | Temple 31 |
| February 6 | | Duke |
| 7 | | Fordham |
| 11 | | Yale |
| 14 | | Univ. of Pennsylvania |
| 21 | | Dartmouth at Hanover |
| 28 | | Brown University |
| March 6 | | Navy at Annapolis |
| 12 | | Lehigh |
| 19-20 | | Eastern Intercollegiates |

INDOOR TRACK

| | | |
|------------|--|--|
| January 24 | | West Point Relays |
| 31 | | Millrose Meet at New York |
| February 7 | | Triangular Meet Army-Harvard-Princeton |
| 14 | | N.Y.A.C. Championships at N. Y. |
| 21 | | N.A.A.U. Championships at N. Y. |
| 28 | | IC4A at New York |
| March 6 | | Nonagonal at Boston |

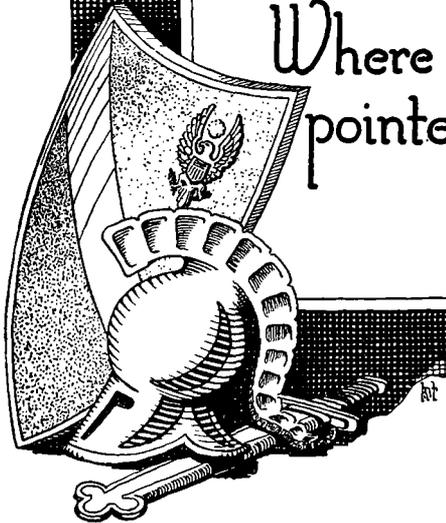
WRESTLING

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| January 10 | 21 | U.S. Coast Guard Academy 8 |
| 17 | 14 | Penn State 14 |
| 24 | 19 | Cornell Univ. 13 |
| 31 | 38 | Springfield College 0 |
| February 7 | | Harvard |
| 14 | | Rutgers |
| 21 | | Columbia at New York |
| 28 | | Pennsylvania |
| March 6 | | Yale at New Haven |
| 12-13 | | Lehigh at Bethlehem E. Intercollegiates at Bethlehem |



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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“Be Thou At Peace”

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| BARKER, J. R., II | 1938 | NOVEMBER 1, 1943 | 19 |
| BOOKMILLER, E. V. | 1889 | NOVEMBER 26, 1916 | 3 |
| BUCKLEY, J. E. | 1942 | JANUARY 11, 1944 | 28 |
| CLARKSON, W. L. | 1945 | JANUARY 21, 1947 | 31 |
| COLEMAN, G. T. | 1939 | FEBRUARY 8, 1945 | 22 |
| FREUND, A. F. | 1925 | JUNE 17, 1946 | 10 |
| GILLIS, W. G., JR. | 1941 | OCTOBER 1, 1944 | 26 |
| GLASSBURN, R. D. | 1932 | JANUARY 30, 1945 | 14 |
| GROSS, M. E. | 1922 | OCTOBER 18, 1946 | 9 |
| HARRISON, C. F., JR. | 1933 | MAY 31, 1944 | 15 |
| HUSE, J. E. L. | 1939 | FEBRUARY 3, 1942 | 23 |
| KAPPES, G. | 1938 | OCTOBER 24, 1944 | 20 |
| KING, C. B. | 1928 | JUNE 22, 1944 | 11 |
| KRUG, L. O. | 1938 | JULY 25, 1946 | 20 |
| LEEVEER, E. B. | 1939 | MARCH 28, 1945 | 24 |
| McGLACHLIN, E. F. | 1889 | NOVEMBER 9, 1946 | 4 |
| McNAIR, D. C. | 1928 | AUGUST 6, 1944 | 13 |
| MOON, B. G. | 1905 | OCTOBER 26, 1946 | 8 |
| MOSES, A. | 1897 | DECEMBER 22, 1946 | 6 |
| OHME, H. W. | 1930 | OCTOBER 14, 1944 | 13 |
| PHELAN, J. J. | 1936 | APRIL 15, 1945 | 16 |
| QUILLIAN, A. R. | 1937 | AUGUST 4, 1944 | 18 |
| RAMEY, R. W. | 1945 | AUGUST 26, 1946 | 32 |
| SNOW, W. J. | 1890 | FEBRUARY 27, 1947 | 5 |
| TALLANT, W. H. | JANUARY, 1943 | OCTOBER 4, 1944 | 29 |
| THORNBURGH, T. T. | NOVEMBER, 1918 | SEPTEMBER 8, 1944 | 8 |
| TINDALL, R. G., JR. | 1941 | FEBRUARY 9, 1945 | 27 |
| TOBEY, F. O., JR. | JANUARY, 1943 | MARCH 25, 1945 | 29 |
| TURNER, W. L. | 1939 | JUNE 7, 1944 | 24 |
| WEST, P. W. | 1881 | JANUARY 20, 1947 | 3 |
| WHALEN, W. J. | JUNE, 1943 | APRIL 20, 1944 | 30 |
| WRIGHT, H. B. | 1937 | SEPTEMBER 7, 1943 | 19 |

Parker Whitney West

NO. 2921 CLASS OF 1881

Died January 20, 1947, at Washington, D. C., aged 88 years.

PARKER W. WEST was born in San Francisco, California, on August 21, 1858, the son of Hon. J. W. West, late Senator from Louisiana, from which state Major West was appointed to the United States Military Academy, entering there on June 14, 1876.

Upon graduation from the Academy in 1881 he was commissioned an Additional Second Lieutenant in the 3rd Cavalry on June 11th, and a few days later, June 26th, he was promoted to Second Lieutenant in the same regiment. His first station was at Fort D. A. Russell, Wyo. In 1882 his regiment was ordered to Arizona, and for the next seventeen years, Lieut. West's career was just one change of station after another in the states along the southern border.

From 1882 until 1885 his regiment was in the field, off and on, against the Indians, operating out of Fort Thomas or Fort San Carlos, Arizona. Then followed thirteen years of duty at Fort Stockton, Fort Concha, Eagle Pass, Fort Sam Houston, Fort Clark and Fort Ringgold, broken by one tour of duty at Fort Sill and one at Fort Reno and two at Jefferson Barracks, Mo.

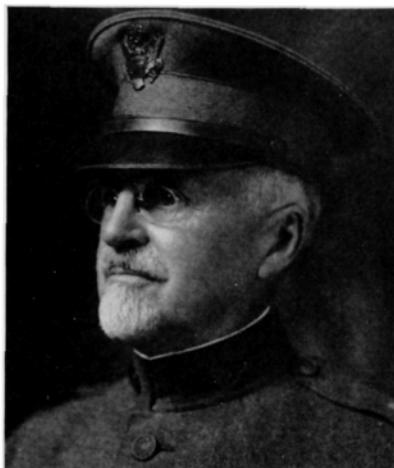
He was promoted First Lieutenant November 25th, 1887 and was Regimental Adjutant, 3rd Cavalry, from September 1st, 1894 to June 1st, 1897. He had service in the field in December 1892 and January 1893, suppressing disturbances along the Rio Grande arising from the Mexican revolutionists.

Upon the outbreak of the Spanish War in the spring of 1898 his regiment was ordered to Camp Thomas, Georgia, enroute to Cuba. It was made part of the Cavalry Division and Lieut. West was detailed as Acting Assistant Adjutant General of the Cavalry Division at Tampa, Florida. He was offered at this time a commission as Captain and Commissary of Subsistence, U.S. Volunteers, which he declined. On May 31st, 1898, he was promoted to Captain of Cavalry and assigned to the 8th Cavalry. His regiment was one of the first to go to Cuba, where it became part of the Cavalry Division of the 5th Corps, in which Captain West served successively as Acting Chief Commissary of Subsistence and then as Chief Quartermaster until September 25th, when he was sent home on sick-leave until October 24th, 1898. He had served throughout the Santiago Campaign and in the battle of San Juan.

With others in the same category, Captain West did not return to Cuba but was detailed on Mustering Duty in New York City. During that tour of duty he was commissioned as Major and Chief Commissary of Subsistence, U.S. Volunteers, but on April 17th, 1899 he was honorably discharged from that commission to accept one as Major and Inspector General, U.S. Volunteers and was ordered to the office of

The Inspector General of the Army in Washington, D. C. While there he was promoted to Captain, transferred to the 5th Cavalry and ordered to duty at the Headquarters of the Department of Texas as Inspector General and Acting Adjutant General. It was while on duty at San Antonio that his wife, the former Mrs. Alice Barney Hall, of St. Louis, Mo. to whom he had been married less than a year, died in 1899.

On October 21st, he again sailed for the Philippines where he served as Inspector General of the Department of the Pacific and the 8th Army Corps in Manila until May 14th, 1900, and in the same capacity in the Department of Northern Luzon until September 19th, 1901. He had been promoted to Lieut. Colonel and Inspector General, U.S. Volunteers on December 14th, 1900, from which volunteer commission he was honorably discharged on June 30th, 1901. He was transferred in the regular army to the 11th Cavalry on August 16th, 1901. He left the Philip-



ines for home on October 6th, 1901 but, after a short leave of absence and a tour of duty as a member of the Board of Revision, he was again ordered back to the Philippines to join his regiment, arriving there on August 14th, 1902. Here he served as a member of an Examining Board, in the Department of Northern Luzon until January 3, 1903, when he was ordered to the United States to become Aide-Camp to Lieut. General Arthur MacArthur.

Captain West joined General MacArthur at San Francisco and served with him as Aide from May 1st, 1903 until March 6th, 1906. In 1904 he accompanied General MacArthur to Japan and Manchuria as an observer with the Japanese Army in the Russo-Japanese war. Upon completion of his duty as Aide, Captain West joined his regiment at Fort Des Moines, Iowa, where he was not destined long to stay, for in that summer he was ordered to San Francisco, Cal. on relief work for the earthquake sufferers, and while there he was promoted to Major and assigned to the 14th Cavalry at Walla Walla, Washington, where he joined after the earthquake relief work was finished.

On November 6th, 1906 Major West was detailed to the Inspector General's Department and was ordered to duty in the office of the Inspector General of the Army, at Washington, D. C., where he served until he was retired from active duty for "Disability incurred in Line of Duty", on November 29th, 1909.

On October 15th, 1910, Major West was appointed Deputy Governor of the U.S. Soldiers Home in Washington, D. C. This is a position much sought for by many, but in spite of that Major West performed his duties so exceptionally well, and his personality and ability were so pronounced, that every three years thereafter, for seven times in succession, he was reappointed to the position until he applied to be relieved therefrom on February 28th, 1933.

On June 1st, 1915 Major West married Miss Maud Williamson of Washington, D. C. who survives him.

During his active career, Major West's ability and pleasant personality brought him many interesting and much sought-for details. After his retirement he occupied a unique position in Washington, where he knew and was known by practically all of the prominent characters who crossed the stage of the Nation's Capital from 1910 to the day of his death. The walls of his sitting room were covered by photographs that would be the envy of any collector, inscribed as they were with sentiments showing the high esteem of the donors.

Up to the very end he retained the calm unruffled spirit that he always had in his younger days, when he refused to become excited regardless of surrounding conditions. His kindness and consideration for younger officers won him a host of friends that he retained throughout his life and by whom his passing will be deeply felt. His death was perfectly calm and peaceful when, on Monday morning, January 20th, 1947, he left to join the "long grey line" of his many friends and fellow officers who had started on the same journey ahead of him.

—W. D. C.

Edwin Victor Bookmiller

NO. 3309 CLASS OF 1889

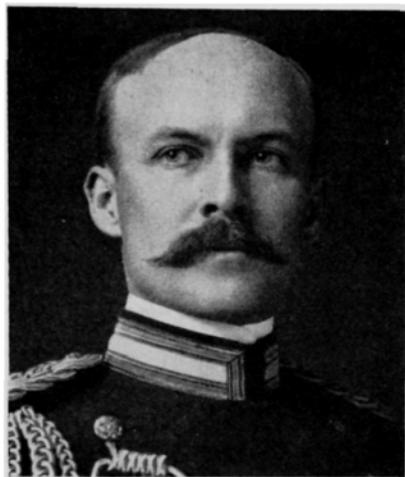
Died November 26, 1946, at Washington, D. C., aged 79 years.

EDWIN VICTOR BOOKMILLER, son of John and Eve Deweese Bookmiller, was born at Findlay, Ohio, October 2, 1867. He received his early education in the schools of that city and as a result of a competitive examination received an appointment to the Military Academy, which he entered in June, 1885.

Due to his youth and only moderate preparation he had the usual difficulties with his studies in the first two years, but by persistent effort and close application was well above the average of the class in the latter part of the course. By reason of his mil-

itary figure, neatness in dress and fair complexion, he soon acquired the sobriquet of "Pretty" and whether he liked it or not "Pretty Bookmiller" he was called during his cadet days. These qualities, together with his self-reliance, were to bear fruit throughout his official career.

It fell to Bookmiller's lot to take an active part in every major military operation in which the United States was engaged from the time of his graduation up to the time when ill health forced his retirement, unfortunately, a short time before World War I. He served with his regiment (2nd Infantry) in the Sioux Campaign in the winter 1890-91, the last great uprising of the American Indians. He was in the battle at Santiago, for which he was cited by the War Department for "gallantry in action", July 1, 1898. As Captain of the Ninth Infantry, he took part in the Battle of Tientsin, where he was twice severely wounded July 13, 1900, and for which he was again



cited by the War Department for gallantry. General Jesse M. Lee, then a Major commanding an adjoining battalion, said in an official report "I observed while all were pushing to the front under a heavy fire, Captain Bookmiller gallantly leading his company, and while the command was changing front to meet this fire I saw him fall; he was there twice wounded". In this battle, Colonel Bookmiller's regimental commander was killed and his battalion commander was severely wounded.

Captain Bookmiller's wounds necessitated hospitalization and sick leave for many months, but he was soon again in the Orient with his regiment commanding a company on the Island of Leyte. On the early morning of September 28, 1901, the native inhabitants of Balingiga on the Island of Samar treacherously arose and massacred all the officers and most of the enlisted men of Company C, 9th Infantry, then garrisoning the town. Captain Bookmiller, with his company, arrived at Balingiga the next morning in advance of any other forces and, though not resisted on account of the flight of the inhabitants, had the gruesome task of burying the dead.

At the Military Athletic League Tournament at Madison Square Garden, New York City, April 27 to May 2, 1903, the Infantry was represented by a composite company of the 9th Infantry, commanded by Captain Bookmiller. The excellence of the drill was widely acclaimed in the press of the day and General Chaffee, commanding the Department of the East, after being personally present much of the time, wrote Captain Bookmiller a letter saying that the exhibition made by his company had never been surpassed if indeed equaled.

Bookmiller's service was mainly with troops, the 2nd Infantry and the 9th Infantry, though he was the Infantry member and chairman of the Board that met at the Springfield Armory in 1903 to test automatic machine guns, pack outfits and other military equipment. He was the Professor of Military Science and Tactics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology from 1910-11.

An officer of high reputation writes that "At * * * when I rejoined the regiment I found Bookmiller to be the Adjutant and what a crackerjack he was. He had everyone on his toes from the Colonel down to the latest shavetail". The present writer enjoyed close observation of Bookmiller's work as regimental and post adjutant in Manila, 1905-07, where he showed himself to be an ideal executive.

Bookmiller's serious wounds, together with his arduous tropical service, including four tours of duty in the Philippine Islands, gradually undermined his health and to his great disappointment necessitated his retirement in 1915. Though not physically fit for field duty, he was in 1917 called to active duty and appointed the Director of Civilian Marksmanship, in which capacity he served until the end of the war.

Colonel Bookmiller died at his home, 1868 Columbia Road, Washington, D. C., on November 26, 1946, where he had lived since his retirement. He is survived by his wife, the former Cora Louise Bartlett of New Haven, Connecticut, to whom he was married in that city in January, 1896. Mrs. Bookmiller still maintains the Washington home. He is also survived by two sisters, Mrs. Sarah B. Mills, Pasadena, California, and Mrs. Lowell Neff, Logansport, Indiana.

—W. A. B.

Edward Fenton McGlachlin

NO. 3301 CLASS OF 1889

Died November 9, 1946, at Washington, D. C., aged 78 years.

THE passing of General McGlachlin closed the career of a distinguished soldier.

General McGlachlin was born in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, June 9, 1868, the son of Edward Fenton and Mary Eliza (Lawrence) McGlachlin. Upon graduation he was assigned initially to the 3rd Artillery, but shortly thereafter was transferred to the 5th Artillery. Receiving his captaincy in February 1901, he commanded the 30th

Battery, Field Artillery, serving in turn at Forts Walla Walla, Snelling, and Leavenworth, until December 1904, when he was ordered to the Philippines. While there he received the Silver Star Citation for gallantry in action at Bud Dajo.

Promoted to major in 1907 he was assigned to the 2nd Field Artillery; from 1909 to 1911 he commanded the recruit depot at Fort McDowell, Cal.; from 1912 to 1914, as a lieutenant-colonel, he commanded the 2nd Field Artillery at Vancouver Barracks and in the Philippines; and from 1914 to 1916 he was commandant of the School of Fire for Field Artillery.

Graduating from the Army War College in 1917 he was promoted to brigadier general N.A. on August 5 of that year and detailed to organize and command the 165th Field Artillery Brigade (90th Division) at Camp Travis, Texas. In December of that year he was transferred to the command of the 57th Field Artillery Brigade (32nd Div-



ision) at Camp MacArthur, Texas. Arriving in France in March 1918 he was assigned to the command of the 66th Field Artillery Brigade (31st Division), and shortly thereafter appointed Chief of Corps Artillery, 1st Army Corps. Promoted to major general, N.A., on May 2, 1918, he was assigned the task of organizing and commanding the army artillery of the 1st American Army, then in process of formation, and served in that capacity until the Armistice. Thereafter he commanded the 1st Division in the Army of Occupation and returned with it to the United States.

General McGlachlin was awarded the D.S.M. by our Government, and the Legion of Honor (Commander) and the Croix de Guerre (with palm) by France. The citation accompanying the D.S.M. reads as follows:

"As commander of the Artillery of the 1st Army in its organization and subsequent operations he solved the difficult problems involved with rare military judgment. In the St. Mihiel and Argonne-Meuse offensives his qualities as a leader were demonstrated by the effective employment of Artillery that was planned and conducted under his direction. He later com-

manded with great ability and success the 1st Infantry Division of the American Expeditionary Forces".

Upon returning to the United States in August 1919, General McGlachlin assumed command of the 7th Division with station at Camp Funston, Kansas, and at Camp Meade, Maryland. He was appointed a permanent brigadier general January 13, 1921, and promoted to major general on April 1, 1922.

On June 30, 1921, General McGlachlin was assigned to the command of the Army War College, succeeding Major General James W. McAndrew. Building upon the broad and sound foundation established by the latter during the preceding two years, and appreciating the interdependence in the problem of the national defense of the political, economic, and military factors, General McGlachlin invited and obtained the participation in the work of the College of officials of the State and Commerce Departments.

On the completion of the school year in 1923, General McGlachlin requested and received his retirement. At the graduating exercises at the War College on June 28th of that year, General Pershing concluded his address with the following: "Finally, I wish to express to General McGlachlin, both officially and personally, my deep appreciation of his leadership of the Army War College during the past two years. It is a matter of profound regret to all of us that he has chosen a new field. It is a serious loss to the Army that an officer of such high rank and brilliant attainments should withdraw from active participation in military affairs. He will carry with him our affectionate good wishes and high esteem".

General McGlachlin is survived by his wife, Louise Harrison (Chew), to whom he was married on November 26, 1892, and by his daughter Helen, wife of Colonel John E. Hatch, U.S. Army. Deceased children were Captain Fenton H. McGlachlin, U.S. Army, and Elizabeth, wife of Colonel J. C. Odell, U.S. Army.

William Josiah Snow

NO. 3354 CLASS OF 1890

Died February 27, 1947, at Washington, D. C., aged 78 years.

WILLIAM JOSIAH SNOW was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., December 16, 1868, the son of William Dunham Snow and Mary Elizabeth Newell Snow. Both his parents were of pure Colonial New England ancestry.

In 1876 the family removed to a farm near River Vale, New Jersey, where they lived until General Snow entered the Military Academy. He completed his pre-college education at the Hackensack, N. J., High School from which he graduated in 1885. He entered Steven's Institute but withdrew in a short time to take the entrance examination for the Military Academy, which he entered July 1, 1886. He was graduated and commissioned Additional Second Lieutenant, First Artillery, June 12, 1890.

He served at Fort Hamilton and Fort Wadsworth, N. Y., as Lieutenant assigned to coast defense companies of his regiment. In 1892 he was returned to Fort Hamilton and assigned to a light battery and from this time always remained assigned, when on duty with troops, to what is now known as Field Artillery. In 1896 he was sent as a student to The Artillery School, Fort Monroe, Virginia—a two-year course from which he graduated in 1898.

At the outbreak of the Spanish-American War Lieutenant Snow was ordered to Fort St. Phillip, Louisiana, but was very shortly promoted First Lieutenant and ordered to Fort Slocum, N. Y., where he served as Regimental Quartermaster. In 1900 he applied for assignment to a battery then under orders to proceed to China for duty in connection with the Boxer Rebellion. He joined this battery in Washington, D. C., and accompanied it to San Francisco where the battery



received orders to the Philippine Islands. He served with his battery in the Philippines until in May, 1901, he was promoted Captain and ordered to Fort Riley, Kansas. Here he organized and commanded the Twentieth Field Battery (Horse) which, in the re-organization of the Artillery Corps in 1907, became Battery E, 6th Field Artillery.

In 1907 Captain Snow was selected to attend the Army War College, Washington, D. C., as a student, being the first Field Artillery officer to be selected for this assignment. Upon graduation in 1908 he returned to his regiment at Fort Riley and was appointed Regimental Adjutant. In 1910, during an encampment at Fort Riley of National Guard Field Artillery officers from all over the country, with the encouragement of the late Brigadier General Eli D. Hoyle (then Lieutenant Colonel, commanding the 6th Field Artillery), Captain Snow organized The Field Artillery Association and became its first Secretary and the first Editor of The Field Artillery Journal—employments which he filled at Fort Riley and Washington with marked ability, in addition to his other duties.

In 1910 Captain Snow was ordered to Washington for duty in the Militia

Bureau of the War Department where he remained until 1914. He was promoted Major in March, 1911. During his tour of duty in the Militia Bureau regular Inspector-Instructors of the National Guard were employed for the first time in the first effort ever made for the coordination of training of that component of the Army. Major Snow was in charge of this vital effort in the Field Artillery arm—a duty which he performed so ably and so tactfully as to secure the complete confidence of Field Artillery officers throughout the National Guard, a confidence which he retained during his entire service and which was invaluable to the national effort when he became Chief of Field Artillery in World War I.

In 1914 Major Snow came under the operation of the "Manchu Law" and was assigned to the 2d Field Artillery (Mountain) at Camp Stotsenburg, Pampanga, P. I., which he joined in January, 1915. Here he served as Battalion Commander until he was promoted Lieutenant Colonel in June and Colonel in July, 1916, when he was transferred to the 1st Field Artillery at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

In April, 1917, Colonel Snow, having completed his tour of foreign service, was at sea, enroute from Honolulu to San Francisco, when the United States entered World War I. For short periods he commanded regiments at Fort Bliss, Texas, and Syracuse, New York, and about June 1st was ordered to Fort Sill, Oklahoma, to organize an officers' school for Field Artillery. The school he organized has been in continuous operation ever since—The Field Artillery School.

