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

AND

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

It is most gratifying for me to be able to report to the membership of the Association of Graduates concerning the success of the celebrations this year of the 146th Anniversary of the founding of the Military Academy, and the Joint U.S.M.A.-U.S.N.A. Celebration of the Unification of the Armed Forces, held in New York on 2 April 1948 at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. The Unification Dinner in New York, while sponsored by the Association of Graduates, U.S.M.A. and the Naval Academy Alumni Association, was actually made possible through the combined efforts of the West Point Society of New York and the Naval Academy Association of New York. Many of the officers and members of these two New York organizations gave freely of their time and money to insure the success of this dinner. To these generous individuals our sincere thanks are given, since without their help this celebration could not have been prepared and held.

Many of our groups of alumni throughout the world joined with groups of Annapolis alumni in their vicinity in local celebrations of Unification on the same date. More than 1,300 were present at the dinner in New York.

Among the distinguished guests were:

The Honorable James Forrestal,  
Secretary of Defense

The Honorable Robert P. Patterson,  
Former Secretary of War

Fleet Admiral William F. Halsey, U.S.N., Retired

General Omar N. Bradley, U.S.A.,  
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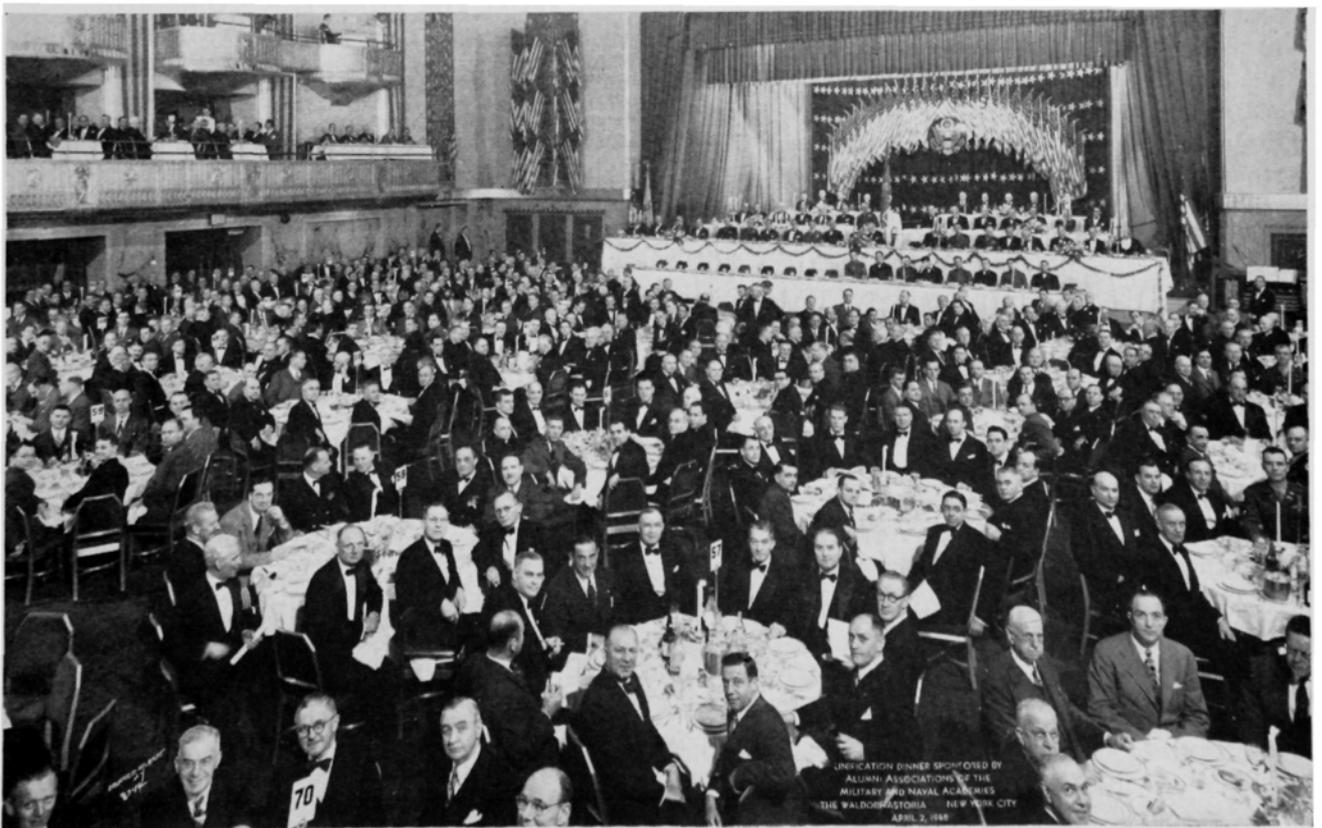
General J. Lawton Collins, U.S.A.,  
Deputy Chief of Staff, United States Army

Admiral J. F. Farley, U.S.C.G.,  
Commandant, United States Coast Guard

Lt. General Delos C. Emmons, U.S.A.F.,  
Commandant, Armed Forces Staff College

Admiral Thomas E. Kincaid, U.S.N.,  
Commander Eastern Sea Frontier

Lt. General James N. Doolittle, U.S.A.F., Retired



Mr. Donald S. Walker,  
 President, United States Naval Academy Alumni Assn.  
 Lt. General Hugh A. Drum, U.S.A., Retired,  
 Commanding General, New York State National Guard  
 Rear Admiral James L. Holloway, Jr., U.S.N.,  
 Superintendent, United States Naval Academy  
 Major General Maxwell D. Taylor, U.S.A.,  
 Superintendent, United States Military Academy  
 Mr. W. E. Ditmars,  
 President, Naval Academy Association of New York  
 Colonel Meade Wildrick,  
 President, West Point Society of New York

General Emmons was Presiding Officer at the Dinner and Mr. Henry J. Taylor was Toastmaster.

Many other distinguished officers of the Army, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard, including the National Guard and Reserve Corps, and many persons of national prominence, especially those representing organizations allied with National Defense, were present. The principal speaker was the Honorable James Forrestal, whose inspiring address concerning the state of the world today and the consequent imperative need for a unified National Defense, was enthusiastically acclaimed by all those in attendance. General Taylor and Admiral Holloway, in brief talks, pledged the two great National Academies to the principles of Unification, in deed as well as in spirit. At the beginning of the program the Presidents of both Alumni Associations made brief addresses of welcome to all of the guests.

The celebration began with an impressive ceremony of the presentation of the colors, in which eight cadets and eight midshipmen, ably assisted by a detachment of "Hellcats" from West Point, took part. During the course of the dinner program the groups of cadets and midshipmen each sang time-honored songs of the two Academies, and at the close of the program joined in leading the singing of "America" by the entire audience. We had arranged for a broadcast and transcription of the program, but only three days before the dinner circumstances over which we had no control forced us to cancel these arrangements.

All of us who attended the dinner in New York feel that it was a notable success and a definite milestone in promoting real unification among the three services and their many supporters among the citizens of our Nation. That this feeling is widely shared by West Point and Annapolis alumni throughout the world is evidenced by the following quoted messages, which have been selected at random from the many messages reaching West Point in connection with the Joint Celebration and the 146th Anniversary, U.S.M.A.



C. L. FENTON, '04,

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

### FROM RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO BOTH OF YOU  
 LOVE, ARMY AND NAVY, RIO  
 —MORRIS, 1911 AND LOVETT, 1918

### FROM ALASKA

UNITED GRADUATES IN ALASKA JOIN WITH YOU TODAY  
 IN JOINT CELEBRATION. HAPPY LANDINGS.  
 —TWINING

### FROM WASHINGTON, D. C.

I CONGRATULATE COMMITTEE MEMBERS OF THE WEST POINT-ANNAPOLIS ALUMNI ASSOCIATIONS IN THEIR EFFORT TO FOSTER EVEN TO AN INCREASING DEGREE THE CLOSE RELATIONSHIP EXISTING BETWEEN GRADUATES OF OUR TWO ACADEMIES. THE NECESSITY FOR REALISTIC UNIFICATION IN OUR HEARTS AND MINDS HAS BEEN SINGULARLY IMPRESSED UPON ME AS DIRECTOR OF PLANS AND OPERATIONS DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY. HEARTFELT GOOD WISHES TO ALL OF YOU FOR HAPPINESS AND CONTINUED SUCCESS.  
 —LIEUTENANT GENERAL A. C. WEDEMEYER

### FROM CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE LOYAL ALUMNI OF WEST POINT AND ANNAPOLIS GATHERED AT CHICAGO TO HONOR ALMA MATERS AND THE UNIFICATION SEND GREETINGS AND WARMEST REGARDS.  
 —G. HUMPHREY, '07

### FROM PHILADELPHIA, PA.

SONS OF MARS AND THUNDER ASSEMBLED IN PHILADELPHIA ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF OUR ALMA MATER GRIP HANDS WITH YOU IN SALUTING THE ACADEMY ON ITS 146TH BIRTHDAY.

—DOUGLASS T. GREENE, '13 PRESIDENT AND  
 SAMUEL EDELMAN, '10, SECRETARY

### FROM THE EUROPEAN COMMAND

ALL GRADUATES AND FORMER CLASSMATES OF THE ACADEMIES AND ALL THOSE CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH WEST POINT AND ANNAPOLIS HERE IN EUROPE JOIN WITH ME AND THE EUROPEAN COMMAND IN EXTENDING GREETINGS UPON THIS OCCASION OF THE COMMEMORATION OF THE ANNIVERSARIES OF THE FOUNDATIONS OF WEST POINT AND ANNAPOLIS AND FOR THEIR SERVICES TO OUR COUNTRY.

—CLAY

### FROM THE PANAMA CANAL ZONE

ARMY AND AIR FORCE PANAMA AREA WEST POINTERS ONE HUNDRED STRONG GRIP HANDS TONIGHT WITH SIXTY TWO PANAMA AREA NAVAL ACADEMY GRADUATES TO CELEBRATE ONE FOUR SIX ANNIVERSARY AND STRENGTHEN THE BONDS OF UNIFICATION. WE WILL FILL OUR GLASSES FELLOWS AT FORT WILLIAM D. DAVIS, CANAL ZONE AND EXTEND GREETINGS TO YOU ON THIS OCCASION.

—WILLIS D. CRITTENBERGER

### FROM AUSTRIA

GREETINGS FROM UNITED STATES FORCES IN AUSTRIA UPON THE OCCASION OF THE ONE HUNDRED FORTY SIXTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDATION OF THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY TO ALL GRADUATES, FORMER CLASSMATES, AND THOSE CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH WEST POINT.

—KEYES

### FROM KOREA

169 GRADUATES IN KOREA SEND GREETINGS TO FELLOW GRADUATES AT NEW YORK ANNUAL DINNER.

—BROWNE

**FROM GREAT LAKES, ILLINOIS**

MANY GENERATIONS OF AMERICAN CITIZENS ARE INDEBTED TO THE SERVICE ACADEMIES AT ANNAPOLIS AND WEST POINT FOR PROVIDING TRAINED LEADERSHIP FOR OUR NATIONAL DEFENSE FORCES IN PEACE AND WAR. ALUMNI OF THE NINTH NAVAL DISTRICT JOIN ME IN EXTENDING GREETINGS TO ALL GRADUATES AND CLASSMATES PRESENT.

—J. CARY JONES, REAR ADMIRAL, USN  
COMMANDANT NINTH NAVAL DISTRICT,  
GREAT LAKES, ILLINOIS

**FROM STUTTART, GERMANY**

SIXTY THREE GRADUATES FROM CLASSES NINETEEN NINETEEN TO NINETEEN FORTY-SIX ASSEMBLED IN STUTTART GERMANY JOIN YOU IN HONORING 146th ANNIVERSARY. LONG GRAY LINE STANDING SOLID.

—SEBREE, BRIGADIER GENERAL  
2ND BRIG U.S. CONSTABULARY

**FROM ST. LOUIS**

TO ALL THOSE PRESENT WE SEND OUR GREETINGS. WE ARE MET TOGETHER THIS EVENING TO DO HONOR BY TRADITION TO OUR BELOVED ACADEMIES, AND IN ADDITION TO CELEBRATE THE RECENT MERGER OF THE ARMED FORCES. WE THINK BACK WITH LOVE AND A CERTAIN NOSTALGIA TO OUR HAPPY ASSOCIATIONS AT WEST POINT AND ANNAPOLIS, AND WE CONTEMPLATE WITH THE GREATEST PRIDE THE PAST DEEDS AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF OUR FELLOW CADETS AND MIDSHIPMEN IN THE DEFENSE OF THIS FINE AND GREAT COUNTRY OF OURS. THE MERGER OF THE ARMED FORCES AT THIS TROUBLED POINT IN THE HISTORY OF THE WORLD TAKES ON A GREATER AND MORE VITAL SIGNIFICANCE, NOT ALONE FOR US BUT FOR ALL OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. WE MUST LIVE UP TO THE TRUST WHICH IS THUS CONFERRED UPON US. THIS MERGER MUST BE ONE OF THE HEART AND MIND AND NOT JUST ONE OF LEGAL STATUTE. NOW IS THE TIME FOR US TO WORK FORWARD INTO THE FUTURE AS ONE, WITH CLARITY OF VISION, FIRMNESS OF PURPOSE AND CALMNESS OF MIND, KEEPING EVER BEFORE US THE HIGH IDEALS OF OUR TWO GREAT ACADEMIES, AS EXPRESSED IN THEIR MOTTOES: "DUTY HONOR COUNTRY" AND "EX TRIDENT SCIENTIA" WE ARE WITH YOU IN SPIRIT IN THE FESTIVE GATHERING ON THIS ANNUAL OCCASION AND WE SEND OUR RESPECTS TO YOUR HONORED GUESTS.

—WEST POINT AND ANNAPOLIS SOCIETIES  
OF ST. LOUIS.

**FROM HEIDELBERG, GERMANY**

APPROXIMATELY FIFTY MEMBERS OF THE LONG GRAY LINE WILL ASSEMBLE IN HEIDELBERG ON 2 APRIL TO CELEBRATE THE 146 BIRTHDAY OF THE MILITARY ACADEMY. WE JOIN YOU IN A TOAST TO THE CORPS AND THE LONG GRAY LINE.

—GALLAGHER.

**FROM SEATTLE**

ENTHUSIASTIC GREETINGS FROM WEST POINT AND ANNAPOLIS GROUPS IN SEATTLE. YOUR BANQUET IN KEEPING WITH BEST TRADITIONS OF THE SERVICES. EXPECT TO FOLLOW YOUR GOOD EXAMPLE ON APRIL 5 AT NAVAL STATION HERE.

—GENERAL E. P. DENSON WEST POINT '09  
AND B. B. CASSELS, ANNAPOLIS '22.

**FROM FORT RILEY, KANSAS**

WEST POINT GRADUATES ASSEMBLED AT THE GROUND GENERAL SCHOOL, FORT RILEY, FORTY STRONG SEND HEARTY BEST WISHES TO THE CORPS OF CADETS. MAY THE LONG GRAY LINE EVER INCREASE TO THE CONFUSION OF OUR FOES.

—MILLIKIN.

**FROM FORT MONROE, VIRGINIA**

160 MEMBERS OF THE LONG GRAY LINE GATHERED AT FORT MONROE SEND YOU GREETINGS AND FRATERNAL BEST WISHES.

**FROM BAD TOLZ, GERMANY**

THIRTY-FIVE GRADUATES, FROM MAJOR GENERAL FRANK W. MILBURN CLASS OF FOURTEEN TO 1ST LIEUTENANT WILLIAM C. BISHOP CLASS OF FORTY-SIX, OF THE HQS FIRST US INFANTRY DIVISION GATHERED IN BAD TOLZ IN THE BAVARIAN ALPS OF SOUTHERN GERMANY SEND GREETINGS AND JOIN WITH YOU IN COMMEMORATING THE 146TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR ALMA MATER.

**FROM FORT LEWIS, WASHINGTON**

SONS OF MARS AND THUNDER ASSEMBLED AT FORT LEWIS ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF OUR ALMA MATER GRIP HANDS WITH YOU IN SALUTING THE ACADEMY ON ITS 146TH BIRTHDAY.

—GEORGE B. MC REYNOLDS, '18, PRESIDENT  
AND ALFRED S. MC CORKLE, '44, SECRETARY.

**FROM BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA**

TO THE MEMBERS OF ALL SISTER WEST POINT SOCIETIES, AS THEY MEET TO OBSERVE THE ANNIVERSARY OF OUR ALMA MATER'S BIRTH, WE SEND SINCEREST GREETINGS.

—THE WEST POINT SOCIETY  
OF CENTRAL CALIFORNIA.

Eustis L. Hubbard, 1915, President  
Earl M. Price, 1915, Secretary  
Drexler Dana, Nov. 1918, Treasurer

**FROM FORT KNOX, KENTUCKY**

ASSEMBLED AT FORT KNOX, THE ARMORED CENTER, ON 16 MARCH ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY GRADUATES AND EX-CADETS FORWARD ALL BEST WISHES FOR THE FUTURE OF OUR ALMA MATER AND THE GLORY OF OUR UNIFIED SERVICES.

**FROM JINMACHI, JAPAN**

THOUGH SIX THOUSAND MILES AWAY OUR FEELINGS OF LOYALTY AND DEVOTION TO WEST POINT REMAIN STILL UNDIMMED AS WE SONS OF AN EARLIER DAY SALUTE YOU SONS OF TODAY AND AWAIT WITH ANTICIPATION THE OPPORTUNITY OF SERVICE SIDE BY SIDE WITH YOU.

—WEST POINT GRADUATES

**FROM TRIESTE**

UPON THE OCCASION OF THE ONE HUNDRED FORTY SIXTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDATION OF THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY TRIESTE UNITED STATES TROOPS EXTEND GREETINGS TO ALL GRADUATES AND FORMER CLASSMATES.

—MOORE

**FROM HEADQUARTERS, SIXTH ARMY,  
SAN FRANCISCO**

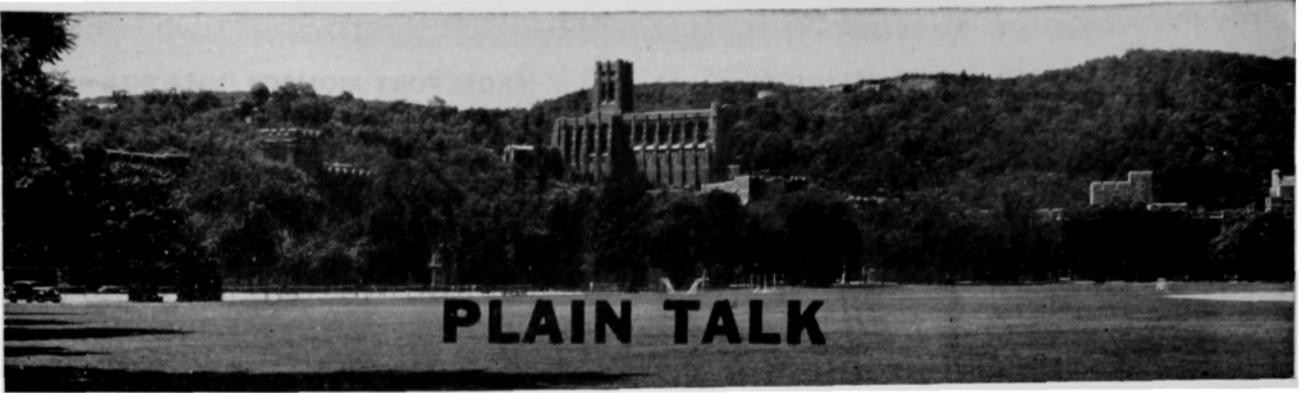
GRADUATES AND FORMER CADETS SERVING WITH THE SIXTH ARMY JOIN ME IN SALUTING THE MILITARY ACADEMY ON THE 146TH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS FOUNDING.

—CLARK, COMMANDING

**FROM BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA**

BIRMINGHAM SOCIETY SENDS GREETINGS TO ALL ASSEMBLED IN COMMEMORATION OF THE FOUNDING OF THE US MILITARY ACADEMY AND THE US NAVAL ACADEMY. MAY THESE GREAT INSTITUTIONS MAINTAIN THEIR PLACES SECURE IN HISTORY TO PROVIDE FOR THEIR COUNTRY LEADERS WISE IN PEACE AND UNCONQUERABLE IN WAR.

—MORROW 1906, MARTIN 1907  
AND STEINER 1917.



## PLAIN TALK

By CADET CURTIS L. ANDERS,  
Class of 1949

### SUMMER, 1948

Once again, the Corps of Cadets has started to look forward to the Summer months and the welcome changes that they bring. Furloughs, carefree hours, and relief from the routine of life in barracks have always been subjects of special appeal to cadet minds—and today's cadets are certainly not exceptions to this time proven fact.

Have you ever wondered how much the Summer months have changed since you were a cadet? If you have, you should find a great deal of nostalgic interest in comparing the summers of your cadet years to the Summer of 1948, about which we have collected a few items. It would be even more interesting if we could compare "then" to "now"—but the "then" would be different for nearly every class, so we will ask you to supply your own "then", and we will supply the "now".

As soon as June Week is ended, the entire new First Class (of 1949) will leave on a fourteen day training trip to inspect the latest techniques and developments in the Combined Arms. The stations that will be visited and the activities to be observed are: Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio, for the Air Forces; White Sands (New Mexico) Proving Ground, for V-2 rocket and guided missile experiments; Ft. Bliss, Texas, for Antiaircraft Artillery; Ft. Knox, Ky., for Armored developments; and Ft. Benning, Ga., for Infantry. All of the long distance movements will be by air in C-82s. Each plane carries thirty fully equipped men at around 180 mph.

A tour similar to the one described above was made during the Summer of 1947 and was considered quite successful from social as well as military standpoints. Even though today's cadets fly through the training schedules (literally as well as figuratively), there are still plenty of opportunities and facilities for relaxing.

Upon returning to Stewart Field and West Point, the First Classmen will be split into two groups, one going on a twenty-four day Summer Leave, the other remaining to take a course in Instructor Training in preparation for subsequent duty as members of the First New Cadet Detail, the First Camp Buckner Detail (for the new Yearlings), and the First Replacement Training Division Detail (at Ft. Knox, Ky.).

As soon as the Furlough group returns, they will relieve the First Detail which will then go on Furlough. Instead of replacing the thirty-six men at Ft. Knox, however, members of the Second Replacement Training Division Detail will be sent to Ft. Jackson, S. C., instead.

The new Second Classmen will be divided into two groups immediately after the close of June Week, one group leaving on a twenty-eight day Summer Leave, and the other group departing soon afterward (in C-82 aircraft) on the Air Forces Indoctrination Trip. Air Forces stations that may be visited are: Langley Field, Va., Shaw Field, S. C., Griffis Air Force Base, Texas, Biggs Field, Texas, and Pope Field, N. C. During this trip, the new Second Classmen will be introduced to the Air Forces, their limitations, capabilities, and Officers Clubs. Such a trip is considered to be of special benefit to the cadets who will serve in the Ground Arms after graduation because it acquaints them with a fighting force on which they may someday call for support.

Upon completion of the tour, the groups will switch—the Furlough group retracing the steps of their predecessors, and the Indoctrinated group taking off on Furlough.

When both of these groups have again returned to West Point, they will be loaded onto an Army Transport and taken to Virginia for participation in Operation Camid III with Midshipmen U.S.N.A.

When the Cows come home to West Point for the third time, they will be greeted by the beginning of the Academic Year, soberly reminding them that their summer is indeed over.

For the new Yearlings, there will be the peace, quiet and hard work of Camp Buckner. Furlough for the entire class (of 1951) begins immediately after June Week's conclusion and lasts twenty-eight days. Their return marks the beginning of a two-month training period in which the new Yearlings are introduced to the Ground Arms, canoeing, informal hops, and the benefits of Recognition. Not even the long hours on the Rifle Range can dim the Yearlings' enthusiasm for life at Popolo, and as a result, there will probably be many feelings of regret when September and the return to West Point come.

For the incoming Class of 1952, Beast Barracks—about which nothing more need be said, for it will be the same in 1948 as it has always been, rough.

To the Corps of Cadets, who habitually live in the future rather than in the past, the coming summer is one of bright promise.

### "MALICE IN WONDERLAND"

The latest in the long line of gloom-ending 100th Night Shows, "Malice in Wonderland", was presented in the Army Theater at West Point on March 12 and 13 by the Dialectic Society. This year's production, which followed the unwritten tradition that each year's show must be more lavish than its predecessor, was a fitting way in which to celebrate the rising of the sun. "Malice in Wonderland" is what resulted when three cadets moved into a midtown Manhattan hotel for a weekend.

The many traditions embodied in the 100th Night Shows have withstood the trial of years remarkably well. Cadet interest in the show is at an all-time high, promising even better shows in years to come.

### SECOND CLASS EDUCATIONAL TRIPS

Again this year, members of the Second Class are making the Educational Trips to points of interest in New York City. The Second Classmen may make any two of the conducted tours through the following: the American Museum of Natural History, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the National Broadcasting Company (Radio City), the New York Times, and the New York Herald-Tribune.

### ADDITIONAL FIRST CLASS PRIVILEGES

The following additional First Class privileges were granted effective 1 April 1948.

All First Classmen not undergoing punishment and who are proficient in all academic subjects are excused from all formations after the completion of their last scheduled duty, or review and inspection, on Saturday afternoon

until Call to Quarters, 1915 on Sunday.

First Classmen who leave the Post on Saturday afternoons on a First Class privilege status will return to barracks by 0100 Sunday morning. First Classmen who leave the Post on a regular week-end leave status need not return until 1915 Sunday as indicated above.

First Classmen may leave the Post after 1500 on Wednesdays and need not return until Call to Quarters, 1915 that same evening.

Presentable civilian clothing may be worn by First Classmen when actually leaving from or returning to the Post. Civilian clothing will not be worn at any other time or to any other place on the Post.

These privileges in no way relieve or excuse First Classmen from daily academic requirements or other rostered duty requirements during the times indicated above.

First Classmen may operate their cars on Wednesday afternoons and week-ends in taking advantage of these privileges.

## ATHLETIC AWARDS

The following awards for the Fall athletic season of 1947 have been announced by the Superintendent U.S.M.A.:

### FOOTBALL

#### Major Sports "A":

Class of 1948: Drury and Livesay.

(Entitled to a one inch Navy Gold Star—Livesay)

Class of 1949: Barnes, F. G., Bryant, Bullock, Feir, Gillette, Gustafson, Henry, J. R., Keffer, Rawers, Rowan, Steffy and Stuart.

(Entitled to a one inch Navy Gold Star—Barnes, F. G., Bryant, Bullock, Feir, Gillette, Gustafson, Henry, J. R., Keffer, Rawers, Rowan, Steffy and Stuart)

Class of 1950: Aton, Cosentino, Davis, B. L., Galiffa, Kellum, Lunn, McDaniel, P. B., Scott, Winfield, W., Shelley, Trent, Vinson and Yeoman.

(Entitled to a one inch Navy Gold Star—Cosentino, Davis, B. L., Galiffa, Kellum, Lunn, McDaniel, P. B., Scott, Winfield, W., Shelley, Trent, Vinson and Yeoman)

Class of 1951: Galloway.

(Entitled to a one inch Navy Gold Star—Galloway)

#### Academy Monogram:

Class of 1948: Buckley, J. J., Nash, Peppers, Phillips, Ware and Young.

Class of 1949: Austin, Burckart, Cox, Dickinson, H., Donohoe, Ford, E. P., Graham, Guthrie, Hartinger, Howell, M. D., Howell, R. W., Lay, Lindeman, Olentine, Parrish, Pingitore, Poulson and Rust.

Class of 1950: Abelman, Boyle, Dielens, Dille, Fastuca, Gabriel, Goldstrom, Gradoville, Green, J. F., Heit, Henn, Henrikson, Hoffman, Irons, Kaseman, Kelley, G. P., Kuckhahn, Kulpa, Kuyk, Lange, Lobe, Mackmull, Maladowitz, McCoy, McCrane, Murphy, J. M., Ruckman, Ruppel, Smith, R. R., Tate and Vannoy.

#### Major Sports Managers' Insigne:

Class of 1948: Quanbeck (Manager), and Hall (Equipment Manager).

Class of 1949: Foldberg, Gerometta and Greenbaum. (Not to be worn until they become First Classmen)

#### Class Numerals:

Class of 1951: Ackerson, Anderson, R. D., Bretzke, Bryant, Cain, Cox, Detar, Elmlblad, Fischl, Foldberg, Garrison, Giordano, Gordon, Johnson, R. F., Lutterloh, Martin, J. W., Mueller, E. J., Pazderka, Perry, Shultz, Stephenson, St. Mary, Storck, Streadorf, Toro, Watsey, Winfield and Zanfagna.

### SOCCER

#### Minor Sports "A":

Class of 1948: Bellinger, Brennan, Dent, Hartnell, Hazard, Horn, Osteen, Pressman, Ruddy, Schalk, and Tyree.

Class of 1949: Davis, T. G., deCorrevont and Marley.

Class of 1950: Genuario, Mather and Novak.

#### Academy Monogram:

Class of 1948: Cormack, Haskell and Macklin.

Class of 1949: Arantz, Benzing, Bush, W. D., Driscoll, Gilbreth, Hindman, Hopkins, Jenkins, W. H., Lamp,

Lehner, Marfuggi, Neal, Nelson, E. A., Patterson, Pollin, Raabe, Rasmussen, R. J., Sabel, Spragins, Sylvester, Townsley, Wason, Weart, Williams, T. H., and Yacker.

Class of 1950: Baxter, T. R., Boydston, Campbell, Carroll, DeArmond, Eichelberger, Faurer, Foster, Garrett, L. J., Hamlin, Hammond, C. W., Koehler, Vlisides and Whiting.

#### Minor Sports Managers' Insigne:

Class of 1948: Kochtitzky (Manager), Dingeman and Stelling (Coaches).

#### Class Numerals:

Class of 1951: Baker, Gardiner, Hackleman, Krupinsky, Maynard, Mena, Miller, W. D., Morales, Post, Quinn, Roloff, Rose, Samotis, Vandenberg, H. S., Vincent and Wardrop.

### CROSS COUNTRY

#### Major Sports "A":

Class of 1950: Strider.

(Entitled to a  $\frac{3}{4}$ " Navy Gold Star—Strider)

#### Minor Sports "A":

Class of 1950: Farabaugh, Knauer, Lewandowski, Thompson, J. M., and Wilson, G. F.

(Entitled to a  $\frac{3}{4}$ " Navy Gold Star—Farabaugh, Knauer, Lewandowski, Thompson, J. M., and Wilson, G. F.)

#### Academy Monogram:

Class of 1948: Buechler.

Class of 1949: Gillespie, Swett and Trieschmann.

Class of 1950: Saalberg and Tilson.

#### Minor Sports Managers' Insigne:

Class of 1948: Cerow.

#### Class Numerals:

Class of 1951: Delano, Johnson, L. M., Jorstad, Marsh, McMullen, Parkins and Vandenberg, W. E.

### CHEERLEADERS

#### Cheerleaders "A":

Class of 1948: Barnett, Churchill, Day, French, Miller, Wagoner, F. E., and Ward.

Class of 1948: Mule Riders—Long, Thomas, G. S., and White, S.

The following awards have been announced for the Winter athletic season of 1948:

### BASKETBALL

#### Major Sports "A":

Class of 1949: Mosny, Rawers, Shepherd, Wagner, R. H.

Class of 1950: Galiffa, Yeoman.

#### Academy Monogram:

Class of 1948: Long, Moore, Robertson.

Class of 1949: Barnes, F. G., Nelson, R. C., Nordin, Purseley, Sanders, Swantz, Yellman.

Class of 1950: Barry, R. N., Boydston, Chapman, Dielens, Fats, Gabriel, Hemenway, Means, Shelley, Shreve, Wagoner, J. S., Zagorski.

#### Major Sports Managers' Insigne:

Class of 1948: Patterson.

#### Class Numerals:

Class of 1951: Elmlblad, Filchak, Foldberg, Griesinger, Harman, G. L., Harmon, D. M., Headlee, Keesling, Reeve.

### BOXING

#### Minor Sports "A":

Class of 1948: Callwell, Hazard and Kiernan.

Class of 1949: Hiestand, Howell, R. W., Puckett, Rasmussen, J. W.

Class of 1950: Bitzer, Kellum, Monfore, Quarstein.

#### Academy Monogram:

Class of 1950: Monihan.

#### Minor Sports Managers' Insigne:

Class of 1948: Packard.

#### Class Numerals:

Class of 1951: Baird, H. H., Clemons, Cunningham, Hastings, Herring, Lafleur, Moretti, Robinson, L. S., Scott and Shine.

## FENCING

## Minor Sports "A":

- Class of 1948: Butler and Shuster.  
 (Entitled to  $\frac{3}{4}$ " Navy Gold Star—Butler and Shuster)  
 Class of 1949: Bowman, Carswell, Cummings, B., Huber,  
 W. E., Smythe, and Trubin.  
 (Entitled to  $\frac{3}{4}$ " Navy Gold Star—Bowman, Carswell,  
 Cummings, B., Huber, W. E., Smythe, and Trubin)

## Academy Monogram:

- Class of 1949: Jartman and Lampell.  
 Class of 1950: Leggett, Monson, Parmly, Tuttle and Wil-  
 lersford.  
 Class of 1951: Kintz.

## Minor Sports Managers' Insigne:

- Class of 1949: Browne, L. C. L. (Manager), White, R. A.  
 (Coach).  
 (Not to be worn until they become First Classmen.)

## Class Numerals:

- Class of 1951: Auer, Check, Guidroz, Ireland, Robertson,  
 Ryan, R. L., Starrett and Vandenberg, H. S.

## GYMNASTICS

## Major Sports "A":

- Class of 1949: Jamison.

## Minor Sports "A":

- Class of 1948: Coons, Saville and Wurster.  
 Class of 1949: DeMuro, Hodes, Johnson, M. C., Smith,  
 M. I., Stephenson and Whistler.  
 Class of 1950: Brunson, Cragin, Hayes, Knapp, Pigman.

## Academy Monogram:

- Class of 1949: Finnegan.  
 Class of 1950: Green, J. H., Lunger and Williams.

## Minor Sports Managers' Insigne:

- Class of 1949: Dirkes.  
 (Not to be worn until he becomes a First Classman.)

## Class Numerals:

- Class of 1951: Albenda, Brantley, Clarke, J. W., Clay,  
 Dickens, Gividen, Hampton, Henney, Horgan, Mag-  
 sino, McClure, Phillips, W. C., Pursley and Schuman.

## HOCKEY

## Minor Sports "A":

- Class of 1948: Cerow, Lewando, LoConte, Schlotterbeck  
 and Snyder.  
 Class of 1949: Austin, Davis, C. C., Donohoe, Moss and  
 Norby.  
 Class of 1950: Kuyk.

## Academy Monogram:

- Class of 1949: Milliken.  
 Class of 1950: Bonfoey and Weber, R. I.

## Minor Sports Managers' Insigne:

- Class of 1948: Bayer.

## Class Numerals:

- Class of 1951: Barth, Depew, Dunlap, Gardes, Gardiner,  
 Graham, J. A., Harris, Johnson, R. F., McDonald, J. W.,  
 Miller, F. R., Miller, W. D., Rounding and Wardrop.

## PISTOL

## Minor Sports "A":

- Class of 1949: Mayer.  
 Class of 1950: Darland, Mitcham and Stephenson.

## Academy Monogram:

- Class of 1949: Shebat.  
 Class of 1950: MacLachlan.

## Minor Sports Managers' Insigne:

- Class of 1949: Goessling (Manager).  
 Class of 1948: Murphy (Coach).  
 (Not to be worn until he becomes a First Classman.)

## RIFLE

## Minor Sports "A":

- Class of 1949: English and Mathews.  
 Class of 1950: Bolduc and DeGraf.

## Academy Monogram:

- Class of 1948: Mumma and Plummer.  
 Class of 1949: Hervey and Kurtz.  
 Class of 1950: Reybold.

## Minor Sports Managers' Insigne:

- Class of 1949: Rank.  
 (Not to be worn until he is a First Classman.)

## Class Numerals:

- Class of 1951: Byers, Edler, McChristian, Pattillo,  
 Stelger.

## SQUASH

## Minor Sports "A":

- Class of 1948: Ball, Bradshaw, Dougherty, Pompan.  
 Class of 1949: Callaway, McMullen, Oliver, Stillson, Wil-  
 lersford.

## Academy Monogram:

- Class of 1950: Hutcheson.

## Minor Sports Managers' Insigne:

- Class of 1948: Aron.  
 Class of 1950: Weight.  
 (Not to be worn until he becomes a First Classman.)

## SWIMMING

## Major Sports "A":

- Class of 1949: Townsley and Wentsch.  
 (Entitled to a  $\frac{3}{4}$ " Navy Gold Star—Townsley and  
 Wentsch.)

## Class of 1950: Smyly.

- (Entitled to  $\frac{3}{4}$ " Navy Gold Star—Smyly.)

## Minor Sports "A":

- Class of 1948: Borg, Sandman and Van Fleet.  
 (Entitled to a  $\frac{3}{4}$ " Navy Gold Star—Borg, Sandman  
 and Van Fleet.)

- (Note: Class of 1948—Burrows. Authorized to wear  
 $\frac{3}{4}$ " Navy Gold Star on letter won in 1946-1947 season.)

- Class of 1950: Best, Howard, F. E., Irwin, Lamdin, Mc-  
 Cutchen, Prosser, Rogers, D. L. and Rowell.  
 (Entitled to a  $\frac{3}{4}$ " Navy Gold Star—Best, Howard, F.  
 E., Irwin, Lamdin, McCutchen, Prosser, Rogers, D. L.  
 and Rowell.)

## Academy Monogram:

- Class of 1949: Hayes.  
 Class of 1950: Bolte.

## Minor Sports Managers' Insigne:

- Class of 1948: Gillogly (Manager) and Starry (Coach).

## Class Numerals:

- Class of 1951: Aldrin, Cooper, R. E., Craigie, Dinovitz,  
 Hardesty, Herte, Hutson, Johnson, H. W., Knittle,  
 Louisell, Niedringhaus, Peter, Smith, D. L., and Sund-  
 lie.

## TRACK

## Major Sports "A":

- Class of 1948: Graf and Nash.  
 (Entitled to a 1" Navy Gold Star—Graf and Nash.)  
 Class of 1949: Bolte, Hammack, Kessler, Scholtz, J. H.,  
 and Sylvester.

- (Entitled to a 1" Navy Gold Star—Hammack, Kess-  
 ler, Scholtz, J. H., and Sylvester.)

- Class of 1950: Bastar, DeArmond, Hall, J. R., Kulpa,  
 Mastaglio, Rapp, Scott, and Wilson, P. W.  
 (Entitled to a 1" Navy Gold Star—Bastar, Hall, J. R.,  
 Kulpa, Mastaglio, Rapp, Scott and Wilson, P. W.)

## Academy Monogram:

- Class of 1949: Bayard, Coursen, Crall, Gillespie, Rowan  
 and Wagner, E. W.

- Class of 1950: Davis, R. E., Etz, Farrell, Green, J. F.,  
 Harrold, Knauer, Packer, Pohli, Strider, Thompson,  
 J. M., Tilson, Wilson, G. F.

- Class of 1951: Roth, and Simpson, R. I.

## Minor Sports Managers' Insigne:

- Class of 1948: Van Arsdall.

## Class Numerals:

- Class of 1951: Ballard, Brown, N. J., Cain, Corrigan, De-  
 lano, Givens, Gorski, Hite, Johnson, L. M., Lukert,  
 Lutterloh, Marsh, Mueller, E. J., O'Keefe, Parkins,  
 Post, Reed, I. B., Riley, Samuelson, Scalise, Sheridan,  
 S. R., Vandenberg, W. E., Wainer and Ward.

## WRESTLING

## Major Sports "A":

- Class of 1948: Thevenet.

## Minor Sports "A":

- Class of 1949: Finley, Olentine, Raabe, Turner, H. B.  
 Class of 1950: Allan, Fern, Lange, Mather, Nicholson.

## Academy Monogram:

- Class of 1949: Hale.  
 Class of 1950: Davis, B. L., Elliott, J. F., Nabhan.

## Minor Sports Managers' Insigne:

- Class of 1948: Medsger (Manager) and Pearson (Coach).

## Class Numerals:

- Class of 1951: Ackerson, Betts, Bills, Brian, Larsen,  
 Milliman, Mulder, Myers, Scalzo, Smith, J. S., Sum-  
 mers, Weyand, Wilson.

# BULLETIN BOARD

## IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL ALUMNI RETURNING TO WEST POINT FOR JUNE WEEK, 1948

REUNION BULLETIN No. 1, the Superintendent's invitation to alumni to return to West Point for June Week, 1948, has been mailed to all alumni whose current addresses are of record in the Office of the Secretary of the Association of Graduates at West Point.

Please read this Bulletin carefully and, if you plan to be at West Point during 4-8 June, complete and mail the post card enclosed with the Bulletin prior to 10 May 1948. Otherwise the Alumni Reception Committee cannot assure quarters for you in Cullum Hall or Cadet Barracks with your classmates during June Week.

### GRADUATION ADDRESS

The Honorable James Forrestal, Secretary of Defense, has accepted the invitation of the Superintendent, U.S.M.A., to deliver the graduation address on 8 June 1948.

### JUNE WEEK PROGRAM—1948

#### FRIDAY, 4 JUNE

Brigade Spring Intramural Championship Contests:	
Soccer, <i>The Plain</i> -	1:45 P.M.
Tennis, <i>Library Tennis Courts</i>	1:45 P.M.
Softball, <i>The Plain</i>	3:00 P.M.
Crew, <i>Engineer Dock</i>	3:00 P.M.
Retreat Review and Presentation of Drill Streamers	5:30 P.M.
Concert, Cadet Glee Club, <i>Army Theater</i>	8:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.
Motion Picture, <i>Army Theater</i>	9:15 P.M.
Cadet Hop, First Class, <i>Cullum Hall</i>	9:00 P.M. to 12:00 P.M.
Second and Third Classes, <i>South Gymnasium</i>	9:00 P.M. to 12:00 P.M.

#### SATURDAY, 5 JUNE

Review and Athletic Awards, <i>The Plain*</i>	10:30 A.M.
Lacrosse—Army vs. Mt. Washing- ton Club, <i>Lacrosse Field</i>	2:15 P.M.
Tennis—Army vs. Fordham Uni- versity, <i>Library Courts</i> -	2:30 P.M.
Baseball—Army vs. Fordham Uni- versity, <i>Doubleday Field</i>	3:00 P.M.
Concert, U.S.M.A. Band, <i>The Plain</i> (In event of inclement weather, Motion Picture, <i>Army Theater</i> , 2:30 P.M., and Organ Recital, <i>Cadet Chapel</i> , 4:30 P.M.)	4:30 P.M.
Motion Picture, <i>Army Theater</i>	7:15 P.M. to 9:15 P.M.
Cadet Hop, First Class, <i>Cullum Hall</i>	9:00 P.M. to 12:00 P.M.
Second and Third Classes, <i>South Gymnasium</i>	9:00 P.M. to 12:00 P.M.

#### SUNDAY, 6 JUNE

Church Services:	
Cadet Chapel:	
Cadet Chapel Service, Second, Third, and Fourth Classes	8:50 A.M.
Baccalaureate Service, First Class and dedication of memorial windows	11:00 A.M.
<i>Catholic Chapel:</i>	
Military Mass and Baccalaureate Service	8:00 A.M.
Masses	9:30 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

#### Old Cadet Chapel:

Jewish Cadets' Baccalaureate Service	11:00 A.M.
Superintendent's Reception for Graduating Class and Alumni*	3:00 P.M.
Retreat Review and Military and Academic Awards to First Class, <i>The Plain*</i> -	5:30 P.M.
Motion Picture, <i>Army Theater</i>	7:15 P.M. to 9:15 P.M.

#### MONDAY, 7 JUNE

Alumni Memorial Services:	
<i>Catholic Chapel: Requiem Mass</i>	8:00 A.M.
<i>Cadet Chapel</i> -	9:00 A.M.
Organ Recital, <i>Cadet Chapel</i>	9:30 A.M. to 10:00 A.M.
Alumni Exercises, <i>Thayer Monument**</i>	11:00 A.M.
Review of Corps by Alumni, <i>The Plain**</i>	11:30 A.M.
Luncheon and Annual Meeting of Association of Graduates, <i>Cul- lum Hall</i>	12:30 P.M.
Laboratories, Mess Hall and Gym- nasium open to visitors	2:00 P.M. to 3:30 P.M.
Inspection Trip for Alumni to Camp Buckner	3:00 P.M. to 4:45 P.M.
Graduation Parade, <i>The Plain</i>	5:00 P.M.
Graduation Supper, First Class, <i>Washington Hall</i>	8:30 P.M.
Graduation Hop, First Class, <i>Army Theater</i>	9:30 P.M. to 1:00 A.M.
Second and Third Classes, <i>Cul- lum Hall</i>	9:30 P.M. to 1:00 A.M.

#### TUESDAY, 8 JUNE

Graduation Exercises, <i>The Field House</i>	10:00 A.M.
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\* To be held in the Army Theater in event of inclement weather.

\*\* To be cancelled in event of inclement weather.

### SPRING SERIES OF ORGAN RECITALS AT WEST POINT

The dates of the Sunday afternoon series of organ recitals to be given this spring at the United States Military Academy, West Point, N. Y., have been announced by the Academy Organist, Mr. Frederick C. Mayer. These recitals, which begin at 4:00 P.M., are given in the Cadet Chapel. The Cadet Chapel organ, originally installed through Congressional appropriation in 1911, has been extensively enlarged through memorials and gifts. It now has 213 ranks of pipes, totalling nearly 14,000 individual pipes, and is one of the finest organs in the world.

The remaining dates and programs in the spring series are as follows:

May 2—Recital by the U.S. Military Academy organist, Mr. Frederick C. Mayer, with the collaboration of the Arion Singing Society of Brooklyn, N. Y., a choral group consisting of 150 voices.

May 30—Recital by a guest artist, Dr. Robert Baker, Organist at First Presbyterian Church, Brooklyn, and at Temple Emanu-El, New York.

A similar series of organ recitals attracted large audiences last season. All lovers of fine music are invited to attend. Ample parking space is available in the vicinity of the Chapel.

As noted in the January 1948 issue of ASSEMBLY, additional funds are needed now to provide certain improvements in the Cadet Chapel Organ, in order that it may continue to be one of the finest in the world. All West Point alumni who care to contribute should send their checks to the Chaplain, U.S. Military Academy, West Point, N. Y., made payable to "The Organ Fund". Such gifts are deductible on income tax returns.

## U.S.M.A.-U.S.N.A. ALUMNI MEETINGS IN ROCHESTER, N. Y.

Regular joint monthly meetings of U.S.M.A. and U.S.N.A. graduates are held in Rochester, New York. Graduates in the vicinity please communicate by telephone with Rochester, Main 8410.

## WEST POINTERS KILLED IN WORLD WAR II

The following statistics have been compiled from reliable records. While they cannot be regarded as strictly "official", mainly because some records are yet incomplete, these statistics may be assumed to be substantially correct now and subject only to minor revision when every casualty record has been completely verified.

492 U.S.M.A. graduates were killed in World War II, or 5.5% of the approximately 8,860 who served.

The total number of male officers serving in World War II (1 December 1941—1 September 1945) was 967,125. The total number killed was 32,124 or 3.32%.

Percentage of enlisted men killed.....	2.1
Percentage of total male Army strength killed.....	2.2
Percentage of total male officers killed .....	3.3

It is very interesting to note that the percentage of our losses in killed among U.S.M.A. graduates is 2½ times the percentage of total male Army strength killed.

## AN OLD GRAD'S IMPRESSION OF THE CHAPEL SERVICE AT GRADUATION

At times it is fitting that we commune with ourselves and think of the spiritual things which enable us to mold the material things—fitting that we think of the things we hold most dear and sacred. In chosen solitude we think of what we have been, what we are and what we hope to be. We are deeply conscious of the help and inspiration that we need. How fortunate are we, who at such times can turn to our motto, "DUTY, HONOR, COUNTRY". True to these Three we can never be false to God or man.

While it is fitting that we commune alone, it is sometimes well to commune in the presence of others. This we do when we meet in our inspiring Cadet Chapel for the Baccalaureate Sermon. Here we are in the presence of those who have graduated, those who are graduating and those yet to be graduated.

Forgotten are the seemly pleasures of other occasions. In hushed silence we feel the presence of those who have gone before us, the presence of the Long Gray Line that stretches through the years of a century told. We bend our knees as we sense the nearness of Almighty God and feel His blessing descending upon us. We see the graduating class bathed in light filtering through the beautiful windows placed in honor of those who have preceded us. Above us are flags from the battlefields where sleep so many men of West Point. We hear the sermon, divinely inspired, "As ye think, so are ye". We know the thoughts of the graduating class are on "DUTY, HONOR, COUNTRY". And we are proud of these men who will always be as they think.

But as we view the graduating class, mentally, morally and physically attuned and dedicated to the defense of the Nation, a note of sadness enters. For, true to their motto, many of them will find a soldier's resting place beneath a soldier's blow, and some of them will find this resting place on foreign soil. We join the Chaplain in the prayer that God will be gracious unto them.

In speechless reverence we hear the organ roll and the Choir sing "The Corps". In the dim distance we see the Long Gray Line passing in review before the Supreme Commander. NOT A GRAY CLAD FIGURE IS OUT OF STEP!

—R. E. Anderson, '12.

## OUR OLDEST LIVING GRADUATE

With the passing of Colonel George H. Morgan, Class of 1880, in Washington, D. C., on 14 February 1948, Major General George T. Bartlett, Class of 1881, became our Oldest Living Graduate. General Bartlett now resides at 309 Terrell Road, San Antonio, Texas. He sent an inspiring message to West Point on the occasion of the 146th Anniversary, U.S.M.A. All West Point alumni extend greetings to General Bartlett and sincere wishes for his long tenure of a most distinguished position in the Long Gray Line.

## REORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY BAND

The Band and Field Music Detachment, 1802d Special Regiment, United States Military Academy was, effective 1 February 1948, reorganized as The United States Military Academy Band. The unit will have an authorized strength of three officers, one warrant officer and one hundred sixty-eight enlisted men.

## THIRSTY?

The Editor of "Assembly",  
West Point, New York.

Dear Sir:

In running through my papers recently I came across this recipe for Mint Juleps sent to me almost ten years ago by Bolivar Buckner. It amused me greatly and yet brought back to me vividly the great loss that I have always felt personally at the death of that fine gentleman and soldier. We served together for eight consecutive years and so I can appreciate his worth and feel his loss far more than most of his many friends.

This was written in one of his gay moods, and I can readily imagine his amusement when he wrote it. I, of course, am the "Yankee" to whom he refers, but you will notice that he refrains from using the full word by which such as I are usually alluded to in the home of the julep, i.e., "Damnyankee".

I do not know whether or not this is "fitten" for your "Assembly" but it occurred to me that it might interest and amuse many of Buckner's old friends.

Very truly yours,

WM. D. CONNOR,  
Major General, U.S. Army, Rtd.

Fort George G. Meade, Maryland,  
March 30, 1937.

Major General Wm. D. Connor,  
West Point, N. Y.

My dear General Connor:

Your letter requesting my formula for mixing mint juleps leaves me in the same position in which Capt. Barber found himself when asked how he was able to carve the image of an elephant from a block of wood. He replied that it was a simple process consisting merely in whittling off the part that didn't look like an elephant.

The preparation of the quintessence of gentlemanly beverages can be described only in like terms. A mint julep is not the product of a formula. It is a ceremony and must be performed by a gentleman possessing a true sense of the artistic, a deep reverence for the ingredients and a proper appreciation of the occasion. It is a rite that must not be entrusted to a novice, a statistician nor a Yankee. It is a heritage of the old South, an emblem of hospitality and a vehicle in which noble minds can travel together upon the flower-strewn paths of happy and genial thought.

So far as the mere mechanics of the operation are concerned, the procedure, stripped of its ceremonial embellishments, can be described as follows:

Go to a spring where cool, crystal-clear water bubbles from under a bank of dew-washed ferns. In a consecrated vessel, dip up a little water at the source. Follow the stream through its banks of green moss and wildflowers until it broadens and trickles through beds of mint growing in aromatic profusion and waving softly in the summer breeze. Gather the sweetest and tenderest shoots and gently carry them home. Go to the sideboard and select a decanter of Kentucky Bourbon, distilled by a master hand, mellowed with age yet still vigorous and inspiring. An ancestral sugar bowl, a row of silver goblets, some spoons and some ice and you are ready to start.

In a canvas bag, pound twice as much ice as you think you will need. Make it fine as snow, keep it dry and do not allow it to degenerate into slush.

In each goblet, put a slightly heaping teaspoonful of granulated sugar, barely cover this with spring water and slightly bruise one mint leaf into this, leaving the spoon in the goblet. Then pour elixir from the decanter until the goblets are about one-fourth full. Fill the goblets with snowy ice, sprinkling in a small amount of sugar as you fill. Wipe the outside of the goblets dry and embellish copiously with mint.

Then comes the important and delicate operation of frosting. By proper manipulation of the spoon, the ingredients are circulated and blended until Nature, wishing to take a further hand and add another of its beautiful phenomena, encrusts the whole in a glistening coat of white frost. Thus harmoniously blended by the deft touches of a skilled hand, you have a beverage eminently appropriate for honorable men and beautiful women.

When all is ready, assemble your guests on the porch or in the garden, where the aroma of the juleps will rise Heavenward and make the birds sing. Propose a worthy toast, raise the goblet to your lips, bury your nose in the mint, inhale a deep breath of its fragrance and sip the nectar of the gods.

Being overcome by thirst, I can write no further,

Sincerely,  
S. B. BUCKNER, JR.

## AN ORIGIN OF THE WEST POINT "CASTE SYSTEM" REVEALED!!

With the kind permission of Mrs. Cèleste Crosby Miller of View Tree, Bearwallow Road, Warrenton, Virginia, daughter of the late Oscar Terry Crosby, Class of 1882, we publish below extracts of her letter to the Editor about her father's entrance to the Military Academy:

"He had money only sufficient for a one way trip from Brookhaven, Mississippi—had he not passed the final examinaion, he would have gone to work 'up North' as a printer's devil. An older cousin in New Orleans had given him a suit to wear on the journey—a Prince Albert on the spare seventeen year old frame! Hence the First Classmen exclaiming 'Look at that blinking Roman Senator in his toga!'"

With Mrs. Miller's letter was enclosed a copy of a letter written by her father upon his arrival at the gates of West Point in 1878. We reproduce it below, verbatim—lest some of the fine flavor be lost by any editing, however well meant. Elsewhere in this issue of *Assembly* appears the biographical article about the life and career of this distinguished son of West Point, who was graduated No. 2 in his class and whose career was characterized by outstanding service to the Nation.

### "HIGHLAND FALLS HOTEL

Highland Falls, near West Point, Orange Co., N.Y.  
George Stephens, Proprietor

Highland Falls—  
Aug. 23, '78

Dear Fred:

Here I am "home" at last. I got in this morning about half after eleven. I am stopping about one and a half miles from the Academy because the Hotel nearer is a

tony place and charges tony prices—three fifty per day. Here I pay eight dollars per week. I was wrong in supposing I could be examined immediately. Others too, are here at this hotel, either because of the same supposition or because they wanted to come early. I will report next Tuesday and will be decided upon in a few days. From what I can learn I am satisfied that I will go through O.K. My money has held out pretty well, I think—I now have \$17.25 and will receive in a day or two \$4.25 from John which I lent him when he had no change convenient. I have 5 days at a little more than a dollar per day here and a few days at less than a dollar in the Academy until I am passed upon. Then I go in regular. There is no expense for the Cadets save their clothes (and washing, I believe) their rations being furnished already cooked. This is a most lovely point—high mountains rising on every side—the river seen at intervals, and that river is so beautiful. The most continually enjoyable part of my whole journey was the short trip up the Hudson. The scenery is most impressive—more beautiful altogether than that in W. Va. and Md. through which I passed on my way. Every part of my journey has been pleasant though sometimes tiresome. I stopped in three cities—Louisville, Washington and N. Y. Cin. and Baltimore I passed in the night—also Phil. I saw something of the first two as the train was taken for considerable distance through them while we only skirted Phil. Of all N.Y. is by its very appearance by far the grandest. The Park is lovely and there I saw a finer collection of animals than any menagerie has ever exhibited at B'Haven. I also visited the museum there and found it very interesting. I went to Cooper Institute, free to the public—in the evening and studied a while. In Washington, too, I studied a little in the library of the Y.M.C.A. There is no building anywhere comparable to the Capitol. I wish I could tell you all about it but the task is too great. The realization of Broadway is not a whit disappointing. I passed up and down it in the night when the gas was lighted. It is wonderful. While in New York I took the trouble to walk a mile or two (

) that I might see Ma's uncle, Jno. Dimons residence 233 E. Fourteenth St. Then I went to the business house of "J. Dimon & Co."—heavy butter dealers. Whether it is the same Dimon I don't know as I went late and the store was closed. I lived cheaper in N.Y. than anywhere else. My total expense for one day and night, exclusive of car and bus fare and shampoo, being only 95 cts. In Washington I had to spend more. I had the shampoo because my head was very dirty. You don't know how filthy one gets taking such a long trip—When J & I arrived in L'ville we were perfect wrecks. We were forced to take a bath for which the robber hotel-keeper taxed us 2/— L'ville is quite a nice city. I saw the C. Journal building and the Galt House—both very fine. (While I think of it I will say that your trunk is somewhat worse for wear—the lock being broken—fortunately I had time in Cincinnati to rope it well so it is still in pretty good condition. Tell Ma those books she would put in the top caused the top to break out—however it is easily mended.) One rather queer incident to me was being pulled through Baltimore by a string of mules—six, I believe, one before the other. The driver wound his horn in real old-time stage fashion at every corner. I suppose this was done because the Corporation will not permit locomotives in certain parts of the City. Balt. is a very closely built place—Many narrow alleys & few or dreary squares—at least where I passed. In N.Y. it was quite pleasant to see so many well known—long-heard of places as Stewarts Store—Women's Hotel—Tribune Building—Leslie's—Harper's—Scribner—Astor House—City P.O.—Trinity Church, etc. I went inside Trinity; it is very beautiful. The harbor of N.Y. is magnificent—That well worn expression 'A forest of shipping' is not hyperbolic. The ships—steamboats—river sail boats—ferries etc. are countless.—Well I am almost tired writing—perhaps you are positively tired reading—so I will try to think of some items for my next—I went to the P.O. today but got nothing—Perhaps some of you have written me in care of Academy. I will call tomorrow to see. I am real anxious to hear from home. I want Ma to burn those postal cards and write a long—long letter. I hope Ma is becoming somewhat reconciled to the new order of affairs—I would not object to seeing you all tonight and nursing Edith awhile—Good night—

Love to everybody

(signed) Oscar"

## MEMORIAL AND GIFT POLICY of the UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY

Every educational institution of national prominence or with a large alumni is the recipient of bequests and presentations given as memorials or historical memorabilia. The United States Military Academy is no different from others in this regard. In fact, it is the center of more attention of this kind than the average. Some of the acquisitions are sought as fulfillments of definite programs of development or memorialization, and others accrue as unsolicited expressions of regard and interest. Unless a policy regarding the acquisition and acceptance of items flowing toward the Academy in these channels is established and enforced, confusion results and the institution becomes a museum choked with miscellaneous curiosa, much of which possibly may be of doubtful value to the Academy either intrinsically or historically. To bring this matter under control and to permit the exercise of some discrimination in acquisition and acceptance operations the policy outlined below has been published recently by the Superintendent. Undoubtedly many alumni have felt the need for some guidance in this field and therefore a dissemination of this information is deemed of general interest.

Extracts from Memorandum Number 6, Headquarters U.S.M.A., 6 February 1948:

"The following policy of Memorialization to individuals or groups of alumni is announced:

a. General:

The new Memorial Hall will commemorate the graduates of U.S.M.A. who subsequent to 1910 distinguished themselves in the Nation's service in war or peace time and those who were killed in action during and subsequent to World War II.

b. Individuals:

(1) Portraits:

- (a) Those who were Lieutenant Generals or higher in World War I, World War II and subsequent national emergencies.
- (b) Winners of the Medal of Honor.
- (c) Superintendents, Deans, Commandants of Cadets and Professors, U.S.M.A. (The location for these portraits shall be determined upon their receipt).
- (d) Those who achieved special distinction in peacetime comparable to the above.

