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Report of the 79th Annual Meeting

of the

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

Held in Cullum Memorial Hall, West Point, N. Y., 7 June 1948

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:40 P.M. by the President, Chauncey L. Fenton, '04.

2. The meeting approved the omission of the reading of the report of the last meeting since it was published in the July 1947 issue of *Assembly*.

3. The Treasurer outlined briefly the salient features of his report, citing the total worth of the Association as of 30 April 1948, \$131,820.10, and gifts made to the Association during the last fiscal year as follows:

Bequest of Harry C. Hale, '83	\$1,000.00
Bequest of Adam Slaker, '77	1,000.00
Bequest of Willard H. McCornack, '97	1,000.00
Graduate (Anonymous)	100.00
Surplus proceeds of West Point anniversary dinner meeting at Aberdeen Proving Ground this year	30.19

4. The meeting approved the omission of the reading of the complete report of the Treasurer, since it appears elsewhere in this issue of *Assembly*.

5. The President then outlined the salient features of his report, upon the approval of the meeting that the complete report be omitted, since it is published elsewhere in this issue of *Assembly*.

6. The President:

a. Expressed the appreciation of the Association for the work that the West Point Society of New York did in promoting the dinner in New York on 2 April 1948 in celebration of the Unification of the Armed Forces, and especially for the invaluable assistance rendered by Thomas B. Doe, Class of 1905, President of the Sperry Corporation.

b. Informed the meeting that pursuant to the instructions of the Board of Trustees, telegrams of greeting were being sent to our oldest living graduate, to General Pershing, and to each of our three five-star generals, General MacArthur, General Arnold and General Eisenhower.

c. Read to the meeting the following message from Major General George T. Bartlett, Class of '81, our oldest living graduate:

"To the Graduates of the United States Military Academy on Alumni Day, 7th June 1948—Greetings. To those of younger generations on active duty during recent years, congratulations on your great achievements. For our country fervent hopes for lasting peace—peace notwithstanding the numerous wars in the last century and no apparent change in human nature.

—GEORGE T. BARTLETT,
San Antonio, Texas."

d. Presented to the meeting Major General Henry C. Hodges, Class of '81, the oldest graduate in attendance.

e. Presented to the meeting the following members of the Class of '48, guests of the Association as

representatives of their class: Cadets Moore, Braswell, Livesay, Young, Caldwell, Medsger, Nash and Brennan, with special reference to Cadet Medsger who, within less than twenty-four hours, would be the youngest graduate of West Point.

f. Presented to the meeting Ensign Chapline, U.S.N.A., '48, present as a guest of the Association.

g. Expressed the appreciation of the Association for the large number of its members in attendance, with special attention to the attendance of many members of the reunion classes, beginning with 1888 and including June, 1943.

h. Presented to the meeting Major General Maxwell D. Taylor, Superintendent of the United States Military Academy.

7. In an inspiring address the Superintendent gave the meeting a comprehensive survey of the current situation at the Academy.

8. The President thanked General Taylor on behalf of the Association and requested Major General John H. Hughes, '97, a Vice President of the Association, to preside during the nomination of officers and trustees of the Association due for election.

9. At the request of General Hughes, the Secretary read the list of nominations proposed by the Board of Trustees at its meeting on 7 June 1948, as follows:

FOR PRESIDENT

Chauncey L. Fenton, '04

FOR VICE-PRESIDENTS

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10. The meeting unanimously approved the nominations and elected the officers and trustees as proposed by the Board of Trustees.

11. In accepting his reelection as President of the Association, Colonel Fenton expressed his appreciation of the honor conferred upon him and his sense of the great responsibility of such high office.

12. The meeting then approved its own adjournment at 2:45 P.M. after pronouncement of the benediction by the Reverend Frank E. Pulley, Chaplain, U.S.M.A.

CHARLES N. BRANHAM, '22,

Secretary.

Report of the President

OF THE

Association of Graduates, 1947-1948

Members of the Association:

During the past year I visited several West Point Societies and discussed with them the present and future of West Point and the work and plans of the Association of Graduates. The first visit was to San Francisco where I had been invited to be present at the organization of a new West Point Society. While on the Pacific coast I also visited the West Point Societies of Seattle, Monterey and Los Angeles. Later I visited two Societies here in the East. Our graduates in these Societies were very eager for information about the Academy and the Association and now pamphlets of information about West Point are being sent to them without request. Four new West Point Societies have been formed during the past year. Realizing that West Point is not well known and understood our Superintendent has done more than anyone else in presenting West Point in a favorable light to the people of the country.

As you all know the Association of Graduates of West Point and Annapolis held a joint dinner in New York on 2 April in celebration of the Unification of the Armed Forces. This event has been thoroughly covered by articles in *Assembly* and by letters to West Point Societies. The Trustees of the Association (twenty were present at the dinner) at their meeting on 7 June 1948 voted the dinner a great success. The planning for this celebration brought our Association very intimately in contact with that of the Naval Academy and thus the Principle of Unification was applied to our Associations. The West Point and Annapolis Societies of New York may well be proud of this celebration.

An agreement has been entered into with Colonel R. Ernest Dupuy, Retired, who wrote *Where They Have Trod*, to write a book on West Point to be published in the sesquicentennial year, 1952. This project was recommended by the Trustees and approved at the Annual meeting three years ago and a committee was appointed at that time to secure an author for the book. The idea is to have the book cover the contributions that West Point has made to the Nation during the first 150 years of its existence. In a speech at the Centennial Celebration here at West Point in 1902, Theodore Roosevelt said "No other educational institution in the land has contributed so many names as West Point has contributed to the honor roll of the Nation's greatest citizens". Can this be said about the first 150 years? I believe it can and that Colonel Dupuy will find that it can. In the past much has been made of the system of education and training that Sylvanus Thayer established here at the Academy, and in this book it is planned to emphasize what this system of education and training has produced. The tentative name of the book is *Men of West Point*. This will be the name used unless some better name is suggested. Please keep the book in mind—it will be out in 1952.

The West Point Alumni Foundation is not well understood by many and I wish to point out that it is simply an affiliate of the Association of Graduates, and was organized to do things for the Association which the Association could not do. The Foundation gets out two publications—*Assembly*, a quarterly, and the *Register of Graduates*, an annual. *Assembly* contains current news of West Point, class news and biographies of deceased graduates, information not available from any other single source. The *Register* is not designed to replace Cullum's Register (next issue in 1950) but rather to supplement it by making the most important facts of each graduate's career and current service available in brief up-to-date form. This information is also not available from any other single source. A subscription for both *Assembly* and the *Register* at \$3.00 gives the Association a profit of 74 cents. A subscription to *Assembly* alone at \$1.50 gives the Association a deficit of 46 cents. These are the cold facts which give the reasons why we want every living graduate to be a

subscriber to both *Assembly* and the *Register*. The existence and continuance of the *Register* and *Assembly* are 100% dependent upon your support. Every graduate a subscriber for the *Register* and *Assembly* would solve the fiscal difficulties of the Association. To date almost one-half of our living graduates are subscribers. We deeply appreciate such support but will continue to strive for a higher percentage.

The handling of West Point China (dinner plates, and cups and saucers) has been turned over to the Association of graduates by the Superintendent. Orders for this china should be addressed to the Association. A small shipment is due this summer and next fall or winter we are promised a considerable quantity. We have a very large sheaf of orders now and these orders and all others received in the future will be filled in order of their receipt and the receipt of the china. The Naval Academy Alumni Association and the Alumni Association of many colleges handle the china-ware of their institutions. We hope to have a West Point silverware, and possibly other commemorative ware, by another year.

The main purpose of this Association is to promote the welfare of West Point and I want to state briefly the manner in which the Association is trying to carry out its mission. The Secretary of the Association is an active officer of the Army on the staff of the Superintendent. In his office the Association maintains a historical file for every graduate of the Academy and does the vast amount of research necessary to keep these files accurate and up-to-date. The Superintendent and others at the Academy depend on the Association to answer the tremendous number of inquiries received constantly from educational institutions, military and veteran organizations, and many other sources throughout the United States with reference to historical matters concerning the Academy and its nearly 17,000 graduates.

The Secretary of the Association is presently designated by the Superintendent as Secretary of the Cullum Committee, Editor of Cullum's Biographical Register, and he is also Editor of *Assembly*. *Assembly* magazine and the facilities of the office of the Secretary of the Association are available and are used for the dissemination of educational information about West Point prepared by individuals not directly connected with the Academy or the Association, provided their work and objectives are deemed by the Association of Graduates to have educational value concerning the Academy. A review of the book *West Point* by Crane and Kieley, is an example.

The Association is cooperating with the Cullum Trustees and the various West Point classes concerned, in the raising of funds to erect memorial plaques to those killed in action in World War II.

Plans for an alumni house have been discussed with the Superintendent.

The West Point Sesquicentennial should be a great occasion here at the Academy and your President has been designated by the Superintendent as Chairman of the Sesquicentennial Planning Committee. Among other events, Colonel Dupuy's book, *Men of West Point*, will be published that year.

Every effort is made by the Association to brief officers on the work and plans of the Association of Graduates when these officers leave West Point to make speeches in various parts of the country.

Carrying out our mission requires a tremendous amount of work here at the headquarters of our Association. More than 18,000 names will appear in the next Cullum's Register. The Secretary's office is not equipped to handle this work with adequate facility. If this Association is going to be the factor that it should be in promoting the welfare of the Military Academy we must have a greater

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Superintendent presents 1948 Athletic Awards. Left to Right: Cadet Elwyn P. Swan, winner of the Hughes Trophy; Cadet Joseph B. Steffy, winner of the Gerton Trophy; Cadet Charles D. Nash, winner of the Army Athletic Association Trophy; General Taylor; and Colonel "Biff" Jones, retiring Graduate Manager of Athletics.



General Taylor presents diploma to Cadet Joseph M. Kiernan, No. 1 in the Class of 1948.



Superintendent's Reception
6 June 1948.



General Taylor introduces Cadet A. W. Braswell, '48, First Captain, U.S.C.C. to General H. C. Hodges, '81, the Oldest Graduate present at the Alumni Exercises at Thayer Monument, 7 June 1948.



The Class of 1948 graduates!

Colonel Chauncey L. Fenton (right) President of the Association of Graduates, other members of the Class of 1904, and guests of the Association, at the Annual Luncheon of the Association in Cullum Memorial Hall on 7 June 1948.

The Honorable James E. Forrestal, Secretary of National Defense, addresses the Class of 1948 at Graduation Exercises on 8 June 1948.



REPORT OF TREASURER

ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATES OF THE U.S.M.A.

APRIL 30, 1948

EXHIBIT A—Balance Sheet as of April 30, 1948.
 EXHIBIT B—Changes in General Fund during the year ended April 30, 1948.
 EXHIBIT C—Changes in Endowment Fund during the year ended April 30, 1948.
 SCHEDULE I—Investments as of April 30, 1948 and income received thereon during the year ended April 30, 1948.

EXHIBIT A BALANCE SHEET, APRIL 30, 1948

ASSETS	
SECURITIES: (See Schedule I)	
Irving Trust Company.....	\$117,197.44
Office, Treasurer, Association of Graduates.....	362.50
	\$117,559.94
CASH IN BANKS:	
Irving Trust Company.....	\$ 1,192.74
First National Bank in Highland Falls (Checking Account).....	447.22
First National Bank in Highland Falls (Savings Account).....	4,580.23
Newburgh Savings Bank.....	5,150.65
	\$ 11,370.84
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE.....	\$ 94.00
FURNITURE AND FIXTURES.....	\$ 2,795.32
	\$131,820.10
LIABILITIES	
GENERAL FUND:	
Balance May 1, 1947.....	\$ 15,193.25
Less: decrease during year (See Exhibit B).....	5,005.76
	\$ 10,187.49
ENDOWMENT FUND:	
Balance May 1, 1947.....	\$110,047.87
Less: decrease during year (See Exhibit).....	2,439.36
	\$107,608.51
CULLUM FUND:	
Balance May 1, 1947.....	\$ 11,087.00
(No transactions during the year)	
UNPAID TAXES WITHHELD FROM EMPLOYEES' SALARIES.....	\$ 51.44
DEFERRED INCOME (WEST POINT PLATES).....	\$ 77.59
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (WEST POINT PLATES).....	\$ 12.75
FURNITURE AND FIXTURES.....	\$ 2,795.32
	\$131,820.10

CHANGES IN THE GENERAL FUND DURING THE YEAR ENDED APRIL 30, 1948

INCOME	
Payments on Life and Annual Memberships.....	\$ 6,020.50
Annual Dues.....	186.00
Sale and Subscriptions—Assembly.....	53.71
Interest on Bank Deposits.....	169.64
Dividends on Investments.....	2.75
Gain on West Point Plates.....	638.06
Surplus from Rome Alumni Dinner and W. P. Society of Seattle.....	148.95
Gain on Activities of Alumni Reception Committee.....	95.77
Miscellaneous (Including Sale of Rosettes).....	19.60
	\$ 7,334.98
EXPENDITURES	
Salaries.....	\$ 4,754.80
Supplies.....	209.78
Printing.....	7,192.63
Freight Express and Postage.....	737.01
Telephone and Telegraph.....	282.09
Expenses of Unification Banquet.....	150.00
Payment to Author of Sesqui-centennial West Point Book.....	1,000.00
Travel Expenses of President.....	404.93
Music Machine for Cadets.....	260.00
Miscellaneous.....	570.01
	\$ 15,561.25
Expenditures in Excess of Income.....	\$ 8,226.27
Transfer from Endowment Fund.....	\$ 3,220.51
	\$ 5,005.76

CHANGES IN THE ENDOWMENT FUND DURING THE YEAR ENDED APRIL 30, 1948

PRINCIPAL	
Cash Contributions.....	\$ 2,000.00
Security Contribution.....	100.00
	\$ 2,100.00
Less:	
Loss on sale of securities.....	\$ 4,517.73
Brokers fees and transfer expenses.....	44.89
	\$ 4,562.62
	(\$2,462.62)
INCOME	
Interest and Dividends from Securities.....	\$ 3,330.19
EXPENDITURES	
Safekeeping of Securities.....	\$ 86.42
	\$ 3,243.77
Total additions.....	\$ 781.15
Less—Transfer to General Fund.....	\$ 3,220.51
	\$ 2,439.36
Net Change (Decrease).....	\$ 2,439.36

Date Acquired	NAME OF SECURITY	Face Value of Shares	Book Value at April 30, 1948	Cost or Gift Basis at April 30, 1948	Purchases or Gifts	Redemptions, Sales and Amortization	Gain (Loss) on Sales of Securities	Brokers' Fees and Transfers Expenses	Face Value of Shares April 30, 1948	Book Value at Cost April 30, 1948	Approximate Market Valuation April 30, 1948	Dividends and Interest Received
Aug. 1, 1933	First National Bank in Highland Falls, N. Y., common PV \$7.50.	5	62.50	62.50					5	62.50	62.50	2.75
GENERAL FUND												
June 4, 1931	One unit 92-21 Union Hall St., Inc., 5 1/2% debent, due 3/27/40.	10,000.00	3,956.67	3,956.67					100	3,956.67	No Quotation	
Feb. 3, 1940	U. S. Savings Bonds, Series D, due 2/1/50.	100	7,125.00	7,125.00						7,125.00	8,740.00	
	Total Cullum Fund.....		\$ 11,081.67	\$ 11,081.67						\$ 11,081.67	\$ 8,740.00	

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

Date Acquired	NAME OF SECURITY	Face Value of Shares	Book Value at April 30, 1948	Cost or Gift Basis at April 30, 1948	Purchases or Gifts	Redemptions, Sales and Amortization	Gain (Loss) on Sales of Securities	Brokers' Fees and Transfers Expenses	Face Value of Shares April 30, 1948	Book Value at Cost April 30, 1948	Approximate Market Valuation April 30, 1948	Dividends and Interest Received
ENDOWMENT FUND												
May 21, 1929	N. Y. Title & Mortgage Co. Mortgage Series F-1 Ctf. 5 1/2% due 7/1/39.	6,600.00	6,600.00	6,600.00		1,700.00				4,900.00	3,933.50	227.13
July 25, 1929	Title Guar. & Trust Co. Part. in BM of C. Cappellani Construction Co. 5 1/2% due 7/1/38											
July 18, 1930	Colorado & Southern Rwy Co. Gen. Mtge Series A 4 1/2% due 5/1/80.	5,000.00	4,889.00	4,889.00						5,000.00	2,925.00	29.19
Oct. 9, 1930	N. Y. Title & Mtge Co. Part. in BM of Rocklin Opera Corp. 5 1/2% due 6/1/38.	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00		1,476.73	(523.27)					200.00
Nov. 25, 1936	Sears, Roebuck & Co. capital stock NP	20	375.00	375.00						20	765.00	35.26
Nov. 25, 1936	Pittsburgh, Cinn. & St. Louis Rwy Co. Gen. Mtge Series A 5% due 6/1/70	5,000.00	5,037.50	5,037.50						5,000.00	5,350.00	250.00
July 30, 1940	Kansas Power & Lt. Co. 4 1/2% cum. prd. stock PV \$100.00	50	5,050.00	5,050.00						50	5,150.00	225.00
May 31, 1941	U. S. A. Defense Savings Series G, 12 yr. Cur. Inc. 2 1/2% due 5/1/53.	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00						6,000.00	5,766.00	160.00
June 26, 1941	U. S. A. Defense Savings Series G, 12 yr. Cur. Inc. 2 1/2% due 6/1/53.	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00						4,000.00	3,832.00	100.00
Jan. 27, 1942	U. S. A. Defense Savings Series F, due 7/1/54.	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00						1,000.00	965.00	25.00
Feb. 15, 1942	U. S. A. Defense Savings Series F, due 7/1/54.	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00						1,000.00	965.00	25.00
Feb. 15, 1942	Florida Power & Lt. Co. Debent. 4 1/8% due 1/1/79.	7,000.00	7,122.50	7,122.50		7,323.75	201.25				80.90	174.09
Mar. 10, 1944	Delaware & Hudson Co. 1st & Ref. Mtg 4% due 5/1/63.	5,000.00	4,522.50	4,522.50						5,000.00	4,650.00	200.00
May 18, 1944	Oklahoma Natural Gas Co. 4 3/4% cum. prd. stk. Series A, PV \$50	100	5,000.00	5,000.00		541.88	(1,022.05)	10.52			5,125.00	237.52
July 25, 1944	Chicago & Northwestern Ry Co. 5% cum. prd. stk. VTC PV \$100	15	1,563.93	1,563.93		350.75	(667.47)	11.01				75.00
July 25, 1944	Chicago & Northwestern Ry Co. com. stk. VTC NP	23	1,018.22	1,018.22								11.50
Sept. 8, 1944	Delaware & Hudson Co. 1st and Ref. Mtge 4% due 5/1/63.	1,000.00	920.00	920.00						1,000.00	930.00	40.00
Jan. 25, 1945	Cleveland, Cinn., Chicago & St. Louis Rwy Co., Wabash & Michigan Div. 1st Mtge Series A, 4% due 7/1/91.	8,000.00	6,685.00	6,685.00						8,000.00	5,210.00	320.00
Jan. 25, 1945	Southern Pacific Co., Oregon Lines, 1st Mtge Series A, 4 1/2% due 9/1/77.	8,000.00	7,595.00	7,595.00						8,000.00	8,000.00	360.00
Oct. 22, 1945	Sears, Roebuck & Co., Capital Stock N.P.	60	1,125.00	1,125.00						60	2,295.00	105.00
Oct. 25, 1945	Midtown Enterprises Inc. Capital Stock P.V.	10	10	10			25.00			10	1.25	
Apr. 29, 1946	Chicago & Northwestern Ry Co. 2nd Mtg. Conv. Inc. Series A, 4 1/2% due 1/1/99.	2,000.00	2,016.67	2,016.67						2,000.00	1,285.00	90.00
Aug. 30, 1946	U. S. Savings Bond Series F, 12 yr. Cur. Inc. due 8/1/58.	100.00	100.00	100.00						100.00	74.50	
Mar. 6, 1947	St. Louis, San Francisco Rwy Co., 1st Mtge. Series A, 4% due 1/1/97.	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00						1,000.00	877.50	40.00
Mar. 6, 1947	St. Louis, San Francisco Rwy Co., 1st Mtge. Series A, 4% due 1/1/97, scrip Exp. 12/31/51	105.00	105.00	105.00				1.50				
Mar. 6, 1947	St. Louis, San Francisco Rwy Co., 1st Mtge. Series A, Conv. Cuml., 4 1/2% Income Bonds due 1/1/2022.	700.00	700.00	700.00		362.25	(337.75)	1.85				
Mar. 6, 1947	St. Louis, San Francisco Rwy Co., 2nd Mtge. Series A, Conv. Cuml. 4 1/2% Income Bonds due 1/1/2022, scrip expires 12/31/51.	65.04	65.04	65.04		34.47	(30.57)	1.50				
Mar. 6, 1947	St. Louis, San Francisco Rwy Co., V.T.C. for 5% Ser. A, Cuml. Pfd. Temps V.T. Exp. 1/1/52	8	800.00	800.00		280.00	(520.00)	8.31				
Mar. 6, 1947	St. Louis, San Francisco Rwy Co., VTC for 5% Ser. A Cuml. Conv. Pfd. Exp. 12/31/51, Scrip bearer form	7,000/10,000	70.00	70.00				1.50				
Mar. 6, 1947	St. Louis, San Francisco Rwy Co., V.T.C. for Com. Temp. V.T. Exp. 12/31/51, N.P.	17	1,700.00	1,700.00		24.15	(45.85)	8.70				
Mar. 6, 1947	St. Louis, San Francisco Rwy Co., V.T.C. for Com. Exp. 12/31/51, scrip	4,000/10,000	40.00	40.00		155.13	(1,544.87)					
June 30, 1947	U. S. Savings Bonds Series G, 12 yr. current income 2 1/2% due 6/1/59 Reg.	33,000.00	33,000.00	33,000.00						33,000.00	32,604.00	412.50
Aug. 8, 1947	U. S. Savings Bonds Series F, due 8/1/59.	100.00	100.00	100.00						100.00	74.00	
Apr. 7, 1948	U. S. Savings Bonds Series G, 12 yr. current income due 4/1/60 Reg.	13,000.00	13,000.00	13,000.00						13,000.00	12,844.00	
	Total Endowment Fund		77,200.46	77,200.46	46,100.00	12,341.96	(4,517.73)	44.89		106,415.77	102,727.65	3,330.19
	Total		\$ 88,344.63	\$ 88,344.63	\$ 46,100.00	\$ 12,341.96	\$(4,517.73)	\$ 44.89		\$ 117,559.94	\$ 111,530.15	\$ 3,332.94

* Market value at October 1, 1948.
Not redeemable prior to that date.

Examined and found correct:
H. W. CRANDALL,
Colonel, F.D.,
Fiscal Officer.

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

General Morrison Retires

The retirement on 31 May 1948 of Brigadier General William E. Morrison removes from the Academic Board the Professor under whose direction the teaching of Modern Languages at West Point has undergone its greatest development. It also marks the first application of the provision of recent law which authorizes promotion on the retired list of Professors of long and distinguished service at the Military Academy.

Immediately following his appointment as Professor on 27 February 1925 General Morrison undertook to improve the preparation of incoming language instructors. Due to his efforts the normal preparation has been established as one full year of study abroad, during which period the officer lives among educated natives of the country whose language he is to teach. This study and these associations give him a fluency of expression and a confidence in his knowledge which add greatly to the caliber of his instruction in the Department.

With the outbreak of World War II General Morrison recognized the military importance of German and promptly set about developing a knowledge of that language among officers then teaching French and Spanish. The Department was thus prepared when, in the fall of 1941, German became a part of the course for selected cadets. This was the first step taken in almost ninety years to enlarge the field of foreign languages at West Point.

The entry of the United States into the war in 1941 and the consequent reduction in length of the course of instruction shortened by one year the time allotted to Modern Languages. Soon thereafter the growing importance of Brazil in military planning led to the introduction of Portuguese into the curriculum. The shortness of time and the multiplicity of subjects limited each cadet to the study of a single foreign language. This situation was not appreciably affected by the addition of Russian in the fall of 1945, which had been foreseen by General Morrison as early as 1943.

When the four-year course was resumed in 1947 a new balance was given to the curriculum in the light of developments during the war years. The loss of one year of language study was confirmed, and all five languages were continued. Each cadet now studies one language for two years, as distinguished from the three years devoted to two languages in the pre-war classes.

Throughout the period of change General Morrison tirelessly led his Department toward its goal of increased comprehension of other peoples by the graduates of West Point. Anticipating the new demands he prepared instructors who were ready when new languages were introduced. When the Spanish civil war and, later, the German invasion of France cut off opportunity for instructor preparation in Europe he established new contacts in Mexico and Quebec. He recognized the importance of Western Hemisphere Spanish by adopting its pronunciation, which differs slightly from the Castilian. He introduced the study of Latin-American literature and culture into the courses.

But most important of General Morrison's accomplishments is establishment of the principle that language is a system of communication, used to describe experiences or to express ideas. It is not an end in itself but only a means to an end. This has resulted in teaching by the

"oral approach", which stresses speech as an exchange of ideas rather than written exercises as a test of comprehension of rules of grammar. Grammar is learned not by studying a set of laws but by observation and analysis of the living language in active, practical use. The accomplishments to date of the new system far surpass those of the old.

A native of New York State, General Morrison was born in Brooklyn and was educated there in the local schools and high schools, from which he entered the Military Academy directly in 1903. Graduating in 1907, he served with his regiment, the 7th Infantry, for two years in Detroit and then for three years in the Philippine Islands. During a portion of this period he was

in charge of a mapping party on Luzon and acquired an early familiarity with Cabanatuan and other places whose names were to become widely known many years later.

The 7th Infantry returned to the United States in 1912 and after a brief period of service with it at Fort Leavenworth General Morrison sailed for a summer of study in Madrid, Spain.

That fall he came to West Point for his first tour of duty as a language instructor, and he has served at the Military Academy ever since, except for two years of duty with his regiment on the Mexican border and in Vera Cruz in 1913-1915 and one year with the 26th Infantry at Plattsburg Barracks in 1923-1924. He was also absent from West Point on sabbatical leave for one year in 1930-1931, studying and investigating facilities for study for prospective language instructors at the Sorbonne and other educational institutions in Paris and at the Centro de Estudios in Madrid.

General Morrison is co-author of *A French Grammar*, which is known to many former cadets. Besides being in use as a textbook for twenty-six years at West Point over 50,000 copies have been sold for similar use at such institutions as Dartmouth, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Yale and the University of Pennsylvania.

It is fitting that General Morrison's effort in the teaching of French and Spanish should have been recognized in these fields both by Laval University of Quebec which in 1943 conferred upon him the honorary degree of *Docteur de l'Université* and by the Ecuadorian Government which has awarded to him the *Star of Abdón Calderón, First Class*.

In addition to the above decoration General Morrison has received the Legion of Merit from his own government, and is entitled to the Mexican Service Medal, the World War I Victory Medal, the American Defense Service Medal, the American Campaign Medal and the World War II Victory Medal.

In 1913 General Morrison married Audrey Hall, charming and talented daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hall of Stamford, Connecticut. They have two sons, Eric Hall and Albert Hall, both graduates of Yale University and both now in business. Grandchildren are Linda Hall Morrison, Jean Wheaton Morrison and Anne Stirling Morrison, all living with their parents in West Chester, Pa.

General and Mrs. Morrison are now at their summer home at Marblehead, Massachusetts, where they enjoy the best wishes of their associates at West Point and of their host of friends both military and civilian for a happy and well-earned retirement.



We Salute

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

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS

Robert L. Eichelberger, '09
(Oak Leaf Cluster)

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL

Robert L. Eichelberger, '09
(Navy)
Dwight D. Eisenhower, '15
(Third Oak Leaf Cluster)

Mason J. Young, '15
Ewart G. Plank, '20
(Oak Leaf Cluster)

Harry McK. Roper, '23
Thomas S. Timberman, '23

SILVER STAR

Robert L. Eichelberger, '09
(With Two Oak Leaf Clusters)

Mason J. Young, '15

LEGION OF MERIT

Mason J. Young, '15
Desmond O'Keefe, Aug., '17
(Oak Leaf Cluster)
Walter J. Muller, Nov., '18
(Oak Leaf Cluster)
Raymond C. Barlow, '19
(Oak Leaf Cluster)
Clovis E. Byers, '20
(Oak Leaf Cluster)
Lee A. Denson, '20
(Oak Leaf Cluster)
Carl F. Duffner, '20

Donald C. Hill, '24
William H. Maglin, '24
(Oak Leaf Cluster)
Frank G. Trew, '24
(Oak Leaf Cluster)
Walter C. Stanton, '26
(Oak Leaf Cluster)
Paul T. Carroll, '33
(Oak Leaf Cluster)
John F. Franklin, Jr., '34
(Oak Leaf Cluster)
John H. Michaelis, '36
(Oak Leaf Cluster)

BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Robert L. Eichelberger, '09
(With "V")
Mason J. Young, '15
(With Two Oak Leaf Clusters)
Raymond E. S. Williamson, '17
(Oak Leaf Cluster)
Carl F. Duffner, '20

Edward C. Mack, '25
(With Two Oak Leaf Clusters,
awarded posthumously)
Edgar H. Dale, '38
Harry N. Rising, Jr., '41
Thomas J. McGuire, Jr., '44

AIR MEDAL

Robert L. Eichelberger, '09

MISCELLANEOUS

Lucian B. Moody, '04.....Cloud Banner Decoration, Special Breast Order with Ribbon (Chinese)
Robert L. Eichelberger, '09.....Abdon Calderon of Ecuador
Robert L. Eichelberger, '09.....Croix de Guerre with Palm (Belgian)
Robert L. Eichelberger, '09.....Grand Officer of the Crown of Belgium with Swords
Robert L. Eichelberger, '09.....Grand Officer of the Order of Orange Nassau with Swords
Robert L. Eichelberger, '09.....Legion of Honor, Order of Grand Officer (French)
Robert L. Eichelberger, '09.....Philippine Liberation Ribbon with Two Bronze Stars
Jacob J. Gerhardt, '15.....Philippine Legion of Honor
Mason J. Young, '15.....Croix de Guerre (French)
Mason J. Young, '15.....Legion of Honor (French)
Carl F. Duffner, '20.....Croix de Guerre with two Palms (French)
Carl F. Duffner, '20.....Croix de Guerre with Palm (Belgian)
Thomas J. McGuire, Jr., '44.....Chevalier de l'Orde de la Couronne avec Palme (Belgian)
Thomas J. McGuire, Jr., '44.....Croix de Guerre with Palm (Belgian)
Patrick M. Neilond, '44.....Croix de Guerre with Palm (French)
Patrick M. Neilond, '44.....Legion of Honor (French)

BULLETIN BOARD

JOHN J. PERSHING, '86

The Association of Graduates of the United States Military Academy mourns the passing of its most distinguished member, General of the Armies John Joseph Pershing, Class of 1886. His career, from First Captain of the United States Corps of Cadets to the highest rank of the United States Army, typifies all that is meant by *Duty, Honor, Country*.

Now he has taken his final place in the Long Gray Line which "stretches through the years of a century told." His spirit will be with us always.

Association of Graduates Awards

The following awards, donated annually since 1942 by the Association of Graduates, were presented by Colonel Chauncey L. Fenton, '04, President of the Association, to the cadets named below at the Publication of Orders in the Cadet Mess Hall at dinner on Tuesday, 8 June 1948, immediately following the graduation exercises:

The \$50.00 Series "E" Bond for the cadet outstanding in military efficiency and leadership in the Second Class—To CADET EDWARD R. HINDMAN, Company I-2.

The \$25.00 Series "E" Bond for the cadet outstanding in military efficiency and leadership in the Third Class—To CADET WILLIAM S. TODD, Company K-2.

The \$25.00 Series "E" Bond for the cadet outstanding in military efficiency and leadership in the Fourth Class—To CADET WILLIAM J. RYAN, Company F-2.

Subscriptions to ASSEMBLY and the REGISTER OF GRADUATES

This method is taken to express deep appreciation to the 5,571 graduates, former cadets, and widows and friends of West Pointers for their subscription support over the past year and to voice the hope that it may be continued and extended during the coming year. We solicit your assistance in enlarging our subscription list, since there are still a large number of graduates whose addresses we do not have, and who therefore probably know little, if anything, about *Assembly* and the *Register of Graduates*.

If you have *not* already renewed your subscription for *Assembly* and/or the *Register*, please complete the enclosed renewal card and mail it, with your check, to the West Point Alumni Foundation, Inc., 381 Fourth Avenue, New York 16, N. Y.