In August, 1917, Colonel Snow was promoted Brigadier General, National Army, and assigned to command the Field Artillery Brigade at Camp Jackson, South Carolina. Here he remained until he was assigned as Chief of Field Artillery, February 1, 1918, this being the first assignment of an officer as chief of a line arm of the service. General Snow remained Chief of Field Artillery by assignment and later, when the office was established by law, by appointment until his retirement in 1927. He was promoted Major General, National Army, in June, 1918, and appointed Major General, Chief of Field Artillery, July 1, 1920.

When General Snow became Chief of Field Artillery in 1918, it is scarcely an exaggeration to describe conditions within the arm as chaotic. There was no uniformity in the training of the different brigades; there had been no planned assignment of personnel and the Zone of the Interior was well-nigh depleted of trained officers, yet there were more brigades to be organized and trained; because there had been no central authority to decide questions of design and requirements, production of materiel was at a standstill and the manufacture of ammunition and accessories was greatly delayed. Within hours of the establishment of his office, General Snow began bringing order and system out of chaos. Incredibly soon remedies had been found for and applied to the various evils which confronted him. Any detailed account of General Snow's accomplishments as Chief of

Field Artillery would be beyond the province of this brief memorial. It is sufficient to say that steady and rapid progress in the production of materiel followed his assignment; that uniformity in training was accomplished by a constructive inspection system and by the establishment of Brigade Training Centers; that an adequate and timely production of trained officers was secured and maintained by a Central Officers' Training School; and that successful provision was made for the timely flow to units overseas of replacements trained in the essential specialties. For his services as Chief of Field Artillery in World War I, General Snow was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal by his own government, the Order of the Bath by Great Britain, and the Legion of Honor by France.

On December 19, 1927, General Snow was retired for physical disability and thereafter made his home in Washington, D. C., and Blue Ridge Summit, Pennsylvania.

In 1892, while still a Second Lieutenant, General Snow married Miss Isabel O'Hear Locke, of Atlanta, Georgia. This marriage was a singularly happy and devoted one and Mrs. Snow's gracious kindness will be long remembered by the hundreds of people with whom the Generals various assignments brought her into contact. They had one son, William Arthur Snow (U.S.M.A. Class of 1916), who had a distinguished career in the Corps of Engineers during and subsequent to World War I.

Loyal to his superiors and with an extreme sense of his obligations to his subordinates, the noble simplicity of General Snow's character is beyond the power of description. In him, to a cool, sound judgment, a keen, quick mind, and a perfect technical education, was added an innate courtesy and kindness which endeared him to all who had the privilege of knowing him. The writer, who was an officer of Field Artillery, has never known an officer of the arm, during General Snow's long incumbency as its Chief, who did not evidence a profound and almost reverent affection for him.

General Snow had but two deep interests in life: his profession and his family. His later years were saddened by the untimely death of his distinguished son in 1940, and by the loss of his deeply beloved wife in 1944. He died in Walter Reed General Hospital, Washington, D. C., February 27, 1947, survived by a devoted daughter (Mrs. Margaret Payne Snow, the widow of his son) and two grandchildren: Miss Margaret Snow and Lieutenant William Josiah Snow (U.S.M.A. Class of 1945), Air Corps.

Andrew Moses

NO. 3797 CLASS OF 1897

Died December 22, 1946, at Washington, D. C., aged 72 years.

ANDREW MOSES, affectionately known by his many friends as "Andy", died in Walter Reed General Hospital, Washington, D. C., after a long

illness. In the words of General March: "He passed away after a life of great value to his country". His funeral was held at the Arlington National Cemetery and was conducted by Chaplain (Col.) A. C. Oliver, Jr., an old friend and associate in the Army. In attendance were many friends including his West Point classmates and a large delegation of Texas A. & M. graduates. The service was very impressive. Chaplain Oliver later contributed the following in memory of General Moses:

"Now and then as some of us look up into the starry heavens, we seem to catch a gleam from the hills of glory and our wistful hearts imagine that Gen. Andrew Moses is signalling to us that the way is clear. Those of us who knew this true friend and comrade best realize that he exemplified Henry Van Dyke's beautiful poem entitled:



'Four Things

'Four things a man must learn to do
If he would make his record true:
To think without confusion clearly;
To love his fellow-men sincerely;
To act from honest motives purely;
To trust in GOD and HEAVEN securely."

Andrew Moses was born on a farm in Burnet County, Texas, where he lived until his eighteenth year. His father, Norton Moses, was born in Georgia and came to Texas as a young man in 1846. His mother, Lucy Anne Kerr Moses, was born in Washington County, Texas, in 1833. They were sturdy pioneers and left a priceless heritage to their children by their Christian lives and excellent teaching. Andy's father was prominent in Masonry, being a Past Grand Master and a member of the Texas Grand Lodge for forty years. Andy spent his earlier school days in the county schools riding back and forth from home daily on a cow pony. He attended the University of Texas for a year. He then received an appointment to West Point and graduated in the Class of 1897. The Texas sunshine that Andy had absorbed was radiated among his classmates. He was always cheerful and full of hope. Shortly after graduation he married Jessie Fisher of Austin, Texas.

Mrs. Moses is now a resident of Washington, D. C. A daughter, Kathleen, wife of Colonel Frank F. Reed, Ordnance Department, is also a resident of Washington, where her husband is on duty. They have an eleven-year old son, Andrew Moses Reed, to whom General Moses was devoted. During his final illness Andy said, "Tell Andrew that his grandfather always tried to play the Game. Ask him to play it according to the rules". Andy himself had uniformly played the Game of Life fair and square. Andrew Reed was fortunate in his associations with his pal "Andy" and remembers him as a "great guy".

In 1898 General Moses transferred to the Artillery and was stationed at Fort Slocum, N. Y., with a number of his classmates. In 1905-06 he was associated again with a number of classmates in the School of Submarine Defense, at Fort Totten, N. Y. These were pleasant days. Every one felt close to Andy. It was his habit to address you by your first name and it made you feel that he was a friend indeed.

It was in Texas, in 1907, that Andrew Moses demonstrated his ability as a leader—but let a son of Texas A.&M. College tell about it as he saw it:

"Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College, the oldest of the State's major educational institutions, was only 31 years old when young Captain Andrew Moses was assigned there as Commandant of cadets and Professor of Military Science and Tactics in the fall of 1907.

"It is little wonder that Andy Moses, the son of a Texas pioneer, possessing the innate characteristics of a gentleman and showing even then outstanding ability for leadership, quickly earned the confidence and loyal support of these young men in his charge. His sincerity made them respect him. His sympathetic understanding of their problems won their lasting affection. With all of this, however, he was a strict disciplinarian; yet he had the remarkable ability of encasing the iron hand in a silken glove equaled by few of our great leaders.

"It was not long after his arrival at Texas A.&M. that the leadership ability of Captain Moses received its first test. It was then that the 600 cadets went on strike and refused to attend classes, as a result of some difficulty with the President and Board of Directors of the College. But Andy's influence was very evident, for the cadets observed all military routine, attended formations (except for classes) to a man, and listened with the greatest respect to his counsel and advice.

"General Howard C. Davidson says: 'I happened to be in College during the student strike and Captain Moses gave the greatest example of leadership I observed during forty years.'

"Eventually the difficulties were resolved and all activities resumed, with much credit for the settlement going to Captain Moses for the way in which he handled the situation. As a mark of their affection for him, and of their appreciation of his qualities as a leader, the class of 1908 dedicated the Col-

lege Annual, *'The Long Horn'*, to Captain Moses and elected him an honorary member of the class. He was also made an honorary member of the 1911 class.

"In their dedication the editors of *'The Long Horn'* quoted a cadet who said, 'Captain Moses tries so hard to be fair and square that I almost get embarrassed and darned if I don't think he is a gentleman.' 'That,' according to the editors, 'was the secret in one word of his popularity as a man,—the *gentleman*, with a cool, clear head and a heart to which tenderness was not a stranger; in which the stature of mankind did not bring forgetfulness of how a boy thinks and feels. The hearts of all, man and boy alike, give instant recognition to the kindly nature, the generous spirit, the lofty soul, the sincere, single-minded, clear-headed, honest man, and this is what we take Captain Moses to be, as far as words can express student opinion.'

"During his four years at Texas A.&M. College, 1907-11, the student enrollment doubled and the cadet corps expanded from a battalion of four companies to a full regiment. It was during his period of service there that the College was first designated by the War Department as a Distinguished Military Institution. Many of Andy's students served with distinction in our Armed Forces and a number rose to General officer rank.

"During World War II, Colonel Daniel C. Imboden wrote as follows:—'You inspired all of us to achieve the great institution that has taken a most vital leadership in our present war. It is not too much to say that your prodigious efforts made it possible for Texas A.&M. College to send its sons properly prepared into the campaigns of 1917-18, and led to the great effort the sons of Texas are now making throughout the battle fields of the world. When the history of Texas A.&M. College is written by the historian of the future there will be recorded the wise leadership of Andrew Moses who looked into the future and wrote an indelible stamp upon the conduct of the College militarily'.

"Andy Moses will always be a tradition at Texas A.&M.—the soldier who was a gentleman and a leader—who as their Captain inculcated in its sons the ideals and principles of honor and love of country instilled in him by his own Alma Mater. His spirit will endure through the years."

During World War I, General Moses commanded the 156th F.A. Brigade in France with the rank of Brigadier General. The Secretary of War, Kenneth C. Royall, says:

"As an artillery officer in World War I, I served under General Andrew Moses, who commanded the 156th Field Artillery Brigade. I am proud to have served under such an outstanding officer. General Moses devoted forty-five years of his life to the active military service of his country, and left an honorable record as an artillery commander, as a teacher of military men and as a staff officer"

General C. J. Bailey, the Commander of the 81st ("Wild Cat") Division, of which this Brigade was a part, said

in speaking of General Moses' leadership:

"He brought his brigade to a high state of efficiency and had the whole-hearted cooperation of its entire personnel. No organization known to me was its superior in military courtesy, pep and appearance".

Returning to the United States he served in the Office of the Chief, Transportation Service, Washington, and as Chairman, Joint Board of Review, Redelivery of Ships, and as Reviewing Officer, New York Port of Embarkation.

For World War I services he was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal. The citation reads as follows:

"For exceptionally meritorious and distinguished services. Commanding the 316th Field Artillery from August, 1917, and the 156th Field Artillery Brigade from June, 1918 until it was demobilized he exhibited qualities of excellent leadership and military attainments of a high order. Later, as Chairman of a joint board of review he occupied a position of great responsibility, having full charge and control of the redelivery of all ships allocated to the War Department during the World War. By his administrative ability, excellent judgment, energy and tact, he rendered conspicuous services in bringing about speedy and accurate settlements with the ship owners, which resulted in a large saving to the Government".

General Moses attended the Army War College and after graduation in 1921 he remained there as director and instructor, Military Intelligence Course, and director and instructor, Personnel Course. In 1923 he sailed for Hawaii where he commanded the 13th Field Artillery. Upon his return he was assigned to duty in the Office of the Chief of Field Artillery. In 1928 he was again detailed to the Army War College as director, Personnel Course. Following this he took observation courses at the Coast Artillery School and the Air Tactical School. With this background of instruction he was well qualified for the two assignments that followed, Commanding General of the 2nd Coast Artillery District, and then the Panama Coast Artillery District.

Upon his return from Panama in 1931 he was assigned to duty as Assistant Chief of Staff, Personnel Division, War Department General Staff, and then on special duty in the War Department until 1936. While he was G-1 it was a pleasure to do business with him. All who contacted him received a happy greeting and each one felt that he had a sympathetic understanding of the problem presented. That his personal popularity was not confined to the Army was evidenced, during this period, by his election to be Vice-President and then President of the Army and Navy Club.

General Moses was ordered to Hawaii in 1936 where he commanded the Hawaiian Division, and then the Hawaiian Department until retirement in 1938. Major General James A. Ulio, the Adjutant General during World War II, has kindly contributed the following with reference to his serv-

ice with General Moses during this period:

"Our beloved friend, Andy Moses, stands out to me as the embodiment of all the finest things in life. It was my good fortune to know him a great many years and to serve with him both in The Army and Navy Club as officers, and as his Chief of Staff in the Hawaiian Department when he was Commanding General.

"Andy was an officer of most brilliant attainments, keen brain, foresighted, and with a perfect understanding of human nature. He had rare good judgment, magnetic personality, and a great sense of humor. I feel that I am a better person in every way for having known him throughout the years. I can truthfully say I never had a better friend and I shall ever revere his memory".

After retirement General Moses resided in Washington, D. C. He visited the Army & Navy Club almost daily. When he came, there were constant greetings of "Hello, Andy". As an early army associate said, "When Andy enters, it is like bringing a lighted candle into a dimly lighted room". A classmate who knew him well says:

"After his retirement he lived in Washington and spent a part of his leisure time at the Army and Navy Club where he entertained his friends with his comments on current events and with humorous anecdotes of his early service.

"He had a keen memory for details and his conversation was distinguished by his invariable good nature, humor, and tolerance. He was gregarious, unassuming and approachable and altogether a lovable character".

General Earl McFarland writes:

"I am sure that his whole army of friends feel as I do—that he put joy and happiness and uplift in our lives"

A true estimate of General Moses was written by Gen. Walter K. Wilson, a life-long friend:

"He was not only a great natural leader but his administration of command was always carried out with a steadfast purpose, with patience and with outstanding common sense and judgment. He was admired and respected by seniors and juniors alike and best of all he was loved by those with whom he came into contact.

"Thousands of officers and enlisted men are better men because they came under his influence.

"Yes, Andy has gone but his influence will live on in the hearts of those who loved him and the country, which he has served for so many years, is better because of this great American and soldier"

The following is quoted from "THE ISLANDER", Honolulu, Hawaii:

Ave Atque Vale

"... the army's aloha to its commander... who leaves the islands to await retirement from the colors he has served for forty-five years. . ."

"The High Command of the Department Changes"

Out from the service he has loved so well

From the sorrows and the joys, from the pomp and the splendor

From the inescapable burden of the lives of the men in his care
He goes, as a soldier goes, at the behest of the country
To which he has given his life, and the best that is in him.

He has been obeyed
He has been respected
He has been beloved.
Now he may rest. For him the long roll of the drums
The voice of the cannon saluting is over.
His command will be taken; his place never.
In the heart of the country he served
In the hearts of the men who have served him
Only death can retire him.
Farewell, leader of men.

—Conklin, '97.

—Burmeister, '08: Baggett, '26.

Texas A.&M.

Basil Gordon Moon

NO. 4375 CLASS OF 1905

Died October 26, 1946, at Charlottesville, Virginia, aged 63 years.

BASIL GORDON MOON was born April 22, 1883 at "Dunlora", Albemarle County, Virginia, the son of Marion Gordon Dabney and John Barclay Moon. Before entering the Military Academy he attended Major Horace W. Jones University School, Charlottesville, Virginia and the University of Virginia. During his cadet days, which began June 11, 1901, he applied himself to his studies and graduated in the upper third of his class. He was well liked and admired by all with whom he came in contact.

Upon his graduation in 1905 he was assigned as a Second Lieutenant to the Field Artillery and he served with it at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, Fort D. A. Russell, Wyoming and Camp Stotsenburg, Philippine Islands. When the Field and Coast Artillery were separated in 1907, Basil was assigned to the latter and went to the Coast Artillery School as a student. When he graduated in 1908 he was assigned to Fort DeSoto, Florida and later to Fort Dade, Florida, Fort Morgan, Alabama, and Forts McHenry and Howard, Maryland. In March 1911 he was sent to Galveston, Texas with the Maneuver Division but returned to Fort Howard in July and resigned from the service December 15, 1911 while a First Lieutenant.

From the time he resigned until August 1917 Basil was associated with an insurance agency in New York City. He was appointed a Major, Field Artillery Reserve Corps August 15 and was assigned to the 77th Division at Camp Upton, New York. He attended the School of Fire at Fort Sill, Oklahoma and went to France with his division in April 1918. In February 1919 he was transferred to the 18th Field Artillery and returned to Camp Gordon, Georgia with that regiment. In September 1919, Basil was transferred to the 83d Field Artillery at Camp Knox, Kentucky, where he remained until he was honorably discharged Decem-

ber 30, 1920. Due to injuries received in the service he was placed on the Emergency Officers Retired List.

The following tribute to Major Moon was written by one of his comrades of the 306th Field Artillery, 77th Division:

"During the time we were in service my battalion commander was Major Basil Moon, who lived in Charlottesville, Virginia. He was a most outstanding man, courageous and always mindful of the safety and security of his men, and we who served under him looked up to him with great admiration and respect".

Upon his return to civil life Basil took up the management of his home plantation, "Dunlora". In July 1940 he suffered a coronary thrombosis, and the weakened heart, with other complications, caused his death in the Martha Jefferson Hospital, Charlottesville, Virginia, where he had been ill for nearly six weeks. Interment with private funeral service was in the family burying ground at "Dunlora"

For many years Basil had the sight of only one eye and that, combined



with his heart condition, greatly curtailed his activities. During the years of World War II he assisted in the sale of U.S. bonds and in the establishment of Victory Gardens. While never officially connected with the Selective Service Boards he gave advice and information to countless country boys (white and colored) who came to "Mr. Basil" with their "papers".

In June 1911 Basil was married to Eda von Knobloch and their son, Dr. Dabney von Knobloch survives him. Dr. Dabney Moon served in the Medical Corps in World War II in aviation medicine and was awarded the Air Medal for his services with the Army Air Forces in Italy. Major Moon is also survived by his sisters, Miss Mary Moon, Mrs. John M. Maury, Mrs. E. L. M. Fishburne, Mrs. R. B. Shaw, Mrs. P. B. Peyton, and Dr. Dabney Moon-Adams.

In peace and in war, in the military service and in civilian capacity, Basil served well his country and his family.

—Classmate.

Thomas Tipton Thornburgh

NO. 6152 CLASS OF NOV., 1918

Killed in Action, September 8, 1944, in France, aged 48 years.

TOM THORNBURGH was one of these rare spirits who leave their numerous friends a heritage of purely happy memories. Surely, there never was a gathering which was not enriched by his wit or his keenness of mind. Nor did years of close application to duty reduce his infinite capacity for enthusiasm, friendship and fun.

Thomas Tipton Thornburgh was born into the Army, which he loved, on August 15, 1896, the son of a distinguished Army surgeon Colonel Robert M. Thornburgh—and paternal grandson of an officer, Major T. T. Thornburgh, who was killed in action against hostile Indians in a battle which later bore his name. There can be no question that the spirit of his forebears produced in Tommy an idealism and deep sense of honor which his close friends were quick to recognize. Unselfish to a fault, he devoted himself to his profession and to his country, refusing to seek political favors, secure in the belief that a difficult job well done was a satisfaction in itself.

Tom's idealism was best expressed in the writings of Theodore Roosevelt and in the way of life so well described in the pages of Kipling's verse and prose. He could quote well and at length from both, which enhanced his own reputation as a wit and story-teller of truly professional skill.

As a boy, he made the acquaintance of Harry Houdini, the famous magician, who took such an interest in him that Tom was forever fired with a semi-secret longing to follow in Houdini's footsteps. Thus he could never resist the merchants of parlor tricks, and in fact made no attempt to resist them. Visitors to the Thornburgh quarters could be certain of always finding a new and amusing gadget produced at the appropriate moment by a host who spared no pains in building up appropriate "atmosphere".

Graduating in the Class of November 1, 1918, Tom was commissioned in the Cavalry, to which he remained steadfastly loyal throughout his career. He attended the Infantry School in 1918-19 and the Basic Course at the Cavalry School in 1921-22. Between these courses he served on the lower border with the 15th and 16th Cavalry Regiments, being stationed variously at Mercedes, Camp Travis and Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Following his graduation from the Cavalry School he served four years with the 2nd Cavalry at Fort Riley.

Tom was married on August 15, 1921 to the former Myrtle Wood of San Antonio, Texas, a union which proved a most happy one. Both were adept at entertaining and enjoyed it. Dinner parties at their home were always memorable experiences, and they, in turn, were welcome additions to social gatherings elsewhere. Mrs. Thornburgh survives her husband, and is

now making her home in San Antonio.

On September 2, 1926, Tom began a nine months assignment both as aide-de-camp to General E. E. Booth and as a student, Special Advanced Equitation Course, Cavalry School. This detail was in recognition of his prowess in horsemanship. He had begun also his career as an army poloist, remaining an outstanding player on various sectional teams throughout the South and West practically until the outbreak of World War II. This period also saw the rise and demise of the Fort Riley "Standard", a publication which bore at once the masthead of the Cavalry School and the gentle but unmistakable brand of Thornburgh wit and satire. As editor, Tom lampooned the rather curious military thought and reasoning of the day to such effect that freedom of the press became more and more restricted, finally resulting in the abolition of the paper.

A fertile imagination and the instincts of the born showman guided him throughout his long experience as a troop leader. A happy faculty of sensing what inspectors might look for invariably enabled his commands to place at the top of whatever groups with which they were being compared. Yet he was not content with superficialities but insisted on the highest standards in every detail. As might be expected, these qualities always made his soldiers at once responsive, proud, hard-working and able to enjoy life.

An instance of his passion for careful preparation when faced with a problem once occurred during a visit to one of the south-of-the-border towns. Tom's personality was magic to Mexicans as well as to his own countrymen and his appearance was always the signal for an air of gaiety where none had existed. On this occasion he became involved in a discussion of chess strategy with the local Mexican Chief of Police, which naturally led to a challenge. Tommy returned home and spent three days in intensive study of books on the subject. He then recrossed the border on the appointed day and disposed of his adversary in four moves, a feat greeted with international cheers which included those of the Chief himself.

With, or perhaps due to his habit of careful preparation for any task went a very strong competitive spirit. Almost any type of contest found him an entry and often where there were no contests he invented them. This attitude served him well as a troop leader and in his many appearances in the horse show ring and on the polo field. He lost gracefully; more important, he won more frequently and even more gracefully.

Promotion to Captain came on New Year's Day 1935. Except for another year as student officer in the Cavalry School Advanced Class in 1936-37, the period 1927-1939 was one of continuous troop service, with successive tours in the 11th Cavalry at Monterey, the 1st Cavalry Brigade at Fort Clark, Texas, and the 6th Cavalry at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga. In 1939 he was selected as a student at the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, where his interest and application earned him a splendid record.

He was advanced to the rank of Major on 1 July 1940 and served a brief tour as instructor at the Quartermaster School in Philadelphia. At this time, however, the Chief of Cavalry was making a special effort to man the Cavalry School with an instructional staff drawn from outstanding members of that Arm. Thornburgh was an early selection. He soon proved an outstanding instructor, probably too much so for his own desires, since he remained on this assignment until mid-1943, whereas he would have preferred troop duty in an active theater. But the role of training young officers as troop leaders was too important. One wonders how many small engagements were won and how many plans were more skillfully drawn because of the lessons in leadership, tactics and planning which were taught by him during the period in which so many hundreds of officers passed through his capable hands. Students remember him as one of those rare platform char-



acters who are able to make all lessons interesting and entertaining.

His promotion to Lieutenant-Colonel took place on December 11, 1942.

In July 1943 the 29th Cavalry, Composite, was formed at Fort Riley and Tom was selected as its commander. He had been appointed temporary Colonel on February 12 of that year and welcomed his new assignment as might be expected of one to whom troop duty was of paramount interest. But he was not in an active theater, and combat duty remained uppermost in his mind.

Consequently, when orders for overseas duty in the early spring of 1944 came, he was not overly reluctant to leave, even though his command had been most interesting and one which permitted him the full scope of his varied talents.

He went to the European Theater in the capacity of special observer for the War Department Observer's Board. On duty of this type, many officers might have been content with visits to the headquarters of the higher commanders and to take an occasional peep at the front lines. But Tom chose to employ every means of getting the facts of combat and often served both as an observer and as a liaison officer

between Armies. In early September of 1944 he was given a liaison mission on which he took off in a light observation plane. He had elected to fly somewhat higher than was prudent under the conditions existing, and while he was observing the action taking place a few miles southwest of Liege, Belgium, the plane was attacked by German fighters. At that altitude it was helpless. It crashed close to the little town of Ivoz-Ramet which had been liberated only a few days before.