(2) Sculpture:

There will be no planned program for memorialization sculpture.

(3) Tablets and Rosters:

Those killed in action during World War II or subsequent national emergencies, names arranged by class. The former practice of commemorating those killed in action by individual tablets or plaques is discontinued.

(4) Assignment of Names to Important Localities, Features and Structures:

Names to be thus applied are selected from the individuals classified in a. above.

"Acquisition:

a. By Gift:

- (1) Any of the elements to implement the program of memorialization outlined above.
- (2) To memorialize certain individuals endeared to the donor by means other than those outlined above. Within this category would fall memorial additions to the Chapel organs, the erection of cenotaphs, and other miscellaneous items (including sculpture).
- (3) Items of historical interest.

b. By Purchase:

- (1) Any item to implement the memorial program outlined above that is not acquired through a donor.
- (2) Items of historical significance to the Military Academy which are offered for sale.

"Location:

The location of memorials will be as prescribed by the Memorial and Gifts Board with due regard for precedence and established traditions, except for Cullum Hall which will be by action of the Cullum Committee and Academic Board.

"Acceptance:

All acquisitions, whether gifts or purchases, must first be declared acceptable by the Memorial and Gifts Board, which will evaluate them as to their suitability, artistic merit, and historical significance."

It will be apprehended immediately by many readers that while the determination of a policy is a step in the right direction it must be followed by a program of implementation. The memorialization plan is in process of construction. The details of this plan will be published in later issues of *Assembly*. Meanwhile, inquiries regarding any aspect of the program will receive prompt attention if addressed to the Superintendent, U.S. Military Academy, West Point, New York.

# Last Roll Call

Reports of deaths of graduates and former cadets received since the publication of the January, 1948 Assembly.

Name	Class	Date of Death	Place of Death
George H. Morgan	1880	February 14, 1948	Washington, D. C.
Samuel D. Freeman	1883	January 31, 1948	Kecoughtan, Va.
Edward C. Young	1887	February 12, 1948	Sierra Madre, Calif.
Frederick S. Lafferty	Ex-1888	December 10, 1947	San Francisco, Calif.
Charles D. Rhodes	1889	January 24, 1948	Washington, D. C.
Edward C. Carey	1893	February 19, 1948	Southern Pines, N. C.
Frank C. Remick	Ex-1896	September 13, 1947	Portsmouth, N. H.
William L. Reed	Ex-1897	July 27, 1946	California
George W. Stuart	1899	March 2, 1948	Carmel, Calif.
Frank Keller	1901	January 31, 1948	El Paso, Texas
Willard K. Richards	1910	January 9, 1948	Fort Lawton, Wash
Charles M. Wells	November, 1918	February 4, 1948	Indianapolis, Ind.
Roswell B. Hart	June, 1919	February 10, 1948	Washington, D. C.
Dean S. Ellerthorpe*	1923	December 21, 1947	Ellenville, N. Y.
Uzal G. Ent	1924	March 5, 1948	Denver, Colo.
Richard J. Handy	1928	February 11, 1948	Denver, Colo.
Odie D. Minatra	1944	January 14, 1948	Kyushu
Walter D. Dabney, Jr.	1945	February 21, 1948	Italy
Middleton McDonald	1945	December 29, 1947	Germany
Jack B. Hagel	1946	February 3, 1948	Okinawa

\* Erroneously indicated as a member of the Class of 1924 in the LAST ROLL CALL published in the January, 1948 issue of *Assembly*.

# We Salute

Listed below are the names and decorations about which the Association has been advised since the January, 1948 issue of **Assembly**.

## DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL

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|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Lawrence E. Schick, '20 | Frederick L. Anderson, Jr., '28 |
| Rinaldo Van Brunt, '25  | (2nd Oak Leaf Cluster)          |
| John W. Bowen, '32      |                                 |

## SILVER STAR

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|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| George E. Bruner, June, '19 | Morris L. Shoss, '40  |
| Edward A. Bailey, '38       | Harold D. Wilson, '45 |

## LEGION OF MERIT

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|---|--|--|
| Leland H. Stanford, '14<br>(Oak Leaf Cluster) | William C. Baker, Jr., '26<br>(Oak Leaf Cluster) | Andrew J. Boyle, '35<br>(Oak Leaf Cluster) |
| Lucius D. Clay, June, '18                     | Robert W. Ward, '29<br>(Oak Leaf Cluster)        | Houghton R. Hallock, '37                   |
| George E. Bruner, June, '19                   | Robert E. Crow, Jr., '30                         | Paul S. Cullen, '40                        |
| Alfred L. Johnson, '23                        | Anthony F. Kleitz, Jr., '33                      | Stephen Silvasy, '40                       |

## BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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|---|---|--------------------------------|
| George E. Bruner, June, '19<br>(With Two Oak Leaf Clusters) | Harry C. Porter, '32                          | Salvatore J. Mancuso, '39      |
| Parker M. Reeve, '26  | Carl M. Sciple, '32                           | Charles S. Brice, Jr., '40     |
| Francis Scoon Gardner, '27                                  | Edson Schull, '33<br>(Oak Leaf Cluster)       | Charles B. Hazeltine, Jr., '40 |
| Robert W. Ward, '29   | Alfred J. D'Arezzo, '38<br>(Oak Leaf Cluster) | Morris L. Shoss, '40           |
|   |   | Robert A. Smith, '44           |

## PURPLE HEART

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| Robert W. Ward, '29 | Morris L. Shoss, '40<br>(Oak Leaf Cluster) |
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## MISCELLANEOUS CITATIONS

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|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Robert M. Danford, '04.....      | Order of the British Empire          |
| George E. Bruner, June, '19..... | Belgian Croix-de-Guerre (with Palm)  |
| George E. Bruner, June, '19..... | French Croix-de-Guerre (with Palm)   |
| George E. Bruner, June, '19..... | Luxembourg Croix-de-Guerre           |
| Francis S. Gardner, '27.....     | French Croix-de-Guerre               |
| Francis S. Gardner, '27.....     | Reconnaissance Francaise             |
| Robert K. Perrine, '27.....      | Belgique Croix-de-Guerre (with Palm) |
| Morris L. Shoss, '40.....        | The Philippine Liberation Medal      |



## New Members

We welcome to our membership the following graduates and former cadets who have joined the Association since the publication of the January, 1948 issue of *Assembly*.

Edwin J. Messinger, '31—joined January 24, 1948  
 John T. Hillis, '34—joined January 24, 1948  
 Charles A. Chapman, '10—joined January 24, 1948  
 Elmer W. Grubbs, '36—joined February 26, 1948  
 Harold W. Huntley, '06—joined February 26, 1948

Henry B. Dixon, '95—joined February 26, 1948  
 Lyle E. Peterson, '39—joined February 26, 1948  
 Philip S. Gage, Jr., '36—joined February 28, 1948  
 Francis J. Gillespie, Nov., '18—joined March 16, 1948  
 Malcolm B. Helm, April, '17—joined March 20, 1948

Elvin Seibert, Ex-'24—joined March 20, 1948

DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE, JUNE 10, 1948

### 1895

Col. Arthur J. Perry, the Editor, wrote the tribute to White in the February issue of *The Sojourner*. Also we are indebted to him and to Col. Edwin S. Bettelheim, Jr., Secretary of Washington Chapter No. 3, National Sojourners, for enough copies to supply the Class, and "without expense to the Government" Everybody was sent one.

In a letter of March 4, Herron wrote that the West Point Alumni Chapter of Southern California, of which he is President, was planning for the annual banquet on March 20th at the University Club in Los Angeles. In September he attended the 30th Reunion of his World War I Regiment in Waterbury, Connecticut, making literally a flying round trip from Long Beach; and is counting on attending our Reunion in 1950.

Schulz also has in mind being "among those present" at our Reunion 55, two years hence. He, too, comes from the far West Coast—Berkeley; and is quite impressed by our recent losses by death.

Cavanaugh again spent the season in Winter Park, Florida, while Perry and Mrs. Miles kept the home fires burning for him and themselves at the Florida Avenue address, in Washington.

Two good letters from Charles referring to White and Averill; and to Langdon in his loss. He and Mrs. Charles brought the year to a close on

a three-months trip east as far as New York and back again west as far as Seattle, reaching as far south as New Orleans, and touching at Fort Leavenworth for Thanksgiving. They are still at Port Blakeley, when not occupying their town home in Seattle—or making the rounds of the country at large.

Darrah and Mrs. Darrah have good reports of their six grandchildren, and are to be congratulated accordingly—as are those grandchildren!

In a cordial letter from *Newbaker*, February 27, he was planning to attend the West Point dinner of the Philadelphia Society, March 13; prepared from past experience to be the oldest member of '95 present thereat.

Paying our respects to the memory of the late Col. George H. Morgan, Class of '80, who had been our Oldest Living Graduate, we sent for the funeral services at Fort Myer, February 17, a spray of red roses, acknowledged by the family with deep appreciation.

Appreciative acknowledgments have been received also for the flowers sent by the Class for the funerals of Averill and Mrs. Langdon. And thank you, Pearce, Pritchard and Darrah, for your good letters lauding our Dead, as we bemoan our losses. Also, thank you, Stout, for your expressed interest in this connection.

Furthermore, Hawkins, Bolles and Roberts, T. A., spared neither time nor effort to meet the deadline with a report on White's death and burial; and they, too, are therefore to be thanked

in grateful recognition of their prompt response to my rush request.

Miss Hattie Marie Augustin, sister of Augustin and of Mrs. Sidney St. John Eshleman died suddenly in New Orleans February 16. The Augustin family made more or less frequent visits to West Point in our day, and formed cherished ties of loyalty which are holding to the only surviving member; since Corrinne, (Mrs. Eshelman) in thanking us, with all due appreciation, for the "lovely" flowers sent for the funeral by the Class, adds that she is now the last of the eleven children. Her address is 1437 Eighth Street, New Orleans 15, Louisiana. Augustin is buried in the family tomb, in New Orleans.

—F. B. W.

### 1899

Woodruff, whose son and daughter both went Navy, is settled in San Diego, Calif. and writes that he has in that area five grandchildren who will be glad to help look for lost glasses or walking sticks of any members of the Class of '99 who come that way! His son Jimmy, Jr. quit the Navy after WW2 and is the Superintendent of the Pasadena Sears-Roebuck store. Herron's son, William, who received a class sabre in 1939, also concluded that the regular service is not much of a place any more for a large family and is now in business at Clearwater, Fla.

After trying out the Pacific coast for

some years after his retirement, *Cowan* has come back East to the environs of Fort Monmouth, N. J., where he spent so many happy and useful years.

Down in Georgia, *Mosley*, who likes extremes, is considering changing his base to Vermont. In Washington, *Carter* has joined the ranks of those who give up their houses and has migrated to the Kennedy-Warren. *Halstead*, who has turned into a sailor, is shining up his cruiser and getting ready for spring on the Potomac. *Embick* is in Lakeland, Florida for the winter, not because he needs the change but just to dispel the rumor that he can not exist in any place other than Washington! From Albany, New York, *Markham* writes that his address is 59 Manning Blvd. *Ruth Major* has continued on in Barclay Heights, Alexandria, Va., since *Duncan's* death.

—C. D. H.

## 1904

As a member of two Small Business Advisory Committees, *Chauncey Fenton* spent a week in Washington recently. Advantage was taken of the presence there of Chauncey and Marguerite to assemble friends at *Bryden's* house on the afternoon of February 6, 1948, to meet them. In spite of the ice and snow, a goodly crowd gathered and appeared to enjoy itself. Among those present were *Carter*, *Corbin*, *Kingman*, *Pickering*, *Pratt*, *Scott*, *W. R.*, *White* and *Woolnough* of 1904 and *Cowles* and *Wilson*, *W. K.* of 1902 with their wives, and also *Mrs. D. C. McDonald*, *Mrs. M. E. Spalding* and *Mrs. G. V. Strong*. We men must be holding on fairly well for a "civilian" woman present was heard to speak of us as "a group of such handsome men"! Or does she need glasses?

*Thomlinson* writes from the College of Mines and Metallurgy at El Paso, Texas, bewailing the lack of 1904 men in that vicinity. He is filling a temporary vacancy at the college and expects to remain there until next June. He hopes to do a little more writing, but the kind that he prefers to do, needs research in the Archives in Washington, and Washington, he says, is a long way from El Paso.

—W. B.

## 1906

Our much loved classmate, *Walter Stephen Sturgill*, known to us as the good old "Doc", passed away, after a brave fight, at Newburgh, N. Y. on January 14, 1948. May Sturgill and their son, Steve, were with him at the last and he was buried in the West Point Cemetery with *Cort Parker*, *Mick Daley*, *McKew Parr*, *Brice Frey* and *Gene Riley* present for the class. *Jim Riley*, confined to his bed by an accident, notified many of the classmates by telegraph and sent flowers for the class. *Chauncey Fenton*, *Herman Beukema*, *Roger Alexander* and *Hans Wagner* gave us their assistance, for which we are indeed grateful. *Sturgill's* biographical sketch

will be published shortly in the *Assembly* supplement. What a grand person Doc was! And how we shall miss him and his fine letters. He had finished in great part, a colorful history of the West Point reservation and its many changes, illustrating his story with his own brush. It is very interesting and it is hoped that it may be published when the unfinished notes are put in order.

*George Morrow* went to Rollins College to assist in the presentation of a degree to *Skinny Wainwright* and to listen to him make his memorable comments on U.S. unpreparedness and Pearl Harbor. George says that he looks fine and makes his usual wonderful impression. *Skinny* reports that he lives on the same street with *Dick Burleson* in San Antonio and that they have frequent talks. George and Christine continue to improve the city of Daytona Beach, between visits to their distant children and to the football games. He promises to come down here soon to drink coconut milk and help pull in the sailfish.

*Skinny* was appropriately elected and installed as Grand Paramount Carabao by the Military Order of Carabao at the Mayflower Hotel, Washington, D. C. on February 14, 1948 before 600 members and guests to the tune of "The Monkeys Have No Tails in Zamboanga". It was a grand party—a richly deserved honor and *Skinny* made his usual hit with his acceptance speech.

*Joe King* sent me a fine photo of *Hap Green* swinging a nasty putter on the Fort Sam Houston golf course. *Hap* has made his home at 315 Blue Bonnet Boulevard, San Antonio. *Joe* says that he and his daughter are out of exercise since *Skinny Wainwright* moved his horses out to the country, too far away for a morning ride. A daughter is taking her Master's degree at the Catholic University, Washington, D. C.

*Tige Huntley* at last came to D day. He and *Connie* sold out in Durham, packed up the Lares and Penates, and hit the road to California. They are looking around Beverley Hills and its environs for a new place to establish the Huntley fireside. Nearly all the rest of the family are there, brothers, sisters and two children, so the move was a natural.

*John Merrill* is around again after a sojourn in the hospital with a suspected angina, but *John* says he can prove that the doctors are wrong. *John, Junior*, is guarding *Doug MacArthur* in Tokyo and is ready for the O.C.S. to get his commission. *Robert*, his younger brother, now 17, is championing the bit, awaiting his turn to follow his brother into the Army.

*Bob White*, now and for quite a while back, Chief Operating Officer of the Missouri Pacific Railway, recently joined the Association of Graduates and subscribed for *Assembly*. His Christmas message to his employees and his speech before the National Safety Congress, last Fall, are indeed, master-pieces on management-employee relations. *Bob* has made a grand reputation in his chosen work and has lost none of his love for West Point.

*Earl McFarland* and *Edith* are holding their strategic location in the

Shenandoah Valley at Staunton Military Academy, Staunton, Va. Around them has grown a colony of regulars from the Army, giving the effect of an army post. It's a good stop when you are going that way.

*Red Hoyle* and *Christine* gave a growl on the weather last week, saying that whenever they move to a new place, the weather puts on a show. *Konas* in Hawaii, dust storms in the west and what a winter in New England. They might try us down here for a hurricane. *Red* is OK again after his hospital experience.

*Cort* and *Elizabeth Parker* have settled their family at 51 Chestnut Street, Boston, Mass. After *Cort's* experience in Iceland, he has no argument with the winter weather.

*Hap Pennell* is still sitting out front in the lobby of the Fort Sill National Bank, and complains a bit about the lack of class news. Will somebody tell him about *Assembly*? It is indeed fine to have such a means of distributing class information and all classmates ought to be encouraged to maintain their subscriptions. Mailing and addressing one class letter to each member is still a job in spite of the decreasing number of us.

*Charlie Rockwell* has been hunting again around Bamberg, South Carolina. He still maintains his position as the class allround athlete. He and *Count Gillespie* sat together at the Army-Penn game last Fall.

*Hugo Selton* sent in a report on our Knight of 1906, *Robert Warren Selton*. Combat Infantry Badge; Bronze Star with two Oak Leaf Clusters; two Presidential Unit citations for his platoon, and the Commendation Ribbon. Wonderful record of which the whole class is proud. *Hugo* and *Elsie* are at Forest Hills Inn on Long Island and are experts on the wells of that area in case anyone needs information on water.

*Johnnie Johnson* and *Jo* are busy putting up an addition to their house on Lake View Drive, Asheville, N. C. in anticipation of a new grandchild next month at West Point, so I hear. And they are going up to the Point in March.

*Count Gillespie* has had his turn in *Walter Reed* recently but is out now and raring to go. He and *Mildred* have made their home in Washington. We wonder why with all the good fishing down here.

*Joe Dickman*, *Freddie's* son, another Knight of 1906, is a Lieut. Col. at the Air School at Montgomery, Alabama. He, too, had a remarkable war record and wears many ribbons of which we are proud. His mother, *Mrs. Gene Mumpower*, lives in Coral Gables, Florida. She reports that the new grandchild is superior.

*Cadet Walker S. Bradshaw*, our last son of the class at West Point, will graduate June 8, this year. He will be knighted with appropriate ceremony under the class tree, on Alumni Day, just before graduation. How about being there, with some thoughts about dear old *Jim*, too.

Biscayne Bay is glistening with diamonds in the brilliant sun and my roses are blooming better than ever. *L. P. Horsfall* and I will be thinking about all of you at the West Point Dinner, March 20, at the Air Depot

here. Better come down.

Peggy De Armond, beloved wife of George, passed away February 25, 1948 at San Antonio, Texas and was buried in the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery with many of the classmates present. Our deepest sympathy to George from all of us in his bereavement and great loss. George W., Jr. and Barbara Ann, their children remain to comfort him and to share in their sorrow. Peggy's name was Marguerite Lillian.

Florence Ardery, widow of our classmate Edward D., whom we all knew as "the Microbe", is living at 861 Sutter Street, San Francisco. Daughter Ann, wife of Major Gilmore is at Hamilton Field, not far away and their child, Thomas Ardery is the only grandchild. Son Ted a temporary major, boarded an ice breaker, U.S.S. *Edisto*, last November at Norfolk for Little America and after the summer experience in the Antarctic is due back about the 1st of April. He was with the 56th Armored Engineers—11th Armored Div. through the war, was wounded twice and wears a Bronze Star Medal. He is an eligible bachelor.

And I forgot to say that Jim Riley assisted Skinny Wainwright to become the Grand Paramount Carabao at the Washington party, specially with some of those good parodies of the Filipino songs. It must have been a wonderful evening.

Jim found Watts Rose cheerful and humorous as ever, but confined to his bed. Don't forget to send him a note once in a while.

—Charles G. Mettler.

## 1907

Eastman sent us the details of the flash which Paul Larned gave us for the October Assembly notes. He was married on October 4, 1947 to Mrs. Margaret Parmele Massey of Winchester, Virginia and they are now settled at 11 Edgewood Terrace, Alexandria, Virginia. Clyde would like to have her get acquainted with members of the class and extends a cordial invitation to any who may be passing their way to stop and see them. During the past year he has been President of the Alexandria-Arlington-Fairfax Real Estate Board (Northern Virginia) and has opened a branch office in Hamilton, Virginia, near Leesburg, to handle farm properties. He reports that business has been very good and suggests that 1907 farmers better let him help them get located. They had a fine honeymoon trip to the west coast to attend the National Real Estate Convention in San Francisco. He wanted to hunt up classmates, but his schedule did not permit.

We extend to Bill Ganoe our deepest sympathy in the death of his only sister.

The MacLachlan's are living at the Hotel Chelsea, 222 West 23rd Street, New York and will remain there until the end of May when they expect to return to California to see their daughter graduate from Stanford. After that, they will decide where they will settle down permanently. Skinny is temporarily associated with United

World Federalists, Inc. and is teaching a couple of classes at New York University while they are in New York.

A press dispatch from Sonoma, California reported that *Hap Arnold* is recovering from an acute illness which his doctors state will keep him in bed for several weeks.

Paul Larned reports everything quiet on the Potomac and no news of particular interest of classmates in Washington.

Rick Morrison has returned from Walter Reed Hospital where he appeared before the Retiring Board in anticipation of his retirement some time later this year.

Stanley L. James, retired, and living at the "Whipporwill's Nest" in San Antonio, Texas, has undergone an eye operation for the removal of the lens, in hope of restoring his sight. The other eye will be operated upon whenever he is able. His condition is still weakened (he was a Jap P.O.W.) although he is confident of eventual complete recovery of his former health. Mrs. James is now his "Seeing Eye Lady".

It is hoped that we can have more class news for the next issue of *Assembly*, which will only be possible if members of the class will tell us something about what they are doing.

—H. W. W.

## 1908

Undaunted by the day and date, that intrepid group, the Washington Garrison of the Class 1908, met at the Army and Navy Club on Friday the 13th of February to celebrate the inevitable anniversary of graduation. We had several visitors from outlying stations. Seery Hayes traveled all the way from Worcester, Massachusetts (where he operates an iron foundry or whatever); John Kennedy came up from Camden, South Carolina; and Charley Jackson (now a manufacturer of nuts, bolts and other structural parts for airplanes) together with Punk Ellis (motor transport—trucks, etc.) came on from Baltimore, Maryland. Several men from National G.H.Q. were absent for various reasons: Peterson, thawing out in Florida; sick, O'Brien (flu), Burns (flu), and Hall, C. L. (Walter Reed since 13 December '47), Stockton and Hobbey.

Speck Edgerton (not too long returned from China) presided as best he could. He (Member of the Promotion Board) and Hughes, E. N. (Chief of Ordnance), are the only members of 1908 still on the active list.

Business conducted consisted of the election and installation, with due ceremony of Bob Fletcher as Class President and Poohbah for 1948-49 succeeding Bob O'Brien who felt that his long years of tenure of that exalted position entitled him to rest a bit from the labors attendant upon this high office. The treasury was found to have about \$814.12 in it in cash and bonds. This was what should have been there. A report of the Reunion Committee showed that arrangements were well in hand for the gathering at West Point this summer.

Then there were food, drink, and much talk consisting largely of grinds

and reminiscences. Every man there was called to his feet to say whatever he chose. Through it all, wove the thought of how high the Academy and its graduates stand in the opinion of the general public: and how careful West Pointers, old and young, must be, lest something they do or say besmirch her reputation. Another trend was enthusiasm over the reunion to be held this coming June Week at West Point. Graduation this year is to take place on the morning of Tuesday 8 June and the Class of 1908, graduates and non-graduates, will assemble there in force Friday 4 June and Saturday 5 June 1948. It was reported at the dinner that reservations for a record attendance have long since been made for rooms in Cadet Barracks, for accommodations in the Mess Hall, and for participation in all the events of the graduation program. It was also announced that for eight months the Class has had a private room in the Officers Club reserved for its banquet, which will take place the night of 6 June.

Those attending the dinner held in Washington 13 February were: Bonesteel, Baker, Chaney, Drennan, Edgerton, Ellis, Fletcher, Garrison, Hayes, Huges, E. S., Jackson, Kelly, Kennedy, and Sturdevant. All expect to attend the reunion at the Point next June.

Then, on Wednesday, 10 March, the regular monthly class luncheon was held at the Army and Navy Club in Washington. Present were Burns, Chaney, Drennan, Fletcher, Garrison, Hobbey, Hughes, O'Brien, Schultz, and Sturdevant.

Schultz, who has just returned from a year's duty in Vienna as Chief of the Information Service, Headquarters U.S. Forces in Austria, said: "No comment at this time" Drennan reported that pending the opening of the golf season, his interest centered in Chesapeake Bay and his son's cabin cruiser. Garrison announced the arrival of his fifth grandchild, a boy this time. Chaney, who toured Wyoming, Colorado and New Mexico last fall, expects to do Arizona and California this spring winding up at West Point for the reunion. Fletcher reported that the prospects were good for some forty cadets of 1908 to assemble at West Point in June. This includes Paulsen, Weaver, H. G., and several other non-grads who are delighted at the prospect of rejoining for the big party.

Other news is that Hall, C. L. is now out of the hospital and sick in quarters. Muhlenberg, very busy on his ranch in California, has a new granddaughter, making a total of three grand. Loustalot plans to drive up to the reunion from New Orleans. And Sturdevant wants the world to know he has rebuilt and painted his barn.

—R. H. F.

## 1909

John C. H. Lee retired as a Lieutenant General on December 31, 1947. He and Mrs. Lee are making their home in York, Pa., where John is the General Secretary of the Protestant Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Devers, Eichelberger, and Emmons are the only '09 men remaining on ac-

tive duty with the Armed Forces. Jake Devers commands the Army Ground Forces from his C.P. at Fort Monroe, Va. Bob Eichelberger commands the Occupational Forces in Japan. Delos Emmons is running the Joint Staff College at Norfolk, Va.

A daughter, Katherine Page, was born at Fort Belvoir, Va., on February 24th to Lieut. Colonel and Mrs. John D. Matheson. She is a granddaughter of Roy Matheson, who died last April, and of Ethel Matheson, who is now living at 229 Pomona Ave., El Cerrito, Calif.

A son was born at Fort Monroe, Va., on February 19th to Major and Mrs. John E. Rossell. The child is a grandson of Elkin Franklin, who died in 1932, and of Emily C. Franklin, of St. Louis. The Franklins' only son, Captain Elkin L., Jr. (Class of 1941, U.S.M.A.), was killed in action over Arezzo, Italy, in 1944, while serving as a combat pilot in the Air Corps.

Mrs. Elizabeth Rumbough Cowles, daughter of Stanley and Elizabeth Rumbough, was married in New York City on March 6th to Mr. Duncan Van Norden, who served as a lieutenant commander in the U.S. Navy during World War II. Mr. and Mrs. Van Norden are living at 525 Park Avenue, New York.

Louie and Lillian Ford have moved from New Braunfels, Texas to Clermont, Florida (P.O. Box 528).

Cliff Bluemel, who retired recently, may be reached in care of the Fifth Avenue Branch, National City Bank, New York City.

The "Johnny" Johnsons are occupying the Fullers' house at Lusby, Md., while Horace and Betty are visiting in England.

Bill Simpson has given as his forwarding address,—National Bank of Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas.

The Ray Smiths have been living at the Carolan Hotel, 5480 Cornell Ave., Chicago, Ill. —G. L. V. D.

## 1910

John Landis is back in Washington, D. C. He and Edith have taken an apartment at 1767 P Street N.W. It is good to have them with the Washington contingent of the class once more. We had an interesting letter from Jack Heard in Fort Sam Houston. He and Ella are on the homeward swing of an extended motor trip across the United States and Canada, including in their travels a jump over to Hawaii. Before coming East again they will drive down to Mexico City and see something of Acapulco, Taxco, El Fortin and the new volcano, Paricutin. They will also visit Guatemala and stop at Merida in Yucatan to see the Maya ruins at Chichen Itza and Uxmal. At San Antonio Joe Taulbee gave Jack and Ella a delicious cabrito dinner at which Jack says Guy Chipman and Ducky Reinhardt and their wives were the life of the party. Chip also threw a fine party for the Heards. Robbie Roberson and his wife were there, both looking extremely well.

Word comes from Chicago that Mick Miles is heading up a very extensive project for combining in that city practically all forms of transportation, rail,

air and bus. It is to be known as the National Transport Terminal, State of Illinois, and has the backing of prominent officials not only in Chicago but also in the State. We understand that this is Mick's original idea. May he have the greatest success. His address is 160 North La Salle Street, Chicago.

The Class will be saddened to hear that Willard Richards passed away at the Station Hospital, Fort Lawton, Seattle, Washington on January 9th, 1948. He is survived by his widow and four daughters. Mrs. Richards resides at 2226-13th Avenue, North Seattle 2.

Meade Wildrick was a recent visitor in Washington. He is President of the West Point Society in New York City. He was also a member of the committee an arrangements for the big West Point-Annapolis Alumni Dinner held at the Waldorf Astoria in New York on April 2, 1948 in celebration of the unification of the Armed Forces.

Snakey Dunlop will be always glad to get news of the class in order that our notes in the Assembly can be made interesting.

—R. H. D.

## 1911

The most important item of news for the Class is the recent announcement of the wedding of Jack Kutz. Mrs. Lillian C. Brooks became the bride of Jack on January 20th at Redington Beach, Florida, and so the next to the last of the mighty has fallen to the wiles of Cupid. Joe Mehaffey is now the only bachelor left in the Class. Here's hoping now that Jack has fallen, that Joe will join us all in the very near future and make our record complete.

Phil Fleming addressed a luncheon meeting of the Chicago Association of Commerce and Industry in January. He informs us that Pot Baxter attended the luncheon, paying \$2.25 for the privilege of dining and hearing Phil discourse. This attendance by Pot proves his loyalty to 1911 and also to the oratorical powers of Phil.

Spec Wheeler has been designated by the Moles (a New York Society of Tunnel and Heavy Construction men) as a winner of its annual award for "outstanding contribution to construction progress" Congratulations to Spec.

John Lucas, who has been commanding the U.S. Advisory Group in China, was ordered to return to Washington in January.

In the December issue of the "Crisis" there is a very fine picture of Joe Mehaffey, with the following subtitle: "Governor General of the Canal Zone, tall affable Major General Joseph C. Mehaffey. During his administration the employees have experienced their most notable improvements in working and living conditions" In the article accompanying the picture it was stated that the recent beneficial changes in working and living conditions would not be under way were it not for the sympathetic understanding and democratic attributes of Governor J. C. Mehaffey.

—H. G. S.

## 1912

Anderson and Anne have a new granddaughter so Andy has taken on a new activity, real estate salesman for Monterey Peninsula Properties.

Barrett and Margaret have built a new home in Atherton, California, where he has now changed his activities from nuclear physics to gardening.

Barton and Clare have purchased a home and permanently settled at 2817 Helen St., Augusta, Ga. Tubby is connected with the Atherton Chamber of Commerce as one of the vice presidents. R.O., Jr., will graduate from West Point next June and has been designated as a candidate for Rhodes Scholarship from Georgia. Young Clare graduated from the University of Alabama last term.

Bodine retired last fall and he and Mary are living at 144 Harrigan Court, San Antonio 9, Texas. He still takes his golf very seriously.

Burfy Brown is back from Korea and will probably retire soon. Just where he and Jessie will settle is not yet determined.

Although Chamberlain may have his third star, he writes Class Headquarters that as far as the Class is concerned he is still a cadet.

Chynoweth finished his first year of "adult education" at the University of California and took off for skiing in the High Sierras to rest his weary brain.

Virgil Cutts has been located at 31516 Lake Road, Bay Village, Ohio, near Cleveland, where he is connected with the Bell Refrigeration Corp.

Danielson and Edith are spending the winter at 103 Chauncey Ave., East Bradenton 2, Florida.

Chauncey Devore has recently built a home at Warrenton, Va.

Dunmore was in Washington recently and he and Hayes, Haislip, Drake and Cook had dinner together.

Elizabeth Edwards reports that Duke is still busy farming tobacco and very satisfied with the new farm he has acquired.

Eaton Edwards had the pleasure recently of entertaining Fechet, Lindt and Morrissey at his home in Coronado.

Flynn is now retired and his mailing address is c/o Mr. Stewart D. Warner, Sands Point, Port Washington, L. I., N. Y.

Gatchell and Betty recently had the pleasure of seeing Bill Wilbur and Margaret Bingham. After an extensive tour of the United States Margaret plans to return to Hawaii and stay there.

Mary Gorrell remarried last October to Mr. Ralph Underwood. They now live at Inverness, Palatine, Ill. Nap has an uncle, Frank Gorrell, who lives at the Shoreham Hotel, Washington. He is in his late seventies and is very devoted to the memory of Nap and would enjoy seeing any of our classmates who could find time to call on him.

Greenwald's latest address is 202 West Elmview, San Antonio 9, Texas.

Hager is happy on a new job training specialists in the Veteran's Administration in Cincinnati. His home address is 35 Sherry Road, Wyoming, Ohio.

*Harms'* widow, *Estrella*, is living at 4379 Merrill Ave., Riverside, California.

*Hayes* reports recent visits from *Herby Patterson* and *Sid Spalding*.

The *Hinemons* are touring Florida where they have seen the *Danielsons* and *Siberis*. In May they're going to Bavaria to visit Betty and her husband.

*Lane* has been located at 420 Stahl Ave., Wilmington Manor, Newcastle, Delaware. Shady's brother is now governor of Maryland.

*Littlejohn* is now through with the War Assets Administration and looking for a place to live. Temporarily he and Mary are living at 1951 Columbia Road, N.W., Washington.

*MacGregor* and *Helene* are living at Wardman Park Hotel, Washington.

*Mallon* and *Eunice* have returned to San Francisco after a month's motor trip through Southern California and Arizona.

*Harry McLean* returned to Tuxedo, N. Y., to attend his daughter *Harriett's* wedding after roaming Canada and the West.

*Mooney* has moved to Washington, D. C., where he hopes to capitalize on the extensive legal education he has been acquiring recently. He and *Marie* are living at 1788 Lanier Place, N.W.

*Morrissey* was retired last October and after visits with friends and classmates is temporarily located at 628 West Ocean Front, Balboa, Calif. They have not yet decided where they will live permanently.

*Kimball, F. G.*, has been located at Hallowell, Maine, where he is president of the Winthall Products Company.

*Robertson* and *Lorene* are now settled at the Presidio of San Francisco where *Robby* is Deputy Commander of the Sixth Army.

*Patterson* is now on his yearly sojourn in Florida where he spends much of his time playing golf with *Schneider*. He also plans some deep sea fishing.

*Ike Spalding* has been very active in Class affairs recently. He herds together the Texas classmates, *Kelly, Bodine, Sawyer, Greenwald, Delamater, and Weaver*. We owe many of our news items to him.

*Snow* has been appointed Class Historian by President *Bun Hobson* and charged with getting out a superduper Forty Year Book in 1952. He also has helped contribute some of these news items.

*Sullivan* has purchased a new home in San Francisco, and he and *Madeline* will occupy it after he retires next July.

*Bill Weaver* is engaged in organizing the 90th Division Association in the Fourth Army area. He is also trying to get a national association going for the 8th Division.

*Wood* is still located at the Hotel Bristol, Vienna, Austria, P.O. 777, care of Postmaster, New York. Although retired he is doing very essential duty handling refugees and displaced persons.

Since the death of his mother last year, *Wright's* sister, *Edna*, is now living at 1629 Columbia Road, N.W., Washington.

Recently Class Headquarters has col-

lected quite a bit of information about the sons and daughters of 1912, which was too voluminous to incorporate in these *Assembly* notes but may possibly be published in an extra Class Bulletin now in preparation, which will also include a list of change in addresses since the Christmas bulletin and notes from some letters which have been received from classmates. The bulletin will include *Millard Harmon's* obituary, which is now practically complete and will later be published in *Assembly*. The News Committee is very grateful to all who have contributed items for inclusion in this column.

—O. J. Gatchell.

## 1913

All members of 1913 who are going to attend our 35th Reunion at West Point in June should immediately communicate with *Joseph W. Viner*, Colonel, U.S.A., Retired, Duane Lane, Demarest, New Jersey, and give me information as to how many are coming to the Reunion.

—Viner.

## 1914

*Skimp Brand*, who still continues to gather news for the *Assembly*, and manage the monthly class dinners in Washington, contributes the following:

"Dear Fred:

"I have heard murmuring from the underground to the effect that you and I have conspired to send to *Assembly* only news of what happens in Washington. Anyone can tell from your address that it is not your fault. I wondered what could be done about it but didn't see an immediate solution.

"Meanwhile we lost our cook and when we tried to get another found the prices prohibitive. So *Helen* and I have been experimenting. One night I was eating cheese and crackers and drinking beer while starting to make some scrambled eggs (my chef d'oeufs) when, deciding I had had enough cheese and beer, accidentally threw both into the eggs. You can imagine that my dreams that night were fearful and wonderful.

"In my dreams I got into a private executive transport plane and started out for California. Had to stop at San Antonio for gas so I called up *John Henry Woodberry* and he invited me out to his house at 126 Sheridan Road. When I reached there he had gathered together *Ike Gill*, 514 Funston Place, *Bill Houghton*, 221 Magnolia Ave., *Slyvester Downs* and *Elmer Adler*, 311 Canterbury Hill, all of whom are retired and living in San Antonio.

"We had quite an evening of it and I got a lot of inside dope which I will pass on to you as Class Secretary for the files.

"During the festivities *Tom Lanphier* phoned in from Dallas where he is V.A. Deputy Administrator, Branch Office 10, 1114 Commerce St., Dallas 2. I saw a lot of Tom when he was in Air Intelligence during the War. They

say he briefed General Marshal daily on the enemy air efforts. He must have done a swell job.

"*John Henry*, always the inventive type (remember his grapefruit knife?) is making 'Rustproofed Metal Jalousies' (awnings to you). The others are just plain retired but when they heard I was headed for California you should have heard them brag about Texas grapefruit.

"The party was just about to break up when in breezed *Johnnie Carruth*, who is Engineer Supply Officer in the S.A. General Distribution Depot. He almost missed the party entirely, because he had tried to figure out why I was headed for California and, if so, why I had gone out of my way to get gassed up in San Antonio. Will he be surprised when he finds out it was just a dream after all?

"Well it was getting late and I had to push on but in a few minutes we landed at Fullerton Municipal Airport near Los Angeles. My pilot said he had a signal to land there so he sat the helicopter down and I was greeted with open arms by *Jim Byrom*. The field was not big enough for our transport so we just dreamed ourselves into the helicopter.

"Jim was looking just grand. He is doing very well in wholesale lumber and gets all over California. If he has missed any of the Class living in the State just give him time. We went by his room at the California Hotel in Fullerton for a drink and then got in his car and started up the Coast. As we started he said '*Dick Paddock* lives over in Hollywood at 1817 North Vista Avenue. If you can find it on my road map we'll drive by there.' But I could not find it either so we drove on and in no time pulled up in Santa Barbara. By the way, *Dick* is in motion picture equipment business.

"In Santa Barbara we stopped at *Turk Wyeth's* office, 1137 Coast Highway, where he is in real estate business. What he was doing at that time of night in a real estate office we could not figure out until he tried to sell us a house or two. He must have had a nose for business and smelled us coming. Aren't dreams wonderful?

"Next stop was Carmel near Monterey where *Bill Ryan* is spending his time fixing up their new home, gardening and playing at golf. *Jens Doe* came over from Fort Ord which he commands. From *Bill's* place we phoned to *Empie Potts* at Fort Winfield Scott. *Empie* promised to assemble a gang by the time we could reach the Oakland V.A. Hospital which is managed by *Dad Herrick*. He figured we would need hospitalization if we got there at all in the fog.

"*Empie* did a swell job because when Jim and I reached there five minutes later he and Dad had corralled a quorum. We were delayed because we stopped to pick up *Jim Bradley* at 605 Costa Rica Ave., San Mateo. The others who were assembled were *Al Larabee*, 785 Morse Street, San Jose; *George Febiger*, 400 Marlowe St., Palo Alto; *Frank Forbes*, 644 San Benito Ave., Los Gatos; *Dopey Harrison* from his grape ranch at Lodi, Route 4 Box 88; *Robertson, W. A.*, from the Pacific Union Club in S.F.; and *Blub Stuart* from the Univ. of S.F. where he is P.M.S.&T.

"It was sure a lot of fun to see all that gang, even if only in a dream but we had one more stop to make. So I dreamed back my transport and we all climbed aboard and headed for Eureka where we found *Tom Monroe*, Box 115 Star Route. Tom was being general factotum, cook, butler, yard boy, house boy, dishwasher, etc., because Clara had broken her leg. That was pretty tough on both of them. Tom could have done with several plates of oysters but that oyster farm of his grows chickens instead.

"I sure hope the boys all got home all right because at this point Helen woke me up and said 'Don't you think you had better go to bed. It's one o'clock.'

"Before the next *Assembly* I am going to try to find a food combination that will dream up a southern trip. I've been practicing without the dream effects and found that *Willis Tack* is now at Camp Rucker instead of Fort Bragg, and that *Tim Rees* is C. of S., 5th Infantry Div., at Fort Jackson. Had lunch with *Ham Huston* at St. Petersburg. He came over from 408 MacDill Ave., Tampa 6. He sells real estate in Tampa but says that he goes to Asheville for summer vacations and sees *Pug Lampert* at Fletcher, N. C. Was that bent fender a dream Ham?

"I'm getting sleepy again. So long for a couple of months.

"Sincerely,  
Skimp Brand."

In the last *Assembly*, due to mistakes in punctuation, it may appear that *Pink Bull* lives in Hagerstown, but he does not, he lives at Fort Myer; also *Mag Harris* is not with the V.A., but is now in a hospital, where he has had operations on both eyes; he is in good spirits, and expects to retire soon and live at Warrenton, Va.

*Allen Cowgill* is still living at 519 Allen St., Syracuse, N. Y., but is not teaching this year. He has just returned from a short stay at the West Point Hospital. *Ralph Royce* is now with the State government of Michigan, as director of economic research. *Fenn Lewis* has recently bought a summer place on the eastern shore of Maryland. He discovered that *Jack Thompson* owns a farm nearby (a neighbor does the farming) and *Joe Byron* has been looking about in that area also.

—F. W. H.

## 1916

*Stanley Scott*, who had just recently been made a permanent Major General, has been assigned to command the U.S. Army Forces in Alaska. He and *Mary* left Washington by motor on January 23, crossing the country by the southern route, and thence up the West Coast to Seattle, from where they sailed, the middle of February, for his new station at Anchorage. From letters received from them enroute, they apparently found a royal welcome waiting from classmates on the West Coast. At Coronado they saw *Bob Sharrer* and *Murph Irvine*. At San Francisco they saw the *Johns*, the *Doneys*, and the *Woodwards*, and *Mary Worsham*. *Goop* was away on an inspection trip at this time. They

also expected to see *Paul Kane's* wife, "Pat", before sailing.

*Murph Irvine*, who has been in charge of the Engineer Laboratory at Ft. Belvoir for several years, retired on January 1 at his own request. He planned to go to Phoenix, Arizona, but later, due to housing conditions, decided to go on to California, where, when last heard from, he was at Coronado. Just what his final plans are we do not know at this time.

*Fat Styer*, who has been making his home intermittently in Washington since his retirement after the war, left permanently for California about February 1. His address there is: Coronado, San Diego County, California.

*Ferdie Gallagher* joined the Washington contingent last October and is on duty now with the Department of the Army at the Pentagon. He is living at 935 South 26th Street, Arlington, Virginia.

*Fay Prickett* has recently assumed command of the Pennsylvania Military District of the Second Army with headquarters at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

*Maurice Miller* showed up unexpectedly at our Class Luncheon in January. Later it was learned that he is to be assigned to duty here in Washington.

*Vic Wales* was in Walter Reed during the months of January and February but it was impossible to get in touch with him before he left on sick leave.

*Parker Kuhn* reports that *Dixie Bonfils* blew into New York during February and they had a two-man reunion all to themselves. *Dixie* is now Managing Director of *The Denver Post* as well as being interested in airline operations in the Rocky Mountain area.

*Knox Cockrell* has taken a month's leave from his duties in Washington and gone to visit his new grandchild, and, incidentally, his son and daughter-in-law in Puerto Rico.

News reached us shortly after the first of the year of the death of *Warner Carr* at Houston, Texas, on December 30. He retired for physical disability almost two years ago and had been living for some time in Lanpasas, Texas.

We also learned a few days ago of the death of *Henry Ranson*, a former cadet of 1916. He started with 1915 and was turned back to us in our Plebe year. Although he failed to graduate he subsequently entered the Army and retired some time ago as a Captain. He died at Denver, Colorado, on November 17, 1947.

Another death since the last issue was that of our distinguished Class Father-in-law, the oldest living graduate, Col. *Morgan*. He died at Walter Reed Hospital on February 14, 1948. *Edith Cabell*, his daughter, has just left for El Paso, Texas, where she will visit one of her children until the early summer.

—E. G. B.

## April, 1917

Changes in assignments noted since the last publication of *Assembly* are: *Johnny Devine* from Commanding General Universal Military Training

Experimental Unit, Fort Knox, Ky., to Hq. Army Ground Forces, Fort Monroe, Va., as Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3 (Plans and Training).

*Homer Brown* from Assistant Operations and Training Officer, 4th Army, to G-3 (Operations and Training Officer), 4th Army, at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

*Birdie Eagles* from assignment and duty as Commanding General Ninth Infantry Division, Fort Dix, N. J., to F.E.C., Tokyo, Japan.

*Norman Cota* from assignment and duty with War Assets Administration, Washington, D. C., to War Assets Administration at Philadelphia, Pa.

*Jim* and *Laddie Hayden* are living at 29 Eucalyptus Road, Berkeley, California; and *Jack* and *Jean Stewart* are residing at 7710 Abbott Avenue, Miami Beach, Florida.

*Bill Heavey* hits our news headlines again—this time as an author. His book, entitled *Down Ramp!*, recently published by The Infantry Journal Press, Washington, D. C., covers the work done by the Army amphibian engineers in World War II. It should be particularly valuable to readers who are interested in the amphibious phase of warfare.

*Tupper Cole*, in his capacity as Chief of the Olympic Games Division of the General Staff, recently paid a short visit to the Military Academy to confer with the members of the Army Team in training at West Point for the 1948 Olympic Games.

*Fred Irving* flew up to West Point from Washington on 6 March to witness the Army-Navy basketball game and to pay a fleeting visit to his cadet son, *Fred*, who is a member of the Class of 1951. *Fred Senior* has recently been relieved from assignment and duty as Coordinator Inter-American Defense Board and is now assigned to the Office Chief of Staff, Washington, D. C., for duty with the Personnel and Administration Division, G.S.U.S.A.

On 26 January *Joe Collins* received his fourth star and was presented his general's flag personally by General Eisenhower in Washington.

Extracts from letters received recently read as follows:

From *Bill Daugherty*: "Read the notes in the latest *Assembly*, and, as usual, found them most interesting. It was surely a bit to see that long list of G.O.'s and realize that the class was second only to 1915 in numbers chosen, and this out of the relatively small number still on the active list.

Glad to know them. No news of interest from here, as I seem the only '17 in this part of the state. *Doug Wahl* is at Vancouver I believe, but have not seen him recently. . . ." *Bill's* address is 17 Tacoma Country Club, Tacoma 9, Wash.

From *Sterling Wood*, writing from Frankfurt, Germany: "Haps and Sterling, Jr are here with me in Germany and they seem to enjoy the Germanic atmosphere slightly more than I. The past twenty months have seen me commanding the 18th Infantry serving as the Palace Guards for the main Headquarters of E.U.C.O.M. here in Frankfurt. It has been a rather strenuous time as I am the Security Officer, Safety Officer and Provost Marshal for

this part of Germany in addition to running the Regiment. That alone is a sizable job what with all the young G.I.'s that go to make up the postwar Army. It has been a fine detail but I am looking forward to a change as my tour of command duty is about over. I see a lot of *Louis Ford*, and *Clare Armstrong* flies in here every once in awhile to get cigarettes and other PX supplies". Sterling's present address is Hq. 18th Infantry, A.P.O. 757, Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

From *Jack Nygaard*, after a week-end visit to West Point 21-23 February: "While at West Point I decided to take a look in the area of North Barracks. I looked up at Room 2034, where *Bill Eley* and I lived as 2d Classmen, and across the hall in 2033, where *Wayne Clark* and *Bill McMahon* lived. This was the old 20th Div., now the 26th Div. As I stood there gazing at these rooms, as the lights were still on, a cadet came by and I asked him what state he came from. To my surprise he said Wisconsin. But when I asked him what podunk he almost flooded me by replying, 'Eau Claire, Sir'. Now that is my home town. We had a nice visit and he was just as surprised when I told him I am from Eau Claire. I know his mother—also his dad, the Class of 1924. I think this incident is one for the books". Jack is still at Tilton General Hospital, Fort Dix, N. J., awaiting disposition orders.

Articles of interest which appeared in the *Army and Navy Journal* of 28 February 1948 concerning *Mark Clark* and *Ernie Harmon* are quoted as follows:

"San Francisco—Three Italian Cities—Ravello, Positano and Amalfi—liberated in September of 1943 by Allied troops led by General Mark W. Clark, now Sixth Army Commander here, have made him an honorary citizen of their respective communities and have sent the General scrolls and keys to their cities betokening the fact."

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"Major General Ernest N. Harmon, Deputy Commanding General of the Army Ground Forces, was retired from the Army 27 February in formal ceremonies on the Ft. Monroe, Va., parade ground; General Jacob L. Devers, Commanding General, Army Ground Forces, along with members of his Staff, was present. Music was furnished by the 100-piece Army Ground Forces Band.

"A veteran of 31 years' service and two world wars, General Harmon was graduated from the U.S.M.A. in 1917, as a 2d Lt. of Cavalry. During World War I, he participated in the engagements of St. Mihiel, the Meuse-Argonne Offensive and the Baccarat Sector in Vosges, France.

"In World War II, General Harmon commanded a task force which participated in the invasion of North Africa and captured Safi. Other commands in this War included the 1st Armored Division, the XXIII Corps, and the 2d Armored Division in Belgium. He also commanded the U.S. Army of Occupation in Czechoslovakia."

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And our thanks to *Steve Sherrill* for sending us the following account of a

Class luncheon held in Washington, D. C., on 5 February:

"The second postwar meeting of members of our class living in and near Washington, or there temporarily, was held at the Pentagon on February 5th. Present were *Marvel Armstrong*, *Percy Black*, *Alex Campbell*, *Tupper Cole*, *Leo Erler*, *Arthur Harper*, *Fred Irving*, *Bob Kunz*, *Meach Meacham*, *Speck Nisley*, *Dan Noce*, *Burnett Olmsted*, *Harry Pierce*, *Bob Ransom*, *Steve Sherrill*, *Whit Whitcomb*, *George Wooley*.

"Bad weather in the Washington area and important official engagements kept the following away at the last minute: *Bob Bathurst*, *Aaron Bradshaw*, *Joe Collins*, *Dutch Cota*, *Carleton Coulter*, *Ira Crump*, *Birdie Eagles*, *Wilbur Elliot*, *Charlie Gerhardt*, *Ernie Harmon*, *Jack Nygaard*, *Scott Ritchie*, *Dave Rumbough*, *Van Vander Hyden*, and last but not least, *Kivas Tully*, who had intended to come from Chicago until the last minute when Western Union called Leo Erler at 1:30 A.M. to inform him of his inability to attend.

"Leo and Steve are doing the planning for these luncheons. The next one will be at the Army-Navy Club on April 8th."

We are depending upon Steve and Leo to keep us posted on the future Class get-togethers which are scheduled to take place in Washington on the first Thursday of every other month.

The deep sympathy of the Class goes to *Bill Cowgill* on the death of his wife, *Darthea*, which occurred last winter. Bill's address is Cherrywild, Fairfield, Conn.

—T. S. S.

## August, 1917

This new deal in scribes for our Class looks as if the younger generation must take over at West Point. The old professors don't seem to be able to take it. Then they may believe in delegation of responsibility—all to the same guy. Anyway, you have a new reporter and he is happy to do whatever he can to act as collector and broadcaster of class news, gossip and rumors. These are the spice of class life, and as we grow older they become more important and more appreciated. But one can't pull these items out of thin air, even though that be academic. So won't you please send in items on any subject of possible interest to the Class.

Here are a few items: *Bob Bringham* recently dropped in, visited his son Bob who is stationed here and a Guard of Honor consisting of *Jones*, *Stamps*, *Counts*, *Durfee* and *Coffey* all quit work for a nice long luncheon with Bob, Sr. He looks fine and no doubt is one of the pillars of the Veterans Administration, especially in Los Angeles. Taking care of several institutions with three or four thousand veteran patients and three thousand employees is no soft job. Sorry to say that *John Thomas Bell* has been in and out of Bob's place.

*Pete Purvis* is reported to have been in the hospital but we can't furnish definite news yet.

*Herman Pohl* also was hospitalized after part of his home at Leesburg, Va. burned up—no answer yet to our inquiry for details.

*Barbara DeCamp* and son *Billy*, are living temporarily at the Thayer Hotel while *Taylor De Camp* works out of First Army Headquarters in New York, when not looking for a billet. He and his fine family really have had a tough time.

Our group here is due for a partial break up shortly—*Biff Jones* and *Red Durfee* are expected to return to a retired status in July—hard to take. About the same time our Class and the Military Academy launches four young men, now members of the Class of 1948, into active Army life: *Johnny Bellinger, Jr.*, *Bruce Buechler*, *Phil Day, Jr.* and *Fred Tibbetts, 3rd*—you can be proud of all of them.

*Hi Ely* and *Zellie* make frequent visits to see their daughter *Hope* who lives in one of the civilian houses up in the hills near Round Pond, one taken over in the territorial expansion of the reservation. The day after Christmas, during the big snowstorm, *Hi* escorted a young guest to the railroad station—and did not get back to his mountain resort, and *Zellie*, for three days. It's been a tough winter in these here parts.

Almost forgot to say that the *Jack Coffey* household is in an uproar with eleven Irish Setter pups and one daughter being married this week, 19 March, to *Capt. T. Q. Donaldson, IV*—you all know his pappy.

Now, finally, for everybody's sweet sake, write.

—J. W. C.

## June, 1918

Plans for our 30th Reunion are taking shape nicely. The following say they will be on hand: *Aigeltinger*, *Barth*, *Baish*, *Bellinger*, *Bishop*, *Hamilton*, *Hewitt*, *Holt*, *Hurt*, *Horr*, *Jadwin*, *Kramer*, *Lewis*, *Lorence*, *Marshall*, *McKee*, *C. E.*, *Olyphant*, *Richardson*, *Ross*, *Rundell*, *Sibert*, *Sturgis*, *Timothy* and *Ward*. Those still in doubt but who say the chances are good that they will make it are *Barragan*, *Barriger*, *Casman*, *Donaldson*, *Gillespie*, and *Underwood*. Only forty-eight out of over a hundred have been heard from and a number of letters have been returned unclaimed. Correct addresses are my biggest headache. If you know the address of anyone not mentioned in this column please send it on so that everyone can be contacted before June. A number of our classmates report in from overseas stations that they will be with us in spirit. This group includes *Adcock*, *Gruhn*, *Gallagher*, *Nixon*, and *Robinson* in the European Theater, and *Azelson*, *Blanchard*, *Mewshaw*, and *Tansey* in the Pacific. We still hope that *Lucius Clay* and *Pat Casey* will come home in time to be with us.

A final questionnaire was sent to all classmates about April first. Be sure and reply by May first if you want accommodations for wives and daughters at Cornwall; after that date the space will be filled up by other classes. Sons can be accommodated in barracks, with their fathers, at West

Point during June week provided they are over 14 years old.

Here are some news items:

*Heinie Baish* is on the faculty of the Industrial College and has a son in the yearling class.

*Paul Hurt* is bringing his wife to the reunion. He reports among extra curricular activities "trying to keep up with three grandchildren".

*Pat Timothy* is retired and living in Birmingham, Ala. He was Chief Engineer of the 12th Army Group with rank of Brigadier General. His son, class of '42, won the D.S.C. and Silver Star and received two battlefield promotions.

*Tenney Ross* will be on hand with his whole family to see young Tenney graduate. He votes for a turkey dinner, remarking "never heard of a Scotchman's paying five bucks just to eat".

*Walter Lorence* now retired, is Executive Vice President of Ohio Valley Improvement Association at Cincinnati.

*Bob Bishop* writes in from Washington, D. C. I see he is running true to form—he once told me that he considered as Foreign Service any station more than fifty miles from Washington.

*Blos McKee* is retired and is now chief engineer of location and design for the State Highway Dept. of Ohio.

*Earle Rundell* commands the Charleston (S. C.) Ordnance Depot. He writes that he and Bee will be up for June Week and says that if he can arrange it, his camp at Twin Lakes, Conn. (50 miles from West Point) will be available for any rugged classmates who don't mind commuting. Says he can take three or four couples.

*Dick Richardson* is vice-president of the First Boston Corporation. He writes that he will be at the reunion. During the war he was with the Ordnance Dept. He has been active in a number of civic organizations.

*Bob Hamilton* and family are coming east in June. He writes that he has been with the Alcoa Co. for 25 years and during the war worked for the W.P.B.

*Dad Holt* is on duty with the Virginia Nat'l Guard and will be on hand come June.

*Jim Marshall* retired as a B.G., works for M. W. Kellogg Co. in New York. Of course we expect him in June.

*Kubilek Casman*, who graduated in law from Pennsylvania U. and became a judge is now judge of the Court for Civil Action in Stuttgart, Germany. He writes that *Count Achatz* is on duty in Nurnberg. Cas hopes to be back in this country by June.

*H. B. Lewis* was on active duty during the war with the Air Corps. He has now left the active service and works for Deering interests in Florida. He is keeping up his air corps affiliations as a Col. in the Air Reserve.

*Sam Sturgis* saw much service in the Pacific, participating in 22 amphibious operations with 6th Army and is now Air Engineer of the Air Forces in Washington with rank of Brigadier General. He and Frances will be on hand for the reunion.

*Pat Tansey* is with G.H.Q. in Tokyo, serving as Civil Property Custodian

with rank of Brigadier General. He won't be with us in June unless present plans change. Says that besides *Bud Miley* and *Pat Casey*, *Cruse* and *Pichel* are also in Japan. All have been joined by their families. *Jody* and *Pat Tansey* have three sons in the service—all graduates of recent classes.

*Andy Moore* is District Engineer at Los Angeles, California. Says he sees the *Agnews*, *John Haleston*, *Dorr Hazelhurst*, and *Goodin* once in a while.

*Milo Barragan* is in Tacoma, Washington, but says he will try to make a trip east to be with us in June.

*Underwood*, our perennial class bachelor writes in from Washington, D. C. Says he'll be on hand if possible but can't say for certain so early. He admits double dating to the last Army-Navy game (cradle snatching) and also leaves the inference that he liked it.

*Tony Grenata* is living the life of a country gentleman in the horse country of Virginia (including hunt breakfasts!).

*Dick McKee* is P.M.S.&T. at University of California, Santa Barbara, California. He's sorry not to be able to come east in June.

*Phil Gallagher* is Deputy C.G. of the Constabulary in Germany. He says *Growley Gruhn* has just arrived and is Deputy C.O. at Heidelberg; *Clarence Townsley* is C.G. at Stuttgart.

*Rabbit Robinson* has just taken over as Military Attache to Turkey.

Have finally made contact with *Eddie Crouch* living at Port Washington, L. I. While he's not sure of his plans, he hopes to be able to be with us in June.

The following letters have been returned undelivered. If you know where these classmates are, please notify *Bit Barth* at N.Y.M.A., Cornwall-on-Hudson, New York; *Julian Lamar*, *Ramos Cintron*, *Bill Coogan* and *Gene Caffey*.

—G. B. B.

## November, 1918

All plans are completed for our reunion in June. A circular letter was sent to each of you in March, giving all of the details. Fifty-five classmates are expected. It should be a grand affair.

*Dick Babbitt* writes that we tied up the news release on him in the last issue of *Assembly*. He is, in fact, now retired and enjoying life at Orlando, Florida. *Bill Benton* wrote us from Denver that if anyone doubted that he and *Bill Blair* had not been pheasant hunting, they could look at the two enclosed photos, one of each Bill, holding the birds. We are not convinced that the same three pheasants were not used for both snapshots. It is reported that Bill intends to take a business administration course at Harvard University.

We regret to announce the death of *Doc Wells* in Indianapolis during the latter part of February. Doc lost a leg during the battle of Normandy.