Currently, *Assembly* is costing 49 cents per copy, which is \$1.96 per year. The cost of printing the 1947 *Register* was \$1.53 per copy, and to this had to be added 30 cents per copy as average wrapping and mailing cost. Thus a member of the Association received a bill of goods costing \$3.79 for his \$3.00 subscription check. Since advertising return has thus far covered printing costs of the *Register*, a subscription to both *Assembly* and the *Register* costs the Foundation \$1.96 plus 30 cents or \$2.26, thereby giving us a profit of 74 cents. On the other hand a subscription to *Assembly* alone at \$1.50 costs us \$1.96, thereby obliging us to sustain a loss of 46 cents. Naturally it is hoped that subscriptions may for the most part be for both publications.

This is not intended to imply that subscriptions to *Assembly* alone are not wanted. The larger the overall number of all subscriptions, the lower will be the unit cost, and we greatly prefer a subscription to either publication alone, than none at all.

During the past six months many complimentary and commendatory remarks have been sent us regarding the *Register*. For these, and indeed for the fact that there were almost none of a critical nature, we are deeply grateful.

We pledge our best efforts toward the constant improvement of both *Assembly* and the *Register* to the end that



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you may feel well repaid for your subscription support, which in turn means your support of the Association in its constant mission to be of benefit to West Point. In addition to addresses of graduates retired and in civil life, please note that beginning this year a start will be made in the 1948 *Register* in showing the current assignments of graduates on active duty.

—West Point Alumni Foundation, Inc.

Notice to Members of the Association of Graduates of the Class of 1948

As you were informed at West Point in May 1948, you will receive *Assembly* for one year, beginning with this issue, and a copy of the 1948 edition of the *Register of Graduates, U.S.M.A.*, when this edition is distributed, without further cost to you. Therefore you should not complete and mail the inclosed subscription renewal card. Please hand it to any non-subscriber to *Assembly* and/or the *Register of Graduates* who may desire to subscribe to either or both of these publications.

All communications and publications of the ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATES and of the WEST POINT ALUMNI FOUNDATION, INC., to which you are entitled, will be mailed to you at your last address of record in the Office of the Secretary, ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATES, at West Point. In order for you to receive these promptly and regularly it is essential that you inform the Secretary of the Association of Graduates of all future changes in your mailing address.

ARMY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE 1948

- Sept. 25—Villanova College
 Oct. 2—Lafayette College
 9—University of Illinois—at Champaign
 16—Harvard University
 23—Cornell University—at Ithaca
 30—Virginia Polytechnic Institute
 Nov. 6—Stanford University—at New York City
 13—Univ. of Pennsylvania—at Philadelphia
 20—Open (Permanently Open)
 27—Navy—at Philadelphia

Report of the President

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income and be able to put our plant on a more up-to-date basis. This is the reason that we are trying to build up an income for the Association which will make this possible. Our income is now derived directly or indirectly from life memberships and annual dues, gifts and bequests for the Endowment Fund, sale of West Point China, and subscriptions to *Assembly* and the *Register of Graduates*. Our dues are low for both life and annual memberships and the subscription price of our publications is low. I say this with the knowledge that a life membership in the Association of Graduates of the Naval Academy costs \$100.00 while ours costs \$25.00, or \$15.00 for graduates who join before 1 September of the year they graduate; their annual dues are \$5.00, which includes a subscription to *Shipmate* while ours are \$2.00. We have sound sources of income but, with the current low charges, to give us the income we need it is necessary that we have a good response from our members. The great majority of our graduates are now members of the Association and we hope the others will join us soon.

Now what can the graduates scattered throughout the world do to help the Association to carry out its mission? My answer to this is as follows:

- Put yourself in a position to know what's going on at West Point and be able to answer intelligently questions raised by candidates and parents of candidates and know whether criticism of the Academy is just or false.
- The best and simplest way to do this it seems to me, is to join the Association of Graduates, a West Point Society if practicable, and subscribe for the two publications of the Association, that is, *Assembly* and the *Register of Graduates*.
- Come back to West Point every time it is possible and refresh yourselves by seeing what is going on at the Academy.
- Your reward? An opportunity to serve one of the truly great institutions of the world and partially repay the great debt we all will always owe to our Alma Mater.

I am very grateful for the support received from the Superintendent and his staff, from the Vice Presidents of the Association, the Board of Trustees and its Executive Committee, the Librarian at West Point, and from many individual members of our Association. Without this wholehearted cooperation nothing worthwhile could be accomplished.

CHAUNCEY L. FENTON, '04,
President.

Last Roll Call

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

Name	Class	Date of Death	Place of Death
Fred C. Cocheu.....	Ex-1879	January 16, 1948.....	Zanesville, Ohio
John J. Pershing.....	1886	July 15, 1948.....	Washington, D. C.
John J. Bradley.....	1891	May 21, 1948.....	Detroit, Michigan
Julian R. Lindsey.....	1892	June 27, 1948.....	Washington, D. C.
Frederick W. Lewis.....	1896	April 28, 1948.....	Fort Dix, New Jersey
James N. Pickering.....	1896	June 16, 1948.....	San Diego, California
Lewis H. Rand.....	1899	April 27, 1948.....	Burlingame, California
Lewis S. Morey.....	1900	April 15, 1948.....	Washington, D. C.
John C. Montgomery.....	1903	June 7, 1948.....	Washington, D. C.
Edward J. Dwan.....	1915	March 29, 1948.....	Fort Sam Houston, Texas
Louis A. Merrillat, Jr.	1915	April 26, 1948.....	Chicago, Illinois
Frank C. Jedlicka.....	August, 1917	April 10, 1948.....	Fort Sam Houston, Texas
Jesse B. Matlack.....	August, 1917	May 13, 1948.....	Washington, D. C.
Clark H. Mitchell.....	June, 1918	May 2, 1948.....	Panama City, Florida
Jacob G. Sucher.....	June, 1918	May 11, 1948.....	Presidio of San Francisco, Calif.
Benjamin R. Farrar.....	1919	June 11, 1948.....	MacDill Air Force Base, Florida
Louis J. Claterbos.....	1920	March 27, 1948.....	Pasadena, California
Joseph A. Cella.....	1923	October 24, 1947.....	Albuquerque, New Mexico
William N. Leaf.....	1923	June 1, 1948.....	Rock Island, Illinois
David Marcus.....	1924	June 10, 1948.....	Palestine
Richard B. Willis, Jr.	June, 1943	March 31, 1948.....	Olive, New York
Herbert F. Haws, Jr.	1945	April 22, 1948.....	Near Dow Field, Maine
Charles W. Partridge, Jr.	1945	May 11, 1948.....	Saudi Arabia
John R. Steele, Jr.	1946	December 2, 1947.....	Langley Field, Virginia



New Members

We welcome to our membership 253 graduates of the Class of 1948, and the following other graduates and ex-cadets who have recently joined the Association.

Rodney H. Smith, '08—joined April 30, 1948
 Ernest J. Miller, '15—joined April 30, 1948
 Harold B. Lewis, June, '18—joined April 30, 1948
 Andrew Delia, '40—joined April 30, 1948
 James F. Byrom, '14—joined May 17, 1948
 Clarence J. Kanaga, '19—joined May 17, 1948
 Robert C. White, Ex-'06—joined June 7, 1948

Louis B. Rutte, Ex-'23—joined June 7, 1948
 John B. Bell, Ex-'27—joined June 7, 1948
 Warren Hendricksen, Ex-'27—joined June 7, 1948
 Robert E. O'Brien, Ex-'28—joined June 7, 1948
 Charles H. Morgan, Ex-'46—joined June 7, 1948
 William S. Lawton, Jr., Ex-'47—joined June 7, 1948
 Henry R. Adams, '87—joined July 7, 1948

Len V. Kosinski, Ex-'45—joined July 7, 1948

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1883

If no news is good news, the '83 foursome is still intact through another twelvemonth: *Haynes* (Ky.) in California; *Walker* (Fla.) in Florida; *Freeman* (Va.) in Virginia; *Steele* (Ala.) in North Dakota.

I have not heard a word from one of the three others in a year, I hope they are as well as I am. I spent the winter in North Dakota, without a sneeze.

Recently I spent part of a day on Grand River, where we, (the Cavalry from Fort Yates, N. Dak.) had a fight with Sitting Bull's band, and where Sitting Bull was killed. I have in my library an oil painting of Sitting Bull bought from his two widowed squaws, and his beaded tobacco pouch bought from Red Tomahawk, the policeman who killed him. — M. F. Steele.

1891

It is with a sad heart that your scribe records the passing of one of our best beloved members. On May 21 *John Jousbury Bradley* left us. Early that month word had come of his departure from New York for Detroit, where he was to be under the care of his brother-in-law, Dr. Frank Sladen. A letter to him had gone unanswered, due—as we now know—to the advanced stage of his illness. The burial was at West Point. In the old Chapel in the Cemetery, redolent of memories of cadet days, our little group of family and friends attended the brief but appropriate service conducted by the

Chaplain of the Academy with the accompaniment of soft music on the old organ to which our Kid has listened Sunday after Sunday in the long ago. At the grave, where Bradley had long before provided a headstone for himself and wife, the service was concluded, and the volleys and Taps sounded the soldier's Requiem.

Attending were: Gen. and Mrs. Chickering (daughter Frances), Mr. Jack Bradley and Gen. Sladen Bradley (sons), Gen. and Mrs. Russell Maxwell (daughter of *Winans*, of '91), Mrs. Fred Sladen and daughter, Mrs. Palmer Pierce, Mrs. C. W. Palmer (Edith Belden), Fenton, '04, *Donworth* and *Sorley*.

There were numerous floral tributes, including one from the Class of '91.

Bradley needs no encomiums of praise in this place. His was a unique place in our hearts and memories, for even in the drab days of plebe barracks his unflinching happiness and joy of living permeated our souls and made for him a niche in our affection which lasted through all the years.

Mrs. Bradley was with her brother in Detroit, whither she had gone with Bradley some weeks before. Her health did not permit her coming east again at this time. Gen. Sladen Bradley had flown in from Guam, where he commands the Army Forces, arriving only in time for the funeral, and returning to his station a few days later.

Messages came from a number of members of '91, expressing sorrow and giving news of themselves.

Clark's note was a masterpiece of brevity, which we condone on account

of his health. We have regretted his extended indisposition and hope that we shall have good news of much improvement.

Cosby sent flowers on his own, and helped by informing other members of the Class of our loss. He is leaving soon for his summer place at Nantucket. He continues to radiate good health and keen interest in all about him.

Fleming attended graduation this June, as he had a grandson (son of his daughter Betty Carter) graduating. Your scribe had hoped to see him on their way through Philadelphia, but the Duke had made other plans earlier—plans determined by the first get-together of his entire family group. The party included: Duke and Duchess; Col. Leslie Carter and wife (Betty Fleming); Son George Fleming, wife and two teen-age daughters; Son Col. Robt. J. Fleming, Jr., wife and two children; a grandson, graduate of 1946; and a grandson and newly acquired wife, Class of 1948. Total sixteen. Truly the Duke and Duchess really celebrate when the time comes. More power to them, and many happy returns!

Glasgow reports from El Paso that he and Mrs. G are in fine health, and he had recently enjoyed fishing in Elephant Butte Lake not far from his home. His son Joe is arriving from Japan for duty in the States.

Howard reports pretty good health, and great enjoyment of vivid memories of past joys and experiences. The pleasures of golf, hunting, fishing, riding, baseball are re-lived in memory

with almost the distinctness of the original events. His present avocation is with his flowers, and I venture the guess that he does as complete a job with them as with his previous hobbies.

Schoeffel is our correspondent par excellence, and is as full of interest in life and in his classmates as ever. He enjoys baseball per radio, as do his charming wife and his daughter. The latter, Mrs. Braitmayer, with her daughter, will visit Europe this summer.

Tutherly, from Asheville, sent a wire to the Class for June Week saying: "To the durables of '91 health, contentment, happy landings, and personal regards". Signed "DEACON". As Fleming was at graduation this year, the message was duly turned over to him.

A note from *Whitman* re Bradley reports himself and wife as well, and enjoying working on their farm and growing elderly serenely and happy in each other's companionship — what more could one wish, after all.

As previously stated, Donworth attended Bradley's funeral, and was in his usual health and spirits. Living in Connecticut, he is near enough to New York to attend the West Point Luncheons regularly, and that, with his frequent trips to the Academy, keeps him in the full exercise of his fine loyalty. —L. S. S.

1893

Present at the 55th anniversary reunion of the Class at West Point were *William Brown, George H. Jamerson, Lincoln F. Kilbourne, Charles W. Kutz, George H. McManus, Louis B. Lawton, William C. Rogers and Kenzie W. Walker*. Of the nineteen remaining members who did not attend, most gave as the reason either personal inability on account of physical conditions of themselves or members of their families.

During the past year the Class suffered great loss in the deaths of *Meriwether L. Walker*, July 29, 1947, *Frank E. Wilson*, December 27, 1947, and *Edward C. Carey*, February 19, 1948. —C. W. K.

1894

The class of 1894 was represented during the June Week activities by two members of the class — *Carlos Crain* and *Laddie Ladue*. Carlos came all the way from Pasadena, as has been his custom for the past ten years or more. He brought good reports of *George Hamilton* and *Peggy Whitworth*, whom he sees frequently, and of *Peddle Wells* with whom he dined in Washington. Carlos and Laddie had several good bull sessions, in which plans and prospects for our 55th Reunion next year were discussed. It is hoped that all living members and former members of the class will begin to plan, now, to be present at West Point next June, if possible, for that occasion.

A recent contact with *Billy Barden* in Washington finds him in good health, and still active as Consulting Engineer for a commercial firm.

Sep Cocheu is leaving soon for an extended automobile trip to the Pacific

Coast. He expects to be gone for two or three months.

Sax *Saxton* and Mrs. Saxton are motoring up from St. Petersburg to Indian Springs, Georgia for their usual summer stay at that resort. Both are reported to be in good health.

Laddie and Mrs. Ladue recently celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary with their son and daughter in Washington. They are now settled in an apartment at The Westchester, 4000 Cathedral Avenue, Washington, D. C., where they hope to receive any items of class news, or to see any members of the class who may pass that way. Though no longer resident at West Point, Laddie plans to handle the arrangements for our reunion next year, and will welcome any suggestions as to details. —W. B. L.

1895

Darrah and Mrs. Darrah were in Washington, at the Shoreham, for a few days early in June, to see their grandchildren. He adds, in his note: "Look for me in 1950" at West Point.

Major *Joseph W. Stanley*, a son of '95, was elected judge advocate of the District of Columbia Chapter, Military Order of the World Wars, at its annual meeting for the election of officers, in the Mayflower Hotel, in Washington, June 10.

It was indeed a battle royal between Storm King and Old Sol this year, at West Point, Graduation Week. So much so, that the Missouri National was strictly "off cadet limits" in pulling for Old Sol; and for the first "time whereof the memory of man runneth not to the contrary", the Old Grads assembled at Thayer Monument, due to inclement weather, rather than in front of Cullum Hall, for the Alumni Exercises, and recall was sounded for the Alumni Review of the Corps. At that, the ceremony was altogether worthy of the occasion, and the Week's program, as published, was followed in characteristic West Point style.

Fifty-five years ago this summer, '95 (less a few) voluntarily surrendered the unexpired portion of their furloughs in August; returning to West Point to accompany the Corps to the Chicago World's Fair. And thanks to the generous assistance of a member of the West Point Library Staff, as well as to every consideration at the office of the Army and Navy Journal, here are two interesting accounts personally and historically, in this connection:

"The *New York Times*, August 17, 1893, in describing the departure of the Corps of Cadets from West Point for Chicago, published likenesses of Lt. Col. S. M. Mills, commandant of Cadets, and Maj. W. F. Spurgin, treasurer. The contract for transporting the cadets is \$27 per head, and dining car and sleepers accompanied the train, which went in two sections, with 10 minutes headway. Each cadet is to be allowed \$15 of his pay for spending money; a day's cooked rations is provided for each cadet enroute.

"Superintendent Ernst will remain at West Point and so will his adjutant, Lieut. Brown, who is acting while Lieut. J. M. Carson, Jr., is enjoying a month's leave of absence at the sea-

shore. Col. Mills, the commandant, will have entire charge of the camp, being assisted by Lieuts. Richardson, Allaire, Mott, Butler, Holbrook, and Dyer. Dr. Harvey will look after the health of the Corps, Steward Lalley putting up the prescriptions, Maj. Spurgin has full charge of the feeding and transportation, his Chief Clerk, J. Evert Wilson, accompanying him to pay the bills and issue money to the cadets. The Commandant's clerk, Mr. Knittle, will attend to the duties of his office at Chicago as he does now at West Point. The Corps will leave Chicago on the return trip on August 28, being due at West Point at noon on the day following.

"The Corps formed at 8 A.M. on Thursday, and marched to the dock in a pouring rain, preceded by the band. In the first train were the band and a portion of the Corps. In the sleepers, two cadets will occupy each of the lower berths, while one will be assigned each upper berth. The assignment of cadet officers, published last Wednesday evening, shows a number of changes. They are as follows:

"Sergeant Major—S. G. Creden; Quartermaster — J. M. Williams; Quartermaster Sergeant—T. W. Darrah.

"Company A.—Capt.—C. H. Conrad; Lts.—W. B. Ladue, H. S. Hawkins; First Sergeant—H. E. Smith; Sergeants—H. L. Cavanaugh, H. A. White, H. Burgess; Corporals—J. W. Hinkley, Lott, T. A. Roberts, Heiberg and Chitty.

"Company B. — Captain — Joyes; Lieutenants — Vidmer, Preston; First Sergeant—Bigelow; Sergeants—Fleming, Watson; Corporals—Summerlin, Burt, H. W. Hughes, Shelton, Kochersperger.

"Company C.—Captain—W. H. Mitchell; Lieutenants—Estes, B. Ames; First Sergeant—B. Payne; Sergeants—Bugge, Pritchard; Corporals — D. P. Hall, Hoffman, Grubbs, Tschappat, Whitman.

"Company D. — Captain — Gilmore; Lieutenants—Barker, Wise; First Sergeant—Gurney; Sergeants—Nuttman, F. W. Smith, C. H. Paine, J. S. Parker; Corporals—King, McClure, A. M. Willing, F. W. Lewis, McNeil.

"The cadets, on their arrival at Chicago, were escorted to their camping grounds in front of the Government Building by a battalion of the State Militia, under command of Brig. Gen. Wheeler, and visiting troops are now on the grounds. It is proposed to have a ball in honor of the Cadets in the New York State building next Tuesday night."—(Army and Navy Journal, August 19, 1893.)

"Correspondence of the Army and Navy Journal. Illinois. Chicago Aug. 28, 1893.

"The West Point Cadets have come and gone. During their stay at the World's Fair they were feted and lionized on every possible occasion. When they arrived on Friday, Aug. 18, they were met by many of the regular Army officers stationed in Chicago, and at the Fair by a company of Col. Rice's Columbian Guards, who acted as an escort between the terminal station and the camp ground, some six blocks away. As they reached the camp, and were dismissed, the boys made the

grounds and buildings echo the West Point yell.

"A gray whiskered Major, standing just in front of headquarters tent when the men marched into camp declared he had not seen or heard anything for ten years that brought back so many pleasant recollections as did that gray battalion and the academy yell.

"On Monday afternoon, from 3 to 5, the Cadets attended a reception in the New York State building, tendered to them by Mrs. Trautman, first vice-president of the New York Lady Managers. Among the guests of the afternoon were many officers and ladies and others well known in Army and Navy circles, among whom were the following: Ex-Secretary of War Stephen B. Elkins and wife; Gen. Hazen and wife, Washington; Gen. Lewis and wife, Atlanta, Ga.; Capt. Magnus Anderson, of the Viking ship; Lieut. Dupray; Lieut. Lewis, Capt. Foote Howland, Maj. Spurgin, Lieut. A. M. Palmer, Lieut. Toppin and Capt. McClelland. During the reception the West Point Band furnished music from the gallery over the main reception hall.

"Tuesday evening every state building on the grounds was thrown open to the Cadets, and a gay time they made of it. At nearly every building there were one or two officers stationed who welcomed the boys in gray in the name of the State. The New York building was again the popular resort, and here Col. and Mrs. Crofton, of the Fifteenth Infantry at Fort Sheridan made things pleasant for the State's guests. At the Michigan building the West Point Band was stationed. Here also was Lieut. Lewis, the Army officer on duty at the Michigan Agricultural College as military instructor. He entertained not only the West Pointers but the Cadets from the Michigan College as well. At the Arkansas building the Chickasaw Guards, of Memphis, Tenn., were being entertained in connection with the Cadets. Capt. Jack Crawford was among the hosts of the evening here, and recited several poems. At the West Virginia building were Col. Carr and Gen. Spillman, and at the Kentucky building were Col. and Mrs. Crump. The evening was one of the most enjoyable ones that the Fair has seen, and will long be remembered, not only by the West Point Cadets, but by all who were so fortunate as to be present. The entire evening was given up to the military, and was just such a success as the military alone can make.

"Nothing but regular routine duty and sightseeing occupied the attention of Cadets until Thursday afternoon, when they were reviewed by Maj. Gen. Miles and staff, in front of the Administration Building.

"On Friday evening a grand ball was tendered the Cadets by the Board of Lady Managers in the Women's building, and here the boys in gray again captured every heart, mothers and daughters alike. The floor managers were as follows: Lieut. Lewis, Capt. Schuyler, Lieuts. Gordon, Dupray, Helmick and McFarland, and Capt. Howland. Among the guests of the evening were Gen. Miles and staff and their ladies and all other officers either stationed or visiting in Chicago.

"On Saturday evening a football team, picked from the ranks of the Cadets, played a game with the team from the Chicago Athletic Club and were badly defeated, the score being fourteen to nothing in favor of the Chicagos. The West Point boys put up a good game however. Their team playing was excellent, and it was generally conceded that they played a prettier game than did the Chicagos. The Chicago team won by their many good individual plays. The game began at 8:45 and ended at 9:35. The West Point team was composed as follows: Stacy, left end; Smith, left tackle; Bugge, left guard; Ames, left centre; Rosenbaum, right guard; Altman, right tackle; Harbeson, right end; Creden, quarterback; King, left halfback; Kutz, right halfback; Carson, fullback.

"Monday, at 1:30 p.m., the Cadets broke camp. It was with a sigh of regret that the many friends whom they had made in Chicago bade them farewell. The gray battalion had certainly captured the city and the fair. They won the admiration and respect of all within the gates of Jackson Park. They played sad havoc with the maidens' hearts, and many a button has been left behind as a memento of the pleasant moonlight strolls along the new lovers lane on the Wooded Island.

"The cadet encampment was of great benefit to Chicago, as they brought with them a much needed lesson in patriotism. Col. Mills said that the boys had enjoyed themselves and would go back to the academy well prepared for the winter's work." (Army and Navy Journal, September 2, 1893.)

Yea, Furlough!

—F. B. W.

1898

'98 graduated 59 members April 26, 1898 to go into the Spanish-American War. Within four months they had lost four members of the Class; two at San Juan Hill, a third one who was wounded there died of Typhoid and the fourth died on the way to the Philippines.

A very strange situation has developed in the years intervening. Of the 12 graduates who were between 21 and 22 when entering, but two have passed away. Of the ten youngest who graduated, i.e., entered between 17 and 18, but two or possibly three are living.

Ten reported at West Point for the 50th Reunion.

They were *Babcock, Bricker, Brown (E. I.), Brown (L.), Cole, Fries, Gowen, Henry, McCloskey, and Scott.*

Jimmy Gowen however was in the hospital and only got out for the Alumni luncheon and the addresses following. The dinner was served in a special room on the second floor of Cullum Hall and while in no way boisterous or noisy practically everyone tried to talk at the same time and all the time, tho' Manus from 54 years experience got in the most words.

Cole was the most conservative one with his language as he has always been. Brown, L. was serious and gay at various times, but a leader as always. Gowen was not at the dinner. However, I think every other one in '98 visited him in the hospital. Six of us were

there at one time on the morning of the 8th.

Mrs. Gowen was also there looking youthful and as charming as ever. I think Jimmy Gowen carries away the cup for grandchildren, as he reports 11 "present or accounted for". His six daughters are scattered more or less to the four winds of the earth, but Jimmy is apparently fully able to keep track of all of them and the 11 grandchildren. While he has been in the hospital two months he seems very cheerful, and we suspect he will be out and going strong, although he swears he is not going to do any more snow shoveling from his green pastures over east of the Hudson, five or six miles away, as he had done too frequently during the past hard winter.

Bricker proved a good talker and effective. He seems to have developed a greater ability along that line than usual.

Babcock was stately and when he spoke he did so with the knowing look he always wore as Adjutant.

Fries, the writer, has nothing to say on paper but did his usual amount of talking at the table. Guy Henry, like Cole but far less so, was sparing of words but spoke with authority as becomes the 2nd "Captain" of '98. Brown, E. I. appeared coy as of yore which was not unbecoming to his increased avoirdupois and effective.

And Dad Scott spoke in his stately way as when he strove to frighten a plebe in camp in the long ago.

And well do we recall our bobsled ride on Fort Putnam hill where the steering rope broke and we nearly crippled *Jap Johnson* for life. Dad was steering and Fries on the rudder end.

The anniversary weather was a mixture of sunshine, clouds and rain. However it was fair for graduation and fair for two of the parades; the "old grad's parade was not held, but the wreath laying and other ceremonies in front of Thayer monument were carried out with greatest earnestness, sincerity and high feeling. The rendering of the "*Alma Mater*" and "The Corps" was as effective as we have ever heard it, perhaps a little more so. No rain fell during the exercises although the choir was in raincoats.

The wreath was laid by Major General Hodges of the Class of '81, the oldest graduate present.

A highlight of the various exercises was the speech of Major General Maxwell Taylor, Superintendent. He is a very able speaker, with a charming manner, both pleasing and effective. While he spoke for nearly a full hour he confined himself, not to oratory, but to explaining what they are trying to do to keep the graduates up-to-date and yet keep instilled in them those high ideals of honor, integrity, physical ability and strength of character that have ever existed among the Corps of Cadets from the days, even before Thayer, down to the present. He then outlined some of the things being done to bring up the course of study as well as the practical work to cope with modern military methods and materials, including the Atom Bomb and directed missiles.

Col. Fenton, President of the Alumni Association, also made a very able talk or address outlining the activi-

ties, in the past year, of the Alumni Association, speaking particularly of his activity as President, and that of the secretary, Col. Branham. He also highly praised the work of the superintendent for the Alumni in addition to carrying on brilliantly all other of the numerous duties of the "Supe".

He appealed to the Alumni Association to use its best endeavors to place West Point in the shining light it deserves before the Nation in all organizations with which the various members come in contact.

We who were there are sorry that all the rest of the survivors could not be present. Many anecdotes of those who passed on were brought up and highest praise given their activities and in some cases untimely deaths.

We believe that every member of the Class who can get there another year should do so. We are sure each will come away as I did, with a greater determination than ever before to carry on for the honor and glory of West Point and our native land.

Just as a matter of local interest, Guy Henry and Amos Fries were elected Vice Presidents of the Alumni Association and Fries Executive and Treasurer of the Class.

This is just a fleeting glance at the delightful reunion of '98 whose services to the Nation proved, as every Class has, the value of "The Corps" to the land they love and honor.

In addition to the ten who were present letters were received from seven expressing their regrets at not being able to come or expressing their hopes that they would come.

These were Boggs who was finally kept at home, we are informed, because of the illness of Mrs. Boggs. We all trust that she will soon be better. Maggie Maginnis sent a telegram expressing his affection for the Class and regretting his inability to get here from Pleasanton, California about 20 miles from San Francisco.

Bradford wrote from the shores of the gulf expressing his regrets that he could not come to the 50th graduation and also stating that while he understood "Sep" Welborn lived near there he could not get in touch with him. Exton had expected to come but at the last moment wrote he could not. We understand he was changing his molars for a new set and they did not arrive in time or work properly, we don't know which. He certainly has our sincere sympathy as we went through that some years ago.

Ranlett, although not a graduate, has always kept in close touch with the Class and has followed the military profession in one way or another all through the years. He is as prolific a writer today as he was a talker in cadet days.

Jerry Humphrey was very sure he would be there but did not make it. We understand he is considerably crippled up and needs two canes to walk. Well, Jerry may be down but he is not out, and we confidently believe he will be with us for many years to come. Jimmy Jordan, happily ensconced on the edge of Beverly Hills out in greater Los Angeles, wrote regretfully that he could not come. It was our pleasure to visit him recently and take dinner with Jimmy in his lovely home. He has about three-

quarters of an acre on a side hill completely terraced and we should judge some 10,000 specimens of cacti, oranges, lemons, orchids, etc., etc. He claims he works in the garden to keep alive because of a heart infection some years ago. According to our memory he probably contracted that in his cadet days at some of the numerous dances he always attended. In this connection we also on our trip to the west saw Clark Stull Smith. He is a fine specimen of a business man and home man. He has four lovely daughters and one son. He has a magnificent home in one of the best parts of Los Angeles. He seems to be very prosperous and a solid member of the community. Both will be delighted to see any of the Class who may wend their way into that far western city that has grown so fast in the past 40 years.

I am sending out lists of the Class as it existed in each of the four years including graduation. There is one mistake in this list. Humphrey's name is shown with the letter "d" in front of it indicating he has passed on. As I said above, he certainly has not. This list, furnished by Schultz '95 and sent to us by Boggs, is considered by your executive of enough importance to have it mimeographed and copy forwarded to each of you. —Fries.

1899

The return of the members of the Class of '98 from their reunion and the tales of how successful it was, serve to remind us forcibly that next June will see us again at West Point and that we will be observing—as distinguished from celebrating!—our 50th Anniversary. Those of '98 who made the trip report an excellent turn-out and gatherings that warmed the heart and "made the sun to shine" upon all present. Their message is that the 50th is worth any endeavor and that no one who can possibly get there ought to miss it.

With our own reunion in the offing, Carter has written to the 46 members whose addresses he knew and to 10 widows, in search of information that might be useful for a special reunion bulletin. But far too many of the class seem to have fallen into the frame of mind wherein they consider that even their classmates have no interest in what they do, which is far from being the case. At any rate they do not seem to have become garrulous.

Some of the more communicative, like Romeyn, Woodruff, Humphrey and Trott say they are making the most of the inestimable privilege of retirement and that their main recreation is golf. But Woodruff in San Diego also swims and gardens; Baron Trott shovels snow in Winter in Geneva, Ill., and fishes in Wisconsin in summer. McClure rides his horse over the Texas plains and Herron and Carter take a hand at baby-sitting—grand-children! And Embick has a grand-son in the Service — Second Lieutenant Albert Dunbar Wedemeyer of the Class of '46, whose father, like Embick, is a Lieutenant General, and who is now the head of The Operations Division of the War Department General Staff, which corresponds to the old War Plans Division, of which Embick in his time was the head. As to great-grandchildren,

there seem to be only two in the class—a young Patton and a young Chamberlain in New York. Moseley, always one of our most original and constructive members, is busy with a saw and a hammer helping a hard-pressed young G.I. get a house for his wife and baby. There is a good deal to be said for that way of getting exercise!

Some of the class with business or professional interests are not content to play. Merry owns and operates profitably three citrus orchards on the lower Rio Grande and spends his summers in his old home in Illion, New York. Southey King White who left us in plebe year, owns and edits on the eastern shore of Maryland "The Salisbury Advertiser" Harris, talented in many directions, paints the southern California desert with profit and pleasure. Clark, H. B. still has a finger in various business interests and is a director of the Container Corporation of America. Pillow is a director of the Exchange National Bank of Atchinson, Kansas. Kelly, whose reputation as an Army Engineer was enhanced by 20 years in civil life and who recently retired as Chairman of the Board of the Niagara Power Company, writes most interestingly of the European situation. Not being content to sit back in retirement, he is now the American Military Government consultant on power.

Most of our news is cheerful, but not all. Since the last letter, Stuart, Patten and Rand, all in California, have been summoned to the last roll-call. Patten retired for disability in 1913; Rand for the same reason in 1922 and Stuart for age in 1941. Clark, C. B. has had his remarkable activity somewhat slowed down recently by an operation for cataract, but hopes for good results. Romeyn and Carter have been bluffed by the doctors into slowing down somewhat, and into shedding excess weight unwisely accumulated, with fine results. Louise Romeyn has had the misfortune to break an arm and is wearing a cast. Markham writes that he is making an excellent recovery from a painful operation. —C. D. H.

1902

Abbot continues to write from his ranch at Randlett, Utah, and never ceases to extol the virtues of his great State. Albert, in New York City, reports the arrival of a new granddaughter. Amerine, at Montgomery, Alabama, says he will reach his 70th birthday in June and will be forced to retire from the Seaboard Railway District Freight Office where he has spent the last 44 years. Bell makes his home in Washington. He is now the Associate Editor for Foreign Affairs for the *Military Engineer* and also writes for *Collier's Year Book*. He made an Editor-Observer trip to Europe in February, 1948, and hopes to make a similar trip to the Pacific Area later.