A small monument has been erected on the spot by the simple Belgian country folk who chose this gesture as an expression of gratitude to the victims of the crash and to the many of their comrades who died in freeing Belgium. Tom was buried in the military cemetery at Fosses, near Namur. He rests in a truly beautiful spot where nothing mars the blending of grassy hills, great trees, and ancient stone and tile farms in the distance.

Tom could have chosen no soldier's death better than that which was his lot. He died on the duty which was his love, and in full accord with the ideals which he had always cherished. He was truly a living example of the motto of the Military Academy. His gay spirit will live as long as there are Cavalrymen who seek the same road which he traveled.

—W. W. Y.

Mervin Eugene Gross

NO. 6840 CLASS OF 1922

Killed October 18, 1946, in a plane crash near Brooksville, Kentucky, aged 46 years.

THERE is nothing so gratifying as the culmination of culture, education and experience as expressed in the life of a man. We see the years of parental guidance, the unremitting toil over books, the unceasing efforts of blazing a pathway through experience, all to that one goal of attaining man's best. Mervin E. Gross had gone far along this road to success.

In a ceremony that touched the hearts of many, on Wednesday, October 23, 1946, this distinguished son of Holly Hill, S. C., came back to his boyhood home for his final resting place. Brigadier General Mervin Eugene Gross, 46 years old, one of the youngest general officers in the U.S. Air Force, came to an untimely end in the crash of a P-80 jet fighter plane on a hillside near Brooksville, Ky., on October 18, 1946.

He was born on February 16, 1900, the son of Rufus B. and Carry Kane Gross, at Bowyer, S. C., a village of perhaps a dozen families. About two years after his birth the family moved to Holly Hill, one mile distant, and it was here that Mervin grew up as one of the town's most likeable and exemplary young men. It is to the lasting credit of a kindly father and a loving mother that they provided the qualities of culture and education properly blended in this handsome son of the south.

When only a barefooted boy he evinced an interest in aviation, then in its infancy, and the writer recalls the occasion when his chum, after

speculatively watching a vulture soaring high in the sky, remarked that he was planning to fly too. Already he was playing with planes when most boys were satisfied with trains. Along with this desire to fly, his thoughts turned early toward West Point, a beacon light in his hopes.

He was brilliant in his school work and exemplary in his deportment. From youth he carried himself erect and seemed by nature to have been destined to become a soldier. In any task or work of responsibility he did his part uncomplainingly and with credit. He graduated from the Holly Hill High School in 1916 with honors, standing second in his class. Shortly thereafter he entered the Citadel, where he continued his scholastic work with distinction, leaving there in 1918 to accept an appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point. It was a proud moment in his life when this appointment came to him and his many friends rejoiced over this recognition of his capabilities. His years at West Point were some of the happiest of his life. He loved its atmosphere and the associations it gave him, and he formed many friendships there that stood the test of the years. Standing very high in his class, he was graduated in 1922. He immediately entered the Air Corps and, after serving in various assignments in the Air Corps and receiving the rating of a Command Pilot and Aircraft Observer, he advanced through the commissioned grades until he attained the rank of Brigadier General in 1943.

From 1928 to 1932, he served as an instructor in Mathematics at West Point. In 1933 he attended the Engineering School at Wright Field, Ohio, after which he went to Washington for duty at Headquarters, Army Air Forces for four years. Next he was assigned to the Air Tactical School, at Maxwell Field, Ala. The following year he attended the Command and General Staff School at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas. Another assignment at Wright Field for five and a half months followed, and then he returned to Washington. There, during World War II, he was Chief of the Requirements Division, A.A.F. Headquarters, and was responsible for the delivery of all aircraft, aircraft accessories and organizational equipment to the Army Air Forces.

In December 1944, General Gross was ordered to China, and served there as Acting Chief of Staff, Headquarters United States Forces, China Theater, and as Chief of Staff, Tactical Headquarters, China Theater, under General Wedemeyer.

He was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal in 1944 for "exceptionally meritorious and distinguished service" at Headquarters Army Air Forces, Washington, D. C. and he received an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of a second D.S.M. while serving as Chief of Staff of the Tactical Headquarters in China. He played a major part in the development and design of American combat aircraft.

From April 1946, until his death he was Commandant of the Army Air Forces Institute of Technology at Wright Field. While he was Command-

ant he made many trips by air to educational institutions in connection with his duties.

He was most courageous and possessed a remarkable degree of calmness in any moment of danger. This writer once saw his plane crack-up in a takeoff, and soon thereafter Mervin was found standing on top of the wreckage calmly chewing the end of a straw.

From the flying crate of World War I vintage to the super-modern jet fighter was a long jump but General Gross spanned this period with the eager spirit of the pioneer and the courage of an explorer.

Though his duties took him far and wide, Mervin always made use of every opportunity that permitted to fly over his home town to drop a note to loved ones and friends. And when-



ever he came to a landing to visit among them, he was the same friendly boy they had known in early years.

A few months before his death he visited his home town, a Brigadier General, but his high rank did not prevent him from being as courteous to the chauffeur of his army car as he was to his old friends. His love for the townsmen, even the most humble of them, was a gem which did not tarnish. On this particular occasion his car was about to pull away from a downtown street when he espied an old colored woman he had known when he was a boy. A happy smile lit his face and he got out of the car and went to speak to this old acquaintance. That day, the last he ever spent in his home town in the full vigor of health, will be remembered because of his unchangeableness of character.

At that time, he spoke happily of the day when he would come back after his retirement to be a plain citizen. The townsmen feel his loss and the failure of his dream to come true, and they welcome the honor of knowing that he wanted to be brought home for his final rest.

Surviving are the General's wife, the former Mildred Laurey of Charleston, S. C. and his daughter, Jean Elizabeth, both of Washington, D. C.; and one brother, Alva B. Gross of Spartanburg, S. C.

—L. H. Gilmore,
Holly Hill, S. C.

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Archer Frank Freund

NO. 7716 CLASS OF 1925

Killed June 17, 1946, in an automobile accident in Germany, aged 44 years.

LEUTENANT COLONEL ARCHER F. FREUND was in command of the 34th Field Artillery Battalion at the time he met with the accident that took his life. He was going on an important mission from Munich to Fulda, Germany when the auto accident occurred just outside Hammelburg. He had gone through battles in the push toward Germany, including the Battle of the Bulge, without a wound—only to meet the Grim Reaper after the firing had ceased.

Archer Frank Freund was the son of Joseph Cornelius and Luna Moore Freund and was born at Denver, Colorado on January 8th, 1902. His father died when he was quite young and his mother took him to Cheyenne, Wyoming, where he attended grade and high schools. After one year at the University of Wyoming he entered the United States Military Academy as an appointee of Senator John B. Kendrick. He graduated with the Class of 1925 and was assigned to the Field Artillery. While in the University he was affiliated with the Sigma Nu fraternity.

In sports he liked tennis and was an excellent player. He also enjoyed sand lot football but was never heavy enough to make a school team. He was fond of chess and delighted in a sociable game of cards. He liked the theater and thoroughly enjoyed an evening with friends under any good sociable circumstances.

As a child he was always very much in earnest about anything he attempted, and he carried this trait through life. He always enjoyed the reputation of being a true and loyal friend. Early in life Archer showed a talent for both Mathematics and English. While at the University of Wyoming his English teacher tried to dissuade him from taking up a military career as she felt he would go far in English, but his heart was set on West Point.

His grandfather, Joseph Jefferson Freund, was a veteran of the Civil War, having been severely wounded on the third day of Gettysburg. His father was a veteran of the Spanish American War, having enlisted from his home, Philadelphia—and served in Cuba. On his mother's side he had ancestors who fought in the Revolutionary War, so military training seemed to be a tradition in his family and something to be desired and lived up to.

In 1933 Archer was sent by the Government to the University of Pennsylvania to study Military Acoustics. After that, with the exception of two years in Hawaii, and again from February 1946 until his death in June of the same year, he was always associated with the work of a Field Artillery Observation Battalion. He was an ardent enthusiast of this highly technical branch of the Artillery. In 1940, at Ft. Bragg, N. C., he assisted in the solution of several problems involving

the equations governing the travel of sound waves in the atmosphere.

Colonel John Mesick has written: "Archer worked with me after his graduation from Pennsylvania and did considerable painstaking investigation and research in this field in order to determine and develop methods and procedures that would insure accuracy for our firing data. He returned to the First Observation Battalion several times and continued his interest in the years preceding the war, so that when there was need for the services of an expert who knew all phases of the Observation Battalion procedure he was ready.

"His help in the development of the Battalion was very important. His advice on matters of organization and procedure was accepted and wholly respected by those of us who knew his work so well. In his duty as an instructor and Battalion Commander his services were most valuable to the Field Artillery School at Ft. Sill. His work played a very important part in the program of acquainting Artillerymen with the potentialities of the Observation Battalion.

"I am not personally acquainted with the work done by Archer and his Battalion in Germany but do know from his brother officers and his Corps Commanders, that he and his Battalion did superior work in spite of the terrible loss of one of his Batteries at Malmedy. I personally believe that the barbaric treatment of those men was a key episode of the war in that it hardened public opinion in the United States at a crucial period.

"During August 1945 I talked to both Archer and the Corps Commander, who was well known to me. Therefore I know what a severe blow this unavoidable loss of the officers and the men was to them. The one consolation that Archer had was that no one could have foreseen or prevented this enemy action. The news of his death was a real shock and I feel I have lost a true friend."

During the fighting in Europe he was in command of the 285th F.A. Observation Battalion and he conducted experimental tests for the First Army. Lieutenant Colonel James G. Harding, another officer friend, wrote: "To describe Archer in words is difficult. He was extremely reticent and seldom discussed himself or his problems. He had a keen mathematical mind and was persistent in any problem or task that was presented. He was always quiet and very loyal to his friends."

Archer was married to Charlotte Audrey Sidwell in August 1927. There were two daughters born to this union; Charlotte Cornelia and Roberta Jane. The family resides in Columbus, Georgia. Both girls are quite athletic, being good swimmers and splendid horsewomen, among other activities.

Lieutenant Colonel Norman H. Smith, his roommate at West Point, had to say about Archer: "Archer Freund arrived at West Point with a healthy skepticism of the world in general and the East in particular, as he packed along his 'six-shooter' from Wyoming. This was promptly confiscated and his skepticism seemed to vanish also.

"Freund was my friend and roommate during our four years at the Academy. He was extremely loyal to those he liked, and whom he admitted to his friendship. There was no middle of the road for him—his likes and dislikes were clear cut.

"He had a fine physical courage. He bore intense pain stoically, without complaint.

"Archer loved boning 'red comforter' in his leisure periods. At such times, he relaxed with his favorite magazine and was lost in another world.

"His sudden death in an accident in Germany adds one more stalwart son to that long line of grey up yonder. Archer will be missed by his friends and by the service in which he served faithfully."

Perhaps, after the above, it is needless to state that he qualified as expert in pistol, and sharpshooter in rifle, the first time he went out for target practice. Archer was always more interested in promoting the work in



which he was engaged than in promoting himself. It was said he was strictly and basically honest in all he did and was free from any hypocrisy.

The letter of a General Officer written to Archer in Germany in 1945 includes: "The excellent work done by the 285th Field Artillery Observation Battalion during its recent attachment to the VII Corps was of material value in the success of our operations. It was a particular pleasure to me that we were able to employ the Battalion as a unit under your command. We have always found that your batteries responded with fine spirit to the tasks imposed upon them".

A letter received from Colonel R. R. Raymond, Jr., after the fatal accident says: "I have known your son for sometime. During the war the Battalion he then commanded was attached for a while to the division I was with, and it was my privilege to work closely with him. I, therefore, know personally of his splendid service to his country both in war and in peace. His record is one in which we may all be proud. The army has lost a gallant leader and we have lost a valued friend".

Archer's Battalion was attached to various Armies during the war but was, for the most time, with the First Army. He wore three battle stars, and was posthumously awarded the Croix de Guerre with Silver Gilt Star by the French government.

Archer was a good boy and a good man. In fact he was a son in whom I was well pleased and most happy to have had for the 44 years I was permitted that privilege. He was an only child.

—His Mother.

Charles Bowler King

NO. 8429 CLASS OF 1928

Killed in Action, June 22, 1944, near La Riviere, France, aged 38 years.

FEW people have gotten as much out of life as Chick King; fewer yet have been endowed with that indomitable spirit which made him the complete master of every enterprise he undertook. This latter quality of Chick's could not be better stated than in the following words from his class biography in the *Howitzer* for 1928:

"If Chick wants to do a thing, you can rest assured that he will employ every means in his power to perform it. It is that spirit which has caused Chick to make lasting friendships with other strong-willed and determined people, and to leave them with the assurance that all through life he will be putting his whole energy into the enterprises towards which his spirit directs him"

Chick did just that from the hot July day in 1924 when he first entered West Point as a plebe from his native state of Oklahoma, till that other summer's day twenty years later when he gave his life for his country in the early days of the Normandy Invasion.

Chick's complete absorption in the things he liked was exemplified by his love of hunting. Perhaps the happiest days of Chick's life were those he spent in hunting ducks at Sycamore Landing, his mother's place on the Potomac River a few miles below Washington. But Chick was not content with hunting as the ordinary sportsman does it. Instead, his hours in the blind were preceded by endless hours spent in carving, shaping, weighting and painting his own superb decoys; by further endless hours in personal preparation to his exacting standards of his blinds, boats, guns and gear; and by yet further endless hours in improving his skill as a shot on the skeet range.

Fortunately for Chick's family, for his friends, and for the Army, nothing pleased Chick more than to arouse the interest of others in the things that excited his own interest. At Plattsburg Barracks, where he served from 1935 to 1937, Chick taught the men of his company cabinet-making, to give them a means of recreation during their off-duty hours in the long, cold, winter months, and to enable them at the same time to make valuable Christmas presents for their relatives and friends at little or no cost to themselves. Again at West Point, where he

served as a Tactical Officer from 1937 to 1941, Chick installed a cabinet-making shop in the rear of his quarters, where he taught the fine points of woodworking both to his fellow officers and to the cadets of his company.

Chick was convinced long before it became established training doctrine that shooting at moving targets was not only stimulating to the interest of his men, but was excellent training for aerial gunnery. Accordingly, he devised moving airplanes, tanks, troops and ducks for his small-bore range at Plattsburg, with the result that his company was always battling for the top shooting honors of the regiment. Later at West Point, for the same reason, he built the first skeet range and organized the first skeet team in the history of the Academy, with equally good results.

Chick was never happier than when his wife and old schoolgirl sweetheart, Karla, whom he had married in Washington, D. C. on December 26, 1931, while a student at the Company Officers' Course at Fort Benning, became a crack shot herself under his skilled tutelage and was able to join him as a full partner in his hunting adventures, as she already was in everything else. In fact, Chick's family, which in addition to Karla and himself, was made up of his daughter, Jan Allison, who was born in Hawaii on December 22, 1932, and his two sons, Chippy (Charles, Jr.) also born in Hawaii on September 18, 1934, and Donny (Donald Christian Heurich) who was born at Plattsburg on April 2, 1937, was the center of his whole existence. Seldom are men able to spend so much of their time within their immediate family circle and with such contentment as Chick felt when in his own home with his family round about him. Chick's happiest hours at Sycamore Landing were shared with the members of his family, and one of his great disappointments on embarking for combat duty was the fact that he had to leave just as Chippy, the older of his boys, was coming of an age to join him in the duck blinds on a wintry morning when the hunting was at its best.

It is easy to understand why Chick was a constant inspiration to the men under him, whether they were cadets at West Point or enlisted men of his command. His intense interest in the progress of his men, and his ability to interest them in their own development, made Chick equally outstanding as a troop officer and as an instructor. When he was still a relatively young officer at Schofield Barracks in the early thirties, Chick had already won these words of praise from a seasoned old-time top sergeant who had learned to judge officers, good and bad, over a period of many years:

"Lieutenant King is an outstanding officer and will go far in his Army career. Of all the officers that I have ever served under in my long Army life, he more than any other understands and has at heart the problems of the enlisted man."

It was small wonder then, to learn in the Summer of 1941 that Chick, who was then a Major, had been chosen as one of three tactical officers from West Point (the others being Colonel

Richard R. Coursey and Colonel Felix A. Todd, Jr.) to proceed to Fort Benning to organize the Infantry Officer Candidate School at that post. This school was destined almost immediately to grow by leaps and bounds and to establish a high reputation throughout the Army both for itself and for those responsible for its development; becoming in fact, a model for all the other officer candidate schools of our expanding wartime Army. A successful and important feature which Chick introduced at Benning, and which is now employed in rating cadets at West Point, was a method whereby the officer candidates of each company rated one another's fitness for a commission. Chick's ever present enthusiasm for his men was displayed by his brief but expressive statement in a letter written in April of 1942, that "I wish you could see some of my officer candidates!" Naturally, they gave their



best for an instructor with an attitude like that!

Because of his record at Fort Benning, which brought him his commission as Lieutenant Colonel on July 13, 1942, Chick was almost detailed in the Summer of 1942 to organize an overseas officer candidate school, but was successful in his plea that such an assignment would kill his chances of duty with troops, which was still his first choice by far. Before finally achieving that objective, however, there lay ahead of him a year and a half of duty in the G-2 section of A.G.F. Headquarters in Washington, during which he won his full colonelcy on June 19, 1943.

At last, in March of 1944, following his completion of the abbreviated wartime course at the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Chick received his long awaited orders for duty with troops. By this time, however, he had demonstrated such proficiency in the field of military intelligence, that instead of being given command of a regiment he was assigned to the important post of G-2 of the VII Corps. So it was for this post that he sailed, in the company of his brother Ludlow; who was Chemical Warfare Officer of the same Corps and Chick's bosom companion till the day of his death.

Such were Chick's courage and his enthusiasm for his prospective role as a participant in the invasion of Europe that he would never have flinched nor wavered had he known for a surety that he was bidding goodbye to his family and friends forever. Nor would the same qualities permit him to rest in the relative security of his Corps headquarters once he was safely landed on the shores of Normandy. Instead, he was ever where he could gain the latest and most reliable information of the disposition and strength of the enemy forces. It was this disregard of personal safety in the interest of the common cause which cost Chick his life, when, in approaching the banks of the Ollonde River near the village of La Riviere to participate in the interrogation of a group of German prisoners on the evening of June 22, 1944, he drew fatal fire from a German position across the river.

So came a hero's death to a loving husband and father, a true friend, a fine sportsman, and a brave and loyal soldier. As Chick's Commander in Chief, and sometimes companion of the duck blinds, General of the Army George C. Marshall, wrote to Mrs. King upon receipt of word of Chick's death in action,

"He was a fine sportsman as well as a fine soldier and he gave his life at a high moment in a great enterprise".

Another of his hunting companions of happier days, General Omar N. Bradley, Commanding General of the 12th Army Group in Europe, similarly wrote,

"I counted Chick as one of my very best friends as well as one of our most capable officers"

The citation for Chick's Legion of Merit, which was presented to Charles, Jr. in the presence of the other members of Chick's family on November 13, 1944, by Major General C. F. Thompson, the Commanding General of the Military District of Washington, reads as follows:

Legion of Merit

"For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services as Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Seventh Corps, from 7 April 1944 to 22 June 1944. Colonel King evaluated the voluminous intelligence information accumulated and, at the same time, completed plans for the organization of his section. His keen mind, sound judgment and his untiring efforts enabled him to carry out this difficult assignment in an amazingly short time, and he was able to devote his great organizing ability to the final completion of plans for the invasion. His judgment and conclusions in furnishing his Commanding General and members of the staff his analysis of the unfolding situation were fully confirmed by conditions found to exist on 'D' Day and immediately thereafter. Subsequent to the landing, his eagerness and enthusiasm in securing the very best and latest information of the enemy often took him to exposed positions. Colonel King was killed in action on 22 June while accompanying a patrol to bring in enemy prisoners. His devotion to duty, and his resourcefulness contributed materially to

the success of the campaign on the Cherbourg Peninsula."

It was thus fitting that after the objective for which Chick and so many others gave their lives had been won, and VE-Day had come and gone, the last official act of the VII Corps in Europe should be the placing of a wreath by the acting corps commander, Brigadier General William B. Palmer, on Chick's grave at Ste. Mere Eglise Cemetery on June 22, 1945, the first anniversary of his death. It was equally fitting that the Military Intelligence Service Center at Oberursel, Germany, should be named Camp King, in his honor.

May his children follow in his footsteps, but be spared the trials of war which brought death to their father!
—L. W. F.

Douglas Crevier McNair

NO. 8370 CLASS OF 1928

Killed in action, August 6, 1944, on Guam, aged 37 years.

Doug died as he lived. All who knew Doug McNair, and who know the conditions of his death confirm that statement. Doug lived the life of a soldier—a conscientious, energetic, intelligent soldier who gave himself completely and thoroughly to his country. He lived by a strict code which required him to devote his every effort to fulfill in its entirety the oath he took on graduation day 1928. No sacrifice was too great, no demand on his efforts or his time was unreasonable, or too exacting for his ability or his endurance.

The citation for the Legion of Merit, awarded to him for his outstanding work as Chief of Staff, 77th Infantry Division, exemplifies his life of unselfish, wholehearted devotion to duty. Colonel McNair was cited, posthumously, for the Legion of Merit as follows: "Colonel Douglas C. McNair, 017217, United States Army Forces in the Pacific Ocean Area; for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 8 June 1943 to 6 August 1944; as Chief of Staff, 77th Infantry Division. Joining the organization at a time when many changes in command and staff personnel had just been completed, Colonel McNair, with tireless enthusiasm, tact, and leadership, worked continuously to make the unit a well coordinated and smooth working team. His untiring zeal and extraordinary ability, his constant supervision of the many details preparatory to a landing were of incalculable value to the division in the operation on Guam and contributed in an extraordinary degree to the success of that operation and to the war effort in the Pacific Ocean Area."

Doug was killed in action on Guam on 6 August 1944 when he personally stormed a native shack in which three Japanese were holding out. The citation for the Silver Star awarded for his gallantry in this action reads: "Colonel Douglas C. McNair, 017217, 77th Infantry Division, for gallantry in action, 6 August 1944. While making a reconnaissance for a new div-

ision command post, accompanied by an officer and an enlisted man, Colonel McNair encountered three Japanese soldiers in a native hut about three hundred yards from the main road. Cautiously approaching the entrance to the hut, Colonel McNair fired several times and directed the movements and fire of his companion. The Japanese in the hut returned the fire and during the exchange Colonel McNair was struck and killed. Colonel McNair's gallantry, courage and aggressive and unhesitating leadership was an inspiration to his companions and to the entire Division"

Major General A. D. Bruce, Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, had this to say of Doug, who was his Chief of Staff: "In two wars I have seen many men who had courage, who worked until they were about to drop, who were professionally efficient, who knew how to handle troops, who had a sense of humor, but Doug had more than these qualifications. He had



intellectual honesty and courage of his convictions far above the average. He not only was brave in the face of danger, but was morally brave. He was unusual in his lack of selfishness in order to promote the common good of the Division. Our Division and our country lost a great soldier"

Douglas Crevier McNair was born April 17, 1907, in Boston, Massachusetts, the son of Lieutenant (later Lieutenant General) Leslie J. and Clare McNair. He was graduated from the United States Military Academy on 9 June 1928 and began his military career as a Second Lieutenant of Infantry. He transferred to the Field Artillery 10 June 1930 and joined the 83d Field Artillery at Fort Benning, Georgia. His service was wide and varied and included the following: Student, Battery Officers' Course, The Field Artillery School, 1932-33; Battery Executive, Battery Commander, Assistant Communication Officer, and Plans and Training Officer, 11th and 12th Field Artillery, Schofield Barracks, Territory of Hawaii, 1934-36; Instructor, Department of Gunnery and Department of Tactics and Communication, The Field Artillery School, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, 1936-40; Battery Commander, 98th Field Artillery, Fort Lewis, Washington, 1940-42; Director,

Weapons Department, Tank Destroyer School, Camp Hood, Texas, 1942; Commanding Officer, Tank Destroyer Training Group Number One, Headquarters 77th Infantry Division, Camp Hood, Texas, and Camp Hyder, Arizona, 1942-43; Chief of Staff, 77th Infantry Division, Camp Hyder, Arizona, Camp Pickett, Virginia, and in the Central Pacific Area, 1943 to 6 August 1944, when he was killed in action on Guam.