*Fred Butler*, after returning from the Far East, was stationed for a short period as Engineer of the Sixth Army in San Francisco. Latest reports have him connected with a project on Iwo Jima.

*Johnnie Hughes*, who was about to retire several months ago, is back on the job as District Engineer at Charleston, S. C. *D. T. Johnson* has been assigned to the Western Ocean Division, Corps of Engineers, with station at Sausalito, Calif.

*Paul Kendall* has departed from Fort Lewis and is now on duty in Germany. *Bonner Fellers*, who was at West Point early in March, is now with the Republican National Committee, having changed his position from the Veterans of Foreign Wars. *Leslie Groves* has retired and he is now in charge of special development for the Remington Rand Corporation near Greenwich, Connecticut. We are pleased to announce the improved condition of *Andy March*, who was seriously ill several months ago.

We are informed that *McReynolds* has indicated that there may be a plane load of classmates here for the reunion from Fort Lewis, Wash. *Ippy Swift* and *Dave Ogden* may be among those coming. *Wendall Trower* is District Engineer in Chicago. *H. Reed Yeager* is now in Washington, D. C., for a current assignment after serving in the Far East.

Justice *Bill Powers* of the Supreme Court in New York writes that he will join us at the reunion.

*Howard Brimmer* is still at Fort Francis E. Warren, Wyoming.

*Joe Glasgow* reports from Tokyo that he will miss the reunion by a few days. He and *Gwen* have been in contact with *Paul Kelly*, *Yeager*, *McCone* and others.

*L. H. Dunn* writes that he will see us in June.

*Mutt Cambre* is still with *Tubby Snow* in Guam. Mutt says that he will retire July 1, this time for certain.

*Kenneth Stice* reports from Urbana, Illinois, that his boy is preparing for the Naval Academy. Ken was retired in November 1946.

*Bill Mendenhall* in La Habra, California, states that he is now in the avocado and citrus orchards business and has plenty of work to do.

Since the last publication, *Harrison Shaler* has reported to Aberdeen Proving Grounds.

*Howard Peckham* came through Washington recently on just a quick trip from graves registration duties in France.

*Archie Colwell* dropped into Washington recently. He will be at the reunion with his guitar and *Bob Coolidge* will be there with his mandolin.

*Savvy Saville*, *Bill Cocke*, and *Hunk Holbrook* had a very delightful luncheon together in Houston recently.

*Slim Styron*, Major General, Oklahoma National Guard, will be at the reunion.

*Farrin Hillard* reports that he is comfortably settled at Shreveport, Louisiana, and he is making plans to join us in June.

*Jimmie Hogan* spent time in William Beaumont General Hospital and was retired for physical disability in May.

*F. M. Usis* is with Military Intelligence and will be in Washington three months preparing for a foreign assignment. He finds that he can make use of his knowledge of five languages.

—G. M. B.

June, 1919

The recommended list for permanent U.S.A.F. general officers contained the names of *Nate Twining* (for major general) and *Ralph Stearley* (for brigadier general).

*Jazzbo Murphy* writes from the Pentagon that after two years of running the Career Management Group in the P. and A. Division of the General Staff he has taken off for Frankfurt to be Deputy Theater G-1 of E.U.C.O.M. *Al Wedemeyer* gave him a farewell luncheon, also attended by *Herb Jones*, *Al Gruenther*, *Tony McAuliffe* and *Holden Phillips*.

*Eddie Starr* is to report to the O. and T. Division, General Staff, and *Cyril Faine* is slated to become a member of the Special Staff in the National Guard Bureau. After two years running the West Point Preparatory School at Stewart Field *Frank Davis* is leaving p.p.c.'s in anticipation of a trip to Manila where he will join a Ground Forces mission.

*Roswell Hart* died at Walter Reed Hospital on 10 February 1948. *Roy Moore* died at Savannah, Ga., on 28 November 1947 after a long illness. He had been a civil engineer residing in Macon, Ga., for many years.

*Don Nelson* is now running Career Management for the Chief Signal Officer. Recent visitors at U.S.M.A. have included *Jack Madison*, *Bill Wyman* and *Tony McAuliffe*. Tony gave a lecture to cadets of the First Class on research and development. Madison is now stationed at Ft. Bliss and was here to visit his second classman son.

*Jack Vance* is Finance Officer at Fort Sam Houston. He writes that *Simon Foss* is retired and living in San Antonio. *Chick Noble* is also on duty with the Fourth Army with station at Fort Sam Houston. *Bill Regan* is now residing at 8 Peter Cooper Road, 21st Street and East River Drive, New York City.

It has been proposed that the chapel windows of the classes from April 1917 to our class be renumbered so as to be consistent with the present official designations used by the Association of Graduates, thereby straightening out various duplications and confusions now existing. Under the proposed scheme our class window would be changed from 1921 to 1919. Since we gave a memorial window for the class of 1819 on the occasion of our 25th Reunion the designation 1919 for our original window would be a move in the direction of consistency. The cost of the change is nominal and can be defrayed from the class treasury without seriously reducing our funds. In the absence of loud and concerted protest your agent proposes to go along with the action of the class agents of the other World War I classes. For your information the current designations of these classes are: original 1917—April 1917; original 1918—August 1917; original 1919—June 1918; original 1920—November 1918; original 1921—1919. Under this schedule you are once more reminded that our 30th Reunion will take place in June, 1949.

—R. W. B.

1920

In the last edition of *Assembly Notes*, a list of 1920 graduates selected to be appointed permanent and temporary general officers appeared. Subsequent to its publication, the name of *Tommy White* appeared on the Air Forces list to be permanent major general. Tommy is presently Chief of Staff, Far Eastern Air Forces. Congratulations to the youngest member of the Class of 1920.

Congratulations are also in order for *Larry Schick*, Professor of Military Topography and Graphics, U.S. Military Academy. Larry was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal for exceptionally meritorious and distinguished service in the Pacific Theater from 17 July 1944 to 21 June 1945.

The entire class extends its heartfelt sympathy to *Crump Garvin* and Mrs. Garvin on the loss of their beloved son, *George Thomas Garvin*, age 13 years.

Since the last publication of *Assembly*, orders to various assignments have been noted on the following classmates: *Tyree R. Horn*, from Ft. Hamilton, N. Y., to National Guard Bureau, Office Chief of Staff, Washington, D. C.; *Homer Kiefer*, from Headquarters 5th Army, Chicago, to V Army Corps, Ft. Bragg, N. C.; *Clovis Byers*, from Washington, D. C., to Commanding General, 82nd Airborne Division, Ft. Bragg, N. C.; *Maurice Daniel* has been appointed a Deputy Chief of Staff in Headquarters, 4th Army; *Donald Stace* has been appointed Commanding General of the U.S. A.F., Middletown Air Materiel Area, with headquarters at Olmstead Field, Middletown, Pa.; *Ray Welch* has been announced Commanding Officer of Mt. Ranier Ordnance Depot, Tacoma, Washington; *Bill Crist* has departed for Nanking, China, his assignment is unknown at this time.

*"Sid" Hinds*, who retired recently, has taken up residence in Washington, D. C., where he is the representative of the Crossman Arms Corporation.

*"Alec" Sand* and *Donald Leehey* have been recent visitors at West Point.

—E. C. Gillette, Jr.

## 1921 and 1922

The following extracts from *Oriole* correspondence should be of interest:

From *Ham Meyer*, California National Guard, Headquarters 49th Infantry Division, 1800 Mission Street, San Francisco, California, to *Charlie Branham* at West Point on 4 February 1948:

"My retirement is effective this month. I am then going with the National Guard as Division Chief of Staff. I have been acting in that capacity for several months, and am more than pleased with the entire situation.—And we sure do like California.

"*Clarence Dean* was in last week. He looks fine and has just moved to Palo Alto from Idaho. *George Taylor* was elected President of the Board of Directors of the Army-Navy Club last week. *Pirkey* is with the State of

California but I haven't seen him yet. *Stephens* is with a Veterans installation up north of here.

"Just received a note from *George Taylor*. We have a proposition to suggest.

"*Al Svihra's* widow lives in Palo Alto. She has the diary of Al's, written while he was a prisoner of war, and found after his death and the liberation. We feel that such a document should be in some research library, and the West Point Library or Museum would be perfect. Mrs. Svihra would part with this diary for such a worthy purpose only.

"Will you take this subject under advisement, and give us your reactions, suggestions, or desires? The address of *George* is 421 Bryant Street, Palo Alto, California."

(Note: Ham has been notified that the Library, U.S.M.A. will be very glad to receive and hold Al's diary as a valuable addition to its rare documents.—C.N.B.)

From *Bill Lawton*, Seacoast Branch of the Artillery School, Office of the Assistant Commandant, Fort Winfield Scott, California, to *Charlie Branham* at West Point on 17 February 1948:

"*P. D.* and *Ora Lee Crandall* were with us most of last week, arriving Monday and leaving Friday. Ham and Catherine Meyer and *George Taylor* came in one night to see them. I also see *Jake Stewart* now and then. *Clarence Dean* came through here a short time ago, but I missed him. He was with Taylor for the day.

"When are we going to have that 25th reunion?"

From *Milo Cary*, Headquarters European Command, Service, Supply and Procurement Division, A.P.O. 757, c/o Postmaster, New York, to *Johnnie Johnson*, R. H. Johnson and Company, Investment Securities, 64 Wall Street, New York 5, N. Y. on 27 February 1948:

"Today we had a regular "*Oriole*" reunion in the Officers' Mess here at Headquarters Building. *Johnny Uncles* was here for the day from the headquarters of the Constabulary of which he is Chief of Staff. The Constabulary headquarters is at Stuttgart which is approximately 120 miles south and a little east of Frankfurt. I called up *Harry Haas* and *Selby Little*, here in the building, to meet us at the mess at 12 noon. I then called "*Spud*" *Spalding* at Bad Nauheim to come down and join us, so there were five old "*Orioles*" together swapping stories about what had happened since June Week.

"*Little* told us about the wedding of his son which he attended while back in the States two months ago. "*Spud*" *Spalding* gave us all the low-down on the big business of the Army Exchange Service in the European Theater of which he is Chief. His daughter is teaching in an American High School in Wiesbaden.

"*Harry Haas' office* is moving from Frankfurt to Heidelberg next week and he is supposed to move his family down there within the next ten days. My office moves to Heidelberg between 22 and 26th March.

"*Martie* and I spent three days in Paris during the past weekend. I talked to *Wes Yale* on the telephone, but we were unable to get together for a

visit while I was there. I did see him about ten days ago when he was in Frankfurt one day. He is looking fine and has a good job with the Office of Foreign Liquidation Commission in Paris, but of course that job will not last much longer. He does not know what will happen to him after the Paris office closes up."

From *Bob Raynsford*, Signal Officer, Berlin Command, O.M.G.U.S., A.P.O. 742-A, c/o Postmaster, New York, to *Charlie Branham* at West Point on 1 March 1948:

"I came here last July after a little over a year in Paris where I saw *Eddie Clark* two or three times as he passed through on business. \* \* \* I certainly did regret not being able to attend that 25th reunion." (*Bill Lawton* please note.—C.N.B.)

#### Orders:

Colonel *Gustin MacA. Nelson*, Inf., retired 31 January 1948 in grade of Lieutenant Colonel, upon his own application.

Brigadier General *Lemuel Mathewson* has been appointed Coordinator of the Inter-American Defense Board in Washington.

Colonel *John B. Cooley*, A.G.D., has been relieved from assignment with the Procurement Planning Branch, Military Personnel Procurement Service Division, A.G.O., and transferred to A.G.O. Casuals for duty with the Army Personnel Records Board.

Colonel *F. W. Crary*, F.A., has been transferred from foreign service to Headquarters, Fifth Army, Chicago.

Brigadier General *E. C. Lynch*, who has been C.G. of the Aleutian Sector, Alaska, since October 1946 has been assigned as Assistant Comptroller at Air Force Headquarters in Washington.

Major General *Orval R. Cook* has been relieved from detail in G.S.C., G.S.U.S.A.

Colonel *William F. Sadtler* has been transferred from foreign service to the Office of the Chief of Ordnance in Washington.

Colonel *J. R. Pierce* is now Executive for Lt. General *Raymond S. McLain*, Army Director of Information, in Washington.

Colonel *Robert E. Blair*, Q.M.C., was retired 29 February 1948 for physical disability.

Colonel *Gilman C. Mudgett* has been assigned to the Staff and Faculty of the Armed Forces Staff College in Norfolk, Va.

Colonel *Myron Leedy* was retired 31 March 1948 for physical disability.

Lt. Colonel *Aloysius E. O'Flaherty* was retired 31 March 1948 upon his own application.

*Mary Elona Schildroth*, daughter of *Mrs. William Schildroth*, of Washington, and the late Colonel *Schildroth*, was married last December to Ensign *Joseph Brian Willkie*, U.S.N.R.

Finally, a salute to our now permanent general officers: In the United States Army, Brigadier General *Maxwell D. Taylor*; in the United States Air Force, Major General *Benjamin W. Chidlaw* and Brigadier Generals *Robert W. Douglass, Jr.*, *Orval R. Cook* and *Edmund C. Lynch*.

—C. N. B.

## 1923

If you have not already received the poop sheet on the 25th reunion, you can obtain it by writing to Colonel *J. E. Bowen*, 4436 Que Street, N.W., Washington 7, D. C. The plan worked out by the Washington committee with *Fritz Breidster's* blessing is a splendid one. *Bill Craigie*, who comes up here regularly to see his cadet son, is responsible for getting the de luxe arrangements for wives and daughters at nearby Stewart Field. *Craigie* reports that reply cards are coming in at a great rate. Get yours in now, if you have not already done so.

After the sad duty of arranging for *Dave Larr's* funeral on the 16th of December, it was a shocking experience to have *Dean Ellerthorpe's* on the 24th. He died suddenly of a heart attack on the 21st of December at Ellenville, N. Y. His recent retirement was for a different ailment; which made his passing entirely unexpected. He leaves a wife and two sons, of whom the older, *Stanley*, is a Second Classman.

*Lou Imhof* writes that he is an Assistant Vice President of the Central Hanover Bank and Trust Co. of New York City. Although he won't be at the reunion, his business trip to the West Coast should enable some of those in that area to see him.

*Ralph Neal* dropped by for a call on January 17th. He was enroute to Germany with his lovely French bride, and both of them looked just as happy as newlyweds should. *Neal* was with the 8th Cavalry at Ft. Bliss when the war began. He served in the European Theater with the 101st Airborne Division and was wounded.

*Wallace Whitson*, having chosen a home in the Sunny South where he could spend his retirement in lazy comfort, wrote on January 27th to say that he was knee deep in snow and busy painting, waxing floors, making repairs, shoveling snow and chopping wood.

*Kenner Hertford*, who was with the Military Staff Committee of the U.N., has just gone to the Armed Forces Special Weapons Project at Sandia Base, Albuquerque, New Mexico. Now that he has recovered from his pneumonia the new climate should prove an agreeable change from that of New York. *Bill Lucas* is instructor with the 49th Division Artillery, C.N.G., at Stockton, Calif., he occasionally sees *Pesek*, who is Deputy Chief of Staff, Sixth Army.

Through an oversight, I failed to include *John L. Kennedy's* son, *John L. Jr.*, in the list of classmates' sons who graduated last June. The new lieutenant is serving at MacDill Field, Florida.

The classmate who asked me to note his new business address and residence in Pittsburgh is requested to come again. My detective abilities were unequal to the task without his signature.

*Pop Harrold*, having retired, is Director of the Industry and Finance Division of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, Philadelphia. He reports having seen *Dave Tully*, *Jim Carroll*, *Harry Sheetz*, *Birney Morse* and *Gettys* at a recent luncheon in Philadelphia.

*Johnny Weikert* took off, wearing two stars, for Tokyo on January 3rd. He is now Chief of Staff F.E.A.F. and is having to get along with a house, swimming pool and eleven servants until *Mary* joins him.

—W. J. M.

## 1924

Transfers of members of the class from the Washington area have resulted in a change in class officers for the balance of the year.

*Art Trudeau*, Class President, has departed for Germany. As "*Buck*" *Lanham*, the First Vice-President, is also due to leave Washington shortly, *Art* passed over his "gavel" and responsibilities to *Pete Lee*.

As this article is being written, news has just been received of the death of "*P.D.*" *Ent*. We had all hoped he would find the physical stamina to win the tremendous fight he made to recover from the unfortunate accident he suffered in 1944. It is with deep regret that we bid farewell to a swell fellow and a most capable and efficient officer. He will be missed.

*Dick Thomas*, now retired, is teaching at Bullis Preparatory School, Silver Spring, Maryland. *Hey Roberts* is also retired and is now living at Pinecrest Farms, Princess Anne, Maryland. *Dick Simon* heads a research organization for the Ordnance at Aberdeen. We regret to report that *George Bicher* has been seriously ill at *Walter Reed*. We all hope for good news from *George* in the near future. *Don Bailey* is on duty at the Pentagon in the Office of the Director of Intelligence. *George Vaughn* has been transferred from the Lima, Ohio Ordnance Depot to the Far East Command. *Jim Moore* is returning from Hawaii and has been assigned to the Office of the Chief of Staff.

At the completion of the present National War College Course classmates will be reassigned as follows:

*Em Cummings*—S.S.&P. Division, Washington, D. C.

*Jim Howell*—Plans & Operations Division, Washington, D. C.

*Howard Kessinger*—Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

*Larry Ladue*—Office, Joint Chiefs of Staff, Washington, D. C.

"*Red*" *Mead*—Intelligence Division, Washington, D. C.

*Harry Stadler*—Organization & Training Division, Washington, D.C.

*Johnny Elmore*—Germany.

*Marcus Stokes*—Panama.

*Leslie Skinner* has retired according to Army orders but we do not know where he is located. Let's hear from you, Les!

*Oswaldo De La Rosa* and family have returned from the Philippines. He is in the Office of the Quartermaster General.

*George Busbey* has been assigned to Headquarters, Fifth Army in Chicago. We will count on his keeping us posted on the activities of the *Herd* in that area.

*Ralph Glasgow* has returned to Washington in the Office of the Chief of Transportation.

*Wally Hastings* is a new arrival in the Office of the Chief of Engineers in Washington.

*George Lightcap*, retired, has again taken up residence in Washington after a sojourn in California.

We have not seen the list, but have been advised that *Stoucell*, *Turner*, *Partridge*, *Harper*, and *Nugent* are among the new permanent U.S. Air Force Brigadier Generals. Congratulations!

The Class of '24 have been signally honored in Washington social circles by being designated the sponsors of next year's Army-Navy Cotillion. The following "Bulls" and their spouses are on the Committee—*Duke Arnold*, Chairman, *Em Cummings*, *Jerry Sullivan*, and "*Red*" *Mead*.

Another Class cocktail party is scheduled for Saturday, March 27, at the Army and Navy Club in Washington. *Reggie Dean* and his entertainment committee are running a demand "repeat" performance of the successful party run last December. A big turnout is again anticipated.

We know that members of the *Herd* wherever they may be are interested in the activities of their classmates. Utilization of *Assembly* is one means of disseminating such information. We are anxious to make this column more interesting and depend on the assistance of all Bulls and Cows. Let us know "what goes" of yourself and other members of the *Herd* in your vicinity. Don't "let George do it", take up your pen, pencil or typewriter and forward dope on parties, meetings, births, marriages, etc., etc., to: Secretary of the Class 1924, U. S. Military Academy, P.O. Box 371, Washington, D. C.

—F. A. K.

## 1925

Twenty-one members of the Class met in Washington 28 January 1948 and, acting as a Committee of the Whole for the Class, took action to transfer the class organization from West Point to Washington. This transfer is deemed feasible since there will be a greater number of classmates in Washington than in any other single location. A memorandum has been sent to each member of the class whose address is known. *Mike* has been designated class representative at West Point who will handle all notes for the *Assembly* column and any other pertinent class business that may arise at that station. Each member of the class is requested to turn in a squib on himself and classmates who have been contacted since the last publication. Material for the next issue is due at West Point on or before 10 June 1948.

*Mike's* address is: Quarters 32, West Point, N. Y.

*Claude's* address is: P.&A. Div., 2E933, Pentagon, Washington 25, D. C.

*Jack Chamberlain* prepared the following notes from Washington:

In the last issue of the *Assembly* we reported at considerable length the history, current status and the trials and tribulations of the Washington contingent of Unreliables. The gang remains about the same as the present issue goes to press. One of us has departed for a distant station; others,

are talking about orders which are still in the scuttlebutt stage, the majority are continuing to make the daily trek to the Big House on the banks of the Potomac. Continuing, also, are the monthly luncheons sometimes held at the War College Mess, sometimes in the Pentagon and sometimes at the Army and Navy town club. Every once in a while, unexpectedly there materializes before your very eyes some classmate whom you haven't seen for years, since graduation even. For example, a couple of weeks ago, as your correspondent sat in his office, out of nowhere the form of *Ray Toms* suddenly appeared big as life, just in time to join us at the monthly reunion.

The stars continue to increase on the shoulders of '25. *Pearré Cabell* and *Diz Barnes* have now joined the ranks of temporary major generals in the Air Force. *Pearré* is Deputy Director of Intelligence for the Air Force, but requests that the usual question as to the relationship of "Intelligence" to "intelligent" be not raised in this case. Your correspondent gathers from talking to *Pearré* that the majority of the latter's headaches derive, not from G-2'ing so much as from keeping *Pete Liwski* supplied with interpretations of the strange terms used by air crews in combat reports.

*Charley Saltzman* took off on February 16th for a five weeks business trip to Austria and Germany. *Hank Westphalinger* reports that, despite the load which falls on *Charley* as Assistant Secretary of State for Occupied Countries, he can still find time to assist in drafting plans for the transfer of class activities from West Point to Washington.

Since our last report, *Ray Oxrieder* has joined the Washington Unreliables. *Oxy* has been back from the Philippines for about a year, having spent thirty months in New Guinea and in the P.I. He is now with the Personnel Records Board of the Department of the Army. During a tour of duty in Atlanta, Georgia, *Oxy* saw *Ray Conder*, who is with the Third Army at Fort McPherson, and "*T. E.*" *Smith*, who retired for physical disability about 1932 and is working for the State of Georgia.

*Pat Lynch* has, since June of last year, been assigned to the Civil Affairs Division and has recently been acting in the capacity of Executive for the Assistant Secretary of War. *Pat* came to the Pentagon after war service as Chief of Staff of the 102d Infantry Division, and post-war service as Deputy Post Commander of Munich, Germany.

*Walter Bryte* has left us and, at last reports, was on his way to Germany. Authoritative military sources state that he is to be assigned to Headquarters, U.S.A.F., Europe, at Wiesbaden.

*Nick Nicholas* is under orders to depart shortly from the Central Intelligence Agency and to report to the Intelligence Division of the Army for training prior to assignment as Military Attache to Venezuela. We can't imagine how *Nick* is going to be able to get along down there without *Si Ordway*.

*Charley Mason*, retired physically, says he's looking for a job teaching school. He'd like to undertake physics, engineering or math—in that order of priority. After his experience teaching physics for four years at U.S.M.A. College, it doesn't appear to this reporter that he should have much trouble in landing a good job.

*Jimmy Channon's* smiling countenance suddenly appeared in the corridors of the Pentagon the other day. *Jimmy* is back on ninety days temporary duty from his assignment with the Military Mission to Greece. Upon being pressed for his analysis of the situation in those parts, *Jimmy* finally was forced reluctantly to admit that it was all Greek to him.

*Ike Evans*, now at the Industrial College, is under orders to the Staff and Faculty of the Command and Staff College upon completion of his present course.

As for the rest of us, things are going along pretty much in the same old groove.

*Ralph Sears* came up with the following gossip on "Unreliables" in Japan:

"As for myself, I came out here last August and was assigned to the Second Major Post where "*Soapy*" *Suttles* was and is still holding forth as Commander of the Motor Section, which is equivalent to about a regiment of vehicles. Apparently that job is not sufficiently large to engage his versatile talents and he has taken on, as a sideline, feats of sleight of hand for the amusement of various groups of bewildered officers and their ladies and sometimes the Boy Scouts. However, he is unable as yet to produce a jeep when most needed—I am waiting for him to develop this dexterity.

"*Carl Meyer* is here also on duty with the Engineer Section in Headquarters 8th Army and has the title of L-5, whatever that means—I think it has something to do with Supply. I have seen him a number of times and he has always appeared as being quite occupied with Dependent Housing Construction and General Rehabilitation and Maintenance Problems pertaining to some 1,500 dependent houses.

"*George Peplow* is G-3 of the 1st Corps down south at Kyoto; I have seen him several times, once when he came up to Yokohama to meet his wife who was coming in from the States, and once again when he was up here on a conference.

"*Stan Babcock* is with G.H.Q. at Tokyo, and I believe the section he is in is known as the Joint Plans and Operations Group. I have only seen him once despite the fact that he has promised to come down and pay a visit which has not yet materialized.

"*Judson Smith* just left here on one of our transports upon completion of his Foreign Service tour in Japan. I had only a brief visit with him but, strange as it may seem, time always presses around this place."

*Mike Esposito* will take over as your local correspondent in the next issue. Here is the ball, *Mike*!

—W. N. U.

## 1926

Hal Forde paid a surprise visit to our 19 February luncheon at the Pentagon. He came from Leavenworth via Alaska and Newfoundland, having done a bit of observing here and there on one thing or another.

Egon Tausch has returned from assignment as Military Attaché to Uruguay and is now with Central Intelligence Agency in Washington.

Jimmy Davidson is temporarily in Washington attending the Strategic Intelligence School preparatory to an assignment as Assistant Military Attaché to Rome, Italy. He expects to take up his new assignment in June.

Olaf Pearson has taken up a new assignment as Chief, Air Installations Division, Air Transport Command at Gravelly Point, i.e. National Airport.

Nellie Nelson suddenly appeared on the scene from Panama—where he was carrying on a losing fight with sand flies—and is now assigned to the Special Weapons Group, Hqrs., U.S. Air Force. He reports that the Hal Brushers have another income tax exemption.

Bob Gaffney dropped into the office for a brief chit chat between trains in February. We twisted the old school tie way back to 1926 which was our last point of contact other than the last Navy Game. The years wear well on Robert—notwithstanding a distinguished crop of graying hair.

By the time this gets to press, another Joint '26 Class party will have gone into history. This time the announcement has a nautical twist:

Now Hear This!!!

On 12 March 1948 the Class of 1926 U.S.M.A. and U.S.N.A.

Will have a unified buffet supper at the Fort Lesley J. McNair Officers' Mess.

Credit for the U.S.M.A. side of the arrangements goes to Ken McNaughton, Don Booth, and Mutt Bowen.

No news has been forthcoming from the field during this quarter and it is beginning to look as though I'll have to dun someone for class dues again. In that connection, it has been decided between the West Point and Pentagon Class Committees that no further assessments for class dues will be required until after our 25th reunion. However, one more poop-sheet will go out to those in arrears on the hypothesis that you all wish to keep up with the class but just put the bill in the bottom of the "in" basket and haven't taken inventory since last September. I'll get around to writing the poop-sheet one of these days if I can ever get to the bottom of my own basket.

In order to fill out the rest of this column, I've had to dig through the last four issues of the *Army-Navy Journal* to see what could be scraped up in the way of class news. The Findings:—

Air Force promotions to temporary Major General: Anky Ankenbrandt—Director of Communications, Hqs., U.S.A.F.; Leon Johnson—Commanding General, 15th Air Force.

Army recommendations for permanent Colonel: Don Booth, Mutt Bowen and Chuck Canham.

Air Force nominations for perman-

ent Colonel: Herb Ehr Gott, Anky, Frank Purcell, Ray Maude, Johnny, A. H., Johnny Elliott, Sam Harris, Ezra Prudhomme, Trooper Doyle, Leon Johnson, Bo Riggs, Joe Halverson, Nellie Nelson, Ken McNaughton, Jimmy Burwell, Doug Douglas, Marvin McKinney and Tommy White.

Detailed as students to the Industrial College of the Armed Forces: Norm Matthias from European Command; George Hickman from Far East Command (now at Harvard); Ludy Toftoy from Research & Development, G.S., U.S.A.

Detailed to the National War College: Lew Griffing from Panama; Bill Ennis from A.G.F. Board No. 1, Ft. Bragg; Harry Storke from Hqrs., 1st Army Governors Island; Pic Collins from Ft. Monmouth (recently returned from E.U.C.O.M.).

Doc Jones is now Headquarters Commandant of the Pentagon and environs. All of which entitles him to our deep respect (for the honor) and sympathy (for his trials and tribulations).

Paul Carroll has returned from Hqrs., U.S. Forces Austria and is assigned to the Staff and Faculty of the Q.M. School at Camp Lee, Va.

A trickle of orders for the current class at the War College assigns: Jack Ryan to E.U.C.O.M. (Frankfurt); Mutt Bowen to 38th Regt'l Combat Team, Camp Carson, Colo.; Ralph Osborne to 2nd Inf. Div., Ft. Lewis, Wash.

The Pentagon Luncheons have been held monthly as usual—although in January it was held at the War College (or Ft. Lesley J. McNair Officers' Mess if you prefer). The new Hqrs. Commandant has promised us the private dining room in the Pentagon for the March meeting. Remember, plan your Washington trips for the third Thursday in the month, call Miter at REpublic 6700, Extension 4567 or 73167, arrive at the Pentagon around noon and get the latest hot dope on the promotion (or demotion) situation straight from the corner of Bill Creasy's mouth (he invariably has a pipe in the other corner).

At the last minute, Freddie Munson came up with the following observations of 1926 orders:

Bill Hawthorne from Japan to A.G.F. Board No. 1, Seacoast Service Test Section, with station at Ft. Baker, Cal.

Bill Bayer from student, Industrial College of the Armed Forces to the Office, Joint Chiefs of Staff for duty with the Joint Staff.

Rodney Smith from student, Industrial College to the Office of the Asst. Secretary of the Army.

Ted Wenzlaff from student, Industrial College to Chicago Q.M. Depot for duty with the Industrial Mobilization Program.

Bobby Ross is at Ft. Sill with the Artillery School, Department of Development and Research.

Don Booth is now Deputy Director, Joint Logistics Plans Group, Joint Staff.

We heard Harry Wismer plug Boone Gross on one of his football broadcasts. Doesn't Boone owe us an explanation?

Our class prexy has re-established himself at Texas A.&M. Even his

writing is with a drawl these days. Soon he will be claiming that he escaped from the Alamo.

Harry Storke paid a brief visit to West Point early in January. He will soon leave Governors Island to attend the National War College.

Sparky Baird visited his son during Christmas leave and combined business with pleasure in telling interested officers about the advantages of the Army Cooperative Fire Insurance Association. He will return in May to line up the First Class.

Tep Barbour writes that his headquarters is moving to Stuttgart from Heidelberg. Al Heidner is S-4 at Stuttgart and is preparing the way for Tep and the rest of the U.S. Constabulary.

Tep Barbour writes that Roy Herte's job with the American Claims Commission folded up so that Roy has a new job. What?

Al Heidner writes that Harry and Polly Johnson dropped in to Stuttgart to pick out their new quarters when they move from Frankfurt. Al also says that Benny Thurston, Wally Barnes and Norm Matthias are in E.U.C.O.M.

Johnny Roosma saw the Navy win the basketball game. Our brothers from Annapolis were too fast for us this year.

Ted Roche has recently been appointed Plant Manager of Limestone and Hamrick Mills in Gaffney, South Carolina. Ted and Mrs. Roche have four children.

Fiore Stagliano has returned from E.U.C.O.M. and is now assigned to the New York Area.

Bob McDonough is C.O. of the 36th Engineer Combat Group at Fort Lewis, Washington.

The sincere sympathy of the class goes to Marty Maher. Mary Maher died in the Station Hospital in February after a long illness. She was buried at West Point. Marty is again employed by the A.A.A.

—F. F. M. and R. S. N.

## 1927

We had many responses to the questionnaire which was forwarded to all members of the Class on 20 February.

Walter (Johnny) Johnson is still the G-3 of the Infantry Center at Fort Benning. He and Virginia have two daughters, one age five years and the other fourteen months. Tommy Thompson is with him and he is the Assistant Director of the Army Extension Course. The latter states that Joy Wrean is on O.R.C. duty in Nashville, Tennessee.

The School of Intelligence at the Command and General Staff College at Leavenworth is well represented by members of '27. Marty Morin, Duke Gilbreth, Bob White and Stu Wood are there. Jimmy Collins is still with the School of Personnel.

Stu Wood has a yearling son in the Corps, another son in a prep school in Virginia, and two dachshunds.

Ralph Mercer, with the New York Telephone Company, has a new assignment of territory which brings him

to the vicinity of Highland Falls. He is still a bachelor.

*Bert Holtzworth*, student at the Industrial College, writes that *Wattington* is now G-2 of the 24th Corps in Korea. Bert expects to go on foreign service when he completes the Industrial College next summer. Seems like he might go to Japan.

*Jack Kilgore* is back from overseas and is on duty with the P.&A. Division, Dept. of the Army General Staff, the Pentagon. *Ed Chamberlain* is believed to be retired. Anyhow, he doesn't live at the War College anymore.

*Mac Miller* is still on National Guard duty in New Jersey. He sees very little of our classmates.

*Bill Carlock* is the C.O. of the 364th Infantry, 9th Infantry Division, at Fort Dix.

*Olaf Kyster*, student National War College, is to go to O.&T. Div., Department of the Army, after school.

*Mike Williams* is also a student there and doesn't know what's going to happen to him after he finishes.

*Marion Moore* is a retired major teaching general military subjects; also farming and engineering; he is also going to the university at Lewisburgh, West Virginia. He saw *Benny Holtz* a couple of months ago. Benny was in Lewisburg on I.G. duty for Second Army.

*Bob Perinne* is District Manager, Central District Photo Products Dept., E. I. DuPont DeNemours and Company. He is to be congratulated upon having been awarded the Belgique Croix de Guerre, with Palm, in May 1946.

*Scoon Gardner* is C.O. of the T.A.S. Detachment at the Artillery School. He has just received a Bronze Star which was awarded him in the Philippine Islands, the French Croix de Guerre and Reconnaissance Francaise. He is to be congratulated on these awards.

*Aloe* is C.O. at Wurtzberg; *Land* is his Executive.

*Chubby Doan* is Executive of the Development Section, Hq., A.G.F., Fort Monroe. He has a son  $7\frac{1}{2}$  and a daughter  $11\frac{1}{2}$ . He reports that *McNamee* has moved to Washington and is with *Bill Verbeck* on the General Staff. Also, *Henri Luebbermann* is out of Walter Reed and enroute to Camp Pickett as C.O. Further, that *Jack Hines* has sent out announcements of his recent marriage. Moreover, he reports that *Kochevar's* address is 1 Reeder Circle, Ft. Monroe, Virginia.

*Bill Thomas* is the owner of the Thomas Transfer Company at New London, Connecticut. He reports that *Washburn* lives at 52 Arlington Road, West Hartford, Connecticut, and is with the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company.

*Ken Thiebaud* is the Adjutant General, Air Transport Command, Gravelly Point, Virginia. He reports that *E. G. Daly* is the District Engineer at Savannah, Georgia. Also, that *Larry Kuter* has checked in from Montreal and his office for the time being is c/o Hq., Air Transport Command, Washington 25, D. C.

*Ray Bell* writes that his job is unchanged there in Washington. Also, that *Virgil Kimm* has been transferred to Fort Bliss, Texas.

*Fred Kunesh* is Chief of the Industrial Mobilization Branch, Office of the Chief Signal Officer.

*George McCoy* is a student of the Industrial College in Washington.

*Jerry Lillard* is in the P.&A. Division, Department of the Army. He reports that *John Barton Bell*, ex-27, is President of the Idaho Title Insurance Company in Boise.

*Dave Loughborough* is head of the Flight Research Department, Cornell Aeronautical Lab., Buffalo.

*Ralph Doty* is still with Brown Military Academy.

*Merry Masters*, Captain, Retd., is Industrial Safety Engineer of the State of California. He reported attending a party at the home of *Tommy McManus* at Berkeley. *Gar Davidson* was there, as were *McNutt* and *Sinclair*.

*Charley Wesner* is still with U.M.T. He recently returned from Europe. *Mike Pegg* is the only classmate with him.

*Henry Bailey* is retired and is in Alpine, Texas.

*Parmer Edwards* is at the Artillery School, Fort Sill. He was remarried in 1945 and has been ordered to the National War College in August.

*Tiny Hewitt* has been retired for physical disability and is taking it easy in Asheville, North Carolina. His wife, Virginia, and son, Michael, age 8, are with him.

*Joe Felber* is still with the Armored School at Knox.

There is now a Washington Chapter of the Class of '27. In conjunction with U.S.N.A. '27 they are having a dance, according to *Ray Bell*, on November 27th. Actually, this party was held on February 28th and I think that *Ray Bell* must have written his letter while the party was going on. This is a very active chapter and has about thirty-nine members, or prospective members. It has been reported that the officers are: *Ralph Zwickler*, President; *Ray Bell*, Vice-President; *Ray Stanton*, Secretary-Treasurer. They have weekly luncheons in Washington.

*Chuck Ewing*, from Detroit Arsenal, visited West Point and his plebe son, *Chuck Jr.*, during February.

*Ray Curtis* is still G-3 of Headquarters, Caribbean Defense Command. He reports that *Cocky Crume* is at Headquarters, Caribbean Air Command, Albrook Field, Canal Zone.

*Ty Cobb* reports that he is the Public Information Officer at Fort Lewis, Washington. He had a daughter born last October 20th. He further reports that *Jack Griffith's* job has been changed and currently he is Chief of Staff of the 2nd Division. *Bob Turner* is the C.O. of the 23rd Infantry Regiment of that Division. *Buck Wiley* has the 9th Infantry Regiment. *Ty* reports that he saw *Buzz Butler* and *Gar Davidson* at Sixth Army Headquarters recently.

The party that was held in Washington on the 28th jointly by the Class of '27, West Point and Annapolis, must have been a humdinger. *Ray Bell* wrote another letter concerning this party in which he stated that it was held on the 29th of February. We wish somebody would tell that fellow when that party was held. *Ray* states that *Jack Hines* was present at the

party with his recent bride. *Ted Brown* made the arrangements for it and did a very fine job.

*Ray Stanton*, in Washington, is in Personnel and Administration. *Ostenberg* is also there and is working on the correction of addresses for the Washington Chapter.

*Jerry Holland* is still Provost of 5th Army. He is still a bachelor. He reports that *Willis Matthews* left the University of Wisconsin for the Pentagon. In Chicago the Local Society has planned a big party for April 2nd.

*George Derby* is the District Engineer at Norfolk. He has three children, two boys, age 19 and 15 and a girl, 13.

*Charlie McNutt* is Assistant District Engineer at Sacramento.

Letters to the following people have bounced; some of them two or three times. Who knows the whereabouts of *Burgess*, *Lee Williams*, and *Hornisher*?

The A.A.A. is still working on the proposition of some sort of memorial on the various tees of the new golf course. When something definite has been decided everybody will be informed.

We have mentioned *Jack Hines* before in this column but have just received the following communication from one of his battalion commanders:

"*Jack Hines*, Class of 1927, still a patient at Valley Forge General Hospital, was married on December 21, 1947, to *Mrs. Ova Richmond Shaw* at the home of her sister and brother-in-law, *Col. and Mrs. R. L. Howze*. During *Jack's* relatively brief combat career he was awarded decorations such as the D.S.M., the D.S.C. (O.L.C.), S.S., D.F.C., B.S.M. (O.L.C.) and P.H. (2 O.L.C.). Between November 8, 1944 and March 25, 1945, when he was severely wounded in the face and lost the sight of both eyes, *Jack* became a legend in the 6th Armored Division, one combat command of which he led. His exploits during that period were of such an outstanding character that his name became a byword in the Division. The news that he had been hit went through the Division like wildfire and his loss was most sincerely regretted by every man in the outfit. His convalescence from his painful injuries has been long and arduous. It is to be hoped that he will find every happiness, which he so well deserves, in his marriage".

*Ed Chamberlain* is in San Francisco.

*Freddy Funston* is a Lieut. Col. at Chanute Field, Illinois.

*Harrington* is at Moody Field, Kansas.

*George McGregor* is at the National War College.

*George Martin* is in London with the American Embassy.

*Jack West* is retired and lives in Morrow, Ohio.

*Whatley* is in Trieste.

*Paul Berrigan* is the District Engineer in Kansas City, Missouri. He states that *Douglas* is at Clark Field in the Philippines as Engineer of the Thirteenth Air Force.

*George Levings* is the Chief of the Military Commissions Review Division of the J.A. Section, F.E.C. *Hutchison* is in the G-4 Section there.

Jordan is with the same Headquarters. George Levings recently saw Louis Ham and Granholm.

Ed Farrand is to go to the National War College in August.

Charlie Hutchison is to go to the Industrial College.

Stan Meloy is also to go to the National War College.

Woody Hocker is to go to the Naval War College in '48.

—J. W. G. and R. F. S.

## 1928

Plans for '28's Reunion are growing. If you haven't written in already that you are coming and find later that you can, drop us a line so that we can arrange for more clams and steaks.

Classmates intending to attend are: Luke Finlay, Tommy Lane, Skipper Seaman, Tommy Van Natta, Frank Falkner, Rab Fleming, Buster Briggs, Sam Brentnall, Bob Tate, Skippy Harbold, E. S. Mathews, Tom Rich, Jack Hinrichs, Sam Myers, Ed Reber, Al Hartman, Tom Coughlin, Fred Anderson, Legare Tarrant, Walter Finnegan, Pete Calyer, Johnson, W. P., Cowboy Ramey, Lovejoy, Ralph Sievers, Smith, G. F., Okie O'Connell, Sugar Staley, Charlie Howard, Harry Wilson, Del Spivey, Frank Boos, Stan Mason, Smith, R. L., Paul Adams, Tom Tarpley, Sadie Steed, Bill and Bob Browning, Geo. Mundy, Jack Gilchrist and Sam Lane. The above 42, together with a good share of 56 others who indicated "hope to" or "may", plus arrivals from overseas, should insure a fine get-together. If you haven't already made up your mind, pin yourself down now and plan to be here for the 6th and 7th of June evening affairs at least. (Graduation, 8 June.)

The Alumni Reception Committee is mailing out questionnaires in April as to who want beds on the Post for June Week.

Whitfield Jack is up for a star, actg. Div. C.G. of the 95th (La.-Okla.) Div. W. E. Todd is one of the three inter-service brain-trustees now. The death of Dick Handy in February from a brain tumor will, I know, shock our class. Margaret is living at Ft. Collins, Colo.

—T. L. S.

## 1929

Ken Nichols having gone on a commuter status from West Point as an atomic general, the class books have now been passed to my (Abe Lincoln's) hands without benefit of any democratic process. Until a popular acclaim can be generated for someone else to enjoy the privileges of class correspondent I will attempt to do something about it to the extent a grist of news comes to the mill. Here's the available news.

Jimmy Sladen has left West Point for the Armed Forces Staff College. Jack Cone and Dutch Kraus are reported to be there. John Phillips has arrived at West Point to be associate professor of Social Sciences. He reports that, from the last class at Norfolk, George Carey, Don Poorman, and Norm Pointier have gone to General Staff assignments in Washington, and Ken

Woodbury to Tokyo. Carey and Pointier will be in the Plans and Operations Division.

Hal Whiteley and Jim Winn are at the C.&G.S. College.

A few weeks ago I saw Zeke Napier who is at the Air War College, and Sid Ofsthun, Monty Montgomery and Pearl Robey, who are on the staff of the Air University at Maxwell Field.

Louis Hammack is now writing for the Military Engineer.

Dick Wentworth and Fate Fagg are among those who have transferred to the Air Force.

The Association of Graduates' clippings contain a fine picture of Bob Ward having the Bronze Star pinned on him in Sendai, Japan, by Major General Ryder; a report that Vanderblue is the director of the New Jersey Chapter of the Veterans of Strategic Services; and the front page news that Ken Nichols is recommended to be a Major General and will take General Groves' previous position. That's all the local records produce on the Class of '29 for a quarter year. Hence the points that follow:

Most people seem to like to read about classmates. The bleats of previous class representatives indicate that classmates rarely write news to West Point. I suggest that by self-appointment or popular acclaim some '29er in each geographical area, preferably possessing a secretary or a desk calendar to remind him, write a brief round-up to me or to the Association of Graduates at West Point every quarter. It wouldn't be a complete survey but would be a lot better than calling the classmates on the Post and asking what they know. The date for '29 copy for next Assembly is June 3.

The Class of '29 will have a 20-year reunion a year from next June. Probably few members of the Class will pay much attention to the matter until a couple of months before that June Week. It will then be too late to provide an orderly (or acceptably disorderly) well-considered program of arrangements. It appears that the half dozen members of the Class, likely to be stationed at U.S.M.A., will be unable to provide alone the impetus and the details of arrangements which are needed. There are such matters as programs, estimates of accommodations required, correspondence with individuals, etc. No one at the Academy possesses secretarial help or many spare man-hours. This paragraph is intended to generate some thought and to suggest that the large number of classmates in the Washington area should in the near future reasonably crystallize some views and a course of action. I will add that everyone will enjoy seeing the Academy again, and that it is to the Academy's interest that its graduates come back and have a look at it so they will be cognizant of the "New Look" on the way of life and education at West Point—as well as on the cadet drags.

Bozo McKee and Freddie Smith have been seen carrying a load of two stars on each shoulder and working hard in the Air Staff. Paul Freeman now deals with the Latin-American problems of the Plans & Operations Division. McNally is shuttling between Fort Monroe and the Pentagon on a Ground

Force liaison task. Phil Draper, who is still with us at West Point, provides the notes in this paragraph.

—G. A. L.

## 1930

Bob and Sarah Wood, with daughter, were here during the Christmas holidays staying with the Lincolns. We kept missing each other due to all the activities and much to my regret and chagrin, we never did get together, so I don't have news from Bob, my main standby.

Poppy Lewis was here over Washington's Birthday staying with the Heinleins (Kathleen Kilpatrick). I missed Poppy too and so have no hot news.

Wiley Ganey went through on Navy Game weekend but did not stop.

Ham Howze was here for several days from Ft. Riley with a group of officers to learn what the cadets are getting these days. He stayed with his sister, the wife of Col. H. C. Jones. Ham hasn't aged much through the years. He is entering the National War College with the next class. Starting late with his family, he is doing all right—has two boys, one 22 months and one three months. He told me that Sterling Wright has three boys, the latest arriving last January. He also passed on the information that Fuddy Wing, in Europe with the horse-show team, is living quite comfortably in Dr. Frick's house in Munich.

I see by the papers that Bill Perry is also entering the next class at the National War College, and that Dan Taylor is going to Camp Lee, Virginia. Bromie and Clara Bromberger have returned from Little St. Simons Island in Georgia and plan on staying in New York City for a while. I hope to see them soon.

Phyl Rothschild has one of the leads in the West Point Players next production, "My Sister Eileen", while Fritz Weber's boys, Henry and Billy play street arabs.

In addition to chemistry, my time is occupied by squash. The post team has played many outside clubs, and though we win little, we have a lot of fun.

Keep me in mind when news breaks.  
—Jac Rothschild.

## 1931

Walker Milner recently sent a gift of \$5.50 to the Class fund. This money was accumulated as a result of a residue from a class party held at Norfolk, Va. With the books all balanced the class fund as of 31 January 1948 stands at \$65.79.

There has been discovered in the Drawing Dept. 70 of the books which were made up for our 15th reunion. If you sent your two bucks and did not receive one let me know. If you failed to pay and want one send me a donation for the class fund (two bucks and up) and I'll forward one to you.

Tex Hightower writes from the A.G.F. Board No. 2 at Fort Knox as follows:

"Hardick with the U.M.T. Group; Jim King, G-3 at the Armored Center; Joe Brady with School Troops; and

McConnell and myself with the Board.

"Shortly we expect to get *Inskip*, *Cusack* and *Sid Brown* here with us. I don't think I have much longer here to stay and at the moment I have no idea where I am going or when; however, a 3½ year tour these days is quite long.

"About a week ago certain officers from here, King and I among them, attended a conference at the Air University at Maxwell Field, Alabama. We found there on the instructor staff *Hansborough*, *Rodenhauser*, *Adams*, and *Chappel*. The first three are with the Command and Staff School and Chappel is the Secretary of the Air War College. Others attending the school are *Damberg*, *Fletcher*, *Tipton*, *Dan Callahan*, *Charlie Howze*, *Bill Taylor*, *Gordon Blake*, *Dougher*, *Hockenberry*, and *Ted Walker*. A point of interest is that almost as many ground officers are attending the Air War College as are flying officers, in our Class"

Jim King adds from Fort Knox:

"This past week I saw *Bob Hackett* in 2nd Army Hq., Fort Meade. He is doing fine and looks fine. *Jim Pumpelly* has returned to the R.A. and is here waiting to attend the Associate Advanced Course here at the Armored School. *Marge Pumpelly* is still in California with their four boys and brand new daughter. *Glen Farris* is here this week from Fort Monroe taking the U.M.T. orientation course. Also, *Andy Adams* is here for a couple of days from his job as armored instructor at the Air University, Maxwell Field. Have also talked to ex-'31, *Dick Watts*, who is a practicing lawyer and coming 'politico' in Louisville"

*Mona Coolidge* (Cal is short of personnel and very busy) wrote in and, among other things, stated:

"We had a grand class party at the Army-Navy Country Club in November—a fine turnout and a good time was had by all—Among those present—The *Bob Alans*, the *Eddy Browns*, *Bob Cardells*, *John Caves*, *Joe Coolidges*, *Frank Corbins*, *Dick Daneks*, *Bill Dicks*, *Bob Eatons*, *George Elegars*, *Bill Halls*, *Warren Hoovers*, *Charlie Hoys*, *Percy Lashes*, *Don Littles*, *Mervyn Maqeeds*, *Ted Parkers*, *Grove Powells*, *Houard Reeds*, *Dutch Spanglers*, *Joe Dickeys*, *Charlie Duffs*, *John Learys*, *Henry Mooneys*, *Doc Strothers*, *Wagners*, *Wiraks*, *Yates*, and the *Chet Youngs*, *Bonesteels*, and *Tom Stayton*, who was up from Monroe on a business trip—*Gus Heiss*, who is with the Veterans Administration, *Hulit Pressley* and *Eve Motherwell*. *Deke Roller* came down from Camp Kilmer complete with movies which we all thoroughly enjoyed. The *Sam Russells* were also among those present and I think that about covers the crowd. No, it doesn't either.—*Bert Muentzer* was there and also *O. Z.* and *Alison Tyler* who had just returned from Korea.

"We finally made our first Army-Navy game in four years—sat next to *Dick Carhart* and his wife—he is working in Washington. Saw *Effie* and *George Wertz* who are still hibernating in the hills of West Virginny—the *Spanglers* have left for the Staff College at Norfolk and the *Messingers* are in Costa Rica.

"Had a note from the *McNairs* at Xmas from Japan and *Ginny* said the *Bucks* were headed homeward and that they (the *McNairs*) are due to leave for the States in July.

"*Jack Malloy* is up here for a short time before going to China and is the papa of a new boy. Hear from *Ann* and *Peter Otey Ward* quite frequently from Monroe—spent a week-end down there with them in October when '31 had a class party at the Club at Monroe and saw the *Walker Milners*, *Dick Lawsons* and many others. Cal just came back from a trip to *Bliss* and *Knox*".

*Bill Dick*, the newly elected (?) secretary of the Washington group of '31 indicates that he is compiling a mailing list of classmates in and around the Capital. He sent a fairly complete roster to me however, inasmuch as most of the names are mentioned above, I will not repeat them at this time.

Please address all communications to me at Qtrs. 73, West Point.

Received a last minute note from *Bill Isbell* in Vienna.

"I am now here on duty with the Military Division, U.S. Element, Allied Council, Austria. In short, I am now on the receiving end of what our old pals down in the Civil Affairs Division used to dish out everyday. The only other classmate that I know of on duty here at U.S.F.A. Headquarters is that very distinguished legal light, *Bard*, who grows more handsome every day in a somewhat portly manner. *Bard* has recently been guilty of hazing all his classmates by putting out a very malodorous legal examination. No doubt you have seen this monstrosity.

"I haven't seen him in a long time, but I understand that *Blunda* is on duty with Headquarters, Zone Command, Austria, at Salzburg. *Jackson* (I. W.) has just arrived among a group of visiting firemen from the I.G. Department at the Pentagon. Life is never dull here in Vienna."

—*Ockie Krueger*.

## 1932

Sunday morning, about one week before the deadline of this edition and precisely six hours and twenty-five minutes after departing from *Dwight Beach's* house, I was sprawled in my softest easy chair playing Russian roulette while futilely awaiting the promised relief of four king-sized aspirins and a zombi-sized bromo when my phone rang which I answered. Well it seems that the night before at *Dwight's* house, after a highball or two concocted by *Dwight* under the surreptitious supervision of *Tom Harvey*, in complete possession of all my senses and under no duress (later changed to only slight duress) I volunteered to write this column. So I was informed by a voice on the phone.

Several aspirins, two more bromos and an occasional beer later, after recollecting and carefully reenacting the events of the previous evening, I finally realized how low certain members of our class will stoop to avoid writing this column.

As a matter of fact I have been looking forward to this opportunity

and I only regret it had to befall me under such questionable circumstances. I find I am actually enjoying it since it is perhaps the only time I will write with any assurance that what I write will be read and, not to mention the stimulating assurance that it will appear in print.

If only to acquaint you with the numerous difficulties which one inevitably encounters when writing this quarterly column, I will describe as best I can my own efforts with this edition. *Dwight*, our last reporter, who since the last edition has been elevated to C.O. of the 2nd Regiment, told me I could undoubtedly secure some news from the files of the Editor of *Assembly*. Bright and early Monday morning I called on the file clerk of the editor and after an apparently unproductive search she fished out with unconcealed pride a single news clipping, measuring seventeen and one half inches, clipped from the 1 February issue of Orlando, Florida, *Sentinel-Star*. Beneath a handsome facsimile of God's co-pilot and our own classmate ran sixteen inches of print of which fifteen inches were devoted to a biography so full of misstatements of fact I decided it was an autobiography, with which we are all so familiar, written in the third person. Therefore, I shall confine the quote to the initial one and one-half inches which read, "The Junior League of Orlando, Florida will present Colonel *Robert L. Scott*, famed aviator, author, and speaker who will give an impartial (still quote) view of U.M.T. which . . ." A vote of thanks, I believe, is in order from the readers of this column to the clipper in the editor's office whose alertness has made it possible for us to enjoy this important news which otherwise might have escaped our notice.

The two most recent issues of *The Army and Navy Journal* contained an item of good news vital to all of us. A repeat announcement, obviously intended for those who refused to believe the original, confirmed the promotion to the permanent grade of Colonel of all the airplane drivers in our class. This news I am sure was good news to all of you directly affected but in no lesser degree to all of us prospective majors in The Department of Army who soon will be in need of such a convenient list of note endorsers.

Since the last edition of this previously popular column and up to thirty seconds before this edition's deadline, with only one exception, namely *Tod Slade* who has recently departed for a troop assignment at Fort Benning, there has been no change in your local representation.

*Lou* and *Marge Truman* paid us all a visit last weekend. In response to a last minute desperate plea *Lou* with the assistance of *Dan Gilmer* composed a very newsy letter which I am incorporating intact. *Bugs Cairns* has similarly forwarded an account in which he describes how our classmates at the C.&G. Staff College partake of their bottled-fun. Old Reliable, *Ken Zitzman*, has crashed through with five pages of copy for this issue so in order to insure space for these fine contributions I shall now end my own feeble efforts at composition.

Apropos of your column coming up in *Assembly*, I have gotten together with Dan Gilmer and we have tried to search our minds as to where some of our classmates are who may not have been reported in the past few issues of *Assembly*. In the event that I hear of others between now and the 15th, I'll drop you a note.

*Freddie Young* is in P.&O., Washington, D. C.

*Jim McCormack*, as you well know, is one of our two classmate-Brigadiers, in the ground arms, with the Atomic Energy Commission in Washington.

*"Tuffy" Horner* has been on Admiral Fred D. Kirtland's staff at the Naval Amphibious Base in Little Creek, Virginia, but recently has been ordered to the 82nd Airborne Division. He, presently, is learning to be a parachuter at Fort Benning. Maybe he is trying to add a cluster to his name of *"Tuffy"*.

*Bill Means* is returning from Korea with Satilla in April or May and will attend the next course at the C.&G. S.S.

*Jim Woolnough* is in Hawaii.

*P. Steele* was seen cavorting around First Army at Governors Island. His exact assignment is not known.

*"Jake" Hassmann* is in Louisville, Kentucky, in a civilian status with a mortgage firm and evidently doing very well for himself and his family.

*"Hal" Walmsley* has received orders to the Industrial College for the next course.

*"Buck" Thielen* is in Europe and recently featured in the New York newspapers as being captured by the Russians.

*"Milt" Glatterer*, now with the S.S.&P., Department of the Army General Staff in Washington, has just recently finished a fifteen day indoctrination course with us here in the U.S. Delegation, United Nations Military Staff Committee as well as other United Nations Agencies.

*"Red" Smith* is A-2 with the Air Defense Command at Mitchel Field.

*Roscoe Huggins* is kicking around some place in Austria and his wife Jo is with him.

*Lon Smith*, after finishing at the Armed Forces Staff College, went to Germany with Military Government.

*Pete Hinshaw* and *Babs* are still in Washington, with Pete being a mainstay in the Office of the Director of Intelligence.

*Bob Landry* has moved into the "Holy of Holies", being made Air Aide to the President.

Saw *George Descheneaux* after the Navy game and spent quite a bit of time with him later in New York City. He is retired and he and Betty are living in Yarmouth, Maine. He looks fine and still has that old "personality plus"

*Johnny Bowen*, still in his job of Secretary, General Staff, will go to the National War College and just in the past week or so has been awarded the D.S.M. for his fine work.

*Ray Cochran* is being groomed as an instructor at Leavenworth in the Intelligence setup. According to a good friend of his, everyone is anxiously awaiting his first appearance on the platform.

*Luke Morris*, presently Chief of

Transportation in Panama, according to rumor, is going to the Industrial College for the next course.

*"Click" Rees* is an Executive to the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel and Administration on the Air Staff in Washington.

*"Moose" Mussett* is "Plans and Policy" in the Office of the Director of Air Intelligence.

*C. A. Clark, Jr.* is an Executive with the Director of Military Personnel for Air in Washington.

*G. D. Campbell* is also in the same branch as Chief of the Plans and Policy Control Branch.

*Walden Coffey* is an Executive for Plans and Projects in Air Civilian Personnel in Washington.

*"Duke" Hoehl* is Acting Chief, Engineering and Training Branch, with the Air Engineer.

*Harry Porter*, already reported in the last issue, is the Executive to the Air Ordnance Officer.

*Joe Golden* is P.M.S.&T. at the University of Montana at Missoula, that part of the country which he so much loves.

*Tom Hannah* is now on his way to, or probably has already arrived in Tokyo, where he is to be assigned to the Far Eastern Command.

And, as you well know, *Frank Beson*, the other Brigadier in our class in the ground arms, is Chief of Transportation for General MacArthur.

*Dan Gilmer* is Chief of Staff for the Army Representative, General M. B. Ridgway, on the U.S. Delegation for the Military Staff Committee, United Nations.

I am Secretary for the U.S. Delegation here.

I am sorry that I can't interpose a bit of levity concerning each one of these people. However, I shall have to leave that part to *Ken Zitzman*. Who would ever be able to compete with his fine wit?

In the event that you get in or around New York City, don't forget to come up and see me at 2 Park Avenue. I am on the eighteenth floor and my telephone number is MURRAYhill 3-6810, Extension 129.

Cordially,  
Lou.

Got your telegram yesterday but was so busy at the time that I could not answer it then. Hope that this will reach you before your deadline.