Sep Black invites any classmates who may be travelling "down East" on Route No. 1 to stop by to see him at Searsport, Maine. Bowlby spends his Winters in Brownsville, Texas, and the remainder of the year at his home in Chicago, Illinois. He has recently lost his wife. Coltrin writes from

Greenwich, Connecticut, that he enjoys his trips to Washington and New York where he visits his daughter and son. *Hiram Cooper* reports from Birmingham, Alabama, that he had a recent overnight visit from *Walt Boswell* who helped him settle the affairs of the Nations. *Dinsmore* lives in Tustin, California. He says he made a recent visit to Carmel, California, where he had the pleasure of a visit with *Dockery* whom he had not seen for many years. He also had a phone chat with "*P. Bass*" *Zane*.

Sep Dockery reports the organization of the Monterey Peninsula Chapter of the Association of Graduates which held its first West Point dinner at the Officers' Club at Fort Ord (12 miles from Carmel). He says *Zane* is now a resident of Pebble Beach, California. *Edwards*, when last heard from, was leaving Washington City for a trip to Mexico and Guatemala. *Pat Foley* hails from Tacoma, Washington. His life, as usual, consists of a round of fishing and hunting, having recently spent four weeks up in Alberta, Canada.

Frankenberger lives alone in a big house at San Diego, California. He plays bridge, raises flowers, tinkers with woodwork and does some reading on the side. Says he saw *Telford* recently who appeared fit as usual. He (P) was looking forward to a visit to his daughter in Michigan City, Indiana. "*Paderewski*" *Free*, at Vincennes, Indiana, has been re-elected to the State Senate for another four years. This makes his third term in the Legislature. He calls Vincennes the "Cross Roads of America" and extends an invitation to members of 1902 to look him up. *Griffith* is a homeowner in Louisville, Kentucky. He reports that *Pat Foley* stopped off with him on his way back from the Class reunion last June and gave him a fine account of that event. He announces the arrival of a second grandson. "*Runt*" *Hannum*, when last heard from, was still in San Francisco as the Director of the State Department of Natural Resources and had been busy preparing the annual budget for his department. He announces the arrival of a third grandchild. *Johnny Herr* has acquired a new automobile and he and Helen hope to tour the United States and Mexico some time this year, showing off from their apartment in Washington City. *Jennings* spends his Summers at Roaring Gap, North Carolina, and his Winters at Miami Beach, Florida. He deplors the fact that his doctor has prescribed "no golf" this year on account of his heart.

"*Lengthy*" *Longley* whose home is in Maplewood, N. J., is still carrying on an active business in water supply engineering and contracting up and down the length of North and South America, and to date shows no signs of wanting to retire. *Troup Miller*, a home-owner in Atlanta, Georgia, has the job of Army Emergency Relief Liaison Officer with the American Red Cross Southeastern Area Headquarters. *Troup* says there never was a finer job for a retired Army officer. He reports five grandchildren. "*Copper*" *Moran* is a resident of Beverly Hills, California. He has been having some difficulty with those twin devils, as he calls them, arthritis-neuritis, and he

says that not even the California climate has brought relief. "*Katie*" *Morrison* lives in a small suburb, Riverside, about 12 miles out of Chicago. He reports a fine motor trip with Mrs. Morrison down to New Orleans and Mobile. He spends most of his time on a stamp collection.

Billy McCain, at Doylestown, Pennsylvania, says that had he foreseen the constant presence of "ole man arthritis" he never would have settled down so far north of "God's Country". He has recently suffered a third operation on his eyes. He is deriving much pleasure from his adopted son, age 4. Says he had a great time at the last A & N game. *Johnny Pegram* reports that he and Gwen are still living in a furnished apartment at Charlottesville, Virginia, with his personal and household effects in storage elsewhere. He visits Washington occasionally for Class luncheons. "*Beef*" *Miller* is his nearest classmate at Sperryville, Virginia.

Dorsey Rodney is holding down the job of Dean of the School of Business and Public Service at Michigan State College at East Lansing, Michigan. He still has his horse and dog and he rides, plays some tennis, and fishes and hunts for recreation. *Rozelle* is still plowing down at Boerne, Texas, and says he does most of his thinking while he is plowing. *Smith, T. B. F.*, says he is still going but not very strong at Carbondale, Illinois. *Stewart* lives on Staten Island, New York. He and Mrs. Stewart have one of their daughters, Sally Ronk, living with them. Last summer the Stewarts spent three weeks in the Laurentian Mountains in Canada, north of Montreal; then in the Fall they had four weeks at Fort Benning, Georgia, with their eldest daughter, Jane, whose husband Lt. Col. Eric P. Ramee, is on duty there.

Strong, at Pittsfield, Massachusetts, is seriously considering giving up trout fishing and learning the game of golf. "*Fatty*" *Terrell*, another Californian at Los Altos, is kept busy in the civic affairs of his town. From last accounts, he put over a bond election to build a fire-house. He and Mrs. T. are planning a fishing trip to Canada this year. *Valliant*, at Vienna, Virginia, is already making his plans for the 50th anniversary of the Class.

"*Walter K.*" *Wilson* is still the very efficient Executive Director of the Army Emergency Relief with offices in the Pentagon Building in Washington, D. C. He and Eva recently spent his annual vacation with Eva's sister at Fort Lauderdale, Florida. The Wilsons have finally decided to make Washington their future home. They report the arrival of another grandson, making their total five grandchildren. "*P. Bass*" *Zane* gives Pebble Beach, California, as his new address where he has bought a furnished home and six-tenths of an acre of land upon which he hopes to grow an extensive vegetable garden. He begs the members of the Class to write to him and he promises to prescribe for their ills better than any doctor can. —*F. F. L.*

Place, Los Angeles, California, and has a full time job working around the house and yard.

Brunzell lives at 1810 Coventry Road, Columbus 12, Ohio. He is a civilian professor at Ohio State University where, as Director of the School of Aviation, he coordinates the work done in Aviation Research and supervises the activities of an excellent assistant who manages the flying field.

Catts is at 733 Grayson Street, San Antonio 8, Texas. He says that his activities are strictly limited but he is delighted to be able to read again after a successful operation on his eyes some months ago.

Cubbison goes to Box 132, Carmel, California, for his mail. He says he engages in numerous harmless activities in moderation. He boasts of seven grandchildren.

Fite is a retired Rear Admiral of the Navy, Supply Corps, living at Hotel Brabam, Cartersville, Georgia.

Gardner is living at Summerville, South Carolina.

Gillmore can write a cheerful note from Atlantic City, New Jersey, in spite of the fact that he reports having been an invalid, more or less, since 1936.

Glass' address is 1019 Ardmore Avenue, Oakland 10, California. After a long siege in the hospital after his retirement in January, 1945, he is now on the "up and up", and is becoming a gardener, in a small way so he says.

Grace is enjoying good health and leisure at 431 Riverside Drive, New York 25, N. Y.

Harris lives with his sister, Mrs. E. H. Jervoy, at Tryon, North Carolina.

Holderness is actively associated with radio (Station KRMD), and gives his address as 4040 Curtis Lane, Shreveport, Louisiana. He and *Brant* were planning to be at West Point for June Week this year and it is hoped that they made it.

Koch writes from 234 Wildrose Street, San Antonio, Texas, where he entertains himself with golf and gardening and with an annual duck hunt with *Jingle Wilson* at Brownsville, Texas.

Mack lives at The Crescent, Charleston 50, South Carolina. He is an ardent flower gardener and spends some time hunting and fishing.

Pettis, as head of the Department of Mathematics at Mississippi State College, is busy trying to show would-be engineers that calculus is really as easy as ABC. He is in good health and enjoys his three grandchildren. His address is Box 1067, Mississippi State College, State College, Mississippi.

Singles keeps busy with no stated activities or employment. In winter, his address is 2540 Fairway Avenue, St. Petersburg, Florida, and in summer, Shore Road, Cape Elizabeth, South Portland, Maine.

Venable lives in a country home at Bowman, California, where he amuses himself raising fruit and flowers for his own use.

Wilson, E. M., is another of our class gardeners. His address is Box 317, Ross, California.

Addresses of more class widows are as follows:

1904

Latest reports indicate that:
Alley is living at 239 No. Gramercy

Mrs. J. A. Atkins, 146 E. Hollywood Street, San Antonio, Texas.

Mrs. N. W. Riley, 139 E. Hinsache Street, San Antonio, Texas.

Mrs. J. W. Stihwell, Carmel, California.

On May 26, 1948, at the National War College, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D. C., (which we knew as the Army War College) the Lesley and Douglas McNair Post No. 52, Department of the District of Columbia, American Legion, held a service commemorating the anniversary of McNair's birth. Many dignitaries of the Armed Forces and of the American Legion were present and participated in the impressive ceremony. The occasion was marred by the enforced absence of Mrs. L. J. McNair because of an accident that afternoon which resulted in a broken hip. Bryden, Crain, Scott, W. R. and Woolnough of 1904 were interested spectators at the ceremony.

On June 3, 1948, classmates attending the last monthly class luncheon until September, at the Army and Navy Club in Washington, were delighted to see Moody walk in. He has recently arrived from China for a three months' visit as the American Advisor to a Chinese Government Mission. In China, Moody lives in Nanking. While in the United States, his address is 1239 37th Street N.W., Washington 7, D. C. —W. B.

1906

It is a pleasure to report no items at all for the hatched, matched, and dispatched column for this issue in the Class of 1906.

Dade County, Florida became a bit warm for the *Horsfalls* and the *Mettlers* about the First of May, and so the *Horsfalls* are on the Connecticut shore and the *Mettlers* are in the valley at the Head of the Tennessee River in North Georgia on this tenth of June, looking west to the Great Smokies and to the east lie before them the high Blue Ridge of the Appalachians. L. P. Horsfall went to West Point for the graduation ceremonies.

The Professor of Modern Languages at Yale, who fought the battle of Miami with me during the late War, sent in a photograph of the Annual Ball of the Reserve Officers Association at New Haven in which Red and Christine Hoyle are disporting themselves at the light fantastic, quite like the old days at Fort Riley. He spoke in glowing terms of both of them.

Russ Downing, from her "Little Brick House" at Kinderhook, N. Y., tells me that young Frederick is on a newspaper in Albany and doing quite well. His little son, a year old, another Fred, is added to the list of grandsons. Frances, the daughter, graduated "cum Laude" from Radcliffe, a couple years ago, married soon afterward and is now with her husband at Ann Arbor, where he is attending Law School. Young Fred made quite a record for himself in the Counter Intell somewhere abroad in the war years. Russ wants a photo of Skinny and some of us other handsones of 1906 for her grandson to keep alive the memory of our and her beloved "Chick" and his classmates.

Skinny Wainwright made a great plea for the return of Doug MacArthur before a congressional committee last month by letter. He has added a couple more degrees to his long list, making in response his usual fine plea for the security and stability of our nation.

George Morrow and *Christine* came down to make their promised visit and we had a grand old time all over Miami Beach and its environs. And how we went over the class history ever since it began at the "Old Rock Bound" itself. We intended to continue the discussion at Daytona Beach, as we came by on our way up here, but our dog ran away during the night at Melbourne and we lost a day, so could not stop. On their vacation here at High Hampton in August, we will attend to the rest of it.

At the West Point Dinner at San Antonio this Spring, sat *Skinny Wainwright*, *Dick Jacobs*, "Ma" *Watson*, "Pot" *Lewis*, "Skinny" *DeArmond*, "Pinney" *Sands*, and *Joe King*. and A.W.O.L. were *Dick Burlison* and "Hap" *Green*. But a grand old time is reported by *Joe King*.

If you happen to stop on your way west on Route No. 80 at Tombstone, Arizona, look among the old houses in the abandoned mining area, any time between October and June and you will be likely to find "Tow" *Brett*. He makes a practice of hiding out there all winter and in the summer goes up to Fallen Leaf Lake near Tahoe on Route No. 50. He claims he will be able to assist any weary travelers of 1906, who may be looking for a water hole in the desert or a refuge in the mountains in proper season. Tow's youngest son, *Morgan L., Jr.*, a Lieut. in the Navy, died suddenly in Italy, in July 1946. He had graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in June 1942, had served through the war on combat ships around Alaskan waters and in the Western Pacific. He was wounded off Okinawa. He was attached to the *Fargo* in Italian waters at the time of his death.

Walker Syer Bradshaw, last Knight of 1906, graduated 27 in his large class in June and was assigned to the U.S. Engineers. How old Jim would have rejoiced! *Jim Riley* arranged the purchase of officer's insignia of rank in proper pure metal from 2nd Lieut to Colonel in an appropriate gift box and made a presentation of this token of Jim's class to young Walker, under the Class Tree of 1906 in an impressive ceremony, just after the Alumni gathering at Thayer Monument. Assisting him for the Class, were L. P. Horsfall, *Mick Daley*, *Earl McFarland*, *Red Hoyle* and *Sep Pendleton* and *Bill Lane*. Walker's mother, his sister, Anita, and Brad's sister, Mrs. Kalman stood by Walker, as Jim made his pretty speech for the Class. He said: "The classmates of your beloved father, who have had the gift of life from our Maker to survive to witness today your graduation into the profession of your father and to see you obtain your first commissioned rank therein at his Alma Mater, this great Military Academy of the nation. These classmates have joined together to celebrate this event in our class history by calling you to the shade of this tree of memory—the Class Tree

of 1906—and here presenting to you, the insignia of your future military rank. We have done this; First, because you have renewed in our hearts, the memories of our classmate, your father;

"Second, because you have made a record in which we rejoice and in which we know he would rejoice. And HOW!

"But also, because of our love for this Corps and its traditions, we are proud that a son of 1906 has added to its luster and is ready to gird on his armor in the defense of our nation in the ranks where his father loved to serve.

"We hope you will wear these insignia upon your shoulders in their proper turn until you merit the stars that follow them, that you will lead your soldiers ever forward against all enemies of our country to glory and honor above any that your predecessors have attained. And this above all, we hope that in all your endeavors, there will abide with you the memory of the Corps of Cadets for which your father and all his classmates held a great love, and the memory of its shield and seal, whereon are written the precious words; 'Duty, Honor, Country'."

At the conclusion of his speech, Jim turned to Walker's mother, asking her to present the ornamental box, lettered, from the class to Walker Bradshaw, etc. Jim says that Mrs. Bradshaw was too overcome with emotion to say more than "Thank you" All were pleased with the insignia which took the place of the customary but now obsolete saber.

Koehler Daley, son of *Mick*, and the Class boy with our napkin rings in his silver cup, who graduated 27 in his big class and went into the Engineers from the Class of 1928, just the same as Walker Bradshaw has done just twenty years later, stood with the class for the ceremony. And *Koehler's* pretty wife stood with *Christine Hoyle* and *Mrs. Horsfall*. And in addition to *Jim Riley* there were, *James Wilson Riley, IV* and *James Wilson Riley, V* and *Mrs. James W. Riley, IV*.

And this is so pretty. I just have to quote it from *Jim Riley's* report of graduation week;—"Sunday was beautifully bright and clear—***—. *Earl McFarland* and I attended the morning service and the baccalaureate sermon for the First Class. I don't think I ever attended a more inspiring service—the choir rendered 'The Corps' and the 'Alma Mater' as only it can, and the chaplain gave a talk (I won't say sermon) which, in its simple sincerity was most inspiring. I think I'm pretty hard-boiled and not too easily moved, but I came away from there, almost with tears in my eyes. * * * * * *Earl* and I, after lunch, sat for a long time at the edge of the parade ground, just looking at and enjoying that beautiful spot and talking to each other—about the class and our love for each other in it and about you" And that is worth a hundred letters and more to me. Can't you picture, those two granddads!

I hate to mention it but, with all the recent flowers sent for those who have joined the long grey line out yonder, and with the presentation of

sabers and insignia to those who have joined at the other end and have graduated, we shall have to add from each survivor at least ten dollars to the class fund when you get this copy of *Assembly*. Send it to Jim Riley the class treasurer.

A grand letter from *Henry Finch* came last month from Pasadena, where he has established a comfortable, philosophical existence. I intended to quote from it but my filing system is located over the woodbox here, and Carrie, who helps us, just has to have something to start the fire in the mornings. Please write me another, Henry.

—Charles G. Mettler.

1907

On May 31 *Rick Morrison*, the last member of the class remaining on the active list, was retired as Brigadier General. Rick has been Professor of Modern Languages since February 27, 1925 and has been on duty at the Military Academy for more than thirty-two years. He and Audrey are now at their new summer home on Ocean Avenue, Marblehead Neck, Massachusetts and expect to spend their winters either in Washington or Philadelphia. Elsewhere in this issue there appears a full account of Rick's long and distinguished service to which should be added a richly deserved tribute paid to him by General Taylor at the annual meeting of the Association of Graduates. Rick is probably going to miss West Point and West Point is going to miss Rick but may he, like *Chief Rice*, find the Retired List the "best branch of the service".

Roger Alexander, *Daniel Boone*, *Hans Wagner* and *Edward White*, *Enrique's* younger son, were the only representatives of the class at West Point during June Week. The first three returned as old grads and Edward was a member of the graduating class. He will be the last son of the class to graduate, at least for some time, until *Glassburn's* boy grows up, and follows his Dad in the Infantry. Daniel and Grace Boone had come east earlier to attend the wedding of their son and remained for graduation.

Roger Alexander, *Skinny MacLachlan*, *J. B. Rose* and *Hans Wagner* attended the joint West Point-Annapolis dinner held at the Waldorf in April to commemorate the unification of the armed services.

Jim Steese heeded our request for class news in the April issue and wrote from Mexico City that "After attending the reunion last June, I went down to Carlisle, Pennsylvania to attend my 45th reunion at Dickinson. From there I went to La Jolla, California to visit my brother, then to Seattle and by boat to Alaska. After six weeks all over Alaska, I drove over the Alcan Highway, continued through Canada, and back to Washington and New York. After a trip to the Ozarks, ending a five months vacation, I got a temporary consulting job and came to Mexico City in late October where I have been ever since, except for a trip back to Chicago, Washington and New York last December and again last April. Shall not be able to get east for graduation this year as I am flying up to California in early June. Then back here and over to Guatemala

and Belize. Hope to get back to Washington some time in July. Wrote *Fred Cruse* in Guatemala City, where I last saw him, but got no reply, so I guess he has emigrated, though he told me he was going to stay on after retirement. Have been able to do a lot of motoring all over Mexico, and go to Acapulco every couple of months to get a lower altitude and boil out on the beach. I have had few army contacts except during my visits to Washington where *Benny Castle* keeps things from becoming too placid. During my vacation last year I had again impressed upon me the sad fact that my retired pay is insufficient to permit me to live in the manner to which I have accustomed myself, so I guess I shall be looking for another job next fall. My permanent address remains Army and Navy Club, Washington".

Pang Pierson wrote from Phoenix, Arizona in March that he was about to return to his home in Princeton, Illinois. He said he had seen *Bart Yount* a few times and that Bart was pretty busy with his American Institute for Foreign Trade. Pang had hoped to see some of the class in April as he was planning to drive through California but thus far he has not been reported so he may have changed his plans.

The above is all of the class news that your correspondent had available as the first of June and deadline for *Assembly* drew near so a frantic appeal was dispatched to *Paul Larned* for news of the Washington group and to good old *Charley Wyman* for word about the brothers on the west coast.

Paul Larned reported that *Max Murray* had left for his summer place on Nantucket. *Harry Pfeil's* telephone was temporarily disconnected and Paul thought he had gone to his summer place some where in Rhode Island. *Johnny Sullivan* has just returned home from a long siege in Walter Reed and has to live on a strict diet and lots of medication. *Bruce Clark* has not been well but is very faithful in attending the class gatherings in Washington. *Charlie Harris* keeps busy and has just finished painting his house. Ben Castle keeps up his constant traveling all over the country and is the picture of health. *Collins* lives in a lovely old house in Alexandria where he occupies himself with his garden. *Drain* is an Army Navy Club recluse and does not even answer telephone messages. *Eastman* is making a fortune with his real estate firm. *Gutensohn* is living quietly in Chevy Chase and *Marley* still teaches math. *J. B. Rose*, who lives in Warrenton, seldom gets up to Washington and *Rutherford* is busy in the financial world. *Oliver Wood* is also a stock broker and Paul is enjoying himself on his small estate and goes off for sightseeing trips when the spirit moves him. Paul invited *Spots Coleman* to come out of hibernation and attend the class luncheon in Washington, but Spots replied that between procrastination and catching crabs, in which art he claims considerable superiority, he was afraid he could not make it.

Charlie Wyman needed the west coast contingent and they responded with a will. From here on it is all *Charlie's*:

Enrique White writes that—"Life goes on its pleasant way here with many army and navy friends to associate with and with five good golf courses close by. *Judge Henry* is building a nice home here with a beautiful view of the Santa Lucia mountains and the mouth of the Carmel River. He is the only other 1907 man in this neighborhood.

"At the West Point dinner at Fort Ord, Henry and Chief Rice and I represented the class. The next Saturday the annual dinner was held in Los Angeles for graduates in that area. I was down for it and it was a fine experience. There were present: *Wyman*, *Taylor*, *O'Connor*, *Patten*, *Boone*, *Spencer*, *Jenkins*, and *Prince*. *Nat Howard* was in Pasadena but unable to attend. *Jeremy Taylor* and I went to see him the next day. He is a handsome big chap with the same rollicking good nature which we all knew and loved. *Patsy O'Connor* has changed very little with the years. He is a comfortable, pipe-smoking-philosopher, quiet and with the same old chuckle. We enjoyed a night's visit from him and *Marjorie* recently".

Stiffie Thorpe reports that everything is about the same with him as it was last year. He has one more year with the college before he becomes eligible for retirement.

Dailey says: Duse and I are still holding down the fort here and sticking pretty much to home. I still have the TIGER by the tail in the shape of my hardware store which I unwittingly let myself get tangled up with. Have been trying to sell it so as to travel around and see some of my old friends but no one seems to appreciate a good store when they see it. I still remember my trip to West Point last year as one of the brightest spots in my life. We went up to the lunch at Los Angeles when *Alexander* passed through but have not seen any of the classmates since then. To any one planning a trip in this neck of the woods, I extend a hearty welcome.

Dusenbury had little to report. He is still living in Carlsbad raising avocados, enjoying life and taking a trip now and then. He took a trip to Mexico City last year and hopes to go there again later this year.

Prince reported that since being retired he lives at 976 South Menlo Avenue, Los Angeles, California and has enjoyed seeing a number of old classmates from time to time. They like California and think the west coast is a wonderful place in which to live.

Hap Arnold sends greetings from El Rancho Feliz. "I have been out of circulation for the past six months because of a serious illness that struck without warning about the middle of January. The Medico still has me under wraps, but I expect to be on my own again very soon. Notwithstanding that, I have been letting off steam occasionally through newspaper columns and magazines,—the while trying to get into one volume a history of the Army Air Forces, from its beginning, to the end of World War II. In the meantime, as *Farmer Arnold*, I have found very effective results can be obtained by directing operations from the 'control tower'. Everything on El Rancho Feliz is flourishing,—from calves to cabbages,—not to men-

tion gophers and caterpillars! Just came out for air and was decorated by the Belgian Government with its Grand Croix de l'Ordre de la Couronne avec Palme, and the Croix de Guerre avec Palme. Cordial greetings to each one of you! May the coming year be the best you will ever have had!"

The Wymans were guests of Tom and Jeanette Spencer at Palm Springs at Easter time. Tom loaded the car with desert grapefruit and dates for the return to Glendale.

A letter from Majorie O'Connor has been intentionally saved for the last. She informed us that "I've been ordered by Colonel Wyman to get off to your post haste an account of our get-together at our home at the time of the West Point dinner in March. Patsy and I thought it would be a good idea for me to have as many of the classmates wives as I could in for buffet supper the night of the West Point dinner here. There were nine present: Mesdames Wyman, Jenkins, Boone, Spencer, Taylor, White, Prince, Huntley (1906) and O'Connor. Husbands returned to our home to pick up the wives so we had a nice get-together. Tried to get Dailey and Dusenbury to come up from Carlsbad but 'Pop' said he'd been making so much money with his avocado ranch and hardware store that the approaching income tax time had him worried, 'therefore, hold him excused'. The Nat Howards visiting in Pasadena couldn't make it either. We had such a grand gathering that I'm going to try to repeat next year.

"As a Californian I had always hoped we would live in California when we retired. I hadn't it in writing of course! But now, Patsy loves it. Patsy's business is his golf club. You know he has a very convenient heart condition. It won't allow him to put in a screw or trim a hedge around home, but seems to thrive on nine holes of golf daily, except Sundays. He never looked or felt better and is thoroughly enjoying leisure much to my amazement.

"So far we have six grandchildren and true to form Patsy is enjoying them more than he ever did his own. Says he 'hadn't time before'.

"Patsy joins me in sending our best to all."

We acknowledge with sincere gratitude receipt of the numerous letters and postal cards with news of the class. Marjorie O'Connor's delightful letter will, we hope, serve as a suggestion to other 1907 wives to write us also. —H. W. W.

1908

The big event since the last issue, was, of course, the reunion, 4-8 June, inclusive, which a total of thirty-two of us, nearly forty per cent, attended. Every former cadet of 1908 should have received by now, a report devoted to Class doings at the reunion. This further account here presented in the *Assembly* is intended to furnish the nineteen eighter who was not there with a day-to-day narrative of what went on during that never-to-be-forgotten week end.

Friday, 4 June, the Class began trickling into the Fifty-first (yes: 51st) Division, part of a section of

Cadet Barracks which housed alumni and their Headquarters. We took our meals in the Mess Hall, or in a temporary cafeteria, or in the West Point Army Mess ("Officers Club" to you). At Retreat, 4 June, there was a review and presentation of drill streamers to the winning companies of each of the two regiments of the Brigade of Cadets (yes: brigade), Companies F-1 and A-2 being the two. Good old A and F. That night the Cadet Glee Club gave a truly excellent concert, followed by cadet hops in Cullum and in one of the gymnasiums, which was SOP for the week.

Saturday, 5 June, it rained almost all morning, so we old grads visited Grant Hall (a vast room for visitors), the Ordnance Museum (Herman Goering's fabulous \$40,000.00 diamond-studded baton, Yamashita's saber etc.), the beloved old Library and other trysting places. The Riding Hall, so dear to the memory of the present writer, is unused pending funds to remodel (there is a total of six horses on the post). That afternoon, there was an organ recital in the new Cadet Chapel: and a peach of a Lacrosse game with the long-undefeated team of the Mt. Washington Club, which West Point won brilliantly. That night, a movie and more hops: and, as every night and between events each day, 1908 held talk fests, hour on hour.

Sunday, the Baccalaureate Services at Cadet Chapel, the only cadets present being the First Class and the Choir: yet such was the crowd of families and friends that admission had to be by card only—and scores stood. (*Slip Marshall* said never before had he encountered a church one could not enter without a ticket!) At noon, 1908 had guests at lunch—*Whitley's*, *Buckner's* and *Nulson's* sons, three fine cadets of whom we may well be proud. To the first two, being First Classmen, the Class presented graduation gifts of handsome silver cigarette boxes in lieu of sabers, now as obsolete as the horse.

That afternoon, the Superintendent's reception, a garden party, was held on his lawn: lovely, lovely girls, in their colorful best, cadets in white, the receiving line in a small open marquee flanked by the colors with a picked enlisted guard, a large orchestra from the wonderful band, over a thousand guests. Then Retreat Review and military and academic awards to the First Class. That night, our own Class Banquet, held in private rooms at the Officer's Club, was the high spot of our reunion. It was a very happy occasion which will be described at length in that special report.

Monday it rained again, but not enough to wash out the impressive Alumni Exercises at Thayer monument, although the march of the Old Grads and Alumni Review had to be cancelled. Then the luncheon and annual meeting of the Association of Graduates, where the young Superintendent, Major General Maxwell D. Taylor, Class of 1922, spoke interestingly and well on the subject of West Point of today. After that, some went through the laboratories, gymnasiums, etc., while others took a bus to visit Camp Buckner which lies in the mountains perhaps ten miles back of what you know as the post. And there,

alongside a good-sized lake, is the cadet summer camp of today—screened-in barracks, mess halls, canoe houses, charming little beaches, all nesting in groves of grand old trees. As one enters this new area dedicated to summer training and summer joys, lies a little spot approached by three stone steps graven with "Alaska", the "Aleutians", and "Okinawa", where there is a granite rock perhaps four feet high, which serves as a mounting for a heavy bronze shield inscribed to the memory of our own *Buck*. It is all eminently satisfactory.

Later that afternoon came Graduation Parade; and again the sun shone for us all. A huge Corps and huge crowd (tickets again necessary): otherwise, the same as your imagination pictures it—the plain, brilliant in its lush green lawn, encircled still by the trees you remember, while in the distance lie Cullum, the Club, and Bachelor Officers Quarters. Our old summer camp, replaced by Camp Buckner and now given over to sports showed up as a collection of wire walls of tennis courts, grandstands for Lacrosse and so on.

That super Band played "The Dashing White Sergeant" as of old, "Auld Lang Syne", with the famous graduation medley which gave bits of "Home Sweet Home", the "Wedding March", and "The Girl I Left Behind Me"—memories, surging pride in the Corps, and a tear or two, all over laid with the joy of ecstatic youth. That night, Graduation Hop held for First Classmen only in the Army Theater decorated for the occasion, while Second and Third Classmen danced in Cullum. The next morning, Graduation Exercises, which took place in the Field House—like the Riding Hall only much larger—down on our old target range. Flags, the Band, much brass on the big platform, the fine young Supe, Secretary Forrestal (who maxed it), 301 graduates, and 5,000 seated spectators who, prinked out with the summer costumes of X young and lovely girls, resembled banks and banks of sweet peas. The "Star Spangled Banner", the blessing, caps in the air. It was over: and 1908 along with all others, made for trains, buses, planes, and cars, after having had a really marvelous and soul-satisfying time visiting each other and the places we all associate with our own tours as Kaydets.

—R. H. F.

1910

Sammy Edelman reports a most enjoyable Alumni Day and Graduation this year at West Point although the Alumni Review by the Corps had to be cancelled because of rain. About a thousand alumni were back to celebrate. Present from the class were *Meade Wildrick*, *George Chase*, *Spec Hines* and *Sammy*. *Martin Ray* was enroute but was detained in Baltimore by the illness of Mrs. Ray. We certainly hope that her trouble is not serious. During the festivities the 1910 group was entertained at an informal party at Colonel John Ray's quarters (Martin's son) where all had the pleasure of meeting Martin's two grandchildren and welcoming *Herb Marshburn's* widow, Portia. 1910 has two sons in the Corps, young Herb

ert E. Marshburn, Jr., '49 and D. S. Wilson, Jr., '50.

It will be of interest to everyone in the class to learn that reservation for our 40th Reunion Dinner in 1950 has been made at the West Point Army Mess (Officers' Club). It is hoped that everyone who can possibly do so will plan to be present on this grand occasion. We'll have a great time anyway but we want a record attendance. If anyone has ideas about making this reunion a success, *Snakey Dunlop* will appreciate receiving them.

Word also comes from *Sammy Edelman* that the Alumni Dinner at Philadelphia on March 13th and the big unification Dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York on April 2nd were eminently successful and gala affairs. *P. D. Uhl* and *Sammy* were present on both occasions and as a member of the Committee for the New York Dinner *Meade Wildrick* did himself proud.

The Class Luncheons in Washington continue to be very enjoyable. They are held at the Army and Navy Club at 12:30 P.M. on the second Wednesday of every month. It was a pleasure to see *John Milliken* and *Jack Heard* at the May luncheon. *John* is retired now and looking around for a good spot in which to settle. *Jack* has just returned from an extended western trip and will be in Washington for the next few months. His address is 2125 Bancroft Place, N.W.

D. S. Wilson is again having a difficult time at *Walter Reed General Hospital*. A detached retina of one of his eyes is the trouble. We are pulling for his prompt recovery.

Pappy Selleck and *Gertrude* have again gone to *Middlebury, Vermont* to spend the summer months. His son, *Pete (Clyde A., Jr.)* graduated with high honors this year from *Phillips Academy, Andover, Mass.* and will enter *West Point* July 1st. More power to him. His eldest daughter, *Mary Jane*, has a fine position with the *Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Co.* in *Washington, D. C.* The youngest daughter, *Jo Anne*, graduates this June from *Middlebury College, Vermont*. *Pappy's* address is 24 *Chipman Park, Middlebury, Vt.*

Rex Cocroft is still on active duty doing personnel work in the Department of the Army. He lives at 1148 *S. Thomas St., Arlington, Va.*, but is continuing to plan that home near *Leesburg, Va.*

Snakey Dunlop would like to send to everybody in the near future a list of the class with latest addresses. News of any recent changes will be gratefully received by him.