He was promoted to First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, 14 August 1934; Captain, Field Artillery, 9 June 1938; Major, 31 January 1941; Lieutenant Colonel, 1 February 1942; Colonel, 8 December 1942, in which grade he was serving at the time of his death.

He was awarded the Purple Heart (posthumously); Legion of Merit (posthumously); and Silver Star (posthumously). He was authorized to wear the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, the American Campaign Medal and the World War II Victory Medal.

He is survived by his widow, formerly Freda Louise Elliott, whom he married in Hawaii on 10 April 1935; by a daughter, Bonnie Clare, born 25 September 1943; and by his mother, Mrs. Leslie J. McNair.

If Doug's passing contributed in any small way to the peace of the world and to the furtherance of our United States, then his reaction most certainly would be, "It was my duty"—a true soldier all the way. We lost an honest friend and our country lost a fine man and a great soldier.

—R. R. M.

Herman William Ohme

NO. 9019 CLASS OF 1930

Killed in Action, October 14, 1944, near Florence, Italy, aged 37 years.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL HERMAN W. OHME ("Herm" to his many friends) was born in Alexander City, Alabama on March 31, 1907 to Bruno Max and Sue Moon Ohme. The only boy in a family of five girls, he early acquired those qualities of responsibility and leadership, upheld by a strong bond of family loyalty and affection, which impressed all who knew him. His warm personality and good sportsmanship were reflected in the high popularity that followed him through his school days and into his successful Army career. As a youngster he was tremendously interested in the Boy Scouts, and he achieved the honor of Eagle Scout. He was captain of his high school varsity football team and president of his class, a first-rate student as well as top-ranking athletic man. He was appointed to West Point in 1926. Although when he reached the Point Herm immediately went out for football practice, his hopes of making the team had to be shelved because of an injury incurred during training. He was graduated from the Academy with the Class of 1930, and was given his first assignment at Fort Benning, Georgia. In 1933 he was sent to the Philippines for a tour of duty and was assigned to Fort McKinley. It was while there that he met and married Martha Charlton Field, daughter of Colonel Edgar Lee Field of the In-

spector General's Department. During the following years he served variously at Fort Screven, Georgia, San Antonio, Texas, and other stations.

At the outbreak of war Herm attended the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and was immediately given an overseas assignment, leaving the States on December 1, 1943.

In the Mediterranean area he served first in Libya and then with the 85th Infantry in Italy, where his courage and skill earned for him the Bronze Star and duty in G-3 on General Mark Clark's staff. He served in this capacity for three months, and on October 3, 1944 was given command of the Third Battalion, 351st Regiment, 88th Infantry, under Brigadier General Paul W. Kendall.

Herm took command of his front-line battalion during some of the bitterest days of the long and fierce Italian campaign. The Germans were heavily entrenched in the hills around Florence, and Herm's battalion was ordered to attack and clean them out. He was later posthumously awarded the Silver Star for his brilliant and aggressive leadership during the few days leading up to his death in action.

The citation speaks for itself:

"Although entirely unfamiliar with his officers and men, Colonel Ohme immediately began to display his aggressive leadership, ability, and tenacity of purpose that will seldom be equaled. Finding his battalion held up by heavy machine gun fire and snipers, and a relentless artillery and mortar barrage, Colonel Ohme at once took steps to move the battalion to its objective. So thorough was his planning, so aggressive his tactics and so inspiring his leadership that a short time later the battalion seized its objective.

"Again on October 11, 1944, the outstanding and heroic leadership of Colonel Ohme was exhibited. Ordered to take a certain town, the Third Battalion was fighting bitterly against fanatical enemy resistance. Colonel Ohme, from an exposed observation post, directed artillery and tank fire. Inspired by the example of their gallant commander, the battalion succeeded in crushing this resistance and taking the town and high ground beyond. Colonel Ohme immediately set up his command post on high ground where he had excellent observation of the enemy and could direct tank and artillery fire. Although continually under artillery fire, self-propelled gun and mortar fire in this position, Colonel Ohme realized the importance of the fire he was directing. At great risk, he remained in the position until four of his men had been killed at his side. Only then did he move to a new location and once again began directing fire from the edge of his fox hole. Devotedly engaged in this action, an enemy artillery shell made a direct hit and killed Colonel Ohme instantly. The gallantry and devotion to duty that Colonel Ohme displayed injected new life into his battle-weary officers and men and quickly won their admiration and esteem. Although his combat activities were short-lived, his bold and gallant determination to annihilate the enemy reflects honor on our armed forces, and is a credit to his memory"

One of his closest friends, writing to his wife afterwards, said: "He went out just as he would have wanted it—in battle, with his first love, the Infantry. He was about the best soldier I have ever known. He always told me he wanted to command a battalion in combat, and we both always said we wanted to go fighting."

Herm was buried near where he died at Castel Fiorentino, south of Florence.

He died, as all who had known Herm knew he would, with honor, courage, and single-minded devotion to the country he loved and served. To the fine traits of soldiering which he brought to his chosen profession there were, however, qualities of manhood which made him stand out as a human being of exceptional stature. All who ever had the privilege of knowing Herman felt him to be a person of sincerity, honesty, forthrightness, and moral strength; his chaplain wrote of him, "Knowing Herman was one of the good things in my life" To Her-



man life was a serious challenge and and success in it not to be bought lightly. A few weeks before he died he wrote a letter to his two small sons. As if he may have had a presentiment that he would not be around to help guide them through their young years, he wrote out for them a small testament of his philosophy and a guide of conduct which in its way must rank with the finest and most inspiring messages ever left behind by a father to his sons. It also epitomizes the ideals by which Herm himself lived. As a heritage to his sons it should serve them as a deep source of strength and pride. "Remember, you are looking for a happy and worthwhile life", he said, in ending. "But knowing you both, I am sure you can only be happy if your conscience is clear and you love, and are loved and respected by, other people. With your basic qualities of fine personality, good minds and bodies, life will not be difficult for you. When you need a helping hand and understanding, you have your dad to call upon as your friend". No father ever gave his sons a finer gift through his parting words and the monument of his own heroic life.

—His Sister.

Robert Douglass Glassburn

NO. 9400 CLASS OF 1932

Died January 30, 1945, while a prisoner of war in Moji, Kyushu, Japan, aged 34 years.

ROBERT DOUGLASS GLASSBURN was born September 26, 1910 at Fort Terry, New York, the son of (then) First Lieutenant Robert P. Glassburn, Class of 1907, and of Nancy Moore Glassburn.

In June, 1934, Bob married Zelda, daughter of Captain Daniel and Maude Eggleston, of Cristobal, Canal Zone. They had two children, Constance and Paul.

Almost from birth Bob displayed the gaiety of spirit that stood by him and distinguished him through the terrible months on Corregidor, and later, through the long Gethsemane of 32 months of torture, starvation and humiliation of spirit at the hands of his bestial Japanese captors.

Until he entered the Academy Bob's life was the nomadic one of every Army son. His curiosity about all that went on around him was tireless. Of any subject that interested him he could not learn too much. At West Point the Librarian commented that he was the most indefatigable reader and best read man in the Corps.

He carried the same passion for accurate knowledge into his work as an officer; and into his hobbies, outdoor life and photography. His compassion for the helpless was such that, from early boyhood, he was usually nursing some stricken creature of the woods or field. His love of them was a particular expression of his most notable characteristic, a flaming passion for justice, so that the bent brows of the mighty held no terrors for him when he felt that anyone, however humble, in his command was the object of unfair treatment. He never failed to fight for the men and officers under him.

Bob was a stimulating, happy, generous friend. He had the fresh enthusiasm of a child for new facts, new places and new experiences. Life and the world were full of surprises and excitement for him and he had the rare gift of being able to communicate his enthusiasm to those around him. He loved people and laughed at the stuffed shirt. It was what one was that won his allegiance or his opposition, not what one pretended to be.

A young Lieutenant of his Battery, and the sole surviving officer of his command, upon learning of his death wrote:

"Bob was as good an officer as I ever hope to serve under. There wasn't a man who served under him who did not think he was tops. I have been told many times before and after the surrender by men in our Battery that they would have gladly died for him. He was the most just man I have ever known in the Army. He treated me like a brother and taught me most of what I know about the Army. If he were living now and I should remain in the Service, I would follow him all over this country to try to serve under him. Of the many things he had on

his mind constantly the two main ones were, first his duty and then his family. Not once did I see him even slightly act as if he was afraid. He was a very brave man. He was as cool and calm and businesslike during our action periods as it is possible to be. He carried a picture of his wife and two children in his left shirt pocket at all times. When, during an action, we would cease firing and take cover, he would pull out that picture and continue looking at it until the apparent danger was over. No one ever questioned him about this action, but I always had in mind that if he was killed he wanted the thought and sight of his family on his mind. He would slowly replace the picture when the danger was over and would say 'well, I guess that is all'."

This same officer, writing of their weeks of torture on the hell ships enroute to Japan, related:

"On our second boat Bob worked on a detail carrying the bodies of men (killed when the ship was hit in Formosa) ashore to be cremated. For this he managed to get some extra rice and water. A few times he would be very tired at the end of the day and would not be able to eat all his food. This he would give to me. I shall never forget this and many other things he did for me"

On August 3, 1946 Major General John L. Homer pinned on Bob's nine year old son, Paul, the Silver Star, awarded posthumously with the following citation:

"For gallantry in action. From 29 December, 1941, to 6 May, 1942, Major Glassburn commanded Battery 'F' of his Regiment at Fort Mills, Philippine Islands. During the above period combat conditions were practically continuous and frequently severe. Due to limitations of anti-aircraft armament, enemy planes were able to release their loads before coming within effective range of gun fire. Habitually, also enemy artillery opened fire on an anti-aircraft battery whenever attacking planes approached its maximum range. Consequently, in order to attack planes, batteries were often compelled to execute their fire under a barrage and while bombs were descending. On all such occasions Major Glassburn remained in the open at his battery position, assisting and directing his men. By his calmness and courageous behavior in action and disregard for personal safety he inspired them to stand by their guns and concentrate on their duties. By his daring and gallant conduct under fire, Major Glassburn reflected great credit upon himself and the military service"

Bob died of the combined effects of long starvation, exposure and an infected wound, at Moji, Kyushu, Japan, on January 30, 1945, in the arms of a friend, and a gallant Marine, Lieutenant Colonel James W. Keene, Marine Corps, whose command had been under Bob's tactical control throughout the fighting on Corregidor. Colonel Keene wrote:

"The dive bombers came once more and when they left more than 250 Americans lay dead. Nothing was touched for two days. Then the Japanese began moving the bodies ashore

for burial. I was detailed to lead the working party. Bob volunteered to go along as a worker to help bury his comrades and friends. It was while doing this work that he picked up the infection that was to cause his death.

"Back on board the third ship Bob's foot kept getting worse. There was almost no food and little water. We managed to get a few sulfa drugs for him. Finally we arrived at Moji. The following day, in sub-freezing weather, we were ordered to disembark. The Japs refused to give the men who could not walk up to the deck warm clothing.

"I was busily engaged in assisting the weaker and crippled off the ship and into the shelter of an auditorium of some sort near the pier. I picked Bob up and started toward this building with him. He talked and seemed in no immediate danger. However, in crossing the street he passed out and within a few seconds his heart action had stopped.



"So you can tell your grandchildren that their Father was an officer, a gentleman, and as fine a soldier as ever wore a U.S.M.A. ring".

So he died, not in the tumult of battle as he would have chosen, but no less gloriously. Thirty-three months of heat and thirst, cold and hunger, mental and physical torture, of pain of wounds, and Japanese bestiality, never broke his will nor dimmed his spirit. To the end, as related by those with him, he held up the spirits of the discouraged and helpless by his own unshakable refusal to give way to despair.

Death took him. It never conquered him. —His Father.

Charles F. Harrison, Jr.

NO. 9802 CLASS OF 1933

Killed by the Japanese on May 31, 1944, while a prisoner of war, in the Philippine Islands, aged 33 years.

MAJOR CHARLES FAUNTLEROY HARRISON, JR. was born in Leesburg, Virginia on September 28, 1910, the son of Charles Fauntleroy and Mary Fendall Harrison. He was ed-

ucated at the Leesburg High School, Stuyvesant School in Warrenton, and V.M.I., and was graduated from the U.S.M.A. in 1933. For five years Major Harrison was stationed at Fort Clark, Texas—with the 5th Cavalry—and while there was sent three summers to Camp Perry in Ohio to represent the 5th Cavalry in the Rifle and Pistol Matches. He won many medals—among them the Distinguished Pistol Badge—which is the highest honor the Army gives a pistol marksman.

In 1939 he was transferred to the Chemical Warfare Department and stationed at Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland, where he served until June, 1941, when he went to the Philippines. From December 7th he fought on Bataan until the surrender in April—when he was taken prisoner and kept in Cabanatuan, O'Donnell, and Davao Prison Camps. On May 31, 1944, he attempted to escape, was overpowered and taken to a Japanese guard house, where he was killed by the prison authorities.

The following are letters received from two of his friends—fellow prisoners of war in the Philippines. The first is from Major L. G. Miles:

"Charlie and I went to the Philippines on the same transport, the *President Pierce*. A few of us started to have our nightly poker games and that is where Charlie and I became very good friends. Charlie was at that time a Captain and I was a First Lieutenant who had been on active duty for about a year.

"On landing in Manila Charlie was stationed at Ft. Santiago and lived in downtown Manila, just off of Dewey Blvd. in an apartment over the Paris Restaurant. He also bought a Packard automobile, about a block long and it made about 3 miles to the gallon of gas. Vintage of about '28. Charlie and I also had a mutual interest in flying. We rented a plane from Nichols Field about 10 days before the war and went flying over Mindoro. That afternoon when we got back I borrowed Charlie's movie camera and took some movies that week and mailed them out, but they never got home.

"When the war broke Charlie was given the command of the 12th Sep. Chemical Co., promoted to Major and assigned to the headquarters of the Philippine Division. In Bataan Charlie was with the 2nd Corps and I was with the 1st Corps so I saw Charlie only once. At that time he was carrying a tommy-gun, his pearl-handled pistol and about 6 hand grenades. It seemed that his command had been dissolved and Charlie was on his own, and his own was to visit the front lines and indulge in the sport of killing Japs. I later heard quite a few stories about Charlie. He certainly got his share of Japs.

"When Bataan surrendered Charlie didn't, he took to the hills to carry on a one man war. On his second night out he crawled in a panay-stack (rice straw) to sleep. The next morning he was awakened by the boot of a Jap soldier and looked up to see four Jap rifles looking down at him. Charlie was trussed up and taken to Billibid in Manila and a few days later was at Camp O'Donnell where we were in the same barracks.

"The story of O'Donnell and those first few months at Cabanatuan can't be told here, Mr. Harrison, I lack the command of written (and spoken) English to tell it. But I guess you have read newspaper accounts, Charlie and I were moved to Cabanatuan about the 1st week in June, 1942. One time when I had had several attacks of malaria Charlie gave me a can of Chinese B-1 Compound. Heaven only knows where he got it, but it was priceless. Finally the day came late in October when a detail was leaving camp. Charlie figured that anything was better than Cabanatuan so he volunteered to go. I was too weak from malaria to go anywhere. I remember quite well Charlie's last handshake and last goodbye. The rest is the story I got from the boys when they returned from Davao in June of '44. Charlie and two others had planned to escape. Charlie was to knock out the guard in the rope room, one of the others to get the guard at the door and the third fellow



Headquarters of that Division as Division Chemical Officer and withdrew with it to Bataan on 11 December 1941. He served in this capacity until the surrender of Bataan on 9 April 1942. Charley did not surrender to the Japanese with his Headquarters but withdrew into the hills of Central Bataan with an American enlisted man where he remained for four or five days until he was picked up by a Japanese patrol. He then marched to San Fernando, Pampanga, from where he was transferred to O'Donnell Prison Camp on or about 24 May 1942. He remained there for several weeks, and then volunteered to take charge of a group of American enlisted men who were sent out on a work detail to Bataan. This was a job that was not sought for as many of the men on former details to various parts of Luzon were being returned to O'Donnell suffering from the effects of malaria and malnutrition. Charley subsequently returned from this detail to Cabanatuan Prison Camp, where he remained until October of 1942, when he was transferred with a group of prisoners to Mindanao.

"Charley will always be remembered for his love for the Army, his loyalty to duty, his courage, his self-sacrifice and his generosity to others in times of adversity".

"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them."

John James Phelan

NO. 10541 CLASS OF 1936

Killed in Action, April 15, 1945, in Italy, aged 30 years.

tory school at Fordham Prep. His father, the late Major General John J. Phelan, had been active in the National Guard for many years and it was the dream of his life that his only son select the Army as his career. Much to his satisfaction and joy, Jack entered West Point after one year at Columbia University. He apparently made the grade without too much effort because he was a good student if sufficiently interested, and easy going and adaptable by nature. History was his great enthusiasm, but little did he think that he would one day be helping make it. He enjoyed a considerable amount of athletic success in football, lacrosse and wrestling, winning major awards in these sports. He was always popular with his classmates because of his keen sense of humor, enjoying life so completely that he was bound to attract a host of friends.

Col. Clinton (Casey) Vincent, his roommate at West Point, writes reminiscently, "As a cadet, Jack was a



carry the food and water. At the agreed time Charlie attacked and knocked out his guard. The second fellow did not attack his guard so Charlie was committed and trapped even before he started. Charlie was overpowered and taken to Jap headquarters. The next morning it was announced by Jap headquarters that Charlie was killed while trying to escape. This happened in March or April of '44, I can't remember. When the story was told to me I wasn't paying too much attention to details. My mind was struggling with the fact I'd never see Charlie again"

The second is from Col. W. A. Orr—Class of 1938—U.S. Military Academy:

"Major Charles F. Harrison, Jr., and I were in the same headquarters from the beginning of hostilities on 7 December 1941 until the surrender of Bataan on 9 April 1942. We were together in O'Donnell and Cabanatuan Prison Camps until October of 1942. The following is a biography of him between 7 December 1941 until October of 1942.

"Prior to 7 December 1941, Charley was stationed at Fort William McKinley, P. I. in command of the 12th Separate Chemical Co. assigned to the Philippine Division (P. I.). On the outbreak of war he was assigned to

To have lived but thirty years and to have accomplished much is truly a noble life. Jack, as we all knew him, was killed three months before his 31st birthday, but his military career was glorious and complete. He died in the final drive in Italy after capturing an important objective and helping to open the road to Genoa. The Army awarded him the Legion of Merit and another Oak Leaf Cluster to his Silver Star, but the highest tribute came from his Colonel (R. G. Sherman), who wrote that his death occurred when "he was leading a battalion through a particularly difficult place, and he was one of the few officers I know who could have done so successfully. By doing so he saved many many lives of the soldiers of that battalion. If any man ever died saving the lives of others Jack most certainly did. There are no words of mine which can express the admiration and love I felt for him". These words are truly the answer to a prayer, since Jack's farewell to his wife was this admonition, "Don't pray so much that I'll come back, but rather that I won't be responsible for the loss of the life of a man under my command, through any error of mine".

Jack Phelan was born and raised in New York City and attended prepara-

pleasant combination of student, athlete, and wit. Without seeming effort he retained his place well in the upper fourth of the class and never had to worry about 'turn-outs'. He had an unhappy faculty of not doing small things just as the Tac Department liked, and as a result, spent a few too many hours 'walking the area', but his Irish sense of humor took this in its stride.

"He was loved and respected by all his classmates. If one were asked, after these ten years, what he remembered best about Jack, I'm sure the answer would be his sharp sense of humor and quick repartee. He enlivened every meeting he attended, seemingly always able to say just the right thing in just the right tone for the particular situation. He was always the center of any 'B.S.' session.

"It's hard to put Jack Phelan on paper. He was much too real a guy to reduce to the written word and do anywhere near justice to him. I roomed with him for three and one-half years and during that time I came to love him more than I could love a brother. We were more than brothers, sharing triumphs and sorrows, studying and playing. It's hard to believe he's gone—even after these

two years since his death I can't quite reconcile his loss. There must be—I have to believe—that some higher purpose has been satisfied by his being taken. And I say to him, 'So long and Well Done!'"

Following his graduation Jack's first tour of duty took him only a ferry's ride from his home and that was to Governors Island. While stationed there he married Eunice Howley and what a team they made—both with a great zest for living and perfectly complementing each other's personalities. Two children, Lani and Johnny, were born to them during their Army tours in Hawaii and Texas. Their final home was in Arizona where Jack was Executive Officer of the 370th Regiment—92nd Infantry Division—which was composed of colored troops. For his work with this unit, he was commended for superior performance of duty and awarded the Army Commendation Ribbon.

While on maneuvers in Louisiana in March 1944, Jack was ordered overseas to join the 34th Division at Anzio. He went into combat as a battalion commander of the 135th Infantry Regiment and fought with distinction from that bloody beach up to Livorno, where he was wounded in July of the same year. His family read with pride of Jack's exploits and brilliant leadership. He won the Silver Star for his heroic actions in the vicinity of Camporata in May, and commanded the troops that captured Viterbo on June 9th. He led a successful assault on Monte Maggiere the following month, and this was a key point in the Nazi defenses of Livorno. He received leg wounds in this attack but "refused evacuation until his battalion had secured its positions" (Major General Charles Bolte). He was awarded a Bronze Star Medal for his intrepid devotion to duty and outstanding leadership in this engagement.

After recuperating from his injuries Jack was assigned to the Allied Command Headquarters in Naples. But this comparatively safe job was of very short duration, because he was ordered to rejoin his old division—the 92nd. It had now gone into combat in Italy and was in need of experienced officers.

Typical of Jack was the comment he made on the change in his fortunes. He wrote that he would have felt "guilty as hell" if he had kept the job in Naples, since it even required dress shoes. He was truly one officer who wore his combat boots constantly and well. They, better than anything else, signified Jack's role as a real leader of men, one who never expected his troops to go anywhere or do anything that he himself wouldn't undertake.

So in September of 1944 Jack was back in his old job as Executive Officer of the 370th Regiment—92nd Division—. His Commanding Officer, Col. R. G. Sherman wrote that "he grew up with this regiment, handled about every job in it, and commanded it several times during our fighting in Italy, and I can definitely state that he was responsible for many of the better things the regiment has done. He was a vital part of the whole unit, a real man's leader and admired and genuinely loved by every one in the unit".