There is not a great deal of class news from here as *Dwight Beach* can tell you. We threw a dutch-treat class party (see Operations Order No. 1 enclosed) at the club on 10 January. It was a very successful party with everyone leaving on their own (wobbly) pins at some ungodly hour of the morning. The students were well represented by *Bill* and *Avis Spurgin*, *Gary* and *Gale Hall*, *Harold* and *Roberta Sundt*, *Bill* and *Elsie Williams*, *Larry* and *Ruth Babcock* and *Eddie Farnsworth*. The faculty contingent present were *Bob* and *Betty Hewitt*, *Roy* and *Jean Moore*, *Del* and *Helen Pryor*, *Johnny* and *Vi Gavin*, *Dick* and *Helen Hunt*, *Ray* and *Adeline Cochran*, *Walker* and *Alice Goodrich*, *Bill* and *Olga Massello*, *Duke* and *Pat Ondrick*, *Johnny* and *Ouisee Pugh*, and *Doris* and *Bugs Cairns*. *John* and *Betty Coughlin* were the only ones missing from the student contingent. *Cy* and *Pauline Dolph*, ex-'32, faculty, also had to send their regrets.

Saw *Andy Meulenber* last month when he was weathered-in here for a few days while on a fight to the west coast from Detroit, where he's keeping industry straight on what the Air Forces want.

We are all looking forward to a big time at the West Point dinner here on 19 March.

Quite a few of us are sitting on the hot-seat as a result of the rumors flying around about assignments for next year. Korea seems to be the biggest worry with Hawaii a standout as number one choice. I'll send you the dope on the changes as soon as orders are out which should be in the near future.

Best regards from '32 at Leavenworth to '32 at West Point.

Sincerely,

*Bugs Cairns.*

Washington, D. C.,  
9 March 1948.

Dear Harley,

Probably the best way to start this edition of the Washington class news, if you insist on having it, is with an



'32 LUNCHEON IN WASHINGTON

account of the newly revived Washington Chapter of the Class of 1932 Marching, Chowder and Fan Tan club. With some 53 members in this area we have resumed the monthly stag luncheons and have planned a series of social functions with the womenfolk to take place every other month.

Luncheons are scheduled for the first Thursday of each month and the two we have had to date have been well attended. Since the editor of *Assembly* once said he welcomed pictures of class groups, I am enclosing a picture which was taken at the first stag luncheon in the Pentagon and which will undoubtedly evoke a quick reversal of his policy. Cause of the suppressed smirks on these characters, incidentally, was a dusky waitress standing on a chair behind the photographer holding a flood light aloft for all the world like a cafe au lait Statue of Liberty. (See page 27.)

The first party will be a supper-dance at the Bolling Field Officers' Club on 12 March and the next a family picnic in Rock Creek Park in May. Needless to say we should like to see any visiting classmates at any of these functions. *Pete Hinshaw* who does more work than a 1st Sergeant without ever appearing to be in a hurry (because he never is in a hurry) handles all administrative details, and anyone who finds himself inadvertently caught in Washington can get the time and place by calling *Pete* on extension 2551 or by calling me on 72924.

While we're on the general subject of the Pentagon, potential future inmates (and aren't you all) will be glad to hear that in addition to the other facilities, four new bowling alleys and some really fine singles and doubles squash courts have recently been put in operation.

New arrivals here include *Lou Coutts* back from an abbreviated tour in Germany for duty in the Plans and Operations Division, *Bill Ellery* and *Charley Herman* in the Office of the Q.M.G., *Charley Longanecker* in Organization and Training, and *Milt Glatteer* in the Logistics Division (alias S.S.&P., alias G-4). *Al Gerhardt* is due here from Europe in May to join Plans and Operations and *Luke Morris* leaves the Caribbean in June to attend the Industrial College.

*Bill McFeely*, who hasn't lost a pound from worry or any other cause, spent a couple of weeks T.D. here enroute from Vienna to the Armed Forces Staff College. *McCawley*, who transferred to the Air Force from the Field Artillery a while back and who was on the recent list of promotions to permanent colonel, has gone to Wright Field. Other recent transferees to the Air Force, incidentally, include *Duke Hoehl* in the office of the Air Engineer and *Merle Williams*, now attending the Industrial College.

In a letter from Florida, *Poo Poo Hilsinger* writes that he will finish Law School in May but has not decided finally where he will settle down to practice. *Poo* had a kidney removed about a year ago and reports that for the first time since 1942 he really feels top-flight again. Because of his operation, however, he must completely forego the grape and to the surprise of no one who knows her, *Poula* has

joined him in that venture too. In his prime, *Poo Poo* mixed one of the best martinis it has ever been my privilege to sip, but now announces that he is turning the recipe over to the public domain. Owing to its unusual nature, I can't disclose it here, but shall describe it in private correspondence to anyone who is interested.

*Roscoe Huggins* writes from the Presidio of San Francisco that *Charley D'Orsa* has joined him at Hq. Sixth Army, *Charley Carrell* has retired, and *Bill Coit*, who retired for physical disability in 1945, is living at 440 Harbor Drive, Oakland, California.

From other reliable sources (sometimes known as T.A.G.) I see that *Jimmy Godwin* has recently reported to Hq. Fourth Army in San Antonio, *Bill Means* is leaving the Far East to reach Leavenworth in April (student) and *Hal Walmsley* has received orders for the next course at the Industrial College. *Tom Hannah* has just finished the Armed Forces Staff College, and, assuming he takes the trouble, will read this in Yokohama.

The boys in the University set also inform me that *Chris Dreyer* will go to the Office of the Chief of Transportation and *George Kumpe* to the Munitions Board when school lets out at the Industrial College.

*Danny* and *Ruth Campbell* announced the arrival of a third daughter (*Sally*) at Maxwell Field in October, and here in Washington *Jim* and *Pat Boswell* presented *James Lowell* on January 11.

General Eisenhower proved again that he knows a soldier when he sees one by presenting *Johnnie Bowen* with a very well-earned D.S.M. for his three years plus as Secretary to the General Staff.

A tear in the beer is in order for *Bob Scott* who after flying approximately 2x10<sup>6</sup> miles without accident (but not without incident) fell off the wing of a stationary P-30 and broke his ankle. The mishap occurred when *Bob*, who is Chief of Staff of the Civil Air Patrol at Bolling Field, found a ground officer chopping ice off the wing with a fire axe and decided to show him a better way.

Most poignant story of the month, however, involves *Eddie Hartshorn*. It all started at Christmas when *Tiny* decided *Eddie* needed some male companionship and gave him a pair of guppies in the most inexpensive fishbowl that she could find. Complications set in immediately, however, when they discovered that while it may be all right for human beings (a generic term that is justified in this case) to turn down the furnace at night, tropical fish won't stand for that sort of nonsense. *Eddie* thereupon bought a heater with thermostat for the fishbowl and deciding that that was a lot of expensive equipment for just one pair of fish, he purchased a pair of goldfish at the same time.

Things being what they are with goldfish, there were soon 12 little strangers and *Eddie* frantically improvised a larger aquarium. Since this has no heater, they have to leave it on the stove at night, taking care to remove it before starting breakfast to avoid having the boiled salmon that was so popular on Sunday nights

during our carefree undergraduate days.

A few weeks later the marine population had reached 65 and when we visited them a short while ago there were at least 150 with the more inaccessible precincts under the seaweed still untabulated. Our parting glance took in a separate aquarium which is used solely as a maternity ward (so help me) and *Eddie* mumbling morosely about a down payment on a \$35 job with 1½ baths and a paneled den.

By the way, the Hartshorns also had a son, *Frederick Curtland*, born on 19 February.

That about completes the news from here, so shall close with regards to everyone up there.

Sincerely,

*Ken Zitzman.*

*Tom Harvey* will write the next column. Don't forget—your letters are necessary to keep this column alive.

—Trice.

### 1933

Plans for the Fifteenth Reunion are progressing rapidly. You will hear from *Dave Gray* from time to time regarding additional information to be included in the Fifteenth Year-Book. Publication date will probably be around 1 September 1948 in order that we can include a writeup of the Fifteenth Reunion. Incidentally, have you sent in your questionnaire and two-buck contribution to Lt. Col. *D. W. Gray*, U.S.M.A., West Point, N. Y.? This is the initial contribution. It appears that the year-book will cost between \$5.00 and \$7.00 in accordance with the desires of the majority of the Class. More on that later from *Dave*.

Class activities for June Week start Saturday, 5th June with a big mixed picnic and steak dinner (steaks by *Ehlen*, U.S.M.A. Quartermaster) to be held at Round Pond. Among other things, there will be the Class Dinner Dance at the Stewart Field Officers' Club, Monday night, the 7th. Information on costs will be forwarded by separate correspondence about the first of May to all those who indicate the possibility that they may come.

*Gray* and *John Honeycutt* have been receiving a large number of photos and snapshots and about 150 of the Class as of today, 10 March, have returned questionnaires. If you haven't forwarded your information for the year-book get it in!

*Fran Gates*, *Clayt's* widow, arrived here the first of November to take up her duties as Junior Hostess, U.S.C.C.

*Russ Broshous'* appointment as Second Professor of M.T.&G. (Drawing) was confirmed by the Senate in late December.

*Bob Turner* and *Pick Vidal* were observed at the Army Navy Basketball Game. *Pick*, now resigned, is working with his brother on Long Island in some kind of aviation supply.

*Bert Sparrow* was on the post 29th February. Recent visitors also include *George Beeler* and *Ken Fields*. Following are some notes taken from questionnaires and letters recently received:

*George Powers* with five, claims the most kids in the Class,—any arguments? *Sam Otto* writes in from the

A.F.S.C. where he is a student.

*Ray Corum* is a student at the University of Illinois.

*Eddie Herb* with the Engineer Board at Fort Belvoir mentions attending a Class Dinner in November at the Army Navy Country Club in Washington.

*John Breit* at Fort Richardson, Alaska, says that *Harry Burkhalter* is at Nome and that *Joe Stillwell*, *Bing Downing*, and he are together.

*Tom O'Connor* writes from Crosswicks, New Jersey, that he's up to his ears in Academics, at Princeton.

*Fritz Hartel* is in Hq., Antilles Department and reports that *Stan Lonning* is also there as instructor of the National Guard. He says that *Sellers* is also in that vicinity, with the 65th Infantry.

*Cal Smith* writes in from G-1 (P.&A.) that *Chuck Dunn*, *Red Akers*, *Sam Gee*, *Spike Douglas*, *Neil Wallace* and *Doug Gilbert* are working hard in that department to look out for the interests of the Class as indicated below:

- a. Made sure '33 was busted last July.
- b. Had '33 excluded from consideration for permanent Lt. Colonels.
- c. Arranged for little chance of pay increase this year.
- d. Stand complacently idle while \$1,500 tax exemption goes out the window 31 December 1948.
- e. Take no interest in bill to count Cadet Service.

*Shinny*, still a student at the Episcopal Theological Seminary of Virginia expects to graduate in 1949.

*Bud Powell* a student at Leavenworth. *Pat Patterson* writes from A.F.S.C.; sent a group photo of class reunion with the *Elys*, *Dentons*, *Skinner*, *Evans*, *Ottos*, *Baileys*, *C. L. Jones*, *Chet De Gavra* and *Eleanor Conway* present. He adds that since school won't be over until 26 June, that group is planning their own Fifteen Year Reunion at Virginia Beach, plus the Monroe and Langley contingent.

*Oscar Senter* is C.O., 43rd Weather Wing, A.P.O. 925, San Francisco. *Hadley Richardson* now in S.S.&P. writes that at last report, *Virginia Blatt* has gone back to Germany in Intelligence work. She spent the last part of '45 and '46 in Hoescht and Heidelberg.

*Edson Raff* is A.G.F. Liaison Officer to the U.S.A.F. at the Pentagon. *V. C. Smith* is in the Office, Secretary of the Air Force at the Pentagon. *Jack Lewis* writes from 42 Halstead Street, Newton, New Jersey, where he is in Insurance and Real Estate. *Jack* was on active duty to 15 January 1946 and is now Colonel, C.A.C. Reserve.

*Walters* has been in Japan two years. He is Executive of the 24th Division Artillery at Camp Hakata, Kyushu, Japan. His wife and three sons joined him at Camp Hakata in November 1946.

*Hetherington*, C.O. 315C.W., is stationed at Itazuke, about 20 miles from Camp Hakata.

*Dick Park* writes from the Artillery School, where the *Powers*, *Whelihans*, *Chapmans*, and *Sudduths*, are located, that the group there has been sticking together in the traditional manner.

To close with a question mark, did you know that an Army Transport has recently been named in honor of *Bill Darby*—the U.S.A.T. General W. O. Darby?  
—*Dick Meyer*.

## 1934

*Don* and *Thelma Durfee* are the most recent visitors to West Point. *Don* has just finished a quick course in Washington and is on his way to Rio as Ass't M.A. Address will be c/o American Embassy, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. *Thelma* and the kids are going with him. *Emery Lewis* is back at the Army Chemical Center, Edgewood Arsenal, Md., as Executive Officer after graduating from the Armed Forces Staff College. *Jack Seaman*, who was in the same class at A.F.S.C., is now at Leavenworth as an instructor in the Personnel School. *Leo Shaughnessey* who says he has put in for airborne training when he finishes the present course reports from there that '34 has added two boys to the Post population: *John Phillip Andrae*, born on 13 November '47, and *Stacy Gooch, Jr.*, on 6 January '48. *John* is the *Andrae's* first and *Stacy, Jr.* is the *Gooch's* second child. Among other events of note at Leavenworth was an "at home" at the *Harry Hubbards* on New Year's Eve. After wondering where *Danny Still* was for the last year or so, it is now reported that he is at Knox. *Willy Moorman* and *Sev Bejma* have just completed the course at the Industrial College. *Willy* is ordered to Leavenworth; *Bejma's* destination is unknown. *Donny McLennan* was recently announced by Philrycom as the new Secretary of the General Staff. He has been the G-2 in Manila. *Jack* and *Georgie Stanley* plus family, are in Caracas, Venezuela. Address: c/o U.S. Military Mission there. He is reported to be "living the type of life to which I would like to become accustomed". *Virginia Telford* is living with *Sid's* family in Darby Line, Vermont. *Boland* recently took off for Korea. *Charlie Hill* is in H.Q. Seacoast Artillery School, Ft. Scott, Calif. *Bill Gross* made the full Colonel's list of the Air Force. *Axel Waugh's* orders to Leavenworth came out in March. *Vic Huffsmith* wrote in for a transcript and lists the following address: University of Chicago Ord. Research, Museum of Science and Industry, Chicago 37, Ill. *George Weitzel*, '34's oldest resident at West Point, goes on terminal leave 12 April for two months. His new business address will be: Standard Oil of New Jersey, 15 West 51st Street, New York City. He and family will live at 2 Milburn Lane, East Hills, Roslyn, Long Island. *Clark Lynn*, *Bill Mullen*, *Dick Weber*, and *Jack Benner* are all stationed at Ft. Sill. *Bob Adams* left Sill some time ago to join the 82nd Airborne as Artillery Commander. He now has orders to the National War College. The *Gilmans* have left Schenectady and gone to Ft. Monroe where he will be the Guided Missile representative in the Research and Development Section. *Peewee Fellenz* is also ordered to the National War College. *Charlie Fell* attends the next course at the Armed Forces Staff College. *Beanie Craig*, finally married last fall, is at work in the Joint Staff, Room 2E283, Pentagon. That should leave *Joe Barzynski*, last reported at Okinawa (about two years ago), as our last remaining bachelor. *Pete Kopcsak* is Ass't M.A. in Budapest. *Rip Winkle* showed up here for a couple of days early in February.

He had just graduated from the R.A.F. Staff College. Present address is: c/o Plans and Operations, D/C of Staff Ops., H.Q., U.S.A.F., Washington. *Bentley Kern's* address is U.S. Liaison Officer, Canadian Staff College, Kingston, Ontario. *Tom McCrary's* address is G-1, H.Q. U.S.A.F.I.K., A.P.O. 235, San Francisco. His family was still living in Arlington at the beginning of the year. *R. R. Moorman* is living at 605 East Clark Street, Champaign, Ill. He is a student at the University of Illinois. *Tom* and *Foss Foote* checked in from Prague where *Tom* is Ass't M.A. Address is Office of the Military Attache, Praha, Czechoslovakia, A.P.O. 696, N. Y. At Christmas time, *Johnny Stevens* and family were still at G-4, G.H.Q. F.E.C., A.P.O. 500, San Francisco. *Bob Finkenaur*, G-5, A.A.G., A.P.O. 909, San Francisco, reports that he is the only member of '34 at his Post in China but that he has heard *Ligon* was on his way there. He says he has heard from *Dud Wilmeth* who is in Seoul on the Joint U.S.-U.S.S.R. Commission. *Bob's* job is as adviser to China's Armed Forces Academy which is to be organized along West Point lines. *Heck Davall* was in Washington recently and says *Bob Kyser* is on the National Resources Board; *Billy Barnwell* is reviewing records for the Personnel Records Board; *Bill Cunningham* is working for Russ Jenna in O.&T.; *Okey O'Connell* is with Procurement, J.A.; *John Cary* is rumored to be in Washington in the Office of Vice Chief of Staff, U.S.A.F.

—*J. F. S.*

## 1935

Dot and Dash on Thirty-five. . . Heads bowed in shame over that blank space last issue. . . Never again. . .

March 11—A get-together at West Point Army Mess of those on duty at Point: *Russ*, *Wheeler*, *Throckmorton*, *Wilson*, *J. V. G.*, *Johnson*, *S. T. B.*, *Rhoades*, and *Proctor*. Absentees were *Rube Tucker*, paratrooping at Bragg, *Dick* busy bowling, and *Stillman* weathered in at Stewart (*Bob's* C.O. there). Honored guest of occasion was *Pat Mente* up from Ole Kaintuck. *Pat* incidentally attended the March 6 party at Fort McNair (He too didn't know that it was the old War College); at the brawl, or wishing they had been, being stationed around Washington were: *Anderson*, *Rynewson*, *Moore*, *Gee*, *Bassitt*, *Haug*, *Caughy* (commutes from Dix), *Reybold*, *St. John*, *Eckhardt* (hundredth nite show this time was your meat, *George*, a takeoff on *Olsen* and *Johnson*), *Martin*, *Osmanski*, *Tommy Lang*, and *Riemenschneider*.

*Moon Ferris* now a P.M. in New Mexico.

There's a foursome in Walter Reed as of March 10: *Hoy* who is retired and with *Sears*; *Lapsley*, *Duffy*, and *Strauss*.

Somewhere around New York City are *Waterman*, *Walters*, and *Rosen*.

Some of those in Europe are: *Sherrard* in Salzburg; *Rob* and *Dallas Booth* in Trieste; *Dave Stone* in Vienna; *Jack Roberts* in Wiesbaden; *Maroun* in Nurnberg; *Dave Wallace* in Frankfurt.

Charlie Rich just finished Norfolk and will stay on as an instructor.

Further "radar fixes" place *Bristor* in Puerto Rico; *Harris* at Stanford University; *Gregg* at Granite City, Ill.; *Frye*, *Pickard* and *Hille*, and soon *Jeffus*, at Belvoir, Va.; *Elliget* in Portland Ore.; *Zeigler* at Brooks Field, Tex.; *Rhode* at Terre Haute, Ind.; *Lang*, *J. D. V.* and *Parker* at Anchorage, Alaska; *Everett* at Mobile, Ala.; *Armogida* at Dallas, Tex.; *Wilby* at New Orleans; *Cole*, *J. D.*, *Niles* and *Biggood* at Leavenworth, and *Rumsey* at Albuquerque.

Send all dope for next issue to P.I.O., U.S.M.A.

—J. S. B. D.

## 1936

On 12 March '48 those of us stationed at West Point met at a stag lunch to keep the THIRTY-SIX kettle boiling. The hungry ones included *Mac McCabe*, *Johnny Heintges*, *Ben Evans*, *Mick Mikkelsen*, *Bernie Bess*, *Dave Hiester*, *Jack Kelly*, *Doc Mohlere*, *Bob Safford*, *Inch Williams*, *Eddie Dunn*, *Josh Finkel*, *Howie Snyder*, *Henry Katz* and myself. The stag luncheon proved to be such a popular medium for the exchange of THIRTY-SIX views and news that another such gathering is planned for the near future.

*George Finley*, from down Washington way, has given me the latest locations of some of our classmates. *Ollie Haywood*, recently transferred to the Air Forces, is performing staff duty in Washington. *Dave McCoach* holds a key job in the maintenance of the Panama Canal. *Charlie Waters* is assigned to Eighth Army over yonder. *Ken Madsen* works for the District of Columbia. *Skip Beard* proceeded recently from his job in Washington to a River and Harbor assignment on the Missouri River. *Ray Harvey* is in the Office of the Chief of Engineers. *Dave Chaffin* is stationed at San Francisco. *Bill Shuler* is on duty at Seattle. *Larry Laurion* is stationed at Fort Sam Houston. *Roy McCarty* heads a department at the Engineer School at Fort Belvoir. *Nip* and *Eileen Page* recently announced a baby boy born on 9 January. *John Kerkering* is on R.O.T.C. duty at Iowa State University. *Jim Lampert* is stationed in Washington. *Dave Milne* is assigned to Hq. Eighth Army. *Ted Klock* is in Washington. *Steve Smith* is assigned to Hq. Sixth Army at San Francisco. *Art Jacoby* sent Christmas greetings from Quito, Ecuador. *Wright Hiatt* is studying at the University of Illinois. *Walt Faiks* was at school at Leavenworth when last heard from. *Bud White* is wrapped up in research and development at Fort Belvoir. *Gil Dorland* is stationed at Albuquerque. *Tom Hayes* writes from England where he is performing a liaison mission.

*Russ Grohs* is deputy commander at Bolling Field. *Jack Torrey* is reported as being in Lisbon in the attaché business, while *John Romlein* is in Haiti on a similar assignment. *Bill Meany*, *Bill Davis*, and *Foster Furphy* are stationed in Boston. Foster states that Bill Davis has just rung the wedding bells.

*A. P. Clark* is flying from Langley Field these days. All the best to *Edgar Thompson* who married Miss *Rachael Anne Wiley* at Tiffin, Ohio, in January. *Mike Michaelis* closed out his job aiding General Eisenhower, received another decoration, and took up his new duties as liaison officer between Capitol Hill and the Army.

*Bob Quinn* is getwoing in Berlin. *I. W. Rogers* is a rancher in California and has four young ranch hands to assist him. *Mary Lou* and *Dud Hartman* announced a fifth little one born in Vienna on 30 December. *Cassy Hosmer* is studying psychology for the Air Forces.

*Bing Singletary* reported to the 3d Armd. Div. at Ft. Knox. *Wimpy Blair* was ordered to Ft. Bliss. *Bev Powell* joined the Washington contingent. *Elmer Grubbs* was transferred to Aberdeen. *Bill Hay* has joined the civilian ranks. *George Childs* added another daughter to the family. *Ben Whipple*, now a civilian, is off to Sumatra.

I hope that you all saw *Freddy Walker's* photographs in the Life magazine of January 19th sporting Freddy's version of the new Air Force uniform. *Granny Gunn* has been "discovered" in Japan. *Jack Chiles* graduated from the A.F. Staff College. *Ham Morris*, *Jack Arnold*, and *Giles Gillespie* are ordered to Norfolk to attend the A.F.S.C. *Cecil Combs* has been ordered to Hq. U.S.A.F. in Washington.

*Bernie* and *Edna Bess* have adopted a baby boy, *Bernie, Jr.* *Axel Duin* is studying at Columbia. *Mac Lemoyne* is keeping Fort Knox straight. *Creighton Abrams* is on his way to a Leavenworth course.

*Garnett Lee* is back in Washington after a course at Norfolk. The *Bobby Breaks* recently celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary. *Thurman Morris* is home from Japan. *Bill Longley* is retired at Dunbarton, New Hampshire, and has the latch string out for classmates. *Eggie Robbins* is stationed down at Governors Island.

We're pleased to announce letters from *Tiger Janof*, who is stationed in New York, and from *Bill Connor* at Fort Sill. Bill writes that *Roddy Drake* has recently arrived there and is assigned to the 5th F.A. Group, and that *Bob Partridge*, *Oren Swain*, and *Bill Kinard* recently completed courses at Sill as did Bill. Thanks a lot, Bill, and let's hope your thoughtfulness in sending in news will be emulated by other THIRTY-SIXERS.

—Dan McElheny.

## 1937

Addresses please: *Black*, *William LaF.*, *Harrison*, *Frank R.*, *Rook*, *LeRoy H.*

We've tried all the addresses we have on file, to reach the classmates above. If any of you have even an old address for any of them, please send it on so we can try it. We don't want to lose track of any of the class permanently if it can be avoided.

There's a book with the title "The Postman Always Rings Twice" and we were starting to think it was true, based on the few letters we received each quarter. And then—since Jan. 1—the postman rang—not only twice—but twenty times! We wish we could

reproduce all of all of them, but space won't permit, so, in order of receipt, here's a brief resumé.

*Roy Lutes* wrote a brief note from Washington stating that: "*Finn Unger* is finally coming back from Europe and has been ordered to the Armed Forces Staff College at Norfolk".

*Stan Connelly* wrote twice from the Military Attache's Office in Stockholm, Sweden giving us some news on the family and Sweden and stating that orders were forthcoming: "relieving us on or about 10 July and ordering us forthwith to U.S.M.A." Welcome! You-all Connelly's (Stan, Mary Jane, Catherine, Jeanne, and Kevin).

*Trapper Drum* sent a new address (3520 Rodman St., N.W.) still in Washington, D. C. He complained a bit about the snow and the "roughness" of the holidays—in which I am sure we all join him.

*Dubb Haltom* is still working for the Steek Company Publishers in Austin, Texas. He would like to contact the members of the class who "are stationed at Fort Sam Houston, in San Antonio, and at Randolph Field".

*Bill Andrews* wrote from Los Angeles: "I have taken a small fling at the acting racket. I got a small part in a play at the more or less famous Pasadena Playhouse, where we ran to packed houses for three weeks. The whole thing was a grand experience. . . . In the meantime I think that I have about cinched a job in the L.A. County Dept. of Building and Safety which will keep me pretty well occupied and feeling useful—while I try small skirmishes in the world of arts".

*Jack Worcester* is in Washington, D. C. His first enterprise as a civilian was with a Petroleum Brokerage Business but he says: "Now there are a few of us who are planning to form a corporation to manufacture household necessities".

*Harry Stiegler* wrote that his home is in Springfield, Mass., and that he is now working for the Bigelow-Sanford Carpet Company where he is "in charge of all electrical and electronic research and development work" and is at present involved in "the modernization of the power plants here (Thompsonville, Conn.) and at our Amsterdam, N. Y. mill".

*Pete Hammond* wrote from Huntington, West Virginia: "I have been working for the Corps of Engineers since September and like it. At present we are working on a small flood control and recreation dam down in Paintsville, Kentucky".

*Ben Porterfield* is "now employed as an analyst in the Gas Division of the Standard Oil Company of California". He is living in San Francisco and reports that at a recent meeting of the West Point Society of San Francisco he recently "saw *Ed Teeter* who is studying at Stanford and talked with *Johnnie Nance*, retired, and at that time contemplating building a home for himself".

*Dan Richards* is attending Iowa State College and he wrote from his home in Ames, Iowa: "*Carlin Whitesell* is here also. Both of us are belatedly taking our Master's Degree in Civil Engineering and will be here till the middle of June this year".

*Dan Dannelly* is living in Lake Charles, La. He wrote: "I have been fooling around in the oil business ever since graduation, and am at present south Louisiana representative for the Production Engineering Service, Houston, Texas". He was married in 1938 and now has two girls, 7 and 5.

*Ed Hobbs* is another Washingtonian. He wrote: "I was married on October 10, 1947 to Ruth Childs of West Haven, Connecticut, and bought a home to settle down in. I am still with Bernard F. Locraft, Civil Engineer, in Washington".

*John Nance* wrote from Sausalito, California that: "we have bought a lovely lot (with view of the whole bay) and propose to build soon". He was retired in 1946 because of a broken back which still gives him trouble now and then.

*Walt De Bill* wrote from San Antonio, Texas: "This letter was prompted by a chance meeting with *Charlie Blauvelt*. He's currently assigned to Brooke General Hospital but expects to extricate himself from the medicos within the week". Walt also said: "I'm still stationed at Brooks Field but have been proposed to attend New York University in June".

*Elmer Blaha* wrote from Bergstrom Field, Austin, Texas that: "Just recently I transferred to the Air Force. Last year I finished the Pilot School at Barksdale Field, La., and was assigned here. This business started when I attended the Field Artillery School's flying training. . ."

*Red Minor* is back from Argentina and is now working in the General Motors Overseas Operations in New York City. He wrote "Right now we are trying to find a place to live. We got this furnished house in November, hoping to get an apartment or buy a house. Then last week we learned that our furniture was destroyed by a fire on the pier in Brooklyn. . ."

*Duffy Brown* sent news of the class from Hawaii where he is on duty with the Signal Service, U.S. Army, Pacific, at Fort Shafter. He wrote: "*Jim Peale*, who was over on the island of Maui as an instructor with the Hawaii National Guard, has been re-assigned here to Hq. U.S.A.R.P.A.C., Fort Shafter, with the G-3 Section. We spent a nice hour or so with him and his wife and now that he is here at Shafter we will get to see more of him. *Ray Cheal*, C.O. of the 97th A.A.A. Gun Battalion over at Fort Kamehameha is scheduled to be married to Miss Edna McMahon on the 30th of January. I will be there to hold his hand, doubtless *Jim Peale* will be also. *Kelsie Reaves* is being assigned here to Shafter. . ."

*Ed Lee* and family are now in Tokyo having moved over from Korea in June. He expects to return to the U.S.A. in May where he says his "guesstimated assignment starting about the last of June is student, U. of Chicago—perhaps!" He also reported that *John Weikel's* death in Korea, which was reported in the October 1947 *Assembly*, was caused by Polio.

*Ed Broadhurst* wrote from Santiago, Chile: "My present assignment as Chief of the U.S. Military Aviation Mission is like nothing you ever heard

of before. We are advisors, administrators and a Unit of the Air Force, all at the same time; interesting however. We like Chile very much and occasionally see classmates and friends passing through. *Skeldon* was down not too long ago."

*Jack Gulick* is living in Arlington, Va. He wrote "I am now working in Hq. U.S.A.F., consequently seeing more classmates daily than I have over a long period of years".

And now last, but by no means least, a letter from our old friend and mentor D. J. Martin (Remember our Ordnance P? Navy '24 I think). He wrote thanking us for the 1937 Sketch Book which we sent him at Stan Connelly's suggestion and saying: "After the war ended I decided that I was much too old to be of any use for the next one and I ought to give the people in the Class of '37 a chance, so I retired on my own application. I am enjoying my work here at the Hughes Tool Company (Houston, Texas), although I do not chance to see much of the old crowd. *Charlie Dannelly* comes to town once in a while, and I manage to swap stories with him"

That's all the mail for now, fellows. This past quarter "The Mailman Cometh"—won't you please help him keep coming? I'm sure you'll agree that the extracts above make more interesting reading than the run-of-the-mill material that follows.

The following changes in station and/or assignment took place during the past quarter: *Noel Menard* from Fort Hamilton, N. Y. to O.C. of S., Washington; *Kelsie Reaves* from A.G.O. Casuals, Washington to Fort Shafter, T. H.; *Charley Westover* from Office Deputy C. of S. to Office Secty of A.F., Washington as Asst. Exec. to the Asst. Secty of A.F.; *D. T. Griffin* from Governors Island, N. Y. to Sig. Corps Engineer Labs., Ft. Monmouth, N. J.; *Mac McElroy* from Brooks Field, Texas to O.C. of S., Washington; *Ed Teeter* from San Francisco, California to Office of Assistant Secty of Army, Washington; *Sam Gurney* from Hq. U.S.A.F., Washington to 3543d A.F. B.U., Lackland A.F. Base, San Antonio, Texas; *Charley Blauvelt* from Ft. Sam Houston, Texas to Hq. 2nd Army, Ft. George G. Meade, Maryland; *Tommy Compton* from S.S.&P., W.D. G.S. to Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland; *John Ulicson* to N.G. Bureau, O.C. of S., Washington (later orders say he is going to Munitions Board, National Military Establishment, Washington); *Harve Dorney* and *Ken Sandborn* to Office, Joint Chiefs of Staff, Washington.

*Seaman, Compton, Mitchim, and Stromberg* were relieved from detail in the G.S.C. and *Menard* and *Chapman* were detailed in it. *Tommy Compton* has been detailed in the Ordnance Department and *Scotty Hall* and *Paul Scheidecker* have transferred to the U.S.A.F. (Can anyone verify the rumor that *Harry Wilson* has transferred from the Cavalry to the Infantry?)

*Finn Unger* and family recently returned to the U.S. from Frankfurt, Germany. Going overseas we find *Woody Stromberg* headed for O.M.A., Paris, France and *Olie Seaman* for O.M.A., Ankara, Turkey. (Both are getting some T.D.Y. at the Strategic In-

telligence School before leaving.) *Jim Duncan* has left West Point and is headed for the American Military Mission in Athens, Greece.

*Leigh Fairbanks* was appointed Post Engineer at Ft. Monmouth, N. J.; *Walt Eckman* was made Chief of Air-drome at Kelly Field, Texas; and *W. L. Martin*, who has recently joined the gang here at U.S.M.A., was made Post Signal Officer, West Point.

*Kelsie Reaves, Sam Agee, Big John Eriksen, and K. O. Sandborn* graduated from the Armed Forces Staff College and *Finn Unger, Mitch Mitchim, and Maggie McGee* started the new course there. *Harry Wilson* is slated to attend the C.&G.S.C., Fort Leavenworth and *Cecil Himes* has orders to the Student Detachment, Armored School, Fort Knox, Kentucky following sixty days leave.

*K. S. Davis* of the G-3 Section, National Guard Bureau, attended a conference on National Guard matters at Hq. Fifth Army in Chicago. He also visited the State Adjutants General and Senior National Guard Instructors of Wisconsin and Minnesota. *Gary Metz* of the G-3 Section, U.M.T. Branch attended a conference in the Office of the Chief of Special Services on U.M.T. matters. *John Schermerhorn* attended a conference held at the Air University at Maxwell Air Force Base. He went as a representative from the Armored School, Fort Knox; the conference being called for the purpose of coordinating teaching methods employed in the Army and Air Force educational programs.

A bill was recently passed in the Senate to effect the promotion of *Jim Parker* to the grade of Major as of 1 March 1942. The bill was passed to correct an administrative error with in the War Department which resulted in the failure of *Jim* to be promoted to the rank of Major while a prisoner of War of the Japanese.

A bit of news which was received too late for the last *Assembly* reported that *Stu O'Malley* appeared on the radio program "We The People" in December and interviewed Colin P. Kelly, 3rd, son of our classmate *Colin Kelly*. Young Colin was asked about how he was doing in school and how he thought he would like West Point. The letter written by President Roosevelt appointing young Colin to West Point in 1956 was then read. Mrs. Marian Kelly Pedlow also appeared on the program.

*Bill Travis* was awarded a Certificate of Achievement for loyal and efficient service in the Infantry Branch, Development Section, Hq. A.G.F.; and *Bake Steely* was awarded the Chinese Air Force Commendation by the Republic of China, for meritorious services rendered in connection with the training program of the Chinese Air Forces.

*Al Clark* and his 7th Bombardment Group continue to make news. Al accepted a trophy for his unit from General Roger Ramey for winning top honors in the 8th A.F. competition which included combat, supply and maintenance, and administrative efficiency. In addition to attendance at various social functions including a Valentine Party at Fort Worth, Texas, Al was reported making plans for ceremonies dedicating Fort Worth Air

Field and redesignating it Carswell Air Force Base. *Doug Quandt* attended the Annual Carabao Dinner at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, and *Byroade*, *Seedlock*, and *Underwood* attended a luncheon in honor of Lt. Gen. Alvan C. Gillem, Jr. The luncheon was arranged by the "Thirty Old China Hands" who served with Gen. Gillem in China. *Mrs. Marshall Gray* was one of the hostesses at an entertainment held by the Kelly Field Women's Club. The Class of '37 at West Point held a skating party at Smith Rink under the expert guidance of *Hallock*, *Hines*, and *Holcomb*. (There were no serious casualties.) *Olga* and *Joe Focht* visited West Point recently. *Joe* is on Air Force Recruiting duty in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania but since *Joe* is on the road so much *Olga* is maintaining their home in Newburgh. *Pat* and *Johnny Frazier* also visited West Point from their home in Elwood, Indiana. *Johnny* is in business for himself—a manufacturer of tomato products—in *Alexandria*, Ind. *Lois* and *Tommy Comp-ton* stopped by too. *Tommy* has been relieved from his Washington job and is headed for Aberdeen Proving Grounds as mentioned previously.

Now for the new members of the family (the stork keeps pretty busy as you can see): *Frances* and *Baron Musgrave* contributed a daughter, *Jacquelin Marie* on 4 December at Fort Sheridan Station Hospital (the Baron is on duty with the 5th Army Headquarters in Chicago); *Jack Van Vliet* and wife had a boy, *John Huff III* on 20 December at City Hospital, Columbus, Georgia; *Elizabeth* and *Jack Chapman* had a son on 26 December at Walter Reed General Hospital (Won't you please send us his name? And also data on the others if there are any); *Helen* and *Bill Lewis* had a son *James McMahan* at St. Luke's Hospital, Newburgh, N. Y. on 30 December; *Kay* and *Marty Green* added a daughter, *Jeanette Trenholm*, to their two sons on 31 December at the Station Hospital, Fort Leavenworth. (Along with these congratulations we send *Marty* our condolences on the loss of his mother on 11 January at Mount Alto Hospital, Maryland. *Mrs. Evangeline Trenholm Green* was one of the charter members of the Army Nurse Corps); *Shirley* and *Perry Eubank* had a son *Daniel Fulton* on 6 January at Huntington Memorial Hospital, Pasadena, California (the child is a grandson of Major General and *Mrs. Fulton Q. C. Gardner*, Ret.); *Marge* and *Randy Hines* daughter *Carolyn Randolph* made her initial debut at the Station Hospital, West Point, on 23 February. The grapevine also reports that the *Ollie Connors* had a child—date, name, and sex not reported. (Would you please drop us a line verifying this report and send along the necessary information?)

Recently *Strandberg*, *Fellows*, and *Bell* joined the Association of Graduates and we're hoping that more of the approximately 30 who are not members will join and help strengthen the "ties that bind".

Well, I guess that's all the news for now folks. Hope you will drop us a line so we can keep the column full to overflowing. Those who have written, without exception, asked to be remem-

bered to all the rest. So best wishes—and bye for now.

—*Helen and Ray Rumph.*

## 1938

This is the final issue of the *Assembly* before June Week and our Tenth Reunion so I'll try to bring you up to date on the plans already made for our first real get together since graduation. Cards were recently mailed to everyone indicating the program but just in case you didn't get one here is the dope:

In addition to the regular June Week Activities which appear elsewhere in this issue, we have planned the following events:

Saturday, 5 June—If enough are here by then, Cocktails at the Thayer at 1700.

Sunday, 6 June—A picnic at Round Pond starting at 1730.

Monday, 7 June—Dinner-Dance at Bear Mountain Inn at 1800.

Note: All the above class affairs are with wives.

Housing—*Jim Durbin* (Lt. Col. R. B. Durbin, Dept. of Law) is in charge of getting everyone housed, so if you have a special problem drop him a line. The men are no problem and will be taken care of on the post. As for the wives, we are going to try and take care of them too here on the post. However, if we can't, *Jim* will make reservations in Highland Falls provided you let him know before April 15th. He'll do his best even after that. Plan to leave the offspring at home or elsewhere if you can manage because facilities for taking care of them are limited.

Along about the middle of April we are sending a mimeographed letter to everyone giving details as to costs (and we'll make it as reasonable as possible), further plans, and a list of those who have indicated that they'll be here. If you didn't get a card how about dropping us a line as to your plans? If you did get a card and haven't mailed your reply yet, do it NOW. Remember everyone up here wants to make this a real reunion. How about helping by arranging to be here?

Now news of the gang from here and there:

Rumor has it that *Ben*, *Elsie* and little *B. J. Sternberg* have been ordered to West Point after completion of the course at Leavenworth. It is no rumor about *Bill* and *Jean Johnson* because they received orders the other day to the Western Chemical Center at Tooele, Utah.

*Browning*, P. Y. is due back (or may be here) from the Philippines and expects to go to school. *I. A. (Pete) Peterson* now a student at the Armed Forces Staff College at Norfolk. *Dough Polhamus* just finished the course there and is staying on as an instructor. *Ken Wickham* went to the Office of the Chief of Staff after finishing the course at Norfolk.

*Willie Langford* ran into *Sam Hogan* on a subway in New York the other day. *Sam* is taking Law at Columbia. *Johnny Damon* is likewise at Columbia taking Nuclear Physics (he has our sympathy). *Anderson, C.*

*H.* and family came through West Point late last fall headed for Germany where *Andy* is to train for the equestrian events in the Olympics. *A. P. Chanco* is now with the United Nations in New York. Address—Room 6231, Empire State Building. He would like to hear from anyone in the vicinity.

*Jim Isbell* was here for a couple of days during the early part of March, and came up with the following information: He is A-5 of the Training Command of the Air Forces and is stationed at Barksdale Field, La. *Castez Conner* is the A-4. *Virgie Zoller* is a Wing Cmdr. in the Air Indoctration Center at Lackland Field near San Antonio. *Ski York* just left the U.S.A. for another Air Attache job. This time to Denmark.

*Ken Skaer* was up from U.N. the other day and says that *Bob Sisco* is the A-3 of the Atlantic Air Transport Command with station at Westover Field. *Mac Macomber* is now in the Pentagon but no dope as to his job. *Don Saunders* is at the Air Command and Staff School at Maxwell Field. *Dick Bromiley* is in Hq. U.S.A.F. in Washington.

Remember that *Van Sickle* was quite a ski enthusiast? Well he apparently still is because when ordered to Alaska a short time back he wangled things so that he would be sent up there two months ahead of the scheduled time. Not only that but he no sooner gets there than he wires *Marg* to pack up, bring the family savings and proceed post haste to join him. Seems that he has a log cabin that can be bought for a song (\$10,000). How about it, *Van*?

*Paul Preuss*, who is with the Atomic Energy Commission's Military Application Division, is currently working with the Task Force conducting atomic bomb tests at Eniwetok. *Jim Craig* now in the Pentagon in Washington.

Latest known additions to the class family:

*Lupers*—A daughter born January 7th in Nanking, China; *Skaers*—A daughter born in January; At West Point—*D'Arezzos*—A son born November 5th; *Lynns*—A son born December 18th; *M. R. Russells*—A daughter born February 2nd; *Johnsons*—A daughter born February 16th.

Another bachelor has met his fate. *Ole Danielson* was married to Miss Hazel Hill Vial on the 22nd of January at Bradenton, Florida. Welcome to the ranks Hazel and our best to you both. We were sorry to learn that *Ole* has been retired but are happy to know that the newlyweds will be residing at 4 Cooper Village, New York after April 1st.

On January 13th the gang at West Point had a skating party at Smith Rink. *Bill Sussman* was in charge and did a fine job. He even succeeded in getting everyone to skate. I might add that most everyone was a bit sore the next day, but not at Bill.

A letter from *Mac McHaney*, who is taking Nuclear Physics at Princeton with *Jess Thomas* and *Sinnreich*, states that they plan to come for the reunion if exams can be arranged. Also *Gene Sweeney* writes that he'll be on hand. *Bob Offer* reports from Washington that the forty odd class-

mates stationed down there plan to get up if they can arrange leave. Things are looking up for a good crowd to be around. How about being one of the gang up here for our TENTH? For your information the following are stationed here and are the committee hoping to show you a good time: *Amick, Anderson, G. P., Bailey, D'Arezzo, Denholm, Durbin, Jannarone, Johnson, W. A., Langford, Lynn, Murray, Norris, J. A., O'Connor, Russell, M. R., Sundin, Sussman, Tilton, Vail, Wilson, and York.*

—Greg Lynn.

## 1939

The G-2 channels have been working fine this year, so we have quite a bit of news for you Thirty-Niners about you other Thirty-Niners. First, our Tac classmates got back (just ahead of the deadline) from the various corners of the U.S., where they have been giving physical aptitude tests to hopeful candidates for U.S.M.A. *Jimmy Keller* at March Field saw *Ed Schmid*, who is in Air R.O.T.C. at U.S.C. *Moose Simpson* is in the Ordnance Office, Twelfth Air Force at March Field and has a boy—four and a half years old.

*Bob Spragins* was at Leavenworth, where he saw most of the classmates who are upholding the reputation of '39 there. The January Assembly has the dope on them, except that *Bob Schellman* now has orders up here as a Tac when he finishes in Kansas.

Our foreign correspondents have sent in the poop, too. The *Johnny Rays* got a "Mailing Souvenir—just fill out and hand to our bartender"—from *Ronrico's* at San Juan, P. R. The signatures are a little hard to figure out, but Johnny thinks they read: *Thomasons, Kails, Nolans, Gooduins, and Davisons.* The peace as she is fought in the tropics.

*Dub-Dub Bailey* passed through in December with some info on Thirty-Niners in Japan. *Hinternhoff* (The Moose) is I.G. of the Twenty-Fourth Division in Kyushu. *Iseman, Zethren, and Wynne* are A-3, 5, and 2 in Headquarters F.E.A.F., Tokyo. *Breckenridge* is Chief of Staff, Pacific Wing, A.T.C., also in Tokyo. And *Dave Nanney* is in Manila—address McKinley Colony.

The local spy net has turned up considerable news, including some about classmates in civil life. *Lester* wrote in from Medford, Oregon before Christmas to say that he is managing the General Electric Sales and Engineering office there; he has a boy. *Johnny Frick* and *Cliff Haughton* are also with General Electric, Johnny (with two boys) in Schenectady, and Cliff in Lynn, Mass. *Holstein* was up for the Navy basketball game. *Pinky Ginder* visited *Burnham Batson* in Connecticut recently—says Burnham is a successful business man and gentleman farmer; he has a country estate of twenty-two acres, plus a jeep. Since we don't have too much opportunity to see or hear about you classmates in double-breasted uniform, send us a note about where you are and what

you're doing. And if you want any dope about athletic and other events here at West Point, just ask *Higgy Higgins*, resident secretary, or anyone else up here. We want to hear from you.

Odds and ends about those still in O.D.: *Jinny Brownfield* visited up here in early March on her way to join Brownie out in Tokyo. *Bill* and *Mary Martin* escaped from the Pentagon (P.I.O., U.S.A.F.) for a three-day jaunt to New York. They were supposed to get up here, too, but the big city must have been too fascinating. *Bestic* cross-countryed to California in his new Buick convertible, and now he doesn't want to leave the Congo to go back to the Pentagon (U.S.A.F.). *Charlie Pulliam* has joined the Air Forces—as a pilot, too—and is now with a B-29 outfit in Tucson, Arizona. *Joe Frost* is at Mitchel Field, *Vandevanter* at Maxwell. *Ken Collins* and *Harry McClellan* are at Knox. *Lerette* is with the National Guard in Boston, and *Williams, R. C.* is in Hawaii with the National Guard there. *Bill George* is on his way back to Ft. Sill from Panama; they just won't let him get away from Medicine Bluffs.

Lots of Thirty-Niners are getting educated in a big way at schools all over the country. At U. of Cal. (Berkeley) are *Wolfe*, taking nuclear physics, and *Winegar*, studying civil engineering and taking care of a new girl born in the fall. Harvard has a fine selection of classmates, including *Lennhoff* (law school, preparing for the J.A.G.), *Rogers, D. J.* and *Reardon* (business administration), and *Matt Smith*, taking a preparatory course before joining the Department of Social Sciences here in September. *Perry* is out at Michigan taking his Master's in electronics. As we go to press *Lou* and *Elizabeth Cantrell* are expected up here for a week-end. They are at school at Princeton.

Here on the home grounds we have been sweating out the biggest and best gloom period since plebe year. The weather man stopped keeping track after the sixtieth inch of snowfall, some of which was still on the ground in mid-March. But it's an ill wind, etc., because tobogganing at Bear Mountain was fine in January when we had a class get-together, and last month *Bill Bradley* and committee ran off a terrific skating party at the rink. *Jack Dobson* of Army made it up from Annapolis for the January party, and the *Stan Dzuibans* got up from Shanks to do a few flashy turns around the rink in February.

Also last month a group of middle-aged sports, including *Rocky Crawford, Dobson, and Danny Tatum* (Air University, Maxwell Field) got together for a week-end of golf at Orlando, Fla. Rocky claims he should have had a handicap, because Jack and Danny have been able to practice all winter.

Adelaide and *Dick Cleverly* presented the class with a new son last February 26, born at the Station Hospital here. On this cheerful note the news of '39 comes to an end for this issue. Keep the dope rolling in, everybody.

—Gibbons.

## 1940

The mail bag is very thin and I feel like a plebe bugling in math class. However here it is as it came in. *Skip Fowler* writes from Panama that he has given up commuting from the Atlantic Side of the Isthmus to the Pacific and has moved to Quarry Heights. He is assigned to U.S.A.R. C.A.R.I.B. as is *John Pidgeon*. Recently Skip had a gathering for visiting firemen and reports seeing *Jack Wright, Willis Lewis, Chuck Bagstad* and *Zeke Summers* at the affair. Others stationed in the area are *J. T. H. Spengler, Sam Patten, and Les Hess*. *Oval Robinson* is in Puerto Rico and *Lavel* has just been sent to Borinquen Field, same island. Words from Panama are just what the doctor ordered after the winter at Valley Forge.

*Hamelin* has arrived at Valley Forge Military along with wife Helen, two boys and various and sundry animals. He finds housing difficult. He will teach artillery in the Military Science and Tactics Department. It is with great regret that I mention that *Don Baumer* is at Valley Forge General Hospital with polio. Write him care of Ward CD 1/. He flew in recently from the P. I. Audrey is with him. He's looking for cribbage competition.

The engineers are always with us and a long letter from *Leo Dunham* makes this column a little bit healthier. He writes that he is busy with Darcy's Law, Dupuit's formula, and Terzaghi's accent. Only *Manzillo* would recognize them without a poop-sheet. Leo has been snowbound most of the winter but has managed to get out on an occasional foray. He visited *Chuck* and *Eddie Noble* at Fort Devens. They have three youngsters, two girls and a boy. During examination week Leo bumped into *Larry Legere* who was up to his neck in spec. Legere reports that he had met *Del Edgell's* mother who lives in the vicinity of Boston. In fact he stayed with Mrs. Edgell during exam week and saved the trouble of commuting to Fort Devens. *Bob Pfeil* reported in the Office of the Chief of Engineers.

*Willis Lewis* writes in to confirm Fowler's report and says that a good time was had by all while in Panama. Lewis is Military Air Attache at the United States Embassy in Guatemala City, Guatemala. Has put out the welcome shingle to any members of the class who pass through Guatemala City. If you are there call him up and he'll take care of you.

After combing through my files I found a letter from *Roy Nelson* who is with the 514th Recon. Sqdn., A.P.O. 334, San Francisco. He brought the squadron out from Morrison Field, West Palm Beach, Florida and has been on the go ever since. Should be in Tokyo now if rumor is correct. *John Coontz, Fat Burt Lanc, Wilderman* and *Parker* are still in Japan.

*Len Orman* comes through with the following information: First he has the engineers well spotted as of July 1947. *Brown, H. C.* is at the University of Chicago studying nuclear physics, *Gec* is at Rochester University taking a course in optics, *Burfening, Ahmajan* and *Cook*, are going to school in California. *Graf* is at U.S.M.A. with *Flanders, McFarland, Clock, Hase-*

man, Nosek, and Pillsbury. Donnell was with Atomic Energy Commission but is rumored to have resigned recently. Butch Dixon and Dick Free are students at Cornell. Fuller is on the Staff and Faculty at Leavenworth. O'Neill is Assistant to the District Engineer in Mobile, Alabama, while Petersen is with H.Q. A.G.F. at Fort Monroe, Virginia. Dave Parker is with G.H.Q. Far East Command and Podufaly is studying at M.I.T. Clayton Rust is in Europe and Jacobs is assigned to the Special Weapons Project at Albuquerque, New Mexico. Penny and Quaid were students at Belvoir. Sullivan is with a Chinese Language detail in Shanghai. Yates is there too, I believe. Banks, Noble, and Minahan are studying at M.I.T. Crown is a student at Texas A.&M. and Harnett is at U.S.M.A. Dunham is a student at Harvard.

Others going to school are Dodderidge at Columbia, Fate at Illinois Tech., Denno taking journalism at the University of Missouri, Kintner studying political science at Georgetown, Coats in school at Wisconsin, and Clapsaddle is studying Public Administration at Syracuse. Corbly is going to school at Rice Institute, Millican at Illinois Tech., while Taylor, Walters and Wendt are studying guided missiles in California. Silvasey now at Sill after leaving the University of Pennsylvania after long seige of illness. Ann and Steve spent the evening with us as did Ted and Jane Biswanger.

Yeuell writes a vague thank you note and urges me to take a trip to Washington, which I have been threatening to do for the past two years. A note from Jean Marie Ruebel states that Joe is in Washington with Air Weather Service with Art MacCartan, Archie Knight, and Roy Nelson. Evidently rumor mentioned above had no foundation.

Zero Zahrobsky sent me a Christmas card mailed 5 January from Bavaria to tell me that Pat England in Frankfurt has long lunch hours. Vanderhoefts had housewarming in Garmish. Zero was confused that the butler should be wearing tails while Van sported a bathrobe.

James Butler Bonham III arrived on 14 January. Jim is P.M.S.T. at Greenbrier Military Academy. Jim Maedler is at 40 Wellesley Street, Maplewood, New Jersey while training in industry with Standard Oil Company of New Jersey. He saw Bill Porte in Pittsburgh which Bill visited while attending an insurance convention. Otis Ulm reported finishing up his year in industry with Cities Service Oil Company and is assigned to the Q.M. Field Petroleum Office in New York.

West Point Alumni of Philadelphia held a meeting on 13th of March. Detected close to the martinis, Haggard and Arnold who came over from Fort Dix where they are assigned to the Ninth Division. Jackie Roberts, who is with New Jersey National Guard at Trenton, did not make it. His four children (are they all daughters?) keep him busy.

Late flash from Steve Silvasey reports that he and Ann and children arrived at Fort Sill in time to make a report on dinner dance held there by class of 1940. Present at the dance

were Paul Phillips, Johnny O'Brien, Salvo Rizza, Jack Dibble, Urey Alexander, Hack Hackett, Bill Bennett, Bob Raleigh, Green, Tiger Horton, Mike Bavaro, and Tuck. Dibble acted as bartender. Wives were present.

Clipping service forwarded to me by Association of Graduates tells me that W. W. Saunders has left Hawaii and is now back in the United States. Think he was reported at Fort Bliss. Shoss who has been serving with the Joint Brazil-United States Military Commission has returned to the States and has been assigned to the Radiological Safety Program in the Military District of Washington. He will then go to Annapolis for a year's course at the Post Graduate Center. The Shosses brought back with them a son, Robert, who was born in Rio.

Mayo is at M.I.T. for a semester and then goes to the Department of Mechanics at U.S.M.A. Third child and the first boy born to the Applegates on 14 January. Bob Maxwell studying retail merchandising at N.Y.U. Knapp out of service and studying law at Columbia. Ben Delamater on way to Pacific from Benning. Hobson brought a bride from Italy and is new tac at U.S.M.A. Goodrich is no longer at U.S.M.A. but now at University of Michigan taking two year course for Master's degree in Communication Engineering.

Please write me any information that you may have for the column depends upon what you write to me. My address, Valley Forge Military Academy, Wayne, Pennsylvania.

—Hank Brewerton.

## 1941

Here at West Point class, activity has been practically nil in the past few months. A spaghetti dinner was on the 17th of March to liven things up.

The Mitchell and Tuttle families have been increased by boys.

Quite a few of the class have been notified that they will leave in June but few know their destination.

Easton writes a long letter from Washington containing a list of all the class in that area. Space does not permit its reproduction here but a few of the highlights follow.

The class is very active in those parts. They had a big dinner at the Bolling Officers' Club in December, another at the Army-Navy Country Club was scheduled, and a third is being talked about.

John reports that Sy Coker and Bud Harding have both sired another colt. That makes 2 boys and 2 girls for Bud. Burt Andrus was in from Hawaii for a short stay.

Bob Elsberry also writes from Fort Sill, Oklahoma to report on who's there. Among those present are Kercheval, Burtchaell, Buttery, Bodzin, Meyer, Pigue, Woodward, Towers, Samz, Hume and C. K. Harris. Towers just returned from Japan with his family and Samz has recently transferred to the Artillery from the Q.M. The Elsberry's had their second son in February. While at Fort Bliss he saw Roton and McGrain, who were attending courses there.

McCaffrey is in Wilmington, Del. on N.G. duty and writes a letter, reproduced in part as follows:

"Walt Mullane in Tokyo had polio but recovered. Has had a bad vertebra from another cause. Expects to be back in the U.S.A. early in '48.

"Saw a gang at the A.-N. game. Buck Brinson has two daughters, is retired and works with P.M.S.&T. The Black Class sat behind the Goal Line. Some day we'll get up on the 20 or 30. (ed. note: we should live so long?)

"Bill Gurnee was at the Penn-Army game and expected to board ship for Germany. His wife and baby are making the trip with him. Stillson was also at the game.

"Ben Spiller is in Dover, Delaware, on N.G. duty.

"Some of us were wondering about Rod O'Connor in South America. He's married we know, but is he or isn't he still in the Army?"

Any of you having the complete story can write to McCaffery, P.O. Box 1632, Wilmington, Delaware.

A late flash from Ace Bailey tells of his having a new girl in the family.

—R. M. T.

## 1942

Recent visitors to West Point include seismologist Dick Wise, home on two months leave from Socony-Vacuum in Venezuela and still a bachelor; Kenny Hanst, explaining Army Mutual Aid to the cadets; and Andy Low, Dick Maffry, Tommy Arms and Frank Clay, all of whom came to see the Army-Navy basketball game. Andy is in Secretary Symington's office; Dick is on the Air Force Staff; Tommy, suffering recurring attacks of malaria, is going to school; Lew and Frank Clay are on the General Staff, Frank as aide to General Aurand. Jere Maupin missed the A.-N. game because he injured his eardrum playing basketball. Recently seen in Washington was Olmedo Alfaro.

Grant Jones, in the Ft. Jay hospital with the mumps, found time to write some class news. Says he came back from Kyushu with Black John Carpenter, who is now at Ft. Meade. Al Hunter, recently from Japan, is in 3322d A.S.U. at Greensboro, N. C. as a National Guard Instructor. R. B. Spillman was at last report in the 11th Airborne Div. in Hokkaido. Connolly is with Jones in the Mil. Dist. of the First Army, both working with the National Guard and Reserve. The Connollys have a big daughter and are living at Camp Shanks near the Stapletons. Carl is still attending Columbia. Fat Jack Crowley is aide to Gen. Hodges at 90 Church St.

The Rays are settled in Boston where Tom is working for Westinghouse. They had a daughter born in December. Also on 10 December the Al Hunters were blessed with a daughter named Marsha Elizabeth. Jean Hughes came through with a boy, George, on New Year's Eve. To the Hewitts, a daughter Phyllis; to the Cutlers, a boy, Elliot C., III; to the Bringhamms, a daughter, Marcia; to the Morgans, a son, John. Howie and Julie Garvin named their son, born in March, after a beloved classmate, Honey.

Received a letter from Carey Brown, '10. He says that Carey's body is be-

ing returned this spring for reinterment in the post cemetery here. All classmates in the area are urged to be present.

*Bill Harrell* is on T.D. from Wright-Patterson to the Preparatory School at Stewart Air Force Base. He says among others at Wright-Patterson are *Ryan, Reinbold, Snow, Jaynes, and Howe*.

*Andy Weigel* is teaching Communications at the Air Staff School. *Paul Omans* is teaching math at U.C.L.A. Says he misses the Hudson Valley rainstorms. *Don Blake* studying Russian at Oberammergau, Germany. *Bill Gernert* is at Ohio studying Personnel Management. *R. O. Smith* is in Alaska for six months testing P-80's. Grapevine reports that the mountain which *Lofton Cobb* struck while flying from Italy to Paris was the Matterhorn.

*Bob Terry* is at Indiana studying Electronics. *Bunky Scofield* is studying Japanese in Tokyo. *Joe Hennessee* is at Pusan, Korea. (Needs mail). *Hank Ivey*, stationed in Northern Japan in the paratroops, is the recent father of twin boys.

*Bill Tatsch* is on the way home from Germany, where he was in the Adj. General's office. *Bonnasso* still over there.