—R. H. D.

1911

Gus Franke made a trip to *California* in *January* and returned to *Myrtle Beach* late in *March*. During the trip he met many classmates and very thoughtfully recorded names and places.

Benny and *Cherry Lockwood* were first on *Gus' itinerary* at *Fort Sam Houston*. The *Lockwoods* entertained the *Frankes* with their usual generous hospitality while awaiting retirement orders. They expected to proceed later on to *Palo Alto, California*, where they had already procured a residential lot.

Jack and *Olive Homer* were missed at *Fort Bliss* due to *Jack's* official absence in *Washington* on a promotion board. *Terry Allen* was seen in *El Paso* and was apparently elated over the success he was experiencing on insurance sales.

Pappy Wier was visited at *La Jolla, California* and seemed to be in the pink of condition. He has lost his slight rotundity of cadet days. At the time of *Gus' visit* *Pappy* had just returned from more mountainous regions and was then engaged in building a new home on the beautiful ocean vista heights of *La Jolla*.

At *Santa Barbara, California*, *Gus* ran into a real 1911 representation—the *Ballingers*, the *Hoisingtons*, the *Lawrences* and the *Baades*. *Gus* spent several days in *Santa Barbara* and was royally entertained by all of the 1911 group living there. *Paul* and *Margaret Baade* expect to complete their attractive home there about *September 1st*.

Continuing north, *Gus* found *Dave Cowles* attractively located in their *Menlo Park* home, while the *Ladds*, momentarily residing at the *Stanford Motor Courts*, were seeking a future *California* residence. At the *Presidio*, *Gus* visited *Jim* and *Molly Weaver* and while there the *Weavers* gave a most attractive dinner party for the *Nichols*, the *Ladds* and the *Cowles*. *Jimmy Crawford* was invited but due to an enforced absence could not be present. *Jimmy* compensated for his absence, however, by having the *Weavers*, *Nichols* and *Frankes* for dinner a couple of nights later. *Nick* has acquired a most attractive home on the hills of *San Francisco* and the *Weavers* expect, by *June* of this year, to be permanently established in their beautiful new home now nearly completed at 660 *Menlo Oaks Drive* in *Menlo Park*. *Jimmie Crawford* seemed a bit miserable so far from his beloved *New York* and *Gus* states that he does not think that *Margaret* will be able to prevail upon him to change his abode to *Sunny California*.

Johnnie Hatch has taken over the matter of sending in news items of the Class to the *Assembly* column and also turning out any *Class Bulletins* which may be decided upon. It was believed that those members of the Class stationed in and near *Washington* were in a better position to secure news of the Class than *Hub Stanton*. Accordingly, all *Class* news should be sent to *Hatch* at 1649 *Mt. Eagle Place, Alexandria, Va.*, hereafter.

Johnnie Hatch and his wife are visiting their married daughter at *Fort Worth* for a few weeks.

Bills for *Class dues* will be forwarded to all members of the *Class* during *June*. It is urgently requested that remittances be made to the *Class Secretary* and *Treasurer*—*Hub Stanton*—at *Cornwall, N. Y.*, without the usual delay in such matters.

Jack Kutz and his bride have an apartment in downtown *St. Petersburg, Fla.*, at 276-7th Ave., N.E. *Jack*, together with *Clark, Calvert* and *Schneider* make up the *Florida residents* of the *Class*.

Curt Nance is now in charge of the *New England Branch Office* of the *Veterans Administration*. He is living at the *Hotel Myles Standish*, 30 *Bay*

State Road, Boston, Mass.

Ike Spalding has an apartment at 417 *Parland Place, San Antonio*. He and "Al" will spend the summer in their cottage at *Boulder, Colorado*.

Bill Hardigg has retired and is now living in *Madison, Indiana*.

Phil Coldwell has joined the *San Antonio "Army Colony"* and is living at 315 *West Magnolia St.*, in *San Antonio*.

Hicks, G. R. is now living at 322 *Magnolia Ave.*, *Frederick, Maryland*.

Phil Fleming was in *Walter Reed* lately for a minor operation. We all hope that *Phil* is now back with his *Washington* friends and in better fighting fettle than ever. —H. G. S.

1912

Allen, H. B., has been located at *R.R. No. 1, Delaplaine, Ark.*

Insurance underwriter *Terry Allen*, according to *Mary Frances*, is busy grooming *Terry Jr.* for entrance to the *Point* in *July '48*. The *Class* extends deepest sympathy to *Mary Frances* over the recent loss of her mother.

We hear that *Archey Arnold* is going to be retired physically very soon.

Barbur, H. L., has also been located. He is an *insurance broker* at 528 *S.W. Eleventh Ave.*, *Portland, Oregon*.

Tubby and *Clare Barton* were at *West Point* to see *R. O. Jr.* receive his diploma and become the 1948 representative of the *Sons of 1912*. He was presented with *Class Gift* of traveling kit at small party at *Gatchell's* quarters.

Burfy and *Jesse Brown's* arrival back in *Washington* from *Korea* was the occasion for a couple of 1912 reunions; one stag with 16 present and the other a family affair.

Amic Brown was one of those present at a 1912 *Class Party* recently at *San Antonio*.

Steve and *Sara Chamberlin* set out for the *E.T.O.* together the latter part of *May* where *Chamby* had some *G-2'ing* to do.

Waller Carson (who married *George McC. Chase's* widow, *Julia*), reports that the members of *Pa Walmsley's* family can be reached through *Miss Alice Walmsley*, 2449 *North Downer Ave.*, *Milwaukee, Wis.*

Chen Chynoweth recently made an extended tour of educational institutions in the *East* in connection with his studies on adult education. He stopped off at *West Point* twice to discuss things with the *Gatchell* family.

Doc Cook reverts to a retired status on *30 June*.

Rachel Delamater reports that *Old Ben* has about put the finishing touches on their new home in *Caldwell, Texas*. *Ben III* writes us from *A.P.O. 503, San Francisco, Calif.*

Warner Day is back on the job after a long seige of poor health.

Bill Dean's next-of-kin do not answer inquiries. Who can help us with this address?

Phil Faymonville retired for age on *30 April*. His temporary address is *Olympic Club*, 524 *Post St.*, *San Francisco*.

Jake Fortner has been located at 2110 *E. 39th South, Salt Lake City 6, Utah*.

Huck Flynn went on a trip to *Ireland* after his retirement last year.

Oscar Gatchell arrived back safely at West Point on 23 May from two months T.D. in the E.T.O. During his trip he was entertained most pleasantly by the Keyes family in Vienna and by Bob Hyatt in Paris.

Millard F. Harmon, Jr.'s obituary appears in the "In Memory" section of this issue of *Assembly*. His son, Millard F. III, graduated from Stark Military Academy, Montgomery, Ala., this year, and expects to enter the Point in July as the third Millard F. Harmon to be a member of the Corps.

Johnny Hauser is now "K.O." of the large military reservation at Camp Stewart, Ga. He has a youngster with his eyes on the Point.

Ralph and Marguerite Holliday report the arrival of their eighth grandchild, fifth grandson—Dorothy Ann's third child, in Baltimore.

B.Q. and Evelyn Jones closed their apartment in the Kennedy Warren in Washington last winter and enjoyed a prolonged visit in Florida.

Mrs. C. W. Kilner writes us from 419 West Beard Ave., Syracuse 5, N. Y., that Glenn, Jr., has graduated with honors from Columbia University and has been retained there as an instructor while he continues his studies toward a Ph.D. degree.

Sterling Larrabee, since the death of wife, Madge, last fall, has been making his home at 1730 "M" St., N.W., Washington, D. C.

Harold Lent is a practising attorney at Highland, N. Y.

Jack and Cornelia Lewis made an extended motor trip up and down the West Coast, stopping with classmates on the Monterey Peninsula.

Big John and Mary are still on the fence as to where they will settle. Begins to look as if he might stick around Washington.

Frank and Eunice Mallon spent the month of May at Yosemite National Park. Frank and Phil Faymonville had a swell get-together recently in San Francisco.

Harry Malony and Dorothy are new estate owners across the Potomac in Virginia.

Mazie Maxwell continues his fine work around New York City as head of the Placement Committee, West Point Society of New York. He and Katherine will visit California to celebrate with his mother in Modesto her 80th birthday.

Judge L. D. R. McDermott is now retired and living at 130 Franklin Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

We have located McDonnell, F. J., at 144 East Amherst St., Buffalo 14, N. Y.

Slats and Charlotte Morrissey shifted base on 1 June from Burbank to Berkeley, Calif. They have rented a house there until 15 September. (Tel.: Olympic 2-5990).

Earl Paules, while on a business trip to San Francisco in May, ran in to the Bunny Hobsons in town for a call on Phil Faymonville. Nice reunion.

Harold and Josephine Rayner are planning to move to the vicinity of San Antonio or to California in search of a more temperate climate.

Burton and Nell Read have moved to 339-24th St., Santa Monica, Calif.

Young Pat Riley is prepping for West Point, hoping to get in next year.

Robby Robertson was overnight host

to a group of his classmates who attended the annual West Point Dinner at the Presidio of San Francisco in early April.

Colonel Snow invites suggestions for the outline to our "Fortieth Year Book, Class of 1912, U.S.M.A." The cooperation of every member of the Class will be required in order to produce the very fine book that we have in mind.

Ike Spalding writes that he has been in and out of the hospital of late but he warns: "Don't bother to send me any flowers—yet!"

Sully and Madeline are all settled in their new home. Sully will retire on 30 June 48 for age.

Our class son, Lt. Sam Sims Walker, U.S.M.A. 1946, married Miss Charlotte Alice Hehrenberg, daughter of Major and Mrs. W. C. B., Cml. O., Hq. IX Corps, A.P.O. 309, Sendai, Japan, on 2 June 1948. The Class extends congratulations.

Bill Weaver is forming a division association for the famous Eighth, "Golden Arrow", Infantry Division, and planning a reunion in San Antonio of his other division, The 90th Infantry Division, this fall.

Bill and Helen Youngs report their new address as 200 Pine St., Sparta, Wis. Bill is commanding officer of Camp McCoy.

The Class Treasurer reminds you again: Annual class dues are \$2.00, payable now. The Class President urges that all join the Association of Graduates; and subscribe to *Assembly* and the *Register of Graduates and Former Cadets*.

Due to temporary absence of the undersigned, this whole report was prepared by our tireless Class President.

—O. J. G.

1914

Several letters have been received as a result of the request sent out by Jim Cress, but not nearly enough. You who have not written please take this as a direct request to you personally to sit down and do it now.

Floyd Waltz writes from 1614 South Adams St., Tacoma 6, Washington, describing a life of flowers, vegetables, golf, fishing and friends (meat must be too high out there too). His two sons are still in the Army on their wartime commissions. He tells of meeting Phil Thurber at meetings of the West Point Society of Seattle. Phil lives at 3048 East Laurelhurst Drive, Seattle 5, Washington.

Tubby Doe is back at the old stand in Montgomery, Alabama—office address 110 Coosa Street. He spent four years fighting World War II as an interruption of service with the same firm since 1921. Golf and worrying about getting bald are his hobbies.

Pug Lampert has a place at Fletcher, N. C. called "Leslyn" where he says he can accommodate all friendly visitors. He is delighted with the climate as compared with those of Wisconsin and West Point. It's not far from Ashville and Pug says there are quite a few retired officers in the neighborhood. He is trying to convince Fred Herman to move there from his retreat at 15 West Second Street, Westfield, N. Y.

Empie Potts has recently been at Letterman and may retire very soon. Then he expects to live in Virginia.

Ralph Royce writes that he is building a home (probably finished by now) which will have room for visiting classmates. He didn't give the home address but his office is Department of Economic Development, 422 W. Michigan Ave., Lansing 15, Mich.

Ham Huston has moved to the Bayshore Royal Hotel at Tampa, Florida. He has been on a recent trip to New York and Boston. Why didn't you stop in Washington, Ham?

Bill Ryan has bought a homesite in the Del Monte Forest on Monterey Peninsula in California but has put off building for the usual reason. He is living near Carmel (just as I dreamed last March) in a colony of retired Army and Navy Officers, which, co-incidentally is in the midst of a golfer's paradise.

Admiral Ruddock, Navy 1914, gave a luncheon for his classmates at the Naval Gun Factory in Washington, inviting our Class. Loomis, Stanford and Brand attended and report a very enjoyable get-together. Navy 1914 was invited to attend our regular June dinner but only Captain Bill Heard could make it. He introduced a new dice game—twenty-one aces—and got stuck for the drinks at his own game. We were very happily surprised to have Duke Miltken and Bobby Crawford show up for the dinner. Duke is doing some temporary work in Washington. Bobby wouldn't talk. Bet he has something up his sleeve.

Fred Herr, Tooley Spaatz and Art Harris have joined the retired list. As this is written Tooley is enjoying some deep-sea fishing down in Mexico.

Art and Helen Harris have a beautiful place called "Clovercroft" just outside Warrenton, Virginia, on the road toward Jeffersonton. They invited all the class out for a Sunday outing in May. Those enjoying the perfect hospitality and beautiful day were: Paul and Helen Paschal, Hal and Bessie Loomis, Reiff and Dorothy Hannum, Chaunce and Helen Benson, Andy and Sue Anderson (J. B.), Speed Brannan, Joe and Susanne Byron, Leland and Maude Stanford, Cecile Clark (Cuyler's widow) and yours truly, Skimp and Helen Brand. Art also had as house guests his mother-in-law Mrs. Helen Curtis and his daughter, Helen Gullion, and her husband Allen (Walter's nephew). Besides plenty of eats and drinks there was horse-shoe pitching and bad minton (certainly none of it was good). Because of his horse-shoe prowess the nickname of Chaunce Benson is hereby officially changed to Champ.

Come on youse guys, send me some dope.

—Skimp Brand,

610 Shoreham Bldg.,
Washington, D. C.

It has been suggested that a history of the Class of 1914 be printed for our 35th reunion next year. We hear that 1912 and 1913 are publishing histories. The plan we have in mind is a regular narrative history of the class as a whole, not a history of each man, for that is the field of *Cullum's Register*. The cost would be about \$5.00 per man. We would like as many recent photographs as we can afford. Please send in your ideas for or against this history to Fred Herman, Class Historian, at 15 West Second Street, Westfield,

New York. Also include any anecdotes you would like to see in print.

—J. B. C.,
F. W. H.

1915

June Week provided the ideal opportunity for resumption of the custom of presenting a gift to the class' sons. The custom had lapsed when sabers went out of date. Since that lapse (after June 1942) 20 sons have graduated, to include the Class of 1948. By class, the list is:

January, 1943: *C. C. Benedict, *C. R. Finley, *B. W. Mills, D. H. Richards, Henry B. Sayler, Jr., *V. V. Taylor, Jr., G. S. Weart.

June, 1943: John Henry Cochran, Jr., Robert D. Dwan, *Richard C. Stickney, Jr.

1944: Henry S. Aurand, Jr., Henry S. Beukema, John S. D. Eisenhower, Robert S. Mills, Mason J. Young, Jr.

1945: Douglas C. Atkins, Harrison Larkin.

1946: Calvert P. Benedict, Alexander T. Cochran.

1947: Gordon M. Strong.

1948: James A. Van Fleet, Jr.

* Killed in Action.

A handsome sterling cigarette box replaces the saber of former days. The personal letter from Ike which accompanied the gift was particularly appreciated when Cadet Van Fleet, son of our bandit-chasing classmate, received his award. *Zundel, Summers,* and *Beukema* did the honors for the class.

The earlier graduates will receive their gifts by mail. A special arrangement in the case of the class sons listed above as killed in action provides for sending the class gift to the nearest of kin. —*Beukema.*

1916

Fat Styer writes that after a mid-winter automobile trip across the continent, that reads like a chapter from the "Odyssey", he and his wife were lucky enough to find a partly furnished house to rent in Coronado. During the late winter he had been gathering together his own furniture from various points around the country where for years it has been scattered in storage. As is usually the case, some of it when uncrated looked much the worse for wear. *Fat* insists that he has now become more than an amateur cabinet maker, and is fully capable of repairing and refinishing odd items. He must be good, for he says he has even convinced his wife of the fact. In May, with due ceremony, his wife turning the first spadeful of earth, the *Styers* started building a permanent home in Coronado which they hope, with luck, to have completed in September. They designed it themselves and are personally supervising the construction. It is located close to the home of *Madelaine* and *Bob Sharrer*. *Fat* even prevailed on *Bob Sharrer* to be an inspector on his construction job, but complains that most of his inspections *Bob* makes from a rocking chair on his porch.

Murph Irvine is still living in Coronado, and from what we hear we would not be surprised if he joined the permanent colony there. He has a

big ranch in Arizona to which he commutes when necessary.

Monty Monsarrat, who has been sojourning in California since our last reunion in '46, is getting ready to take off on another transcontinental motor trip. He left Coronado to go to San Francisco in May, and after touring the northwest expects to wind up in New York some time in the summer.

Ham Maguire, who has been Chief of Staff of the Army Mission in Greece, is back in this country and was in Walter Reed for a check-up during June. What he will do after leaving the hospital is not yet known, but none of us here would be surprised to find him, before the year rolls 'round, permanently living as a retired gentleman of leisure in Washington, D. C.

Pickering is now retired and living in Atlanta, Georgia. The papers, a short time ago, carried the announcement of his daughter's wedding.

Maurice Miller, who has been at Syracuse, New York is now reported to be on duty at the Second Army Headquarters in New York.

Jack Fraser was in Washington for a couple of days in the late winter. He has been in the meat packing business in Kansas City for about two years. Since his recent marriage he and his wife have been considering moving to Arizona.

Spencer Merrell writes that he and *Tom McDonald*, ex-1916, are holding down the fort at St. Louis. *Tom* is now a distinguished member of the bar of Missouri and *Spence* is operating a steamboat line on the Mississippi River.

Joe Bolton, ex-1916, who was back in the service during the last war, has shifted his home from Chicago to San Antonio, Texas where he is practicing law. Soon he expects to have adopted all the habits of the southwest, including boots, and a ten-gallon hat.

Tom Finley, who left Washington a year ago for an extended trip to Colorado, likes it so well he expects to remain there another year. He and his wife are living in Colorado Springs.

Word has been received that *Bill Spence* who retired several months ago, is now living in San Antonio, Texas and is reported to have gone into business there.

Ralph Sasse was in Washington for a brief visit early this spring. He had come to secure some horses for a boys' camp which he is operating near Lewes, Delaware.

Paul Kane, who has been on duty with the Army Field Forces Headquarters at Fort Monroe, has been in Walter Reed General Hospital for several weeks. He got his permanent promotion to B.G. this spring.

Dick Worsham, Division Engineer of the Western Ocean Division at Sausalito, California, was in Letterman General Hospital for several weeks in May. During *Dick's* absence *Dwight Johns* had charge of the Western Ocean Division as well as his own, the South Pacific Division. He says *Dick's* division was so well organized that he didn't notice the extra work.

In checking addresses to bring the class mailing list up to date this spring, "*Spider*" *Morehouse*, who has been retired since the early twenties, was discovered to be living in Washington, D. C. Although he had been

there for several years no one had known it. A detail was promptly sent out to bring him to the 1916 class luncheon in March.

Incidentally, the March class luncheon in Washington was held as a joint affair with the Navy Class of 1916. The joint party was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Holland Robb, who has been overseas for several years, first in Korea and later in Japan, has returned to the States and is now commanding the Marion Engineer Depot at Marion, Ohio.

Jimmy Ruddell, who has been overseas as President of the Dachau War Crimes Court and later as Deputy Commander at Munich, was in Washington for a few days during May, on his way to his new station at Fort Hamilton. His son graduated in the 1948 class at West Point this June, and was married a few days later in New York.

Joe Grant's youngest boy, who is a Plebe at West Point, fractured his skull in a fall in barracks during early May. At first his condition was believed to be critical and he was transferred to Walter Reed General Hospital. His condition improved rapidly and he is now expected to make a complete recovery. *Joe* is now on duty with the Transportation Corps in Germany, but the boy's mother came to Washington to be with him while he was in the hospital.

Bill Hoge, who for several years has been in command at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, was relieved in May and went overseas to command the U.S. Troops in Trieste. His address is A.P.O. 209 c/o the Postmaster, New York City.

Knox Cockrell and his wife returned in late March from a trip to Puerto Rico to visit their son and daughter-in-law. Incidentally, their daughter-in-law is *Notley DuHamel's* daughter. They report that the new class grandchild is a most exceptional baby. While in Puerto Rico they saw *Joe Tully*, who has been on duty there for several years and for a while was commanding the Army forces in the Antilles.

During April, *Ray Moses* was in Walter Reed General Hospital for a short time. He is still assigned as Division Engineer, New England Division, at Boston, Massachusetts.

Pettus Hemphill passed through Washington in May.

Fay Prickett, who is commanding the Pennsylvania District of the Second Army at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, has been in Washington for about a month serving on a Board.

"*Tap*" *Snow's* daughter, *Peggy*, was married in Washington, D. C. on April 3. The class was well represented at the wedding.

Another class wedding of interest was that of *Potter Campbell's* daughter who was married on May 1 at West Orange, New Jersey.

Harlan Mumma, who has been in command of the Jeffersonville Depot, Indiana, retired on April 30 at his own request. His new address is not yet known.

Doney, who retired after the war and was living in Carmel, California, has moved to Burlingame on the San Francisco Peninsula.

Parker Kuhn reports that he attended the meeting of the Association of Graduates in June week. He saw Red O'Hare, but missed Bill Spence, Jimmy Ruddell, Miller, M. L., who were all registered as being back for graduation, and Cramp Jones, who is stationed at West Point. —E. G. B.

April, 1917

Present for June Week activities this year were Aleck Campbell, Bill Cowgill, Court Crozier, Johnny Devine, Bill Heavey, Harris Jones, Joe Marx, John McEwan, Jack Nygaard, Basil Perry, and Tom Sinkler. Among the 301 members of the June 1948 graduating class was another Class son, Harrison Perry. Harrison is Basil's second son to graduate and the third Perry to join the Long Gray Line. Climaxing the Class social festivities of the week was the marriage of Dorothy Devine (Johnny's second daughter to join the Services) to Lt. Charles A. Wurster, U.S.A.F., U.S.M.A. 1948. The wedding took place on 9 June in the Chapel of the Holy Trinity at West Point.

We are proud, too, to quote the following news item which appeared in the *Army and Navy Journal* of 20 March: "The Armored Center, Ft. Knox, Ky. * * * Lt. Albert C. Smith, Jr., son of Maj. Gen. A. C. Smith, Commanding General, 24th Inf. Div., was top honor graduate when 56 U.S. and two foreign officers were graduated from Associate Basic Armored Officers Course No. 1, 10 March". Our congratulations to Lt. A. C. Smith, Jr.!

And from the *Journal* of 10 April we have the following article concerning "Spec" Nisley: "The Government of the Netherlands, through its U.S. Ambassador, Dr. E. N. Van Kleffens, has honored Brig. Gen. Harold A. Nisley of the Office, Chief, Army Field Forces, Ordnance Section, Ft. Monroe, Va. In a ceremony held March 31 in the office of the Netherlands Embassy in Washington, D. C., Dr. Van Kleffens bestowed upon General Nisley the Order of Orange-Nassau, Degree of Commander".

From the *New York World-Telegram* of 7 May 1948 we quote the following news highlight concerning Bill Heavey: "Gen. William F. Heavey, consulting engineer to New York City's Marine and Aviation Department, yesterday was named director of Port Houston, Texas. Port Commission Chairman Wilson G. Saville said Gen. Heavey signed a two year contract at an annual salary of \$15,000. The appointment becomes effective June 16." Our heartiest congratulations to you once again, Bill!

Sam and Edna Smith were recent visitors to West Point. Sam has just returned from duty in Korea and expects to be assigned to the Military Police School Staff at Carlisle, Pa.

And another recent visitor to the Military Academy was Harry Schroeder. As Vice President of the Army Co-operative Fire Association, Harry came from Ft. Leavenworth to West Point to explain pertinent facts concerning the Association. Harry reports that he is looking forward with much eagerness to a visit during June from his son Harry Jr. (U.S.M.A. June 1943) and his grandson Harry

III, who is 6 months old and whom he has not as yet seen.

On 19 May Fred Irving, in his capacity as Chief, Career Management Group, Department of the Army, addressed the students of the School of Personnel, Command and General Staff College, at Ft. Leavenworth.

Effective on or about 15 May, Love Mullins was relieved from assignment and duty with F.E.C., Tokyo, and assigned to Hq. 2d Army, Ft. Meade, Md., for duty as Deputy Commanding General.

Recent orders have been published relieving Louie Ford from assignment and duty as Ordnance Officer for the European Command, Frankfurt, Germany, and assigning him to duty as Commanding General, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.

Matt Ridgway, also in accordance with recent orders, is relieved from assignment to the Office U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, Washington, D. C., with station at New York City and from duty as Senior U.S. Army Member of the Military Staff Committee of the United Nations and Senior U.S. Army Delegate to the Inter-American Defense Board, effective 23 June, and is assigned as Commander-in-Chief of the Caribbean with station at Quarry Heights, Canal Zone.

We want to thank Steve Sherrill enthusiastically for the following interesting letters covering the Class Luncheon given in Washington, D. C., on 8 April and the Class Party given at the War College on 21 May: "CLASS OF 1917 LUNCHEON AT WASHINGTON: Members of the Class stationed in Washington met for luncheon at the Army-Navy Club on April 8, 1948. Twenty were present: Marvel Armstrong, Percy Black, Aaron Bradshaw, Alex Campbell, Tupper Cole, Joe Collins, Carleton Coulter, Ira Crump, Kivas Tully, who came on from Chicago, Wilber Elliot, Leo Erler, Charlie Gerhardt, Burnett Olmsted, Moose Pierce, Bob Ransom, Dave Rumbough, Steve Sherrill, Van Vander Hyden, Whit Whitcomb, and George Wooley.

"These gatherings are held on the second Thursday of every other month and all members of the Class who are in Washington on those days are urged to attend."

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"CLASS OF 1917 MEETING: The members of the Class living in or near Washington gathered at the Officers' Club at the War College, Friday evening, May 21st. The whole affair exceeded the expectations of all those who planned it. After cocktails downstairs all assembled at a long table in the ballroom on the second floor for a buffet supper which was followed by dancing.

"The following, with their wives, were present: Aaron Bradshaw, Joe Collins, Leo Erler, Bob Kunz, Meach Meacham, Spec Nisley, Dan Noce, Harry Pierce, Bob Ransom, Steve Sherrill, Van Vander Hyden, Whit Whitcomb, Gus Gurney, George Wooley, and Alex Campbell with Miss Jean Irvine, who was a prisoner of the Japs after the Philippines fell.

"The following out of town members of the Class had intended to come on for the party but at the last minute had to send regrets: Matt Ridgway from New York, Dutch Cota, Scott

Ritche from Philadelphia, Kivas Tully from Chicago, and Bob Bathurst and Johnny Devine from Fort Monroe.

"And the following came stag: Wilber Elliot, Jack Nygaard, Cupe Yull, Pesha Sullivan, who came from California, and Sam Smith, who has just returned from Korea and is now stationed in the M.P.'s at Meade.

"Meacham's cocktail party at his home near Baltimore after the Maryland Hunt Cup Race was an outstanding event.

"On June 20th the Ransoms have invited the entire class to a party at their place in the country at Gaithersburg, Maryland."

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And we owe our thanks, too, to Jack Nygaard for the following newsworthy Class items: "Recently I returned from the West Coast after a visit with Wayne Clark at the Presidio of San Francisco. I flew out there with him from Washington, D. C., on 2 April. I saw Sully, Bill McMahon and Louis Martin. I did not see Doug Wahl, but I did talk with him on the telephone. All are fine. Today I talked with Dan Noce on the telephone at Fort Meyer, Va. Recently he returned (9 May) from a plane trip throughout the Pacific. In Tokyo he saw Homer Brown, Paul Brown, Milton Halsey, and Pat Mahoney. Also Bill and Dot Eley, who were there on leave from Manila. Many of the Class are living in and around Washington. I am now on duty with the Liaison and Legislative Division of the Department of the Army, Pentagon Building (Room 3C 920). I find it most interesting and expect to remain here until 31 July, when all retired officers must revert to the retired list"

On Memorial Day, 31 May, according to the yearly custom, the members of the Class stationed at West Point, Harris Jones and Tom Sinkler, representing the Class, placed flowers on the graves of the 5 members of 1917 who are buried in the West Point Cemetery: Hank Chapman, Jimmy Green, Fenton McGlathlin, Daves Rossell, and Walter Schulte. —T. S. S.

August, 1917

June week and graduation, for a non-reunion year, was extremely active. Four of our boys joined that exclusive group known as second lieutenants: Bruce Buechler, to the Air Force; John Bellinger and Fred Tibbetts to the Armored Cavalry; Phil Day to the Infantry. They are a fine lot of young men and you can be proud of them.

Those attending part or all of the week's ceremonies were: Teddy Buechler and Mary, just off the boat from Germany; John Bellinger and Margaret; Hi Ely and Zelle; Phil Day and Tommie; Mary Tibbetts; Red Kernan soloing from Menlo Park, California; Rudy Whitelegg; Walker White and Katie; George Hirsch and Edith; Harry Wood; and of course all the home guard. Jules Schaefer almost made it but a visit to the Wichita Boeing Plant by the Secretary for Air stymied Jules. We had no organized gatherings except a luncheon by Loessa Coffey for the Class wives, while their husbands attended the Alumni Luncheon and Annual Meeting of the Association of Graduates. There were

several disorganized and noisy gatherings.

At the Alumni Meeting our class group had the great pleasure of paying respect to an old and good friend, Major General Peter C. Harris, Class of 1888, Father of our *Shorty*. General Harris was attending his 50th reunion.

All news has not been good or happy. *Frank Jedlicka* passed away at Fort Sam Houston on 10 April and was buried at West Point. This event, sad at any time, was not unexpected. However *Jesse Matlack's* death on 13 May was completely unexpected; it occurred suddenly at Walter Reed Hospital. Ten classmates attended an impressive funeral at Arlington; Jesse was Commanding Officer of Ft. Myer, Va. and of the recently activated Third Infantry, the oldest unit of the Army.

Miscellaneous news items: *Bob Bringham* writes that while in San Francisco recently he had luncheon with *Jack Johnson* (gentleman of leisure); *Bruce Moomau* (Assistant Deputy Administrator for the Veterans Administration); *Red Kernan* (practicing lawyer and still verbal); and *Earl Knoob* (securities business).

Herman Pohl and *Peter Purvis* are resting up a bit at Walter Reed. The smoke, burns and shock of the fire at Herman's house in Leesburg, Va. were serious.

Bryant Moore of Trieste fame is to be the new Army Chief of Public Relations; *Ed Leavey* is to be the new Comptroller of the Army; *Bill Reeder* is now Deputy Chief of the Logistics Division of the General Staff. Congratulations to these three distinguished gentlemen.

Biff Jones and *Red Durfee* have returned to a retirement status—a heavy loss to our West Point group. *Biff* will live at 3262 Aberfoyle Pl., N.W., Washington, D. C. and *Red* at Ft. Monroe, Va., with *Leo Warner* and *Dorothy*, *Red's* sister.

Suggest the following action to all of you who read this: whenever you meet a classmate ask him at once "Are you a subscriber to *Assembly* and *The Register of Graduates*?" If he is not, then go to work on him. This is an obligation you owe the Academy, and our Class—both need your interest and help. —J. W. C.

June, 1918

Our thirtieth reunion was a great success. Thirty-two of the class were on hand; twenty of them bringing their wives. Those "dragging" were: *Baish*, *Bishop*, *Barth*, *Crouch*, *Dando*, *Grant*, *Hurt*, *Irish*, *Kramer*, *Lewis*, *Mielenz*, *Marshall*, *McNamee*, *Olyphant*, *Ross*, *Stenzel*, *Stephens*, *Smith*, *Sturgis*, and *Tounsley*. Stags were: *Balinger*, *Casman*, *Hamilton*, *Haleston*, *Holman*, *Horr*, *Jadwin*, *Lifsey*, *Matheus*, *Sibert*, *Underwood*, and *Ward*, C. S.