During the next few months, when the campaign in Italy was described as a "holding operation", Jack seems to have been quite busy. He commanded a task force that "successfully attacked and secured a strongly held enemy position on the south slope of Mt. Cavala. During the attack an infantry battalion became badly disorganized due to intense artillery fire, which caused many casualties in officers and enlisted men, including the battalion commander. Lt. Col. Phelan by his aggressive leadership and personal courage reorganized the battalion under fire and continued the attack to its successful conclusion"

Jack was awarded an Oak Leaf Cluster to his Silver Star for gallantry in action on December 27, 1944. He "received word at the C.P. that the entire regimental right sector was in imminent danger of collapse under repeated and deadly determined hostile attacks. Lt. Col. Phelan immediately proceeded to the sector and under a continuous barrage of all enemy arms, he regrouped the troops in a new defensive line, establishing a defense which held. During this activity he was at all times under direct or partial observation of the enemy and in constant threat from enemy artillery, mortars and small arms. The bold leadership, and decisive action exhibited by Lt. Col. Phelan inspired both the officers and men with the offensive spirit necessary to successfully check the enemy" (Major General C. M. Almond)

Jack truly had the warrior strain because his letters in the spring of 1945 were bursting with hidden excitement and anticipation. He knew that the all out offensive to drive the Germans from Italy had been planned, and he was rarin' to go. When he was needed by the 473rd Infantry Regiment for a crucial operation, he gladly accepted the dangerous job of battalion commander. With victory in sight, he willingly and enthusiastically took on one more tough assignment. And this final sacrifice cost him his life. He was killed by a direct hit from a German shell just south of the city of Carrara on April 15th—just two weeks before the end of hostilities.

Despite the tragedy of his death Jack must have enjoyed a soldier's reward for a job well done. He experienced the thrill of winning his final objective and knew that victory was within our grasp. From the church of St. Lucia where he died, it became very obvious that the Germans had little left. Their positions to the sea were now exposed, and their collapse was imminent. So we like to feel that Jack had that final satisfaction and happiness of knowing that he had contributed to the utmost in our hour of victory.

Posthumously he was decorated for his last brave deed with a second Oak Leaf Cluster to his Silver Star. The citation that accompanied this award lauds him for gallantry in action. "Assuming command of an infantry battalion which had already been committed to action, Lt. Col. Phelan, although with the unit only a short period of time, by personal example, initiative, and unflagging energy maintained a

high state of morale and fighting spirit in his organization. Moving from company to company in the face of heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire, and often under direct enemy observation, he personally directed the movement and reorganization of positions when it was necessary to clear a hill of a bitterly defended strong point, which threw a hail of fire on the advancing troops. Lt. Col. Phelan immediately organized and dispatched two patrols. The entire operation was under direct enemy observation. Before the assault was completed, Lt. Col. Phelan was killed by an enemy artillery shell. By his sound judgment, keen foresight and devotion to duty, Lt. Col. Phelan contributed immeasurably to the successful accomplishment of the mission. His personal courage, practical skill and calm resolution served as an inspiration to the officers and men of his command and was in keeping with the highest traditions of the U.S. Army".

Jack was admired, respected and loved by all his superior officers and their letters to his family at the time of his death showed how deep was their regard for him. Brig. Gen. Joseph Wood (Asst. Div. Comdr. of the 92nd) wrote that "you undoubtedly know that we consider Jack the outstanding character of the division. When we got in a jam here early, after going into battle, we had to send for Jack. He plugged a gap then as he did so many times later. Of course he was on the point of receiving promotion and all the honors we could give him. One just can't understand the strange working of Fate. He lived a full life in a few years. He did far more in his twenties than most get done in four times that age"

The Army's final tribute to Jack was the award of the Legion of Merit, which cited him "For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in Italy from 11 September, 1944 to 15 April, 1945. From the day he assumed his duties as Executive Officer with the 370th Combat Team until he was killed in action, 15 April 1945, Lieutenant Colonel Phelan's services were characterized by boldness, skill, and personal courage. Many times he voluntarily took command of hazardous operations and supervised them to a successful end. His extraordinary combat knowledge, personal force and resourcefulness were a constant inspiration to all troops. Because of his exceptional qualifications, Lt. Col. Phelan was repeatedly used outside his usual sphere to command special task forces. Apparently oblivious to hours, effort, or hazards involved, he continually visited frontline units, aiding and assisting officers and men with less combat experience. On many of these visits, he reorganized units from exposed positions with total disregard for his life. On 11 April 1945, when elements of an attached regiment were disorganized near Massa in the initial phases of the final offensive, he was placed in command of a battalion. The situation was serious; its success or failure affected the final operations in the Ligurian sector. By personal example and heroic determination, he inspired the unit to resume an advance which opened the way for the drive to Genoa, and during

this engagement was killed while directing the attack. Lt. Col. Phelan's tireless gallantry and outstanding devotion to duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Army of the United States"

We, who miss him so, have for our consolation much more than the warm words of praise Jack received in his official commendations and citations. The priest who said his Requiem Mass offered comfort in these words: "Surely we can confidently hope that God who forgets not a cup of cold water given in His name will abundantly reward one who heroically evidenced the love greater than which no man hath—that a man lay down his life for his friends"

The great commandment of love also implies a promise of reward for those who give their all for God and country. Jack Phelan's life was short but rich in accomplishment. And he died gloriously, courageously and self-sacrificingly—as he would have wanted to die. It was ironic but fitting, perhaps, that he was killed at his post in the church of St. Lucia. Being an intensely religious man, he would have preferred that, too.

In all that, we have found resignation and solace.

—Helen Phelan Mara.

Amzi Rudolph Quillian

NO. 10808 CLASS OF 1937

Died August 4, 1944, of wounds received in action in France, aged 32 years.

In a little country church-yard in Hall County, among the hills of Northeast Georgia, stands a block of granite with the simple inscription, "Lieutenant Amzi Rudolph Quillian, Gentleman and Soldier. Born September 12, 1911—Died August 4, 1944"

Rudolph's broken body, with those of thousands of his comrades, lies in the American Cemetery at Ste. Mere Eglise in Normandy, but his spirit is here—in the rolling red hills among which he grew up, in the blue mountains he loved, and in the little Methodist Church which he joined at an early age. His memory is indelibly stamped on the minds and hearts of those who knew and loved him, as man and boy here in North Georgia and in the service of his country.

He was born in the home where his father and grandfather lived and died. His boyhood was like that of many other country boys. He attended local schools, in summer worked on the farms, went fishing and swimming and in the proper seasons hunting, growing up strong and active. After finishing High School he entered North Georgia College at Dahlonega, from which he graduated in 1933 with a B.S. degree. He was a good, if not a brilliant student, taking great interest in all student and college activities. He was three times president of his class, twice commander of Kappa chapter of Sigma Nu, (one of the oldest chapters of that fraternity), Captain of his R.O.T.C. Company and a member of various athletic teams.

It was during college days that the qualities began to appear which would later make him a trusted, courageous, resourceful leader and commander. His fellow students liked and respected him, and instinctively recognizing his innate fairness and integrity and his keen common sense, turned to him for leadership in many activities.

From boyhood Rudy had a consuming interest in things Military. One great-grandfather and both his grandfathers were officers in the Confederate Army. His great-uncle, Gus Boyd, was a captain in the C.S.A. at the age of 19 and gave his life at the battle of Baker's Creek, Mississippi. Rudy often visited a monument to the memory of this youthful hero, which stands near the Campus of North Georgia College.

When upon graduation from college an appointment to the Military Academy was available to him, he accepted it almost as a matter fore-ordained. He was admitted in July, 1933. His four



years passed without special incident. He was old enough to realize the great privilege which was his, and the responsibility to develop himself so as to be of the greatest possible service when the time should arrive. He was a member of the Honor Committee, and at graduation ranked well up in his class, choosing Infantry (Tanks) as his branch of the Service. He was assigned to the 66th Infantry (Light Tanks) at Fort Benning, with which regiment he was to serve his entire career and meet a soldier's death in battle.

On June 15, 1940 he was married to Eva Mae Ansley of Birmingham, Alabama. To them on February 14, 1943, a daughter, Sally Ansley, was born, but he was never to see her. (Mrs. Quillian and Sally now reside in Columbus, Georgia.)

Rudy served in various company and battalion duties in the 66th, was promoted to Captain in the fall of 1940 and to Major in February, 1942. He participated in the extensive maneuvers of that period, first as a company commander and later as adjutant of the regiment. In the meantime the regiment was assigned to the 2nd Armored Division and was re-designated the "66th Armored Regiment". In August he became Regimental Execu-

tive Officer while the Regiment and Division were in the Carolina Maneuver Area. A short time later, November 24, 1942, he was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel.

In December 1942 the regiment and Division moved to Fort Dix, thence via the New York Port of Embarkation to Casablanca, French Morocco, where it landed on Christmas Day. The first duty on foreign soil was to function as a security screen and guard for the border of Spanish Morocco, while at the same time continuing active and intensive training.

On the 31st day of January 1943 Lieutenant Colonel Quillian was assigned to command the 3rd battalion of the regiment and three months later led it on the long march across North Africa to Algeria. Upon arrival in the Mostaganem area, amphibious training began. Upon conclusion of this training the Division moved to Bizerte, preparatory to the invasion of Sicily. With elements of the 3rd Infantry Division and as part of the assault wave, the Battalion made the landing on Sicily at Licata. Following the landing the Battalion continued to support the assault wave until the remainder of the Combat Command moved ashore, when it rejoined to continue inland, driving to Nara and Canicatti. It was at Canicatti that Rudy earned the Silver Star Citation for gallantry in action:

"Lieutenant Colonel Amzi Rudolph Quillian O-20640, 66th Armored Regiment, United States Army, for gallantry in action. At about 1500B 14 July 1943 near the town of Canicatti, Sicily, Lieutenant Colonel Quillian, unable to move by vehicle, went forward dismounted, between friendly and enemy machine gun fire, to coordinate the action of two columns, and drove the enemy out of the high ground they occupied. Again at about 1700B, Lieutenant Colonel Quillian, unable to move by vehicle from his position, dismounted and went forward in the face of heavy enemy rifle and machine gun fire. While on foot under this enemy fire, he rallied stray Tanks together and personally led them in a successful attack on the enemy occupied ridge northeast of Canicatti which was holding up the advance of the command. By his heroic actions, Lieutenant Colonel Quillian set an example of brilliant leadership, calm courage and devotion to duty. Such coolness and disregard for personal safety over and above the call of duty in the face of the enemy reflect great credit upon himself and were in accordance with the highest traditions of the Armed Forces. * * *

Canicatti fell, and the 66th, as part of Combat Command "A", raced across Sicily to Palermo, cutting the Island in half.

Since the 2nd Armored was to be used in the invasion of Normandy, it was held at Palermo on occupation duty while other units continued the fight for the rest of the Island. Rudy's battalion was delegated an area of occupation near Palermo. In November of 1943 it embarked for Scotland and moved at once by train from there to Tidworth Barracks near Salisbury, England. In this area, training for the invasion of the continent began in

earnest. For outstanding accomplishments during the training of his battalion during the period, Rudy was awarded the Bronze Star Medal.

In this critical invasion, the 2nd Armored began landing on Utah Beach on "D" plus six days and assembled at once near the Forest of Cerisy. After various skirmishes and periods of quiet, the battalion was withdrawn preparatory to taking part in what proved to be one of the most important operations of the War—the breakthrough at St. Lo. It was to lead one prong of the attack.

After delays due to weather, the move was made to the break-through area on July 26th. At daybreak the following morning the attack began. The 3rd Battalion led the left column of Combat Command "A". Rudy's bold leadership enabled it to surmount all obstacles. It pressed on all day, reaching its object near Le Mesnil Herman at about 2:30 in the morning of July 27th. The attack continued on the 27th and into the following night, reaching the area of Villebaudon. It was here, late at night following a conference at the Command Post of the Combat Command, that Rudy, caught without warning between the fire of our own troops and that of a German raiding party, was mortally wounded. Although promptly treated and evacuated, he died as a result of the wounds on August 4th, 1944.

The following, written or spoken by his commanders, comrades and subordinates are fitting epitaphs:

General George S. Patton, in a letter to Rudy's mother dated September 10, 1944: "* * * (he) exemplified in his living and in his dying, the highest precepts of the U.S. Army and of the U.S. Military Academy".

Captain Norris H. Perkins, a company commander in the 66th Armored Regiment, in a letter dated September 3rd, 1944: "It was not to be expected that one so aggressive, self denying, and so true a leader in battle, could go unscathed".

Brigadier General John H. Collier, in a biographical sketch sent to Rudy's mother: "An officer who by diligent exercise of his gifts of leadership, firm determination, and brilliant tactical skill, dominated his officers and men. His inspiring leadership was an extremely vital contribution to the many victorious achievements of his Battalion".

And last but by no means least, these words to his own mother by T/5 Frank Fleeman, Rudy's jeep driver, and thence by letter to Rudy's mother: "* * * everything a man and a soldier should be."

Harold Bell Wright

NO. 10785 CLASS OF 1937

Killed September 7, 1943, in the crash of a transport plane at Accra, British West Africa, aged 30 years.

In August 1943 Hal was given the assignment which was the realization of his hopes and dreams as a fighter pilot, the command of a Fighter Group. At the threshold of achieve-

ment fate robbed him of his great opportunity, and the Army lost one of its most able young officers. He had just been relieved as A-2 of the 10th Air Force at New Delhi, India, when a request came from Washington for two Intelligence Officers to attend a conference there. It was enroute to this conference that he was killed in the crash of a transport plane at Accra, British West Africa, on September 7, 1943.

Harold Bell Wright was born in Calvin, Oklahoma on July 1, 1913, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Cameron Wright. From early boyhood his interest in airplanes and flying, and his ambition to attend West Point, led him constantly and surely toward his career as an officer in the U.S.A.A.F. He attended elementary school and high school in Calvin. After graduation there he spent one year at the Oklahoma Military Academy, where his exemplary conduct and high scholastic record won him the esteem of the faculty and his classmates. He then at-



tended the University of Oklahoma for one year and worked one year before being admitted to the Academy in July, 1933 by appointment of Congressman Tom. D. McKeown.

"The Injun", as he was called by his classmates because of his dark skin and his home state, wasn't a file boner, but on graduation he was proud to be commissioned in the Corps of Engineers.

On graduation day he was married in the Episcopal Church at Tomkins Cove, New York, to Mary Frances Musser, also of Calvin, Okla.

Having passed the Air Corps examinations, he reported in September, 1937 for training at Randolph Field, Texas and received his "Wings" at Kelly Field, Texas, in October 1938. His first tactical duty was at Barksdale Field, Louisiana, with the 20th Pursuit Group where he served until November 1939, when the entire Group was moved to Moffett Field, Calif. There the 20th Group was split in order to form the 35th Pursuit Group, to which Hal was assigned. In September 1940 the two groups were moved to Hamilton Field, California, where Hal remained until his assignment overseas in December, 1941. Ten days after Pearl Harbor he was promoted to

Major, within three months to Lieutenant Colonel, and in January, 1943, to Colonel at the age of 29.

Hal was in a convoy bound for Java in February, 1942, when that area was abandoned, and the convoy proceeded to India, being the first contingent of American forces to land at Karachi. Shortly thereafter he was sent to New Delhi as Assistant Intelligence Officer on the Staff of the Commander of the 10th Air Force. Within a few months he was put in charge of the A-2 Section and served in that capacity until his coveted assignment to combat duty was granted in August, 1943.

Major General Clayton Blissell, Commander of the 10th Air Force, and who afterward was Chief of Army Intelligence, wrote the following commendation, dated August 18, 1943:

"It is desired to commend Colonel Wright for the outstanding performance of his duties as A-2, Tenth Air Force. Starting from nothing he has developed the A-2 Section into one of the best units of its type in the United States Air Forces.

"In addition to securing and disseminating all information necessary for successful combat operations, Colonel Wright has developed one of the best air war rooms in the world. He has maintained a broad perspective and an intimate knowledge of operations, supply and administration. He is a first-class officer who has equally great ability as a staff officer and a combat leader".

The Legion of Merit was awarded to him posthumously.

Hal's energy and intelligence in application to his duty was unquestioned by all with whom he served. His cheerful disposition and gay, magnetic personality made him a social favorite everywhere he went. His loyalty, integrity and magnanimous spirit made him many sincere and devoted friends to whom his death came as a great personal loss.

He is survived by his father, L. C. Wright; his stepmother, Beatrice Wright; his stepbrother, Shirley Wright; and his wife, Mary Wright.

—M. W.

Joseph Rhett Barker, II

NO. 11137 CLASS OF 1938

Killed November 1, 1943, by the Japanese while a prisoner of war, near Manila, Philippine Islands, aged 28 years.

JOSEPH RHETT BARKER, II was born in Birmingham, April 27, 1915. He was christened by Dr. Edmonds on the last Sunday before the founding of the Independent Presbyterian Church. He was received into its membership on the occasion of the dedication of the new church building, at the age of twelve.

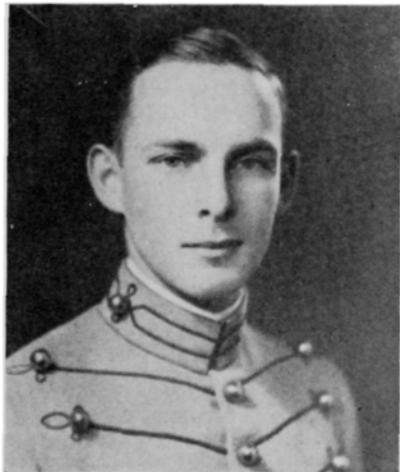
School and college preparatory work was done at Birmingham University School, where he was graduated in 1932. As a boy he was passionately fond of horses and this fondness perhaps led him to join the Birmingham Sabres, Cavalry Unit of the Alabama National Guard. While in the Guard he served as General Persons' orderly

on several tours of strike duty in the Birmingham District. A statewide competitive examination sent him as the representative of the Alabama National Guard to the United States Military Academy at West Point, where he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant of Cavalry in the United States Army in 1938.

His first assignment was the Philippines. He served with Philippine Scouts in the now famous 26th Cavalry Regiment for two and a half years before Pearl Harbor. He came to like the country and the people, learned the native languages, and delved into the history of the Islands and made collections of the ceramic relics of the early Chinese settlements there. In his leisure time, he played polo and participated in the social life in Manila.

By the Spring of 1941, the war clouds had already begun to gather in the Pacific. Preparations for defense went forward steadily throughout the year until the blow finally fell in December. The story of the heroic fight against overwhelmingly superior forces and equipment, through Bataan and Corregidor, to the bitter end, is known to all the world.

After Bataan he did not surrender, but went back into his familiar mountains and gradually worked his way through the Japanese lines to join Colonel Thorpe, who had been commissioned by General MacArthur to begin the organization of guerrillas, even before the surrender of the American forces. Barker became Thorpe's Executive Officer and succeeded him in command shortly thereafter upon Thorpe's capture by the Japanese. He continued an aggressive and widespread campaign of organization



through the Central Plain of Luzon, making his way in the disguise of a priest into the city of Manila, under the very shadow of the enemy's headquarters. The soundness of his program is evidenced by the fact that, although he was himself betrayed and captured on January 14, 1943, the guerrilla movement lived and grew and, in the words of an officer of the High command, contributed in large measure to the ultimate success of our arms in the Battle for Luzon.

Word has come that his former associates among the Filipinos have organized movements for the erection of monuments to his memory on the sites of his headquarters in three of the native towns. The following awards have been made in recognition of Captain Barker's work:

Distinguished Service Cross, awarded upon the recommendation of General Douglas MacArthur and by order of the President of the United States, in recognition of his work done in the guerrilla campaign.

Silver Star for gallantry in action at Binalonan, Luzon, on December 24, 1941.

Legion of Merit, for the skillful handling of his troops throughout the Battle of Bataan.

Purple Heart.

George Kappes

NO. 11106 CLASS OF 1938

Killed October 24, 1944, while being transported as a prisoner of war in the Pacific Area, aged 30 years.

ON a Japanese transport in October 1944 Captain George Kappes was killed when the transport was sunk off the coast of China. His tragic death brought an end to a promising career in the Army and was a deep shock to his many friends who had prayed that George would be one of the lucky ones to survive two and one half years as a Japanese prisoner of war.

During the months of combat before the surrender of Corregidor George distinguished himself as an artillery officer and, according to survivors of that action, gained innumerable friends with his unflinching cheerfulness and high morale.

The details of his years as a prisoner of war are not known, but from our intimate knowledge of his disposition we can be sure that his high spirits and humor were a mainstay to those around him.

For gallantry in action he was posthumously awarded the Silver Star. He was also awarded the Purple Heart.

George Kappes entered West Point in the summer of 1934 with a brand new degree as a Bachelor of Arts from Muskingum College in Ohio and no idea of what West Point had in store for him. Four years later he was graduated, number 73 in his class, with many fine friends. Always ready to perpetrate a practical joke, yet one of the most widely read and intellectual members of his class, the anecdotes of George's Cadet career are endless.

After a short tour of duty with the Air Corps at Randolph Field, George was transferred to the Coast Artillery and stationed briefly at Fort Scott in San Francisco. In May of 1939 he arrived at Corregidor in the Philippine Islands. His first assignment there was with the 92d Coast Artillery, and he stayed with that regiment until the American capitulation at Corregidor.

George was a fine officer and at Corregidor he built quietly and skillfully upon his foundation as an artilleryman.

During the two years that we were closely associated there his knowledge and stature as an Army officer grew immensely, and at the time of the Japanese invasion his unassuming capability won him new responsibility.

George was married in June 1938 and brought his bride, the former Ruth



Hicks of Elm Grove, West Virginia, to the Philippines a year later. Mrs. Kappes was evacuated from the Islands in May, 1941 and early in June, aboard the U.S. Army Transport *Republic*, their baby daughter was born. George was fascinated by children and one of our deepest regrets is that he did not live to see his daughter.

The Army has lost a fine soldier and we have lost a true and fine friend whom we will never forget.

—Dallas F. Haynes.

Leland Oscar Krug

NO. 11256 CLASS OF 1938

Died July 25, 1946, near Amami-Oshima, Ryukyu Islands, aged 32 years.

LELAND O. KRUG was born in Rochester, New York on October 3, 1913, the son of Oscar P. Krug and Anna Schmitt Krug. From earliest high school days, he had nursed the ambition to go to West Point. After a year at the University of Rochester, he received his appointment and entered in 1934.

Lee had little or no difficulty completing the four academic years at the Academy. He studied far less than the average cadet, but his excellent preparatory schooling and his own ability of rapid assimilation evidently was all that was necessary. His career there was relatively unspectacular except for the results of his efforts on the *Howitzer*. He was selected as Business Manager, and it was due to his handiwork (often to the detriment of his studies) that the 1937 and 1938 issues were so magnificent.

After graduation Krug set himself a new goal, that of graduating from Randolph and Kelly Fields, for the

Air Corps offered him an additional challenge in the field of endeavor that he had selected for his life's work. He successfully completed his flying training by graduating from Kelly Field in August 1939, and, with many of his classmates was reassigned to Randolph Field as an instructor. Here he remained until March 1942, serving from instructor to Asst. Group Commander, gaining invaluable experience and performing his duties so well that he was selected to command the Contract Flying School at Brady, Texas. Upon reversion to the status of primary training of this School in January 1943, Lee was reassigned to Randolph Field as Instrument Training Officer and later, as Asst. Air Inspector.

Although never anxious to study while at the Point, Krug sought every opportunity upon graduation to increase his technical and professional knowledge. He successfully completed the instructors' course in Link Trainer while at Randolph. In 1943 he was graduated from the 15th General Staff Course at the Command and General Staff School, Ft. Leavenworth. This Staff Course was followed in November by the Air Force Staff Course in Washington, D. C., and then, in January of 1944, by the Command Course at the Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island.