Newly assigned to the academy are: *Gustaves*, now studying at Harvard; *George Setp*; and *Dean Short*, coming to be a Tac.

The next time you write to any classmate at the Rock, include all the news you can and ask him to tell *Paul Woodward*, who is going to write the next time. If possible, bring the news personally about the 5th of June. If you can possibly make June Week, let us know as early as possible so that we can make arrangements for accommodations.

—H. A. O.

## January, 1943

We have held several meetings here at West Point to set up a class organization. *Tom Beeson* has drawn up a constitution for the local organization and one for the class as a whole. The constitution for the class as a whole is being mailed out for your approval. If you haven't received one and are interested, write Major *Bestervelt*, Department of Mechanics, West Point.

The class as a whole has a fund of more than one thousand dollars deposited in the First National Bank in Highland Falls. One of the main objects of the constitution for the class as a whole is to provide a set of rules for administering the class fund. Under the class constitution the fund can be used only for funerals, correspondence, and matters other than entertainment involving the class as a whole.

Elected to offices in the local organization were *Beeson* as President, *Bestervelt* as Secretary, and *Harrison* as Treasurer. The first project under consideration is entertainment for June Week which will be 5, 6, 7, and 8 of June this year. For Saturday, 5 June, there will be a dinner dance at Stewart Field preceded by cocktails. This dance isn't exclusively for our class, and other organizations will be there. For Sunday we have reserved

the Assembly Hall at Camp Buckner for a picnic starting in the afternoon and extending as far into the evening as you can last. Camp Buckner was built on Lake Popolopen since we graduated. It is about six miles west of the Post proper. There are facilities at the Assembly Hall for swimming and fishing, and maybe canoeing. For Monday night we have reserved an inn down the road a bit. The place is well known locally for its good food and good atmosphere. The evening will include dinner, drinking, and conversation. For this evening you are invited to bring any photographs, slides, old weapons, or other devices which will serve to illustrate your war stories or flying experiences. There is nothing planned for Tuesday, Graduation Day. A preliminary poll indicates that there will be a pretty good crowd here.

*Tom Beeson* has included with the other class business a card asking whether or not you will be here. We would like to know in order to be able to plan on how many. There is also the matter of arranging for a place to stay. Those who don't plan to bring their brides can probably plan on staying in barracks. *Johnny Raen* has reserved some double rooms in the Greystone Mansion in Highland Falls. They will go to the first ones who ask for them. Otherwise lodging space will be tight around here. Write in early enough to tell us what you want in the way of a place to stay, and we should be able to fix you up.

*Kaye Berry* wired *Bestervelt* that Mrs. Berry gave birth to a daughter in the early part of February in Nanking, China. *Eileen* and *Bob Michael* announce a son, Mark, born 31 January in Washington. The *Goss*'s had their second daughter here at West Point in the latter part of February. *Jim Willcox* expects that in about nine months he will have an addition, a new 1948 Chevrolet. Perhaps that shouldn't go in here, but so few people sent in items that I have to use everything that I can find.

*Tom Donaldson* was married to *Mara Louine Coffey* in the Cadet Chapel on March 19. The wedding was followed by a reception in Cullum Hall.

*Frankosky* and *Seith* plan to leave here at the end of the year, but aren't sure yet what their assignments will be. *Raen* expects to attend Cornell, and *Goss* and *Parker* think that they will be sent to Cal. Tech.

I have a note here that *Bill Hardy* is in Peking, sometimes spelled Peiping, China. *R. N. Smith* complains that I demoted him in the last issue of *Assembly*. I am sorry. He is a captain and stationed at Wright Field.

*Johnny McClure* wrote from Texas A.&M. at College Station, Texas, to say that *Bill Talbot* just married Miss *Agnes Gilbert*. He spent his honeymoon in New Orleans.

The Public Information Office of Tyndall Field writes that Major *Edmund B. Edwards* has been selected to attend the fourth class of the Air Tactical School at Tyndall. The course is 16 weeks, and is designed to teach the duties and responsibilities of a squadron commander. The flying program which is part of the curriculum utilizes the latest types of Air Force

Equipment. It sounds like a good deal.

*Lt. Stanley L. James* is at Ft. Monmouth, N. J. He has a wife, two daughters, and a '48 Ford.

*Johnny Kerig* will report to West Point in June to join the Department of Law. *Chuck Lenfest*, the only one of our class on the post who has three daughters, is looking forward to seeing Johnny. Johnny has three daughters too.

—Harrison.

## June, 1943

Hello, gang! Time to pass out the poop for another issue to orient all of you on the goings-on of the class. The first—and BIG—item is that of our fifth class reunion which, as you all know, will come off here at the Rock during June Week this year. We really have a big shin-dig planned, and it will sure be worth your while to show up. *Bud Bolling* and *Woody Woodson* are the chairmen for the affair, and others stationed here at U.S.M.A. are helping with the plans. A big dinner dance is scheduled at Stewart Field for Saturday night of June Week, plus a stag party on Sunday night, and finally a big dinner party at the best place in this area for Monday night. So don't miss the show! If any of you have not received your application blank for the reunion write to *Bud* (Capt. A. R.) *Bolling* in care of the Dept. of Modern Languages or to *Woody* (Capt. Harold) *Woodson* in care of the Dept. of M.T.&G. A lot of poop on the reunion will be mailed out to all of you very shortly.

Here at the Point there have been some activities certainly of note. *George Campbell* and *Olivia* now have their third daughter, *Charlotte Elizabeth*, born the 16th of January here at West Point. And *Stan Ott*, in the Mechanics Dept., has taken unto himself a brand new wife, formerly *Marilyn Bevans*, daughter of Maj. Gen. J. M. Bevans, U.S.A.F. They were married at Wright Field on the 23rd of February.

Captain *Lewis F. Webster* has been transferred to *Lacon Field* in England for R.A.F. training. And we have word that *Ed Cutler* is on emergency leave in Washington from Japan. *Bobby* is ill in *Walter Reed Hospital*. The very best of luck to you both, and here's hoping that you are well on the road to recovery now, *Bobby*. More news from the contingent proving that June '43 is the best of all in Japan. *Ole* "Dan'l Flannel" *Cullinane* writes a fine letter on the class in Japan. Seems that they had quite an ice show over there recently in which *Bob Sonsteli*'s wife *Valerie* was quite the star. Those in attendance were *Bob Sonsteli*, natch, plus *Jim* and *Ida Pugh*, *Jim* and *Mary Jo Kelleher*, *Quint* and *Acey Atkinson*, and *Dutch Umlauf* and family. *Dutch* and his departed soon thereafter for the States, headed for *Fort Bragg*. The gang held a fine dinner party at the *New Grand Hotel* in *Yokohama* on January 19th. *Tommy Tomlinson* and his wife *Dorothy* and *Bob* and *Valerie Sonsteli* were co-hosts and hostesses. Others who attended were *Joe Boyle* sans his wife, due to the arrival of their third girl—

looks like Joe and George Campbell are the rivals in the class for the number of girls—*Bethel Edrington*, *Bill Naylor*, and *Ed Cutler* were "batching" at the party, while the couples there were *Al* and *Jean Brown*, *Jim* and *Ida Pugh*, *Norm* and *Millie Frisbie*, *Quint* and *Acey Atkinson*, *Tony* and *Grace Grice*, and the *Cullinanes*. Last but certainly not least were *Bob Danforth* and his wife.—Quite a party! Unfortunately, *Bill* and *Laurie Linton* could not attend because their 8-months old *Tommy* demanded their presence at home. *Will Cover* missed the party, but as consolation he boarded a ship headed for the U.S.A. and a new assignment at Fort Sill, Okla. Incidentally, the *Lintons* expected to leave for the States in February and the *Sonsteli's* in March.

Another birth in the class—*Norm Pehrson*, stationed now at M.I.T., has a new daughter.—*Mike Davis* is headed for a new assignment at Fort Lewis, Wash. with the 2d Div. *Charley Crane* is due back from Europe in March and will go to the Ground General School at Fort Riley as an instructor. *Bethel Edrington* is returning from Japan to duty at U.S.M.A. with the Tactical Dept. in March. *George Cantlay* is departing from the Pentagon to duty with F.E.C. in Yokohama in April. *Dargue* proudly announces the arrival of *Herbert Arthur Dargue II*, born in Washington, D. C. on 31 January. The *Mayo Elliots* have a son born in El Paso, at the Wm. Beaumont General Hospital on 27 January. *Elliot* is stationed at Las Cruces, N. M.—*Bill Callan* married Lt. *Marie Hunt Baylies*, A.N.C., on 7 February in the Post Chapel at Ft. Meyer. *Del Perkins* and *R. J. Davenport* were the ushers for *Bill*.

*Jon Vordermark* has been transferred from the 82d Airborne to A.F. Special Weapons Project at Sandia Base, Albuquerque, N. M. *Tom Elgin* is now assigned to the 2d Engineer Special Brigade at Ft. Worden, Wash. *Wally* and *Mary Jean Potter* announce the birth of a daughter on the 20th of January, born at the Yokohama Air Force Base Hospital in Japan. *Bill McKenzie* has been transferred from Savannah, Ga. to Clark Hill Dam, Augusta, Ga. *George Moe* has orders sending him from Ft. Riley to the Post Graduate School, U.S.N.A., Annapolis, for a 9 months course in Radiological Engineering, starting in July. *Don Jalbert* is going from the Det. of Patients, *Murphy General Hospital*, Waltham, Mass. to the 2d Rocket F.A. Battalion, Ft. Sill. *Bill Brabson* has been assigned to the Student Det., Arty. School, Ft. Sill upon his return from the Far East, to report not later than 25 August '48. *Johnny Cobb* will remain at Ft. Bliss in 1st Guided Missile Bn. after he completes the course there in June. *Red Aldrich* (ex-'43) was retired as a captain at Washington, D. C. on the 29th of February. *Don Jalbert*, having left the hospital at Waltham, Mass. for Ft. Sill, is transferred to Univ. of Puerto Rico for duty with R.O.T.C. *Steve Brown* is transferred from Sedalia, Mo. to Maryville, Mo. as an instructor with the Missouri N.G.

More additions to the class: *Ruth* and *Wilkie Wilkinson* have a new daughter, *Anne Fontaine*, born 4 Jan-

uary at Charleston, S. C. And *Stukie* and *Cam Stevens* have a son, born the 3d of March at Ann Arbor, Mich. *Stukie* is preserving the name, giving his son the name *Burrows G., III*. *Stukie* is now at school at Michigan studying automotive engineering.—*Bob Campbell* has been detailed to the 98th F.A. Bn at Fort Bragg. More classmates who have decided to give up the bachelor existence—*Hank Morgan*, on 26 December, married *Miss Evelyn Higgins* in Washington, D. C. *Hank* met *Evelyn* in Germany during the war where she was a war worker. Both are back in Germany now. And *Keith Pigg*, on 24 December, married *Miss Patricia Elizabeth McKay* of Greenwich, Conn. *Bruce Koch* was best man. *Austin Canning* married *Miss Marie Helena Tirrell* on 27 December at Easton, Pa., the bride's home town. The newlyweds departed for the wide open spaces of Texas after the wedding. *Clark Baldwin* is engaged to *Miss Bettie Powell Rodes*, the engagement having been announced at a party in Berlin, Germany at the home of Col. *Rodes*, the father of *Bettie*. *Clark* is taking a course in Russian at Oberammergau. Another of the gang engaged is *Al Burdette*, who is engaged to *Miss Antoinette Norwood Sallee*, the engagement having been announced at Asheville, N. C., the home of *Miss Sallee*.

*Mark* and *Jane Boatner* send us word of the birth of their second child, a girl, *Stirling*, born on January 17 at Fort Meyer. This makes a pair for *Mark* and *Jane*, their first having been a boy. They also tell us that *Willie Cover* is back in the States and is being married in St. Paul. *Willie* was married by proxy in Japan, but his wife *Cecile* never got over there, so they're doing it over again, this time in person. *Bud* and *Jane Holderness* sent us the news of the birth of a daughter, *Joanne*, born 3 February.

In the letter from *Danny Cullinane* from Japan, mentioned earlier in the column, he tells us of the assignment of *Bitter Bill Spahr*, who is now in the G-2 Section of the 24th Corps. *Bill* and his family are due for the States in the Summer or early Fall but *Bill* has no knowledge of his future assignment. *Ernie Boruski*, who is now President of the Multi-Mold Products in New York, writes of a program recently given in New York by a *Miss Ludmilla Berkwic*, a concert pianist who during the war was a forced laborer under the Nazis. She dedicated her program, at *Ernie's* request to the members of our class killed during the war.

Had a good letter from *Dave Galas*, who is now at Scott Field, Ill. after having finished a year of study at the University of Ill. *Dave* is in the Technical Division Hq. at Scott. Others with *Dave* at the University were *Lee Hudson*, *Mike Beckett*, and *Al Shieley*, all of whom are now at Wright Field. *Dave* also tells us in his letter that he is scheduled to attend Tac School at Panama City, Fla. in May.

That about does it for this time, gang. But let us hear from all of you as often as possible. And above all don't forget our fifth reunion this June Week. Send in your applications, and be ready for a huge time. And in

addition to the festivities already mentioned in this issue there will be a hen party for the wives while the men have the stag party.

—R. M. S. and Lee H.

## 1944

Unfortunately this will be briefer than usual due to lack of info on the gang. Letters have been almost nil during the Gloom Period at West Point. How can we carry on without your support gang? Start the letters flooding in so that the June issue will be readable.

A few marriages have transpired since the last issue, so let's start with them. *Don Gruenther* and *Brigitta Czernick* of Salzburg were married in February in Washington. *Don* is studying electronics at Penn. *Bill Spalding* and *Margie Wahl* joined hands here at the Point in December. *Bill* is located at Ft. Belvoir. *Frank McArdle* and *Margie Asbell* were married up in Boston in January, *Frank* is living in N.Y.C. at 349 West 87th St. *Otto Steinhardt* and *Mary Weber* were married at Rochester in December. *Otto* is located at Belvoir. *Jim White* and *Marian Grant* made their vows in Washington also in December, where they are now living. *Steve Farris* and *Jean Smith* walked the aisle in December. They're now out at Selfridge Field. *Bob Day* and *Margie Solomon*, sister of our own *Scott*, were married in Providence in January. *Bob* is at M.I.T. doing a little graduate work. Last but not least, *Bob Dart* and *Jeanne Nestler* joined forces in New Rochelle in February. *Bob* is out at Ft. Sill. Our best go to all the gang above.

Two engagements are noted: *Bev Snow* and *True Chapman* of Middletown, N. Y.; and *Eugene Steffes* and *Lucille Grover*. *Bev* is located in Albuquerque; *Stef* is in Tokyo.

*Bob Pearce's* wife presented him with a set of twins here at West Point during the first week in March—a boy and a girl. *Bob* is studying at N.Y.U. where he will finish this June. *Johnny Eisenhower* is at Columbia for a brief course until June after which he'll teach English here.

*Phil Barnes* sent in some dope from Albuquerque listing those who are there and the number of children they have. You bachelors will have to get busy. *Phil* has a boy and a girl. *Charlie Steel* has two; *Al Bethel* two; *Jack Cushman* one; *Ed O'Donnell* one; *Bryan Leeper* none; *Andy Keller* two; *Jack Irvine* two; *Don Ingram* none; *Al Brooks* one; *Al Weston* one; *Jack Kimball* one; the following are all single, *Joe Hale*; *Johnny Carlson*; *Kermit Lindell*; *Keith Eiler*; *Ernie Graves*; *Ken Cooper* and *Bob Nixon*. So far, I believe top honors go to *Jellyroll Pearce* with three. Do I hear from any other corners???

*Bob Wessels* wrote in from the Antilles where he and *Jerry* are enjoying life. Down there with him are *Joe Phillips* and bride. *Joe Petrone* is Commissary Officer at Fort Brooke. *Nick Fuller* has moved to Baranquilla, Colombia. *Bob Martin* is at Losey Field, P. R. Thanks, *Bob*.

*George A. Brown* wrote in just in time to make the deadline with the

following good poop: He and *John Boning* are located at Salina, Kansas. John's married but George is still resisting all temptation strongly. George relates that most of the Air Corps gang stationed on Guam, Okinawa and in the Philippines have returned home or are on the way. *Gene Callaghan* is at McChord Field, Washington. *Larry Clayton* and *P. J. Hamm* have been assigned to Fort Worth, Texas—7th Bomb Wing. *George Ingersoll* and *Al Norton* are flying out of Tucson, Ariz. *Ted Gervais* has been sent to Goodfellow Field, Tex. *Bill Humma* has transferred to the Field Artillery and will probably end up at Sill. Also returned but with new stations unknown are *McElvey*, *Bill Milnor*, *Bill Bingham*, *Shady Lamp*, *Chuck Sampson*, and *Peugh*. *Algermissen*, *Barney Sohn* and *Phil Toon* were on the ship with George returning to the States. *Buzz Barnett* is slated to return in February and is probably home by now. *Hammond*, *Sullivan*, and *Courtney* remained on Guam as volunteers for a few more months of service there. *Danny Lee* was slated for immediate return due to a blood clot condition. *Bill Bradley* and *Polly* remained behind until arrival of their child. *Bill Steger*, *Lu Armstrong*, *Bill Walters* and *Wally Moore* have returned from Okinawa. Thanks, George, for the good letter.

*Hal DeArment* sent in a birth announcement in time to make our deadline—*Roderick Allen* born 3 March. That makes two boys for the Tank. Tank and Betty are at Sill. *Jim* and *Mickey Giles* are at Osaka, Japan. *Ace* and *Ronnie Harper* are crazy about their post at Presidio, San Fran. *Ace* bumped into *Boodler* and *Margorie Richards* in the commissary out there. The latter were married here at the Point, January 10th. *Art Nelson* dropped in at Usmay for a couple of days while on leave. He's on the military mission to the Honduras. *John Peterson*, now down at Aberdeen in the Advanced Course, will be teaching Ordnance here next year. *Dave* and *Madi Zillmer* wrote from Benning that *George Tuttle* was down there recently. *Bob Zott* was around for the Army-Navy basketball game. *Bob* is at Mitchel Field where he ran into *Kris Klinge* recently. *Kris* is still studying Petroleum Engineering.

That's all the outside news for the present. Next deadline is about May 15th. Get the poop in!!! *Johnny Donaldson* and I are still holding the Fort in the Language Department. Look us up when you're up this way. I'm due to leave here in June—where to is still the big question. John is still batching it, making all the hearts throb between here and New York.

—Hi Ely.

## 1945

Without question this issue is dominated by the news of homecoming. The boys are shipping home in droves as the months pass by. Most are happy to be back in spite of the trial of finding that shiny new car and combating the high cost of living. Assignments in the States are as varied as only the Army can make them, run-

ning from troop training to technical schooling.

*Dick Armstrong* and *Ginny* spent a few weeks of March in New York after returning from Japan. Their next assignment is at Fort Lewis, Washington.

*George Benson* and family were in New York the last of February. They have a third party, *Bonnie Marie*, born November 4. The Bensons have orders for duty at Fort Benning.

At Fort Dix, N. J. training recruits with the 9th Inf. are *Woodward*, *Hankins*, *Mahan*, and *Nerdahl*. *Carl* and *Phoebe Nerdahl* have two children. The first is a girl, *Carlyle*, born June 23, 1946 and the latest is a boy, *Francis Dunham Van Stone*, born February 11, 1948. Both children were born in New York City.

Home from the Pacific and stationed in Texas are the following: *J. C. Thayer* at Fort Worth with the 492nd Bomb Sqd. along with *Dave Crockett*, *Snow* at Ft. Worth as Staff Provost Marshal with 8th A.F., *Sam Westervelt* and *Lindsay* at Randolph.

*Rafalko* is with the 43d Wing at Tucson and *Catron*, *Holtze*, and *Lavrence* are at San Angelo. *Sherwood* is stationed at Cleveland with the 11th A.F. *Harmeling* will be with the 3d Armored at Fort Knox.

Home from Okinawa have come: *Bill* and *Gloria Moran* who left early in December because their quarters were destroyed by fire, *Eckstrom* and *Ruth* with their wives, *Knight*, *Van Matre*, *Hearin*, *Babin*, and *Storb*. From P.I. have come *J. T. Root* and his wife. The future assignments of this group are unknown.

*Luther Campbell*, back from Japan, is now going to school at Syracuse University, N. Y. *Luther* is assigned at Syracuse to study public administration. *Rutledge* is now spending his leave at Fort Kilmer where his parents are stationed. He returned from Guam and has not as yet received his future assignment.

*Tom Fitzpatrick* married *Gabrielle Herman* of Chicago at Kokura, Japan, January 10. The newlyweds returned to the States in February on leave subsequent to reporting for duty at Fort Lewis. *Gabrielle* was with the Red Cross in Japan and *Tom* was with the 24th Div. as aide to General *Smith*. Also fresh from Japan is *Leonard Humphreys* who took a wife upon his arrival in the States. *Leonard* married *Sally Burgess* at Troy, N. Y., February 9. The couple spent their honeymoon in Bermuda before reporting to duty at Fort Meade.

*Kitch Josey* was married at Fort Sam Houston February 7 to *Roberta Linnell Bruce*. *Josey* met his wife in Japan where her father commanded the 7th Div. Ushers at the wedding were *Henshaw*, *Hoge*, and *Hutchinson*. The couple will be stationed at West Point. *Jim Patchell* married *Barbara Benton* of Honolulu on January 2, at Fifth Army H.Q. Chapel in Chicago. *Patch* recently returned from duty at Seoul, Korea and is presently unassigned.

Returned from E.T.O., *Jim Morris* married *Mary Wofford* at Cartersville, Ga., January 19. Their future assignment is unknown. Back from Ger-

many, *Stewart Stabley* married *Nancy Ione Emig*. The marriage took place in Allentown, Pa., December 20. *Stewart* and *Nancy* will be stationed at Turner Field, Ga.

*Bill Ochs* took a wife in Trieste on February 28. *Mrs. Ochs* is the former *Elizabeth Ridgely Gaither*, daughter of the Military Governor of Trieste. At present *Bill* is aide to the Governor. At *Karl Theodorstrasse*, Rottach, Germany, *Jim Graham* married *Louise Melan Nystom* on the 14th of December. *Roy Farley* married *Audrey Lee Harlow* at Stuttgart, Germany on November 27. The couple spent their honeymoon in Switzerland, thereupon returning to Stuttgart where *Roy* is on duty with the C.I.C. *Audrey* is the daughter of Colonel *Harlow*, Military Governor of Stuttgart. *Harold Hogan* and *Eunice Marie Reinhalter* of Boston were married at Boston December 27. The couple vacationed at the Chateau Frontenac, Quebec before *Harold* returned to duty with the Constabulary at Augsburg, Germany where *Eunice* will join him later. A June wedding in Germany is slated for *Vernon Smith* and *Hazel Ohrle*. *Vernon* is stationed in Frankfurt-on-the-Main where *Hazel* is associated with the U.S. Embassy.

*Bob English* is assigned to the American Embassy at Athens, Greece as Assistant Air Attaché. *Ruddy Dworshak* and *Robinson* are with the 1st Con. Sqd. in Karlsruhe, Germany. *Rudy* just returned from a short leave in the States. *Rinearson*, *Favret*, and *Willy Walker* are with the 14th Con. Sqd. in Stuttgart. *Favret* and *Walker* are returning to the States on leave. At Schwaebisch Hall, Germany are the *Ken Ladensohns* assigned to the 15th Con. Sqd. *Jean* and *Ken* have a girl, *Sydney Lee*, born June 1947 at Stuttgart, Germany. *Ken* hopes that they will be returning to the States in October.

Back in the Pacific we have word of the wedding of *Dick Carnes* and *Joan Louise Murphy* at Kobe Air Base, on December 18. Best man at the wedding was *Harry Amos* and six other '45ers (unnamed) were ushers. The ceremony was complete with cross sabers and an M-7 mobile mount for their conveyance from the church. After a short trip through Japan the couple returned to Nara where *Dick* is stationed with the 90th F.A.

*Sam Scarborough* has recently been appointed C.O. of the 8100 and 8102 Service Detachments at H.Q., P.I.-Ryukus Command in Manila. *Sam* has been on the P.I. since the Fall of '45 where in June of '47 he was appointed Ex. of the same unit he is now commanding.

From Japan comes announcement of the following births:

To *John McKerlie* and wife, *Helen Marie* December 5, at Tokyo.

To *Bill Collins* and wife, *Robert Bruce*, at Sendai.

To *Shirley* and *Bates Burnell*, *Bates Cavanaugh, Jr.*, September 12, at Fukuoka.

*Dale Earnest Lockard, Jr.* was born January 11 at West Point where the *Lockards* are now stationed.

—George Lenfest.

## 1946

Reported to be in Albuquerque at latest report: *Jim Carbine, Bill Clapp* and his wife, *Clyde* and *Marge Deniston, Jack Donahue* and wife, *George* and *Pete Dorman, Cucho Felices, Frank Hamilton, Ed* and *Ethel Harris, Bill Jenkins, Billy Mason, Lee* and *Scotty McGregor, Bill McKay* and his wife, *Ann* and *Max Minor, John* and *Connie Molchan, Al Nemitz, Dave* and *Doris Newman, Jim Paschall, Jack Richards, John* and *Elza Schmidt, Bob* and *Doris Stephenson, Don* and *Jean Stewart, Bub Wells* and his wife, and the *Whitfields*.

At Mile 26 Alaska, 341st Bomb. Sq., 97th Bomb. Gp are *Chuck Brosius, Ken Chapman, Marty Colladay, Si Hunt, Toby Reed,* and *Bob Tribolet*. This group up in Alaska was due to return to the States in March 1948.

With the 1st Cav. Div. Arty., 50 miles north of Tokyo, are *Marty Feldman, Steve Pagano,* and *Glenn Smith*. The following are with the 24th or 25th Divisions south of Tokyo: *Bob Cramer, Bert David, Ralph Davis, Debow Freed,* and *Lou Roberts*. Here is a group last reported to be at Wheeler Field, Hawaii: *Wally* and *Ruth Burnside, Johnny* and *Patty Castle, Hobey Gay, Bill* and *Caroline Gordon, Tad Skladzien,* and *Stan Welsh*. Somewhere in the Pacific area you can find *Bob* and *Jo Clemenson*.

Marriages—*Bobby Dobbs* sometime early last summer; *William J. Evans* and *Bette Lemon* on 15 November '47 at Long Beach, Cal.; *Philip H. Fryberger* and *Janet Eastburn* of Phila. on 6 December '47 at Shawe Field; *Bill McKay* was married in his home town of Vicksburg on 8 November '47; and *Joe McKinney* and wife *Barbara* in Wichita, Kansas on 3 May '47. The *McKinneys* are at Mile 26 in Alaska.

*Jere Whittington*, now with the 11th Airborne out in Hachinohe, Japan, got married last April '47 to *Peggy Hendricks*. *Peggy* expected to join her husband in March of this year. *Jere* left for Japan last July after completing his training at Benning. Before leaving the states *Peggy* taught school in her home town of Kilgore, Texas.

Here is some news for all those who have not heard it. *Ed Brechwald* and his wife *Bobby* are the proud parents of twins, a boy and a girl. At last report *Ed* was at MacDill Field, Tampa. *Carnwright's* wife gave birth to a girl in October '47. For *Jim* and *Ann Furuholmen*, a daughter *Ruth Ann* was born on 26 October '47 at Fort Jackson Hospital, Shawe Field, S. C.

*Lee* and *Scotty McGregor* have a daughter, *Susan Lee*. Known to have boys are *Ralph* and *Lucille Meola, Ann* and *Max Minor, Dave* and *Doris Newman,* and *Milt* and *Dojean Sherman*. For *Charlie* and *Fran Parsons* a girl, *Judy*, was born 25 November '47 at Fort Jackson Hospital. *Bob* and *Barbara Tribolet* are parents for *Susan*, born 18 February '47. *Tony* and *Irene Wesolowski* have a daughter *Veronica* born 26 September '47. The entire family is now over in Germany.

*Buz* and *Jane Wilcox* have a boy. *Wilcox* is in Manila as pilot for *Col. Baisley* in a B-17. *Nancy* and *Kirk Williams* have a daughter and at last

report were at MacDill Field, Tampa. *Bill Withers* and wife *Jackie* had a baby girl in October '47. *Bill Wright* became a papa to a daughter on Thanksgiving Day last.

It seems that *Buck Beyer* has not changed a bit. He is reported to have had quite a Christmas holiday spree. *Everitt Christensen* is supposed to be schooling at a school in Nome. He left MacDill Field. Found this announcement in my home town paper while home for Christmas. *Harold DeMoya* is now engaged to *Miss Shirley Ann Watkins* of Columbus, Ga. *DeMoya* is now with the 27th Constabulary in Darmstadt, Germany.

From *Al Futrell* I got three very informative letters—that is what I really call tops in reporting. It seems that back in late December he left Korea for Hawaii to put in some temporary duty which is now over. *Al's* wife *Kitty* joined him in Hawaii for what he called their second honeymoon; they apparently enjoyed it enough to be convinced that they must return to that wonderful island again sometime.

On the way to Hawaii *Futrell* had a stop at Tokyo where he met several members of the All-Korea football team which played the All-Japan team on New Year's Day. They were *Dick Bresnahan*, line coach; *Shep Booth*, backfield coach; *Jack Gayle*, end coach; and *Bob Chabot* starring you know where. It certainly seems that all the oldtimers of '46 are still in there fighting. *Futrell* himself is coaching the All-Korea boxing squad. Also in Tokyo, *Al* found *Ace Parker* in the P.X. unaffected by everything and thoroughly enjoying himself in Japan.

At the Lou Gehrig Stadium in Yokohama on New Year's Day *Al* met *Dan Moriarty, Bill Prestidge, J. S. Elliott, Elmo Cunningham, Phil Farris* and some boys from '45. According to reports Japan is a pretty fair place to serve. On the same plane with *Futrell* going east was *Harold Horne*. This letter was written in early January.

In Guam, *Futrell* found *Luke Andrews, Jim Inskeep, Ed Jones, Ralph Meola,* and *Ben Williams*. They had a wonderful reunion and a good time. All of these men except *Andrews* are with a truck company. On return to Tokyo *Al* met *Tom Constant* and *Minor Kelso* going to the Hokaido region of Japan for 30 days temporary duty to participate in the inter-command ski-meet. *John Byrne* and *George Bailey* are also up there. *Al* met *Fred Hickey* waiting in Tokyo for a ride home on emergency leave to see his wife who is seriously ill. As *Al* said, "we sincerely hope for the best for her"

While in Hawaii *Al* met *Bill Simpson, Ray Thayer* and *Stan Welsh*. *Ray* was going through swimming tryouts for the Olympics while *Bill* and *Stan* are stationed there. On the famous Waikiki Beach were seen *Ralph Davis* and *Rex Sheffield*. *Ralph's* wife was with him as he was on a 30 day leave from Korea. On Saturday night 17 January a large crowd of '46 men plus

two men of '45 (*Bill Glynn* and *Hap Adams*) had a big party at Schofield Barracks Officers Club where *Kitty* and *Al* were staying. Since then *Pat Thayer* has joined *Ray, Al* has returned to Korea, and *Kitty* is staying in Hawaii either to go later to Korea or return to the States if *Al* does the same.

Known to be in Korea are *Buck Beyer, Shep Booth, Benny Boyd, Bob Bradley, Dick Bresnahan, Bob Chabot, Jack Gayle, Sully Johnson, John Nance, Joe Park, Bill Shelton,* and *Al Wood*.

Latest Hot Poop!! *Futrell* is now Aide-de-Camp for General Shoe, Commanding General of Korea Base Camp. As soon as *Al* returned from Hawaii he was rushed to his old base for the necessary rapid packing to make the move. Good luck *Al!* *Al's* address now: Hq. K.B.C., A.P.O. No. 901, c/o P.M., San Francisco.

Latest engagement news — from Korea. *Benny Boyd* to *Ellie Brown*, a radio announcer in the station at Pusan, where *Benny* is stationed. They plan on becoming Lt. and Mrs. after both return to the States. *Futrell* says—"a wise choice for she is a very lovely and fine girl!"

*Pete Grosz* is in Japan, as are *Charlie Hall* and *Ralph Starnner*, who are with the 11th Airborne. An engagement announcement with wedding plans to follow has been sent to me by *Hal E. Hallgren's* mother. He is engaged to *Miss Betty Gage* of Cold Springs, Oklahoma. At present *Hal* is in the European theater.

*Hutto* was down at Tyndall Field, Panama City, Florida with the class of '47B for his Air Tactical School course. It seems that *Paul Kelley* and *John Byrne* were transferred from Guam to Korea.

Received a nice Christmas card from *Steve Matejoy* out in Korea. He said it isn't so bad as one might imagine. Also received cards from *Fee Hardin* and *W. F. Joffron* both of the 68th Const. Sq., 2 Const. Regt. *Bill's* card was made up especially for his unit. *Gene Melo* is now at Williams Field in Phoenix, Arizona. He's still grounded, but expected to take a final physical in March to see if he can fly again. Our boy *Wes Posvar* returned last December from Cleveland where he met the Oxford Rhodes Scholarship Committee and was approved. He doesn't know yet when he is going across, but he is going.

In a letter from *Earl Poytress*, written while at Eglin Field, he says he happened to run into *Al Temple* and *Lou Crevling*, who are stationed there and are working in the Climatic Hangar. Also he saw *Dick White* doing some tests with his P-80. *Dick* is normally at Selfridge Field. *Earl* mentioned that *Joe Lusk* and a few others were out at Merced, Cal. with B-29's after transfer to sunny Cal. from MacDill Field, Tampa. *Poytress* has as a home station Fort Worth and along with him are *Lou Allen, Bowers, Carnwright, Harper, Hlivosky, Horton, Jernigan, MacWilliams, Sam Smith, Bill Withers, Bill Wright,* and *Zeh*. It seems that our Air Corps classmates

have really been seeing the world. According to Earl various squadrons out of Ft. Worth have gone to Japan, Germany and Alaska. While in Alaska it seems that fishing is a very good attraction, plus a few other things; naturally, that is only what I have heard.

*Charlie* and *Ruth Ruggiero* are in San Antonio. He has some type of ground duty job, which I believe is that of Mess Officer. *John R. Steele* who did refueling for the Cleveland Air Race was killed in December '47 in a P-80 crash. For myself and the entire class I extend our sympathy to his parents and friends. *Don Stewart* was hit in the face by a prop some time ago; fortunately, no scars are left and he is back to duty.

*Walt Frankland* wrote a letter back in late December that I finally received after it followed me around the country awhile. He gave me some interesting news for the rest of you. He is with the 24th Division in Sasebo, Kyushu. *Walt, Hobson, and Orth* are with "I" Co. of the 34th Regt. *Colaw* is in "K" Co. *Chuck Fitzgerald* and *Don Adair* are with "L" Co. *Dick Patterson* is with "C" Co. (I see that *Dick* hasn't changed much having been in C-2 back at U.S.M.A.). He also put in some hospital time at Osaka but is now back to duty. It seems that *Walt's* unit was apparently going to be deactivated, so I can't say that they are still in the same outfits. They seem to be quite comfortable having all the recreational facilities that they could expect. The married men, *Adair, Colaw, Fitz, and Walt* expected their wives in March so I imagine all are very happy by now.

*Frankland* and *Fitz* have been over since 21 June '47, then *Pat* arrived six days later. No more new faces arrived until one day while on the range two paratrooper 2nd Johns reported to *Walt*; they were none other than *Colaw* and *Hobson* straight from *Benning*. *Friend Frankland* showed them the ropes and then left them with the range. In October *Orth* arrived from the 11th A.B. where he had received his jump wings. Apparently *Hobson* has already taken over the Regt. I.&R. Platoon so that he can look over the islands off southern and western Kyushu during the cold winter months.

Down in *Kumamoto*, 21st Regt., are *Pardue, Crizer* (coaching Div. basketball), *Bentz, Barrett, Callahan, Papajohn, Rioux*, and others. At *Bepu* with the 19th are *Barlow* and *Byron Green*. *Flaherty* and *Book*, 19th, are at Div. school center with school troops. Seen by *Frankland* with 76th A.A.A. Auto Wpns., 138th A.A.A. Group in *Yokohama* last October were *Moriarty, Ghrist, and Phil Farris*. At *Camp Hakata* with Div. Arty you can find *Steve Conner, E. J. Morgan*, and *George Muir*.

To all the wives I wish to direct this information. If you are reluctant to write me news or would rather write to a girl I have received the able assistance of *Mrs. Barbara Tribolet* at Box 849, *New Canaan, Conn.*, c/o *Stockmar*. Please send any news of your husbands or other classmates and their wives to *Barbara* or to me and we

will see that it gets printed in the *Assembly* following receipt of the news.

I am sure that most if not all of the class realizes that we are getting promotions to First Lieutenant right and left. I have no idea of all those receiving their promotions but I offer my own and everyone else's congratulations. Keep up the good work.

I once before asked the civilian components of our class to write me and let us all in on their doings, again I ask for that news. I realize I have received a few letters from these people but there are still others that we would like to hear from. That request for news goes to all those in the ranks too, I can't make up the news you know. If I could get more letters like those received this past trip I could fill *Assembly* with news of the class of 1946. Thanks to all my reporters.

—S. E. H. F.

## 1947

*Business* has picked up considerably in the letter writing department since the last issue so that there is plenty of poop to pass out this month.

First, the Department of Marriages and Engagements. A letter from *Jack Roy* says: "I married *Frances Cloninger* of *Vernon, Texas* June 30th and since then I have been attending the University of Texas, studying Petroleum Engineering. More news I thought you would like to know is that *Jack Faith* and *Jill Vause* both of *Rockford, Illinois* were married December 27th in *Rockford*". *Jack's* address is 515 Fountain Terrace, *Austin, Texas*. *William Lloyd Webb* married *Muriel Emma Hinson* on December 27th in *Orange, New Jersey*. *Selby Francis Little* married *Ann Stone-metz* on December 22nd at the Cadet Chapel. *William B. Cronin* married *Nancy Combs* (no date available). *Woody Mahowald* and *Leonore Tucker* announced their engagement on December 30th. *Art Coates* and *Joyce Carol Walsh* announced their engagement on January 4th. *William S. Lawton* and *Peggy Freeland* announced their engagement on January 21st. *J. R. Lilley* and *Animee I. Caldwell* were married November 7th in *San Antonio*. *M. W. Anderson* and *Margaret Veronica Boyle* announced their engagement on January 30th.

A letter from *Dick Yates* gives us the latest on those in the Armored School. Classmates out in *Fort Knox* include *Joe Addison, John Gaddie, Jim Bushnell, J. J. Sullivan, Jack Reese, Bob Baer, Jim Cosgrove, Megger Haig, Burner, Don Burton, Willy Clark, Jack Dunham, Jim Edington, Jack Faith, Bill Grant, George Lynn, Bill Mahlum, Bill McGee, Bob McNeil, Hal Richardson, Don Schnepf, Dick Sforzini, Bill Smith, Frank Taylor, and Bill Webb*. *Ug Fuson, Bill West, Haig* and *Faith* were all on the *Riley Centaurs* (football team) with *West* being voted the most valuable player on the team. *Yates* finishes his let-

ter by saying that they are getting a pretty good deal at *Knox* and that they are enjoying life in "the only ground force branch". Also that 28 of the Armored boys will go to *Europe* and 17 to *Yokohama* with shipment sometime in *July*. *Bill Grant* sent me a note saying that he married *Jeanette Honchell* of *Columbus, Ohio* on *December 28th*.

*Buck Fernandez* chipped in with an informative letter from *Randolph Field*. The "fly-boys" started off their training in *AT-6D's*, which they looked at with a healthy respect after *Stewart Field* days. They finished their Primary (now called Phase 1) around the 1st of *March* with almost all completing the course successfully. Those who were eliminated; *Frank Perry, John Lowry, Jack Mallory, Bob Kettner, John Lerohl, and Earle Bathurst* were sent to *Lackland* to serve as training officers. Some of the men who selected *Air Forces Administration* have switched over to flying and started their Phase 1 around the 1st of *March*. That group includes *Milt Bellovin, Bob Ehrlich, Jim Ryan, Milt Chamberlin, Jack Coyne* and *Dick Jarvis*—who is just getting started due to an operation. He, *Buck*, goes on to say that they are all tremendously happy flying and that they will start their cross-country flights soon.

*Einar Lundy* wrote in from *Andrews Field* in *Washington, D. C.* to pass on information about the men in the Strategic Air Command. *Einar* is working in *Statistical Control* in the *S.A.C.* while *Frank Lammatina* and *George Goldsborough* are attached to *Andrews Field* but are attending college at *Georgetown U.* and *George Washington U.* *Gerry Wojciehoski* is in *Air Installations* in the *Fighter Wing* at *Andrews*, while *Fred Jacoby* is doing *Intelligence* work in the same outfit. *J. J. Murphy* is *Personnel Officer* at *Selfridge Field*. At *MacDill Field* *J. L. Kennedy, H. C. Larsen, J. F. Pierce, C. E. Shields, L. R. Stevens, J. E. Mock, R. E. Keck, and C. G. Zimmer* are all *Adjutants*, with *A. L. Hudgins* an *aircraft maintenance officer*.

At *Selfridge Field* *R. M. Ehrlich, C. W. Hill, W. E. Johnson* and *H. R. Kain* are *Adjutants*, with *J. E. Ryan* a *Special Service Officer* and *M. J. Chamberlin* a *Supply Officer*. At *Carswell A.F. Base* in *Fort Worth*, *Eg Cofield* is an *Intelligence Officer* and *E. G. Hightower* is an *Adjutant*.

*Al Geraci*, the tennis pro when the *Area* didn't beckon, wrote me about the men in the *Signal School* at *Fort Monmouth*. *G. G. Kent* is, of course, having the time of his life with all the radar transmitters, oscilloscopes, etc., practically forcing him out of his room. Also at *Monmouth* are *Grossman, Hoover, Mattern, Hill, and Hutchinson*. *Al* is taking flying lessons on the side and also has just received his amateur radio license (*W2WWU*).

Thanks for all the letters and keep them coming. Also, when you send in an engagement or wedding announcement, please include the gal's name—we like to know that too, you know.

—D. L. Tate.

# DOWN THE FIELD

By JOE CAHILL

## SPRING SEASON

With each of its five teams competing in either league or championship play, the U.S. Military Academy's spring season stands out as one of its busiest in recent years. Including J.V. and Plebe activity, a total of 126 contests in baseball, track, lacrosse, golf and tennis are listed in the comprehensive schedule released by Colonel Lawrence McC. (Biff) Jones, Graduate Manager of Athletics.

The Cadet thinclads are the first to taste championship competition, vying for honors in the Penn Relays on April 24th. On May 15th, they will defend their Heptagonal Championship won at Boston last March. This meet will be staged on the banks of the Hudson for the first time.

Under the tutelage of its new coach Dennis Lavender, the golf team will highlight its six match schedule by competing in the Eastern Intercollegiate Tournament at Pittsburgh on May 8th. Lacrosse and Tennis will remain in their respective conferences this year.

For the first time, the baseball team will be gunning for the E.I.B.A. diamond diadem. Despite adverse weather conditions, some thirty candidates have been going through preliminary batting and battery drills in the cage erected in the field house where the Brooklyn Dodgers prepped for the pennant races of 1943 through 1947.

The cadets, who with Navy and Brown, joined the Ivy circuit at the conclusion of last season, face an ambitious thirty-game schedule including nine league contests. All but five games will be played at Doubleday Field at West Point. In their only trips away, the Cadets will play Columbia, Princeton, Dartmouth, Yale and the traditional finale with Navy at Annapolis.

Annually one of the highlights of the home season, the New York Giants will make their exhibition stop here on April 19th, the day before the National League inaugural at the Polo Grounds.

With a nucleus of eight lettermen, six of whom were regulars last spring, Paul Amen, coach, now in his sixth season at West Point, will be primarily concerned with seeking adequate replacements to fill the gaps at second, third and centerfield.

Especially difficult to replace will be Glenn Davis, leading batter and base runner, who covered centerfield like a tent during the past four years. Tom Lobe, regular second baseman, is hors de combat with a shoulder injury, and is not being counted on for service at this writing. The hot corner where the Cadets were weakest last season is still a question mark, although lanky Rees Jones, infielder from Atlanta, may adequately fill the bill. With these exceptions, Amen will field the same team that won seventeen and lost one in 1947.

Hold-overs include Jim Irons, catcher, Arnold Galiffa, first base, Dick Wagner, short, Norman Robinson, right field, and Larry Ogden, left field.

The pitching outlook is bright with both Roger Conover and Jack Mackmull, a pair of right handers and the team's leading twirlers last year, back in the fold. Conover, who finished with a won nine lost one record is considered the ace of the staff. Combining a good curve with a blinding fast ball, he was a steady, effective performer throughout the past two campaigns. Used as utility infielder and outfielder when he wasn't on the mound in 1947, Mackmull will concentrate on his pitching chores only this year.

## WINTER ROUND-UP

The track team winners of the Heptagonal Winter games in Boston will be a favorite to repeat in the outdoor championships here on May 15th, the feature event of the home campaign.

In winning the championship in the Hub City, Army compiled a total of 48 points. However, the only two titlists were John Hammack in the 600 and Winfield Scott, who won the broad jump with a 23 feet 9½ inch leap. Four second places were recorded by George Sylvester (high hurdles); Bob Graf (high jump); Jim Scholtz (35 pound weight); and the mile relay quartet of Ed Mastaglio,

Charles Kessler, Charles Nash and Hammack, who were edged out by Penn.

Billy Cavanagh's mittmen, with a total of 13 points, finished third in the Eastern Intercollegiate Boxing Association tournament at Charlottesville. Pete Monfore, light heavyweight, who pushed Ralph Shoaf of Virginia to the limit in the 175 pound finale, was voted the entry whose skill, sportsmanship and conduct best perpetuated the ideals of collegiate boxing. It was the first time in history that this honor had been accorded a runner-up. The only other cadet boxer to win this coveted award was Amos Jordan in 1946.

Louis Jamison, captain-elect of the 1949 gymnastic team won the Eastern Intercollegiate championship on the flying rings.

The wrestling team totalled 15 points to win fourth place in the Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling tournament at Bethlehem, Pa. Stan Thevenet, captain and 155 pound contender, won the title at this weight for the second year in a row.

With a team high of 1394, the Army rifle squad won the C.C.N.Y., R.O.T.C. tournament edging out Maryland by three points. The cadet alternate team was third with 1358.

The swimming and hockey teams, having taken their lumps the past few seasons, came through in magnificent fashion. The swimmers captured ten of their thirteen engagements, completing the season with a 39 to 36 win over Navy. The ice sextet enjoyed its most successful season in history winning 11, losing 4 and tying 1.

## SPRING PRACTICE

Another sport very much in the picture around the Plain these spring afternoons is football. Here is the long range picture. With three notable exceptions, we will field virtually the same team that won 5, lost 2 and tied 2 in 1947. All told, a nucleus of twenty-four lettermen will be back in the fold including 9 backs, 5 ends, 5 tackles, 3 guards and 2 centers.

Joe Steffy, out-going captain and a unanimous choice for all-America guard, will leave the biggest gap to fill. Goble Bryant, one of the smartest tackles in college football last season although over-looked by the various all-all committees, is the only other lineman unavailable.

The third exception is Elwyn "Rip" Rowan, the key to the whole Army attack, who will be ineligible for competition, although like Steffy and Bryant, he will still be wearing cadet grey. Rowan, it will be recalled, turned in two of the longest runs from scrimmage in the East in '47. He scooted 92 yards against Navy in the longest sortie from scrimmage ever recorded in the ancient rivalry. His 84 yard dash highlighted the game with Columbia. His ten touchdowns also led the cadets in individual scoring.

As replacements, Coach Earl Blaik, starting his eighth season here, will have to draw mainly on inexperienced players, most of whom never shouldered the responsibility of a starting position.

Promising Plebes include Frank Fischl, Gil Stephenson and Jim Cain in the backfield; Dan Foldberg, brother of Hank, and Jim Cox, ends; and Bruce Ackerson, tackle.

Unexpected developments in the coaching ranks however, are Coach Blaik's principal concern. First Herman Hickman and then Andy Gustafson within a period of two weeks joined the Nation's list of head coaches. They extend to four the list of head coaches groomed by Blaik, Bob Woodruff (Baylor) and Stu Holcomb (Purdue) also departed for greener pastures in the last three years.

The ink on Hickman's Eli contract was still damp when Sidney Gillman was beckoned from the University of Miami in Ohio where he served as head coach since 1914. An outstanding student of the game, Gillman enjoyed an undefeated season in 1947, winning 9, tying 1 and then went on to win the Sun Bowl Game at El Paso. Gillman is a graduate of Ohio State where he played three years at varsity end. In 1933, his last at State, he was co-captain of the Buckeye eleven. Teams that he has coached have never failed to score. Andy's successor has not been picked.

# SPRING SCHEDULES --- 1948

## BASEBALL

- March 31—Hofstra College  
 April 2—Seton Hall College  
 3—U.S. Merchant Marine Academy  
 5—Wagner College  
 7—Wesleyan University  
 9—Rutgers University  
 12—St. John's University  
 14—Manhattan College  
 16—Panzer College  
 17—Swarthmore College  
 19—New York Giants  
 21—Villanova College  
 23—Temple University  
 24—University of Pennsylvania  
 26—Lafayette College  
 28—Williams College  
 30—Columbia University—At New York  
 May 1—Princeton University—At Princeton  
 3—Cornell University  
 5—Colgate University  
 8—Harvard University  
 10—City College of N. Y.  
 12—New York University  
 15—Brown University—At 2:00 P.M.  
 17—Lehigh University  
 21—Dartmouth College—At Hanover  
 22—Yale University—At New Haven  
 24—University of Maryland  
 29—Navy—At Annapolis  
 June 5—Fordham University—At 2:00 P.M.  
 Saturday games at 3:00 P.M., except May 15 and June 5.  
 Other games at 4:00 P.M.

## JUNIOR VARSITY BASEBALL

- May 1—Columbia University J.V.  
 22—Iona College  
 At 3:00 P.M.

## PLEBE BASEBALL

- April 14—Kent School  
 17—Bordentown Military Academy  
 19—Carteret School  
 21—Montclair High School  
 24—Blair Academy  
 26—Caldwell High School  
 28—Dickinson High School  
 May 1—Wyoming Seminary  
 3—Irvington High School  
 5—Valley Forge Military Academy  
 8—Trinity College Freshmen  
 10—Columbia University Freshmen  
 12—Leicester Junior College  
 15—Pennington School  
 17—Henry Snyder High School  
 19—Kearny High School  
 22—Suffield Academy  
 24—Ferris High School  
 26—Hotchkiss School  
 June 2—Upper Classmen  
 Saturday games at 3:00 P.M.  
 Other games at 4:00 P.M.

## GOLF

- April 17—Swarthmore College  
 24—Yale University—At New Haven  
 May 1—Williams College  
 8—Eastern Intercollegiate Golf Championships—At Pittsburgh  
 15—Colgate University  
 22—Amherst College  
 29—Navy—At Annapolis  
 Time: To be announced later.

## LACROSSE

- April 3—Rutgers University  
 10—Mount Washington Club—At Baltimore  
 17—Swarthmore College  
 24—Syracuse University  
 26—Duke University  
 May 1—Johns Hopkins—At Baltimore  
 8—University of Maryland  
 14—University of Virginia  
 15—Penn State College—At 2:00 P.M.  
 22—Princeton University—At Princeton

- 29—Navy—At 3:00 P.M.  
 June 5—Mount Washington Club  
 Saturday games at 2:15 P.M., except 15 May and 29 May.  
 Other games at 3:45 P.M.

## JUNIOR VARSITY LACROSSE

- April 24—St. Paul's School  
 May 1—Rensselaer Polytechnic Inst. J.V.  
 At 2:15 P.M.  
 5—City College of New York J.V.  
 8—Manhasset Alumni Association  
 15—The Bombers  
 22—Princeton University—At Princeton  
 At 4:00 P.M. except 1 May.

## PLEBE LACROSSE

- April 17—Rensselaer Polytechnic Inst. Freshmen  
 24—Deerfield Academy  
 May 1—Montclair Athletic Club  
 —To follow J.V. game  
 5—Stevens Inst. of Technology Freshmen  
 8—Manhasset Alumni Association  
 12—Peekskill Military Academy  
 15—Poly. Prep Country Day School  
 22—Yale Freshmen—At 2:15 P.M.  
 Saturday games at 3:00 P.M., except 1 May and 22 May.  
 Other games at 3:45 P.M.

## TENNIS

- April 3—Harvard University  
 7—Seton Hall College  
 9—Upsala College  
 14—Brooklyn College  
 17—Swarthmore College  
 19—Queens College  
 21—U.S. Merchant Marine Academy  
 23—Princeton University—At Princeton  
 24—Columbia University—At New York  
 26—College of William and Mary  
 28—Williams College  
 May 1—Yale University—At New Haven  
 3—University of North Carolina  
 5—Colgate University  
 8—University of Pennsylvania—At Phila.  
 12—New York University  
 15—Cornell University—At 2:00 P.M.  
 17—Amherst College  
 19—Temple University  
 22—Dartmouth College  
 24—Wesleyan University  
 29—Navy  
 June 5—Fordham University—At 3:00 P.M.  
 Saturday games at 2:30 P.M., except 15 May and 5 June.  
 Other games at 3:15 P.M.

## PLEBE TENNIS

- April 24—Kent School  
 28—Millburn High School  
 May 1—Blair Academy  
 3—Irvington High School  
 5—Valley Forge Military Academy  
 8—Princeton University Freshmen  
 12—Bayonne High School  
 19—Weehawken High School  
 26—Hotchkiss School  
 Saturday games at 2:30 P.M.  
 Other games at 3:15 P.M.

## TRACK

- April 24—Penn Relays—At Philadelphia  
 May 1—Columbia University  
 8—New York University  
 15—Heptagonals  
 —Field events and preliminaries at 2:00 P.M. Finals at 4:00 P.M.  
 22—Rutgers University  
 29—Navy—At Annapolis  
 At 2:00 P.M., except 15 May.

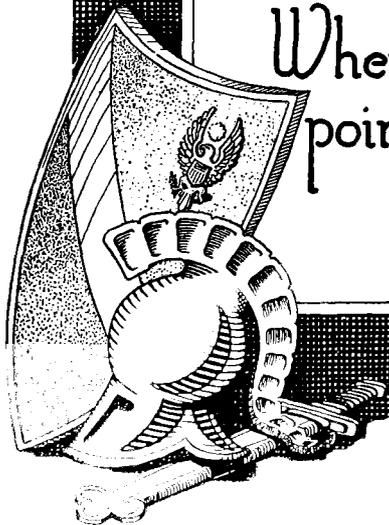
## PLEBE TRACK

- May 5—Kearny High School  
 8—N. Y. University Freshmen—At 2:00 P.M.  
 12—New Haven High School  
 19—Seton Hall College Freshmen  
 28—Plainfield High School  
 At 3:30 P.M. except 8 May.



# *In Memory*

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



*Assembly  
April  
1948*

## “Be Thou At Peace”

	<i>Class</i>	<i>Died</i>	<i>Page</i>
ALMOND, E. M., JR.	JUNE, 1943	MARCH 19, 1945	27
ATKINS, J. A.	1901	APRIL 19, 1917	11
CLARK, P. H.	1905	NOVEMBER 22, 1946	12
CLARK, R. R.	1942	MAY 10, 1911	23
COE, F. W.	1892	MAY 25, 1947	1
COLEMAN, F. H., JR.	1910	JULY 25, 1945	21
COWLES, S. L., JR.	1945	NOVEMBER 17, 1916	32
CROSBY, O. T.	1882	JANUARY 2, 1947	3
DZIUBAN, T. F.	1942	JUNE 18, 1944	23
FITZPATRICK, L. M.	JUNE, 1913	FEBRUARY 16, 1945	28
GANAHL, J.	1927	FEBRUARY 11, 1945	17
GREBLE, E. ST. J., JR.	1909	DECEMBER 31, 1916	13
HARPER, H. P.	JUNE, 1913	DECEMBER 10, 1944	29
HELMIS, G. W.	1897	NOVEMBER 30, 1916	7
JERVEY, J. P.	1892	MARCH 12, 1947	5
KOLB, H. G.	JANUARY, 1943	NOVEMBER 28, 1946	24
LAMBERT, H. L., JR.	JANUARY, 1943	MARCH 29, 1944	25
LOKKER, C. J.	1941	NOVEMBER 20, 1944	22
MCCORNACK, W. H.	1897	MAY 20, 1947	8
MATHESON, J. R. D.	1909	APRIL 10, 1947	14
MILLENER, R. D.	1930	DECEMBER 7, 1911	18
MILLS, B. W.	1915	FEBRUARY 6, 1947	16
MILLS, B. W., JR.	JANUARY, 1943	SEPTEMBER 7, 1944	26
NELSON, R. J.	1919	DECEMBER 15, 1911	16
NEUMANN, M. A.	JANUARY, 1943	MAY 1, 1911	27
OKERBLOOM, P. R.	1939	SEPTEMBER 13, 1946	20
PACKARD, H. B.	1930	JANUARY 27, 1945	19
PARKER, F.	1891	MARCH 13, 1917	6
PARKS, E. K., JR.	JUNE, 1943	JANUARY 27, 1917	30
REYNOLDS, S. C.	1904	JANUARY 10, 1947	11
STABLEIN, M. F.	1910	NOVEMBER 13, 1911	21
STEWART, J. W.	1911	MARCH 30, 1917	11
SUMMERLIN, G. T.	1896	JULY 1, 1947	9

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## Oscar Terry Crosby

NO. 2933 CLASS OF 1882

Died January 2, 1947, at Warrenton, Virginia, aged 85 years.

OSCAR TERRY CROSBY was born in Ponchatoula, Louisiana the day that Fort Sumter was fired upon—April 21, 1861—two antithetical occurrences, for he devoted much time and effort toward the promotion of Peace.

The son of the Rev. George Locke Crosby and Elizabeth Terry Crosby, both of Northern origin, he was brought up in Brookhaven, Mississippi whence he entered the Academy in 1878, being largely self-educated between the ages of 13 and 17. His father, a Methodist minister, having died when Crosby was five, it was incumbent upon the lad to help support his widowed mother, impoverished by the conditions of the Reconstruction period. Thus he could afford to buy only a one way ticket to the Point—had he failed in his examinations, he was prepared to work in the North as a printer's devil.

He arrived a few days ahead of schedule, clad in a Prince Albert lent for the occasion by an older cousin; this caused the First Classmen to query: "Who's that pompous Roman senator in his toga?" On their enquiring as to what his previous condition of servitude had been, quoth he: "I was a slave to Love." And why had he come so early? "I took time by the forelock." This was symptomatic of many of his future ideas and activities. For two reasons he graduated only second in his class—inadequate draughtsmanship, and being caught after hours on Flirtation Walk.

As a Lieutenant of Engineers he was first stationed at Willett's Point, Long Island (Now Fort Totten), then next in New Orleans where he met and married Jeanne Boulogny in 1885. During 1889 and 1890, he and John Ruckman (U.S.A.) developed a range and position finder, which was demonstrated at Governors Island after much correspondence with Col. A. Mordecai.

He resigned in 1887 to become Superintendent of the Sprague Electric Railway and Motor. From the Sprague days until 1913 he was active in the development and promotion of electric traction—in various capacities he worked with Edison General, Thompson-Houston and General Electric. In 1894 he was a partner of Crosby-White—when that became the J. G. White Engineering firm, he remained on the Board thereof. By 1897, he and Charles Lieb bought up and reorganized several companies in Washington, D. C., converting them from horse to electric traction, and forming the Washington Traction and Electric Co. During the same period he founded and was president of the Potomac Electric Power Co. (Washington, D. C.) until 1899. His last traction activities were with the Trenton Street Railway and the Wilmington-Philadelphia Traction Co. of which he was president in 1910. He retired in 1913 and celebrated the event by taking his family around the world.

But such a vital person could not remain idle long, so in 1915 he was Director of the Commission for Relief in Belgium, (which included northern occupied France). He remained there for six months. He always claimed that the Europeans had suffered less in World War I than the Southerners during the Civil War.