The class dinner was held at Bear Mountain Inn the evening of Sunday, June 6th. After a bit of elbow-bending, we sat down to a turkey dinner. Thirty-two classmates, nineteen wives, *Eddie Crouch's* son, *Michael*, and *Harold Lewis's* lovely daughter made up the party. Telegrams from *Freddy Kimble*, *Tex Mussil*, and *Lucius Clay* were read but time and healthy appe-

titles prevented the reading of a large number of letters of regret from members who were not able to attend. *Lucius* delegated *Hans Kramer* to do his drinking for him. *Hans* carried out the mandate with alacrity. After dinner round robin letters were written to *Lucius Clay* in Berlin and *Pat Casey* in Tokyo. A telegram was sent to *Ham Kelley* who had expected to come but was sick in Walter Reed Hospital. *Heinie Stenzel* took over at the piano and between vocal efforts of considerable volume, *Connie Jadwin* and *Al McNamee* entertained with some eccentric dancing. A juke box was wheeled in for dancing.

The class of November, 1918, held their reunion in the adjoining room. As the evening wore on the two parties more or less merged. We enjoyed renewing ties of friendship with this class that we knew and liked so well. *Ollie* and *Gene Vidal* were the center of a crowd of admirers who boasted that our pair of stars could hold their own in gridiron fame with *Davis* and *Blanchard*, or anybody else. We wished that *John McEwan* were there to complete the trio of West Point Stars of our day.

A class meeting was held on Saturday afternoon at which a drive was started for raising funds for a class window in memory of the class of 1818, our predecessor by a century. *Tenney Ross* touched us very much by subscribing not only for himself but also for *Blan Shattuck*. The idea of carrying on the memory of departed classmates was immediately taken up with *Smith*, *P. W.* subscribing for *John Paul Dean*; *Sturgis* for *Godson*, *Sibert* for *Eddie Jones*, *Dando* for *Ken Wang*, *Lewis* for *Peter Dye*, *Kramer* for *Ward*, *A. F.*, *Horr* for *Roemer* and *Mathews* for *Young*, *J. M.*

Alumni Day was marred by bad weather. The march of the Alumni and the Review were called off but the Memorial Exercises at Thayer Monument were held in spite of the rain. After the exercises the class met the sons of *Tenney Ross*, *Heinie Baish* and *Lloyd Mielenz*, all fine looking attractive youngsters.

By noon, Monday, the clan had begun to scatter but over half attended the luncheon of the Association of Graduates where we heard a very fine report by *Col. Fenton* and a most interesting speech by the Superintendent, *General Taylor*. The class was honored by the election of our *John Grant* as a Trustee of the Association. By evening all but a few had left for home. I believe I express the sentiments of all when I say that we returned home feeling that our ties of comradeship had been strengthened and that they would increase with each passing year. —G. B. B.

November, 1918

We had a great reunion during June Week. Fifty-seven of our classmates returned to West Point for the celebration. Many were accompanied by their wives, sons and daughters. A complete list of those present, according to our records, follows:

Bill Badger and wife, *Elmer Barnes* and wife, *Charlie Bathurst* and son, *Bill Benton*, *Al Bergman*, *John Binder*, *Larry Bizby*—wife and son, *Bill Blair*, *Frank Bouman* and son, *Tom Brink-*

ley, *Howard Canan*, *Red Carroll* and wife, *Bill Cocke* and son, *Archie Colwell*, *Bryan Conrad*, *Bob Coolidge*, *Monk Dickson*, *Leon Dunn*—wife and daughter, *Beany Ericson* and wife, *Bonner Fellers* and wife, *Pop Gildart*, *Count Gorkinski* and wife, *Charlie Gorman*, *Dave Griffiths*, *Les Groves* and wife, *Babe Gullatt* and wife, *Harry Hillard*, *Hunk Holbrook* and wife, *Reggie Hubbell*, *Mike Jenkins*—wife, son and daughter, *Mac McGiffert* and wife, *Andy March*, *Art Mickelsen* and wife, *Dad (Doc) Miller* and wife and son, *Jess Norman* and wife, *Freddy Pearson*, *Bill Powers*, *Art Pulsifer* and wife, *Mark Rhoads*—wife, and son (our Godson) and his wife, *Savvy Saville* and wife, *Harrison Shaler*, *Fred Stevens*, *Ken Stice*, *Trickel Trichel*, *Bev Tucker* and wife, *Heath Twitchell* and wife, *Van Voorst*, *Gene Vidal*, *Bill Wanamaker*, *Cindy Watkins*—wife and son, *Pinky Williamson*, *Jack Winn* and wife, *Reed Yeager* and wife. There were two classmates who did not graduate with us who also attended—*René Pintó* and *Henry Nichols*. *Abe Spring* arrived for the Supt.'s reception but could not stay and *Johnny Hughes* and wife arrived just in time for graduation on Tuesday morning. *Maude Muller* made a valiant attempt to fly in Monday but weather prevented.

A complete description of the reunion is being covered in a class letter which you should have received before you read this.

We wish to make a few corrections for our past errors. *Pop Gildart* wrote us that he is now Chief of Staff of the 9th Infantry Division at Fort Dix and that he is not a perennial member of boards and courts. *Fred Butler* is Commanding General of the Central Military District of the Sixth Army in San Francisco. *Reg Hubbell* writes that there was a sad error in our class booklet "One Score Ten". He protests vigorously about the fact that his offspring were listed as step-children. He says that they are definitely his own and feels he is entitled to credit where credit is due. These young hopefuls are *Frank*, 24, (now finishing up at the University of Virginia after three and a half years time out in the Service) and *Elizabeth*, 13.

Bill Blair was on his way back from attending a course in business administration at Harvard when he stopped off for the Reunion. *Kit Baker* departed from Washington on 5 June, for Rangoon, after a period of training with the Intelligence School in Washington.

Morris Gilland has left Fort Belvoir as Assistant Commandant of the Engineer School, to take over the New York Engineer District. *Arthur Pence* will relieve him, leaving Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. *Charlie Morrison* has been retired, effective 31 May. *Jess Norman* has recently been assigned Commanding Officer of Fort Lesley J. McNair (old Army War College).

The class booklet proved successful. We have received many favorable comments on it. If you have not received your copy, we suggest that you send *Badger* one dollar, with your name and address, and one will be mailed immediately.

Hunk Holbrook writes that fifty-five classmates have responded to the Class

Fund with the contributions of \$10.00. If you haven't paid, please send your contribution to—W. A. Holbrook, Jr., Federal Services Finance Corporation, 718 Jackson Place, N.W., Washington 6, D. C. —G. M. B.

1919

Your scribe has just returned from two months in Europe, where I visited Germany, Austria, Switzerland, France, Belgium, Holland, and England, in the company of Col. O. J. Gatchell, Professor of Mechanics, U.S.M.A., observing military and civilian educational institutions and methods. In Frankfurt I found *Sandy Sanderson* doing a fine job as deputy commandant of the military district. *Jimmy Harbaugh* is J.A. at E.U.C.O.M. Headquarters, and reports that he has seen most of the capitals of Europe during the past few years. Just before I left Frankfurt I ran into *Jazbo Murphy*, who was just reporting as deputy G-1 for the theater.

In Heidelberg I attended the annual West Point dinner as guest of *Don Shingler*, *Willie Palmer*, and *Gene McGinley*. Don is Theater Engineer, Willie deputy G-4, and Gene is Willie's executive. All wished to be remembered to classmates everywhere through the medium of this column.

At Munich we found *Ed Sebree* in command of the smart looking Second Constabulary Brigade. Ed reported that *Stu Barden* is located in the Munich area. While I did not see Stu, who was at Grafenwohr, I did see *Jack Keeley*, who has a boy headed for U.S.M.A. shortly. *Ray Burgess* was at Augsburg, being deputy post commander.

During our stay in Germany the rigors of the occupation diet were greatly alleviated through the gracious hospitality of Willie Palmer and his excellent cook, Mrs. Sandy Sanderson, Polly Sebree and her charming daughters, and Jeanne Marie Burgess.

In Bern we found *Kyke Allan* on the job as military attaché. Kyke was in the midst of welcoming his son and daughter-in-law to Switzerland when we arrived, but retained his usual urbanity under our dual attack, and promised to be on hand for our 30th. Moving on to Paris we found ourselves in the able hands of *Joe Tate*, who placed the facilities of his M.A. office at our disposal. Your scribe managed to repeat some of the experiences of our 1919 visit to Paris, such as visiting Ecole Polytechnique, the Folies Bergère, the Opera, and Versailles, although he admits to being old enough and wise enough to forego certain others. On the way to England we stopped long enough at the Hague to congratulate *Joe Holly* on his new job as Military Attache in Holland, and incidentally to beg a ride to London in the embassy plane.

June Week saw several of 1919 in attendance at U.S.M.A. After the Superintendent's reception there assembled at Qtrs. 33 the *Hugh Hoffmans*, the *Don Nelsons*, the *Phil Whitneys*, *Bunny Bruner*, *Charlie Chapline*, *Jack Dominney*, *Dick Coursey*, the *Edgar Snodgrasses*, and the *Brick Bartletts*. Hugh was back on a flying trip from

Japan to see Hugh Jr. graduate; Don was up from Washington for his second son's graduation; and Phil was welcoming Phil Jr. into the ranks of graduates. Phil is now retired, with domicile in Canaan, New Hampshire. The rest of us were just there, although Charlie Chapline proudly presented Ensign Chapline, fresh from the U.S.N.A. graduation. Hoffman reports that *van de Graff* is still on active duty in Japan, and that *Bill Bready* was in uniform in the Pacific during the war. Dick Coursey is at Governors Island.

Stu Little writes in that *Carl Moltor* "is running an outfit called Magic Gardens, Inc., at Miami, Florida (P.O. Box 2556), and advertises that he sells everything for hydroponic growing.—Carl appears to be quite an authority on the subject. Recently he authored an article on hydroponics which appeared in *Colliers*". In a letter from the Imperial Hotel, Tokyo, *Mose Chadwick* writes to assure us all that he is still alive after rolling several hundred feet down the side of a gorge off the road at Mt. Fujii in a G.H.Q. sedan. He encloses a picture of what was left of the sedan, and I assure you it is a miracle that all that happened to Mose was a broken shinbone. Mose concludes with the remark that "Old Willy Wilbur is over here as a 'foreign trader'. He'll never forget our class!"

In conclusion you are again reminded that next June (1949) is our thirtieth reunion. Lofty Snodgrass and your scribe constitute the local committee, which will be augmented by foreign representatives as needed. Mark Sunday and Monday, 5 and 6 June, 1949 on your calendar now, and start making the necessary plans to be at U.S.M.A. —B. W. B.

1920

Since the last publication of *Assembledly*, the following transfers of classmates have been noted: *Fred Hayden* was relieved last month from F.E.C., Tokyo, Japan, and assigned to A.G.O. Casuals, Washington, D. C. *Eddie Edmonson*, Colonel, F.A., left the United States in April for duty in F.E.C., Yokohama. *Dick Singer* was transferred from the United States to F.E.C., Korea, late in February. *Hugh Winslow*, Lt. Col., A.U.S., recently returned from F.E.C., Japan, and is on duty with the O.R.C., Rochester, New York. Hugh's home is in Avon, New York about 20 miles south of Rochester. It is interesting to note that Hugh and *Ted Knappen* are brothers-in-law, having married sisters.

The following items of general interest have come to attention since the last publication of these notes: *Joe Dillon* has been nominated to be temporary brigadier general, U.S.A.F. *Louis Claterbos*, retired for disability as a Colonel in 1946, died at his home in Pasadena, Calif., on the 27th of March, 1948, after a brief illness. *Al Perwein* was retired to civil life last month. *Leland Smith*, Adjutant General, Headquarters, United States Army, Pacific, with station in Honolulu, reports that the following three classmates are on duty with him in Hawaii: *George Honnen* is Executive

in Charge of Civilian Components; *Frankie Morse* is on duty with the Hawaiian National Guard; and *Clarence Schabacker* is Chief of Staff for the South Sector Command, Oahu.

Two sons of classmates graduated this June with the Class of 1948 and were presented sabers engraved with their names by members of the Class of 1920 present at an informal ceremony following the Alumni Parade. The new graduates so honored were William H. Travis and George W. Rutter.

John Lynch, Colonel, Q.M.C., and Herb Reuter, Colonel, Ordnance Department, were recent visitors to West Point. The latter is back at his old command; the Submarine Mine Depot, Fort Monroe, Va.

—E. C. Gillette, Jr.

1921 and 1922

Another June Week has passed into history—another record breaker in the greatest number of alumni returning. But for *Orioles* our 26th was scarcely an audible whisper compared to the roaring 25th in 1947 (*Bill Lawton* please note). The Home Guard—*Max Taylor*, *Charlie Barrett*, *Joe Grant*, *Ollie Hughes*, *Frank Greene* and *Charlie Branham*—was augmented by *Art Klein*, *Bill Kyle* and *George Olmsted*. If other Orioles were here I missed seeing them or hearing of their presence. Marcia and Frank Greene had a swell supper party on Sunday, 6 June, for those of us, and wives, who could attend. On Graduation Day a silver plate, suitably engraved, was informally presented by '22 to *Glenn C. Withide, Jr.*, '48, now a Second Lieutenant.

Fritz Lee writes from Nanking, where he arrived last February for duty with the Army Advisory Group, that he saw *Harry Bodine* just before Fritz left the States. He said Harry looked extremely youthful, well and prosperous, but was full of lamentation that unforeseen and important business (National Lead Company) had forced the cancellation of his plans to attend the now historic 25th Reunion. Fritz said Nanking is apparently going to be to his liking, especially after Allie gets there.

It says here that: Colonel and Mrs. *Gustin M. Nelson* are now making their home at 1309 Obispo Avenue, Coral Gables, Florida—Colonel Nelson having retired on 31 March; Lt. Colonel *T. F. Straub*, Ord Dept., has been ordered to F.E.C., Yokohama; Colonel *F. W. Hein*, Inf., is ordered to the O.C. of S.; Colonel *W. F. Sadtler*, Ord. Dept., is now Chief of the Production Service Branch of the Industrial Division of the Office of the Chief of Ordnance; Colonel *H. J. Woodbury*, C.E., has been ordered to the Office of the Chief of Engineers; Brigadier General *A. A. Kessler* is Director of Procurement and Industrial Planning in Hq. U.S.A.F.; and Major General *Orval R. Cook* has been ordered to Hq. A.M.C., Wright-Patterson A.F. Base.

And congratulations are due to Major General Orval R. Cook and Brigadier General James W. Spry, whose present ranks in the U.S.A.F. are now permanent. —C. N. B.

1923

Our 25th reunion was clouded by receipt of the shocking news of *Bill Leaf's* unexpected death from a heart attack at Rock Island Arsenal on June 1st. Funeral services were held there, but his ashes were interred at West Point on the morning of the 5th. Although most of the class had not arrived by that time, attendance was a hundred per cent of those that had, together with their families. There was a big turnout, including post personnel. Classmates and Dr. John C. McCauley, Jr., a boyhood friend of Bill's, served as honorary pallbearers. A detail from the Engineer Detachment, which Bill had commanded, acted as escort and firing squad; and the committal service was read by the Cadet Chaplain, Rev. Frank E. Pulley.

On the afternoon of the 5th the Class decorated the graves of *Austin, Christie, Ellerthorpe, Larr, Leaf and Savini*, whose remains rest in the Post Cemetery. The tribute consisted of red and white carnations in a vase with a white ribbon bearing "Class of 1923" in gold letters.

Although saddened by the absence of *Bill Leaf* and his family, who had planned to be with us, the Class felt that *Bill* himself would have wanted us to carry on as scheduled; which we did.

The festivities began with a picnic supper in the dance pavilion at Camp Buckner. For the benefit of those who have not seen it, it is a huge screened-in building extending partly out into Lake Popolopen near the bathing beach and the wooded point where chapel services are held during the cadet encampment. A more delightful setting would be hard to imagine.

Absentees can picture for themselves the fun we had renewing friendships and getting acquainted with each other's families. In addition, two of our former instructors and their wives, Colonel and Mrs. Gatchell and Colonel and Mrs. Crampton Jones, honored us with their presence. Colonel Gatchell is Professor of Mechanics, successor to "P" Carter, and Colonel Jones is Inspector General, an office that didn't exist here when we were cadets. Brig. General and Mrs. *Harris Jones* and Colonel and Mrs. "*Biff Jones*" were unable to attend, though very regretful; so were Maj. General and Mrs. *Maxwell D. Taylor*. Nothing could be more hectic than the schedule of the Superintendent and the Dean during June Week. The "*Biff Joneses*" were caught in the double squeeze of A.A.A. obligations and final preparations to return to retirement.

Everyone turned out for the Supe's lawn party on the 6th and had a wonderful time hobnobbing with each other and bumping into friends and contemporaries of other classes. Our old favorites, *Bonesteel* and *Crittenberger*, as well as others, got a big kick and many a laugh out of recalling episodes before the "Batt Board" and "happy landings" in the Riding Hall. Which brings to mind the fact that I am not going to detail the proceedings of the Alumni Luncheon, other than to record that General Danford made a special point of visiting our class and expressing his pride in us—"his class", the one that had its whole four years under his tutelage. I might add that his affection for us has been expressed to me many times during the past six years of my tour here.

On the night of the 6th we gathered at the Stewart Field Officers' Club for our reunion dinner and dance. *Fritz Breidster* presided, radiating the same smile and hearty warmth that endeared him to us when we were cadets. There were no formal speeches. *Fritz* called us to attention during the meal and read off the list of our honored dead (41 of them). Then, after acknowledgments to the Reunion Committee, he delivered a short address, full of pride in the Class and affection for its members. To judge by the comments afterwards, his remarks were everything that anyone could have wished.

Rain canceled the Alumni Review in favor of a short ceremony at the Thayer Monument. This also threw our plans out of gear a little, as word did not get around to everybody that the presentation ceremony for sons of '23 would be held in the Military History Lecture Room (4th floor, West Academic) instead of at the Monument. Fifty-two members with their families, however, made the formation and got into the group photo, which we hope the editor will judge clear enough for reproduction.

Bill Craigie gave a fatherly talk to the cadets sons of '23 and explained why they were there. (Most of them had thought until then that they were just being turned out for another *soirée* by the T.D.) He then introduced *Fritz Breidster*, who spoke of our pride in them and our hopes for their success. *Hoyt Vandenberg*, our most distinguished member, presented the class gifts and shook the hand of each cadet. A silver Parker '51 pen, engraved with the name of each recipient, was given to each of the following First Classmen: *Chandler, L., Fry, Hartnell, Has-*

kell, Hayden, Skinner, Webber, K. E., and Whitson. Mechanical pencils, that write in four colors, were given to the following underclassmen: *Chandler, C., Craigie, Ellerthorpe, Foster, Harrold, J. S., Harrold, T. U., Holcomb, Jamison, McGehee, McLean, D. A., McLean, R. P., Morton, R. L., Nist, Schlatter, Stone, Storck, Vandenberg, Vandersluis, Tormey and Workman.*

I will not describe the rest of the June Week events because they followed the usual pattern. Of course the Class gave each graduate son a big hand when he came up for his diploma. We were, however, drowned out by the general acclaim when *Jim Fry, Jr.*, stepped up to make his triumphal appearance as "Supreme Goat". Your reporter, having known *Jim* for the past four years, pauses to predict that this is only the first time when he will win general applause.

The following list of those who attended the reunion is as complete as we can determine, considering the lack of any official record and our inability to corral all classmates at the same time and place. Advance apologies are tendered to any who have been inadvertently omitted: *Bates, Biddle, Bowen, Breidster, Carnes, Carraway, Carroll, Carter, J. C., Chambers, Craigie, Cunkle, D'Espinoza, Dwyer, Early, Edwards, Enslow, Evans, R. B., Farrow, Fitzmaurice, Galloway, Galusha, Gettys, Gjelsteen, Greene, J. I., Grombach, Gunn, Hallock, Harriman, Harrold, Haskell, Hayden, Howard, Howell, Johnson, A. L., Johnson, W. G., Kehm, Kennedy, J. H., King, J. C., Lawrence, Leone, Longwell, Lord, Lucas, Lutwack, McInerney, McLean, Marshall, Milton, Morton, W. J., Nist, Noyes, O'Reilly, Osborne, Palmer, G. H., Phillips, Post, Raymond, P. H., Reber, Rich, Roper, Roth, Rowland, Salsman, Sass, Scheetz, Schlatter, Serff, Serig, Short, Stewart, G. C., Sureau, Timberlake, Timberman, Tormey, Torrence, Towle, Tredennick, Vandenberg, Vauthier, Warren, J. W., Webber, K. E., White, H. V., White, J. H., White, W. W., Whitson, Workman.*

—W. J. Morton.

1924

Letter from Germany:

"The weekend of May 15th was the occasion for another gathering of members of the Class of 1924, U.S.M.A., and their families at Chiemsee, favorite Bavarian resort southeast of Munich.

"Preliminaries started on Friday with the usual greetings, small talk



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and libations. Saturday saw fishing expeditions, sailing and, believe it or not, some downright loafing. The afternoon on the lakeside terrace in the sun was a pleasant interlude and merged into the cocktail hour without change of pace.

"The dinner was attended by twenty-five with the offspring getting special attention elsewhere. A fine private dining room was available and the Bavarian musicians played our kaydet songs with gusto. Needless to say, we responded in kind. The enormous round table saved anybody from being 'put under' but 'it was good enough for Hitler' so it had to be good enough for us. (Sounds like the Price Boys should have been there, doesn't it?)

"Following the dinner, we repaired to the ball room where excellent entertainment was available even disregarding several fancy dances contributed 'for free' by some of your esteemed classmates. Believe it or not, we did get to bed and what's more, all were up by ten o'clock for a boat trip to Ludwig's Castle on an island in the lake.

"Came luncheon and we scattered again until Labor Day weekend when we plan to meet in the Rhine area, probably at Wiesbaden. Not our biggest party but it was a honey. We wish local conditions had permitted everyone to be present. Set your sights for the next one.

"Present were *Sam Conley, Dud and Gladys Dudley, Chick and Toots Darling, Andy and Mrs. Gamble, Hank and Priscilla Frierson, Emil and Nell Lenzner, Pete and Cleo Peterson, George and Nora Smith, Sam and Martha Smithers, Leonard and Leila Stone, Art Trudeau and Red and Irma Wrockloff.* Also Malcolm and Nell Lenzner Stewart ('45) with precious two-year old Laurie and Bob Hurst ('44) a guest of Art Trudeau.

"The juniors did all right, too, with Joan Dudley, Peter and Price Darling, Sevilla Gamble, Virginia Smith, Charles and Martha Smithers and Ray Stone setting the pace.

"Others in the theater who could not make it include *Logan Berry, Dave Erskine, Fritz French, John Hill, Bill Liebel, Otis McCormick, Bruce McConnell, Dick Mitchell, Van Pope, Carl Raguse, Vern Stevens, Gordon Textor and Bill Triplet.* Also, *Abrahams and Rasback (U.S.N.A. '24) Naval Liaison, E.U.C.O.M.,* and military attaches *Joe Burrill (Finland), Charlie Dasher (Spain), Bob Miller (Netherlands) and Bill Sexton (Iran).*" —D. B. S.

1925

It pleases me to report as the first item of my first attempt at writing these notes that *Nick Nicholas* was appointed Professor of Mathematics at U.S.M.A. effective 15 June. The pleasure is twofold. First, I shall have the opportunity to persevere and find out just what the points were to some of the jokes he told in 1921-1925; and second, it will be comforting to have a prospective replacement immediately available.

The number of Unreliables here during June Week was small but vociferous. It included *Wayne Smith, Diz Barnes, Ed Garbisch, Daddy Dunn, George Graybe, Jerry Kelley, Bill Kost,* and the home contingent, *Swede Un-*

derwood, Mutt Crandall, Hoppy Hopkins, ye scribe. The final session terminated with the usual tribute to the Man on the Flying Trapeze rendered, we felt then, in a magnificent manner. *Jack Chamberlain* came up on a quick trip as Aide to the Secretary of Defense, who delivered the graduation address. Not traveling in such select circles we did not get to see Jack.

Dave Bradford forwards the following. "*Jack and Lucy Horner* spent two days with us prior to the West Point Dinner. Jack managed to squeeze through the door by turning sideways (couldn't he do a sweet job of filling a lacrosse goal NOW!). At the dinner met *Leb Woods* in from Barksdale Field, *Pat Noyes* from Middletown Air Depot, and *Charley Fargo* from 2nd Armored Division at Camp Hood. *Joe McMahan*, recently returned from Germany, is back on the retired list at home in Murfreesboro, Tenn. *Art Boll*, now retired, is running an Electronics school in San Antonio." Dave expects to return to the retired list this summer. He concludes with: "If any of the guys and gals from '25 stroll down this way Peg and I would like to have 'em drop by our spread and lap up some tequilla and frijoles". Address: 301 Blue Bonnet Blvd., San Antonio, Texas.

Bruce Clarke provides this information on our godson Skippy: "After two and a half years interruption of his college work by being a Radar Operator in the Navy (Pacific), he returned to Syracuse University where he will graduate on 14 June. He is being married the same day to Miss Jona Himelich of Syracuse and will continue at Syracuse University Law School next year". Skippy is now 22. Think that over next time that matinee idol smiles back at you from the mirror, grandpappys. Bruce also reports visits to his Armored School at Fort Knox by *Benny Fowlkes, Ted Dunn, Shiek Graybe and Ernie Holmes,* and that *Jud Smith* is stationed at Knox. Suspect they doubled the guard on the gold pile while that aggregation was there. Incidentally, *Russ Randall* reports that Bruce put on a fine armored show for the National War College last spring.

Charlie Saltzman spoke to the First Class here several weeks ago. *George Withers* reports Charlie is to speak at Leavenworth (the college) on 17 June and George is arranging an appropriate celebration. George states *Hack Cleaves, Joe Cleland and Bill Heacock* are with him on the faculty and that *Ike Evans* will join them this summer. Surprising how many longbeards we are developing. George is Assistant Commandant of the new School of the Commander and General Staff; Ike is slated to be Assistant Commandant of the School of Logistics; Bruce Clarke is Assistant Commandant of the Armored School; and Diz Barnes is Commandant of the Air Command and Staff School. Getting back to Charlie, *Carl Tischbein* saw him one Sunday searching through a delicatessen store in Washington looking for limes. Charlie!!

Benny Fowlkes, Oxy Oxrieder and Jerry Galloway will attend the next course at the Industrial College. Attending the course now terminating are *Ike Evans, Leland Kuhre, Bill Nut-*

ter, Lew Riggins, and Red Willing. *Russ Randall and John* (no longer Gravy) *McCormick* are finishing up at the National War College. Russ will become Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, 1st Air Force, and John Deputy Commanding General, 12th Air Force. *John Davis and Colby Myers* are scheduled to attend the next course at the N.W.C. Seems as though the next move from these schools is usually to higher headquarters in Washington; at least that seems to be the trend in our class. You may be interested in just how we stack up in occupying the seats of the mighty. Here is a brief tabulation.

State Department (1) (Saltzman).
Office, Secretary of Defense (1) (Chamberlain).

Joint Chiefs of Staff (1) (DeArmond).

Munitions Board (1) (Tischbein).
Office, Chief of Staff, U.S. Army (1) (Oxrieder).

Office, Comptroller, U.S. Army (1) (Strickland).

General Staff U.S. Army (11). Intelligence Div. (Bailey, Barlow). Logistics Div. (Barton, Dawson, Seleen, Westphalinger). Organization and Training Div. (Bird). Personnel and Administration Div. (Burbach, Dunford, Howze). Plans and Operations Div. (Ordway).

Special Staff, U. S. Army (2). Civil Affairs Div. (Lynch). Legislative and Liaison Div. (Tulley).

U.S. Air Force Headquarters (4). Intelligence (Cabell). Operations (Ritchie). Strategic Air Command (Colby Myers). Deputy Air Engineer (Lincoln).

Headquarters, Army Field Forces (2) (Davis, Purdue).

Office, Chief of Ordnance (1) (Gambler).

Office, Chief of Engineers (1) (Linkswiler).

Bobby Howze forwarded the interesting figures below pertaining to the Class. It appears that of the 390 Unreliables who entered in 1921 there are now on the regular active rolls 136 including five recently integrated. Losses were: Found, 78; Discharged, P.D., 9; Dismissed, 2; Dropped from rolls, 5; Died, 28; Resigned, 93 (58 as Cadets); Retired, voluntary, 4; Retired, P.D., 18; Turned back, 20; Discharged after graduation, 2. Apropos of interesting figures, the broadening influence of our long service became evident when Wayne Smith, Daddy Dunn, Diz Barnes, Ed Garbisch and I tried to occupy a total of three chairs at the Alumni Luncheon.

A little dope on the status of offspring at U.S.M.A. I shall make it a point to get up a complete list for the next issue. Diz Barnes has two; a Yearling and a First Classman (now called a Firstie). Young Mike DeArmond is a Second Classman (now called a Cow). Wayne Smith, Jr. is a First Classman and Lucien Bolduc, Jr. a Second Classman. Young Hayden Grubbs is preparing for next year's entrance exams.

Russ Randall says: "My old association with Tom Jenkins is paying dividends since Russ Jr. will have captained the Princeton wrestling team for two years when he graduates next year"

Bill Nutter informs us that *George McManus* returns from Panama this summer for duty in Washington, and that he saw *Hayden Grubbs* in Washington enroute to Japan.

Chuck Noble gives forth with this noble comment: "Still working for the interest of Uncle Sam; he comes first, everything else comes second"

Ed Jones continues as Czar of the Washington realtors. His brother, *Biff*, leaves U.S.M.A. the end of June to return to the retired list. His second departure is felt as much as his first.

Wilmer Bennett and bride have arrived in Washington for duty after a tour in Okinawa. Enroute home they report seeing in Japan the *Carl Meyers*, *Sears*, *Denson*, *Suttles*, and *Peploe* families and *Stan Babcock* and *Harry Spillinger*.

Branner Purdue reports seeing most of the above on a trip through the Pacific and in addition *Crombez* in Korea, and *Gilmore* in Sapporo.

Chuck Canham and *Joe Cannon* are respectively Assistant Division Commander and Artillery Commander of the 82nd Airborne.

Jimmy Channon has returned to his work with the Military Mission in Greece.

Ray Toms, now stationed at Fort Sill, was seen in Washington on several occasions.

Count Cavelli is resting up preparatory to going overseas.

Strick Strickland is at Walter Reed with a smashed ankle acquired last April as a result of a fall from a ladder while washing windows at his home. Hazardous these non-military activities Strick. Get well quickly.

Axel Dobak beams over picnics of the *Purdies*, *Doughertys*, *Kearns* and *Dobaks* in the Fort Monroe, Camp Lee section of Virginia. Invited me down to one but mentioned no place or date.

Hoppy Hopkins is in France acting as chaperon to a group of cadets on an exchange visit to the French Military Academy. Young *Lucien Bolduc* is a member of the group.

Dave Tulley sneaked into the grounds here, fished for four days incognito, and fled with the dawn.

Hank Westphalinger enters upon an assignment in London, England, this summer. Address: c/o American Embassy, London.

Swede Underwood departs U.S.M.A. before July to serve as District Engineer in Guam.

Many thanks for your generous response to Swede's plea in the April issue to send in material. Without your help this column will of necessity contain little of general interest as we are off the beaten track here and see few of our classmates. My deadline for the next issue is 10 September. All contributions will be gratefully received.
—V. J. E.

1926

Tep Barbour has returned to the Washington arena from Germany and is now assigned to the Personnel Bureau, A.G.O.

Sparky Baird has been alerted for Korea after a commendable tour as Chief, Instructor Training at Leavenworth. The *Army-Navy Journal* also reports that *Sparky* has recently been conducting training sessions for the

instructors of the C.I.C. School at Camp Holabird, Md., on psychology, public speaking and the psychology of learning.

In the last issue of *Assembly*, I reported that *George Hickman* and *Ludy Toftoy* were scheduled for the Industrial College. I now find that I was premature. George, having finished a law course at Harvard, has been taken into the fold of the J.A.G. and will hang out his shingle in the Pentagon. He is currently taking D.C. bar examinations and will soon be qualified to give expert legal advice. Ludy will continue on at his present job which he is most enthusiastic about and which certainly keeps him from getting the middle aged spread.

Acting-Governor Weatherby of Kentucky celebrated Army Day by presenting a Bronze Star to *Parker Reeve*.

Jimmy Wheaton answered the call about a month ago to hear Cadet Wheaton and the rest of the Cadet Chapel Choir sound off at the National Cathedral on their annual spring pilgrimage.

Harry Baxter has received orders transferring him from Hamilton Air Force Base, Calif., to 406th A.F.B.U., Fourth Air Force, Air Defense Command, McChord A.F.B., Wash.