During these years promotions came rapidly. In the fall of 1943, Krug became a Lt. Col. in the United States Army Air Forces. Krug, like so many of his classmates who had been retained in the zone of Interior to prepare and gear our armies and air armadas for war, was anxious to utilize his own professional preparation in actual combat. He, however, was not permitted to serve his country in this capacity. He was assigned to Hq. 3rd Air Force in Tampa, Florida. He served there as Asst. Air Inspector and later as Chief of the Plans Division. Due to its nature, this latter job compensated to a certain extent for the disappointment he suffered in not being able to get into actual combat. He demonstrated such skill, enthusiasm and force, that his immediate superior, Colonel James H. Walsh, Director of Operations and Training, officially commended him:

"I desire to take official recognition of your pre-eminent performance as head of the Third Air Force Plans Division from August 1, 1944 to date. The ability of this air force to accept and excel at new assignments such as the Very Heavy Bombardment Training Program, Redeployment Program, and the Separation from the Service Program, is to a very large measure the result of the systematic and thoroughgoing approach you had developed for keeping constantly on tap a sharp knowledge of the facilities and sinews of the Third Air Force, as well as a logical method of launching their employment on new situations".

Just before leaving this assignment (at his own request) he went on T.D.Y. for an Intelligence mission to Germany in May 1945, (in an attempt to get away from the Z.I. in order to increase the possibility of a combat assignment), and he was at this time promoted to full Colonel. Upon com-

pletion of his mission, however, he was reassigned to Hq. 3rd Air Force and shortly thereafter to the 71st Air Service Group at Kahuku, Oahu, T.H. as Commanding Officer until the Group was demobilized. He was then sent to Barking Sands, Kauai, as Commanding Officer of the 541st Base, and later to Hq. 7th Air Force as Assistant Chief of Staff A-4.

A conference of A-4's was called to convene in Manila on July 20, 1946. Three other officers from the A-4 section accompanied him to the conference (among them, Lt. Colonel John Frank Foy, class of '37). A letter written from Manila on the 18th of July to his wife described the trip in part:

"The trip—Johnston Island—Kwajalein—Guam—Manila—was relatively uneventful. Bucket seats to Guam—push seats to Manila. Elapsed time about 36-40 hours. . ."

He was not impressed by Manila, for he wrote:

"After a cursory look it must be admitted that the place where all the



ice cream envelopes and folders come from is somewhat short of paradise. It is strangely comparable to some of the dirtier sections of France. The foregoing is about all I can say about the city, since we have only passed through on our way to where we are billeted during a pouring rain and mud about 4 inches deep.

"Expect to check in with Hq. P.A.S.C. here today. De Marco (Colonel De Marco) and others are taking good care of us. Saw Johnson, L. E. of '38 so it will not be too bad!

"Will drop another line, but doubt whether it will get to you before we are back again. Conference starts Saturday for three days"

This was destined to be his last letter. It was received the morning of July 30th. That night at 10 p.m. the wives were notified by Major General Thomas D. White, then Commanding General of 7th Air Force, that the men had been missing since July 25th aboard a B-17 enroute from Manila to Japan. Radio reports were scanty since a typhoon had hit the area in which they were believed to have gone down twenty-four hours after their disappearance. A quotation from a letter from Hq. A.A.F. Washington, D. C.

dated 28 August 1946 best sums up what was known by that time of this flight.

"Information has been received indicating that Colonel Krug was a passenger on a B-17 (Flying Fortress) bomber which departed from Nichols Field, Manila, Philippines on an administrative mission to Kanoya, Kyushu, Japan on 25 July 1946. The report reveals that during this mission Colonel Krug's plane departed from Nichols Field at 9:00 a.m. and arrived at Naha, Okinawa, at 2:30 p.m. The plane was cleared to proceed to Kanoya and at 3:00 p.m. a radio report from the aircraft gave its position as just west of Okinoerabu Shima, an island located seventy-five miles north of Okinawa. The plane was not contacted by radio again. At 4:54 p.m. a Navy plane, on patrol in that area, sighted the wreckage of an aircraft and green dye sea marker, just west of Amami-O-Shima, about halfway between Naha, Okinawa and Kanoy, Japan. Positive identification of the wreckage was not made; however, the fact that its position was along the route which Colonel Krug's aircraft was scheduled to fly, together with other circumstances, indicated that the wreckage was Colonel Krug's plane.

"A search of the entire route by planes of the Fifth Air Force and First Air Division was instigated and continued until 4 August 1946, but the wreckage which had been previously sighted could not be located. Rescue parties were put ashore on Amami-O-Shima, Toku-No-Shima, Okinoerabu-Shima, and other islands to question the natives. Results of this land search are not presently known. . ."

One piece of evidence turned up 2 August 1946—an olive-drab flight cap, made in England and bearing Luxembourg Colonel's insignia. It had been found on the southern shore of the island of Amami-O-Shima by a native and turned over to the landing parties. It was sent to Hq. Fifth Air Force for possible identification and on to Hq. 7th Air Force on 26 August, where it was positively identified as that of Colonel Krug.

On January 24, 1947, having received no further reports about the missing men, the War Department regretfully concluded that all aboard had perished.

The following letters from General Thomas D. White and General Carl Spaatz, Commanding General, Army Air Forces, express opinions equally shared by Lee's many friends and colleagues.

General White commented:

"Colonel Leland O. Krug was selected by me to be Base Commander at Barking Sands, Kauai, T. H., and subsequently as Assistant Chief of Staff, A-4, Seventh Air Force because of his proven ability to produce results. He carried on without fanfare, but with maximum efficiency and smoothness. His loss to the Seventh Air Force was a severe blow to our operational efficiency as well as a shock to his many friends and admirers".

General Spaatz added:

"Colonel Krug was known for his loyalty and devotion to duty throughout his military career, and enjoyed an enviable reputation among associates. The memory of his courage, efficiency, and consideration for others,

will be cherished by those he led. Because of his capability to execute each assignment in an excellent manner he was held in esteem by brother officers".

Colonel Krug is survived by his wife, Dorothy; two children, Lan Eric and Karen Stephanie; his father, Oscar P. Krug; and sister, Irma J. Krug; all of Rochester, New York.

—Fred M. Dean, '38,
Colonel, A.C.

George Thomas Coleman

NO. 11754 CLASS OF 1939

Killed in Action, February 8, 1945, in Manila, aged 28 years.

In life and in death the true measure of a man can be determined by the impact of his personality upon those with whom he was associated. George T. Coleman's influence upon the men of his command was and will continue to be boundless. He was a man's man, of unusual courage and remarkable energy. Nothing which he asked of his officers and men was he unwilling to do himself. Wherever the battle raged hottest there he could be found, leading, encouraging. In such a situation he met a heroic death.

Reared in the finest tradition of the United States Military Academy, he combined all the rare qualities of an officer and a gentleman. Enlisted men never had a better friend in any situation, and his wise counsel gave guidance to his officers. Because he was a good soldier himself, he expected others to be also, and under his leadership every soldier became a better one. He inspired men to perform their duty well rather than commanding them to do so.

As a member of his Staff, I was privileged to know him intimately. He was my Commanding Officer, but more than this, he was a dear friend. Our organization has lost a gallant leader and military history has gained another hero. To Lt. Col. George T. Coleman, courageous officer, gallant gentleman, cherished friend: Hail and Farewell!

EARLE C. HOCHWALD,
Chaplain (Capt.), U.S.A.,
145th Infantry Regiment.

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George Thomas Coleman was born April 9, 1916 in Deming, New Mexico. He was the only child of George T. and Emma A. Coleman. Very early he showed the qualities that were to be the outstanding traits of his character. He was cheerful and serene; he loved people and was happy to cooperate in work and in play; he was a willing worker and never gave up until a project was finished; and he had courage.

He entered Lovington, New Mexico Public School in 1922 and attended this school for twelve years, usually with a perfect record of attendance. He was never deeply interested in books and did only the studying necessary to maintain a comfortable position in his class. His chief interests were sports and outdoor life. He spent high school vacations on a large cattle ranch where he learned to ride and to handle

a lasso. He won letters in football and basketball and played a cornet in the school band. At graduation he was awarded the honor medal given by the University of New Mexico to the member voted by class and faculty the best all round citizen. He was an honor student at N.M.M.I. for one year and was appointed to West Point in July 1935.

When sections were formed in the autumn George saw at once that his happy-go-lucky high school course was entirely inadequate preparation for academics at U.S.M.A. That first semester of plebe year called for all of his reserve of will power, determination and courage. The battle was not actually won until June 1939, but by careful budgeting of study hours and eternal vigilance with the points he found time for his beloved outdoors, and for a few cherished friends. Upon graduation he chose the Air Corps and began pilot training at Love Field, Dallas, Texas. After three months of flying he



was disqualified because of sight deficiency, and transferred to the Infantry.

George reported at Fort Huachuca, Arizona on December 23, 1939. This historic post, then the home of one regiment of Infantry, was soon to become a new army divisional area with accommodations for 20,000 officers and men. There was plenty of hard work and good experience for the junior officers. George did routine post duty, spent six months in highly successful recruiting work in the Texas Panhandle, and went to Fort Benning for the Officers Motor Maintenance Course, and later for the Battalion Commander and Staff Officers Course. He was on maneuvers in Louisiana when he received his Majority, in May 1943.

The Division went to California in July 1943 for desert maneuvers, and embarked for the South Pacific late in January 1944. George took command of the Third Battalion, 25th Infantry, on February 14, 1944. He was the youngest officer of his rank in the Division. The Division landed on Bougainville and the Third Battalion went into combat at once. Colonel S. M. Prouty, 25th Infantry, wrote of George: "I have known him well from the day he first reported at Huachuca. I knew him as

a very gallant gentleman and a close friend. I last saw him on Bougainville in April and at that time knew of his splendid conduct under fire against the enemy. I was confident he would go far". After the Solomons Campaign George was awarded the Bronze Star Medal: "For meritorious service in connection with military operations at * * *, from 1 April to 15 May 1944". An award of an Oak Leaf Cluster was added. The citation is as follows:

First Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal

"For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Bougainville, Solomon Islands on 17 March 1944. As a liaison officer with an infantry division, Colonel Coleman participated in a counter attack which destroyed all Japanese who had made a penetration into the American perimeter. So close was the contact that Colonel Coleman, engaging in hand-to-hand combat, personally captured an enemy rifleman. His combat aggressiveness was an inspiration to the attacking infantry".

The veteran 37th Division was resting on Bougainville after having completed two heavy campaigns. They had lost nearly four hundred men and needed replacements. Lieutenant Colonel Coleman was transferred to this division, 2nd Battalion, 145th Regiment, in the summer of 1944. In a letter written to his mother at this time he spoke of his great pleasure in the new assignment. He said the officers and men were the finest fellows in the world. This was the ideal Army about which he had studied at West Point—brave men, completely armed and equipped to go into battle. They were the best of jungle fighters. Now they retrained for the invasion of Luzon. They trained furiously for open fighting, fighting in streets and across fields, fighting across rivers, over mountains and across beaches. This training was their insurance against the future.

They landed as a veteran, skilled, confident, thoroughly trained division on the shores of Lingayen Gulf, Luzon on the morning of January 9, 1945. They slogged along on foot, the whole weary, hot, dusty way, fighting 150 miles from Lingayen to Manila. During this time George particularly endeared himself to his men. He was always with them on the front lines; he got them three hot meals a day; he knew most of them by name; and he constantly set a fine example of superb courage.

General Robert S. Beightler wrote of him as follows: "I was very fond of him, and proud of the way in which he carried the heavy responsibilities of his post. In spite of his youth, he acquitted his duties with calmness and judgment more mature than many older officers. My high confidence in his ability was thoroughly justified. I can say sincerely that I have never known a more promising young officer. He was one of my best battalion commanders and he will not be easy to replace."

After the landing on Luzon George was entitled to the following awards; American Theater Ribbon,

Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with four Bronze Service Stars for the Bismark Archipelago, New Guinea, Northern Solomons and Luzon Cam-

paigns and a Bronze Arrowhead for landing on Lingayen Gulf on 9 January, 1945, World War II Victory Ribbon, Combat Infantry Badge, Expert Infantryman Badge, Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one Bronze Star.

The citation for the Distinguished Service Cross which was awarded posthumously completes the record.

Distinguished Service Cross

"For extraordinary heroism in action at * * *, on 26 and 27 January and 7 and 8 February 1945. Colonel Coleman, commanding an infantry battalion, while leading his forces toward a strategic road junction, encountered strong enemy resistance from a heavily fortified road block supported by concealed tanks. Disregarding his own safety he moved forward and reconnoitered the enemy position in order to take up the most advantageous location for directing an attack. Thereafter he remained with his most advanced elements, encouraging his men and directing the attack which resulted in destruction of the enemy position, thus clearing the approach to * * * and * * *. Later during the heaviest fighting in * * *, he voluntarily left cover and again undertook a detailed personal reconnaissance to select two strategic points for crossing the * * * in order that he could lead his forces in an attack against a large fortified manufacturing plant in the * * * district. Entering the plant under heavy fire he killed two of the enemy, but while proceeding across an open area to make future reconnaissance was mortally wounded. Colonel Coleman's example of aggressiveness, gallantry and courageous leadership under fire at the supreme sacrifice of his life upholds the highest traditions of the military service."

George Coleman found life pleasant. He lived it that way. He had hopes and plans that would have required many years of living. He lived, as he fought for his country, with all his might. He learned the lessons of the Academy—"Duty, Honor, Country"—well and his life exemplified them fully. A brother officer gave him the highest praise when he said, "There was no better soldier than George"

John Ernest Linwood Huse

NO. 11374 CLASS OF 1939

Killed in Action, February 3, 1942, over Malang, Java, aged 25 years.

THE auditorium of Morse High School in Bath, Maine, a little shipbuilding city drowsing contentedly on the west bank of the Kennebec River, was filled to capacity on the night of June 20, 1934. The audience had gathered to witness a ceremony that would be enacted in thousands of communities that night—the graduation of the senior class of the high school.

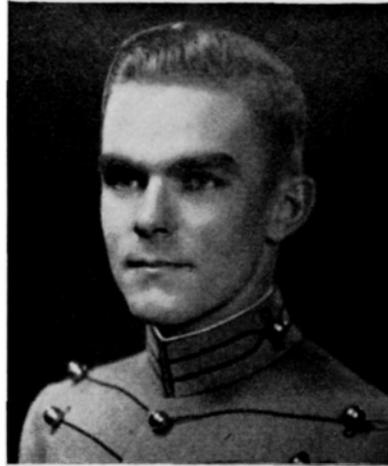
Proud, nervous parents and jubilant friends edged forward in their seats as the orchestra broke into the familiar strains of *Pomp and Circumstance*.

Down the aisle came the graduates, their eyes fixed solemnly on the blue and white baton that rose and fell rhythmically in the hand of the tall, slim youth who was their marshal.

It was altogether fitting that he should lead them on this occasion, the greatest event of their adolescent years. He had been their leader for four long years. As we followed him down the aisle that night we knew instinctively that he would always be our leader. We would be proud to follow John Ernest Linwood Huse anywhere.

Johnny led his high school class not because he desired honor or distinction. He led because in the inexplicable manner in which adolescents recognize sincerity, nobility and depth of character, we chose to follow him. Because he counseled us wisely, because we trusted, admired and respected him, we chose him as our class president in each of those four years.

When he established a scholastic



mark rarely equaled in the school's long history and became co-valedictorian, it was his classmates who boasted. Johnny accepted the honor as he accepted all honors, with quiet gratitude and humble dignity. Johnny would have never told a stranger of his scholastic achievements. Nor would the stranger have learned from Johnny that he was a member of the football and track squads for four years, the baseball team for three years and the basketball team for two years.

But it was not because of his athletic prowess that we chose him as our leader. The class had boys of greater athletic ability. It was Johnny's steadfast adherence to his lofty ideals and aspirations, his warmth of personality, that won our confidence.

Why dwell so long on the high school career of this man? Because it was there that the twig was bent. And thus grew the tree. It was during those years that everyone near him learned of his fondest dream. Reluctant to talk of himself in other scores, he was eloquent on this subject. More than anything in the world he wanted to attend the United States Military Academy at West Point.

It was not the glamor of a uniform or promise of adventure that drew him

to military life. Perhaps he could not have found words for it then. But inherently, profoundly, he knew that his future was with the military. Perhaps he reflected this impulse in his graduation address when he urged his listeners to regard universal peace not as something fantastic but as a task that could be accomplished in our time.

Thus it was that in the fall of 1934 and during the following winter he attended Stanton Preparatory School at Cornwall-on-Hudson. Then came the welcome news that he had been appointed to the Academy. In July of 1935 he left his native city for West Point. War clouds were but plumes on the horizon then and it was with words of cheer that his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry M. Huse, saw him depart.

In return for the opportunity he wanted most in life, he applied himself diligently to Academy routine and his visits home were marked by indications of success. But as the war clouds grew more ominous, his parents thought more frequently of the happy May 2, 1916, when he entered their lives and they wondered if their guidance had been the best. But no word was spoken but in encouragement.

He was graduated into the Infantry in 1939 but it was not the arm of the Service that had captured his fancy. Air warfare was growing and Johnny wished to grow with it. Thus it was that he found himself at Tuscaloosa, Ala. for preliminary flight training. Then he was transferred to Randolph Field and from there to Kelly Field.

During the hectic days of training he met Miss Nell Bogar Sample, daughter of Mrs. Eugene Sample, of Hartselle, Alabama, and on June 24, 1940 they were married in San Antonio, Texas.

The following months were filled with more arduous training as Johnny flew as a co-pilot. Then, in October, 1941 a fleet of shining new B-17D's took off from March Field, California, and headed across the Pacific to the Philippines. The 19th Bombardment Group Detachment was at Clark Field when the Jap planes came.

It was at Christmas time in that fateful year that Johnny distinguished himself in an action that won him the Silver Star. Captain C. L. Moseley, Jr., Air Corps, an eye witness, described the action in his recommendation for Johnny's citation.

"While stationed at Del Monte, Mindanao, Philippine Islands, with the 19th Bombardment Group Detachment, Lieutenant Huse distinguished himself under enemy fire and beyond the call of duty. During the 24th of December, 1941, nine B-17 type airplanes landed at Del Monte on an extended bombing mission, to be serviced with gas, oil and bombs.

"One B-17 blew out a main wheel tire while taxiing out for a takeoff at dawn. Lieutenant Huse immediately joined the crew in changing the tire to enable the airplane to continue its mission. During the ensuing time an air raid alarm was sounded. The crew deserted the airplane and took cover, but the above mentioned officer continued to aid in changing the tire, taking cover only when enemy planes were actually strafing the airplane he was repairing.

"At the risk of his own life, he not only aided in saving the airplane, but also enabled the crew to successfully carry out its mission."

When Captain Moseley made his recommendation in August, 1942 he had to recommend that the medal be awarded posthumously, for Johnny had followed many of his comrades of the 19th Bombardment Group. Death came to Johnny not as his Fort winged lethally over an enemy stronghold but as it circled his base on a routine test during the afternoon of February 3, 1942.

In *Queens Die Proudly*, the story of the 19th, W. L. White wrote of Johnny's death. He told how Johnny, recently checked off as a first pilot, was up with Lieutenant Ray Cox on a high altitude test. They had completed their work on the superchargers and were losing altitude preparing to land at Malang, Java, their current base, when Zeros came over to strafe the field. Up around 18,000 feet was a top cover of Zeros to protect the strafing Japs.

Frantically the control tower men tried to warn Johnny and Ray. But they did not hear. Three Zeros hit the lone Fort. Ray swung the doomed ship out to sea but Johnny alone at the guns couldn't cover all points from which the Japs attacked. The following day the plane was found shot down and burned. John and Ray were buried with full military honors at Soeken Cemetery in Malang.

War must have been bitter to Lieutenant John E. L. Huse. He was a gentle man. He destroyed enemies of his country, he did not kill his fellowman. In the words of his commanding officer, Colonel Eugene L. Eubank, "he was a young officer of the highest type, kind, calm and courageous under any condition".

In Bath, Maine today, an elementary school building bears John's name. It is a fitting memorial to a man who had always been a leader there. And as he led in life, so he led in death for he was the first of Bath's sons to be killed in action.

Who is there qualified to eulogize these thousands of men who, like Johnny, would seek no greater eulogy than "he did his job"? But Johnny's classmates return in memory to that June night in 1934 and Johnny's own words as he delivered the class oration.

"In my opinion," he said then, "these unsung heroes are the most deserving of all for they have striven with no thoughts of the prize awaiting them at the end of the road."

We like to remember John E. L. Huse, our leader, as he concluded that oration with the prophetic, courageous words: "We set out tonight to make the world a better place in which to live"

—Franklin Wright,
A High School Classmate.

Edward Boyd Leever

NO. 11393 CLASS OF 1939

Killed in Action, March 28, 1945, on Geruma Island, off Okinawa, aged 30 years.

We live on in the memory of our dear ones, our friends, and those with whom we come in contact, by the deeds we perform in life. For

some that living-on is short, for they are soon forgotten; but others have so lived that their memory will go on and on. Lt. Col. Edward B. Leever, who was killed in the final drive against Japan, was one of the latter. He will live on in the hearts and in the memory of many. Though only thirty years of age at his death, he had led a life that won the recognition and admiration of all who knew him, for he was a gentleman always, a splendid Catholic, one whose example greatly influenced his men, a true soldier, and an able leader respected yet loved by his men. They missed him greatly and in the years to come will long remember him.

Edward B. Leever was born at Gary, Indiana on April 22nd, 1914. Later when the family lived in Terre Haute, Indiana "Ed", as he was known to many, spent his boyhood years while attending the parochial school of Saint Patriek's parish. Upon his graduation he went to Wiley High School. Three



more years were spent at Rose Polytechnic Institute in the same city before he received his appointment to the United States Military Academy. At West Point he served on the Honor Board, representing Co. "G.", and graduated June 12, 1939.

I first met Ed in March 1942. Those were the first days of the reactivated 77th Division at Fort Jackson, at Columbia, South Carolina. From then on till the end I was closely associated with him, for we both remained with the Artillery. In those early days of '42 I knew him as Battery Commander of Headquarters Battery, Division Artillery. Shortly after that he served as Adjutant, and later assumed still other positions on the Division Artillery Staff. With time he was transferred to the 305th F.A. Battalion, with which he spent most of his time occupying various positions on the Battalion Staff. Before the Division left the States for overseas duty he had been appointed Battalion Commander and supervised and directed the final training of his unit.

Col. Leever displayed his outstanding ability and superior knowledge of artillery technique from the day that he took command of the battalion. And in the real test of combat, during the

time of the Guam campaign, his battalion, under his direction, achieved exceptional coordination in delivering rapid and accurate fire in close support of a Marine brigade advancing against the enemy. From Guam to Leyte in the Philippines came the 77th Division.

Again Col. Leever proved his ability even more, for time and again his battalion gave close and accurate fire in support of advancing troops. His clear thinking and energetic action on one occasion provided close fire to cover the evacuation of the wounded. On still another occasion, though subjected to mortar and artillery fire, he placed his battalion only three hundred yards from hostile lines and at one time fired his 105 mm howitzers at point blank range to reduce an enemy concrete blockhouse.

Then on to Okinawa. But sad to say, Col. Leever was never to set foot on it, for six days prior to Okinawa's "D" day, April 1st, 1945, the Division was assigned to take over the Ryuku islands just off Okinawa. The Division struck on March 26th. Here Col. Leever preceded his men and directed their landing on Geruma, an island of the group. Two days later, on March 28th, while accompanying a security patrol investigating the strength of threatening enemy installations near by, he was instantly killed by hostile fire.

Later, in the days of the Okinawa campaign, his battalion went on to still further success, inspired by his courageous leadership. Though taken from them by death, his spirit, his supreme sacrifice and his thorough training saw the troops of his battalion through the tough days that were yet to come. They played their important part in utterly destroying the enemy forces on that Jap-held island so near the Japanese homeland.

Col. Leever's untiring efforts, his courage, his loyalty and his unceasing devotion to duty won for him the Bronze Star award. By direction of the President he was also posthumously awarded the Legion of Merit for his exceptional services.