A friendship begun in the 90's with W. G. MacAdoo led the then Secretary of the Treasury to ask Crosby to become Assistant Secretary of the Treasury in April 1917. As such he was in charge of the loans to the Allies. In order to deal with the conflicting and complicated demands of the Allies, the Inter-Ally Council for War Purchases and Finance was established the following November, with headquarters in Paris and London, so he presided over this body with the rank of U.S. Commissioner of Finance. The functions of the Council terminated shortly after the Armistice, and he was asked to stay



on hand in Paris as an advisor, but unfortunately illness prevented his fulfilling this assignment with his usual thoroughness. His war time activities, fraught with interesting contacts and events, ended his private and public business career.

The foregoing is a blueprint merely, giving no hint of the flavor of Crosby's personality, and barely suggesting his catholicity of interests. Few Americans have managed to be engrossed in a business career, the while retaining an interest in intellectual pursuits—as witness his writings and travels—these, though pointed at some specific objective, always included the broader implications and diverse facets of a subject.

In 1900 he crossed Abyssinia from East to West—King Menelik's passport issued to "Mr. Crosby, the Englishman"—(after all, O.T.C. spoke English) is extant. He reached the headwaters of the Blue Nile at the time that the Caliph was being defeated by the British. His becoming a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society resulted from that trip. Needing surcease from business in 1903, he went to Thibet. Since the British did not approve entrance via the Indian Frontier, he went through Russian and Chinese Turkestan. At that time the vast areas of the Thibetan region were uncharted—he added

some data concerning that terra incognita. His impressions and experiences are summed up in his "Thibet and Turkestan"

As a result of two side expeditions during his round the world trip, he wrote "Adam and Eve"—an interpretation of Genesis I and II; the other detour was to Borneo, attracted by the primitive and isolated Dyaks, one of whose skulls he brought back to the Smithsonian Institute.

Haiti beckoned him in 1921-22, because of the racial problem. Germany in the early twenties, with its financial ills next appealed. Then South Africa, in 1927, where he sought a "last drink of savagery". The primitive peoples, plus the colonial problem, intrigued him, and his reflections on these subjects appeared in various publications.

The crash of '29, followed by his wife's protracted illness and subsequent death in January, 1934 caused a hiatus in his travels, so in the Spring of '34 Guatemala was his destination, because of its relics of a past civilization. In 1936 his wanderlust was justified because his eldest daughter's Italian husband was stationed in Dar-es-Salaam, Tanganyika, where he could study the Mandate problem. Besides that, he heard the call of the wild once more, and being only 75, crossed Africa from East to West.

Since 1918 he had been interested in the political experiment of the Soviets, so in 1937, via France and Italy, he went to Russia for the third time (in 1914 he had returned from the Orient by the Trans-Siberian). The authorities always insisted that tourists enter by way of Moscow, but he was determined to use an unorthodox route and entered via Odessa. On his return he made some most interesting notes, but unfortunately by that time his vitality was beginning to ebb, so that they were not edited for publication. And so ended his peregrinations in quest of answers to innumerable questions.

His interest in the abolition of war found tangible expression in 1910 when he was President of the World-Federation League. In 1915 he found a fellow-spirit in Senator Shafroth of Colorado, who, at Crosby's behest introduced a Senate Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution authorizing the creation, with other nations, of an International Peace-enforcing Tribunal for the determination of all International disputes. His book "International War, Its Causes and Its Cure", because President Wilson so requested, was not published until after he ceased being a public servant. He wrote two other books—"The Electric Railway in Theory and in Practice" (Crosby-Bell) and "Strikes, When to Strike and How to Strike". In the early twenties he met the late Lord David Davies with whom he found much in common, so that he associated himself with the latter's New Commonwealth movement; there is a nebular realization of their hopes in the Military Staff Committee of the United Nations. His interest in Peace, however, did not preclude his unsuccessful effort to take part in the Spanish-American War—the offer of his services was not accepted. In 1917 he was given a reserve commission as a major.

Crosby's declining years were spent in his hilltop home, "View Tree", Warrenton, Va., fifty miles from Washington, which he had built in 1908. There he received his friends from the countryside, the Capital and the World. Young and old, rich and poor, stupid and brilliant, sat at his feet, imbibing his gentle philosophy, his clarity of vision and his wealth of knowledge; he was as familiar with the *Koran*, the *Talmud* and the *Sayings of Buddha* as with the Bible; he had an equal grasp of the humanities, politics and science and discussed them with specialists in their respective fields.

He was a rare combination of Yankee acumen and Southern suavity, of intellect and kindness, both leavened with humor. He brought out the best in every soul who had the good fortune to know him.

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### Frank Winston Coe

NO. 3457 CLASS OF 1892

Died May 25, 1947, at Washington, D. C., aged 76 years.

**A**FTER enduring for several years a partial paralysis, and having entered the Walter Reed Hospital for a delicate operation complicated by a broken hip Frank Coe was overcome by many months of intense suffering. The funeral services were held at the Fort Myer Chapel and the interment was in Arlington Cemetery; many friends and the local classmates attended.

#### OFFICIAL BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

"1. The records show that Frank Winston Coe, was born November 27, 1870 at Manhattan, Kansas. Upon his graduation from the United States Military Academy, he was appointed Additional Second Lieutenant of Artillery, Regular Army, June 18, 1892; accepted June 18, 1892; assigned serial number 011; appointed Second Lieutenant, July 13, 1892; promoted to First Lieutenant, March 2, 1899; promoted to Captain, Artillery Corps, May 8, 1901; promoted to Major, Coast Artillery Corps, March 10, 1909; promoted to Lieutenant Colonel, September 11, 1915; promoted to Colonel, May 15, 1917; promoted to Brigadier General, National Army, August 5, 1917; accepted August 31, 1917; vacated May 29, 1918 to accept appointment as Major General, Chief of Coast Artillery, Regular Army, May 24, 1918; accepted May 29, 1918; retired March 19, 1926 in the grade of Major General at his own request, after thirty-seven years' service; and until his death was a Major General, United States Army, Retired.

"2. He had the degree of B.S. conferred upon him by the United States Military Academy, 1892; was a graduate of the Artillery School, 1896; and had the degree of LL.D. conferred upon him by the Kansas State Agricultural College, 1920.

"3. Upon his graduation from the United States Military Academy he was assigned duty at Fort Hamilton, New York; Fort Monroe, Virginia; Key West Barracks, Florida, to September 1898; Instructor in Mathematics, United States Military Academy,

West Point, New York and at Fort Adams, Rhode Island, to March, 1903; Adjutant, School Submarine Defense, Fort Totten and later the United States Military Academy, West Point, New York, and later Fort Monroe, Virginia to December 1908; Assistant to Chief, Coast Artillery, Washington, D. C. to December, 1909; Director, Coast Artillery School, Fort Monroe, Virginia; and Galveston, Texas, to May, 1911; assigned duty Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; Headquarters, Eastern Division, Governors Island and Fort Totten, New York, to May, 1913; assigned duty at Fort Kamehameha, Territory of Hawaii, to June, 1916; Del Rio, Texas; San Francisco, California, to June, 1917; Chief of Staff, 1st Division, St. Nazaire, France; Commanding Officer, 1st Separate Brigade, Coast Artillery and later of the Railway Artillery Reserve, 1st Army, American Expeditionary Forces in France, to June, 1918; Chief of Coast Artillery, Office of the Chief of Staff, Washington, D. C., to March 19, 1926, the date of his retirement.



"4. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal; the British Order of St. Michael and St. George, by Royal appointment of October 16, 1919; and French Legion of Honor (commander), by decree, dated April 30, 1919."

His military record shows that he held many prominent positions— instructor in mathematics and Adjutant at the U.S. Military Academy; Assistant to the Chief of Coast Artillery; Director of the Coast Artillery School; on duty at Headquarters Eastern Division; Chief of Staff of the Western Department and of the First Division A.E.F., Commander 30th Brigade, Coast Artillery, and Railway Artillery Reserve, First Army A.E.F., and Chief of Coast Artillery—two appointments.

He was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal "for especially meritorious and conspicuous service in the organization of the Coast Artillery, thereby enabling it to meet the great demand for overseas artillery". He received other awards as indicated in the above sketch.

His parents were Manuel A. Coe and Mary Caroline Winston Coe. In 1895 Frank Coe married Anne Chamberlaine of Norfolk, Va.,—sister of a classmate. One son, First Lieutenant William C. Coe, Retired, for many

years Secretary of the Army and Navy Club, Washington, D. C. Second marriage to Martha Pratt, daughter of the late Brigadier General Sedgwick Pratt, U.S.A., member of the Army and Navy Club, Washington, D. C.

He was one of the most beloved members of the class of 1892. One of his classmates and closest friend, Dennis Mahan Michie, by initiating football and thereby establishing athletic relations with other institutions and breaking away from the old, self-contained system, created a new era for his Alma Mater.

In those days there were no awards, prizes or decorations such as of today. In everything but class standing and appointments as cadet officers and non-commissioned there was no recognition of individual performances, with one exception—that those selected by the senior instructor of Cavalry as platoon Commanders for the graduation ride on the plain were by custom recognized as the best riders. Frank Coe was one of those and for a time entertained the idea of choosing the Cavalry.

As Cadets, Frank Coe and the writer belonged to the same little group of close friends, including "femmes", and many were the happy hours we spent together. This friendship continued as Lieutenants, when we were instructors at West Point and was re-established on a much firmer basis when we were on duty and in retirement in Washington. In comparatively recent years it was our usual good fortune and great pleasure to gather together eight or ten of the class boys and girls living in or near Washington, and to find that the ties that bound them in youth had grown stronger in declining years. Such affairs gave him the greatest pleasure.

One of the cruelties which fate dealt him was the loss of good sight which prevented his enjoyment in his last days of bridge and reading.

Modest, unassuming, of good humor with no tendency whatever to exploit his wares, Frank Coe was a lovable character, charming companion and a loyal, faithful friend.

The dominant characteristic of Frank Coe was his wonderfully trained mind, which with little effort, graduated him near the top of his class and led to his appointment to important positions in the Army. A friend said of him, "He was gifted—had a brilliant mind".

This characteristic extended to other than professional matters. He was fond of music and literature and naturally knew what was good. His good friend and associate in the first section of everything, George Blakely, one of the most cultured in the class, tells this of Coe: On a private occasion several classic poems were read; Coe heard them for the first time but in each case immediately and unerringly pointed out the dominant note.

Extract of a letter dictated by Lieutenant General James G. Harbord just before he left his office for the last time.

"Your letter of August 1st received and I am very glad to add my testimony as to the fine character and very able mind of my old friend, Frank Coe.

"I knew him very intimately when we were youngsters, until the differ-

ences in environment in our mature lives naturally drifted us apart. Coe was the son of a very high class farmer and lived not far from Manhattan, Kansas. My father, also a farmer, lived in Lyon County, Kansas, until he bought a place in Manhattan with the intention of sending my two sisters and myself to college. When I graduated from the Agricultural College I was like most boys, given a sort of general education with no fitness for any particular career. I stayed there, completing what work I could and trying to fit myself for the Army. Frank Coe, several years younger than I, was interested in the same things and, in the several years that I was employed at the College before I finally left for the Army, I saw a great deal of him. We formed a friendship that endured until his untimely death several months ago. I never knew a man with a finer mind nor anyone I considered of higher character. He was very frequently at the library and a good deal of my work in trying to get through college took me to the library and, through the similarity of military ambitions we both cherished, we saw a great deal of each other until the time he left for West Point.

"His father was above the average in intellect and education of most farmers in that neighborhood and, apparently, approved of all of Frank's ambitions. In his college days Coe was not particularly industrious but he had a mind that enabled him to accomplish more than his classmates with considerably less effort.

"Coe and I corresponded during the time he was at West Point and, while on graduation leave, he came to visit me where I was a Lieutenant in the Fifth Cavalry in the Indian Territory. After that visit I saw very little of him for the rest of his life, although we corresponded.

"I had little opportunity to see anything of Frank during the War because I went over with General Pershing when he left to take up the command and never served with troops from that time until General Pershing assigned me to command the Marine Brigade, which I commanded until I was made a Major General in the Summer of 1918. I commanded the Second Division in the Summer of 1918. Coe had come to Europe as Chief of Staff of the First Division and, during the Spring and Summer of 1918, I saw something of him in his original capacity where he excelled in efficiency. He was called home and made Chief of Coast Artillery and we were never closely associated again.

"The local schools in Kansas were very thorough about that time and Coe and I both had that advantage in preparing for our military life. With Coe's very bright intellect, he got just the sort of training that laid the foundation for his future excellence. Kansas had good schools in those days and the Agricultural College was then, as it still is, a first-rate institution. It laid particular emphasis on the military training and furnished a good deal of the mental equipment which made men like Coe and Edgerton stand out among the students of that Western college.

"You were right in your feeling that parent teaching was very largely responsible for the high average of the

schools in and around Manhattan and through Kansas generally."

A comparatively small area in the vicinity of Manhattan, Kansas, gave birth and early education to a number of brilliant persons such as Major General Frank W. Coe, Major General E. A. Helmick, former Inspector General; Lieutenant General James G. Harbord (great soldier and civilian), the Eisenhower brothers, including General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower, and General of the Armies John J. Pershing, from nearby Missouri.

Parental training seems to have been the chief factor in many if not all of the cases mentioned. Good mental habits, as well as good physical habits, must have been stressed. Born and raised on a farm near Manhattan, Kansas Frank Coe was subjected undoubtedly to the established custom of participating when old enough in the upkeep of the farm; this with the assistance of the schools of that day, which emphasized only the fundamentals of education, and with the direction of common sense parents, the mother being a mathematical genius, in home reading and study, with no time out for many attractive diversions of today, inculcated good mental and physical habits. All farm life was practically the same, the difference in results must therefore be attributed to the parents.

The lesson which Frank Coe's life offers to youth, and which our school system may well encourage is the early cultivation of good mental habits—the parent's duty.

"He resteth well,  
Life's battles bravely fought and nobly won;  
He laid him down content at set of sun  
As twilight shadows fell."

—J. R. L.

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**James Postell Jervey**

NO. 3451 CLASS OF 1892

*Died March 12, 1947, at Washington, D. C., aged 77 years.*

JAMES POSTELL JERVEY was born in Powhatan County, Virginia, November 14, 1869. He was the son of Dr. Henry Jervey, who was born in Charleston, S. C. His mother was Helen Louise Wesson of North Carolina. His South Carolina ancestors included the Huguenot, James Postell, and his wife, Madeleine Pepin, who emigrated to South Carolina from Dieppe, France, in 1685, and Landgrave Thomas Smith. Thus, there was mingled in his veins the blood of the French Huguenots and the English gentry, both of whom have left their impress upon posterity and history. Several of his forebears were officers in the Revolution and in the War between the States, and his brother, Henry Jervey, and made a brilliant record at West Point. It was natural, therefore, that he should be drawn to the profession of arms.

He attended the grammar school and the high school in Powhatan County, Virginia, and was appointed to West Point from the Fifth Congressional

District of Georgia by Congressman Stewart, entering June 16, 1888. As a cadet, he early revealed those qualities of intellect, character and leadership for which he became distinguished in after life. His brilliant mind at once placed him in the first sections. His conscientious devotion to duty and his soldierly spirit gained cadet rank and he was Cadet Quartermaster during his First Class year.

His modesty, amiability and genial manner made friends of all his associates. He was always willing to give assistance to others and his sense of humor and generous impulses made him a delightful companion. He was never heard to make a derogatory remark about anyone and his nickname of "Jinx" was a term of affection. On graduating June 11, 1892, he stood number two in the class and was commissioned as an additional second lieutenant, Corps of Engineers, the same date.

Like all young engineer officers, he was assigned to duty with the En-



gineer Battalion at Willets Point, N. Y., where he attended the Engineer School and performed the usual post duties till August 7, 1895. He was then transferred to Montgomery, Alabama, and from May 3, 1896, to December 20, 1898, he was in charge of fortification work and submarine mine defense at Pensacola, Florida, including the tense period of the Spanish-American War. With this experience, he was ordered to West Point where he performed the duties of instructor in practical military engineering and assistant professor in the Department of Civil and Military Engineering to June 24, 1905. He was promoted to first lieutenant July 31, 1897, and to captain March 2, 1901.

Then followed a tour of duty in the Philippine Islands where he commanded Company A of the Engineers. He was successively Engineer of the Moro Province, Secretary of the Moro Province and in charge of fortification work at Subic Bay. On returning to the United States in August 1907, he commanded the 1st Battalion of Engineers and the post of Fort Mason, California, to September 24, 1907, when he was sent to Washington Barracks as instructor of Civil Engineering at the Engineer School. He was promoted to major February 28, 1908.

With his superior record, it was logical that he should be selected for the most important undertaking of the country in the Panama Canal. He reported to the Isthmian Canal Commission July 16, 1908, and became Assistant Engineer in charge of construction of Gatun Locks and later Resident Engineer in charge of this construction to September 27, 1913.

Upon the completion of this great task, he served as District Engineer at Wheeling, West Virginia, and at Norfolk, Virginia, till August 25, 1917. His promotion to lieutenant colonel was made March 12, 1915, and to colonel August 5, 1917.

During World War I, he commanded the 304th Engineers of the 79th Division and was Division Engineer, participating in the Meuse-Argonne Battle north of Verdun. Later he became Chief Engineer of the 7th Corps and Assistant to the Chief Engineer, A.E.F. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal with the following Citation:

"For exceptional meritorious and distinguished services. As commanding officer of the 304th Engineers, he performed his exacting duties with signal ability. His technical skill and unflagging energy were largely responsible for keeping the roads in condition for the transportation of artillery and large quantities of supplies during the attack on Montfaucon and Nantillois in the latter part of September. By his great efforts he proved a potent factor in the successes achieved during these operations".

From December 17, 1918, he was successively with the Chief of Engineers in Washington and District or Division Engineer at Wilmington, Delaware, and Baltimore, Maryland, as well as a member of the River and Harbor Board.

He retired at his own request September 21, 1920, with the rank of Brigadier General.

His decorations included the Distinguished Service Medal, the Victory Medal with two stars, the Panama Canal Medal and the Spanish-American War Medal. He was honored by the United Daughters of the Confederacy with the Confederate Cross.

With a life already full of accomplishments, he began a career in civil pursuits which was no less successful than his military record. From 1920 to 1926, he was City Manager of Portsmouth, Virginia. His engineering ability, his sound judgment and his skill in managing men gave to the city an unsurpassed record of efficiency, economy and integrity that must remain as a standard.

His service in the army showed that he had a special talent for teaching. An old friend, Dr. Benjamin F. Finney, Vice-Chancellor of the University of the South, persuaded him to become Professor of Mathematics at that noted institution. After nineteen years of outstanding achievement, his falling health impelled him to retire in 1945. No finer tribute could be paid than the following, published in the Sewanee Alumni News upon his leaving:

"The good wishes of all Sewanee, as well as those of the Alumni, go with General and Mrs. Jervey as they leave the Mountain. On their departure they were presented by the faculties and staff with a silver bowl which

has the following inscription: 'To General James Postell Jervey, Head of the Department of Mathematics, University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee, 1926-1945, with love and esteem from his friends and colleagues.'

"Accompanying the gift was a copy of the following tribute:

"We, the Faculties of the College of Arts and Sciences, and of the School of Theology, in joint meeting assembled, do hereby express to our colleague and our friend, General James Postell Jervey, on the occasion of his retirement from the University, our sincere affection, high esteem and grateful appreciation for the rich contribution he has made to the life of the University and to the community.'

"In his relations with the students, he won their undying respect and affection both as a teacher and Christian gentleman.

"In the social life of Sewanee, assisted by his charming, gracious wife, he has made his home a center of culture and hospitality. General and Mrs. Jervey have left their impress on the lives of countless friends who cherish the memory of their association with the Jerveys"

He wrote many able articles, including Prize Essays on "Target Practice" and "Esprit de Corps" in the Journal of the Military Service Institution, and articles on "City Management Form of Government" and "Development of Mathematics" in the Military Engineer.

He married Jean Bontecou Webb in New York City June 27, 1894. They had two daughters, Jean Postell and Darrell Eloise, and one son, James Postell.

He died at Walter Reed General Hospital March 12, 1947.

Words are feeble to record the deeds of this noble man or to pay tribute to his character and his contribution to his country and his fellow-men. He made the army and the world better by his having lived, and he exemplified those virtues which make men good and great. We know that, as his soul is immortal, so his influence and helpfulness to others can never die.

—C. P. S.

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### Frank Parker

NO. 3592 CLASS OF 1894

Died March 13, 1947, at Chicago, Illinois, aged 74 years.

LITERALLY thousands of former comrades-in-arms and civilian friends have been saddened to learn of the death of Major General Frank Parker, U.S.A., retired, the justly famous commander of the "Fighting First" Division of World War I fame. He suffered a fatal heart attack on March 13, 1947, in Chicago, Illinois.

The following lines, which are quoted from a post-World War I letter from Major General R. L. Bullard to The Adjutant General, bear ample testimony to General Parker's outstanding accomplishments: "See his record . . . few, perhaps none, did more or better fighting than he in France". And that the aggressive and tenacious spirit that drew this tribute never waned was clearly shown by General

Parker's completion of a draft report for the National Defense Committee of the Union League Club of Chicago on the afternoon of his death. He was 74 years old.

During his more than 42 years' service, General Parker displayed professional and personal qualities which won for him scores of commendations, citations and letters of praise from foreign governments, as well as from institutions and high ranking military and civilian officials of his own country.

In addition to World War I, he participated in the Spanish-American War, the Puerto Rico Occupation, and the Cuban Pacification. His honors include three United States decorations (two for gallantry in action), eleven foreign decorations, and two honorary LLD degrees. He successfully completed the highest military schools of the United States. He also graduated from the French Cavalry School (1904), the French Superior School of War (1920), and, in 1920-21,



he had the honor of being the first and only foreigner ever permitted to pursue the course of study at the French Center of High Studies, which corresponded to the War College of the U.S. Army.

General Parker's devotion to his superiors and the men serving under him was legend. Therefore, it is believed that were the choice his, he would select as his eulogy the following extract of an article on "Leadership" by Major General Charles P. Summerall, which was published in the January, 1921 issue of the *Cavalry Journal*:

"By way of illustration, there comes to mind one of the most able regimental commanders in the War; he lived constantly among his men and demonstrated his courage by sharing their dangers. He knew every officer and many of the men by name. He showed them that he was familiar with their difficulties and their deeds and that he had a genuine affection for them. He spoke to them kindly, yet always as their leader, and he never failed to commend and reward them for conspicuous acts. He talked to them and made them think as he thought. Yet he did not spare them in their tasks, and he sent them to the assault with unflinching determination. Even when his losses were dis-

abling, he executed an order to attack with perfect stoicism, though he received it with the full expectation that it would direct the relief of his regiment. His loyalty was such that he did not question authority even in his thoughts, and his own character permeated his command. His officers and men really loved him, and after battle it was pathetic to hear many men, suffering grievously from their wounds, ask eagerly, 'Did the Colonel come through safely?' He combined the real elements of leadership, and he showed these same qualities when he commanded a brigade and a division. He was the type of leader who could always be relied upon to take his objective, and the taking of objectives is the real business of war. The officer to whom this refers is Brigadier General Frank Parker, who commanded continuously under me throughout the war, the 18th Infantry, the First Infantry Brigade and the First Division".

That he also earned enduring loyalty from his subordinates is aptly illustrated by the following resolution of the First Division Post, No. 247, American Legion, New York, which was forwarded to the Secretary of War four years after the close of World War I:

"We, the members of this Post, have noted in the daily press the names of certain officers of the Regular Army who have been designated by the Secretary of War for promotion to the grade of General Officer to fill coming vacancies.

"Colonel Frank Parker, U.S. Army, who commanded the First Division in the last offensive of the war and served as a Regimental, Brigade and Division Commander in all the operations of this Division, has not been included among those designated for promotion in the near future.

"Colonel Parker was respected and idolized by the men of the Division for his energy, fearlessness and devotion to duty. He was a noble gentleman, courageous officer and a splendid leader who possessed the highest technical knowledge and the greatest tactical skill, combined with that magnetism and personality which made this Division invincible.

"BE IT RESOLVED by this Post, in official meeting assembled, that the Honorable Secretary of War be requested to give the promotion of Colonel Frank Parker the favorable consideration that we feel it deserves".

Concerning the men who were responsible for the above resolution and their First Division comrades, General John J. Pershing had the following to say upon the occasion of the unveiling of a monument in 1924 to the fallen comrades of the First Division:

"The First Division rose to a height of efficiency never surpassed. Its officers and men faced the requirements of battle with a sublime spirit that recognized neither hardship nor danger. It met most determined opposition with a dash and courage that nothing could withstand. Of the distinguished leaders of this wonderful organization, no greater tribute can be paid them than to say that they were worthy of the men they led".

Following World War I, General Parker's service included a tour of

duty as Assistant Chief of Staff for Operations and Training, War Department General Staff, and command of the Sixth and Eighth Corps Areas, the Third Army, and the Philippine Department. In all of these assignments he measured the worth of his accomplishments by the yardstick of their influence upon all phases of National Defense. His success from the post-war period until his retirement in 1936 is a matter of official record. Included among those who praised his successive achievements were two Secretaries of War, three Chiefs of Staff, the United States High Commissioner to the Philippine Islands, and several State Governors.

Retirement from active duty with the Army was the beginning of many years of active work in National Security with the American Legion and other patriotic organizations. In 1941 he was the subject of a resolution of appreciation by the Union League Club of Chicago. An extract follows:

"Major General Parker performed invaluable service by arousing the people of the Midwest to the need of adequate National Defense by his exemplary leadership and lucid popular expositions of military problems . . . over the period of many years (he) has rendered service of a high order to The Union League Club of Chicago as active member, as wise counsellor, and courageous chairman of the Club's Public Affairs Committee. "

General Parker also served with distinction as a member of the national executive committee of the American Legion, representing the Department of the Philippines from 1936 to 1946. This and other achievements in the American Legion were the subject of a tribute to him, which was contained in a resolution passed in 1946 by the 28th national convention of the American Legion at San Francisco. Following is an extract:

"Since 1928 he has contributed magnificently to the achievements of The American Legion as a member of the national affairs committee in 1928, as an advisory member of the national defense committee in 1934, as commander of the Department of the Philippines, The American Legion, during 1935-36, as a member and vice-chairman of the national defense committee, as a member of the American Legion mission to Great Britain in 1941 to study the functions of civilian defense in modern warfare, as a member of the Commission of Postwar America since 1943, and as a member of various other national and department committees. . . "

Immediately after Pearl Harbor, General Parker made every effort to be returned to active duty and get a field command. Failing this because of age limitations, he devoted his energies to Civilian Defense programs. He served concurrently as Executive Director of the Illinois State Council of Defense, Chief of Staff of the Illinois War Council, and Inspector of the Field Forces of the Illinois War Council throughout World War II. At the final meeting of the Council, the following resolution was presented to him by Governor Dwight H. Green:

"To Frank Parker, Major General in the armies of the United States, the Illinois War Council has looked for

administrative direction in the defense of the people from the hurts and hazards of war.

"Greatly disciplined by long years in the armed forces of the land, in happy possession of the routines and techniques of organization, General Parker has represented the Council with courtesy and dignity, and to him now this award of thanks for an assignment of duty well accomplished".

General Parker is a fallen comrade of the Nation, as well as the "Fighting First" Division. Certainly he deserves to be included among those of the First Division who received the following tribute from General Pershing:

"The memory of these heroes will fade as those who love them join the great majority, but their heroic devotion to humanity will live in the peaceful homes of a world saved from destruction".

General Parker was born in Georgetown County, South Carolina, September 21, 1872, the son of Arthur Middleton and Emma Izard (Middleton) Parker, and graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1894. He is survived by his widow, Katherine Lahm Parker, Union League Club, Chicago, Illinois; two daughters, Katherine Lahm Parker and Ann Parker Honeycutt, wife of Lt. Colonel John T. Honeycutt, an instructor at West Point; and a brother, Colonel Ralph M. Parker, retired, of Miami Beach, Florida.

—G. S. S.

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## George Willis Helms

NO. 3776 CLASS OF 1897

*Died November 30, 1946, at Roanoke, Virginia, aged 71 years.*

OUR classmate Colonel George Willis Helms died November 30, 1946, at Roanoke, near his old home Green Level, Boones Mill, Virginia. He had been sick but two days from a heart attack and, happily, did not linger.

Mrs. Helms, who continues to live at Green Level, was with him, and his son Lt. Colonel George Helms was able to arrive in time from his station at Fort Knox, Kentucky. He was buried at Arlington beside his beloved son John Helms, who was killed in an airplane crash in 1935.

Some twenty of his classmates held their fiftieth reunion during last June Week at West Point. During the year preceding the class was hard hit. Besides Ginny Helms, such other outstanding men of the class as Hal Dorey, Andy Moses, and Chick Overton had died, so that it looked as though the class reunion might be a gloomy one. On the contrary, those that were left had reached that happy philosophy when they turned to refreshing remembrance of those that had gone rather than to the tragedy of age and its inevitable ending.

Among those present there were very few that had ever served in the Army with Helms, but they all remembered him as the gay and lovable youngster who contributed so much to our enjoyment throughout his cadet days. We were able, however, to piece

together a most consistent picture of his varied service in the days between the Spanish War and World War I. The outstanding incident of his happy life in those years was his meeting and marriage with Rachel Joseph of Portland, Oregon while stationed at Vancouver Barracks. Those of us who had the privilege of knowing Ray Helms appreciate why Ginny remained young and gay to the end.

Talking about his varied service, we were able to follow him to and from the Philippines, during his second tour taking part with his regiment in Mindinao in the picturesque, Kipling-esque Moro campaigns; back to the States; down to Texas City; on to Vera Cruz; and finally serving throughout World War I as Signal Officer and as Colonel commanding the Signal Corps School at Camp Alfred Vail, New Jersey. After the war he returned to the Infantry as Colonel of the 12th, followed by such important assignments as Executive Officer of the Infantry School and as an outstanding Commander of



the troops in Puerto Rico, where he was distinguished as "mas simpatico" by all the Puerto Ricans.

In remembering this bright, gay spirit and dwelling on him as a beloved friend, there is a tendency to take for granted his consistently fine service. He was one of the most honorable and beloved officers of his time. Many officers who served under him have written, saying in substance, "He taught me the honor and integrity of the service. His gay spirit was wonderful. He was never known to gripe or show any envy"

His last long assignment in the regular service was as National Guard Officer at the headquarters of the 7th Corps Area at Omaha, Nebraska, where I served with him for many years most intimately as I had in Mindinao and at Fort Benning, not only through the routine but playing the same game of tennis and shooting ducks, quail and geese whenever we had a chance. So often we were off duty together on such happy forays that I had to save his conscience once by quoting the aphorism of Hadjli Nusealim of Lake Lanao, "Allah does not charge against a man's span of life time spent in the chase".

Another of the happy remembrances mentioned at our reunion was his love

for children and their response on every post where he served. They followed him like the Pied Piper at every station. Happily, he had his own children, two fine boys; the eldest was John, a very paragon of youth, who gave his father such happiness and pride that there was even solace in the tragedy of his early death in the service. Barring this one tragedy, which left lasting effects, his married and home life was ideal and most happy.

His last service before retirement was in his beloved state of Virginia as Instructor of the National Guard, so that when he retired it was an easy transition to go back to his old home, which had always been his intention. At his birthplace and home, Green Level, surrounded by the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains, he changed from a soldier to a most distinguished citizen of his county and carried on throughout the war years as Chairman of all O.P.A. Boards in the county. Through all the years of his retirement he had also a very enjoyable avocation as Chairman of the Library Board of his county, and indulged his love of books and his interest in encouraging that amongst his neighbors.

Mrs. Helms is able to keep the old home for George, his wife and three lovely children, thus carrying on as Ginny would have wished.

—F. R. McC.

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### Willard Herman McCornack

NO. 3788 CLASS OF 1897

*Died May 20, 1947, at San Diego, California, aged 75 years.*

**H**is death coming suddenly when he was preparing to start for West Point to attend the reunion of his class on the 50th anniversary of its graduation, profoundly shocked and grieved his classmates and his many close friends of the Army and Navy and in civilian life. His remains are interred at the National Cemetery at Fort Rosecrans, San Diego, California.

As his name indicates, the ancestors of "Mack", as he was habitually and affectionately called by his classmates and intimate friends, were Scots. His father came to the United States from Scotland at an early age, and with his family settled in Oneida, Knox County, Indiana. Mack was born there on September 5, 1871. His early schooling was obtained at the local district school and then at Knox College. There he became a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity, Chapter Alpha Xi. He was appointed to the Military Academy and entered June 15, 1892; and graduated June 11, 1897. He was commissioned an Additional Second Lieutenant of Cavalry on the same date and assigned to the Ninth Cavalry.

As a cadet his tall and powerful figure brought him success in many forms of athletics, in football, as a record holding hurdler in track meets, on his class tug-of-war team, in indoor meets in the gymnasium and on the class bowling team. His versatility was indicated also by membership in

the cadet choir. And everywhere he was noted for his quiet friendliness towards every one in the Corps and his genial companionship at all times. And this characteristic remained notably true throughout his life.

After his graduation leave Mack was on regimental duty at Fort Robinson, Nebraska, to April 1898; then war having been declared with Spain, at Chicamauga, Georgia, to May 1 and at Tampa, Florida to June 14th. He had been promoted May 31 to fill a vacancy in the First Cavalry as Second Lieutenant.

He left Tampa June 14, 1898, to participate in General Shafter's campaign against the Spaniards about Santiago, Cuba. His part therein included duty first at Daiquiri guarding supplies at that advanced base, then at General Shafter's headquarters July 1 to 8th; in the trenches before Santiago July 8th to 22nd; and in camp near El Caney July 22 to August 14th.

With the bulk of Shafter's troops by this time racked by tropical diseases, their return to the United States to prevent annihilating losses became imperative. Consequently we find McCornack sailing from Cuba about August 14th with his regiment for the recuperating camp established at Montauk, Long Island, where he remained until September 26, 1898. On August 27 he was transferred back to his first regiment, the Ninth Cavalry, in the same camp.

From September 26, 1898 to April 1901 he was on regimental duty with stations at Fort Apache, Arizona, to May 1899; at Fort Grant to September 1900; then back to Fort Apache. He was promoted to First Lieutenant in the Ninth Cavalry, February 2, 1901.

Meantime at Chicago, Illinois on November 28, 1900, he was married to Harriette E. Foote of Chicago.

Between April 1901 and April 1904 he had two tours of duty in the Philippines with only a brief interval separating the two. That interval came with his transfer October 16, 1901, to the Eleventh Cavalry and his return to the United States to join this regiment. However almost immediately thereafter the Eleventh was ordered to the Philippines and Mack went with it. He was promoted to a captaincy December 23, 1903, and again assigned to his first regiment, the Ninth Cavalry. These first tours in the Philippines found the insurrection pass its peak and degenerate into an underground and bitter form of guerrilla warfare. In addition to participation with his regiment in the usual alarms and small engagements of such warfare, Mack was in charge of road construction in Albay Province during July to September, 1901, and in command of the U.S. Army gunboat *Florida* during April and May 1902. He returned to the United States in April 1904.

His duty in the United States lasted this time to April 1907. From April to October 1904 he was in Camp Wawona, California; September and October, 1904, on duty as Superintendent, Yosemite National Park, and then with his regiment at Fort Riley, Kansas, to April 1907.

In April 1907 he started back for a third tour in the Philippines. He had only one station during this tour and

that at Camp McGrath, Batangas Province, from May 1907 to June 1909.

Returning from the Philippines he was at Fort D. A. Russell, Wyoming, to March 1911, and at San Antonio, Texas to August of that year. From there he went on detached service to Fort Leavenworth to take the courses at the Army School of the Line, followed in the second year by the Staff College. He was rated a distinguished graduate of the School of the Line.

While a student at Leavenworth, that is on October 11, 1912, he was transferred to the Tenth Cavalry. From June 1913 to December of that year he was on duty with this regiment at Fort Ethan Allen, Vermont; then at Fort Huachuca, Arizona, and at outlying border stations to March, 1916.

Upon the organization of the Punitive Expedition into Mexico General Pershing selected Captain McCornack for the difficult and arduous duty on Pershing's staff of organizing and di-



recting the purchase and requisitioning of supplies for the far flung detachments of the Expedition. This duty lasted from March, 1916, to January, 1917. It was performed so completely to Pershing's satisfaction that it brought McCornack's selection by Pershing in France the next year to be the organizer and director of the American Army Signal School at Langres. From January to July, 1917, he was stationed with his regiment at Nogales, Arizona. On May 15th of that year he was promoted to be a major of cavalry; and on July 23, 1917, he was detailed for duty with the Signal Corps. From July to December, 1917, he spent in camp at Leon Springs, Texas, taking a course in the Signal Corps School there. He was made a lieutenant colonel, temporary, August 5, 1917.

As Division Signal Officer of the Third Division, he was on duty at Camp Greene, Charlotte, N. C. from December 1917 to February 1918. He became a colonel of cavalry, temporary, February 6, 1918, but remained on detail with the Signal Corps, and with the 3rd Division.

He arrived in France in the First World War, February 26, 1918. There he participated in the hard fighting of the Third Division about Chateau Thierry from May 31 to June 26, 1918.

Then remembering Captain McCornack's successful conduct of the supply of the Punitive Expedition into Mexico the previous year, General Pershing selected him to organize and be the Director of our Army Signal School to be established at Langres, France. He remained as its Director until the progress of the return of troops to the U.S. after the armistice made it necessary to close the school on February 19, 1919.

During the remainder of his service in France, he commanded Camps De Souge, Bordeaux, to March 1; then was attached to the American Mission to negotiate peace for Poland to March 19; followed by the command of Camp President Lincoln at Brest to April 18, 1919; and finally in command of the Port of Brest to June 25, 1919. He sailed for home on June 26.

Promoted to a full colonelcy of the Regular Army July 1, 1920, he was transferred to the Finance Department to rank therein from July 1, and ordered August 6, 1920 to duty as Finance Officer of the 2nd Corps Area, Governors Island, New York. He remained on that duty until his retirement at his own request after 30 years of service November 6, 1922.

His varied and wide spread service entitled him to wear the campaign badges for the Spanish Campaign, Cuban Occupation, Philippine Insurrection, Mexican Campaign and World War I.

Since his retirement Colonel and Mrs. McCornack have owned homes in Burlington, Vermont; Phoenix, Arizona; and in San Diego, California. For a few years their time was divided rather equally between the homes in Vermont and Arizona; but for several years past they have lived almost entirely in San Diego. Colonel McCornack renewed his interest in the Greek letter fraternity of his Knox College days and was President of the local chapter of Beta Theta Pi at the time of his death. The McCornacks lived quietly but in the full enjoyment of a host of friends in the Army and Navy and among civilians.

He was a member of the Presbyterian Church and in San Diego regularly attended the services of the Point Loma Community Presbyterian Church.

Colonel McCornack's service on the active list was unusually varied in character and in the theatres covered. He participated at key points in practically every important military undertaking of the United States during the period of his active service. As has been shown, very soon after graduation he took part in the decisive campaign of the Spanish War at Santiago; he reached the Philippines while the insurrection was still strong, he had second and third tours there later under peace conditions; he took part in Pershing's Punitive Expedition into Mexico; and in hard fighting about Chateau Thierry in France in the First World War. He was later put in charge of the organization and conduct of the very important Signal School for our forces in France, and when that school had served its purpose he was given several increasingly important commands over there. The organizations to which he belonged included the Ninth, the First, the Ninth again, the Eleventh, the Ninth

for a third time and the Tenth Regiments of Cavalry. Then he had a tour of duty by detail in the Signal Corps; and finally by transfer in the Finance Department. And in all of this wide range of duties and organizations and services, he was markedly and uniformly successful.

This, in outline, is the story of a man of character and honor whose every important deed throughout his career was in conformity with the noble tradition of the great school from which he graduated.

In his performance of duty he carefully avoided the spectacular; but on the contrary his procedure was always characterized by quiet, unhurried, yet painstaking and carefully planned action. And whatever the call of duty it was promptly, energetically and forcibly met, with a minimum of friction and delay and always with high efficiency.

All who knew Mack in and out of the Service found him always kindly and courteous in all his dealings and relations. He had strong opinions of his own but presented them without rancor and with kindly tolerance of the views and opinions of others. To know Mack was to love him. He was a gallant and highly efficient officer, a kindly and lovable comrade, and a dear friend and beloved companion. He lived a full life of honor, of loyal, devoted, unstinting and very valuable service in the uniform of his country, and of happiness in his family, his relatives and his friends.

Colonel McCornack is survived by Mrs. McCornack, in San Diego; their son Willard Foote McCornack of Baltimore, Maryland; and a brother, Ivan W. McCornack of Galesburg, Illinois.

—H. B. Fiske.

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### George Thomas Summerlin

NO. 3727 CLASS OF 1896

Died July 1, 1947, at the National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Maryland, aged 74 years.

THE diplomat and the soldier were well blended during the varied and ever useful career of Summerlin of '96.

He was born in Rayville, Louisiana on November 11, 1872, the son of John S. and Mary Davis Summerlin. Throughout his life he kept in touch with his home town. He always regarded Rayville as his domicile.

After attending a private school he was a student at the Louisiana State University for two years. Upon receiving an appointment from the local congressional district he entered West Point in June 1892.

We who remember him from his plebe days recall in happy memory his cheerful disposition and never failing friendliness. From the time that he arrived at the Academy his natural military bearing and earnestness in his studies marked him as a candidate for the chevrons that he wore from the beginning of his yearling year until his graduation. He had a sense of duty coupled with tact that enabled him as a cadet captain to do his job fearlessly and efficiently but with a minimum of "skinning"

Selecting the Cavalry for his arm of service, he served at Fort Myer, Va., and Fort Meade, S. D., until the breaking out of the Spanish-American War.

Brigadier General Theodore Schwan selected Summerlin as his aide-de-camp at the beginning of operations in May 1898. In this capacity Summerlin was on duty in mobilization camps at Mobile, Miami and Tampa, and then in the Puerto Rican Expedition. He was in action against the Spaniards at Hornigueros and Las Marias.

As a member of a board to study the British methods of the care of troops in the tropics he visited Jamaica in December 1898 and January 1899.

He was on duty in Washington as an aide-de-camp from January to July 1899.

When the U.S. Volunteers were organized in 1899 especially for the Philippine Insurrection Summerlin was commissioned a captain in the 32nd U.S. Volunteer Infantry. Colonel Louis A. Craig, the regimental commander, appointed him as his regimental adjutant. The regiment took station on the west coast of Luzon in the Province of Zambales. During part of the tour of the regiment Summerlin commanded a battalion in field operations.

In July 1900 Summerlin was detailed for duty in the Department of Tactics at West Point where he served until May 1903 when he resigned his commission in the Army.

After two years and a half of business life in Pittsburgh Summerlin went to Washington. In July 1909 he received an appointment in the Division of Information of the Department of State. Thus began his diplomatic career in which he was destined to earn great distinction.

In April 1910 he was appointed Second Secretary of the American Embassy at Tokyo. In July 1911 he was transferred to the American Embassy at Peking where he rendered important service at the time of the rebellion which resulted in the overthrow of the Manchu dynasty. The change of the national government of China imposed considerable strain upon all the embassies and legations at Peking.

After two and a half years in China, Summerlin was transferred to Santiago, Chile, where he served as Secretary of Legation for three years. From there he was sent in February 1917 to the embassy at the City of Mexico; and he became the Counselor of that embassy in January 1918. In December of that year he was on a temporary detail in the Department of State in Washington.

Returning to the embassy in Mexico he served as "Charge d'Affaires ad Interim" from January 1919 to March 1924. During his seven years in Mexico Summerlin had the difficult job of handling the interests of the United States Government throughout the entire participation of our nation in World War I and in the diplomatic aftermath.

From Mexico Summerlin was transferred to Italy in March 1924 as Counselor of the embassy. A year later he was appointed Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to the Republic of Honduras.

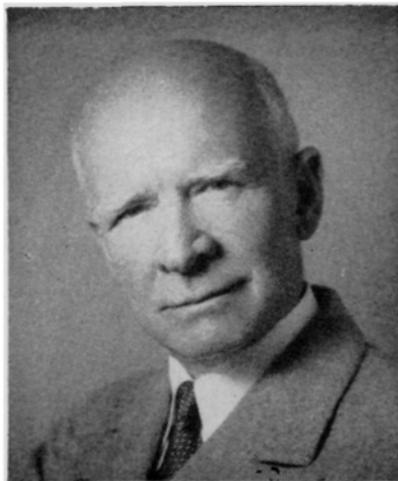
After four years in Honduras Summerlin was transferred in September 1929 to the Republic of Venezuela as

Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary.

Retaining the same diplomatic rank that he had held in Honduras and Venezuela, Summerlin was sent in 1934 to the Republic of Panama where he represented the U.S. Government until July 1937. He was then appointed Chief of Protocol at the Department of State in Washington.

Retaining his diplomatic rank as Minister, he held the important and highly responsible post in charge of Protocol continuously for nearly nine years until ill health forced him to retire in February 1946.

It was in this position that Summerlin became best known to official circles in Washington and in the sphere of diplomacy generally. At various times he extended welcome in behalf of the United States to the King and Queen of Great Britain and to members of other royal families. He was constantly consulted in matters involving the relative rank of official personages when questions of



precedence arose in the arrangements for ceremonies and social functions. The United States Government regarded Summerlin as its highest authority on Protocol.

Major General Frank Ross McCoy of '97, who knew Summerlin intimately both in the Army and in the Diplomatic Service, recently wrote as follows concerning his friend:

"Fortunately for me, I saw a great deal of him in the Diplomatic Service, both in the Far East and in Latin America, where I served with him in the embassy in Mexico when I was there in 1917 as military attache. Summie began to fail and to have trouble with his heart some two years ago; and during the autumn felt he should retire from his important and arduous work in the State Department as Chief of Protocol. However the President pressed him to stay on and have general supervision and permit his assistants to do more of the actual work.

"Both Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Truman were personally devoted to him and dependent on him for all protocol arrangements. I remember he was essentially correct from his cadet days. His friends and family were most affectionate in their devotion to him during the last year and a half of his illness and confinement to the Naval Hospital. The President himself visit-

ed him several times; and this devotion of his friends and family meant a great deal to him. He was able to live long enough to see his granddaughter, Virginia, married to a naval officer who was also a friend of his".

Mrs. Horace B. Smith, the widow of Summerlin's eldest son, George Thomas Summerlin, Jr., received the following letter from the President:

THE WHITE HOUSE  
Washington

July 1, 1947.

Mrs. Horace B. Smith,  
1821 Twenty-third Street, N.W.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Smith:

It was with great grief that I heard of the death of Mr. Summerlin, and I wish to express to you and all the members of his family my heartfelt sympathy in your bereavement.

Both as an Army officer and throughout his long career in diplomacy, George Thomas Summerlin set an outstanding example of efficient public service. He was a credit to the country he loved and served so devotedly.

Mrs. Truman joins me in this expression of sorrow at his passing. Both of us claimed him as a personal friend.

Very sincerely yours,  
(Sgd.) Harry S. Truman.

Secretary of State George C. Marshall upon learning of Summerlin's death said:

"Mr. Summerlin served with distinction for more than thirty-five years in all parts of the world. His friends in the various services, and also his many friends in other countries, will join in paying tribute to Mr. Summerlin who, because of his great loyalty to his country, his high sense of duty, and his faithfulness in carrying out the policies of this Government, had set an example for all men in the service to emulate."

Summerlin's assistant in the Division of Protocol was Mr. Donn Purvis of Washington who, in writing of his dear friend and former chief, said:

"He was a great humanist; and his was a remarkable capacity for friends and friendships during his lifetime. As you may recall, I served with him about nine years as a personal aid and assistant; and I know my life has been enriched by that contact and by knowing him".

"Summie" had two children, George Thomas, Jr., who died in 1934; and John Vandergrift, who died in 1940. George's daughter, Virginia, was married on March 29, 1947, to Lieutenant (j.g.) Hugh L. C. Stevens, III, Medical Corps, U.S. Naval Reserve, who is stationed at the National Naval Medical Center at Bethesda, Md. Dr. Stevens attended "Summie" for several months prior to his death.

Two children of John Vandergrift Summerlin are living in New York City. They are Harriet Page Summerlin, aged sixteen years; and John Vandergrift Summerlin, aged fifteen years. They are residing with their mother and step-father, Mr. and Mrs. Otto M. Meade, Jr., at No. 941 Park Avenue.

Two half-sisters survive. They are Mrs. Hugh Whatley and Mrs. Van W. Robinson, both of Monroe, Louisiana. Mrs. Whatley has written with deep feeling of "Tom", as she called our

"Summie". She attests to the never failing love that he bore for his home town, and the relatives and friends who lived there, and whom he never forgot in his world-circling diplomatic career.

It was an appropriate setting to "Summie's" end that at the scene of his first station, Fort Myer, Virginia, his funeral services were held in the Post Chapel, followed by burial in Arlington National Cemetery nearby.

"Summie's" endearing personality will be missed in many circles.

—Russell C. Langdon,  
Secretary Class of 1896.

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**Joseph Alexander Atkins**

NO. 4291 CLASS OF 1904

Died April 19, 1947, at Fort Sam  
Houston, Texas, aged 67 years.

WITH the death of General Atkins, known as "Tommy" Atkins in his cadet days, the Army lost an officer of distinguished service, the country a very useful citizen, his family and friends a most lovable, helpful and cheerful comrade.

General Atkins was born in Atlanta, Georgia, November 13, 1879. Before his appointment to West Point he had already acquired a Bachelor of Science degree at Emory College. Joining the Class of 1904 in June, 1900, he quickly became one of its outstanding members not through deliberate effort, but by sheer force of personality, friendliness, humor and good cheer. With the "recognition" of the plebes, his influence spread rapidly through the six companies of the old Corps. There was no one better known or better liked.

He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant of Infantry June 19, 1904. In October of the same year he married Nancy Winchester who, with one daughter, Harriotte W., survives him.

Joe joined the 16th Infantry, serving before World War I with that regiment in Georgia, the Philippines and California; with the 29th Infantry in New York and the Canal Zone; and with the 33d Infantry in the Canal Zone. Troop duty was varied by details with the Division Headquarters, Manila, as Constructing Quartermaster; as Professor of Military Science and Tactics at the University of Georgia; and on Border Patrol. Service in the Army of the early years of the century was limited generally to such garrison and staff duty at home and abroad, but it was active and pleasant, changing in surroundings; it gave opportunity for acquaintanceship to develop into friendship and knowledge of ability.

Promotion, particularly for one below the "hump" of appointments following the Spanish War, was by seniority and necessarily slow. Atkins became a first lieutenant in 1911, a captain in 1916. But there were opportunities to study the profession and Joe Atkins, serious and hard-working below his genial exterior, took full advantage of them. When the test came he was prepared and known to be prepared.

So with the advent of World War I, he promptly received his majority,

served as Assistant Chief of Staff successively of the 3d and 36th Divisions overseas, and ended the war a Lieutenant Colonel with the Victory Medal carrying four major engagement clasps, and the Distinguished Service Medal. He participated in the St. Mihiel and the Meuse-Argonne offensives and the Aisne defensive, to quote from his citation, "with tireless energy, devotion to duty and high military attainments".

With peace came additional opportunities for study and experience in a continuously changing profession. Joe had found time to graduate from the General Staff College, Langres, France, in 1918. During the next twelve years he took the Field Officers' Course at the Chemical Warfare School, studied at the Tank School and graduated from the Army War College; his military education and thirty years service completed at the same time. There was also much additional staff duty, a total of seven years with the War De-



partment General Staff and four with the Headquarters of the Infantry School.

There followed more troop duty, now command duty in a grade more nearly commensurate with his ability. He commanded the highly conspicuous and efficient 3d Battalion, 29th Infantry, on duty at the Field Artillery School. This command provided an opportunity to study and improve the relations of the two arms and their combination in the Infantry-Artillery team, a most prominent feature of military training of the period. He was promoted to the grade of Colonel in 1935, commanding the 6th Infantry at Jefferson Barracks and the corresponding Civilian Conservation Corps District.

Then the probability of our entry into another war became apparent. Belatedly as usual, at least seven years behind our prospective opponents, we started to rearm. In the search for able men for the high positions, Joe's qualifications were again recognized; he was made Chief of Staff, first of the 2d Division, the experimental "streamlined" division, then of the 3d Army with the rank of Brigadier General. He served a year in that exacting duty, bearing the brunt of the formative period when the team was being

organized, trained and shaken down for its work.

But now the policy changed. Younger men, it was held, were necessary for the strain of war; the oldsters must go, and Joe was sixty-two. So he was retired. His successor in the position was General Eisenhower.

It may be suspected that Joe experienced some bitterness at being placed on the shelf, many of his vintage did. He felt he was mentally and physically fit for duty. His ability was known and recognized. His relief was through no fault of his, only because of his age. It was just bad luck that when the opportunity for greater service was offering—and to a man of Atkin's nature greater service would mean more than increased rank—age and a War Department policy should rob him of it. But he never showed or spoke of disappointment, never groused.

Impatient of idleness, he accepted a position on the staff of the United Services Automobile Association. He served with it for five years, cementing more ties of affection, proving his ability to learn a new job and to do it well. He stayed there until his death.

It was not until the fall of '46 that any physical impairment was evident. He entered the Brooke General Hospital at Fort Sam Houston the day after Christmas. After four months, during which time his cheerfulness was unchanged and he showed the same qualities that so many years ago had caused him repeatedly to be selected President of his class, he died quietly and peacefully on April nineteenth.

—K. B. E.

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**Stephen Clark Reynolds**

NO. 4267 CLASS OF 1904

Died January 10, 1947, at Warrenton,  
Virginia, aged 65 years.

STEPHEN CLARK REYNOLDS was born in Louisiana, Missouri on the 26th of August 1881.

When he was two years old his family moved to Saint Louis, Missouri where he lived and was educated. He graduated from the Manual Training School there and then had one year at Washington University and one year at Cornell before entering West Point in 1900. After graduating he was assigned to the Cavalry and joined the Eleventh Cavalry at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri but moved to Fort Des Moines, Iowa as soon as that post was completed.

In 1905 he married Marjorie Oliver of Saint Louis and after serving at Fort Des Moines, Fort Ethan Allen and Fort Oglethorpe, went to the Philippines in 1912.

He had two sons, Stephen Clark Reynolds, Jr., born in 1906, and Guy Oliver Reynolds, born in 1909.

In the Philippines he joined the Seventh Cavalry and always said that his three years service in the Islands were the best years of his life. "Why?" he used to say. "I was only a First Lieutenant and I had a wife, two children, five servants and a string of polo ponies and saved money!"

On his return from the Philippines he was on the Mexican border, then became Aide to Gen. Charles Morton.

Then, to his great joy, was sent overseas. He went to the General Staff School at Longeas and from there was assigned to General Ely in the Fifth Division. He participated in the Montdidier-Noyon Defensive, the Aisne-Marne Offensive, the Oise-Aisne Offensive and the Meuse Argonne Offensive, receiving the Distinguished Service Medal (Oak Leaf Cluster) and the Silver Star.

On returning from abroad, Col. Reynolds was sent to Hawaii where he was on the General Staff.

On returning to the States, he was again assigned to the General Staff and as he very much wanted mounted service with outdoor life, decided to transfer to the Quartermaster Corps as he had been promised the command of the Remount Depot at Front Royal. Horses were always his great love and he felt he would be having more to do with them in the Remount Service than in the Cavalry which was rapidly being mechanized. So upon completing a four year tour of duty with



the General Staff, Col. Reynolds in 1925 was assigned to duty as Commanding Officer of the Army's Remount Depot at Front Royal, Virginia.

He was peculiarly fitted for this assignment for he was not only one of the Army's outstanding Cavalrymen and an expert in the art of equitation, horsemanship and horsemastership, but also for many years he had been a great student of horse breeding. He was familiar with the blood lines of all the world's great horses, from the Godolphin Arabian to Man O' War. This combination of accomplishments soon brought results.

Long before Col. Reynold's seven year tour of duty at the Remount Depot had expired, he became known throughout the Army and the civilian horse-loving communities of the East for the splendid young thoroughbred and half-bred horses produced at the Front Royal Remount Depot. Soon he was being constantly called upon to judge in breeding classes in horse shows all over the Eastern half of the United States.

Upon relinquishing command of the Depot at Front Royal, Col. Reynolds was made Chief of the Army's Remount Service with an office in Washington. From there he was able to expand the work of better horsebreeding in the Remount Depots west of the

Mississippi as well as to all Army horse-breeding areas throughout the entire country.

Col. Reynolds retired the 30th of September, 1934. For three years he traveled, usually spending the winters in Bermuda and the summers in Maine. In 1938, he decided to settle in Warrenton, Virginia, where he would be among really good friends and see plenty of good horses.

He was not well at this time and could do no active work when the Second World War was declared, but he was a very human person and a lover of young people, and he soon found that he was kept busy advising young men about getting into the service in places for which they were best fitted; and also, in helping them to get to Officers' Training Schools after they were enlisted. He kept in touch with them, and had letters from them from all over the world.

He was a great enthusiast for West Point and there were many cadets at the Academy who had been persuaded by him to choose the Army as their careers. He always said that the training received at West Point and Annapolis did more for the Youth of America than that of all the other colleges combined.

"Duty, Honor, Country" was his motto and he lived up to it in all things.

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**Paul Hedrick Clark**

NO. 4443 CLASS OF 1905

*Died November 22, 1946, at North Carlsbad, California, aged 68 years.*

Upon graduation in 1905 Paul Henry was assigned to the 25th Infantry and served with that regiment in Nebraska, Texas and Oklahoma. He was transferred to the 3d Infantry in January 1907 at Fort Wright, Washington. In 1908 and 1909 he attended the School of Musketry, Presidio of Monterey, California and participated in the Pacific and Army rifle and pistol competitions. At the conclusion of a four months leave spent in travel, he sailed for the Philippine Islands in August, 1909 and was on duty at Jolo and Camp Jossman and as Quartermaster and Commissary of the transport *Seward* for one year.

When Paul Henry returned to the United States in 1911 he was assigned to the 23d Infantry and saw service in Texas, Indiana, and on flood duty in the lower Mississippi valley. He was the first member of his class to go to the School of the Line in 1913 and was a distinguished graduate. In 1915 he graduated from the Army Staff Col-



**P**AUL HEDRICK CLARK, generally known to his friends as "Paul Henry", was born January 21, 1878 in Chicago, Illinois, the son of Laura Torbert Hedrick and Andrew G. Clark, and was educated in the Chicago schools. Before going to West Point he served as a private in the 1st Regiment, Illinois National Guard, 1893-1896, and was called in riot service twice during the coal and railroad strikes of June and July 1894.

He entered the Military Academy June 13, 1899 but due to illnesses and long sick leaves was not graduated until June 1905. His charming manner and sense of humor made him a very popular cadet. The 1905 Howitzer reported Paul Henry as saying that he had forgotten when he entered the Academy. But it must have been in the time of Sylvanus Thayer for Paul Henry was the sole judge as to whether a thing had been a custom from "time immemorial". During his furloughs he visited Europe twice and also the interior of Mexico. On one occasion he visited the French Military Academy and on invitation of the French commandant presented diplomas to the graduating class—using his best French. By his contemporaries he will always be remembered for his recitation in Descriptive Geometry, when just before the bugle sounded, he pointed to a spot on his drawing and declared in his most polished manner, "And now after due deliberation and careful consideration I have decided that *this* is the brilliant point".

lege and then went to the Philippine Islands via Japan, Korea and China, where he served with the 27th and 8th Infantry Regiments. By February 1917 he had been promoted to Captain, was detailed in the Quartermaster Corps and returned to the United States. Soon after his arrival he was on his way to France as Assistant Quartermaster, 1st Division. Paul Henry's knowledge of the French language and the French people made his services most valuable in training American organizations and officers with the French army. In January 1918 he was assigned with the American Military Mission at French General Headquarters and was acting chief and chief of that mission until July, 1919. For this service he was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal with the following citation:

"For exceptionally meritorious and distinguished services. As chief of the American Military Mission at French General Headquarters, he performed with marked distinction important duties requiring tact and judgment. His ceaseless efforts and untiring energy were of material benefit in securing the necessary cooperation with the French military authorities".

Paul Henry was the first of his class to attend the Army War College from which he graduated in 1920. From

Washington he went to Alaska and then to Hawaii where he was chief of Military Intelligence. His health failed him and after a long sick leave spent in Europe he was retired as a Major September 14, 1922 for disability incident to the service. In June, 1930 he was advanced to the grade of Colonel, the highest rank he had held during the war.