Frank Purcell, who now works for the U.S. Air Force has received orders for the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

Members of '26 who attended the 1947-48 classes at the National War College and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces have received assignments as follows: *Red Corderman* to the Alaskan Command. *Ken McNaughton* to Chief of Training Division, Office of D.C.S. for Operations, U.S.A.F. *Jimmy Burwell* to Caribbean Command. *Bill Bayer* to the Joint Staff. *Mutt Bowen* to 38th Reg'l Combat Team, Camp Carson, Colo. *Sam Harris* will hang his hat with the Staff and Faculty of the National War College. *Ralph Osborne* to 2d Division, Ft. Lewis, Wash. *Jack Ryan* to European Command. *Rod Smith* to Office of Asst. Secretary of the Army. *Ted Wenzlaff* to Chicago, Q.M. Depot. *Waltie Barnes* is returning from E.U.C.O.M. in June for assignment to Hqrs., Third Army at Fort McPherson, Atlanta, Ga.

Bob Gaffney has been in and out of the Pentagon several times lately and attended the class luncheon in May. Bob's business card reads Vice President "Incentiv-Aids" Division of the Bressler Co., 130 West 42nd St., (Bush Tower) New York 18, N. Y.

Currently at the Strategic Intelligence School in the Pentagon are *Jimmy Davidson*, (for Asst. Military Attache to Rome—leaving in July); *Brook Brady* (M.A. to Bulgaria), *Johnny McFarland* (M.A. to Peru). And—effective 16 August, I am happy to report that your Washington reporter, *Frank Miter*, will start at the school preparatory to assignment to Portugal.

Further to the above, *Freddie Munson* has volunteered to take over this quarterly headache and will also be the grateful recipient of over-due class dues, inquiries, gripes and news letters. Unfortunately the latter are all too infrequent and I take this opportunity to put in a plea to you all to drop Freddie a line whenever you

come across any items of class interest or even a bit of news about yourself. Remember—"Blessed be he who bloweth his own horn for hisn shall be blowed".

Freddie's address is "Office of the Under Secretary of the Army, Room 3E-973, Pentagon Bldg., Washington 25, D. C.

Another June Week has come and gone but the class was very poorly represented. The only members present were *Red Reeder*, *Johnny Roosma*, *Chuck Canham* and *Bob Nourse*.

Merson Skinner recently let us know that he and *Sam Fuller* were the only members of '25 who attended the West Point Dinner in Honolulu: *Keith Barney* is in Hawaii, we know, but we don't know why he didn't attend.

Admiral Sims has recently been elected Vice President of the Fairchild Engine and Airplane Corporation. He is General Manager of the Fairchild-Nuclear Energy for the Propulsion of Aircraft Project at Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

Sparky Baird drops in occasionally, mostly to see his son and to straighten out the affairs of those who have had fires. He reports that he will see us again in July.—F. F. M. and R. S. N.

1927

Gar Davidson, Chief of Staff of 6th Army at the Presidio of San Francisco, writes as follows:

"*Howell Jordan* came in on the transport *Simon Bolivar Buckner* from Japan several days ago but got out of town in his brand new Kaiser before I knew he was in these parts. As you know, *Buzz Butler* is our A.G. here at the Presidio. His boy *Buzzie* and my eldest boy *Gary* play on the local Presidio boys baseball team. *Ham Sinclair* is a local insurance salesman and stopped by to say hello on his rounds the other day. *Tommy McManus* as you know is in the contracting business across the bay and I see him from time to time. *Jack Griffith* is Chief of Staff of the 2d Division at Fort Lewis. However, he leaves this summer to go to Alaska for duty. *Buck Wiley* commanded one of the regiments at Fort Lewis until recently when he left for Japan. *Chick Harding* was through here last winter enroute to Hickam Field. *Freddie Funston's* sister called me up the other day to let me know that *Freddie's* son has received his appointment to the Academy and will enter this July. Our class was represented at the West Point dinner by *Buzz Butler*, *Tommy McManus*, *Ham Sinclair*, *Merry Master*, and *Chick McNutt*."

Joe Phelan has just written in stating that, though retired, he is a Government worker at the Detroit Arsenal. His address is R.F.D. No. 4, Box 216, Royal Oak, Michigan.

The only classmates present for our 21st reunion were *Mack Miller* and wife, and *Chris Nelson* and wife. *Mack Miller* is on duty with the Reserves in New Jersey and *Chris Nelson* lives in New Jersey but works in New York City.

Bobby Lowe was up briefly and visited with *Jim Green*.

Harry McKinney, who has just returned from Germany, has been ordered to West Point. He is to command

the Ground Arms Detachment of the 1802d Special Regiment here. Helen and Nancy will accompany Mac.

Hal Isaacson is with the U.S. Embassy in Honduras.

Pedee Ginder is Exec in the G-3 Section in Tokyo. He states that our class had a delegation at the Tokyo West Point dinner which included Hutchison, Levings, Naylor, Granholm, Douglas, Ham and Jordan.

Our class fund here sent Constance Ganahl several copies of the last Assembly. This issue included the obituary on Joe.

Recent statistics of our class show 137 active, 19 retired, 23 in civilian life and 24 deceased. This totals 203.

A new questionnaire is to be sent out prior to publication of next Assembly. Please answer these.

—R. F. S. and J. W. G.

1928

Our 20th Reunion was very successful, most of our returning classmates arriving on 5 June and staying till 8 June. We had a barracks reunion on the night of the 5th (very successful).

On 6 and 7 June we had parties arranged by our three classmates at West Point, Sherburne, Reber and Calyer.

The first was a boat ride and picnic at Constitution Island. The weather was fine and so was the food, thanks to Sherburne's Ground Arms Detachment. There were 45 classmates and wives at this affair.

The other party was held at Bull Pond in the Fishing Club's Lodge, thank goodness!—it rained cats and dogs. No one minded since the food and company were again good.

Mrs. "Art" Meehan was present for both parties; every one was delighted to see her and to see her looking so well. Lucy lives in North Newburgh, on Balmville Road. I am sure she would like to hear from Art's classmates and their wives.

Members of the class that returned were Cowboy Ramey, Charlie Born, Sam Myers, Skippy Harbold, Barnes, Calyer, Daley, Elsworth, Falkner, Goodell, Fleming, Caldwell, Ludlam, Ludlow, Lovejoy, McNamara, Bullock, Reber, Sherburne, Walter, Tommy Lane, Tomlin, Tate, Rich, Webb, O'Connell, Staley, E. B. Thayer, Riggs, Smith, D. B., Coverdale, Farra, Johnson, Kirby, Nelson and Somerville.

We had a letter from Paul Breden in which he says Forrest Allen, Butchers, Hastings, Half, Holly and McLemore are in Japan, and that he had seen Grinstead, Israel, and Travis in the past few months. Wadman is in Japan but he had not seen him yet.

How about some letters from the rest of you people for the Assembly Class notes?
—P. D. C.

1929

Thanks to Charlie Tench and McAneny we have a report on the class party of 8 May in Washington. The financial report is signed by Person, Ostrand and Tench and records that

classmates and wives present totalled 94 and that Jark, Freeman and Viney are designated to arrange another such meeting. The list of those present which I have includes: Armstrong, Brewster, Bush, Calloway, Caraway, Chard, Browne, Griffith, Guyer, Hayes, Herndon, Huglin, Jark, Keeler, Lasher, MacIntosh, McCulla, McNally, Mc Nerney, Milwitt, Moore, Nesbitt, Nichols, Ostrand, Person, Poinier, Seitz, Smith, Talbot, Tench, Velasquez, Theimer, Viney, Vittrup, McKee, Carey, Parr, Thompson, M. R., McAneny, Fellows, Allen, Griffin, Steadman, and the wives of our two deceased classmates Lutimer and P. S. Thompson. You detail artists may gripe about the lack of some initials. I'm just copying the poopsheet. The length of the list indicates that the Pentagon or thereabouts is the most probable station for an officer of twenty years service.

Al Viney has taken his pen (I mean pen not secretary) in hand and has provided a detailed account of the 11 June class luncheon in the "General and Flag Officers Lounge" at the Pentagon. Forty-three were present and the list includes the following not named as being at the class party: Silver, LaPage (on temporary duty from S.C.A.P.), O'Hara, McKenzie, Freeman, McClelland, Horner, Bassett, Doubleday, Ghormley, Chris Clarke, Sands who is leaving shortly for Camp Jackson, and Strauss and Wright who have just arrived in Washington. The luncheon meeting proposed to have a monthly luncheon hereafter. Al sends me a large list of changed addresses which we will attempt to get into the Register of Graduates. Parenthetically many people seem to limit their addresses with great confidence to a room number in the Pentagon. Since the great game of readjusting space every three months in the Pentagon might be revived, how about more complete addresses?

The luncheon meeting voted overwhelmingly that the class group at West Point be designated the 20th Reunion Committee; furthermore the luncheon meeting approved in advance any arrangement which might be made. The foregoing is hereby re-

corded in print although there is some feeling here at U.S.M.A. that the 43 lunchers missed some of the point of the plea in the last Assembly. The first step on reunion was taken in May when Paul Harkins reserved Round Pond for a picnic on the Saturday night of June week '49.

I quote from Mac McAneny's very helpful letter. "Jim Sladen is to report to Monroe to A.F.F. from Norfolk. Johnny Nesbitt was in fine fettle, seems to have lost a lot of weight (23 pounds he says—GAL) and is happy at Sullivan's. Alice same happy self. Talbot has nice job with Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Co. The Mc Nerney's live in Arlington and have four fine children, three sons and a daughter." Mac has orders to the Subsistence School, Food and Container Institute, Chicago, on 15 August for 6 months. Jim Ostrand is going to an engineer job in Chicago. Army Armstrong is editing an encyclopedia of information about the Army—a five foot book shelf in one book.

Weary Wilson has spent one day at West Point during June Week. He is district engineer at St. Paul and deals with such diverse problems as permafrost, navigation and flood control on the upper Mississippi. In between times he and Jean raise four youngsters. His recent business trip to Washington caused Johnny Nesbitt to generate an informal class gathering.

Jim Hannigan has written greetings to the 29ers at the Point in his usual warm, shy style. He states firmly that five members of the class are holding their own at the Armed Forces Staff College, that Rand Kutz is president of the student body, Chan Robbins continues to teach G-1 matters and that by virtue of an all day cruise on a sub everyone has earned his "baptism by total submergence" card. Bob Crandall is shifting to duty at Norfolk with Cinclant Hq. as a joint planner. Jim comments that every one is "hale and hearty considering the ages involved" and in the next sentence states he has added a second son as well as a new Buick to his family since arrival at Norfolk. We presume the Buick is a dashing convertible.



Ushers at Ehrgott's (Ex-'27) Wedding. Left to right, front row: Cadets Fry, Howard, Ewing and Wood. Back row: Smyly and Quinn. With the exception of Fry, all are sons of members of the Class of 1927.

The Association of Graduates clipping service divulges that *George Lynch* has been public speaking at the Lions Club, in Newport News, a headline reading "Col. Costello is appointed"—to the National War College according to the text which mentions his attendance at the "West Point Academy", and that *Howard Pearson*, now a member of the English department of the McDonogh School, Baltimore, will direct the proposed new R.O.T.C. course if that course is approved by the Department of the Army.

Glen Williamson sends the useful collection of items in this paragraph and his address—250 North La Peer Drive, Beverly Hills, California. He is assistant to General Eaker (Retired), is working principally with the Aircraft Division of the Hughes Aircraft Company and finds his work very interesting. He reports that *Keene Watkins* is practising law in Los Angeles. His address is 818 Ruthless Avenue, San Gabriel, Cal. *Fadness* lives in the vicinity. *Jack Stone* is retired and is Assistant Manager of the Sears Roebuck store in Arlington, Virginia. *Pearl Robey* has been transferred from Maxwell Field to Wright Field. *Mish Roth*, *Don Graul*, *Lud Bryan*, *Fred Dent* and *Tom McDonald* are at Wright Field.

Joe Colby stopped at West Point for a day in May. He is deeply involved in the Armored development business for the Ordnance at Detroit and feels he is getting somewhere.

There is a report that four classmates are heads of departments at Ft. Sill, *Dave Brown*, *Bill Bullock*, *Fred Chaffee* and *Luster Vickrey*. *Hattan* is with 4th Army reportedly in G-2. *Billy Greear* is deputy chief of staff of the constabulary in Germany. *Rennie Renshaw* is returning from the Philippines to the Air Engineer's office.

Ken Nichols came back to West Point twice in May as "a distinguished lecturer" to tell the cadets about atomic energy. Nick has established a new precedent—still being a Professor U.S.M.A. as well as a Major General, U.S. Army.

We lose *Phil* and *Ethel Draper* this year. They are going to Norfolk. That will leave the '29 contingent at West Point as *Chandler*, *Harkins*, *Kirkpatrick*, *Lincoln*, *Phillips* and *Thompson*, *W. J. Paul* Harkins assumed the job of Commandant of Cadets on 9 June and with it the responsibility for the "New Look" on the brigade of cadets.

I am getting no commission for the next remarks. I suggest that, even in these inflationary times, everybody put in three bucks a year to get *Assembly* and the *Register*. It is true that the three bucks are almost as much as the price of a bottle of whiskey or a steak. But a general sensing from classmates either stopping at West Point or writing letters indicates that almost every member of the class has a desire for information which would be readily available to him if the coverage of information provided in *Assembly* and the *Register* was more complete. Furthermore *Assembly* is the only sure source of any information on June Week and Reunion next year. There will of necessity be few or no poopsheets distributed. If

you accept the above reasoning send your check for three dollars to The West Point Alumni Foundation, Inc., 381 4th Ave., New York 16, N. Y.

—Abe Lincoln.

1930

Bob Wood and *Charlie Odenweller* showed up during June Week giving us a very small class reunion. Hope you all plan on making it much larger for 1950. *Charlie* is at Ft. Adams, Newport, R. I. I think that everyone knows where *Bob* is; has he ever been any other place? However, in case you missed it, he will have a new job after finishing the National War College, still in Washington, of course. He will be aide to Secretary of Defense Forrester. His duties are not quite clear to him yet as he has not started work, but it's really high level stuff.

Bob gave me some interesting bits of information on the class. He'll probably get them to you in a letter before this comes out, but here it is. Out of 241 graduating, 167 men are still on active duty. Of the 72 who are not on active duty, just half have died, and the other half are floating around, some still not located (*Alexander*, *Anderson*, *Diddlebock*, *Heimerdinger*, *Johnson*, *Patrick*, *Buster Perry*, *Sisson*, and *Winters*). Of those on active duty, 126 are in the Army and 41 in the Air Forces. Incidentally, 45 members out of that 167 are on duty in Washington.

Rumor hath it that *Win* and *Pat Sisson* with family are at the University of California at Berkeley, but *Bob* gets no answers to his letters. Also, *Shaffer* is supposed to be teaching at the Superior State Teachers College, Superior, Wisconsin.

The *Bob Crons* have a new boy born 10 April at Walter Reed. The little tyke is tied down by the name Robert Edward Cron, III.

Rosy Taber was elected an associate member of the M.I.T. chapter of Sigma Xi, a honorary society for scientific students, for having demonstrated aptitude for research in a field of science. Congratulations, *Rosy*, and how things do change. That makes two of us who are members of Sigma Xi now. Do we have any more brothers?

Some of the following notes were in *Bob Wood's* last letter, but are repeated for the benefit of classes around ours who will read our class notes. *Gundy Gunderson* returned from Europe and is in the P. and O. Div., Army General Staff; *Mark Bradley* went to Wright-Patterson A.F.B.; *Bill Carter* to Third Army Hq. at Fort McPherson; *Gerry Mason* to China to join *Ace Goodwin* in the Military Advisory Group; *Johnny Greco* to the 82d Airborne Div. at Bragg; *Herb Mitchell* back to Washington with T.A.G.'s office; *Bill Allen* will remain at the A.F.S.C. on the faculty.

Let me add my congratulations to those already received by *Ralph Suoford* and *Spike Eckert* on their stars in the air force. Hope they become permanent fixtures.

Fritz Weber has been named as Captain and Manager of the Pentathlon Team. He will not be participating. They fly to London 13 July for a month of the Olympics. *Fritz* is having *Billy*, his second oldest son, go over by com-

mercial steamer to join him there. After *Fritz's* return to the U.S. he will be assigned to the 1802d Special Regiment here at West Point.

Charley Eastburn will report this summer to W.P. for duty with the Military Art and Engineering Department (another old man teaching). At a meeting of the class held during June Week, he was unanimously elected to be Class Representative here at W.P. so the next *Assembly* Notes should let you sample his literary ability (that's the way I got the job too, *Charley*, elected when I wasn't here to defend myself). Though you might not believe it from the result, I enjoyed writing them. Au revoir.

—Jac Rothschild.

1931

Dead-eye Henry was the only member of 1931 to return for June Week.

Don Webber was at West Point during May with a high ranking Argentina party.

Total letters received since the last *Assembly*—3. One for Army-Navy baseball tickets; another about the price of uniforms at the Cadet Store and a third for a purchase at the P.X., but not one bit of class news.

Phil Stiness is at Cornell. Army plays Cornell at Ithaca 23 October.

Twenty-eight will have two sons in the Corps this year. Who said life begins at 40?

One year ago I volunteered to keep up this column. I have been successful in selling it to *Al Greene* for at least the next two issues.

'23 and '28 Reunions were top notch. Let's start thinking about '51 now.

—O. C. K.

1932

Having been:

(1) Unsuccessful in my attempt to extract from *Harley Trice* information leading to the identification of his ghost writer for the last issue

(2) Warned by the editors of this publication that paper costs money and they do not propose publishing this magazine in book form. I will omit the love making and take up such mail as the editors will allow.

From *George Mather*, Hq. Caribbean Cmd.: "*El Davis* is working for the Governor of the Canal Zone in the Special Engineering Division—the outfit charged with making studies under public law 287 and which has resulted in recommendation for a sea level canal. *El* is one of two Army officers involved in the work. (Has 3 children—2 girls, 1 boy.) *Luke Morris* is the Chief of Transportation for the U.S. Army in the Caribbean. *Bill Power* commands the 660th Base Engineer Topo Bn. on the Atlantic Side. *Bill* has two boys. *Bill Hood* is Asst. P.I.O. at Hqtrs Caribbean and has two children—boy and girl. *Hal Brookhart* works in Sector Hqtrs Atlantic Side. *John Schmelzer* is Chief of the Military Ground Mission in Salvador. Has four children. We see *Roger Derby* occasionally. He is in business in New Orleans with interests in Columbia"

From *Louie Truman*—U.N. Military Staff Committee: "*Eddie Farnsworth* is assigned to Hq. Army Field Forces at Fort Monroe. *Bill Spurgin* is as-

signed to the Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, for duty with staff and faculty. *Francis Hall* is assigned to Office, Chief of Staff, Washington for duty with Logistics Division, General Staff, U.S.A. *Hal Sundt* is assigned to the Artillery School, Fort Sill, for duty with the staff and faculty. Also I see that *George Grunert* is being released from the Naval War College and is to report to the Far Eastern Command, Yokohama, Japan, E.D.C.M.R. 7 June 1948".

From *Johnny Gavin*—Command and General Staff College: "*Bill Williams*—ordered to duty in the Caribbean. *Larry Babcock*—Asst. P.M.S.&T., Univ. of Kentucky, Lexington. *Johnny Coughlin*—Staff and Faculty, Ground General School, Ft. Riley, Kan. On the faculty, the following members of our class are slated to remain here for at least another year: *Bob Hewitt*, *Roy Moore*, *Dick Hunt*, *Ray Cochran*, *Walter Goodrich*, *Bill Massello*, *Duke Ondrick*, *Johnny Pugh*. The remaining faculty members (*Del Pryor*, *Bugs Cairns* and myself) are leaving here this Summer. *Del* and *Bugs* join the next student class at the Armed Forces Staff College at Norfolk. 'Yours truly' leaves the States in September for duty with the Caribbean Defense Command, Quarry Heights, C. Z. From the foregoing, you can see that none of us are 'hurting' as far as orders are concerned. The Class of '32 really crashed through in good order"

Jim Woolnough informs me that if we have any classmates in Hawaii other than *Bower* he hasn't seen them.

Bennie Webster passed through here last week and *Robot Beach* cornered him long enough to glean the following:

Bennie after eleven years of foreign service here in the States is returning to his homeland—Hawaii.

Hunter Harris is ordered to Albuquerque, New Mexico, *Mattie Garland* to Mather Field, *Ken Hobson* back to Washington, *Jack Price* to Japan, *Al Stoltz* to Washington.

Remaining at Maxwell are *Danny Campbell*, *Joe Kelly* and *Chuck Anderson*, and *Stan Stewart* is ordered there.

As far as June Week and the Class of '32 are concerned all I can say is that the Class must still be recuperating from the 15th reunion. Only one stalwart showed up for June Week this year—same being *Andy Meulenberg*. I can assure you *Andy* was a man with a purpose. Having four sons and one daughter, *Andy*, when last seen, was enthusiastically extolling the virtues of a military education to two of his sons.

Any failure on the part of this column to scintillate in its usually brilliant manner can be attributed to *Ken Zitzman* whose ever sparkling copy failed to make the deadline.

Based on my judgment of the respective persuasive powers of present class members now on duty here, I would say that *Hillberg* will be in charge of this column in the next issue. He is pretty busy fishing so come to the rescue with lots of letters.

—T. H. H.

1933

Fifty-one *Lucky Stars*, many with their satellites, returned for our Fifteenth reunion and all pronounced it a distinct success. We were only sorry that more could not make it.

Festivities opened with a bang with a picnic Saturday night at Round Pond. This activity was the best attended of June Week as it included a group of twelve whom *Milt Summerfelt* had flown up from Washington. In spite of our earnest efforts with the weather man, they were able to fly back to Washington on Sunday morning and so missed our stag party on Sunday night and dinner dance on Monday at Stewart Field.

It is alleged by those who know (and remember) that these fifteen-year-oldsters returned early to Washington because the picnic was continued in barracks for some time after its normal closing hours at Round Pond. It is even alleged that the Saturday night picnic lasted so long that Reverend *Shinberger*, ably assisted by *Bob Douglas* and *Phil Pope* were forced to conduct sunrise services.

Stars and satellites attending most of the festivities were the *Freddy Colemans*, *Bill Givens*, *Avery Coopers*, *Duncan Hallocks*, *Cal Smiths*, *Don Stephenson*, *Doug Cairns*, *Gordon Eylers*, *Lyle Bernards*, *Red Whites*, *George Beelers*, *Johnny Mathesons*, *Eb Downings*, *Joe Cowheys*, *Harlow Miles*, *Rod Gotts*, *Ben Harrises*, *Adrian Hoebekes*, *George Chappmans*, *Bob Neelys*, *Ned Gees*, *Alden Sibleys*, *Dick Meyers*, *Russ Broshouses*, *Ed Ehlers*, *Bill Calhouns*, *John Honeycutts*, *Dave Grays*, *Tom Halls*, *Bob Tripps*, and *Hurly Hurlbut*s. Stags were: *Bill Fuller*, *John Ferris*, *Jim Boswell*, *Billy Clarke*, *John Shinberger*, *Milt Summerfelt*, *Phil Pope*, *Johnny Cleveland*, *Ken Fields*, *Bob Gallagher*, *Slug Douglass*, *Bill Ryan*, *Bill Thompson*, *Dick Moore*, *Wally Fleckenstein*, *Fred Thorlin*, *Paul Gillon*, *Dick Park* and *Bill Whelihan*. *Fran Gates* was able to get away from her Hostess duties with the Corps only to attend the opening stages of the picnic at Round Pond.

The Reunion group was glad to receive a telegram of greetings from the group at Armed Forces Staff College who were unable to attend because of school.

Dave Gray reports that work is progressing on the Fifteen Year Book. It is expected to go to press 1 July and to be ready for publication about 1 September. They should be in the mail early in the fall. *Dave* will keep all hands advised. The book will include over 200 pictures of families and activities of the class and classmates and excerpts of letters from former Tacs and Instructors, mostly complimentary. In addition, there will be a brief biographical sketch of each member of the class, the completeness and accuracy of which depend on the information furnished by you. We have had replies too from many of our deceased classmates' families bringing us up to date on them. *Dave*, ably assisted by *John Honeycutt* and *Hurly Hurlbut*, has done a grand piece of work in editing the book and deserves a rousing vote of thanks from the class.

To go back to the Reunion activities, the stag party was held on the

Hockey Rink and consisted of an evening of B.S., some argument and a fairly early closing hour. Whether the concrete floor or the success of Saturday night's picnic was responsible, the lights were out by midnight.

On Monday night, about sixty classmates and wives assembled at the Officers' Club at Stewart Field for a joint dinner dance with the Class of '38. Up until this point, we continued to think of ourselves as junior officers but after hearing a thirty-eighter remark to his wife on the dance floor, "I wonder if we look as old as that to '43", '33 realized that we have crossed the middle point of our service and have joined the upper half of the list. In spite of this sobering note, we oldsters managed to have a swell time. The food and drink was good, the orchestra fine and when our feet hurt too much we caught up on old times with those we hadn't seen for some years.

Bill Calhoun leaves shortly for Leavenworth and *Tom Hall* is under orders to depart sometime this summer. Their places in '33 at U.S.M.A. will be filled by *Carl Darnell* and *Johnny Cleveland*, so our strength here will remain at nine.

More complete details on the Reunion will appear in Fifteen Year Book and more complete news and gossip from classmates will appear in next issue of *Assembly*. I'm tired!

—*Dick Meyer*.

1934

WEST POINT

John Smoller, after nearly three years here, at last resigned to the inevitable, and departed for Washington in April. He is taking a G-2 training course that will be followed by some French language study at the get-rich-quick Army language school in Monterey, California. After all this education, he departs for the Netherlands, where he will be an Assistant Military Attache. He can and will be able to be reached c/o G-2, D./A., Washington. While at West Point, *John* taught drawing and was Asst. Professor of surveying for a year; shortly after *Ellen's* death he was assigned as Assistant to the Dean. He managed to turn out these class notes in between high-powered conferences and coffee-calls in the Administration Building. No one could lament his change of station more than your present scribe—who inherited the post by an all-too-unanimous highly-vocal vote at a class party. *John's* hard-working devotion to keeping the administrative machinery of U.S.M.A. college functioning smoothly has set a high record for his successors. I'm sure I voice the thanks of the class for the grand job he did in working on the *Assembly* notes, the 1934 section of the *Register of Graduates*, and our own *Roll Call*.

Jerry and *Mary Higgins* pulled out for Sendai, Japan, right after June Week. He is to be the Asst. Division Commander of the 11th Airborne Division. Their mail address will be: A.P.O. 486, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, California.

While Commandant, *Jerry* has added much to the worth of the office and to our pride in '34. Believe it or not, he eliminated half of the Blue Book.

The Corps looks, and is, grand. Jerry deserves great credit for a swell job.

Both of them maintained an open house here for those of you who dropped in. They will be missed by all of us, but especially by the six who remain; i.e., *O'Neil, Andrews, Wolfe, MacDonnell, Stone, and Crystal.*

Heck Davall pulled out for Greece after a stay here of only nine months. He is now advisor to the G-3 of a Greek Division in Southern Thrace. Terry is living outside Washington at 1224 South George Mason Drive, Barcroft, Arlington, Va. with their children.

Timmy Weber, widow of *E. E. B.*, came up to visit the Higgins for the last festivities of June Week. She can be reached at Box 608, Ridgewood, N. J.

Charlie and *Emily White* came up for June Week to see Charlie's brother graduate. Due to a conflict with the First Class Mess Hall dinner they were unable to accompany the whole '34 group on a trip up the Hudson on the Supe's launch ("Benny Havens") right after Graduation Parade. '34 was afloat in several ways simultaneously.

Pete Peca is running a Chataqua on Guided Missiles; his itinerary included U.S.M.A.; he is now stationed at the Guided Missile Installation, Coast Artillery Branch, El Paso, Texas.

Johnny Franklin came up from Washington for June Week, escorting his father.

Jack and *Jean Stark* visited the Renfro's at U.S.M.A. in May. They are now at Tindall Field, Panama City, Florida.

The remains of *Paul Berkowitz* came to rest in the Post Cemetery at West Point on 17 June. The services were simple, at the request of his widow and parents. Jeanne was unable to be present as she is now in charge of Naval Relief at Mare Island, San Francisco, California. She is living at 1363 Louisiana Street, Vallejo, California. His parents, aunt and sister were present. His father, Mr. Wm. F. Berkowitz, can be reached at Suite 313, Market Street National Bank Building, Market and Juniper Streets, Philadelphia 7, Pa. All '34 on the Post were present; an appropriate wreath was presented from the whole class.

Jack and *Ruth Renfro* with their two children expect to leave us this summer. He is to take the course at the Air University, Maxwell A.F. Base, Montgomery, Alabama.

Ferdie and *Betty Tate* are in the process of leaving U.S.M.A. He had a session in the hospital before being turned loose. He is headed for Leavenworth as a student of personnel.

FORT LEAVENWORTH

Leo Shaughnessey writes of the new assignments of our proud diploma clutches: *Hank Neilson* and *Harry Hubbard* to O.&T. Division, Washington. *Bill Northam* to Public Information Office, Washington. *Ted Bilbo*—Staff & Faculty, Ft. Sill. *Stacy Gooch*—Hq. Fourth Army, Ft. Sam Houston. *Jim Walsh*—Dist. Engineer, Sacramento, Calif. *Denny McMahon*—Hq. Army Field Forces, Monroe. *George Eatman*—Intelligence Division, Wash-

ington. *Leo* is headed to Benning and hopes to drop by West Point enroute there. Both he and *Nadine* appeared in a Dramatics Club presentation of "The Philadelphia Story" The *Hillyards* and *Tyson*s gave a '34 buffet supper there before a club dance.

Up and *Jean Williams* are headed to Leavenworth after finishing at the A.F.S.C. in Norfolk. He will be an instructor in the School of Personnel.

Denny and *Emily McMahon* announce the birth of *Emily Mary*, their fourth child and first daughter, born on 26 February.

WASHINGTON

'34 on duty there just published a list of who, what and where. Extracts follow:

Bahr, R. C., C. of E., Ft. Belvoir, Virginia.

Barnes, Fred, I.C.A.F.-Army, 3321 Valley Drive, Alexandria, Va.

Barnwell, W. G., Jr., O.C.S.A., 601 N. Buchanan St., Arlington, Va.

Beazley, Louis K., Retired.

Beyma, Severin R., I.C.A.F., 3600 So. Wakefield St., Arlington, Va.

Brown, Staunton L., A.F.S.W.P., Fairfax, Va.

Bruce, Burton, C. of E., 4229 South 35th St., Fairlington, Arlington, Va.

Buehler, John P., Civil Affairs Div.—Economics Br.—Army, 6003 Welborn Drive, Washington 16, D. C.

Cary, John, U.S.A.F. Opr., 4625-23 Road North, Arlington, Va.

Craig, J. Paul, J.C.S., 1733-20 Street, N.W., Washington, D. C.

Craig, W. H., N.W.C., 3231 Ravensworth Place, Parkfairfax, Alexandria, Va.

Cummins, Mrs. Joseph M. (Jane), 1519 N. Falkland Lane, Silver Spring, Md.

Cunningham, Wm. A., G.S., O.&T., 6625 East Avenue, Chevy Chase, Md.

Darrach, John W., G.S., P.&A., 1026 South 22nd St., Arlington, Va.

DeGuire, Merlin, Ord., R.D. No. 3, Box 166, Alexandria, Va.

Denson, William D., Atomic Energy Commission, 2721 "N" Street, N.W., Washington, D. C.

Donoghue, John H., Washington News Features, 1521-28th Street, N.W., Washington, D. C.

Fellenz, Lloyd E., Camp Detrick, Md.

Franklin, John, G.S., P.&O., 4229-32nd St., Fairlington, Arlington, Va.

Gould, Karl T., Central Intelligence Agency, 3715 So. Four Mile Run Drive, Arlington, Va.

Hanley, Paul T., A.F., I.G., 2634 Quantico St. No., Arlington, Va.

Inman, A. L., I.C.A.F., 2913 Argyle Drive, Alexandria, Va.

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AT LARGE

Dudley Wimeth came back to the U.S. from Korea to pick up a car which *Tommy* and *Jim* had driven west to California to him. They are waiting for him to finish straightening out the political and economic problems of the Far East at 157 Elm Road, Inwood, L.L., New York.

Dick and *Ginny Weber* have returned from Germany and are at Sill. That post seems to be sort of like nuclear attraction to them. Comanche County is nice, but there are other posts. He goes to Leavenworth in the fall to get educated.

Art Proctor's widow, *Rhoda* Bubby, is now married to a Columbia University anthropologist by name *Metraux*. She can be reached through the Museum of Natural History in New York.