He is survived by his wife, the former Coelia Sheldon; his parents; and one sister, Mrs. Lawrence McAlpine, Jr. of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. To them goes our sincerest sympathy and the assurance that we who knew their loved one well, will long remember him and treasure his pleasing personality, and cherish forever his friendship that was ours.

—J. N. P.

William Leroy Turner

NO. 11656 CLASS OF 1939

Killed in Action, June 7, 1944, in France, aged 27 years.

LT. COLONEL WILLIAM L. TURNER, known as "Billy" to his friends, was killed in action in France, the day after D-Day, while in service with the 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment of the 101st Airborne Division. He commanded the First Battalion of that regiment.

Born June 18, 1916, in Sparta,

Georgia, the son of Dr. and Mrs. Dennis T. Turner, Billy moved at an early age to Milledgeville, Ga., where he grew up and attended Georgia Military College before entering the Military Academy.

Billy, who was a member of F Co. at the Military Academy, was always remembered by his classmates as a Georgia boy who never lost his drawl through his years at the Point and in the Army afterwards.

After his graduation, Billy reported to Van De Graf Field, Alabama, for flight training. After a short while at this, he was assigned to the Cavalry and reported to the Fifth Cavalry at Ft. Bliss and later at Ft. Clark, Texas. Following this duty he was with the 10th Cavalry at Ft. Riley, Kansas.

In December of 1941, Billy transferred to the Armored Force and was sent to Pine Camp, New York, for duty with the Fourth Armored Division, where he remained until April, at which time he was transferred to Ft. Knox, Ky., and the Eighth Armored Division.

In July of 1942, Billy transferred to the paratroops, and was sent to Camp Toccoa, Ga., where he was one of the first officers to report to the newly formed 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment, with which regiment he remained until his death. While with the 506th, Billy was stationed at Ft. Benning, Camp Mackall, N. C., and Fort Bragg.

At Toccoa Billy reported as a Captain and was assigned to the Regimental S-3 Section. He approached his job with enthusiasm, but with the reservation that he wanted command duty, whatever it was. He was soon given the First Battalion, which he trained from then until D-Day. He qualified as a parachutist at Toccoa on a most difficult and improvised jump field.

The 506th left for England in August of 1943, where it remained until the invasion.

Billy was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for his action in France, which is described in the following letter from one of his company commanders:

"We dropped in France about 1:30 a.m., on D-Day. The enemy was thick below, and they put up heavy fire at the planes and at us as we descended. I was not in the same plane with Billy, and we were separated by strong enemy action throughout the hours of darkness. Shortly after daylight I arrived at the command post, and I learned that Billy and a group of 40 men had set out to accomplish a battalion mission. They had gone to an extremely important enemy strong-point which had to be knocked out before the seaborne troops arrived. Billy's group and groups from other units accomplished this mission.

"Bill and his group returned to the command post about 5 p.m., and the battalion was assembled as a tactical unit. The Third Battalion had not been heard from, and the Second was only partly assembled. The beach landing troops had made contact and had suffered unbelievably few casualties as a result of the action of Bill's group and the others who went down to the beach early that morning.

"At two o'clock the next morning we were ordered to attack Vierville by daylight. We moved out in normal formation, but when the leading elements were stopped by enemy fire, Billy made his way forward, personally to direct the attack. We took Vierville with the loss of only two wounded. We learned we'd driven out a strong force of German paratroopers, and had cut off one battalion. Later we repulsed a counter attack, and shortly thereafter General Taylor ordered Billy to continue the attack south to St. Come du Mont. We moved out, and the Second Battalion came into town and took over the 350 prisoners we had captured.

"Again Billy made his way forward whenever the leading elements were stopped by enemy fire, and personally directed the attack. By noon we reached a cross roads shown on the map as Beaumont. Here the enemy held strong defensive positions. Six tanks were attached and after heavy fighting,



Billy reorganized the battalion to continue the attack south. All of this time our group was spearheading the spearhead.

"There were strong enemy forces at the left, right, and in front—a numerically superior enemy occupying excellently prepared defensive positions. We would never have reached this point had not Billy gone forward time after time to direct the attack and encourage the men by his fearless example. It is incredible that a unit so small as ours could drive so deeply into the heart of the enemy defenses.

"We left the crossroads still under fire from both flanks. We had gone 800 yards when we came under heavy machine gun and machine pistol fire. Our companies were held up. Billy then entered the lead tank and it moved around a bend in the road. It was hit by an enemy weapon, but was not knocked out. The tank responded for several minutes with heavy machine gun and cannon fire, then backed up around the bend. Billy dismounted and got an artillery radio. He sent me back to find out what had happened to our company on the right. While I was gone, Billy re-entered the tank and it moved forward again, where he observed the target and called for artil-

lery fire. Each time he got in and out of the tank he was exposed to machine gun fire, because it was on the open road and he had to climb on top of the tank to get inside it. Due to his observation and direction of artillery fire, an extremely heavily defended enemy position was reduced.

"While directing the artillery, he observed a wounded sergeant lying in the ditch. Billy called for Lieut. O. E. Wilson, a Georgia boy from Thomaston. Then he turned to issue instructions to the tank driver and was shot by a sniper. Death was instantaneous.

"Later that day we pushed on and we saw the damage that the artillery, which he had called for and adjusted, had done. Germans, equipment, guns, horses and the debris of a once strong position were everywhere in evidence".

Besides his parents, Billy is survived by his wife, the former Miss Marjorie Jackson of Little Rock, Ark., whom he married in December of 1941; a brother, Rozier Turner, a former lieutenant of the Engineer Amphibious Corps; and a sister, Mrs. John P. Thornton. One other brother, Lt. Dennis T. Turner, Jr., of the 28th Infantry Regiment was killed in France on July 12, 1944.

Major General Taylor, Division Commander, states:

"There was a striking contradiction between the slow Southern speech of Colonel Turner and his brisk energy on the battle field. After observing him in handling his Battalion during the training period in England, I formed the opinion that he was a fine officer of upstanding character but possibly a little too gentle in his exercise of command. The latter impression changed rapidly in those critical early days in Normandy when he led his men with the utmost vigor and effectiveness until the fatal action in which he lost his life.

"Although he never lost his quietness, he had the gift of doing the right thing with determination but without excitement. It was this characteristic that gained the trust and respect of subordinates and superiors alike.

"It was with great sorrow that I learned of his death in the sharp fighting about St. Come du Mont on June 7th. The Army lost a young officer of the greatest promise through his untimely death".

His Regimental Commander says of Billy:

"From the day of his reporting to duty at Toccoa until his untimely death on 7 June, Bill Turner fulfilled his role as soldier. He trained his battalion with a singleness of purpose, preparation for combat, with devotion and conscientiousness. His stature was small, his heart was big, his head was clear, his mind was sharp and his courage unlimited. His battalion reflected his fighting spirit and tenacity of purpose".

In the words of an officer of Billy's Battalion:

"I never knew a person so sincere and so completely devoted to duty. He molded a battalion and won the respect and admiration of every man in it. In combat we did not let him down".

William Graham Gillis, Jr.

NO. 12468 CLASS OF 1941

*Killed in Action, October 1, 1944,
in France, aged 26 years.*

WHEN the 35th Infantry Division climbed out of their foxholes below Saint Lo in early August of 1944, mounted trucks and began the super blitz down the Contentin Peninsula, there was no one as exhilarated as Major Bill Gillis. He had been Assistant G-3 at Division Headquarters. He was a good staff officer but always his heart and mind were with the troops. His ambition was to command a battalion of Infantry. Now he was doing it—the 1st Bn., 320th Infantry Regiment.

Morale was extremely high as Bill and his men dashed thirty-five miles an hour on the smooth highways of France. Men were smiling for the first time in weeks. The hedgerows had been tough.

But this aspect of good humor, if one can exist in battle, was short lived. Suddenly the Germans launched their great counterattack in the direction of Mortain-Avranches. Their deadly purpose was the splitting of the First and Third American Armies and throwing the highly successful Operation "Cobra" into confusion.

The Germans attacked fanatically at Mortain, the key road junction. Temporarily the 30th Division fought them to a standstill. As Hitler's Legions inched forward and occupied Mortain, a brave battalion of the 30th was surrounded on high ground, Hill 317, just east of this vital town.

Into this grave situation the 35th suddenly found itself committed. Slowly the Division advanced, not only stopping the German attack on its front but pushing the crack S.S. troops back to the Mortain-Barenton Highway. Then came the order to make a frontal assault on Hill 317 and relieve the courageous battalion of the 30th. To accomplish this herculean task, Major General Paul W. Baade, the Division Commander, had only one remaining fresh battalion, the 1st Bn., 320th Infantry, commanded by one of the youngest battalion commanders in the United States Army—Bill Gillis.

As a good commander, Bill analyzed his mission and looked over his tools. He was calm and serious. He realized that here in his first battle as a commander he was faced with a situation that would have been most perplexing to a veteran. But failure in his mission never once occurred to him. Not once did he doubt the ability of his men; men who idolized him because they knew that he would ask nothing of them that he would not do himself; men who knew that when the going was toughest Major "Bill" would be with them.

But little did Bill and his men realize as they assaulted the heights of Hill 317 that they were fighting one of the great battles of the war. Shells from the 35th Artillery filled the air as they whizzed overhead. P-47s bombed and strafed only four hundred

yards ahead as Bill and his battalion fought their way forward. Nightfall of the first day found them at the foot of Hill 317.

Throughout the night and most of the next day the situation remained fluid. For hours it was questionable as to whether Bill was surrounded himself or was he accomplishing his mission. All the time he was moving among the forward elements, exposing himself to the dangers his men were so familiar with. At dawn the next day, tired but happy, Bill reported that he had accomplished his mission. He had broken through the German lines and relieved the beleaguered but valiant battalion of the 30th Division.

But that is not the end of Bill's first big battle. After V-E Day certain members of the German General Staff stated that the war was lost when the counter-attack at Mortain failed.

For this courageous achievement Bill's Battalion and his attached Tank Battalion received the coveted Distinguished Unit Citation. For Bill there was a Silver Star, his first of many



decorations. The citation read, in part:

"... Throughout this action, Major Gillis, although himself wounded in the hand, accompanied leading elements of his battalion and inspired the troops under his command by his skillful leadership, tenacity of purpose, courage, coolness, positive action and utter disregard for personal safety".

But being a leader was nothing new for Bill Gillis. From the time he was born in Cameron, Texas, on October 7, 1917, to Judge and Mrs. Graham Gillis, until he was mortally wounded in action in the Foret de Gremecy, France, on September 30, 1944, he was out in front. As a youngster he was well built, and with the years he developed particularly broad shoulders and a good height. With such a physique it was only natural that he should be singled out among his contemporaries.

Bill's early life in Cameron was that of a normal, healthy Texas lad. With his physical prowess there came the natural desire to be a scrapper. Joe Smith, John S. Burns, and a few other Cameron lads can well testify to Bill's ability.

But along with Bill's ability to take care of himself in a tussle, there was a boyhood trait of mischievous good humor. From the time that Bill set off fire crackers under the house of a certain socially prominent family during an elegant dinner party, the history of Cameron is replete with his escapades.

Bill also had his serious moments as a youngster. Boy Scouts received his early attention. When Judge Gillis pinned the Eagle Scout badge on his son, Bill was one of the youngest Eagle Scouts in Texas.

In high school Bill developed his leadership naturally. He was constantly among the honor students of his class, a leader of student government; won his letter for three years in football, and engaged in many other school activities. It was also in high school that Bill developed his love for Shakespeare with a modern touch. "Prithee, canst thou go with me to the shindig this eventide?", became his way of inviting his best girl to a dance.

At the age of nine Bill acquired his dog, "Jimmie". Bill and Jimmie were inseparable pals. Nothing was too good for Jimmie and even on his birthdays Bill would throw a party for him, complete with candles and all the fixings. The last party that Bill had for Jimmie was typical and the cake had nine candles. While Bill was away at Schreiner Institute and West Point, Jimmie was not left to a lonely dog's life, but cared for by Becky, Bill's colored nurse, who had helped raise Bill from the day that he was born. Finally, late in the summer of 1944, as if in a last gesture of loyalty to his master, Jimmie died from natural causes on the very same day that Bill was killed.

When Bill arrived at West Point in July, 1937, his roommate termed him a "tall, handsome, confused product of Texas". Needless to say, the football and track coaches had their eyes on him from the very first day. Back at Cameron High he had captained the football team and was the mainstay of the track team; while at Schreiner Institute in Kerrville, Texas, he was again captain of the football team, starred in track and was an honor student. Yet with all the honors of the past, Bill was not so sure of his future. "Beast Barracks" was rugged, strict and few moments were available for the carefree life with which Bill was so accustomed. But only a few months of cadet life were necessary to instill into him the spirit of West Point and he soon became one of the most popular men in his class.

In addition to his popularity, Bill was a good student at the Military Academy, continued his athletic pursuits and in 1940 again found himself Captain of his team, this time the Army Football Team. In addition, in the spring of 1941, just before graduation, Bill set two new Academy records in the high and low hurdles. One of these records still stands.

With graduation Bill turned his eyes back to Texas where he violated West Point custom and tradition by marrying his hometown sweetheart, Lenore Riley, the prettiest secretary that Governor Coke Stevenson ever

had. Lenore is now living in Cameron, Texas, with Bill's mother, his faithful colored nurse, Becky, and his daughter, Georgia, who was born at Camp Rucker, Alabama, in 1943.

When Bill and his class graduated in 1941, the world was tightly in the claws of war and the only question was how long would the United States be able to remain out of the holocaust. Preparing for all eventualities, the War Department sent Bill and his Infantry classmates to the Infantry School at Fort Benning for a quick look at their branch. Then Bill joined the 2nd Inf. Div. at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, for a short period. Already his soldierly qualities were being recognized and soon Bill found himself assigned to the Infantry Training Center at Camp Roberts, California. It was here that one of his enlisted men wrote of him:

"Lieut. Gillis was the soldier and gentleman that I aspired to be like while in training at Camp Roberts in 1942 and '43. He was truly the finest soldier I have ever known and along with it a prince of a gentleman. I only wish that I might have gone with him into battle. We who knew him will never forget his familiar tall figure marching at the head of the company—the friend and ideal of every man in the column."

Shortly after Bill joined the 35th Division his sterling qualities again began to come into prominence. As Assistant S-3 of the 320th Infantry Regiment he did such a fine job that soon the Division Commander called him to be Assistant G-3 of the Division Staff. Bill was a soldier and he accepted the order, but in his fine, personable way, he extracted a promise that someday he would be given command of troops. It was this promise, which Bill insisted on being kept, that led to his being placed in command of his battalion just before the crucial battle of Mortain.

With the German thrust safely turned at Mortain, Bill led his battalion throughout the remainder of August, 1944, as the 35th Division spearheaded General Patton's Third Army sweep through Central France. War was almost a lark for those few days, and seeing the freedom-loving people of France liberated was one of the rewards of the great struggle to Bill. His carefree, happy manner endeared him to the populace of every town he took. In the middle of September when Bill faced the German stand on the Rhine-Marne Canal and the Sanon River at Dombasle below Nancy, he was a veteran battalion commander of only forty-five days' experience, twenty-six years old; yet he was the model for dash, vigor, aggressiveness and leadership. It was here that he received the Distinguished Service Cross with the citation:

"For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. On 15 September 1944, Major Gillis commanded the 1st Battalion, 320th Infantry, during the crossing of the Rhine-Marne Canal and the Sanon River. The enemy stubbornly opposed the crossing with strong forces of infantry which were

dug in at close range, and by mortar and machine-gun fire from commanding positions on the hills. During the crossing, which was made by direct assault over improvised bridging constructed under intense direct enemy fire, Major Gillis was regularly present with the leading elements of his troops, moving freely among them to direct the attack. Disregarding his own safety he waded and swam across the river and canal several times under heavy enemy fire. His courageous leadership and exemplary conduct under fire so inspired his men that they were able to force the crossing successfully against heavy odds. His heroic accomplishment and zealous devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States"

With the rivers and canals south of Nancy crossed, the Germans evacuated this great French city rather than to be encircled. Bill led his battalion on to the east until he occupied a critical sector of the Division front in the Foret de Gremecey.

On the morning of 30 September 1944, the Germans launched a heavy counterattack. Bill, being the keen soldier that he was, sensed the action as the first rounds began to fall. Immediately he went forward to his very front lines to check his positions and to be sure that his men were of good courage. He knew that they would expect to see him. It was there among his fighting men that Bill was mortally hit by a tree burst from an enemy mortar shell.

Due only to a technicality of the table of organization, Bill was never promoted to lieutenant colonel. There were no vacancies. Concerning this and Bill, General Baade wrote:

"I cannot say too much about Bill for he was one of the finest, bravest officers I have ever known. . . His promotion to lieutenant colonelcy was on my desk at the time of his death, and but for that he would have been a lieutenant colonel by now. I am very sorry that the law prohibits any posthumous promotions, for if anyone was ever entitled to it, Bill certainly was."

Bill's final combat citation for the Bronze Star medal read in part:

"For heroic service . . . in the vicinity of the Foret de Gremecey, France, on 27, 28 and 29 September 1944. . . For a period of two days until he was killed by enemy mortar fire while in the area of one of his front line companies, Major Gillis led the attack of his battalion with tireless energy, inspiring his troops by his constant presence at the front, and displaying sound tactical judgment which resulted in repulsing numerous German counterattacks. . ."

In addition to his Distinguished Service Cross, Silver Star, Bronze Star Medal and Purple Heart, Bill was awarded the Distinguished Service Order by the British Government, the Croix de Guerre with Silver Gilt Star and the Croix de Guerre with Vermilion Star by a grateful France.

World War II presented many unusual circumstances for which few young Americans were prepared morally, spiritually or psychologically. In

retrospect, however, Bill Gillis was prepared. He seemed to comprehend the situation and had the courage and character to take his place in the ranks where he was needed most. In addition to attaining distinction for his soldierly qualities, he was also the highest type of Christian citizen. He was a devout Presbyterian. He personified a man's man as well as a soldier's soldier.

There were many majors in the United States Army but there were few that could lead a battalion in battle successfully from the very first day of command. That was the type of leader on which the fate of this nation rested during the crucial days of 1944, and that was the leadership which Bill Gillis realized was needed, knew he could give, and gave above and beyond the call of duty.

—M. A. S.

Richard Gentry Tindall, Jr.

NO. 12255 CLASS OF 1941

*Killed in Action, February 9, 1945,
in Italy, aged 26 years.*

RICHARD GENTRY TINDALL, JR. was almost destined to be a military man from the time of his birth, October 14, 1918, in St. Louis, Missouri.

His father, Brig. Gen. Richard G. Tindall, was a member of the Army at the time of his son's birth, and is now on the active list. His maternal grandfather, Capt. Harvey Smith, lost his life in Cuba during the Spanish-American war. His great grandfather, Gen. Richard Gentry, also served his country on the battlefields.

With a brilliant military lineage such as this, Dick began at an early age to distinguish himself as a leader, in the classrooms, on the fields of sport, and later, on the battlefields of World War II.

Although he was adept at many sports, he placed the most stress on tennis and table tennis, and gained prominence in both fields. As a youth he developed rapidly as a tennis star, and in 1936 was ranked No. 1 Junior Champion by the Missouri Valley Tennis Association.

It was this same year that Dick's ability as a table tennis player gained even wider scope. He was selected as a member of the United States table tennis team which represented America at an international tourney in Europe. Dick played in matches in London, Paris and Prague.

To an American youth the trip to Europe was a memorable occasion, and Dick, who glowed with the accounts of this journey, would have scoffed if told at that time that he would return to Europe in later years as a soldier.

On graduation from high school in St. Louis he was awarded a four-year scholastic scholarship at St. Louis University. Dick attended the University for one year, but the urge to fulfill a desire that had developed during the years was growing stronger.

He wanted to attend West Point. In 1936—which seemed to be an epochal

year for Dick—President Roosevelt offered twenty appointments to West Point, to be made on the basis of competitive examinations.

Fifteen hundred young men throughout America vied for the appointments and Dick was one of the twenty successful aspirants.

At the Academy he continued to distinguish himself as a young man of exceeding ability. His prowess on the tennis courts was soon established, as he became the first individual ever to win the All-Army tennis championship while a cadet. Dick later became captain of the Army tennis team.

His studies suffered little from this activity though, for he taught mathematics to cadets when he became an upper classman, and in 1941 he was graduated from the Academy with honors, ranking 16th in his class.

Because of his outstanding ability in mathematics and the sciences, Dick was offered thorough training in the fields of electronics. This training took him to Harvard and Massachusetts In-



stitute of Technology for brief periods of study before his first assignment at Fort Monmouth, N. J. He was then schooled in radar, and became so well versed in this new field that he was sent to West Palm Beach, Fla., as an instructor. He received periodic promotions, and when he had been a Major for only a short time he received overseas orders, and departed from the United States in September 1944.

A Signal Corps officer, Dick was assigned to the Infantry with the 92nd Infantry Division of Gen. Mark Clark's Fifth Army. At the time of Dick's arrival in the Italian theater as the Division's Signal Officer, renewed pressure was being exerted on the Nazi line in northern Italy.

The bitter and bloody campaigns in Italy will go down in history as some of the most vicious and decisive battles of World War II, and Dick Tindall soon found himself in the thick of this fight.

He had been in action only five months when he lost his life. Unlike many soldiers who fell while inflicting heavy losses on the enemy, Dick's mission at the time of his death was not

one of destruction. He had simply gone up to the front lines to save the lives of his men. They had entangled themselves in a difficult position. Dick's first impulse was to attempt to rally his outfit, and he proceeded to advance over hazardous terrain which was under heavy bombardment from the enemy. A mortar shell took his life on February 9, 1945.

Following Dick's untimely death, letters from the men who had known and worked with him in service were received by Dick's family. His chaplain, commanding officer, West Point buddies and service comrades wrote sincere accounts of the chapter of Dick's life they knew most about.

A superior officer wrote that "he was one of our finest officers who gave his life in a direct and material endeavor to gain the peace". A fellow officer, who was a classmate of Dick's at West Point, wrote that "we all loved him. He was hard working and good natured. In action he was the same, doing what was to be done quietly and efficiently. He was one of the finest men I have ever known". His chaplain wrote that "Dick was not only respected for the manner in which he performed his duties, but he was admired as a man. Officers and enlisted men alike loved him. The division lost a very valuable man, and the American army lost an excellent officer". Such were the accounts of the young officer who paid the supreme sacrifice in the service of his country.

The Military Cemetery at Catel Fiorentino is his resting place. His mother's father, Capt. Harvey Smith, lies in Arlington.

Surviving are his widow, the former Miss Jessie Hart of Eldorado, Ark.; his young son, Joseph; his step-mother, Mrs. Richard G. Tindall of Kansas City; a sister, Mrs. Carl Tietjen of St. Louis; his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Louise Darst Smith, of St. Louis; a step-sister, Miss Helen Tindall, a student at the University of Texas; and his grandmother, Mrs. John S. Ankeney.

His son Joseph is too young to remember his father. But all those who do remember him can truly say that life is better and more worthwhile for having known Dick Tindall. And Dick, in offering his life for his country, enshrined the family name with even more honor, to be borne proudly in tomorrow's world, where his young son Joseph shall walk.

James Edmund Buckley

NO. 12857 CLASS OF 1942

Killed January 11, 1944, when his plane went down over the English Channel, while returning from a mission to Diepholz, Germany, aged 25 years.

JAMES E. BUCKLEY was born on the 23rd of April, 1918, in Ancon, Panama Canal Zone. The following year his family moved to Troy, N. Y., and there he spent his boyhood.