In addition to the Distinguished Service Medal, he was an Officer of the Legion of Honor, French; holder of the Croix de Guerre, French; Allied Victory Medal with two stars; and La Solidaridad, 2nd Class, Panama.

Upon his retirement Paul Henry settled in Nice, France where he lived very happily until 1941 when he had to flee leaving everything behind him, even his pets. He then toured California in search for a home and bought a beautiful fruit ranch near Carlsbad, California. He was very successful and happy as a "ranchero", as he called himself, until his last illness. He was interred in the Post Cemetery at West Point, New York on December 27, 1946. In accordance with his expressed wishes no religious ceremonies were held in connection with the interment. No honorary pallbearers were detailed.

Paul Henry never married. He is survived by his sister, Mrs. Edith W. Clark of St. Petersburg, Florida. His estate which was reported to be of considerable value was left to the Christian Science Church.

After his retirement Paul Henry prepared for publication his three hundred secret letters to General Pershing while he was Chief of the American Military Mission at French General Headquarters. These letters are a day to day account of the conversations with French staff officers at Marshal Petain's headquarters. In France during World War II he organized several hundred French peasant women for home manufacture of women's and children's garments. Paul Henry was a great traveler and covered Europe, eastern Asia, northern Africa and the United States. As an accomplished musician he composed six pieces of religious music. He also wrote for publication a work on God and man entitled "What Is and What Seems to Be".

Paul Henry, soldier, world traveler and musician was greatly loved and admired by his many friends. His great affability and his unusual accomplishments made him a welcome addition to any gathering. He will be missed by many friends. In spite of great suffering he was true to the tenets of his faith even unto the end.

—A Classmate.

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**Edwin St. John Greble, Jr.**

NO. 4786 CLASS OF 1909

Died December 31, 1946, at Washington, D. C., aged 59 years.

**B**ORN at Fort Mason, California, November 9, 1887, Ed Greble was the son of Major General Edwin St. J. Greble and Gertrude Poland Greble, and the grandson of Lieutenant John Trout Greble, the first Union

officer killed in the Civil War. He was the third of his family in direct line to graduate from West Point. His maternal grandfather, Brigadier General John S. Poland, was also a graduate of the Military Academy. His paternal great grandfather, Professor John French, was Chaplain and Professor of Ethics at the Academy.

As a cadet Ed took part in practically all undergraduate activities. He was an "A" man in football, captain of the lacrosse team (which sport he helped introduce at West Point), was on the fencing squad and established a new Academy record for the pole vault. He was successively First Corporal, ranking First Sergeant, First Captain, and Quartermaster of the Corps of Cadets. In his first class year he was likewise president of Y.M.C.A. and a hop manager.

Upon graduation Ed joined the Field Artillery, where he kept up his interest in polo, steeplechasing and flat racing. Soon after being commission-



ed he volunteered for flying duty and was one of the first ten men in the then newly formed Aviation Section. He had reached the solo stage when his father intervened and had him transferred to other duty. To his dying day the General would say, "Sonny, I saved your life", and Ed would reply "Dad, you ruined my career", whereupon they would both smile.

Ed was a junior aide to both President Taft and President Wilson. When World War I broke out he was a Field Artillery Observer with the French Army. Reporting to our Embassy in Paris, he was given many difficult tasks by Ambassador Herrick, who stated later that he relied implicitly on Ed's ability. On his return to the United States he resigned from the Army and took charge of building the proving ground at Lakehurst, N. J., for the Baldwin Locomotive Works. Later he organized a large guard for the protection of the Baldwin plant at Eddystone, Pa. At that time a large Russian ammunition order was being filled. Several attempts to blow up the pellet room were circumvented but finally one was successful. One hundred and twenty-four people were killed. Ed helped in the rescue of girl workers pinned under the fallen walls of the burning building.

Upon our entry into World War I Ed re-entered the service and was made a major in the 108th Field Artillery. He recruited this National Guard unit to full strength and later became its colonel. During the Meuse-Argonne offensive he was injured in action by an exploding mine which killed several of his men. Toward the end of the war he was transferred to the command of the 76th Field Artillery and remained for some time in the Army of Occupation.

Again returning to civil life Ed became the manager of the Baldwin Locomotive Works for Southeastern Europe. He established headquarters in Bucharest and evolved an acceptable method of exchanging locomotives for oil. In Yugoslavia he bartered locomotives for grain and proposed to take wine for payment in Russia. While in Bucharest he founded a country club.

After six years in Rumania, Ed returned to the United States in 1925. He accepted a position with a development company at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, but the collapse of the Florida land boom put an end to that enterprise. He next worked on a road building project in North Carolina and then declined an offer to go to Mexico on a large road job. He was next employed by Thomas A. Edison in West Orange, New Jersey, looking over idle inventions to see how they could be turned to commercial use. Among these he selected electrical recording, conceiving the idea of on-the-spot recording of public events. In 1927 he tried the experiment at St. George's Church in New York, recording the singing of the choir. This record was transmitted from station WOR and marked a forward step in radio broadcasting.

Leaving the Edison Company, Ed became Executive Assistant to Mr. Loren F. Loree, President of the Delaware and Hudson Railroad Company. During this period he interested himself in local politics in West Orange. Here he had bought a home for himself, his wife (the former Florence Colgate) and his three children, Edwin St. John, 3d, Florence Colgate and William Estes. Feeling strongly that an informed electorate was essential to clean politics, he was able to arouse much local enthusiasm and was building a wide awake Republican Club when he became very ill and had to drop all his activities.

When partially recovered from his illness Ed worked on a trailer development for military command posts. One of his models was submitted to the Army and passed all tests, but received scant recognition. Always full of ideas and energy, but with a lessening ability to cope with circumstances because of illness, he grew to see only his failures, and these thoughts preyed on his mind, undermining his natural balance and permanently injuring his health.

In 1934 Ed was divorced and the latter years of his life were filled with great tragedy.

In 1941 his daughter died and early during the war his youngest son, who was a pilot in the 8th Air Force, was killed in action over Germany.

One son, Doctor Edwin St. J. Greble, III, was graduated from Jefferson Medical College. There are two young

grandsons, Edwin Greble and William Estes Greble, to carry on the name.

In November 1946 Ed suffered a severe heart attack and on New Year's eve he died. The end came swiftly and mercifully. Ed is at peace at last and lies beside his father in the National Cemetery at Arlington.

—A Classmate.

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**John Roy Douglas Matheson**

NO. 4754 CLASS OF 1909

*Died April 10, 1947, at Pasadena, California, aged 60 years.*

**J**OHAN ROY DOUGLAS MATHESON, better known to his host of friends as "Roy" or "Mat", was born in Billings, Montana, on January 3, 1887. He attended the University of Iowa one year, 1904-1905, before entering the United States Military Academy in 1905. Scholastic duties at West Point proved not too difficult, as he graduated No. 5 in the 1909 class of 103.

Roy spent his first year after graduation with the other 1909 Engineers, studying the current work of the Corps of Engineers on the Great Lakes Survey, navigational improvements on the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers, and the construction of the Panama Canal.

During his tour of duty on the Panama Canal he met and married Ethel Quinton Mason, daughter of Colonel Charles Field Mason, Medical Corps, and Mrs. Quinton Mason, later Mrs. Edward F. Murphy.

Roy spent the next year at the U.S. Engineer School at Washington Barracks, D. C., graduating in 1911. A short tour at Fort Leavenworth was followed by a three year tour of duty in Hawaii on mapping and survey work with Co. I, 3d Battalion of Engineers.

Returning from Hawaii in 1915, Roy was next assigned as Assistant District Engineer at Wilmington, N. C., where he spent two years on lock and dam construction on the Cape Fear River.

His tour at West Point as Assistant Professor of Mathematics, 1917-1918 was cut short by assignment to troops during World War I. He commanded the 217th Engineers at Camp Beauregarde, La., until the end of the war.

Roy's service after World War I covered many duties and stations, briefly stated below:

District Engineer at Wilmington, N. C., 1919-1921.

Honor Graduate, School of the Line, 1922.

Graduate, General Staff School, 1923.

Graduate of the Army War College, 1924.

Duty in the office of the Chief of Engineers, 1924-1925.

Assistant Professor of Engineering at West Point, 1925-1929.

District Engineer, Sacramento, California, 1929-1931.

Command of the 13th Engineers and Executive Officer at Fort Humphreys (Belvoir), Va., 1932-1936.

Duty with the War Department General Staff at Washington, D. C., 1936-1940. Part of this service was as Deputy G-4 in connection with C.C.C. affairs.

During these latter years Roy suffered from chronic duodenal ulcers and he applied for retirement in 1940, hoping to rest, write, and regain his health; but the outbreak of the second World War brought him back to duty in the Division Engineer Office in San Francisco. On this job Roy commuted every day from Burlingame, California, until 1943 when he was again retired for physical disability with heart and health impaired.

The Matheson family then moved to Altadena, California where, in December, 1945, Roy suffered a stroke of paralysis. This was followed by lighter strokes until the fatal attack in McCornack General Hospital in Pasadena on April 10, 1947.

Though greatly handicapped, Roy kept on his feet to the end.

Matheson's desire to write found expression in his book, "A Needle in the Haystack", the Junior Literary Guild selection in 1930, and verses published in "St. Nicholas" and "John Martin's Book". He also wrote a play, "Back



from Troy", which was put on by the Essayons Dramatic Club at Fort Belvoir, Va.

Colonel Matheson is survived by his wife, Ethel, 1988 N. Allen Ave., Altadena, California; by his sons, Col. John D. Matheson, Col. Donald R. Matheson, Retired, Major David M. Matheson and Mr. William Q. Matheson; and by his daughters Page M. Niles, wife of Lieut. Col. Ellery W. Niles, and Miss Jean E. Matheson.

Roy's greatest regret was that he had never served on a battlefield nor had ever been under fire, but we who knew him intimately realize that he gave his strength and, eventually, his life in the service of his country, always striving to realize the ideals of Duty, Honor, Country. He now rests in the cemetery at West Point.

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 Broadcast upon our history's ample page

The records of their valiant deeds are strown.

Proudly their alma mater claims her own.

May she have sons like these from age to age!"

(*"The United States Military Academy, West Point"—Holden.*)

—C. C. G.—1909.

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**John Wesley Stewart**

NO. 4937 CLASS OF 1911

*Died March 30, 1947, at Rutherford, New Jersey, aged 61 years.*

"We're goin' 'ome, we're goin' 'ome,  
 Our ship is at the shore,  
 An' you must pack your 'aversack,  
 For we won't come back no more."

**M**ANY times have we heard "Red" Stewart quote these lines, but little did any one in his family or circle of friends realize that his ship was so near the shore—so word of his sudden death on the evening of March 30th was a great shock to every one. The brilliance of "Red" Stewart's mind and the quiet strength of his remarkable character had a way of flowing out and influencing for good all that they touched, and his family, wide circle of friends, in and out of the service, the community, and the school at which he had taught since retiring from the Corps of Engineers in November, 1945, have suffered a great loss.

Those of us in the Corps of Engineers who were closely associated with him at the Academy and on later assignments knew that, though never strong of body, "Red" Stewart had a heart as stout as his mind was brilliant and his modesty sincere.

And this, perhaps more than anything else, was Colonel John Wesley Stewart, of the Class of 1911: a brilliant mind, a stout heart, and a body that was never quite equal to the driving thrust he demanded of it—all bound together by a quiet humor and a deep sense of humanity.

At the Academy, in the Class of 1911, there were five "engineers"—"Red" Stewart, "Phil" Fleming, "Joe" Mehaffey, Paul Reinecke, and I. The little group was drawn together in close friendship by temperament and warm regard, as well as by chosen branch of service. Due to the methods of making engineer assignments in those days, the group served the first two years together after graduation, and with bonds so tightly tied, never in the after-years lost touch with one another.

As young Engineer officers, we five were assigned as a group to the country's major construction jobs for short periods, so that we might see the real thing and gain at least a limited experience before being assigned for further instructions. The major construction at the time was still the Panama Canal, not yet fully completed. So after getting our feet wet, so to speak, at the Rock Island, Memphis, and New Orleans Engineer Districts on the Mississippi River, we were sent to the Canal Zone.

They were good years, and it is almost impossible to recall them without reminiscing; and almost impossible to reminisce without dwelling on the lighter, often humorous, incidents. Even in these incidents, and in spite of his quiet manner and extreme modesty, "Red" Stewart somehow always emerges in a leading role.

For example, a few nights after leaving New Orleans en route to Panama, the five of us, along with other

ship's passengers, were called upon to "render a number" at the ship's amateur party. We were secretly pleased, for at the Academy we had had much fun and established a reputation of sorts as a quintet, singing such popular numbers as *Put On Your Old Grey Bonnet* and other "hot" tunes of the day, with our specialty being Irish numbers, such as *My Wild Irish Rose* and *Sweet Rosie O'Grady*.

But that night aboard ship, and to our great chagrin, "Joe" Mehaffey balked. Standing at least 6' 4", able to lick his weight in wildcats, he suddenly became too timid to go before the audience. In a quandary, we did not know what to do, until Stewart came up with an idea that saved our big chance. That night we sang, and as a quintet, but the group arrangement was probably the most novel any audience ever witnessed. Instead of standing in the salon, "front and center", as the stage directions say, four of us stood far to one side, against the wall with a porthole to our back. And as we four sang our Irish song, "Joe" Mehaffey stood outside on the deck and sent his tenor in through the porthole to blend with "Phil" Fleming's lead.

While at the Academy, Stewart won early personal distinction from the class through his ability to speak Italian. It seems that prior to his entrance, he had bossed a railroad construction crew of Italians for a year or so and in this time had picked up the language as well as engineering experience. But once, while in Panama, "Red's" young emotions and his really fine linguistic ability met head on, resulting in a Spanish-English classic still repeated at certain awkward moments in the Corps today.

"Red" had been placed in charge of a Panamanian construction crew and was getting along fine when, one day, one of them failed to report to work or to send word that he would not be present. The following day "Red" started to reprimand him when the fellow turned loose a torrent of Panamanian-Spanish too fast for "Red" to understand and too persistent for him to interrupt. Finally, as the fellow paused for breath, "Red" came out with the gem that has come down through the years:

"If you *sabe* in the *noche* that you aren't going to *trabajar* on the *manana*, why don't you *habla*?"

"Red" was a great reader. He read extensively in all fields, but history was his pet. Eventually, he became an outstanding student of the Civil War, knowing not only the details of each battle fought and the strategy involved, but also the minute details, such as the exact number of casualties, often by regiments and companies. This early interest in history often sent his close friends to the library to look up some specific historical incident so that they might understand some particular point "Red" was trying to make. For example, when "Red" went to France in World War I, he would write long letters of his experiences and send them to "Phil" Fleming or to me, and we, in turn, would circulate them among our mutual friends. The letters were not only dramatically descriptive but showed a great scholarship in history, with long references to military

and political incidents that had transpired centuries before, yet were somehow connected with like incidents of the day.

Stewart took great pride in his hometown, Bradford, Pennsylvania, preferring it to many of the large cities of the world and insisting that its citizens should have the same status while traveling as the residents of such places as New York, Chicago, and Philadelphia. Always courageous of his convictions, he would establish himself on this small point by always signing a hotel register as being a resident of "Bfd., Pa."—thereby establishing Bradford as equal to "NYC", "Chi", and "Phila."

The above small incidents are repeated here only to show something of why Stewart, a quiet, modest man, left the imprint of his personality on each group in which he moved. Never strong of body, he was strong of spirit and mind. On his record the only remark that might even remotely be



taken as being tinged with criticism is the statement that he was inclined to overwork. Forced to retire from the Service for a number of years to win a personal battle against illness he never once complained but went on to win, with his indomitable spirit bringing him back, not only to health, but also to the Service. He served throughout World War II in a vital position in the North Atlantic Engineer Division, which includes many of the larger Eastern ports.

John Wesley Stewart was born September 17, 1885, at Bradford, Pennsylvania, where he received his early education and spent many of the mature years of his life. He attended Rensselaer Institute of Technology for one year, then was appointed to the United States Military Academy in the Class of 1911 from his Congressional District. At the Academy he was one of the most popular and the most scholarly members of the class, being considered by many as "the engineer most likely to succeed". He graduated second only to his close friend "Phil" Fleming in scholarship.

Commissioned as a Second Lieutenant on June 13, 1911, he was assigned to various large construction projects during the following two years; then, on September 15, 1913, he was sent to Cornell University, from which he re-

ceived his engineering degree in June 1914.

During the following year, Lieutenant Stewart received special instructions at the Engineer School, Washington Barracks, D. C.; served with Company "A", First Battalion of Engineers, for several months; then was made instructor in electrical and mechanical engineering at the Engineer School. From December 1915 until June 1916, he served as Secretary of the School.

On July 1, 1916, Stewart received his promotion to captain and was placed in command of Company "C", First Regiment of Engineers, stationed on the Mexican Border at Laredo, Texas. He remained on the Border for almost a year, during the time of the Pancho Villa trouble, then, with the temporary rank of major; he was placed in command of the First Battalion, Sixth Engineers. This rank was made permanent in October 1917.

During the months prior to World War I, Major Stewart gained valuable experience, both as a field officer and an administrative officer. On detached duty, he organized and served as the first Director of the Engineer Section, Second Corps, Engineer School, then, as commander of the Sixth Engineers.

Promoted to the rank of temporary lieutenant colonel, Stewart sailed for France in December 1917, in command of the Sixth Engineers, attached to the Third Army. He remained in France for two years, serving as Assistant to the Chief Engineer, A.E.F., and as Executive Officer. While in France he participated in all operations of the Third Division on the Marne, at Saint Mihiel, and in the Meuse Argonne. Following the Armistice, he went to Germany with the Army of Occupation, where he served as Chief Engineer from July until September 1919. He returned home in October of that year, reporting to the Chief of Engineers, in Washington.

Colonel Stewart's first major assignment after arriving home was as Assistant Engineer of the Rock Island Engineer District in Illinois. He then was transferred to the Vicksburg District, as District Engineer.

During Colonel Stewart's assignment as District Engineer at Vicksburg, he was ordered, together with "P.S." Reinecke and myself, to appear before the Examining Board at New Orleans, where we were to be examined for promotion. During the physical examination, tests showed that Stewart had contracted tuberculosis. He was retired as a major, July 1, 1920.

The next number of years were spent in sanatoriums in North Carolina, Colorado, and other health centers. Finally, after a long, hard fight, he won the battle and returned to his hometown of Bradford, where he established himself as a consulting engineer.

In October 1940, Stewart was recalled to duty and assigned to the North Atlantic Division as Assistant Division Engineer. He retained the assignment throughout the war, serving also for short times as a member of the Shore Protection Board, the Beach Erosion Board, and the Engineer Reclassification Board. The long hours, combined with his tendency to overwork, taxed his physical strength, and twice during the later

months of the war he was hospitalized. On October 31, 1945, he was retired from active service with the rank of colonel.

It was during the war years that Colonel Stewart moved his family from Bradford to Rutherford, New Jersey, where he purchased a home. In Rutherford, Stewart took an active part in community affairs, though his time for such activities was greatly curtailed by the long hours spent on duty.

Retiring from service, he accepted a teaching position at the local college, where he taught principles of engineering, engineering, drawing, and mathematics. He liked the position very much, because it gave him an opportunity to work with boys. Shortly after his death, the president of the school said that Colonel Stewart was one of the finest persons he had ever known. The student body, acting on its own initiative, raised sufficient funds so that they might place a plaque commemorating Colonel Stewart in the school's newest building.

An extremely modest man, "Red" Stewart was characterized in the minds of his friends and acquaintances by his kindness and gentleness. Although he had been forced by powers beyond his control to spend a number of years outside of the Service which he so highly respected, the enduring strength of his popularity among his old classmates was evidenced last June, when he and Mrs. Stewart attended the thirty-fifth anniversary of his class at West Point.

Surviving is his wife Helen Kerr Stewart and a daughter Ruth Ann, a Junior at Swarthmore College.

"Red" Stewart will be missed greatly, not only by his family and friends, but by the many people whose lives had touched his own.

—R. A. Wheeler.

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**Benjamin Willis Mills**

NO. 5472 CLASS OF 1915

*Died February 6, 1947, at Washington, D. C., aged 53 years.*

**C**OLONEL BENJAMIN WILLIS MILLS, member of the Class of 1915, died at Walter Reed Hospital on February 6, 1947, of a heart attack. He had made his home since 1945, when he retired for the second time, in Washington, D. C.

Born on October 26, 1893 in Georgia, Ben entered West Point from the Third District of Florida on August 1, 1911, having received his appointment too late to enter with the majority of the class. At the Academy he was best known for his hard work and his pleasant, likeable personality.

Although assigned to the Infantry upon graduation, Ben served in 1917-18 with the Aviation Section of the Signal Corps, later the Air Corps. He thus became one of the Army's earliest airmen, completing his World War I service as a Major. He then transferred back to the Infantry and carried out a succession of normal peacetime assignments, including duty as Director of the Board for the Promotion of Rifle Practice, until July 31,

1939, when he was retired at his own request.

Returning to active duty in World War II, he served at Camp Croft, South Carolina; Indio, California; Yuma, Arizona; and Washington, D. C. Unsuccessful in attempts to obtain an overseas assignment himself, Ben was deeply affected by the loss



of one of his sons, Willis, during the war. His retirement in 1945 brought to an end his long career of service in responsible posts.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Frances L. Mills of Washington; a son, First Lieutenant Robert S. Mills, stationed in Germany; a brother, Major General Robert H. Mills, U.S.A., retired; and five sisters. Interment was at Arlington National Cemetery.

His smiling countenance and good-natured disposition will be missed by all his friends, particularly those of us who were his classmates and accustomed to having him with us at many of our class luncheons and other meetings.

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**Russell John Nelson**

NO. 6457 CLASS OF 1919

*Killed December 15, 1944, while being transported as a prisoner of war, near Olongapo, Philippine Islands, aged 47 years.*

**R**USSELL JOHN NELSON was born April 24, 1897 at Big Rapids, Michigan. He received his early education in the public schools of Greenville, Michigan, after which he was appointed to the United States Military Academy. Upon graduation from West Point in 1919, Russell was commissioned in the Infantry. He accompanied his class on a tour of the European Battle Fields returning in time to enter the Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia as a student that same autumn.

Russell graduated from the Infantry School in 1920 and then served successively at Camp Jackson, S. C.; at Jefferson Barracks, Mo.; in the Panama Canal Zone; at the University of Missouri; at Fort Meade, Md., again at Fort Benning, Ga.; with the Gold Star Pilgrimage, Europe; at Fort Ham-

ilton, N. Y.; and at the Massanutten Military Academy, Woodstock, Virginia. Upon completion of his tour as Professor of Military Science and Tactics at Massanutten in 1939, Russell was sent to the Philippine Islands where he was serving at the time of Pearl Harbor.

"Rusty", as Russell was affectionately known to his family and his many friends, was married on June 9, 1928 to Mary Turner Guitart. Mary and Rusty enjoyed an unbroken companionship until May 1941 when the approaching war forced the families of our Army and Navy personnel to leave the Philippines.

In August of 1941, Rusty, then a Lieutenant Colonel, went to Davao where he organized and directed a training school for officers of the 101st Philippine Division. When the war started he received command of the 102nd Infantry Regiment of the same division and retained this command until he was ordered to surrender May 10, 1942. He was in command of the Cotabato Sub-sector of Mindanao when the Japanese landed there with a superior force. His regiment fought successive delaying actions across Mindanao destroying everything of value to the enemy. On May 10, 1942 when ordered by General Sharpe to surrender, his regiment was occupying a defensive position in the Davao Area.

After the surrender of the American Forces in Mindanao, Rusty was held as a prisoner of war by the Japanese at Malaybalay until September when he was removed to Davao. He was the American Officer in Charge of the camps until April 1943 when he was replaced as a result of the escape of several prisoners. In June 1944, Rusty was transferred to Cabanatuan on Luzon and in October he was sent to Bilibid Prison with a group of Americans then awaiting transportation to Japan. On December 13, 1944 Rusty embarked with more than sixteen hundred other American prisoners on the Oryoku Maru, then in Manila Harbor. The next day the ship was bombed several times but managed to limp in to the bay at Olongapo. On the morning of December 15, 1944, while lying in the harbor the ship was again bombed, one bomb landing in the hold in which Rusty's group was packed. Almost two hundred officers and men were killed, Rusty among them.

At the end of the war Mary was advised that the records of the War Department showed that Rusty had been recommended for promotion to the grade of Colonel but that he had died before action could be completed on the recommendation. Later she received a letter from the War Department in which the following corrective action had been taken, "A formal commission and promotion orders evidencing the appointment of your husband as Colonel, Army of the United States effective 14 December 1944 are enclosed"

The Bronze Star Medal was awarded Rusty—"For meritorious service while in command of the 102nd Infantry, Philippine Army from 8 December 1941 to 10 May 1942 on Mindanao, P. I. During that period Lt. Colonel Nelson organized and trained the 102nd Infantry, Philippine Army, and with it, during the attack of the

Japanese in the vicinity of Catabato, on 29 April 1942, he skillfully delayed the enemy advance in successive positions until 10 May 1942, he was ordered to surrender".

Before and during combat Rusty proved himself to be a most capable and gallant soldier. He was an officer and a gentleman of the highest type and one which the Army could ill afford to lose. During the two and one-half years in prison camp Rusty's fine character and perseverance were acknowledged by all who knew him. One friend wrote, "Rusty was a little man in stature but great in heart. He thought of others first and when they had been cared for, he began to think of himself. Where welfare of the group was at stake, then no friendship, no intimacy he had with anyone interfered with him in doing his duty. He had character that all wished for in an Army officer". While in prison camp, although suffering from malaria and nutritional diseases, and undergoing many hardships, Rusty was always cheerful, thoughtful and



considerate. Even when the veneer of civilization on most of us had worn thin, Rusty remained a gentleman.

Rusty is survived by his wife, Mary, of Corona Del Mar, California; five brothers, Harry, Peter, Winfred, Floyd and Irving, and two sisters, Evelyn Nelson Chase and Vivian Nelson Ross, all of Michigan.

The family has lost a fine brother, Mary a wonderful husband, the Army a grand officer, the world a perfect gentleman, and many of us a real friend.

—I. A.

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**Joseph Ganahl**

NO. 8143 CLASS OF 1927

Died February 11, 1945, in Japanese Camp Fukuoka No. 22, aged 41 years.

**T**HERE will always be clear in the minds of those who knew him a memory of Joe, with his ready laugh, his fierce rages, his tremendous pride in his family and his outfit, his grim delight in riding off an opponent in polo (usually at no little risk to various lives and limbs) and his scornful impatience with any

sign of pompousness. Those who knew Joe need no words from me to remind them of him. But there are many who knew only of him, and it is for them that this is written.

Joe was born in Louisville, Kentucky, April 19, 1903. His parents were Margaret Griffith and Artemous Gould Ganahl. He entered West Point in 1923 and graduated in 1927.

After a brief but spectacular career in the Air Corps as a student pilot, Joe was transferred to the 12th Field Artillery, at Fort Sam Houston. Later he was sent to Hawaii, where he served with the 13th Field Artillery and the 11th Field Artillery Brigade. While in Hawaii he was married to Constance Hale Otis of Cleveland.

Then followed a tour as a member of the Battery Officers' class at the Field Artillery School. Joe's polo and jumping were so outstanding that his being ordered to take the Advanced Course in Horsemanship the next year was only natural. After completing that course, and adding to his collection of cups and ribbons, he was assigned to the crack 16th Field Artillery battalion at Fort Myer. In 1937 he became an instructor of the 37th Division, Ohio National Guard, with station in Cleveland. He joined the Armored Force as Battery Commander of Battery B, 68th Field Artillery, and then was appointed Assistant G-4, 1st Armored Division. In October 1941 he sailed for Manila.

In the Philippines Joe was given command of the 1st Provisional Artillery Battalion of self-propelled guns. When he took it over the battalion was a heterogeneous crowd of American soldiers, Philippine Scouts, Philippine Army draftees, and Filipino civilian truck drivers. In a matter of days he made out of this group a unit which the corps artillery commander considered "a marvel of excellence and discipline". Under Joe's command, it was awarded three Distinguished Unit Citations.

The following account of Joe's early campaigning with his unit is given by Clark Lee in his book *They Call It Pacific*:

"There were some American army trucks drawn up at the side of the road with a few officers standing beside them. One of them had a blood-soaked handkerchief wrapped around his head. His left sleeve was cut off at the shoulder and his arm bandaged.

"He was Major Joseph Ganahl of Euclid Heights, Cleveland, a West Pointer and in peacetime a polo player and hunter. He and Major Williams and Major Noble and their Filipino Scouts had been fighting the Japanese advance from Vigan, down toward Lingayen, with a few mounted 75's.

"We've been fighting these fellows for the past two weeks and holding them pretty well. Day before yesterday the Japs hit us with a large force, including tanks, and we started to withdraw slowly down the coast road to the cut-off to Baguio. Last night they surrounded us. We found them holding a bridge behind us, but we shot our way across, then turned into a road to our left, away from the beach and toward the mountains. All

last night they were firing at us with rifles and machine guns.

"At daylight this morning we could see their ships out there. A bunch of them landed on the beach and set up some 88-millimeter guns. We shot back and forth for quite a while with considerable damage on both sides. Finally, only one of my guns was firing and only about twelve of us were still alive and unwounded. The Japs were on the beach and on the road to the south of us, and we couldn't draw back through the mountains.

"We were sitting there, exposed, in the middle of the rice fields. Then their dive bombers came over, to add to the merry hell of it, and I stopped a piece of bomb and a fragment of a shell and a rifle bullet. Nothing serious, though.

"We decided our only chance was to try to fight our way out to the south. I put the survivors in the two trucks that were still running. There weren't many survivors, and most of them were wounded.

"We drove back onto the road without getting hit, and turned south. About a half mile up ahead the road passed through a cut-out in a hill, which rose to about twenty feet on each side. The Japs opened up on us from the top of the cut with machine guns.

"Our leading gun-truck was badly shot up and was limping along at only three miles an hour. The second one couldn't pass it on the narrow road.

"When we reached the cut-off we ducked low in the trucks and held our breath. Machine-gun bullets bounced down on us and a few of us got new wounds. We got through because the Japs were too stupid to drop a couple of hand grenades into our trucks. If they had been experienced soldiers we wouldn't be here."



"Ganahl told me that story many weeks later in Bataan. That evening he was too exhausted to talk much.

"That night I asked him only one question. 'What happened to the rest of our northern forces?'

"He said, 'Hell! WE are the northern forces, what's left of us.'"

There was enough of the battalion left to furnish the backbone of our dwindling defense of the peninsula and it is probable, according to survivors, that Joe's battalion fired the last shots in defense of Bataan.

One veteran of the Philippines campaign reported that "even where heroes were counted by hundreds, Ganahl was outstanding". He was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, the Silver Star, the Legion of Merit, and the Purple Heart with three clusters. In recommending Joe for one decoration, the Commanding General of the 11th Division wrote, "It is the opinion of the Division Commander and of all others associated with Major Ganahl that there is no mark of distinction and appreciation within the gift of the War Department that should be withheld from him". We all know how Joe must have snorted, if he read that. He was not one to accept praise modestly; he never accepted it at all.

Nor was he apt to lose his fine perspective. When an old friend just released from a hospital visited Joe's command post on Bataan, Joe served not dull army fare but martinis, roast beef and fresh vegetables.

Not only in combat was Joe his typical self. When an exhausted Catholic chaplain had to discard all of his mass kit except the altar stone and chalice, and later was no longer able to carry even those, Joe—though recently wounded and though not a Catholic—took them and carried them all the way to Camp O'Donnel.

Joe's days in the prison camps have been described by one of those who were with him: "During the days when we had enough food, Joe and I cut wood at one of the kitchens, to try to keep ourselves in good physical condition. After the mail began to dribble in he seemed to be the most fortunate of all of us. He was invariably generous with his news from home, always sharing with us the joys of his letters and pictures. He was terrifically proud of Timmy (his youngest son, born a week after Pearl Harbor) and used to come rushing down to parade the snapshots when they arrived".

Joe lived through two transport sinkings while enroute to Japan. However, he was wounded during one of the bombings and upon arriving in Japan was taken to the hospital, where he died February 11, 1945.

General Wainwright wrote in *General Wainwright's Story*: "The senior American officers with the 13th and the 12th Infantry regiments, Lieutenant Colonels Moses and Noble, and Major Joe Ganahl, were three of the finest combat officers in my command. Ganahl, a spirited Texan, fought as few men have ever fought until the fall of Bataan. And then when he must have seen with haggard eyes the faint ray of liberation he met his death near the end of the war".

Joe is survived by his widow; his two sons, Joseph Ganahl, Jr., and Timothy Hale Ganahl; and two step-children, Constance Hale Otis and William Edwards Otis, Jr.

—A Classmate.

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## Raymond Davis Millener

NO. 8906 CLASS OF 1930

Died December 7, 1944, at Moulmelon-le-Grande, France, aged 36 years.

RAYMOND DAVIS MILLENER was born at Williamsport, Pennsylvania, April 13, 1908. He was the youngest of three brothers, all of whom were destined to serve their country well during the critical days of World War II. The senior, George A. Millener, preceded his younger brother to the United States Military Academy, graduating in 1924. Seward Millener served in the Army with distinction during the war period. "Bud" Millener was from his earliest days reared with membership in the Corps of Cadets as his first major goal. During his boyhood, "Bud's" interests and activities fell naturally into that pattern



which is indicative of the soldier—he loved sports and the outdoors. He took a very active and successful interest in the Boy Scout activities of his community and, though not large for his age, won his letter in High School football and track.

"Bud" had not the slightest difficulty in adapting himself to cadet life. He recognized that the system of training and discipline, while rigorous for mind and body, had a worthy and proven objective. As a consequence, he accepted Plebe Year with a never failing sense of good humor and a willingness to play the game that created admiration and respect among his seniors and his classmates alike.

It was while "Bud" was a plebe in "F" Company, which in those days was composed of "runts", that the Company upset all precedent by winning the Intramural Football Championship. "Bud's" performance was a big factor in that victory. Few of the then "F" Company cadets will forget how he ran under, around, and over the opposing flankers. His fighting spirit in this relatively minor intramural victory made a deeper and more lasting impression on his close friends than did his more widely recognized accomplishments in Corps Squad athletics; he was a member of the Academy's wrestling and soccer teams.

"Bud's" achievements as a cadet were not confined to the field of sports. He was sound academically, always standing comfortably in the middle of his class, but his interests were many and he preferred to devote his spare time and energies to other activities rather than concentrate on the improvement of his academic rank. He participated in many cadet endeavors. There is no truer indication of the respect which he won from his classmates than his election to the Cadet Honor Committee, a position which is gained only through the complete confidence of the Corps. He was a Cadet Lieutenant, and later a Cadet Captain, during his First Class year.

Upon his graduation in 1930, Lt. Millener was stationed at Fort Niagara, New York, with the 28th Infantry. He learned rapidly through the performance of those usual duties which are assigned to a young 2nd Lieutenant serving with troops. In the summer of 1932, he was ordered to Panama where he served until 1935. Part of this tour was spent with the Infantry at Fort Davis, and part as Assistant Provost Marshal of the Atlantic Sector with station at Fort De Lesseps. It was in Panama that Lt. Millener married Linda H. Mercer, a young woman of staunch Army tradition, and niece of the late General Campbell B. Hodges, with whom she was visiting at the time of her marriage. The young couple returned to the United States in June of 1935. Lt. Millener having been ordered to the Infantry School at Fort Benning, from which he graduated in 1936.

That his record over these initial years as a junior officer was outstanding, is well indicated by his assignment to France for language study prior to a tour as instructor at the Military Academy. Senior officers at both West Point and the War Department considered him the best qualified young officer for this prized assignment. Lt. Millener pursued his studies at the Sorbonne in Paris during the year 1936-1937 and reported to the Military Academy in August to assume his duties as an instructor in the Department of Modern Languages.

Lt. Millener brought to his classroom those happy qualities which distinguish the leader from the pure teacher. He himself, both as a cadet and as an officer, so revered the Academy and all it stood for, that he was incapable of assuming other than that each student was seriously endeavoring his best to succeed. Cadets are quick to recognize the quality of their instructors and they repaid Lt. Millener's helpful guidance with deep and genuine respect.

A daughter, Virginia Hodges Millener, was born at West Point on April 13, 1941, the anniversary of "Bud's" birthday.

In June 1941, Captain Millener left West Point for duty with the Second Infantry Division at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. He commanded the 2nd Battalion, 9th Infantry, during maneuvers in Louisiana, with outstanding success. He was ordered to the Command and General Staff School as a student in February 1942. After graduation in May, he was assigned to the 355th Infantry, then being activated at Camp Carson, Colorado, where he was promoted to Major.

In December of 1942, Major Millener was assigned to the 101st Airborne Division, reporting to the unit at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. He served as Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, from that time until the latter part of June 1944, and was responsible in great part for the splendid training which eventually made itself apparent in the record of this fighting division. He bore a large share in the planning for the Division's participation in the Normandy invasion, working ever more tirelessly as D Day approached. By then a Lt. Colonel, "Bud" was scheduled to go into Normandy by glider, but at the last minute the available glider lift was reduced to the extent that he was directed to come in with his section by water on D plus 1. "Bud" appealed from this decision, requesting that he be allowed to parachute, although he had never received any special parachute training. He pled with such urgency that the Division Commander reluctantly approved. Thus, his first jump was into the rugged combat of D Day in Normandy.

"Bud's" plane apparently became lost. He landed miles from the designated drop zone, deep in enemy territory. He formed his little band of parachutists, picked up those of another plane that had likewise jumped in that area, and for the next five days fought his way back to the Division under circumstances which earned him the Distinguished Service Cross.

Later in talking of this episode to a close friend, "Bud" made an observation which can be long and well considered by any young officer. In substance his remarks were these: "I never before quite realized what it meant to be an officer. As the ugly realities of our situation slowly dawned on our little group, I found the men instinctively turning to me for the answers. It was not a verbal questioning but was evident in their eyes and attitude. There was no one I could turn to for advice. The answers had to be given and had to be the right ones". Few are privileged to meet this full test of combat leadership in such exemplary fashion as "Bud" did during the days that followed his landing.

Upon reaching the Division Command Post, he assumed his duties and worked at a tireless pace and under terrific strain during the initial phase of the invasion. He exhausted himself so completely that during the latter part of June he suffered a collapsed lung, which caused his evacuation.

He rejoined the Division in August as Chief of Staff and at once plunged into the work of preparing for the next operation. His second combat jump was made near Zon, Holland from a plane that had been struck by flak and was burning fiercely. "Bud" was with the Division during the 72 days in which it was in contact with the enemy and under continuous shell fire from the high ground opposite its position in the flat dike country.

When the Division was relieved and sent to France to prepare for another airborne operation, Colonel Millener again plunged into the exacting task of rebuilding and reequipping the units. As he spoke French fluently,

he was called upon at all hours to assist in numerous matters which normally would never have been brought his attention.

The long strain of more than one year of continuous hard work, little sleep, heavy pressure and combat, finally took its toll. "Bud's" health broke and he died at Moumelon-le-Grande in France on December 7, 1944. The entire Division was stunned to learn of his death. He had come to be well known, loved and esteemed by officers and men alike. He had earned this status through his feats in Normandy, his combat jumps without prior training, his calmness under fire, and his constant concern for others. The Unit, not the individual, was always "Bud's" primary consideration. He played a great part in the building of a Combat Division that was the first in the history of the United States Army to win a Presidential Citation. He spared himself not at all in order to accomplish what he felt to be required of an officer and a true West Pointer.

—A Classmate.

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### Harry Brown Packard

NO. 8856 CLASS OF 1930

*Died January 27, 1945, while being transported as a prisoner of war from the Philippine Islands to Japan, aged 38 years.*

**H**ARRY BROWN PACKARD made his mark as a soldier, and made it well, from the day he first donned the uniform as a Maine National Guardsman until his death while a prisoner of war.

Class valedictorian at Woodstock High School, he won a competitive examination for an appointment to the Military Academy, which he entered in 1926. Graduation Day four years later found Harry, the cadet captain of his company, not only with an enviable academic record behind him but also having captained both the soccer and wrestling teams. He was commissioned in the Field Artillery and married Ila Gray, who survives him, with their two children, Janet and Harry, Jr.

After service at Fort Lewis, Fort Sill and West Point, Harry joined the 24th Field Artillery at Fort Stotsenburg, Philippine Islands in 1939, and served with this distinguished regiment until shortly before the surrender of our forces, when he became an assistant corps G-3. The sterling quality of his combat service is evidenced by the awards made him—the Silver Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, and the Purple Heart.

I knew Harry well as a cadet, and came to know him very much better a number of years later when we served side by side for four years as instructors in the same Department at West Point. Yes, all in all, I probably knew Harry as well as any two friends can know each other in the normalcy of our peacetime Army life.

The Harry I knew was a splendidly able and conscientious officer . . . a rich spirited, high principled and intellectually curious crusader, whose

boundless energy was tempered at all times by an invariably unruffled and warmhearted kindness of manner . . . a gangly-gaited walking companion with whom I couldn't keep in step, but whose delightful and unrestrained laugh still rings clearly in my ears . . . and lastly, but not least, an unusually devoted husband and father.

Harry Packard had a truly remarkable capacity for getting done those many, many extra things, both big and little, that others could never quite find time to do—and, it always seemed to me, without any diminution either in the infectious pleasure he derived at all times both from mere living and from the people around him, or in the efficiency with which he performed the primary duty at hand. He loved life and people, and found through both the secret to real happiness—he took much from life and people and relished deeply what he took, but he always gave more than he took.



I have said that I probably knew Harry Packard as well as any two friends can know each other in the normalcy of our peacetime Army. But how well is that? How adequate a measure of any man's true stature before God, the Searcher of men's hearts, can be made in the normalcy of an ordered life? I do not know, but it may be that only when normalcy is gone, only when—as was Harry's fate with so many others in the living hell that was Bataan and the Jap prison camps—all faith and hope has fled the hearts of most, that a true measure can be taken. Perhaps then, and then only, do men really know their fellows. This may have been in Colonel Louis Dougherty's mind when he wrote as follows to Harry's wife: "But even you don't know Harry as I do. I saw him when older and stronger men were calling it quits. I saw him help others with a word or a boost on the march out of Bataan. I was one of those he helped—Harry walked next to me. We slept together, and one night when about 250 whites and over 3,000 Filipinos were crowded into a concrete warehouse with all windows and doors closed, Harry and I sat the night out together in all the filth. Harry had one small can of fish which he said he had kept for just such a dark hour. This he opened and shared

with me. You see we hadn't been eating for several days".

And another officer who writes: "I grew to love and admire Harry as I came to know him through the Bataan days and the years of imprisonment. I marveled at his cool and collected efficiency in combat when the fighting was critical and the situation almost hopelessly confused. His logically organized approach to every danger and every demand was an inspiration to all. And later, during the dreary days at O'Donnell and Cabanatuan, his esprit, integrity and solid character bolstered and strengthened the less hopeful among us"

And writes still another survivor, who was with Harry throughout the long imprisonment and with him when he died: "Harry's sound judgment, maturity and honesty constantly kept us on the right track. . . As a camp morale factor, nothing was as important to our men as the messes to which Harry's contribution, as supervisor of six or seven messes, was so very, very great. . . Another rock about which all of us could gather was that faith everyone had in Harry. To win the confidence Harry did among the men is especially remarkable in times when few were willing to place faith in anyone or anything. It is hard to realize, but under such circumstances, many resembled animals more than human beings. . . And so, from time to time I shall just jot down a recollection here and another one there—that way there will be no real ending—and in a sense this in itself comes as close as anything I can write in expressing the boundless and unending affection I feel for Harry".

I know now—as I did not fully realize when I knew Harry Packard—that he lived his life and went to his death in the image of the Cadet Prayer. He realized, in overflowing measure indeed, the ideals of West Point in doing his duty to Him and to our Country.

No man can do more.

—D. A.

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### Paul Richard Okerbloom

NO. 11457 CLASS OF 1939

*Killed September 13, 1946, in a plane crash in North Carolina, aged 29 years.*

BORN September 15, 1916 in Columbus, Ohio, Lieutenant Colonel Paul R. Okerbloom indicated early in life an inquiring mind and a mechanical bent, coupled with a keen sense of humor. His schooling was directed towards a scientific career and Paul, or "Pete", as he was known to all his friends, was in his first year of an Electrical Engineering course at Ohio State University when he learned he had been nominated for a West Point appointment by his Congressman. His father, an Army enthusiast and a member of the Ohio National Guard, had secured the appointment, all unknown to Pete.

Entering the Academy in July of 1935 Pete was unprepared for, but not dismayed by the cadet life he encountered. His interest in the new

and unusual was well met by Academy life. During his four years as a cadet Pete neither startled the Academy nor received its frowns. His grades were above the average; his extra-curricular activities were expressed in the Camera Club, the Radio Club, the Dialectic Society, in social activities, and in working on various gadgets which he kept as near his room as tactical inspections would permit.

As a result of volunteering to show a couple of West Point visitors through the Cadet Chapel, one Sunday during Plebe Year, Pete met the girl who later became his wife, Miss Marie Baer, of Mountain View, New Jersey.

Before graduation Pete chose and qualified for Air Corps training. He was graduated June 12, 1939 as a Second Lieutenant in the Signal Corps and assigned for training as a student pilot after a three months' graduation leave. During this leave Pete and Marie were married.



Nine months of pilot training at Chicago, Randolph and Kelly resulted in pilot wings in June, 1940, a transfer into the Air Corps, and assignment as a pilot instructor at the Basic Pilot Training Center, Randolph Field, Texas.

In October of 1941 Pete was transferred to the Basic Flying School at Perrin Field, Sherman, Texas. Sherman was the longest assignment the Okerblooms had. By the time Pete was transferred in August of 1943 he had become Director of Training at Perrin Field, had attained the rank of Major, and had become the very proud and devoted father of a son, "Dickie", Paul Richard, Jr., born March 25, 1942.

After a month's training in B-24's at Fort Worth, Texas, Pete was transferred to the 2nd Air Force and sent to the 15th Bomb Wing, with Headquarters at Gowen Field, Boise, Idaho for assignment.

The 2nd Air Force at this time was installing a new aircraft maintenance system, known as "Production Line Maintenance". Pete's previous experience with this system in the Air Training Command resulted in his assignment to the office of the Wing Air Inspector. In this assignment he received his promotion to Lieutenant Colonel.

Six months later, when the first B-29 Wings were being formed and trained for overseas deployment, Pete became Air Inspector of the 73rd Bomb Wing, (V.H.B.) and moved to Colorado Springs, where the Wing had its headquarters. The 73rd Bomb Wing completed its training and moved to the Pacific Theater in October, 1944. He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal and the Air Medal while in the Pacific.

Back in the States, Pete rejoined his family and in January, 1946 reported to MacDill Field, Florida, where the 73rd Wing Headquarters was incorporated into the 8th Air Force.

It was on September 13, 1946, while returning from an inspection trip to Selfridge Field, Michigan with General Wurtsmith, that the B-25 Pete was riding in crashed under instrument conditions in the mountains of North Carolina. There were no survivors. Awaiting Pete at MacDill Field were orders assigning him to Air National Guard duty at Chicago.

Pete was a man who made friends readily, in diverse and seemingly odd directions. The thread that tied these friendships together was a mutual dislike of surface sham coupled with an unassertive appreciation of individual worth. Pete's humorous, non-tolerance of convention and pride for its own sake made him a disconcerting puzzle to some, but to many more he was an interesting, wholehearted friend. Those who knew him can only remember Pete as a succession of pleasant incidents. His absence leaves a void that makes the world a little duller, a little more circumscribed, a place from which some of the zest has gone. His friends could, and did look forward to their next meeting with him. The closer one was to Pete the more essential he became to a true perspective and enjoyment of the ordinary foibles that make up life, if one can but see them. This was his relation to his friends. To his family an outsider can sense the relationship that existed, but any formulation in words can only be so inadequate as to be meaningless.

Pete was one of those rare catalysts who, to his friends, brought actuality out of the rhyme we all know:

"The world is so full of a number of things,

I am sure we should all be as happy as kings."

Pete's interests were unlimited. Whether it was trying his hand at a lemon meringue pie to the detriment of the kitchen, or the purchasing of an ancient slot machine to determine the mathematical probabilities involved, Pete was always an unpredictable step ahead. To remember him is to smile as some incident comes to mind; a smile that becomes tinged with bitterness as one carries it into the present. The great gift of time is to be thanked that the bitterness fades out, while the pleasant memories become more buoyant and sustaining.

Pete's friendship was as easy to wear as an old coat. His casualness, agreeability, and kindly yet penetrating comments, made him a welcome companion. The depth of his convictions and emotions could only be gauged by his humorous disparagement when they were touched, and by

the lack of any action that would run counter to them. His loyalty to his friends was something to value. It was unquestioning, tacit, and complete.

It is hard to express the essence that constituted Pete. He was all that is worthwhile and commendable. He was natural, human, enjoyed life deeply, and transmitted some of this spirit to those he touched. This spirit remains undimmed.

—Allen F. Herzberg.  
Col. Air Corps,  
Class of 1939.

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**Fred Hughes Coleman, Jr.**

NO. 12100 CLASS OF 1940

*Killed in Action, July 25, 1945, at Anyang, Honan, China, aged 28 years.*

ON July 25, 1945, Lieutenant Colonel Fred Hughes Coleman, Jr. was killed by Japanese Antiaircraft fire while dive bombing ground installations at Anyang, Honan, China.

Fred Hughes Coleman, Jr. was born on September 9, 1916 in New Jersey to Fred Hughes and Helen Moorhouse Coleman. Being an Army child Fred had the usual travel and experiences of those born into the Army. Of all the places he was stationed as a youth, Panama seems to have stood out most vividly in his mind, because as his roommate I used to listen to him tell hour after hour about the wonders of Panama. Fred entered the Academy



with the Class of '39 but because of some difficulty with Mathematics, he joined the Class of '40 in January 1937. Thereafter academics gave Fred no trouble and he graduated well above the middle of his class.

Fred impressed me very much during the two years I roomed with him. He had a marvelous sense of humor. He could resolve the most complicated situation into a simple one. He had a terrific amount of tenacity. I will remember his dislike of riding and horses when we began equitation, but due to perseverance and, in many cases, just plain guts, Fred became a very proficient horseman and rode in several horse shows during our first

class year. Another example of his tenacious and indefatigable spirit was the manner in which he brought his eyesight up to the standard necessary to pass an Air Corps physical examination. Most cadets with vision like Fred's would have given up all thought of going into the Air Corps, but Fred, through conscientious exercise of his eyes, was able to improve his sight to the point where he passed the Air Corps physical examination with ease. Fred always knew what he wanted and persevered until he got it.

After graduation Fred went to flying school in Texas and Florida, finally graduating in 1941 as a fighter pilot. He served with fighters in Newfoundland, in the United States and in the Canal Zone. In 1944 he was sent to the China-Burma-India Theater as a squadron commander in the 311th Fighter Group of the 14th Air Force. On March 25, 1945 he was reported missing in action, but by considerable travel by foot and mule he managed to get out of the back country where his airplane had crashed, and he was again in action in July. He was awarded the Air Medal and the Purple Heart for his China service, and among his personal effects were found many letters and several medals given him by the Chinese Government. The general tone of the citations indicates that the Chinese had great admiration and respect for Fred and appreciated his service as a soldier and his characteristics as a man. Fred is buried in the U.S. Military Cemetery in Shanghai.

I consider it a great privilege to have known Fred. I have admired and respected him and enjoyed his keen sense of humor and his ability to analyze situations and experiences. I can think of nothing that I would have enjoyed more than to have had the opportunity to sit down with Fred and talk over our Army experiences. As a cadet Fred always lived up to the finest traditions of West Point, and from officers who served with him after graduation I find he did the same as an Army officer. May we all follow the example he has set in giving his best to West Point and his Country.

—R. M. G.

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**Milford Franklin Stablein**

NO. 11833 CLASS OF 1940

*Killed in Action, November 13, 1944, in France, aged 28 years.*

ALL soldiers know where lead the paths of glory, and knowing, march the prouder. Milford Franklin Stablein, Class of 1940, took his first step along that worn and trodden path in July 1936, when he entered the United States Military Academy as a Congressional appointee. He found the path's end at Arraincourt, France, on November 13, 1944 while marching down a shell-ravaged road at the head of the 9th Armored Infantry Battalion, 6th Armored Division.

Already holding the Legion of Merit for outstanding service and the Silver Star for gallantry in action, he stepped into the long gray line from the

duty he loved as a soldier, filled as a natural leader and performed with flawless execution—he was a battalion commander at the head of his troops going into battle.

To Milford Stablein, first professional soldier in his family, temporary major in the Army of the United States and forty-third man in the Class of 1940, there could have been nothing unusual about his being there at Arraincourt along that dirt trail, on time for his particular rendezvous with destiny. With him the job was the thing; all else was secondary. If the job demanded time and thought he gave it enough time and thought so that the job was done well, expeditiously, and with superior results. It mattered not whether his senior



officers or instructions demanded little or nothing from its executor; when Milford Stablein decided to do the job required, he surveyed it from all angles, in all its permutations and probabilities, and after his logical and thorough-going analysis — done with the rapidity of thinking which was always his strongpoint—pointed to a solution, he took deft and skillful action.

Possessed of self-confidence, and a strong conviction of the adequacy of his background and training, Milford Stablein was a perfectionist. While his troops were diving into the ditch for cover Mil Stablein marched unperturbed along the shell-swept road, not through any sense of valor, but because it occurred to him that if he went into the ditch he'd be wasting valuable time. Indeed, such was his cold detachment when faced with a mission that he could not have been thinking about himself at all, but rather, he thought only of how best to deploy his troops so as to minimize his casualties and to maintain his forward impetus.

The circumstances under which he took command of his troops were such that he must have reveled in the problem presented to him. He was Assistant G-3 of the 6th Armored Division when unexpected casualties devolved a command upon him that he knew only as a higher unit staff officer. The capabilities of his junior officers, the personalities of his men, these were unknown quantities at a time when

the going was already hard and difficult and fraught with unknowns and imponderables.

He jumped into his last duty with the same zest that he showed charging through Academy High School in Erie, Pennsylvania as the eldest child of Frank and Minnie Stablein, where he was second in his class and won the annual Mathematics award when he was graduated in 1933. His early life prepared him well for his soldier's task and the qualities that endeared him to I Co. at the Military Academy manifested themselves even before his high school days, when he was romping the byways of Erie, learning enough about swimming in the local swimming holes to qualify later as a swimming instructor and life guard at Westminster College, New Wilmington, Pa., and building a solid academic foundation that was to help him pull many a goat from the brink of disaster at West Point.

At Westminster College, he planned to take four years work in three—"Four years would have been a waste of time"—but after two and a half years he received his Congressional appointment to the Military Academy, so he tucked his slipstick and his swimming trunks in an old suitcase and took the train up the Hudson.

I Co. remembers him for his ever-readiness for a dragging, and for the fact that his habitual spongy appearance kept him well ahead of the T.D. In spite of the fact that he was high in academics, he found time to help the less fortunate, and he made his mark in sports, giving a good account of himself at water polo, squash, tennis, skeet and swimming.

A blind date after the Army-Navy game in his yearling year culminated in marriage following his graduation on June 11, 1940, when Mil, then a Second Lieutenant of Cavalry, married Betty Gummick of Elizabeth, New Jersey, and after a short school tour at Fort Riley, moved his bride to a tiny South Gate apartment at Fort Myer, Virginia. Here, wrestling with recruits and remounts, Mil rapidly developed into a first class officer, and showed the marked ability that put him in a responsible staff position in a tank regiment of the 6th Armored Division a little over a year later, when he was designated S-3 air of the 68th Armored Regiment at Camp Chaffee. Here he did a masterful job, and concerned himself day and night with the problems of troop training and the development of a potent fighting force from the miscellaneous flocks of drafted recruits funneled into the armored units. By the time his division moved to the desert for training in October 1942 he was a Captain and regimental S-3, doing a major's job with the drive, solid thinking, and innate tactical sense that characterized his performance of duty from the day he took his oath as a cadet.

In a regiment weakened by constant cadres and the unintentioned errors of inexperienced personnel, his sound judgment, tact, and ability outlined the aura of his character and personality placing his regiment second to none in the operational phases of the division training, and emphasizing his professional excellence.

Capable of inspiring an intense loyalty among subordinates, he was de-

manding, yet not without the common touch, and many a dusty tanker, sweating through the grime and grit of a hard day of training or battle was better for a casual word or comment delivered with the dry sense of humor that was one of his attributes.

His son, George Frederic Stablein, was born at Indio, California a little more than a year prior to Mil's departure for overseas, so he knew the solid joys of family life before he stepped off to war. When the 6th Armored Division landed in England in January 1944, Mil was S-3 of the Reserve Command, but by the time the Division reached its first engagement he was assistant G-3 of the Division, and had been a Major since February 1943.

In action, he performed with distinction and showed an admirable calm in heavy going, an attitude that marked him as a superb combat leader. His designation as Commanding Officer of the 9th Armored Infantry Battalion met with the approval of the troops concerned as well as his senior officers. He stepped into the difficult task of combat leadership with the same confidence, aplomb, and natural ability that characterized his efforts in sports and in the classroom.

Milford Stablein was a credit to his background, his training, and the United States Military Academy. More than that, he met his destiny like a soldier.

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### Clarence John Lokker

NO. 12311 CLASS OF 1941

*Killed in Action, November 20, 1944, over Germany, aged 26 years.*

"But whether on the scaffold high  
Or in the battle van  
The fittest place for man to die  
Is where he dies for man."  
—Michael Barry.

CLARENCE JACK LOKKER has answered that last call, and now stands on the "Plains of Valhalla" with others of that "long gray line" who await us all.

Prior to coming to West Point Jack spent one year at Hope College in Holland, Michigan, where his effervescent personality and jovial nature assisted him in becoming class president. His college education was pointing to a law career so that he could join his father's line of success. However, his desires to don Cadet Gray grew until Jack managed to secure an appointment to West Point. He came to us in late July and was accepted immediately into the F Company Plebe "social" life. Due to his tardiness in arrival, Jack was an easy mark for the upper classmen during summer camp. Needless to say he was faced with continual correction to bring him up to the standards of the July first arrivees. All this Jack took with his usual smile and determination.

While at the Academy his personality led to his acquisition of many friends who now mourn his passing. His personal appearance and tactical

record rewarded him with Lieutenant stripes in his First Class year. While at the Academy he was a constant supporter of the 100th Night shows and his technique guaranteed him a spot in the dancing chorus.

Upon graduation Jack chose the Air Corps, for his desire to "hit the blue" was well known. He first went to Spartan School of Aeronautics in Tulsa, Oklahoma and from there to Randolph Field, Texas. He received his wings in March 1942.

Upon receiving his wings Jack immediately married his college girl friend Sybil Brailey, of Holland, Michigan. The marriage took place at Randolph Field, and was attended by some of his classmates who were stationed in that area. His next assignment in the Air Corps was at the Columbus Air Training School at Columbus, Mississippi. After a short while as an instructor he was made Commandant of Cadets until he received his orders for overseas training. After receiving his training in four-motored airplanes he left for overseas in February 1944.



Before leaving for overseas Jack's first and only child was born—David John—on December 29, 1943. Jack managed to get home for three days to see his wife and son before he had to leave.

Jack's squadron was stationed at Foggia, Italy, and after a few months he assumed command of the squadron and was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel.

During his stay in Italy he completed about forty combat missions and received the Distinguished Flying Cross with three Clusters, the Air Medal, and the Purple Heart. His combat activity dealt mainly with missions over France, Italy, Germany, Austria, Roumania, Hungary, and Yugoslavia. The day of his last mission was November 20, 1944. He was leading a wing of B-24's to their target at Blechhammer, Silesia, Germany. While over the target the plane received a direct hit and blew up. Six of the crew escaped. Out of these six, five became prisoners of war, and Jack was listed as missing.