Neither the Association of Graduates nor our Class Records reveal the addresses of: *Hickman, Valdez, Barton, Squire, Vars, Adams, G. E., Killian, Johnson, J. L.*

If you know their present whereabouts or their home addresses, please notify me. Mail sent to them at their current listings is returned undelivered.

Our *Fifteenth Reunion* is approaching all too fast. We are going to reserve a picnic spot, a dinner-dance set-up, and bed, board and rooms sufficient to accommodate all of you who can possibly make June Week next year. An addressed, stamped, postcard was mailed to each of you on 20 June. Please send us here your best guesstimate of whether or not you think you can make it. The best address we have here for you was on the postcard. If you did not receive one please drop us a line now to correct your address and give us an idea on whether or not you think you can make June 1949.

The notes for the next issue of *Assembly* get sent to Cullum Hall on 1 September. With your help we can change this section from a predominantly "What We Do At West Point" to "Where Is the Class Now—and What Is It Doing".

By arbitrary and dictatorial democratic procedures the following nominations for secretaries at large at stations indicated are hereby seconded and carried:

Washington and vicinity....Fred Barnes
LeavenworthJack Seaman
Monroe and Norfolk.....Charlie Tank
Benning.....Alex Stuart
Sill.....Ted Bilbo
Far East.....Dudley Wilmeth
E.T.O.....Tom Foote
Alaska.....Junie Ligon

The duties are simple—send in a piece of poop on '34 prior to the first of September, December, March, and June. No bottle tops, coupons, or rhymed couplets are necessary.

—T. L. C.

1935

Here is potpourri from hither and yon.

Last time we mentioned some of the members who attended the class party at Fort McNair on 6 March. Here is the complete list as sworn to by "Stumpy" Haug:

Anderson, Bassitt, Caughey, Clow, Curtis, Duffy, Eckhardt, Edwards, R. B., Farnsworth, Fickel, Gee, Gibson, Greenlee, Harris, E. M., Haug, Hawkins, Keating, Kelly, Kemper, Mente, Moore, O. H., Murdock, Osmanski, Parrot, Rynearson, Reybold, St. John, Simpson, Stancock, Thayer, Twitchell, Van Roe, Walsh, Waterman, Williamson, Wollaston.

Sorry to have left any of you people out. A remark by Kelly might not be amiss—his saying one of our classmates who was listed being there wasn't, or at least he didn't think he was drinking that bad a type of liquor. Incidentally, B. M. Kelly had been in a Signal School in Vienna, Virginia since last June, and finally graduated. The inside information has him lined up for leave, and then to Walter Reed for a slight bit of rehabilitation. If he is not too deaf, he will probably be commanding some small Signal Post. Jones, Lemley and Treacy missed the party, as they were away on trips.

Charlie Hoy finally broke out of Walter Reed on April 15, looking in fine shape and headed back for Sears and Roebuck. Rumor has him about to represent that firm in Mexico City.

Breakefield writes from Philippines—Ryukyus Command, that he and Glenn Thompson were only '35ers at Annual West Point-Annapolis dinner on 10 April. Glenn is Air Attache at U.S. Embassy in Manila—big job traipsing from Japan to Australia, Hawaii to India. Breakefield, who is to be back in States soon, has seen Leonard in Yokohama, Ashman in Tokyo, Frink at Eighth Army, and Howell in Tokyo.

O'Neal is with the Ordnance Section at General Headquarters, Tokyo. Hille and Mock reported to be in Yokohama. Isham is in Korea.

Pat Mente has decided to go to school in Bridgeport, studying salesmanship for the Bridgeport Brass Co., with an ultimate office address in

Chicago. Pat says the company is a good deal—everybody climb aboard. Late orders have Heckemeyer going to Korea in September, and Tucker, R. E., teaching youngsters how to drill at Ashland, Ky.

June week returnees were Greenlee, from Washington; Murrin, retired, from Ridgewood, N. J.; Bowyer, "Cashier", Army Base, Boston; and Jones, G. M. Jones and Russ engineered (?) a get-together at Bud's house, and Throckmorton, Stillman, Greenlee, Rube Tucker, Proctor, Rhoades, Bowyer, Wheeler and Van Wilson attended—all in good voice too.

—Proctor.

1936

Now that June Week has, it's an excellent time for us 36ers to take a reading. We are glad to say that those reporting for June Week made up in quality what they lacked in quantity. Prosser, Gage, Palmer and Duin all signed the Register, Carolyn, Liz and Kay, with their spouses while Dot Duin remained at Shanks with the new heir, Geoffrey. After leave the Prossers go to Washington, Chuck to work in the Office of the Chief of Ordnance. The Gages are set to build a home and settle in Atlanta, Ga. Good luck in your printing venture, Phil. The Bruce Palmers are stationed at Governors Island. When Jerry finishes his present course at Columbia the Duins take off for Garmisch-Partenkirchen.

On 16 March at the American Club in Tokyo the following classmates gathered to honor Alma Mater: Chiles, Christensen, Dawalt, Garland, Gunn, Milne, Rickenbaugh, Ryder, Shea, Simpson, Waters and Williams. Hope you're all enjoying life over thar. How about some word on your jobs and family status?

The Chappellears announce a third son, born early in May. Ditto the Bill Connors at Fort Sill. Bill Shuler, still in Seattle, adds a daughter to his roster. The Gunns had a gal, Linda, in February—almost a Valentine, she was.

Now for a few changes of station. First of all, the gang here regrets that before the next deadline, Jane and Jack Kelly will be Norfolk-bound, Jack to find out how a classroom looks from the other side of a desk. Hazel and Josh Finkel go to Boston soon, to the Boston Ordnance District. We are awaiting eagerly the arrival of the Ganns, the Spanns, and the Holtons to augment our number and add new faces to class gatherings. There were two of the latter during May—a beef barbecue dinner at Round Pond, given by the Williams and Dunns, and a dinner before a Hop, by the Holtermans and Katzes.

Seems that lots of us remain connected with schools, one way or another. As students we find Michaelis and Noake going to the Armed Forces Staff College at Norfolk, Van Sutherland assigned to U.S.M.A. and attending Columbia, Al Turner and Wert Williams assigned to the Armored School at Knox. As Staff and Faculty members there are—Bill Connor at the F.A. School, Johnny Lynch at the Inf. School and Henry Lind at Leavenworth. Max Kaliman and Buynoski

are at Fort Bliss with A.A. and Guided Missiles. Sibert and Tommy Lawlor are R.O.T.C.ing, at Los Angeles High and U. of Cal. at Berkeley, respectively. Wall and Jean Faiks take up their abode at Oklahoma A.&M. for the same purpose. A greatly-appreciated letter from Tom Davis tells us he is an instructor in the Nat. Guard in St. Louis. Tom is anxious for the address of Russ Janzan who resigned about a year ago and was last heard from in Mexico. Tom also requests moral support from any classmates in his vicinity. He may be reached at 138th Inf., Mo. Nat. Guard, 3676 Market Street, St. Louis, Mo.

Those newly departed for overseas have divers destinations and we now hope for global coverage of '36 news by all of them: Bob Breaks and Jack Daly—Fort Shafter; Jim Goodwin, Larkhill Artillery School near Salisbury, England; Ned Norris, O.M.A., Beirut, Lebanon and Frank Gillespie, O.M.A., Melbourne.

Phil Greene and Turnage can look forward to a warm summer at Benning. Speaking of climate, the Washington contingent is ever on the increase: Cecil Combs on duty with the Air Force, ditto Ollie Haywood, a recent transferee; Bev Powell and Joe Yost, detailed to G.S.C.; Bob Ferguson, Chester Clifton, Frank Sibert, all holding down assignments in O.C.S.; Jack Arnold with A.F. at Gravelly Point; Pete Kieffer in the suburbs at Fort Belvoir.

Ham Morris is in Omaha with the Missouri River Division; Bob O'Brien at Hq. Fifth Army in Chicago; John Dickson at Lowry A.F.B.; Westmoreland is at Fort Bragg. We wish Wright Hiatt and Mrs. Hiatt every happiness—Wright is working on his M.S. in Engineering at Cal. Tech. We understand congratulations are due Westy, too.

Bill Connor came through with another fine letter for which, with its news items, we are deeply grateful. Thea Lipscomb has been at Fort Sill temporarily, as has Whitey Grove. Ray Tiffany visited there from his station at Camp Lee, Va. where he is Director of Instruction at the Q.M. School. Bill also tells us that Bob Partridge and Roddy Drake obligingly took the Advanced Course after we erroneously classified them as students last issue. Nothing too much for a classmate, eh? Bill Kinard was snatched from Sill for "an Army job with the State Department".

Thanks to Morris, Arnold, Prince, Gillespie, and Ferguson at Norfolk for their thoughtful greetings on Alumni Day.

In order to make the twelve year reading accurate the local 36ers gathered on 12 June for the purpose of inspecting the class tree. Bob Safford of the Department of Military Topography and Graphics performed the instrument work and with the valuable advice of the remainder of those present calculated that our own mighty white oak has grown to a height of 28 feet 7 and 1/10 inches.

Tiger Janof stopped in at U.S.M.A. recently. All of us here welcome any of you at anytime, complete with wives and children. Between us, we'll find room, and spirit and spirits for a get-together. Meanwhile, please let us

hear from you, if naught but a comment on "How my wife plans to spend MY fogey" or "Another day, another dollar". Doesn't seem like twelve years, or does it?

—*Fran and Dan McElheny.*

1937

The mail fell off a bit in quantity this past quarter. But some of the letters we did receive were so full of good news on the class that I guess we can say the "quality" made up for the falling off in "quantity". I sure wish we could get more letters like some of these—they make writing a column easy. Here goes! Here are extracts from the letters received:

Solly Solluhub wrote from Pasadena, Calif. saying "I can explain my failure in not writing sooner only by stating that I've been snowed under as a student of Civil Engineering at Cal. Tech. If all goes well—and apparently will—I'll be receiving by M.S. in June. *Perry Eubank* will be finishing a two-year course at Cal. Tech in June in Jet Propulsion. I've seen no other classmates since I left Japan, but over there you'll still find *Jay Abercrombie* at the Engineer Depot at Yokohama, and *Meyer Edwards* with the 1st Cavalry Division near Tokyo".

Gil Bell wrote from Greensboro, N. C. asking for a copy of the "1937 SKETCH BOOK", (of which there are still a few copies available for those interested).

Mac McElroy wrote twice from Ellington Field, Texas, where he is stationed with the 63rd Fighter Wing, Texas Air National Guard. He said: "I spent yesterday afternoon with *Walt DeBill* who is, as you know, Ordnance Officer of the Tenth Air Force. He showed me his copy of the '37 SKETCH BOOK as well as his latest copy of *Assembly*". He went on to ask for an application blank to enter a subscription to *Assembly* (which we sent him—and which we would be glad to send to anyone interested—and we would sure like to interest the other half of the class) and continued: "The W.P. Dinner on 2 April at Fort Sam was a pretty nice affair and reasonably sober. *DeBill*, *Marshall Gray*, *Ski York* ex '37 ('38) and myself were there, and *Sam Gurney* should have been there but was on an extended cross-country of some sort and could not make it".

Johnny Frazier who came through West Point for a visit in January wrote from his home in Elwood, Indiana: "Back home again and ready to start contracting for more tomatoes this fall". (He is in the Tomato products business in Alexandria, Indiana.)

Ed Spaulding's letter from Hq. Caribbean Command, Quarry Heights, C. Z. said: "A laggard correspondent at last comes through. Unfortunately I do not have very much information for you since the class of '37 is conspicuous by its absence in this area. . . *Broadhurst* is Chief of the Aviation Mission in Santiago, Chile. *Stegmaier* is a member of the Ground Mission in Lima, Peru. *Hardaway* is Executive Officer in the G-4 Section of the U.S. Army Forces, Antilles, in San Juan, Puerto Rico. *Miller* is Executive Officer of the Inter-American Geodetic

Survey, Quarry Heights. *Spaulding* has until recently been Executive Officer in the G-4 Section of the Caribbean Defense Command but is now Deputy in the Administration, Personnel, and Logistics Division of the newly formed Caribbean Command. The only other classmates whom I can recall seeing in the past two years are *Mercado* who was returning from a mission assignment in South America to the States, *Skeldon* who was here on a brief trip from Washington and *Worcester* who was here on Army and Navy Petroleum Board business prior to his resignation".

Stan Connelly wrote from Sweden: "Our things are being packed now. Be seeing you soon". (He's coming here to West Point from the American Legation in Stockholm, Sweden.)

Whitey Mauldin is living in Winchester, Massachusetts and writes that he is "here at the Harvard Business School" taking Administrative Practices. "Administrative Practices is really a misnomer . . . as it deals primarily with human relationships."

Bill Bailey wrote from Tokyo saying: "This letter is written on the occasion of the Annual W.P. Dinner. We had a very nice affair here and I hasten to be the first to give you what class news I gleaned. The inclosed program will let you know who was present except that: *Frankie Harrison* who is listed, failed, for reasons yet unknown, to attend. *Frankie* is Administrative Executive in S.C.A.P.'s Government Section. Another person listed who did not attend was *Moose Hackford* who is stationed at a nearby Air Base. *Moose* was called to Hawaii, presumably on urgent Air Force business, a day or two before the dinner. *Tommy Powell* also failed to show. Don't know why. *Ed Lee* who is not listed, did attend. *Ed* is in the Ordnance Section G.H.Q., F.E.C. and lives with *Dottie* and their two sons *Bucky* and *Whit* near me here in Omori Ward Tokyo. He is returning to the U.S. about the middle of April. Although he has not yet received his orders, he may be ordered to the University of Chicago to study Physics. Among the others present: *Al Diamond* in the Air Defense Branch, A-3 Section, Far East Air Forces. *Meyer Edwards* with the 2nd Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division. He is living in Hayama, south of Yokohama and expects to return to the U.S. sometime in July. *Cecil Himes*, G-2, 1st Cav. Division was there. He is returning to the U.S. in about 10 days to go to the Armored School at Knox. *Pete Kreiser* also with G.H.Q.'s Ordnance Section and lastly, your correspondent. I've been in Tokyo over two years now, having been first with the G-3 Section G.H.Q. and later the Civil Intelligence Section S.C.A.P. At present I have completed six months of a four-year W.D. detail to learn Japanese"

Dick Fellows wrote from Menlo Park, California: "I am really sorry that I couldn't make the tenth reunion on account of a new daughter about that time. . . I am taking a personnel course at Stanford".

Harve Dorney wrote twice from Washington. He says: "There are about 40 of us in and around Washington. . . On 9 March, 31 of us attended a class luncheon here in the

Pentagon and elected three officers to handle class activities and maintain liaison with the gang at U.S.M.A. *Trapper Drum* is Chairman, *Bob Seedlock* is Treasurer and I'm Secretary. We plan a mixed evening Cocktail party or dance some time next month". The second letter contained a write-up of the party which is incorporated later in this column and a revised list of addresses of the gang living in the Washington area. (Thanks a lot *Harve* for all your help. It would certainly be swell if we could get little groups of classmates organized at other places as well—we would really establish some strong class spirit.)

Charlie Dannelly wrote from his home in Lake Charles, La. sending his best wishes to the gang for June Week.

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The following changes in station were noted: *Carl Lindquist* from Office, Chief Signal Officer to Armed Forces Special Weapons Project, Sandia Base, Albuquerque, N. M.; *Dan Richards* from Stu. Det. Hq. Fifth Army, Chicago to Engineer Center, Fort Belvoir; *Fred Campbell* from Governors Island, N. Y. to O.C. of S., U.S. Army, Wash.; *Solly Solluhub* from San Francisco to 50th A.F.B.U., Hq. U.S.A.F., Off. D.C. of S., Wash.; *Charlie Blauvelt* from Ft. Meade, Md. to 3rd Armored Division, Ft. Knox, Ky. (later orders to Signal Corps Photographic Center, Long Island City, N. Y.); *George McDowell* from Governors Island, N. Y. to Hq., U.S.A.F., Office of Comptroller, Wash., D. C.; *Luke Hoska* from Governors Island, N. Y. to O.C. of S., Wash.

Dave Parker has orders to O.C. of S., Washington; *Milt Clark* and *Stan Connelly* to U.S.M.A. (both Instructors in Ordnance Department); *Doc Leist* to O.C. of Ordnance, Wash.; *Finn Unger* to O.C. of S., Wash.; *Paul Scheidecker* to Hq. Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson A.F. Base; *Carlin Whitesell* to Office Eng. Commissioner for D.C., Wash.

Bob Stumpf was transferred from San Francisco, Cal. to White Sands Proving Grounds, Oro Grande, N. M. and *Perry Eubank* from the same place to Office Chief of Army Field Forces, Ft. Monroe; *Max George* and *George Simmons* from Governors Island, N. Y. to Armed Forces Special Weapons Project, Washington and to the 1286th A.S.U. R.O.T.C., N.Y.U. respectively; *George McGee* from Norfolk, Va. to O.C. of S., Wash.

Orders for overseas include: *Charlie Mitchim* who is slated for Anchorage, Alaska; *Big John Erickson* to O.M.A. Warsaw, Poland; *Day Surlis* to U.S. Army Caribbean, Quarry Heights, C. Z.; *Bob Van Volkenburgh* to F.E.C., Yokohama, Japan; *Frank Taylor*, relieved from detail in G.S.C., G.S.U.S.A. and ordered to Bremerhaven, Germany. *Red Minor* has gone back to South America—this time probably on a permanent assignment.

Cecil Himes was one of the winners of the 1st Cav. Div. Golf Tournament in Tokyo. *George Holcomb* was on the doubles tennis team which won the Post Tennis Championship at West Point. *Hal Hallock* was on the team which ended in the "runner-up" post-

tion. *Tank Hardaway* attended the W.P. Dinner at the El Morro Officers Club in the Antilles Area. The *Kimbrells*, *Conways*, and *Hallocks* attended a cocktail party at Lt. Col. and Mrs. Rothschild's home prior to the officer's dance at West Point; Mrs. Nellie Clark, wife of *Al Clark* presented Mrs. Glo Gray with a corsage on the occasion of Mrs. Gray's departure from Carswell Air Force Base for Washington. Col. and Mrs. *Day Surles* attended the wedding of Mrs. Surles' sister, Marian Schnephoester, to Lt. Col. Frank Willoughby Moorman; Mrs. E. Y. Burton was one of the winners in a three club golf tournament played by ladies of the Artillery Center, Ft. Sill; Mrs. and *Bill Snouffer* were entertained along with other students at the University of Illinois at a buffet supper given by Lt. Col. Moorman and Paul. At the joint West Point-Annapolis Dinner held at the Waldorf-Astoria on 2 April the following classmates attended: *Max George*, *Buck Forney*, *Bill McKinley*, *Bill Lewis*, *Charlie Hines*, *Red Minor*, *Paul Cullen*, *Ray Rumph*, and *Elwyn Kirsten*. Paul Cullen, who is Secretary of the West Point Society of New York was in charge of the arrangements. He deserves a commendation for an excellent job of practically astronomical proportions. A week later at the same place the *Gildarts*, *Grahams*, *Kimbrells*, *Rumphs*, *Zehners* and *Shives* celebrated, following the Army Day parade in New York in which the Corps of Cadets participated. The crew at West Point got together twice during the past quarter, first under the auspices of the *Johnsons* (J. R.), *Johnsons* (C. L.) and *Kimbrells* and the second arranged privately by the *Stanns* and *Murrays*. The first was a Cocktail-Dinner-Dancing affair at the West Point Army Mess and the other was a picnic-supper at Round Pond. Those from W.P. who attended one or both of the above (in addition to the hosts and hostesses) are the *Barkos*, *Conways*, *Gildarts*, *Grahams*, *Halls*, *Hallocks*, *Hineses*, (J. B. R.), *Holcombs*, *Lewis*, *McKinleys*, *Martins*, *Oberbecks*, *Ohmans*, *O'Malleys*, *Pearsalls*, *Rumphs*, *Shives*, and *Zehners*. Those who live in the vicinity and attended are the *Starks*, *Hineses* (C. B.) and the *Harrisons* (C. J.).

The gang in Washington got together too on 7 May at the Fort Myer Officers' Club for a cocktail party and buffet supper. Among those present were Col. and Mrs. *Sam Agee*, Lt. Col. *Battle Barksdale*, Col. *H. A. Byroade*, Lt. Col. and Mrs. *Jack Chapman*, Lt. Col. and Mrs. *T. C. Compton*, Mrs. *John Cromelin*, Col. and Mrs. *H. C. Dorney*, Mr. and Mrs. *J. H. Drum*, Col. *John Eriksen*, Maj. *Jack Gulick*, Mrs. *W. G. Hipps*, Mr. and Mrs. *E. C. Hobbs, Jr.*, Col. and Mrs. *R. P. Klocko*, Lt. Col. and Mrs. *Leroy Lutes, Jr.*, Lt. Col. and Mrs. *J. B. Mitchell*, Lt. Col. and Mrs. *Noel Menard*, Lt. Col. and Mrs. *D. M. Oden*, Lt. Col. *D. B. Parker*, Lt. Col. and Mrs. *Larry Powers*, Col. and Mrs. *M. A. Preston*, Col. *A. M. Prentiss*, Lt. Col. and Mrs. *J. H. Reeves, Jr.*, Col. and Mrs. *K. O. Sanborn*, Lt. Col. *R. F. Seedlock*, Lt. Col. and Mrs. *J. H. Skeldon*, Lt. Col. and Mrs. *B. F. Taylor*, Col. *R. Taylor, III*, Lt. Col. and Mrs. *Ed Teeter*, Col. and Mrs. *John Ultricon*, Lt. Col. *G. V. Underwood, Jr.*, and Col. and Mrs. *C. B. Westover*.

According to Harve Dorney who sent up the report of the party: "This was the first get-together since February a year ago and the enthusiasm was wonderful. Everybody came who could possibly make it. Those absent were out of town on leave or T.D.Y. or at least had other legitimate B-aches such as sickness, previous unbreakable commitments, etc." Those in the Washington area included in the above absentee category are: the *Cains*, the *Calverlys*, the *Seamans*, the *Davissions*, the *Hyzers*, the *Lindquists*, the *McDonalds*, *Doug Quandt*, *Woody Stromberg*, *Carrol Wood*, *Charlie Kuna*, and *Jack Worcester*.

Ollie Conner was on the committee for a party honoring Gen. and Mrs. O'Daniel held at the Victory Lodge, Fort Benning. Featuring the decorations were large murals designed by Conner. (Up to his old tricks again!) *Bud Major* and *Bake Steely* added their voices to the Fort Leavenworth Officer Glee Club which presented a very successful spring concert not long ago.

Hoot Horrigan paid a mixed "business-pleasure" visit to West Point from the Air Tactical School at Tyn-dall Air Force Base, Panama City, Florida and *Posheng Yen* visited from the Chinese Consulate in N. Y. Though he and Mrs. Yen were unable to make our class party, *Posheng's* "contribution" helped add to the "spirit" of the occasion. Speaking of contributions we neglected to thank *Ed Broadhurst* in the last column for his five dollar contribution which has helped materially in the purchase of post cards, stamps, etc. Many thanks to both—we appreciate your thoughtfulness. *Joe Focht*, *Ed Lee*, and *Elmer Blaha* visited West Point during June Week. The crowds here were bigger than usual, but the '37 contingent certainly didn't approach that of last year.

Added to the family during the past quarter: *Shela* and *Marshall Gray's* daughter, born at Kelly A.F. Base on 10 March (send us her name, will you please?); Mrs. and *Woody Dunlop* (who is C.O. 501st A.S.C., Weisbaden, Germany) had a daughter on 24 March (name please?); *Hortense* and *Bob Seedlock* had a son (their third child, second son) *Walter Norton* at Station Hospital, Ft. Myer, Va. on 2 May; *Pat* and *Bake Steely* recently had a son, *Brian Richard* at Station Hospital, Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas; *Edith* and *Paul Cullen* (ex '37 but an active, ardent West Point and class supporter) had a baby boy, *Paul T. Jr.* on 1 May.

Fred Ressegieu is scheduled to marry *Virginia Meekin Traeger* (widow of *Bill Traeger* of our class) on July 2.

Our condolences to: *Johnny Johnson* (C. L.) whose mother, Mrs. Rose L. Johnson, was interred in the West Point Cemetery on 25 May, and Mrs. and *Jim Posey* whose six-year-old daughter, *Joan Ellen* died at Brooke Gen. Hospital, Ft. Sam Houston on 9 March. The body of classmate *John R. Weikel* who died 8 Aug. 1947 at Sendai, Japan of poliomyelitis has been reinterred in Arlington National Cemetery.

Curt Low addressed the students and explained the mission and scope

of the 13-week course at the Air University at Maxwell Field where he is the Course Director; *Elwyn Kirsten* of Frankfort Arsenal, Philadelphia, Pa. and *John Cone* from the Detroit Ordnance District visited the Office of the Chief of Ordnance, Washington; *Doug Quandt* and *Kelly Lemmon* were observers at "Exercise Assembly" at Camp Campbell, Ky. It was the largest training exercise conducted since the end of W.W. II. Kelly is now Chief of the Extension Course Branch, Training Section, Army Field Forces; *Woody Stromberg* who is scheduled soon to be a military attaché visited the Infantry Center at Fort Benning. *Dave Parker* addressed the Maryland Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers in Baltimore. He spoke on the effects of the Atomic Bomb on structures and gave some suggestions concerning possible defense measures. *Jim Scott* was one of a group of officers from the Training Section, Office Chief of Army Field Forces visiting Washington, D. C. to attend a conference on transferring the functions of the Operations Division to the Department of the Army.

Paul Cullen who is Assistant to the President of the Sperry Gyroscope Company, brought the Sperry Experimental Laboratory Ship "Wanderer" up to West Point and took parties of officers, cadets, and their guests for short trips up and down the Hudson. The ship was equipped with all the latest types of radar, loran, and navigational equipment which were demonstrated and explained by the Sperry experts. Refreshments were served and a wonderful time was had by all.

Graduating from the C.&G.S.C., Fort Leavenworth we find: *Johnny Montgomery* and *Luis Mercado* transferred to the Staff and Faculty, same station; *Bill Travis* to A.G.F. Board No. 3, Fort Benning; *Tom Neier* to Hq. First Army, Governors Island, N. Y.; *Harold Marr* to O.C. of S. for duty with the P.&A. Div., G.S.U.S.A.; *Giles Evans* to U.S.M.A. (Instructor Dept. of Military Art and Engineering); *Bake Steely* to 501st Base Unit, Hq. A.T.C., Gravelly Point, Va.; *Coy Curtis* to Hq. 6th Army, Presidio of Calif.; *Joe Chabot* to O.C. of Army Field Forces, Ft. Monroe, Va.; *Bill Strandberg* to Engineer Center, Ft. Belvoir. (Prior orders had him scheduled for Yokohama, Japan.)

Going to the C.&G.S.C. we find: *Ellis Wilhoyt* from Armed Forces Special Weapons Project, Albuquerque; *Battle Barksdale* from A.G.O. Casuals; *Stu O'Malley* from U.S.M.A. (Instructor in Military Art and Engineering); *Pony Scherrer* from Ground General School, Fort Riley; *Jim Skeldon* from G.S.C. O.C. of S.; *Poopic Conner* and *Bob Miller*.

M. A. Edwards is listed to go to the Armored School, Fort Knox; *Spic Nadal* and *Jim Scott* are both going to the Infantry School, Fort Benning, Ga., *Spic* from Camp Holabird, Md., and *Jim* from Ft. Monroe, Va. *Bob Seedlock* is going to the Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk.

Don Shive who has been here at U.S.M.A. on duty with the Tactical Department is going to Annapolis to become a member of the Executive Department (the equivalent of our Tac Dept.) at the Naval Academy.

Bill Maxwell is in Ankara, Turkey where he is Chief of the Ordnance Section of the U.S. Air Force Group, American Mission for Aid to Turkey. This group is bringing modern equipment to the Turkish Air Force under the American Aid Program and is advising the Turks on the operation and maintenance of this equipment.

George McDowell has transferred from the Ordnance Department to the Air Force and Bob Seedlock has been detailed a member of the G.S.C., G.S. U.S.A. Our congratulations to our wartime B. G. Hank Byroade on making the list for permanent Lieutenant Colonels.

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At the completion of the preparation of each column we always have the uneasy feeling that we have forgotten someone—that somehow a bit of information of which we should be aware is missing. If we should omit someone or something please forgive us for our unintentional oversight.

Well, so long for now—and for all those we didn't see this June Week—Happy Eleventh Graduation Anniversary to you.

—Helen and Ray Rumph.

1938

Of course the main subject on all our minds right now is sleep, after the last three nights here at West Point. This morning we watched Graduation and each of us thought of the many things that have happened during the last ten years, some with regret but most with a satisfying pleasure.

These last three days have been what we have dreamed of ever since Yearling summer when we moved out of barracks to make room for the Old Grads. The majority of "38" arrived back at West Point for a cocktail party at the Officers' Club on Saturday afternoon the fifth of June. Sunday included Chapel, the Supt's reception and then a steak picnic at Round Pond. (We were all better fed than on our first hike and lunch there.) Monday was Alumni day. The Alumni Parade was cancelled because of rain but the annual luncheon and business meeting was held in Cullum Hall. This was followed by a trip out to Camp Buckner, Popolopen to you, which is the successor to Camp Clinton. We then re-assembled at Stewart Field Officers' Club about eight for a dinner dance. All enjoyed a steak dinner followed by dancing which we shared with the class of 38 minus 5, or "33". Tuesday morning came graduation and a tear by many, then the majority started taking off for all parts of the world.

I think you all should know that Greg Lynn, Mick Amick and Mel Russell were the committee that was responsible for the grand entertainment provided during the last three days. Also Max Murray spent most of his time taking pictures of the festivities which will be made into a folder. If you wish one, send one buck (\$1.00) and your address to Johnny Jannarone at West Point and we'll get one off pronto.

Those who attended this June were Amick, Anderson, G. P., Bailey, Bassett, Bayer, Brischetto, Browning, Brown, D., Brown, M. C., Buckland,

Chalgren, Chambers, Coleman, J. D., Collins, Cornwall, Damon, Danielson, Dapprick, Davis, P. C., D'Arezzo, DeHart, Denholm, Elmore, Folda, Frolick, Glace, Haynes, Howell, Huglin, Jarunski, Jannarone, Johnson, L. E., Kelsey, Kincaid, Learman, Lipscomb, Lotz, Lough, Love, Lynn, Maloney, McBride, Morrison, Murray, Norris, F. W., and J. A., O'Connor, Offer, Reddock, Riordan, Rogner, Russell, M. R., Ryan, Jack and Ward, Saunders, Seff, Sherrard, Siren, Sisco, Skaer, Smith, A. J., Sundin, Sussman, Sweeney, Taylor, Thomas, Tillson, Vail, Walson, Wansboro, Williams, W. R., Wilson, Brooks and Bob York. Also we were pleased to have with us Naomi Wulfsberg, June Miller and J. R. Barker's father and sister. (There are seventy-four names here.) We regret that each and every one of you couldn't be here this year but we realize that some one had to run the Army and that China and Germany are still a long way off.

Here at West Point we are glad to welcome Art Collins and Ben Sternberg to the Tacs, Altenhofen to the Math Dept. and Howell as the new Provost Marshal. Langford has gone down to Crabtown as an exchange instructor.

We have heard that in April they had an anniversary dinner in Tokyo and that those attending were Bizby, Brenner, Eaton, Hayes, Johnson, L. E., Kuhn and Tarver.

I also attended an anniversary dinner at Fort Leavenworth where there were twenty-two present.

Next copy we will try to give you a list of addresses as we have them. Anyone who isn't in touch please drop us a line so we can print your address and all keep together.

Here's to 1953 when we hope even more of us can be together.

—G. P. A.

(as of 8 June 1948)

1939

June Week "has" but it is not too soon for us all to make plans to attend our gala Tenth Reunion one year hence. This year, the Class June Week activities culminated in a whizzer at Camp Buckner which was a small-scale dry run of the planned event of next year. In addition to the regular tenants of our class some interesting characters such as Himee Alfaro (one of the pepper selling brothers up from Panama), Elwa Alfaro (and charming Senora), Mickey Laitman, Marge Ostberg, Bill Martin, Mas Maslowski and wife, Frank and Audrey Mildren, and Pappy and Happy Serrem put in an appearance.

June always brings a scrambling of kids and parents especially here in this rainy redoubt of West Point. Recently left or leaving are: Walt Higgins, J. B. Maxwell, and Dinny Herkness to Leavenworth; Charlie Hillhouse to Maxwell Field; Jack Habecker to Stanford; Dick Cleverly to Yale; Bob Sears to U. of Illinois; and, Pinkey Ginder to become a citizen with I.B.M. in N. Y. Soon to arrive and swell the ranks of '39ers here are Mouse Trahan, Al McCollam, Bob Schellman, Looie Kunzig, Walt Winegar, Danny Tatum, Bunny Frazer, Joe Bowman, and Johnny Davis (pride of

"F" Co.). Jack Dobson of Army and wife Teet will return from Annapolis for rest, rehabilitation, and recuperation (de-salting job too!).