At an early age his enthusiasm for flying began to develop. He fashioned

air plane models; he consumed hours in reading everything that concerned aviation; and later he wrote articles on the subject. His models won several prizes in various contests. His enthusiasm for flying became a passion with him, and he determined to make aviation his career.

After graduating from Catholic Central High School in Troy, he spent two years at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute; and while there decided to try for West Point. A year at Stanton Preparatory School paved the way for his admission to the Academy with the class of '42.

Jim made an ideal cadet. With his proud, erect carriage, his handsome, boyish face topped by unruly, curly hair, and his unbounded zest for living, he made a striking figure in uniform. He was a man of exceptionally high ideals. The strict moral standards and code of honor required of cadets was inherently a part of his makeup before he ever entered the Academy. He was loyal, warmhearted



and generous to his friends, uncompromising with himself in doing his duty faithfully and well. Virile and athletic, he spent his spare time in playing lacrosse or taking long runs in the hills to keep himself in the peak of condition. It was with fond regret that his friends and classmates bade him goodbye and good luck when Graduation Day arrived and he received his commission in the Air Corps.

Training at Corsicana, Randolph Field and Foster Field, earned him his wings; and he was ordered to Moore Field, Mission, Texas for a fighter transition course. He had wanted to undergo bomber training, but was sent instead to a P-47 squadron. After a short tour of duty on the East Coast his squadron was transferred to the United Kingdom in 1943 for combat duty in the E.T.O.

His death while returning from a mission was as inexplicable as it was tragic. The following extract from a letter written to his parents by Col. A. P. Tacon, Jr., reveals as much as is known: "I am afraid that not much is known in regards to just what did happen to your son. Here are the

facts as given to me by a pilot who was flying next to him in formation. We were returning from a mission and were over the North Sea at a high altitude, flying through a solid overcast on instruments. Captain Buckley's ship started a gradual dive straight ahead, still in the overcast, which gradually steepened and then started turning to the left as he went down. The other pilot followed him down until the ship started turning, and he could no longer stay with him. He last saw your son disappear downward out of sight but still at a fairly high altitude.'

"It is impossible for me to even begin to offer an explanation for this. As far as the other pilot could ascertain there was apparently nothing wrong with your son's aircraft. James was an excellent pilot and, frankly, I am at a loss to explain the whole incident.

"As to the chances of your son's rescue, I am afraid that, as much as I hate to say it, they are very slim. The flight, as I stated, was over the North Sea. I hate to dispel any hopes you might have, but on the other hand I don't believe that it would be right to build up a false hope that he was rescued.

"All of us feel deeply over the fact that your son is no longer with us. I can honestly say both for myself and the rest of my group, that James is one of the finest officers and gentlemen that I have ever known. You may well be proud of him; his country and associates are. In the event that he has given his life I am sure that he felt, as any of us would, that it was in a just and good cause"

Extract from a letter from Maj. Gen. W. E. Kepner, 14 February, 1944:

"It is my sad portion to write that your splendid son is now missing. While this is not official, I hasten to extend my heartfelt and personal sympathy. He was a superior man and son of his great country. We shall miss him and the strong help he always gave in full, more and more as our battles become increasingly difficult. His comrades have only the deepest affection and respect for the memory of such a man. Our country is being preserved for all of us by such men as James".

A Classmate.

William Hall Tallant

NO. 13405 CLASS OF JAN., 1943

Killed in Action, October 4, 1944, over Germany, aged 22 years.

To express one's feelings upon the death of a close friend is, at best, difficult. In Bill's case, the task seems virtually impossible. That he should be dead is, in itself, almost incomprehensible. The one impression he left with everyone who knew him was that of a solid, steadfast indestructibility. When the going got rough it was Bill you could count on. Level-headed and deliberate, you always

knew that he would do the job, and do it right. Snap decisions were unknown to him. If death were to come, that it should be due to circumstances completely beyond his control seemed almost inevitable.

And such was the case. On October 4, 1944, while leading his squadron of heavy bombers on a mission over Munich, Germany, William Hall Tallant met a soldier's death. One flash of flame, in all probability a direct hit by heavy flak in a main fuel tank, and that was all. No one will ever know just exactly what happened, but we do know that with that flash was ended the life and career of a fine soldier and true friend.

Bill was born and raised an "Army Brat". From his first breath in January of 1922 till his last, less than twenty-three years later, he was Army through and through, and mighty proud of it. Born at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, he spent his boyhood at



various posts, including Fort Knox, Kentucky; Fort Stotsenburg, P. I.; and Fort Riley, Kansas. Like many Army children, he probably never knew just when it was he decided he was going to West Point, but by the time he had reached high school the idea was firmly implanted. Bill achieved excellent grades throughout high school by dint of hard work and sheer concentration. His every effort was directed toward preparing himself for entrance to the Academy, and in this he was eminently successful. In June of 1939, less than one month after his graduation from high school, Bill received an appointment to West Point from the 28th Congressional District of Pennsylvania, passed the validating examination, and entered with the Class of 1943 on July 1st, 1939.

The disciplined life of West Point was something that Bill could take in his stride. The neatness, promptness, efficiency and obedience that it required were what he had practiced and believed in his entire life. However, he was soon faced with the decision of sacrificing a high academic standing for the sake of participation in the two sports he had always loved, football and boxing. The minutely

scheduled daily routine of cadet life did not leave sufficient time for both. That he should choose athletics was typical; his fighting spirit demanded it.

The advent of war brought many changes at West Point, among them the opportunity to acquire Air Corps flight training prior to graduation. This Bill took advantage of, graduating in January of 1943 as a rated pilot of the Army Air Forces. After graduation his training continued in B-25's, B-17's and B-24's, until late in January, 1944, just one year after graduation, when Bill headed overseas as Operations Officer of a heavy bombardment squadron.

In the next eight months, operating from an air field near Foggia, Italy, Bill participated in forty-four combat missions against the enemy, receiving the Purple Heart, Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters and the Distinguished Flying Cross. As Operations Officer, his fighting spirit, coupled with quiet, level-headed determination, served as an inspiration and guide for his entire unit.

And as those who served under him will never forget his inspiring courage and devotion to duty, so we who knew and loved him as our best and dearest friend will never forget his kind, considerate and generous nature, his ready grin and his love of life at its fullest.

"Be seeing you, Bill."

—A. W. H., Jr.

Floyd Oralee Tobey, Jr.

NO. 13169 CLASS OF JAN., 1943

Missing in Action since March 25, 1945, over Japan, aged 25 years. Officially presumed dead.

ON 25 March 1945, the United States Army Air Forces lost one of its finest junior officers. His outstanding capabilities as an officer and as a man endeared him to all and won him the respect and admiration of his men and of his superior officers. But if "Tobe" were guiding this pen, his first move would be to cut out all the high-flown comparisons and metered phrases leaving only the facts and actualities; for he was ever a most modest person. Seldom, if ever, is anyone privileged to know and associate with a completely unselfish individual. Such a man was "Tobe". His entrance into the Military Academy in July 1939 acquainted him with the famous motto, "Duty, Honor, Country". But his own sense of Duty and Honor was already so well founded and developed that he needed little or no training in its application to his life at the Academy.

After the usual grammar and high school education, "Tobe" spent one year at the Junior College and one term at Rutherford Preparatory School in his home town of Long Beach, California. There he learned the mechanics of study which made him such an excellent student at the Academy. Because he did excel in his academics, and because he was possessed of a driving energy that needed expression, he

quickly found other outlets for his abilities. Having a fine competitive spirit he turned to sports and performed well with the plebe and junior varsity football teams, the plebe and varsity track teams, and the intramural basketball and cross-country teams; not to mention extra-curricular touch football, squash and basketball, whenever he could find time. He gave his best efforts to academic coaching; designed, painted and erected the scenery for the 100th Nite Show; and became the leading cartoon contributor to all the cadet publications. His wonderful sense of humor found its way through his pen to every member of the Corps and the station complement, in the extremely untidy and sloppy cadets he drew representing all the woeful situations in which a cadet could find himself. These cartoons are still used by the Corps and are a fitting tribute to the man who created them. For in his cartoons there is a remarkable manifestation of "Tobe's" outstanding char-

The Japanese still had possession of Iwo Jima at that time and quickly indoctrinated "Tobe" and his crew in procedures connected with the wrong end of a bombing raid. On 24 December 1944 he received word that his son, John Sherwin Tobey, had been born. After a few practice missions, "Tobe" was ready for his first trip to the Empire and the target was Tokyo. There followed several more missions to the mainland of Japan, on one of which "Tobe" helped a crippled B-29 fight off persistent fighter attacks and convoyed it safely back to base. On 25 March 1945 he and his crew took off on a night mission to Nagoya and never returned. No contact of any kind was made with his ship.

The following letter to "Tobe's" wife briefly expresses the esteem with which he was held by his superiors:

HEADQUARTERS, ARMY AIR FORCES
Office of the Commanding General
Washington 25, D. C.

June 12, 1946

My dear Mrs. Tobey:

With deepest regret I have learned that an official determination has been made of the death of your husband, First Lieutenant Floyd Oralee Tobey, Jr., who has been missing in action since March 25, 1945, in the Pacific Ocean Area.

Word has reached me that Lieutenant Tobey, a graduate of the United States Military Academy, was a self-reliant officer of upright character, whose passing is mourned by the many friends he made in the Army Air Forces. During his career as a pilot, he welcomed difficult assignments and won the approbation of superiors for the capable, energetic manner in which he performed these duties. He upheld the highest traditions of the Service and showed that he was earnestly desirous of contributing his utmost to our cause.

Your courageous husband was esteemed by those who knew him well. I hope the knowledge of this and the memory that he served his Country faithfully will afford you some consolation in your bereavement. I offer my heartfelt sympathy to you and other members of the family.

Very sincerely,

(Sgd.) Carl Spaatz
Commanding General,
Army Air Forces.

To those of us who knew and loved him he will never be lost, for the spirit of a man such as "Tobe" lives forever.
—J. E. V. D.

William Joseph Whalen

NO. 13824 CLASS OF JUNE, 1943

Killed in Action April 20, 1944, in the North African Area aged 2½ years.

WILLIAM JOSEPH WHALEN was born on September 9, 1919, the oldest of two sons of Larry A. and Louise P. Whalen. Bill spent the early

years of his life in Massena, New York, where he attended the local schools. He was always regarded as a serious-minded, quiet well-mannered individual. He had a knack of doing things the easy way and inserted a small portion of his abundant Irish wit in everything he did. In such a manner, he always got things done ahead of schedule in the light humorous way which typified his life. It is no small wonder that Bill Whalen's death is felt deeply and sincerely by all who knew him as both friend and mere acquaintance. His life was well proportioned into play, fun, wit and humor, and the more serious side of things—his love for his family and his church. Bill always had a smile on his face, a bit of Irish wit on his lips, and a prayer in his heart, because the combination of these elements made up the dynamic and much loved man, Bill Whalen.

Bill was outstanding in his scholastic achievements even when he was in grammar school. Early in his life he was sent to St. Mary's Boxing Boys'



acteristics. Examination reveals them to be painstakingly accurate, minutely detailed, evidencing a high proficiency. He demanded accuracy, detail and proficiency in all things, first of himself and then of his subordinates.

It was natural that "Tobe" should choose the Air Corps as his branch of the Service. His father served in the Air Service in World War I, and then too, "Tobe's" boundless energy, self-reliance and love of adventure decreed that he should prove to himself that he could master the air, where accuracy, detail and proficiency are of such prime importance. With other members of his class he entered Air Training at the end of his second class year, and in January 1943 became one of the first rated pilots to graduate from the Academy. Following graduation he married Edith Ann Chapman of Downey, California, and took his bride with him to Hobbs, New Mexico for B-17 transition training. There followed rapid changes of station until in February 1944 his request for transfer was approved and he entered B-29 training. On 21 October 1944 "Tobe" and his crew had completed their combat training and left the United States for the island base on Saipan in the Marianas.

School at St. Mary's Church in Pine Grove, Massena. Here he learned the manly art of self-protection which came in handy in his later life both as a sport and a means of self-preservation. As he told me himself, "I climaxed my boxing career my second year at West Point when I got my block knocked off".

Besides boxing, Bill was talented in wrestling, which he enjoyed even more. He was a member of the varsity squads in both sports and was captain of the wrestling team his senior year. Bill also enjoyed tumbling, but limited facilities confined his activities in this sport. He was manager of both basketball and hockey his senior year in high school. Bill graduated in the class of 1937 as an honor student and took his first step into the world.

He next attended Clarkson College of Technology, where he majored in mechanical engineering. He stayed at Clarkson for only two college years but during that time established himself. His scholastic standing was of the best. He was a Dean's List man all four terms. He was active in intramural sports, and was voted a junior

member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers at the end of his sophomore year.

Bill received his appointment to West Point from Congressional District No. 18 in New York. There are many things that could be said of his tour of duty at the Academy, but the best description comes from *The Howitzer*—"Bill hit West Point; the plebe system hit him—with no effect. He laughed his way through plebe year and came out with his sense of humor intact. Many prayers and little study won academic battles".

His activities while at West Point are summarized: Corporal (3), Sergeant (1); *Pointer* sports staff (3-2-1); Charity Ball Committee (3-2); and Rifle Expert.

For years Bill Whalen had been executing the expression of "flying low", so it was no surprise when he decided upon the Air Corps as his branch of the Service. After much training, many thrills, and the acquisition of a raft of knowledge both in his head and the seat of his pants, Bill received his silver wings. No happier boy ever lived than Bill Whalen—no prouder girl, than the one who pinned them on him.

Bill was sent to San Antonio, Texas, after graduation from the Academy. Here he received more advanced training. From San Antonio his moves were frequent, but he stayed longest at Will Rogers Field in Oklahoma. During this period, Bill was assigned to a photo-reconnaissance squadron and flew a blue P-38-J which was the pride of his life. Neither friends nor relatives at home ever saw this airplane because local facilities were inadequate to handle it, but all who received correspondence from Bill certainly knew this ship.

Six months after graduation from West Point, Bill donned the silver bars of a First Lieutenant in the Army of the United States. This showed that the long hours of training and study were priceless because he was now considered a master in his profession. Bill was proud of his promotion just as he was proud of his school, his uniform, and his service. His one regret, however, was his lack of more contacts with enlisted men. He felt that his only contact was with his ground crew, as in fact it was. An example of his thought and consideration for those who served under him is brought to light by an incident that happened while he was on maneuvers. In the battle plan, the photo recon flew their missions and returned to their outpost field. The weather was wet and miserable and flying conditions were poor. Finally the maneuvers came to an end and everyone packed up to return to his base. But Bill's outfit could not move because of the foul weather. He went to the local garrison and requested relief for his detachment, guarding his plane and equipment. Next day a truck was furnished to transport the ground crew and a B-25 helped Bill home through the thick flying conditions.

In April, 1944, while aboard ship on his way to the battle front, Bill Whalen was killed when an aerial torpedo struck home. His going created a vacancy in the lives of all of us who knew him, for as *The Howitzer* so aptly describes, "Bill Whalen was the best friend a man could have, he deserved the best life could offer". But even in death the bonds of friendship cannot be broken.

—J. H. M.

William Lee Clarkson

NO. 14863 CLASS OF 1945

Killed January 24, 1947, in a plane crash near Hamburg, Germany. aged 24 years.

THE day of January 25, 1947 was a sad one for the officers and men stationed in Erlangen, Germany. During the night, word had been received that Lt. William L. Clarkson



had been killed while making a forced landing near Hamburg. Heaviness was in the heart of every one of the many friends that Bill left behind him as they realized that they had lost one of their best. It was a day of mourning and remembrance for the classmates of Bill who were working in Erlangen with him—most of whom had served with Bill for almost five years.

Danny Whitcraft, Bill Manlove, Bill Jarrell, Bill Bess, and Ned Barnette were just a few of his friends who thought that day of Bill as they had known him. The memory that Bill was a real soldier stood out in everyone's mind. It had seemed a short time that they had known Bill, and yet, in the five years they had, they had never known anyone who met the standards of military thought, actions, and living that he did. Bill had entered West Point with the first echelon of the class on July 1, 1942. From the start he was among the foremost in leadership ability among us. He took the honors of military efficiency with a calmness that marked his assuredness of purpose in what he was striv-

ing for. While Bill accepted the tactical training at the Point as necessary grounding for every graduate, he showed his restlessness in wanting to apply his knowledge in that part of the military that had been his love, first, last, and always—in the air. Bill left with many of his friends to take flight training at Chickasha, Oklahoma. As in every new place, Bill was immensely popular immediately. After completing his primary and basic training, Bill was again back at the Point, leading his classmates, helping them whenever they needed the advice that he could so competently give. June 5, 1945 came altogether too soon for Bill because he felt that as much as he had learned at West Point, he still had not learned as much as he wanted to. Graduation Day was more to him than it is for many cadets. West Point gave Bill profoundness in things he had always believed in, gave him positive conviction in right, gave him what it gives so many graduates—intolerance of error.

After graduation, Bill started advanced stages of training with the group that was to remain intact until they reported at Erlangen almost a year later. He reported to Albany, Georgia, went from there to Columbus, Ohio, then south again to Sebring, Florida, in that seemingly never-ending cycle of transition training. Piloting in hand, staff abilities were concentrated on; and the group reported to Orlando, Florida. Bill excelled there as he had at West Point. Always he was the first man asking to get extra time in, always studying, always asking the why of everything that had to do with anything in his chosen profession. The end of his Stateside training came at last. After being processed at Greensboro, North Carolina, he shipped over to the IX Air Forces Service Command in Erlangen.

Here, the actual putting to use of training separated the talent from the genius, and Bill received the recognition of all as one of the very best of military men. To a man, the command all said of Bill, "A real soldier". No one in the military profession can ask for a higher tribute.

All of this was remembered by his friends in Erlangen that morning as the realization came that no more would they have Bill—cheerful, smiling, considerate, helping—with them again.

And on that same morning halfway around the world in Washington, Colonel and Mrs. William McKinley Clarkson were stunned by the news that their son would not return. Death is an expected event in anyone's life, especially in military families. And yet when it comes to a loved one so early, the grief is not lessened but rather increased, for not only does death then become a real tragedy, but also regret is felt that death has come to one whose entire life had been molded and shaped for a military

career; and tangible accomplishments have just begun to materialize.

The memories of Bill were poignant with his parents. Bill had been born in Lynchburg, Virginia, on April 6, 1922. His early life was much the same as that of other children of his age in Army families. He moved where his father's duties called them, living in the United States and abroad. He started his schooling in Manila. Bill seemed at home with army people; it was not strange that some of the boys in short trousers with Bill, progressed with him year by year, from short trousers to long, from secondary schools to college, from civilian clothes to Cadet grey. Bill spent his last years of secondary schooling in Baltimore at the Clifton Park Junior High School, and at Baltimore Polytechnic Institute. Bill gained his unusual versatility during those years. As his parents looked back on Bill's adolescent years, they could not imagine how anyone could have done more in any better manner than Bill had done. At Polytech, Bill was elected to the William R. King chapter of the National Honor Society. His versatile talents rated honors in stage-craft, gymnasium, special activities, tutoring, and student government. His spare hours were taken with Boy Scout activities, summer camping, and choral work in the Pro-Cathedral. Certainly Baltimore remembers Bill as the 16-year old boy who was responsible for the capture of Charles and Barbara Bird, at that time public enemies number two according to the F.B.I. The affair was significant, and yet only typical, of Bill's alertness.

After graduation from Polytech, Bill studied at Johns Hopkins University until he was ready to join the Army to try for his appointment to West Point. The end of the school term at the Army Preparatory School at Fort Monroe, Virginia, found Bill with his examinations passed but with no appointment. With his usual determination, Bill reenlisted to try again. That year he served at Randolph Field, waiting for the appointment that finally came through in time for him to join our class.

Bill was killed doing the thing he loved best to do—fly. The boy who had spent his early years building model airplanes had grown to leadership among men, following his real interest as a profession.

With real contrition we of his class have learned that we have lost one of the finest among us. Bill's magnificent standards of character, his kindness, and his friendship, will never be forgotten by any of us. He was a real soldier. The entire class wishes to express to Colonel and Mrs. Clarkson and to his wife, Mrs. Jeanne Clarkson, our genuine and deep sympathy. We all have lost one of the finest men we have been privileged to know.

—Thomas McNiel.

Roland Wheeler Ramey

NO. 15042 CLASS OF 1945

Killed August 26, 1946, in a plane crash off Okinawa, aged 24 years.

HE maketh me lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters". So began the final tribute to "Rufe" by Chaplain McQueen of the 301st Fighter Wing on the rainy evening of August 28, 1946. It was a tribute attended sadly by most of the officer personnel of the Wing, for they had all known and been warm friends of this quiet, smiling young officer.

Roland Wheeler Ramey, born November 11, 1921, died August 26, 1946, in



an airplane crash off the coast of Okinawa. During these almost twenty-five short years Rufe saw a good deal of the United States, going to school in Kansas, Tennessee and Washington, D. C. His last two years of high school were spent at Leavenworth, where he earned his letter both years as a regular on the basketball team. Although I never saw him in action as a high school player, I know that he was largely instrumental in keeping his "C" Company team well ahead of the rest of the regiment at West Point during his three years there.

After two years of preparation at Sullivan's Preparatory School in Washington, Rufe entered the Military Academy. I met him that first busy, confusing day of "Beast Barracks". From that date in July, 1942 until the time of his death Rufe never changed, always easy going, friendly, quiet, almost to the point of shyness. No matter how difficult or easy the job he performed it in the same quiet, efficient manner. He was an easy going sort of fellow until he started playing a game of basketball, football, softball; or any sport,

for that matter. He was very adept at any sport, a born athlete, one of those rare individuals with the ease of coordination and body grace which made him equally at home on any field of play. As soon as he became engaged in any game he seemed as one transformed, giving it everything he had, never tiring, and always playing to win.

Rufe received his gold bars and silver wings on June 5, 1945. The gold bars were something he had coveted all his life, for his is an army family in the old tradition, his father a General and his older brother a Lieutenant Colonel, but I believe that at the time of his graduation he was more proud of his wings than of his brand new commission. He was still more proud that he had been selected as a fighter pilot. After graduation he was shuffled around the U.S. for a short period, being stationed at Napier Field, Alabama; Tallahassee and Bartow, Florida; and Hunter Field, Georgia. It wasn't until he reached Okinawa that he was assigned permanently to a fighter outfit, and it was here that he began flying the P-47. His squadron commander said many times that he had never seen a more promising fighter pilot, and that he would rather have Rufe flying his wing than any pilot in the squadron.

On the morning of August 26, 1946, Rufe took off on his last flight. With him were his flight leader and two of his classmates, in a four ship formation; just a routine training mission over a low altitude navigation course. The flight was on the final leg, returning to the base, and as they had been flying rather low the flight leader pulled the formation up to cool off a bit. At an altitude of 400 feet one of the members of the flight looked over at Rufe's airplane just in time to see it nose down and crash into the China Sea. Only the Lord knows why it happened. I'm sure that if Rufe had known he was going to die he would have preferred to have it just that way, for I have heard him say that if he had to die it might as well be in a plane.

Rufe's death left a host of friends, both commissioned and enlisted, greatly saddened. Just to know him was sufficient basis to call him your friend. I honestly doubt that he ever in his life knowingly hurt any living thing, either by word or act. We all miss you, Rufe.

—A Classmate.

A bronze memorial tablet was installed in the Chapel at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas on April 12, 1947 by the parents, brother and sister of the deceased officer. The memorial plaque is suspended on the walls of the same chapel in which Wheeler was confirmed in 1933 by Chaplain Luther Miller, now Chief of Chaplains. The memorial perpetuates the associations of two different periods of Wheeler's youth spent on the post of Fort Leavenworth.