Captain Duckworth, his co-pilot, visited Jack's wife, Sybil, and family, after he was liberated. He told them

that Jack and he had bailed out and were captured by a German farmer. The farmer took them to his farm and set his wife to guard them while he looked for more airmen. About one in the afternoon the farmer's wife permitted Jack and Captain Duckworth to escape. They immediately headed towards the Oder River in the hopes of making it to Poland and receiving help from the Polish underground. About six that afternoon they ran into a patrol of German soldiers who immediately pursued them, firing their rifles. Duckworth was finally captured since he was far behind Jack. The last time Duckworth saw him, Jack was running into a thick clump of underbrush. Two Germans were then chasing him. That was the last time anyone saw him alive.

The Graves Registration Service has been trying to locate Jack's body. From captured reports it has been found that his body now is buried in a small cemetery in Langsleben, Silesia, Germany. At the request of his wife and family Jack will be moved to final rest in a military cemetery in an allied country.

To express the grief that we, his close friends, feel would be inadequate, however, a letter that his wife received from General Arnold expresses the feeling of us all:

"My dear Mrs. Lokker:

"With deepest regret I have learned that an official determination has been made of the death of your husband, Lieutenant Colonel Clarence John Lokker, who has been missing in action since November 20, 1944, in Europe.

"Word has reached me that Colonel Lokker, a graduate of the United States Military Academy, was a determined and 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 and well will afford you some consolation in your bereavement. My heartfelt sympathy is extended to you and other members of your family.

"Very Sincerely,  
"H. H. Arnold,  
"Commanding General,  
"U.S. A.A.F."

—P. S. T.

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**Richard Robert Clark**

NO. 12950 CLASS OF 1942

*Killed in Action May 10, 1944, near Neustadt, Austria, aged 26 years.*

**T**ENACITY of purpose marked the military career of Richard Robert Clark, who died a soldier's death when he was shot down while piloting

a plane on a mission over enemy territory. Determined to carve out a military career for himself while still a student in high school, Clark showed his singleness of purpose by enrolling at a West Point Preparatory school in San Francisco after his graduation from the San Diego High School in 1935.

Seeing an opportunity to enter West Point by joining the California National Guard in 1937, Clark saw his ambition realized a year later when he received the coveted appointment to the Academy from the National Guard.

Clark was the son of Louis Paul and Alida Frances Clark. He attended grade school at Corona, California, later Roosevelt Junior High School. Entering West Point in 1938, he was graduated in 1942 and commissioned as a Second Lieutenant.

Choosing the Air Corps, he was assigned to the 15th Air Force. He was



shot down over enemy territory near Neustadt, Austria on May 10, 1944, at which time he lost his life.

Comrades who bailed out of the descending crippled heavy bomber said he rode his ship to the ground after ascertaining that all other members of the crew had bailed out safely.

Clark was awarded the Air Medal, with Oak Leaf Cluster, and the Purple Heart. He received much commendation and praise from his Commanding Officer and from other airmen of his outfit.

In June 1942 he married Evaline Mathewson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sproesser, of San Diego. He was widely known in scholastic sports, especially for his achievements in track, the high jump and the broad jump.

At the time of his death he held the rank of Captain and was commander of the squadron to which he was assigned.

—A. L. B.

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**Thaddeus Francis Dziuban**

NO. 13028 CLASS OF 1942

*Killed in Action, June 18, 1944, in France, aged 27 years.*

**A**s War Department Killed in Action lists were published, they recorded the departure of many individuals whose deaths meant the loss to the Army of a much needed top notch officer, or to a circle of loving family and friends of a kind, thoughtful, sincere relative or true friend, or to society in general of a responsible citizen who reflected credit on his home and community. When Thad Dziuban, as an Infantry platoon leader in France, gave his life on June 18, 1944, his death was grieved by all of these.

Thaddeus Francis Dziuban was born on November 22, 1916 in Yonkers, New York to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Dziuban. His youth was that of a typical active city boy—jalopies, motorcycles, swimming and boating on the Hudson in the shadow of the Palisades, the sports and activities of the "Y", and camping trips to the nearby Berkshires. In 1933 Thad graduated from Yonkers High School, his academic record earning him membership in the National Honor Society. After some post-graduate study, he entered City College of New York with the field of traffic management as his target. He remained at C.C.N.Y. only one year however.

In looking for a place in the world of commerce, Thad displayed the initiative and perseverance which helped make him a superior officer and which were the principal characteristics enabling him to prosecute successfully his major campaign to gain admission to the Military Academy. The early thirties were difficult days of depression and unemployment. Jobs were hard to get. But Thad, after a vigorous letter-circular and personal-canvass campaign, was able to obtain better than a half dozen offers of acceptable positions, from which he selected the best, assisting friends to obtain the others. The next few years he spent in traffic management work at the Hastings-on-Hudson plant of the Anaconda Wire and Cable Company.

In 1935, however, Thad's older brother had entered the Military Academy, and Thad soon developed the "bug". As a result he plunged into a major campaign of action to gain admission, finally achieving success in 1937. The difficulties that beset him were many, and his campaign represented an outstanding display of perseverance, initiative, patience, and unflinching determination. Living in Metropolitan New York, and having no immediate opportunity to secure a Congressional appointment Thad's initial efforts were unavailing. In his attempt to enlist to try for a competitive Army appointment, he was rejected for physical reasons. Then began his battle to overcome these handicaps and examinations and waiver applications started and continued in an almost endless stream. Shedding

thirty excess pounds was a bitter fight, as friends who recall Thad's prowess at the Boodler's will realize. Color blindness was more difficult to overcome, but he developed his ability at color perception by lengthy study of yarn patches, and of Ishihara and allied gentlemen. High blood pressure was almost his nemesis, but frequent examinations at Army hospitals in Metropolitan New York developed a circle of sympathetic friends amongst the "medics", who would put Thad to bed and bring him in under the wire.

Concurrently with his efforts to qualify physically went an intensive campaign to secure an appointment. Congressmen were bombarded by literally hundreds of letters from Thad and from any friends he could induce to write. During several trips to Washington, he made door-to-door canvass of the Senate and House office buildings. In the Spring of 1937 Thad had secured an alternate appointment and qualified himself mentally and physically, but unfortunately his principal qualified for appointment. Continuing his



efforts, he was making another canvass of Congressmen in Washington in early June, during which he finally reached the office of a Congressman whose appointees had all failed and who forthwith nominated Thad as his principal, enabling him to enter the Academy July 1, 1937.

Thad, a member of "B" Co., enjoyed Academy life to the fullest, within the limits imposed by plebe life and his battle with the Academic Department. This battle was one of major proportions, for high school's National Honor Society was no match for Academy "Spec". Thad apparently had never learned to concentrate nor to study rapidly. Despite long, hard hours of study and coaching, even regularly during afternoons and weekends, his name graced the "D" lists quite regularly. He was further handicapped by being the butt of jokes and gibes from those who found humorous and incongruous the comparison between Thad's position near the bottom of his class and his brother's position as number one man in his class. Fortunately his good nature and good humor carried him through this con-

stant ribbing with no visible outward ill effects.

By dint of hard work and long hours of study (and he certainly deserved a 3.0 for effort) he successfully passed three turn-out exams up until January 1939, when yearling History proved his nemesis. Sorely disappointed, he quickly set to preparing himself at Braden's in Washington for the re-entrance examination, which he successfully passed. September found him in "C" Co., starting out again on Yearling year. He was an exemplary member of the Catholic Chapel Choir, and he enjoyed athletic, social and other non-academic aspects of cadet life to the fullest. He appreciated the dignity of the individual, and maintained a relationship with the plebes, as with his enlisted men later, which won their respect and esteem.

After Thad's graduation and marriage to Miss Ruth Kiersted of Yonkers, New York, in June 1942, his service was typical of that of a young Infantry Lieutenant. A three month's course at Benning; five months at Camp Adair, Oregon with the 382nd Infantry Regiment of the 96th Division; the Advanced Course at Benning; a brief leave occasionally; and seven months at Camp Shelby, Mississippi with the 271st Infantry Regiment of the 69th Division. The urgent need in late 1943 for junior Infantry officers overseas resulted in his overseas movement in December 1943 to England. Here he joined the 47th Infantry Regiment of the battle tested 9th Division, already training intensely for the assault of France's beaches.

During all these training months Thad pulled his full load as a West Pointer, contributing more than his share of the leaven which developed the Army of the United States into a magnificent fighting machine. About D plus 6 the 9th Division landed in France, and was committed shortly thereafter. On June 18, 1944, D plus 12, Thad was killed in action leading his Antitank Platoon (of the 3rd Battalion), which was attacked by a dive bomber.

After War Department notification of his death was received by his family in July, hopes of a mistake flared, for Thad, ever solicitous of his loved ones, had in advance sent off letters dated the 19th and 20th of June, attempting to allay their invasion worries by telling of supposedly dull duties in England. Unfortunately, the War Department was right.

Awarded the Silver Star posthumously, Thad's death was mourned by his men, and by his friends and family. His battalion commander, in recounting the manner of his death, indicated the esteem in which he was held:

"... He was by far the outstanding lieutenant in the regiment. I was very fond of him.

"He was hit during an operation in which this battalion made a night move of five miles through the enemy lines to cut the Cherbourg Peninsula. The route taken by the foot elements of the battalion was impossible to motor vehicles. Thad was reconnoitering a route for his A.T. guns to catch the battalion when he was caught by a dive bomber. He was about two miles behind the enemy lines and had found

a route by which his guns were able to join the battalion. His platoon sergeant brought them up. They were instrumental in enabling the battalion to accomplish its mission."

His body now rests at St. Mere Eglise in France, but will be brought back to the West Point he loved and to which he devoted virtually all the mature years of his young life in his struggle for admission, in his abundant enjoyment of cadet life, and in his striving during his short commissioned service to fulfill its ideals.

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## Herbert Gordon Kolb

NO. 13098 CLASS OF JAN., 1943

*Killed November 28, 1946, in a plane crash near Lowry Field, Colorado, aged 28 years.*

HERBERT GORDON KOLB was born in Denver, Colorado, on September 22, 1918, the son of Herbert Griggs and Selma Dorothy Kolb. After



graduating from the Denver East High School in 1937 he attended the University of Colorado where he was a member of the Chi Psi Fraternity. But a desire to attend West Point brought him to the U.S. Military Academy as the appointee of Senator Johnson of Colorado in 1939. Being an ardent hunting and fishing enthusiast he was on the skeet and rifle teams and a member of the fishing club, though he did take time off from his first loves to be the equipment manager for the Army Football teams. Possessing a keen mind he was graduated in January 1943, sixty-first in his class of four hundred and nine.

Before his graduation he had received his pilot's wings at Spence Field, Georgia, consequently he reported to duty as a Second Lieutenant for fighter pilot training. Here his outstanding abilities as a pilot and instructor were immediately recognized so he was kept on as an instructor for other young pilots until July 1944, even though he was eagerly looking forward to combat duty. In August 1944 he got into combat with the 353rd Fighter Group of the 8th Air Force, flying P-51's in the E.T.O.

There he achieved outstanding success, once destroying 18 German planes on the ground in less than a month. His brilliant leadership was again recognized as he led many missions, both fighter escort and strafing, into enemy territory. He was awarded the Silver Star, the Distinguished Flying Cross with one cluster, and the Air Medal with four clusters for his personal courage, aerial skill, gallantry and heroism while participating in aerial flight against the enemy. Even after he had finished a normal combat tour he volunteered to stay to see the war through. After hostilities ceased in Europe he was transferred to the 86th Fighter Group in Schweinfurt, Germany, where he served as Deputy Commanding Officer, having attained the rank of Major.

After his return to the United States in the spring of 1946 he was detailed as the Regular Army Instructor for the Fighter Pilots in the Colorado National Guard. It was in this capacity that he was serving when he crashed on Thanksgiving Day, November 28, 1946. He walked out of his home with a smile on his face to ferry a P-51 from Lowry Field to Buckley Field. This plane had been used to carry food and supplies to families snowbound by a severe storm. Immediately after he had taken off he radioed in that he was in trouble, then he banked to come back for a landing but was unable to make the field before he crashed.

Herbert was married to Edythe Lee Burrell of Richmond, Va., on February 11, 1944 in Upper Marlboro, Maryland. A daughter, Kathryn Lee, whom he never got to see, was born to them on February 15, 1947.

Throughout his entire life Herb radiated happiness and laughter wherever he went, for he always found the brightest side of everything. This uncanny knack for making others happy made him many staunch friends; yet he still had a serious vein which those who knew him well recognized. A burning desire to do the best possible in everything, with a high moral sense of duty and a bitter contempt for anything not honorable, reflected his real nature and his ideals of "Duty, Honor, Country".

He is survived by his wife, daughter, mother, father, and three sisters.

—J. H. P.

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**Howard Louis Lambert, Jr.**

NO. 13241 CLASS OF JAN., 1943

*Killed in Action, March 29, 1944, near Lowestoff, England, aged 23 years.*

**H**OWARD LOUIS LAMBERT, JR., known to all his friends and classmates as "Buddy", was born in Baltimore, Maryland on April 23, 1920, the son of Howard Louis and Hildreth Schaffer Lambert. His boyhood was spent in Maryland; school days keeping him in Baltimore and vacation times finding him enjoying life along the banks of the Severn River close to Annapolis.

Buddy started his brilliant but too brief career in academics, sports, and

in the fine art of making lifetime friends at Gilman Country School for Boys, where he spent his first twelve years of student life in the elementary and high school grades. In addition to standing high in his classes at all times, Buddy overcame the obstacle of his small stature and went out in competition with the larger boys, and came off with more than his share of honors in hockey, baseball, and even in football. It was this same do-or-die spunk that kept Buddy close to the top in all of his endeavors. After graduating from Gilman, he went to Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, where he still continued his threefold conquests, adding even more laurels to his crowns.

On July 1, 1939 Buddy joined the boys on that long trek up the hill from the railroad station to his place within the gray stone walls which were to be home to him for the next four years; but Fate had other plans for him and for us all. He was just another individual lost in the crush of over five hundred plebes newly swallowed up in the vastness of those stern gray walls, but he was not the type



to go unheeded, for his personality drew friends like a magnet. He was soon known, then respected and loved, not only by the men of his own class, but by a large percentage of the men of all classes who were at West Point from 1939 until 1943. His academic work and military efforts were better than average and he won recognition with the rank of corporal in his yearling and cow years, and was a Lieutenant during his First Class year. Buddy was too heavily outweighed for football fame at the Academy, but he shone in hockey, and was one of the very few men who have helped to skate our ice hockey team to a victory of the Royal Military Academy of Canada.

At the beginning of his First Class year Buddy joined members of his class as they left to make history as the first group of men to take pilot training while still U.S.M.A. Cadets. True to form, Buddy came thru his primary training at Bennettsville, South Carolina, his basic training at Shaw Field in Sumter, South Carolina and his advanced training at Spence Field in Moultrie, Georgia, with flying colors.

On January 19, 1943 Buddy started his commissioned career as a new and shiny Shavetail. With an assignment to Fighter aircraft, he realized that the Air Corps could not be counted on to supply him with a co-pilot, so with his usual resourcefulness he solved that problem by making his own choice, and on Graduation Day he was married to Melissa Harer at Garrison-on-the-Hudson, New York. During the spring of 1943 the two were together at several bases along the East Coast while Buddy got his combat training and flew a few Air Patrol missions.

Early in June, and less than six months after graduation, Buddy left for England with the 357th Fighter Squadron of the 355th Fighter Group as a Flight Leader, to join the Eighth Air Force. His ability was soon recognized in high places when his Group Commander chose him to train the new group before sending them in as combat replacements, as Group Training Officer. His intense desire to get into action brought him back to his Squadron as Assistant Operations Officer.

Finally, while leading a mission deep into enemy territory on March 29, 1944, Buddy's P-51 was badly crippled. Reluctant to leave his men leaderless, he chose to return with them as far as his ship would go toward their home base in England. When nearing friendly shores on the Channel, the noise which is music to the pilot's ears ceased, as his engine died. What thoughts and prayers flashed through his mind as he rolled his P-51 over on its back and floated down in his chute to the icy waters of the Channel we shall never know, until we meet him again in the Long Grey Line. His wingman called Air Sea Rescue and circled the position until he too was forced to leave with his fuel dangerously low. When the Rescue Ship arrived at the designated position, they found no trace of the Fighter Pilot. Once again the treacherous waters of the English Channel had claimed an American life and had closed the career of a brilliant and splendid young officer. In his few brief months of action Buddy had won the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters and the Distinguished Flying Cross. He was awarded the Purple Heart; the European-African Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, with one bronze service star; the American Defense Service Medal; the American Campaign Medal and the World War II Victory Medal. Buddy was made Captain in the Army of the United States, posthumously, on April 4, 1944.

In addition to his parents and his wife, now Mrs. Thomas Reilly of Garrison, New York, Buddy is survived by his son Richard Dennis Lambert who was born on November 20, 1943, but whom Buddy never saw. May his Dad's sincerity of purpose, loyalty to duty and outstanding courage serve as an inspiration and rich heritage to the little son he left behind.

Songs and sadness! The two seem unrelated, yet to those of us who called Howard Louis Lambert Jr. "Friend" there comes a tightening of the throat and a heaviness of heart whenever we hear the touching words of "My Buddy"

—Richard Joseph Hynes.

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## Benjamin Willis Mills, Jr.

NO. 13446 CLASS OF JAN., 1943

*Killed in Action, September 7, 1944, in Belgium, aged 24 years.*

THERE was not a man in our class who did not know Benny Mills, for there was something contagious about his ready smile and the obvious joy in living that could not be denied. Whether in a football game, at a track meet, in a water fight in summer camp or a march on maneuvers, there was no mistaking the distinctive walk and curly blond hair. Everybody knew Benny Mills, and to know Benny was to like him. When we graduated on that cold winter day in 1943, the newspapers reported that when the last man came forward and received his diploma, the cheers and applause were so great and loud that the field house was filled to the rafters with the echo. Ben was the anchor man and proud of it. He might have wavered on the edge several times, but he always came through in the end with nothing more than another star on his bathrobe. However, nothing interfered with Ben's enjoyment of life—even the terrors of his being turned out, which bothered his friends much more than himself, failed to dampen his obvious enthusiasm. He lived, and served in combat, just as he played football or any other sport—hard, with complete disregard of himself, and to the limit of enjoyment.

Benjamin Willis Mills, Jr. was born at Ancon in the Canal Zone on August 19, 1920, the son of Colonel Benjamin W. Mills and Mrs. Eva M. Mills. Since he was the eldest son of an Army family, service life was a familiar element for him. And yet he managed to grow roots that tied him to Marion, South Carolina, which he always considered his home. Even when in West Point he always followed faithfully the junior football games of the "Swamp Foxes", the team on which he had played when young. A love of Army life led him naturally to Porter Military Academy in Charleston, South Carolina, where he was graduated in 1937. For the next year he attended The Citadel, also in Charleston, where his athletic talents were well known and recognized, especially in football. Always foremost in his mind, however, was the thought of West Point; so after one year at The Citadel, he left to prepare for the examinations at Millard's in Washington, D. C. Here he met and made friends with many of those who were to be his classmates. On July first of 1939 the rest of us first met Benny at Usmay, where he was almost immediately appointed No. 1 of the first squad of the 6th New Cadet Company, a position that called for some previous training, in the days of the old drill.

Benny was undisputed King of the Last Sections, and academics shadowed what otherwise might have been a famous athletic career. Football was his sport, and he won his numerals on the Plebe squad, but his continuing series of difficulties with academics forced him to drop out until First Class year, when he was once again

on the Squad. Track was the same story—he was an active member of the plebe squad, dropped out for two years, and was once again on the squad as a First Classman. But trouble with academics never stopped Benny from enjoying himself, and when the *Howitzer* called Ben the "Idol of South Carolina Womanhood", there was a definite reason. The job as Hop Manager followed naturally from the combination of youthful enthusiasm and handsomeness that was his.

One thing marred his happiness in January 1943 when we started our careers as officers; the last vacancy left to him for choice of branch was not in his beloved Infantry. As was natural for a man with Ben's ability in athletics, he wanted to become a leader of men in a branch that would require physical stamina and courage. And after years of preparation for a career as an Infantryman, he finally found himself in another branch. Sad as Willis was at finding himself out-



side the Infantry, his enthusiasm never waned, and by 1944 he had managed to transfer into the doughboys. In the spring he arrived in England, and was assigned to a replacement pool as an Infantry officer. In April of that year, shortly before D-Day, he was personally requested and finally assigned to the 8th Infantry Regiment of the 4th Infantry Division, destined to play such an important part in the then forthcoming action in Normandy and France. Every step took him closer to the job for which he had trained—leading men in combat. His initial assignment as Liaison Officer lasted only until the initial phase in Normandy. After repeated requests for assignment to a line company, Ben was finally sent to F Company of the 8th Infantry, the company he was commanding when he was killed.

Willis soon proved himself to be a fine leader, with the complete devotion of his men and officers. In every action he showed the same lack of concern for himself which had characterized his performance in sports at West Point. For gallantry in action near Pierres, France on July 15, 1944 he received the Silver Star. For later action near St. Lo, France on July 24, 1944 he was awarded the Bronze Star for valor. Always there appeared his same lack of concern for danger. On one occasion the Battalion Command-

er was amazed to see Willis' company engaged in some sort of practice maneuver when close to the enemy. When called over the telephone, Willis simply stated that inasmuch as he had found no enemy, he thought that his company might as well benefit by rehearsing the part they were to play in the forthcoming action. None of his commanders ever forgot that—the unconcern of Willis for the proximity of the enemy.

On the 7th of September 1944 the 4th Division had advanced across France and into Belgium. Two companies of the 2nd Battalion had passed through the town of Paliseul, a road center for both the retreating Germans and the advancing Americans. As F Company arrived in the town, the Germans launched a counterattack with infantry, artillery fire, and armored vehicles. Two lone rounds of artillery heralded this attack, whistling into the center of the town. At the time Benny had been on a reconnaissance by himself at the forward edge of the town and was returning to his company which was on the other edge. The first shell into the town might have been intended for him personally, so close did it land. Benny was killed instantly. When his officers and aid men saw that he had been hit they immediately rushed to him, only to find that he had never known what had happened.

What happened then is best described by his Battalion Commander who said: "As word of Lt. Mills' death spread throughout his company, every man was stricken with grief. So great was the love for Lt. Mills that the officers and senior non-coms had great difficulty in preventing the men from becoming reckless in their desire for revenge. Willis had been with his men through so many dangerous spots that it was almost impossible for them to believe he was actually gone". Another letter to Ben's father said, "I would like to say once more that every officer and enlisted man in the battalion loved and admired Lt. Mills and grieved with you over his death. My deepest sympathy goes out to you and your family". Another letter revealed that same love for Benny exhibited by his men, "I would like to say that Lt. Mills was in every way a splendid officer and gentleman. He was liked and admired by officers and men alike. The men of Company F practically worshipped him, and when word got around that he had been killed they were so angry that they were almost uncontrollable. A short time before his death I had recommended Lt. Mills for Captain".

Although Benny was dead, his desire for combat and his will to close with the enemy continued to inspire his company for long after. Ben's officers say that it was a sad company which passed through the town and on beyond after the enemy. Although Willis had been covered, the Belgian civilians had further placed flowers all around him. But even without the flowers, there was no mistaking to his men where he lay, and each soldier saluted as he passed the spot where his commander rested. Thomason's book on Jeb Stuart well describes their feeling: "But with Pelham, there passed from the army something youthful and golden. They would have no more like him. . ."

—W. A. Knowlton.

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**Maxwell Adolph Neumann**

NO. 13065 CLASS OF JAN., 1943

*Died May 4, 1944, in the South Pacific Area, aged 25 years.*

**M**AXWELL A. NEUMANN was born April 8, 1919, at Unionville, Michigan. At the age of six weeks we moved to Saginaw, Michigan, our present home. Here he attended kindergarten, and grades at the Emerson School. He proved an apt pupil. On entering school, he carried an old watch of his father's. The teacher asked him if he could tell time. He answered grinning, "Yes, can't you?" A touch of humor at an early age (5 years).

Grade school seemed an easy time. He was a natural student. His greatest enjoyment, piano and reading. Living one and one-half blocks from Hoyt Library seemed a blessing, for morning, noon and after school hours he practically lived there. In books he found true friendship and entertainment. Vacations at an early age were spent on his grandfather's farm. Later, Lake St. Helens, Michigan, where he swam and rowed a boat with ease. At the age of three he acquired the "wanderlust". Seen in the long wooded lanes surrounding the lake, with our dog, Nellie, a constant companion, he sometimes traveled a mile. In Saginaw we also had trouble. He continued to do the same. Laughing, happy, carefree. Later when attending Junior High School, he again chose solitude—reading, studying and playing his piano, sometimes in darkness. When we chided him on not choosing companions, he answered, "I wish only to study"—always smiling. This he acquired from his father, an Englishman, who as a lad had seen most of his native country. They talked and studied constantly, all topics, singing, music, composition, books, painting, carving, living, life in general. Long serious discussions, sometimes leading to arguments, at other times laughing at the tops of their voices. Hence his love for an education. Very often he told me, "I shall study all my life". High school was an elation. Here the teachers, seeing his willingness, came loyally forward lending him fine books, giving unstintingly of their time, teaching him drawing and painting after hours, giving him valuable crayons and paints, ever cajoling him, yet offering encouragement, they were his mainstay. He graduated an honor student, June 1937—"Magna Cum Laude", all "A".

He entered Bay City Junior College the following September. Again he drove himself unmercifully. He rode back and forth with John Pierson, who became his first and finest friend. They studied, rode horseback, played tennis, football, soft-ball, swam, picnicked, dated, and were like brothers.

The two following vacations he spent as assistant life guard at Sanford Lake, Michigan, later touring the whole upper peninsula of Michigan and loving every minute of it. In June 1939, he graduated from Bay

City Junior College, second high student in Engineering, being beaten only by his friend, John.

Appointed by Fred Crawford, Congressman, he entered the United States Military Academy July 1st, 1939. Fine of health, his enthusiasm undimmed, I shall never forget his four word telegram, "Dear Mom, I'm in"—Max.

To Max West Point was the finest school in the world; the officers were superior, the food good, and the education unsurpassed. He was the luckiest fellow in the world. His esteem and appreciation knew no bounds, and to show his thoughts and worth he climbed as high to the top of his class as possible. He graduated with the January class in 1943. His aim to be an officer "Par excellence!"

On January 23, 1943, he married Doris Noreen Beuford, a Saginaw girl. They immediately left for Fort Belvoir, Virginia. There to put in six months of hard work. Later he was assigned to March Field, California.



I do not know much of his work at either place. He wrote constantly assuring us he was well, working hard and not to worry. He knew he was facing World War II and he wished to put forth his very best effort. This I'm positive he did. He sailed overseas sometime in September 1943. Again I can give little information concerning the place and time he landed in New Guinea. V-Mail was unsatisfactory and he wrote sparingly. I do know he attended a bomb dispersal school in Australia as he sent cards, pictures, souvenirs, and coins.

On May 21, 1944 we received the telegram giving the date of his death May 4, 1944.

Major Bakman wrote, saying he gave his life trying to save a fellow officer. Entering a 30 foot well, they were overcome with gas and drowned—Max who was such a fine swimmer. He also wrote saying, "Max was a splendid officer, performing all duties cheerfully, to the best of his ability, according to the tradition of West Point".

But the finest tribute of all came from a fellow student who wrote me from West Point, "Max was one grand guy. We here loved him deeply, as much as one man can love another".

To me, his mother, this is greatness. I wish to add, Max was a fine boy, happy, honest, content, home loving, and possessor of wonderful judgment. He never caused us one worry.

We can walk through each room of our home and find the treasures dear to him and us, wood carvings, paintings, pictures, trophies, diplomas, his music, recordings of his voice, his pipe, favorite chair, and wonderful memories for the short time he lived. Truly a "grand guy and fine son".

—Mrs. Esther Neumann.

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**Edward Mallory Almond, Jr.**

NO. 13604 CLASS OF JUNE, 1943

*Killed in Action, March 19, 1945, at Wattweiler, Germany, aged 23 years.*

**E**DWARD MALLORY ALMOND, JR., the only son of Major General and Mrs. Edward M. Almond was born at Marion, Alabama on December 7, 1921.

In his early years Ned travelled extensively with his family, who were stationed in Fort Benning, Georgia; Washington, D. C.; Maxwell Field; Fort McKinley, P. I.; Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; and many other army stations. It was during this period of his life that Ned developed his character and inherent insight into human nature. In the association with his schoolmates Ned's natural leadership was recognized when he became a patrol leader of Troop 15 Boy Scouts, in Washington, D. C., at 12 years of age. Later he captained his bowling and baseball teams and after entering West Point he was a member of the baseball squad. This leadership was to be displayed again and again before his death as a result of a German sniper's bullet.

Ned entered West Point with a well rounded background as a result of his preliminary training at Starks University School in Montgomery, Alabama and at Millard's Preparatory School in Washington, D. C. From his best barrack days he never failed to seize an opportunity to strengthen his knowledge of the Army, which he had been building on since childhood. He possessed a full realization of the missions of the Military Academy, their import, and their ramifications. His quiet, unassuming efficiency, and his ability to portion his time in accomplishing the many plebe tasks assigned him were among the first personal characteristics noticed by those who lived close to him. Ned was calm under all situations, regardless of the pressure brought to bear. In those first hectic days of beast barracks, Ned showed himself to be ever ready to help a classmate in need—a trait he often displayed.

In those days of budding friendships we found in Ned an easy smile, always recognizing the humor in the many awkward situations we encountered. His natural friendliness, sincerity, and generosity immediately kindled lasting friendships that grew and became stronger with the passing months. His

loyalty and fairness were manifested in every phase of his personal and official relationships with his classmates and with those in authority over him. These personal characteristics earned the respect of all those who knew him.

With the coming of yearling summer and with the passing of plebe days Ned was a fun-loving participant in the varied activities at Camp Clinton. Were it tactical training, drill, dragging, or rat racing, Ned, with his characteristic enthusiasm, was a constant companion and true friend. With the new plebes he applied, with characteristic impartiality, his keen knowledge of the system and did more than his share in molding other military characters.

At the start of yearling academics Ned had established himself in the upper bracket of the class. Unselfishly he spent many hours coaching some of us who were less talented in academics, although he could have used this time to improve his own class standing.

During yearling year Ned was an outstanding participant in intramural athletics, and contributed much to the standing of "L" Co. in the Banker's Trophy competition. In spring baseball training Ned found time to pitch his way to a secure position in the B Squad.

At the outbreak of war Ned became more serious with the realization that the near future held a test of his knowledge. With a sense of responsibility deeper than most of us possessed he applied himself to the principles of leadership. "If a thing is worth doing, it's worth doing well", is an expression he often voiced and always applied in his daily life.

As a cadet officer Ned was placed on a battalion staff, largely due to his military bearing and demeanor. He graduated with a clean, alert, flexible mind in a sound, strong body.

As a Second Lieutenant of Infantry, Ned was assigned to the 63rd Infantry Division then at Camp Van Dorn, Mississippi, after he attended The Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia. As a line officer Ned added to his store of knowledge by teaching the new inductees the principles of warfare he had learned. In August of 1944 he departed for the European Theater of Operations.

In France he was assigned to the 45th Infantry Division, a unit battle-tested and battle-wise. From the date he joined the 157th Infantry as executive officer of Co. "L" he saw continual action until he was wounded by a German artillery shell fragment in January of 1945. After a brief period of convalescing in England and a promotion to Captain Ned rejoined his unit on the German border during the initial stages of the all-out Allied drive that finally defeated the German forces.

While reconnoitering as Company Commander a route of advance through the Seigfried Line near Wattweiler, Germany, he was mortally wounded by a sniper's bullet on March 19, 1945. Thus ended prematurely the career of a modest, generous, and intrepid officer. He is buried in St.

Avold U.S. Military Cemetery near Metz, France.

The Assistant Division Commander of the 45th Infantry Division wrote, "The outstanding and heroic performance of duty of this officer was so conspicuous as to be called to my attention habitually during the course of my frequent visits to his unit".

Ned received the following awards for bravery and service in combat:

The Bronze Star Medal for "heroic achievement in action on 14 and 15 January 1945 near Reipertsweller, France". An Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star was awarded to him "for meritorious service in connection with military operations as executive officer, Company L, 157th Infantry Regiment, 45th Infantry Division, from 1 September 1944 to 31 December 1944". The Purple Heart (with Oak Leaf Cluster) for wounds in the E.T.O., 16 January 1945, and again at Wattweiler on 19 March 1945. The Combat Infantryman's Badge, and expert marksmanship badge in the pistol, rifle and mortar.



The citation for the award of the Bronze Star Medal with "V" device reads: "While attacking enemy positions Captain Almond's company was subjected to unusually heavy and accurate enemy artillery and mortar fire, resulting in heavy casualties and disorganization. Moving about among his men, Captain Almond reorganized his troops and resumed the attack and, in the face of intense artillery and mortar fire, the company gained more than 1,000 yards. The following morning the company attacked again under heavy fire. By constant supervision and inspiring leadership, Captain Almond kept the attack going forward until the company objective was reached. He then directed the organization of the position until he was wounded and evacuated".

The citation for the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal reads: "He led numerous patrols and scouting missions with the utmost skill and daring and because of his inspiring leadership, conspicuous competence and outstanding devotion to duty contributed materially to the continued advance of his battalion. . ."

Ned is survived by his parents; a sister, Mrs. Charles M. Fergusson; and a nephew, Thomas T. Galloway, Jr.; all presently in Tokyo; as well as by an aunt, Mrs. T. H. Vaden, of Anniston, Alabama.

—B. E., Jr.,

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### Lawrence Michael Fitzpatrick

NO. 13814 CLASS OF JUNE, 1943

*Killed in Action, February 16, 1945, in France, aged 26 years.*

INTO a brief 26-year span, Lawrence Michael Fitzpatrick crowded a lifetime of good sportsmanship and joy of living. Like Rudyard Kipling's soldier.

"E'en as he trod that day to God, so walked he from his birth  
In simpleness and gentleness and honor and clean mirth."

He was born in Butte, Montana, on August 15, 1918. He died with the sputter of a German machine gun as he voluntarily led a night patrol across a river at Hagenau in Alsace on February 16, 1945.

Larry was one of those rare and magnetic personalities who attracted close and lasting friends from childhood. In him a bubbling spirit of fun was combined with a fighting heart. As a boy in Butte he played for the school colors on the football field as passionately as he was later to fight for his flag on the battle field.

His interest in sports blossomed during his grade school days at the Immaculate Conception School and bloomed at the Christian Brothers' Central High School. He starred in both football and basketball in high school and somehow found time to sing in the glee club, to write for the school annual, to lead his mates in both curricular and extra-curricular activities as a class officer, and to attain honor student rank. It was during those crowded and happy days, when the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael J. Fitzpatrick, was headquarters for "the gang", that his ambition for a military career was born.

He graduated from high school in 1936 with sights set on West Point. During the following year he prepared (and incidentally played football with gusto) at Montana School of Mines in Butte. He persistently drove toward the military goal of his dreams and won his first victory when he entered West Point on July 1, 1939. He repeated that effort more than once before the June day in 1943 when Mr. and Mrs. Fitzpatrick, his brother Gene (who was to see war duty as a naval officer), and his sister Margaret watched him graduate. Twice he took turn-out examinations and fought back—once against two strikes when he passed scholastically only to be disqualified physically because of an illness.

He was as busy at the Point as he had been at Central High. He played football with the plebe team; made the 1940 B-Squad; took a turn at dramatics; served as class treasurer in

1943; indulged his love of dancing, and, as a boxer, realized another ambition. In 1943 he won the intercollegiate boxing championship for which he received the intercollegiate gold medal. The high school nickname of "Tubba" had bowed out to "Mike" then. As Mike his classmates remembered him and characterized the whole flavor of his life in the yearbook commentary marking his graduation. It is printed under his picture:

"Whenever there is a tough job to be done you can count on Mike to be in there slugging. His winning determination and Irish wit will always see him through to success".

His first post-graduate duties were as an Antiaircraft Artillery officer at Camp Davis, N. C. That assignment was followed by a year at Camp Haan, Calif., and then an assignment to Washington and Lee University in Virginia. Instructing as an orientation officer was false to Larry's spirit. Where there was action, there was his place. In June, 1944, he volunteered for duty with the paratroopers and joined the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Benning, Ga. He won his wings in September, 1944.



On a leave unexpectedly shortened by overseas orders he made a typically quick decision with the girl he had met at his aunt's home in Los Angeles and grown to love during his year at Camp Haan. Lillian Looney became his bride only a few hours before he began his journey toward the grassy Epilin plot in France.

He fought at Bastogne, in Luxembourg, and in Holland. His final gesture bespoke the man. He was on rest leave in Alsace when the fatal night patrol was formed. He volunteered.

Lawrence Michael Fitzpatrick lived and died with the fidelity of a godly man. His religion was deeply a part of him. He began the day he met death serving Mass and receiving Holy Communion.

His true epitaph is not on his grave. Neither is it in his commendations for heroism nor in the posthumous Bronze Star award citing him as the savior of a platoon cut off by the enemy at Bastogne. It glows from the simple words of a letter written to his parents shortly after his death by the

Catholic chaplain, Father John S. Maloney, who celebrated his last Mass.

"The whole company was sad and gloomy for the next couple of days without any joking or laughing, which is a wonderful tribute from men who had lost so many buddies and who constantly try to keep their spirits up. . . One lieutenant told me he had cried twice during this war—once when his own father was killed in Normandy, again when Larry died. . . Without exception he was the most universally liked officer in the regiment."

—Jane Marie Sullivan.

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### Herbert Pierre Harper

NO. 13757 CLASS OF JUNE, 1943

*Killed in Action, December 10, 1944, in Hagenau, Alsace, France, aged 26 years.*

HERBERT PIERRE HARPER was born at Osterfield, Georgia, June 15, 1918, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joel J. Harper. Born near the end of one great war it was Pierre's destiny to die in the winning of an even greater second.

It was in pleasant, sunny Georgia that Pete grew to manhood. As he grew his kind disposition absorbed the sunniness and the sincerity of our Peach State. Throughout his short life he never lost his sedate courtesy nor his depth of sincerity.

While still an infant his mother died. Subsequently his father remarried; and Pierre acquired a beloved stepmother. It was by this stepmother and by his father and five sisters that Pierre was reared.

Pierre venerated his stepmother. On more than one occasion has the writer heard Pete lovingly refer to her. He could not have loved his own mother more.

Pierre graduated with honors from Oscilla High School, Oscilla, Georgia in 1935. He successively then attended Howard College, Norman Junior College, Piedmont College, and Georgia Teachers College. He was within one semester of graduation from college when, in 1939, he received an appointment to West Point. He entered West Point July 8, 1939.

Along with many other of our most esteemed classmates Pete was among the "four year" men in the class. He was found in mathematics at the mid-term exams in early 1940; but in late August of the same year he came back to enter what proved to be the Class of June 1943. It was then, in 1940, as plebes, that we of the class became acquainted with him.

Friendly to all of us Pete leaned toward coaching and in other ways aiding the goats. He was true to all. It was not Pete to make a remotely disparaging statement about any person or anything. Every thing was real or good to him or of that thing he said nothing.

Pete was a good looking man. He had sandy, neatly combed hair, a fair complexion, and fair freckles. He spoke slowly and courteously as he thought things out. He was not over-

ly impetuous; yet he was prompt and neat in what he did.

After his initial foundation he stood pretty high in the class all the way. But he always sweated for the goats; and he was always fairly easy with the plebes.

He didn't speak much. He was not dogmatic or flippant. Withal he was a man.

It was during his last year at the Academy that Pierre met his future wife. She lived only across the river in Cold Spring, New York. Immediately upon graduation he and Marvel were married.

Shortly thereafter Lt. and Mrs. Harper reported to the Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia. Then, successively, Pete was sent to Camp Gruber, Oklahoma, back to Fort Benning, and to England.

He never got to see his beautiful baby boy. The boy was born at almost the time Pete was embarking for overseas.

Shortly after D-Day, June 6, 1944, Pierre hit France. He had joined the 79th Division then. The 79th saw an immense amount of fighting. It was



in the line over 110 continuous days at one stretch. Pete was with his platoon all the way. Ironically, he was never hit but one time.

In the latter part of 1944 1st Lt. Herbert P. Harper was decorated for gallantry for the single-handed capture of nineteen German soldiers. Shortly thereafter, on October 26, 1944, he wrote his sister: "The situation looks good now and I feel much more hopeful about the situation". In the same letter he wrote: "Just received some beautiful pictures of Marvel and the baby. He is a nice looking, intelligent chap, but I can't see that he looks much like me. Marvel is looking very well."

Some time later, on December 10, 1944 at about dusk, in Hagenau, Alsace, France, Pete was going back to bring his platoon to a forward position in the town as per orders from his company commander. He was walking along a road that he had only shortly before come up and on which he had reason to assume were American soldiers. In the darkness

he saw soldiers outlined. He spoke twice to the soldiers asking them what outfit they were from. Something in German was uttered simultaneously with the snapping explosions of a burp gun and the throwing of grenades. The soldiers were German soldiers. Pete was perforated by the burp gun's blasts. His last words were "I'm hit bad". In three or four minutes he was dead.

Thus Herbert Pierre Harper was killed in action in the service of his country.

Pete's grief-stricken father said of him: "He loved his country better than life itself". Yes, he did. Pierre gave his life as nobly, as courageously as a West Pointer, as an American, can.

We of the class, we of the Academy, we of our country have just cause to be proud of him. His wife, his son, his father, his stepmother, and his five sisters have great cause to be proud of him too.

—John H. Nelson.

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### Edgar Knowles Parks, Jr.

NO. 13921 CLASS OF JUNE, 1943

Died January 27, 1947, at Fort Worth, Texas, aged 25 years.

**E**DGAR KNOWLES PARKS, JR., was born in Des Moines, Iowa, June 16, 1921, the son of Edith Butts and Edgar Knowles Parks. He graduated from Roosevelt High School in Des Moines and attended Drake University in that city. By the end of his third semester at Drake, he had received a congressional appointment to the United States Military Academy and on July 1, 1940, he reported for duty at West Point, and upon graduation in June, 1943, he received his pilot's wings in addition to his commission.

During the war he served with the 8th Air Force in England, attaining the ranks of Captain and of Major while overseas. His decorations include the D.F.C., Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, two Air Medals, and three battle participation stars. His service area ribbons indicate the European-African theater, American theater, American Defense and the Victory Ribbon.

At the time of his death, he was serving in the Personnel Section of the 8th A.F. Headquarters of the 39th A.A.F., Strategic Air Command, Fort Worth, Texas, preparing for the assignment as Personnel Director for that section.

Left to mourn his untimely passing are his wife, Patricia Fleming Parks and young son, Edgar Knowles Parks, III, of Stamford, Connecticut; his father, mother, and sister Dorothy of Des Moines, Iowa; two brothers: Lt. Commander John Edward Parks, a graduate of the Naval Academy, class of 1939; and David B. Parks of New York City, New York. Also a sister, survives him, Mrs. Edith P. Brant, wife of Lt. Col. P. D. Brant, West Point, 1937, now in Frankfurt, Germany.

Major Parks is buried in the Post Cemetery at West Point, New York, in the family plot of his uncle, Lt. General G. C. Brant, West Point, Class of 1904, U.S.A. Air Corps, Ret.; now living in San Antonio, Texas.

After graduation Edgar was assigned to Sebring, Florida, for transition pilot training in B-17 bombers, followed by additional training at Moses Lake, Washington, and at Drew Field, Florida, where he also served as Combat Crew Instructor.

On September 15, 1944, he left the states with his combat crew, and was attached to the 305th Bomb Group, 8th Air Force, England, where he served progressively as lead pilot, Flight Commander, and Acting Operations Officer. In February, 1945, he became Squadron Operations Officer and served in that capacity until V-J day.

His tour of duty overseas included eleven months and twenty days, with a total of 16 combat missions and 165 combat hours. The bombing area in-



cluded the Rhineland, Central Europe, and the Ardennes region. The record of his service overseas, as he served in the capacities listed above, is reported by his commanding officers as "brilliant" and "superior". He received his captaincy on Christmas Day, 1944, in England; and four months later, on April 27, 1945, he attained his majority, being the second one of his graduating class to attain this rank.

In August 1945, he was returned to the United States, and was assigned to MacDill Field as Instructor Pilot in B-29-V.H.B. In January, he took time out to marry Patricia Fleming Grady of Stamford, Connecticut, whom he had met during the Christmas holiday season of his last West Point year. The wedding took place in Stamford on January 7, 1946. He returned to Florida with his bride, but only long enough to pack up for the trip to the new post at Castle Field, Merced, California, where he served as Weather Deputy Commander at Headquarters of the 59th Reconnaissance Squadron, V.L.R. Following this duty, he was based at Langley Field, Virginia, and at Morrison Field, Florida, until in December, 1946, he was transferred out of the A.T.C. and out of the Air Weather Service, into the Strategic Air Command, Personnel Section, 8th Air Force Headquarters, at Ft. Worth,

Texas, where he was serving at the time of his death, January 27, 1947. Here, again, according to his commanding officers, Major Parks made an outstandingly superior record.

So much for the bare and unadorned statements concerning his training and military service record, which do not give the reader an insight into the warmth, the color, and the richness of his life or an understanding of the invaluable contributions he made to the lives of those with whom he came in contact. Ed, as he was affectionately known to all of his friends, had an immense capacity for making and keeping friends. His gay good humor, his sparkling wit, his tolerance, his sense of fairness and justness, his rare insight into the moods and needs of those near him, his sympathetic understanding of the problems of others and the comfort he was always able to provide, his eagerness and enthusiasm for life and living, and the bright flame of his personality all served to endear him to the hearts of old and young, of low and high degree.

He seemed to possess an unusual and unending capacity for doing and saying the right thing at the right time, and for making others feel comfortable and at ease, and for creating an atmosphere of pleasant good will with whatever group he happened to be associated. He instilled inspiration and confidence in others and made them wish to improve and to excel. One always felt better for having been in his company.

For one thing, his infectious merriment and his emphasis upon the optimistic viewpoint in all things gave one a sense of lightened burdens and an uplift of spirit; but deeper than that was the awareness of a fine clean, manly and honorable character and the silent forceful impact of this knowledge upon his associates served to impress them with a sense of well being, with the joy of living, and with the nobility of life.

Ed's devotion and loyalty to those he loved and the ideals he believed in were unsurpassed. The standards he set for himself were high and his gallant adherence to those standards was one of his engaging characteristics. He possessed an unusually well balanced sense of the true values of life for one of his years. He had disdain for soft living, for procrastination and excuses, and for anything that smacked of pretense, boastfulness or conceit. Early in life he had decided that smoking and drinking were not for him, which is an indication of the patterns of behavior which he had outlined for himself.

For those of us who have known and loved Ed since boyhood it is not necessary to relate the events and characteristics of his youthful days but for those friends whom he made later it may prove comforting and enlightening to recount here some of the highlights of his youth. Of few people can it be more truly said than of Ed, that, "As is the youth, so is the man" because the later man Ed came to be was so clearly defined in the pattern of the ideals and character of the boy.

Early in his youth, Ed gave promise of innate organizing and leadership ability. He became active in the Scout organization, and attacked it as he did

everything, with vim and vigor, and participated joyously and wholeheartedly in all of the activities offered by the organization. From Scouting days, he entered upon a seemingly untiring career of service to others, which continued to be the outstanding characteristic of his life to the very end. He had a marvelously successful technique with younger boys and, according to the parents of the boys with whom he worked, the accomplishments achieved by their sons were due to Ed's influence and assistance.

During the time he was working with youth groups, he made it a point to understand the boys, their problems and their families. Later, when he was at the Academy where it was nearly impossible to maintain contact with so many, he managed somehow to keep himself fairly well informed about the progress his "boys" were making. Throughout his stay at West Point Ed's mail was voluminous, indicative of the regard his friends had for him. To this point, a quotation from the *Howitzer* of June, 1943, is apropos: ". . . Receiving an average of four letters a day, he surpassed all mail records at West Point. . . . He is always doing something but never too much to stop and to offer a cheerful word". This was true of his later war service career. He never became too busy or too involved to keep in touch with his friends, young or old, writing letters of advice, encouragement or congratulations as the needs arose.

While Ed was still in junior high school, he was instrumental in formulating a boys hiking club, composed of a small group of his own age mates of similar interests. This group always meant much to Ed, and the association cemented into a strong bond of fellowship which, through the force of his vital personality, has remained active and influential in providing pleasures and satisfactions to the entire group since the time of its origin twelve years ago.

Ed's chief interests lay in the humanities. Money, material possessions, position or rank meant little to him, but *people* held a vast concern and fascination for him. His friendships cut across all walks of life. He had the ability to see through the outer shell and penetrate to the worth of the real person.

Perhaps one of his most characteristic qualities was that of loyalty. He himself prized it, and strove to live up to the highest meaning of the word. Ed never forgot a friend nor let one down. He always searched out his friends when he came home on leave no matter how brief the stay. He seemed to sense those who needed his presence, a boost, or a word of cheer. Every leave home found the big friendly living room of the Parks' home on Crocker Street in Des Moines, filled with the gaiety of homecomings and reunions, for when Ed came home, the friends, old and young, flocked in and life took on a joyful "worth-living" tone. The fine old grand piano received a work out, and gay voices would mingle merrily, for Ed was never happier than when he had a good song fest in progress; or, a picnic would be announced, and the entire crowd, including father, mother, and younger sister, would be off to one of Ed's favorite

wooded hills, or to an equally favorite lake site. And, as likely as not, the whole group would later report back at the Parks' home, for more songs or more food, for always the assembly was reluctant to break up.

The deep sense of service to others and the interest in the problems and welfare of others never left him. It colored his activities in his regard for the men with whom he worked during the war. Ed's respect for and observance of military security measures was so pronounced that his family and his close friends knew little concerning his own participation in events; however, an incident of which we have record concerns the crash of a B-17, and his supervision of the rescue squad. Word of this reached the *Des Moines Register* and *Tribune* through public relations channels. The following quotation is from the *Des Moines Register*:

". . . Captain Edgar K. Parks, 3404 Crocker St., recently distinguished himself by prompt and competent supervision of rescue work when a B-17 bomber crashed at an air base in England.

"When the plane crashed, it destroyed one barracks completely, and damaged three others. Captain Parks organized enlisted men in the area and directed them in searching for injured and dead in the debris. Checking to make sure that all those quartered in the buildings were accounted for, he aided in digging under the shattered remains of the buildings and supervised the fire-fighting measures that checked the threatening flames".

On January 1, 1945, one of those tragedies of war occurred which left its mark on Ed. On that fateful day the plane containing most of Ed's original combat crew was shot down. Ed was not on that particular mission but the crew was commanded by Lt. Soden, the young lieutenant who had been Ed's original co-pilot, and whom he had personally trained and who had already flown twelve missions as crew commander. Ed felt the responsibility and the loss very keenly.

In a letter dated January 6, he mentioned this briefly, stating: "This evening I went around and got some articles to send to the families of Soden, Diltz, Kinder, Moore, Martinson and Dezelick. I still have some to send to Lockrems, so I'm not in the best mood to write,—losing most of my old crew is a real and lasting blow".

This personal concern for the welfare of his crew remained with him so that upon his return from overseas, he could not relax and enjoy his rest-leave until he had personally visited the families of those crew members who had been lost. He spared himself neither time, money nor energy, to bring what words of comfort he could to the families of the men of his crew, and then only did he settle down to enjoy the rest from combat service that he had so rightly earned.

Upon his assignment to the Personnel Section of the 8th Air Force Headquarters at Ft. Worth, he seemed to feel that he would have an opportunity in Army service to do the kind of work which interested him very much

in that it involved a more personal contact with the men and their problems, and he spoke of enjoying the work more and more as he learned.

Selections from a few letters written by his friends at the time of his death will serve to illustrate the esteem in which he was held. The quotations are reported below, and the various authors are identified at the close of each selection.

". . . Ed was an influence on my life and I'm certain on the lives of his many friends, an influence for all that is good and fine in humankind. Ed will continue to live among my happiest memories." Edward Olson, Drake Classmate.

". . . Ed was intensely alive and idealistic. His capacity for friendship and loyalty was evidenced by his wide circle of friends and acquaintances of all ages and stations in life. His abilities as an organizer were shown early in life and recognized in his work in the Army Air Corps. He was much interested in people and was ever ready to help in the problems of his friends." Edward W. Anderson, M.D.

". . . I have wanted you to know that Ed was the finest and closest friend I have ever known. If I had ever had an older brother, I am certain that he could not have been any nearer to me than Ed. I know that my parents felt that, and grew to know him as another son. Ed was always the man I wanted to be." Cadet E. B. Mechling, U.S.M.A.

". . . Anyone who could claim Ed Parks for his friend has lost more than any mere word can express. I know that anyone fortunate enough to cross paths with Ed is much richer for it. Five minutes in his company would mean more than hours with most folks. I am sure he has done more to lighten the loads of others and to bring happiness to others than any one I have ever known. To us, Ed was perfection as a true gentleman. On earth he leaves only the memory of a real man, a true West Pointer and a genuine friend." Mrs. W. E. DeMots, Los Angeles, California.

". . . The lad has done as much in his quarter century as the majority do in three quarters. He played his part with sportsmanship, a sense of humor and to the hilt. We're lucky people to have known such a guy for so long." R. R. Schreiber, Berkeley, California.

". . . Ed was . . . something special to me. It is rather hard to express what I felt toward him. I think that the best way to put it is perhaps to say that Ed was a man. Long before he attained a man's years he possessed the qualities of a man. Ed was a leader and at the same time he was a student, not a student in a strictly objective sense, but a student of a depth and seriousness beyond the reach of most. He was always unselfish, always ready to give, to learn and to understand. Can any of us remember Ed in a spirit other than one in which he was ready to give of himself? Nor could Ed be easily swayed from a point or path for he was uncompromising in his principles and his principles were of the highest. I can not recall a time when Ed held himself before others

in any way other than exemplary. And yet, while he was all these things, he was first with a joke and a laugh. Ed had a wonderful character matched with a sense of humor. These same qualities which characterized Ed's youth led him in manhood. It is little wonder that the Army should choose to hold him for the Army needed men like Ed. Yes, I remember Ed as everything a man could be.

"Oh! the fun we had together! The hikes, the camp fires, the wet feet, the feasts, the quests of fun and the laughs, and the reverence of awe-filled moments when ten people were close to God."

"And now he is gone. The brightest star has fallen. A friend is no more and our hearts are heavy and silent. And yet is he gone completely? No! He has not gone from beyond our memories. He will there remain forever. We will find a part of him with us around every camp fire, in the beauty of the spring and in the brilliance of the fall. We will always hear his laughter and through tears, be thankful to God that we have been privileged to have had him as a friend." Robert M. Williamson, Hiking Club.

The following lines from F. E. Coates "Hero" seem to have been written especially of Ed:

"He sang of joy; whatever he knew of sadness  
He kept for his own heart's peculiar share  
So well he sang, the world imagined gladness  
To be the sole tenant there.  
For dreams were his, and in the dawn's fair shining  
His spirit soared beyond the mounting lark;  
But from his lips no accent of repining  
Fell, when the day grew dark."

Rest well, Ed. You have left us with a wealth of happy memories and you have bequeathed us a rich heritage.

—M. J. B.

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### Stuart Lee Cowles, Jr.

NO. 14975 CLASS OF 1945

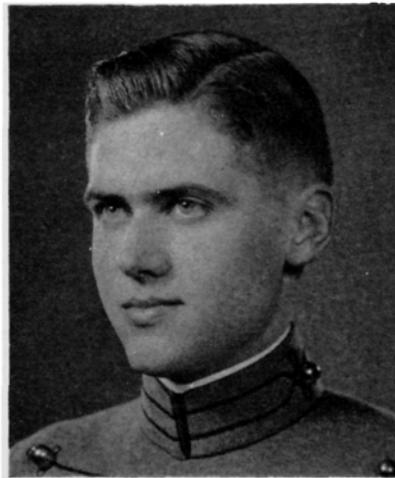
*Killed November 17, 1946, in a motor accident on Luzon, Philippine Islands, aged 22 years.*

STUART LEE COWLES, JR., the son of Colonel and Mrs. Stuart Lee Cowles, was born at Fort Bragg, North Carolina on the 15th of August, 1924. His father, also a graduate of the Military Academy, is in the Field Artillery, so Stu's childhood was spent at such posts as Forts Sill, Hoyle, and Leavenworth in the United States, and Fort Stotsenburg in the Philippines. Living in such an environment it is easy to see why Stu chose to follow the profession of his father and become an officer in the regular army. Stu decided to become a soldier as soon as he was old enough to reason for himself. For all his

military ambitions, however, Stu was never war-like. He was sensitive, and is remembered as the boy who was continually running into the house urging his family to come out and see the sunset or some other beauty of nature. Early in life he developed a sense of justice which was to continue through his career and cause the many people with whom he came in contact to trust him in everything and to have the deepest respect for him.

Stu graduated from Western High School in Washington, D. C., in 1942, and his appointment to the Academy caused him to be so elated that he went through Plebe year wearing rose colored glasses. His ability to feel grateful for being at West Point in moments of extreme tribulation was a constant source of amazement to his classmates.

From the moment Stu entered the Military Academy on the 15th of July, 1942 our lives became brighter, for he



enriched the lives of all who came in contact with his fine sense of humor and cheerful personality. This was not because Stu played the clown, that was something he seldom, if ever, did. More than anything it was his constant refusal to be depressed that helped us along through those first dark days of Plebe year.

Four days after he reported to the Academy we heard of one of his remarks of supreme optimism, mixed with a rare type of humor, which, along with other manifestations of his wholesome character, endeared his memory in the hearts of his classmates forever. At supper, we of the "Second Echelon" were given the opportunity of sitting at ease, in view of the fact that our classmates who were members of the "First Echelon" had been granted that privilege previously in the way of a Fourth of July celebration. At the command to fall-out, Stu slowly slumped his shoulders out of the agonizing brace into which they had been held for the preceding four days. Surreptitiously his chin came out of his collar and his eyes lifted their gaze to our lounging figures. Seeing that we were not bracing anymore, he smiled and threw off all semblance of the military stiffness

that had tortured him for the last four days with the remark, "Boy! I'm glad that's over!"

This trait of cheerfulness was not by any means the greatest virtue Stu possessed. For those who lived near him during those three years of Cadet life the beauty of Stu's character was that he was never known to bring personalities into his criticisms of existing conditions. Never was he heard to speak ill of a classmate in a moment devoid of passion, nor was he once known to carry a grudge from sundown to sunrise. Vindictiveness was not his nature. Perhaps it was because he did not judge his fellow men—he loved them. In any event, it was both pleasant and elevating to associate with such a man.

Furthermore, Stu Cowles was honest. This last statement may seem superfluous because of the very high standard of honor the Academy requires of its graduates, but it is not superfluous. Yes, Stu was scrupulously honest according to the specifications set by the Corps, but he was also intellectually honest. An example of his intellectual honesty is the fact that he was at no time content to memorize a lesson in order to get a passing grade. Stu strove to understand his lessons thoroughly although this required a large expenditure of energy and time that might have been detrimental to his class standing. Being honest with himself was just as important to him as being honest with his associates and superiors.

Upon graduation, in June 1945, Stu joined the Coast Artillery and entered the Antiaircraft Artillery School at Fort Bliss, Texas. By fall he was en route overseas to the Philippine Islands. His first duty was with the 866th Battalion of the 70th Antiaircraft Artillery Group at San Marcelino, Luzon, where he taught Philippine Scouts the intricacies of the modern antiaircraft battery. Later Stu was given a job that called him to Manila, where he helped run the large Prisoner of War Camp at Nichols Field. There, as well as at San Marcelino, Stu did a commendable job and showed himself to be an officer of superior caliber. However, with the repatriation of Japanese prisoners of war, Stu's job at Nichols Field became non-existent and he was recalled to the A.A.A. School at San Marcelino, where he was made S-4 of the 2086th A.A.A. Searchlight Training Battalion.

On Sunday night, November 17, 1946, he was driving back from Manila to San Marcelino. It was near the end of the rainy season and the road was very rough. Suddenly he came to a washout and the two wheeled trailer, heavily loaded with supplies, which he was towing behind his jeep, whipped violently to the left into a washout, overturning the jeep and killing Stu instantly. That tragedy, occurring in the unfeeling loneliness of the Luzon night, has left us who knew and loved him with an empty place within our hearts that will never be refilled.

—Wilson P. Hurley.