Miscellaneous data and errata:

Frank Iseman at Rapid City A.F.B., John McCoy at McDill A.F.B., Moe Donohue at Tinker A.F.B., Sal Manzo at Colorado Springs, and Dick Morrison at Randolph Field. Dick Curtin, Curley Edwards, Al Walton, and Joe Dickman are still at Maxwell Field. Norm Farrell has left the 2d Division at Ft. Lewis for Hq. Fifth Army as a student at U. of Illinois (?). Bill George and Homer Barber are scheduled to leave Panama for Stateside duty leaving Jack Boles as our sole protector of the Canal.

Hottest reports from Japan indicate that Breckenridge, Glenn, Henry, Hudgins, Schwenk, West, Wynne, and Zethren foregathered at the W.P. Annual Dinner in Tokyo on 2 April.

Recent arrivals in the Pentagon are Engstrom, J. P. Kelly, Lilly, P. J. Long, Lyle Peterson, Romig, Bill Smith, and Whitehouse.

The Stork may or may not have been busy for he left but three choice bits with the Class Secretary. The Missouri Hardwicks (He is in China) have a second son, their third child. The Maslowski's fourth, a girl, was baptized here by Monsignor Murdock in April. The Don Miller's second son arrived in Berlin in March.

Since Walt Higgins is leaving, the interim Class Secretary will be Bob Miller. Please send all class news to him, and send a lot.

—P. V. T.

1940

The Portland Press Herald of Portland, Maine carried the following story under a dateline of April 7, 1948: "Bowdoin College was presented by the parents of the late Lt. Colonel John F. Presnell, Jr., U.S.A. of Portland the General John J. Pershing sword which he was awarded as a cadet at West Point. In an Army Day Chapel service President Kenneth C. M. Sills said the youthful Bowdoin and West Point graduate who was captured at Bataan and died on a Japanese prison ship was an outstanding example of the military phrase 'beyond the call of duty'". Presnell's parents Mr. and Mrs. John F. Presnell of Portland established a Bowdoin scholarship in 1946 with the provision that the recipient should keep in mind "the Cadet Prayer at West Point". The little guy will always be remembered.

Other news from the clipping service tells us that Mrs. M. L. Garrard of Savannah, Georgia has announced the engagement of her daughter Mary to Robert N. Mackin who is now on duty at Aberdeen Proving Ground. Bachelors are slowly disappearing. Last clipping item reports Strauss as principal speaker at K. of C. supper in Peabody, Massachusetts. Strauss is unit instructor of the 102nd Field Artillery Battalion.

Now for a very, very thin letter bag. Meszar sends a note that he is with the Allied Control Authority, A.P.O. 742, N.Y.C. Has something to do with Interzonal Travel. Jim Maedler, who never forgets, drops a card that he is visiting several oil fields as

part of his detail with the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey. The letter was postmarked New Orleans and States that he had dinner with *Jim Dubuisson* who finishes a law course at Tulane in June. Jim then goes into practice with his brother in Opelousas, Louisiana. *Ed Wynne* writes from the University of Michigan that *Goodrich* and *Ferry* recently arrived for an E.E. course. *DeWitt* is also at Michigan taking a guided missile course. *Hank Arnold*, who is with the Military Science and Tactics Department at Michigan State University at East Lansing visited *Wynne* at Ann Arbor and compared new daughters. *Hank Arnold* leaves for Leavenworth soon.

J. A. Cook writes from 420 Keswick Avenue, Charlotte, North Carolina to ask about the address of *McGinity's* parents. *McGinity* was killed in Normandy and *Cook* has named his son after *McGinity*. I could only give him the 1940 address. If anyone knows a more recent one get in touch with *Cook*, who is on duty with the O.R.C. in Charlotte. He reports seeing *Heidtke* at Fort McPherson. *Hank Adams* scrawls me a hurried note from Washington and states that he is going out to Monterey, California. He enclosed check for \$27.00 in lieu of 9 fifths of bottled spirits (bourbon I think). Money to be added to the class funds.

After looking at the check wistfully I mailed same to *Symroski* who added it to the class fund. *Symmie* writes back to state that class fund is now \$88.55 with no debts. Lucre is safely cached in the First National Bank of Highland Falls. More information from *Symmie's* letter: *Stella*, *Schmaltz*, *Woodward* and *Harnett* had big class party planned for 4 June at Round Pond. *Stella* going to Sill soon for school, (nine months course), *Strong* and *Brousseau* to A.F./C.G.S. at Maxwell Field and then to Randolph Field. *Applegate* is heading for a Weather Group on Guam. *Earl McFarland* and *Skip Fowler* have transferred to the Air Forces. *Pat Heid* is retired for physical disability. *Clapsaddle* to West Point after he finishes present course at Syracuse. *Pillsbury* to hold that tiger at Princeton. *Brousseau's* proud parents of boy a couple of months ago.

Yeuell in communication with me to report that he now at the risk of investigation possesses a Russian Wolfhound yclept *Ybur*. In case you are interested *Ybur* is a girl's name. In case you missed past issues *Yeuell* also owns two other dogs, a horse, and a hunting coat of his own inimitable design. Wears hunting coat to Navy game as well as when he is catching foxes.

Charlie and *Phyllis Shaunesey* came down from New York to visit the *Hamelins*. Get together in *Hamelin's* rented mansion for roast beef dinner. Observation: Don't believe *Charlie* can get into cadet uniform he wore eight years ago. He is with the Quartermaster Purchasing Office in New York City. *Hamelin*, as reported before, is with Military Science and Tactics Department at Valley Forge Military Academy.

These members of the class according to *Charlie* are in and around New

York City: Headquarters, 1st Army, Governors Island, New York: *Marsh*, *Murphy*, *C. A.*, *Freddy White*, *George Larkin* and *Robinson Norris*. *Dodderidge* and *Lemley* are at Columbia University and *Barton* is on duty with the National Guard at 270 Broadway, New York City. *Jake Roberts* ditto duty with New Jersey National Guard at Trenton. *Bill Clay* is at Picatinny Arsenal while *Harrison* and *Turner* are at Fort Monmouth. *Winton* is still on duty with the United Nations Delegation in New York City. Those not on active duty are *Alton Donnell* with the Kellogg Corporation at 233 Broadway, *Roy Kinsell* at 117 Maple Ave., Rockville Center, Long Island, *Ivan Sattem* at 96 Foster Avenue, Malverne, Long Island and *Louis Thommen* at 6812 Yellowstone Boulevard, Forest Hills, New York.

Biswanger on his way to California to go to school at Stanford. *Manley Perry* also out to the west coast to school. And it is on this note that my spec runs out.

The *Army and Navy Journal* and the *Army and Navy Register* report the following: *Mabee* back from foreign service and assigned to C.G.&S. *Oseth* also back and to 1284th A.S.U., Oakdale, Long Island. *Cagwin* assigned to O.C. of S. after finishing at Leavenworth. Same for *Townsend*, and *Ray Renola*. After Columbia *Lemley* goes to Oberammergau, Germany. *Reinecke* from Armed Forces College in Norfolk to the Infantry School at Benning. *Gasparini* to 82nd Air Borne Division at Bragg. *Jacobs* transferred to 5th Army in Chicago.

Noble goes to Washington to O.C. of S. and *Penny* is assigned to Headquarters 4th Army at Fort Sam Houston, as is *McFarland*. *Ev Light* assigned to C.G.&S., as are *Hank Arnold*, *Freddy White*, *Chuck Oglesby*, *Alan Strock*, and *Mike Paulick*. *Raleigh* ordered to Headquarters 3rd Army at Fort McPherson, *Klunk* to Fort Bliss, Texas, *Lotozo* to Fort Bliss, *Podufaly* to Headquarters 1st Army, *Joe Hardin* to Stockton, California, *Renwanz* to Fort Leavenworth, *Fate* to Guided Missiles at Fort Bliss, *Brewer* to Fort Bragg, *Taylor, J. K.* to Fort Bliss, *Millican* to Arm'd. School at Fort Knox, *Roedy* to O.C. of S., and *Horton, W. F.* to 2nd Army at Fort Meade.

Freudendorf alerted for F.E.C., Yokohama, Japan, *Leo Dunham* alerted for E.U.C.O.M., Bremerhaven, as is *Quaid*. *Haggard* ordered to 5035 A.S.U. at Leavenworth. *Burfenning* goes to Armed Forces Special Weapons Project, Sandia Base, New Mexico. He will be joined there by *Banks, C. H.*, and *Brown, H. C.* *Dan Briggs* is headed for Japan, as is *Cassibry*. *Tuck* assigned to F.E.C. Korea and *Yates* reports to C.I.C. Ctr. at Camp Holabird, Maryland. *Dave Parker* assigned to Headquarters 6th Army San Francisco. *Dick Free* to Special Weapons Project in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Timothy Conway Donohue, a fine broth of a lad arrived to the *Red Donohues* in Lakeville, Mississippi on 24 May. Red is settled there after retirement. *Leo Dunham* reports that on 14 April, *Scott August* arrived as the first boy in the *Dunham* household. Joined two sisters. Leo is getting his master's degree at Harvard.

Bert Lane writes that there is quite a group of the class in the Tokyo Area. *Scott Case*, *Priscilla* and one daughter are present, also *Roy* and *Sis Nelson*. *John Coontz*, *Tyke* and two daughters; *Wilderman*, *Dot* one son and a daughter; *Lanny* and *Nora Witt* and a son; *Ed Hoover*, *Sarah* and two sons; *Dave Crocker*, *Ruth* and two sons; *Bob Delaney*, *Karen* one son and a daughter; all add to the local color. *Ed Lucas*, *Eady* and a son are down near Lake Biwa some ten miles from Kyoto. *Bert Lane*, *Jean* and son *Tommy* are in Tokyo.

Bud Rauk is with a Weather Group in Alaska. *Murphy, C. A.* recently returned from Germany and is serving with O.R.C. *Castillo* is a Captain in the Philippine Army. *Ferry* is rumored to have returned from Philrycom where he was Signal O. Exec. *Robinson* is at Fort Brook in Puerto Rico. *Sell* is working on his Ph.D. at Johns Hopkins. *O'Neil* is in the office of the District Engineer in New York City. *Dixie Lederman* to Bremerhaven, Germany. *Johnny Wohner* headed for Rio. *LaBreche* ordered to Panama after graduation at Maxwell Field. *Woodward* is teaching cadets states' rights and the high prices of cotton at U.S.M.A. *Andy Delia* saw *Jung* and *Sullivan* in Peiping. *Barton* is with the N. Y. National Guard.

Now hear this, especially *Manzollilo*: *Brewerton* is working on Master's Degree at Villanova. All last sections please copy.

It would help very much if everyone in the class would drop me a line at least once or twice a year to give me any news that you can or you may know. I am running out of information and can't pump anything into this space if I haven't the information. Write me at Valley Forge Military Academy, Wayne, Pennsylvania.

—*Hank Brewerton.*

1941

June Week saw few Black Class returnees here at West Point, but those who came back and those still here managed to get together for a noisy cocktail supper. Clipping service from the Association of Graduates reports *Glenn Lee* as liaison officer of the American Graves Registration Service in Manila. *Army and Navy Journal* reports *Don Driscoll* ordered from Benning to N.Y.U., *Stan Ramey* to Headquarters 6th Army, and *Herb Richardson* from Fort Sam Houston to U.S.M.A. (not yet arrived). *Mac Jones*, at school at Knox, writes that he will stay on as an instructor in the school. *Zeke Edger* and *Ted Michel*, both at U.S.M.A., have new daughters. *George Brown*, at U.S.M.A. from Mitchel Field for June Week reports that *Johnnie Brooks* was recently promoted to full Colonel. *Harry Rising* checked through here still a bachelor during June Week on his way to Leavenworth and thence to Airborne training. *Dave Gauvreau*, also here for the June festivities, reports that he received his Master's degree at Ann Arbor, and is now on his way to Knox. *Steve Kosiorek*, a recent arrival at U.S.M.A. from Spain, is marrying *Evalyn Daniel* here on the 15th of June. *Houzer*, also having received his Master's at Ann Arbor, is now at

Board No. 1 at Fort Bragg. *O'Connell* is at Monmouth and soon will go to Sill. *Elsberry*, now at Sill but about to leave, is going to Alaska. *Mullane* stopped by during June Week just back from Japan, and doesn't know where he is going. The latest report from the home guard at West Point has it that Jack Bentley is staying another year, *Earl Brown*, Law Department, is staying, *Ted Brown* likewise, *Jack Camp* staying, *Chuck Cannon* the same, *Jim Carroll* ditto, *Herb Clendening* to Stanford, *Cocky Cochran* staying, *Ellis* likewise, *Edger* ditto, *Don Heaton* to Rensselaer Polytech, *Matt Harrison* transferring to the Engineers and going to Belvoir, *Jack Harris* to the University of Michigan, *Ben Howze* staying with the Artillery Section, *Felix Gerace*, a new arrival, staying in the Commissary, *Jack Kelsey* staying, *Ed Kiesel* to Sill, *Joe Knowlton* and *Ben Mayo* staying, *Greg McKee* transferring from the Tacs to the Ordnance Department, *Billy Mitchell* to Shaw Field, *Biz Moore* remaining but sweating out the London Olympics, *Moucha* to Sill, *Paul Root* staying, *Phil Seneff* to Knox, *Cecil Smith* to Leavenworth, *Brad Smith* to Harvard for six weeks and then returning, *Theisen* to school in Chicago and then back here to the Law Department, *Bob Tuttle* to Washington, *Leroy Watson* and *Dave Woods* staying, *Elmer Yates* to Cornell, *Dick Rastetter* to Detroit for a short school and then return. And that covers that! The locator file in the Association of Graduates is unable to home on the following: *Bud Harding*, *Harry Trimble*, *Buchanan*, *Tom Corbin*, *Rob Woodruff*, *Bob Keagy*, *Bill Hershenow*, *Bernie Schultz*, *S. K. Plume*, *Johnnie Zott*, *Al Dalby*, *Al Laudani*, *Riley King*, *Ben Spiller*, *John Meador*, *W. K. Cummins*, *Peer De Silva*, *H. D. Irwin*, *James Richardson*, *Red Moyer*, *Paul Pigue*, *R. E. Freese*, *Tom Sharkey*, *Ben West*, *Herb Stern*, *Pete Dilts*, *Charlie Busbee*, *Ralph McCool*, *M. E. Layfield*, *John C. Clark*, *Fitz Fitzpatrick*, *Bob Clark*, *R. W. Kline*, *Roy Atteberry*, *W. R. Gilbert*, *Bill Hoge*, *W. L. Moore*, *John Linderman*, *L. C. Henzl*, *James King*, *Al Snider*, *P. V. Liles*, *Sam Magruder*, *D. C. Collison*, *C. J. Canella*, *O. C. Tonetti*, *Dick Couch*, *Duval West*, *F. C. Stanford*, *Mort Birdseye*, *Ed Gelderman*, *D. L. McMullan*, *Ted de Saussure*, *L. F. Michels*, *R. E. Kuzell*, *Wayne Rhynard*, *Denis Grace*, *Dick Polk*, *R. M. Osgood*, *Walt Mather*, *E. L. Rowny*, *Mills Hatfield*, *K. O. Dessert*, *James Strain*, and *John Schremp*. Anyone having the inside dope, please write the Association, or better yet write *Jim Carroll* and include some news for the next Assembly.

—J. H. C.

January, 1943

We don't seem to have nearly so many births or marriages as usual this time. *Terry Ellis* showed up at the Point for June Week with his beautiful, blushing bride of only three weeks.

Jack Upchurch announced the birth of a son in Boston. The name is Paul N. *Lee James* writes that his first child was born last Christmas. Jack is studying for a master's degree in Civil Engineering at Harvard, and Lee

is starting a two year course in guided missiles at U.S.C.

The bodies of three of our classmates have been returned to the States for burial. *Piander* was buried in Arlington cemetery, and *Hall* and *Chambly* were buried here at the Point. The Class sent flowers to all of the funerals.

Colonel Fenton (Retired), President of the Association of Graduates, called in several class representatives to discuss a memorial for those killed in action in the war. The plans for this memorial have already been drawn, but plans have not been completed to finance it. The memorial will consist of two bronze plaques each containing the names of half the approximately 488 graduates who were killed. The plaques will be installed in Cullum Hall. Several plans have been suggested to finance the plaques. One plan is to contact the relatives and ask for a contribution of twenty-five dollars. The other is to get about six dollars from each man in our class, and then to notify the relatives that the memorial is being prepared. The five men at the meeting whose classes contained more than seventy percent of the casualties preferred the latter plan. The men to whom I have talked since then also seem to prefer the second method for raising the money. I would like to know what you think before we have our next meeting about the middle of September.

Going through some records which *Kelleher* left I found out where the money in the Class fund came from. Just before graduation each of us contributed five dollars. There was an excess from the money which we were assessed for hops. There were a few small amounts which came in from the sale of Christmas cards and graduation invitations. The biggest expenditure so far has been seven hundred dollars for a window in the Cadet Chapel. One hundred fifty dollars went to the Catholic Chapel. There is no mention of what the one hundred fifty dollars were used for. The class cup cost eighty dollars. In case you didn't know, *Al Freer* is the man who got the cup. I have a picture of it here if anyone wants to see it.

Going a little more into Class History, we have a tree which cost us about fifteen dollars. I think that it is located near the West Point Army Mess. According to a letter which I just dug out, a temporary plaque was placed on the tree because permanent ones were not available at the time. The plaque will have to be replaced. Also of interest is the memorial tray in Grant Hall. *Chuck Lenfest* thinks that Mrs. Stroh initiated the idea of giving a memorial for those of our class who were killed. She solicited funds from class Mothers and turned them over to the Cadet Hostess, who bought the tray.

The three June Week parties turned out to be howling successes. On Saturday, 4 June, we had a dinner dance at Stewart Field in conjunction with the June Class. "*Woody*" *Woodson* out of the June class made most of the arrangements. We supplied a few bodies to do the manual labor. It was a private party, with only the two classes there. People started arriving about six that night, and a few started

leaving about three the next morning. On Sunday it stopped raining long enough to give us beautiful weather for the picnic. The water up at Buckner was just right for swimming. We spent the afternoon on the sand swapping lies and drinking beer. We had a buffet dinner of barbecue. *Tom Beeson* brought up a record player and with the tremendous dance floor it was possible to try any step without bumping into anyone. This party started at noon and began to break up about two the next morning.

Incidentally, those of you who have not been back here in a long time will be amazed to see all the facilities that the cadets have at Camp Buckner. It is really much nicer than any thing we ever knew. You would be amazed, too, at the number of privileges that cadets now have. *Howard Werhle* almost lost his teeth when the public address system in each "Div" announced Sunday morning that reveille would be obligatory. On Sundays now reveille and breakfast are optional. Cadets can go below the level of the Plain after dark which means that they can use "Flirty" after dark. They can sit in parked cars. Those of us who have been around here think that the changes are for the good. However, some of the old grads who haven't been back for a long time are a bit horrified to see a cadet smoking a cigarette at a baseball game. Oh yes, cadets can smoke any place that officers can.

The party on the last night of June Week at the Greystone Manor must have been the best of them all. It was just a dinner where everyone would have a chance to finish telling all of his war stories and flying experiences. Being on O.D. I didn't get to go, but every once in a while I got a progress report by phone. The last I heard was about three in the morning when they called to tell me that everyone was going swimming.

"*Pappy*" *Doyle* flew in Friday from Louisville where he is stationed with a National Guard outfit. He was supposed to return Friday, but he had generator trouble and had to stay all night. On Saturday the big crowd started showing up. I found "*Rabbit*" *Brook* in the Club with a slide rule figuring out a way to beat the slot machines. *Howard Werhle* showed up with a moustache to which he has managed to add a few inches since he left Korea. *Howard* is still at Providence with a National Guard outfit. *Artery* was on his way to Boston where he will attend M.I.T. to study for a master's degree in Civil Engineering. *Wade* was here from Governors Island. I wasn't able to find out about everyone, but here are a few who were here: *Kurtz*, *Barger*, *Bishop*, and *Brady*. From Washington came *Ellis*, *McDermott*, *Michael*, *Rippin*, *Griffin*, and *Hogrefe*. On the way from Washington *Hogrefe's* car broke down. He was so anxious to get here that he sold it and bought a new one. *Thompson* was here from Washington. *Fred Porter* is going to Princeton. *Shaw* is attending classes at Yale. *Toth* is going to college in Philadelphia. *Brittingham* is at Wright Field, and *Iggy Lane* is at Mitchel. Among those who attended the parties from the people stationed here were *Donaldson*, *Raen*, *Mesereau*, *Courtney*, *Frankosky*, *Seith*,

Harrison, Maloney, Parker, Bestervelt, Beeson, Lenfest, Goss, and Willcoz. Sam Karrick managed to get back from M.I.T. just in time to make June Week.

From what I hear, Frankosky will go to Sandia Base, New Mexico; Ted Seith is going to Langley Field; Dan Parker is going to Cal. Tech.; Quint Goss may go to Georgia Tech, and Johnny Raaen hopes to go to Cornell. Among those whom I know will report soon are John Kerig, Lowell Fisher, Sam Karrick, Doug Blue, and maybe Keith Lindell who is at Stanford. Earl Hehn is already here.

Lee James sent in a few notes. He is going to U.S.C. to begin a two year course in guided missiles. He says that Howie Moore, Moe Dworak, and Ray Sanders are at Ft. Bliss. Pat Wardell is going to U.S.C. Kajencki already has a year at U.S.C., and he will finish in one more year.

Ardery told me that he saw Bischoff and Al Hughes in Germany about seven months ago. Colonel Gatchell had dinner with Jackie Wood who is a military attaché in Paris. According to Colonel Gatchell, Wood has a very good job.

The deadline for the next issue of Assembly is September 10. How about some word. We still haven't heard from Bogan and a few like him. I want to thank Rod Wriston for writing me. If I can get a plane I am going out and see him about the middle of August.

Joe and Nan Dover sent a telegram from Peru wishing us success in our Fifth Reunion. Joe Gatewood had just passed through the Point and sent his regards.
—Harrison.

June, 1943

Our "Wooden" Reunion turned out to be a most enjoyable affair—just ask any of the rabble who were here. We led off on Saturday night at Stewart Field with a Dinner-Dance (combined with January '43), had a monstrous Stag Party at the West Point Army Mess Sunday night, and climaxed the show with a Dinner and much folderol

into the wee hours at Bear Mountain on Monday night. The following classmates, both local and itinerant, were present: **Sauls, Gordys, Surkamps, Gullions, Raudells, Rhoads, Burroughs, Rooker, Stevens, Richards, Hersberger, Al Burdetts, Easley, McCannas, Courseys, Keefer, Parfitt, Boruski, Munches, Curcurus, Barrickmans, Hutchins, Mazingo, Staszak, Otts, Sonstelies, Shorts, Perkins, Blanks, Orlians, Glasgow, C. A. Wilsons, Jamars, Herres, Knowles, Sembach, Neuers, McGregors, Hoffmans, Heads, DeCamps, Scotts, Brandts, Buyers, Shaeffers, Parkers, Woodsons, Durantes, Snyders, Campbells, Grady, Bollings, Hogans, VanSchoick, Christy, Taylors, Farley, Lintons, Hemsley, Holderness, Zuppann, Foulk, Steele.** The group picture (see cut) was taken on Monday night at Bear Mountain and will show you what a handsome bunch of kids June '43ers are in general.

Here on the home front, the following have departed U.S.M.A. for new assignments: **Tid Watkins**, for Cal. Tech. and a course in Electrical Engineering; **John Stockton**, to Ft. Knox, for the Advanced Course at the Cavalry School; **Hal Knowles**, for H.Q., U.S.A.F.E.; **Bill Herres**, for the Philippines; **Bud Bolling**, for Rio de Janeiro; **R. C. Grady**, for Ankara, Turkey; **Bob Hoffman**, for the Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright-Patterson Field, Dayton, Ohio; **Woody Woodson**, to Athens, Greece; **Dick Snyder**, to the Air Tactical School, Tyndall Field, Fla.; **Rollo Brandt**, for an overseas assignment; **Van Schoick**, to the University of Wisconsin; **Doug Deal**, to the University of Illinois for Electrical Engineering; **Frank Taylor**, from Stewart Field to the Far Eastern Air Force.

The only arrivals for the coming year here at the Rock that we know of are **Art and Jean Surkamp**, in the Department of Military Engineering, and **B. Edrington**, our new representative in the Tactical Department.

The following poop has been extracted from the questionnaires which many of you returned to **Bud Bolling** in answer to his June Week propaganda.

Bob Rooker—R.O.T.C. instructor at M.I.T., address: 1180th A.S.U., R.O.T.C., M.I.T., Cambridge 39, Mass. **Walt Hutchin**—Address: Quarters 423-A, Ft. Belvoir, Va. **Johnny Moses**—Address: P.I.D., HQ., E.U.C.O.M., A.P.O. 757, c/o P.M., N.Y.C.—took over **Hank Schroeder's** job as Assistant Exec—has one girl, Virginia, age two. Also with Johnny in HQ., E.U.C.O.M., are **Allen Jones**, assigned to the Office of the Secretary of the General Staff, his wife, Lynn, and two children; **Larry Pavy**, his wife, Doris, and daughter; and **Wally Magathan**, wife Peggy, and two children. **Jack Rawlings** is at Wiesbaden with U.S.A.F.E. Intelligence Division. **Max Talbot** and wife have recently left Bad Nauheim for the States. **Bill Greenwalt**, with wife and three children, and **Hank Morgan** are on duty in Berlin. **Bill Peak** and **Clarke Baldwin** are in Garmisch. The latter was married on 1 May to **Bettie Powell Rodes** in Berlin. **Freeman Bowley** is still in Warsaw and **Jack Novak** in Prague. The Novaks had a daughter, Lani Ann, on 6 May. **C. W. Dickinson** has completed his course at the University of Illinois and is headed for Fort Scott, Calif., for assignment to the staff of the Seacoast Branch of the Artillery School. **Dave Conard** enumerates the troops who have been or are now at Sandia Base, Albuquerque, New Mexico; **Ned Burr**, **Bob Plett**, **Dick Reitmann**, **Dick Meyer**, **Bobby Griffin**, **Jon Vordermark**, **Jammie Philpott**, and **John Bowley**. **Don Detwiler** can be reached at Box 262, H.Q., 5th A.F., A.P.O. 710, c/o P.M., San Francisco (Nagoya, Japan, to those who don't have the A.P.O. locations' specked). **Bob Mathe** is holding out at the 8455th M.P. Co., Camp Hood, Texas. **Bird Dog Spalding's** current address is: U.S. Constabulary School, A.P.O. 61, c/o P.M., N.Y.C. **Bob Plett's** present mailing address: 102 Belmont St., Watertown 72, Mass. **Sonny Gorelanton** (Public Information Office, Hawaiian Air Materiel Area, Hickam Field, Hawaii) wants the world to know about his second son, **Timothy L.**, born December 2nd. He also adds that **Bill de Brocke** is P.M.S.&T. at Punahou H.S., and that **Ben Cassidy** is at Lackland Field, San Antonio,



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Texas, trying out for the Olympic 400 meter lows. *John Blair Beach* is at U.S.C. studying Guided Missiles. *Bob McClure's* latest address is Box 3203, M.C.G.T., Wright-Patterson Field, Dayton, O. *Gayle Madison*, who sneaked back to the States on a fat deal, was present at the Reunion. He can be reached at COMSERVAC, Box 15, c/o F.P.O., San Francisco, Cal. *Dutch Umlauf* and *Jim Keenan* are with the 82nd at Ft. Bragg. *Johnny Hull* (Maj. U.S.A., Ret.) is addressed: 980 Jackson St., Denver 6, Colo. *Bill Deekle*, having recently completed the Advanced Course at the Q.M. School, goes to R.O.T.C. duty at Rhode Island State College. *Ed Curcuru's* mail goes to 23235 Sherman Ave., Ferndale 20, Mich.

Among the other letters in this month's file, we find numerous moans and groans from *Dan's Flannel Cullinane*, the Sage of Tokyo, over his poor departed cohorts, *Sonstelic*, *Atkinson*, *Edrington*, et al. *Doris Naylor* has joined *Bill*, however, to bolster our representation there. *Ed Cutler*, by the way, returned to the States to be with *Bobbie* during her serious illness at Walter Reed and has now been reassigned to the 509th Bomb Wing (V.H.), Roswell Field, New Mexico. *Tom McCabe* recently visited Tokyo as baggage-boy for a group of V.I.P.'s. He and *Paul Steinle*, *Rog Kullman*, *Jerry McCabe* (Tom's brother), *R. J. MacMullen*, and *Bill Pitts* (Jan. '43) still claim the Casbah, the swankiest abode in the District of Columbia, as their own. Those lads have the fattest bachelor setup on record. *Harriette Loughman* says that *Jack* is very happy with his assignment to the R.O.T.C. unit at the University of Delaware. They have one son. *Steve Gordy* checks in with his present mailing address: 1047 Reservoir Ave., Cranston, R. I.

Miscellaneous: The *J. K. Wades* have added *Amy Christine* to the family as of May 20th in Nanking, China. *Bob Dwan* has left H.Q., Sixth Army, for the Advanced Course at the Cavalry School. *Bob Hersberger* has broken out his slide rule again and is guiding the destinies of your Air Force files as a member of the pick and shovel section of the promotion board with working headquarters at Bolling Field. *Harvey Short*, who has been C.O. of the O.C.S. outfit at Benning, is signed up for the Advanced Course there at the Infantry School. *Bill Pulos* is leaving the R.O.T.C. Unit at the University of Kansas for the Army Language School at the Presidio of Monterey. *Dick Meyer* has departed Sandia for Harvard and a course in Civil Engineering. *Bob Campbell* has gone to Sill for the Advanced Course at the Artillery School. Likewise *Will Cover*, *Ralph Jones*, and *Ed Kreml*. *Bill Glasgow*, from Harvard to the 463rd A.F.B.U., A.T.R.C., Ft. Francis E. Warren, Wyo. *Jones, C. M.*, from the Savannah High School R.O.T.C. to Johns Hopkins, Baltimore, Md., for a course in Guided Missiles. *George Alexander* has recently completed a two year course at N.Y.U.—new assignment unknown. *J. C. Miller*, from U.L.C.A. to the 1st Guided Missiles Regt., Ft. Bliss, Tex. *Rog Ray* reports to the same outfit. *Dick Orphan*, from Princeton to A.F.S.W.P.,

Sandia. Rog Conarty, from H.Q., 6th Army, to Princeton for a course in Nuclear Physics. *Joe Walsh* has a rather corpulent deal as Air Attaché to Guatemala and several other Central American countries. *Bill Calnan* and *Del Perkins*, from the 3rd Infantry, Ft. Meyer, to the Infantry School for the Advanced Course. *Tom Essen*, from Ft. Belvoir to Quarry Heights, Canal Zone. *Patricia Ann Neuer* was born to *Jack* and *Jean* here at W.P. on 25 March. *George Betts*, from H.Q., 4th Army to the Army Language School, Presidio of Monterey. *Joe Eastmead*, *Ed Shaifer* to the Infantry School Advanced Course. The *Pappy Chandlers* welcomed *John Stephen* on 5 April at Walter Reed. *Leo Hayes* has been ordered to Madrid, Spain, prior to reporting here for duty with the Department of Modern Languages next year. A daughter, *Barbara Camille*, to *Bob* and *Carol deCamp*, at West Point 10 June.

Tom Sawyer, from the University of Iowa to Ft. Belvoir. *J. D. Neumann*, from Ft. Sill to the Airborne Course at Benning, then to the 82nd at Bragg. *Gus Canning*, from Ft. Bliss to 2nd Army H.Q., Ft. Geo. Meade, Md. *Tom Elgin*, to the 2nd Engineer Special Brigade, Ft. Worden, Wash. *Smith, G. L.*, remains assigned to the New York National Guard, but goes from Buffalo to Syracuse as a Field Artillery Instructor. *Tony Grice* reports to the Arty School, Ft. Sill, Okla., upon return from the Far East. *Art Lacouture*, to the Seacoast Branch, The Arty School, Ft. Winfield Scott, Cal. It's *Mary Ann (Molly)* for the *R. C. Grady's* as of 18 March. They're batting 1,000 with two girls. *Harry Langdon Reeder III* made his debut at Stuttgart, Germany, on 18 March. *Milt Rhoads* migrates to Alaska in July. *Bill Welsh* appears to be headed for H.Q., E.U.C.O.M. *Johnny Cobb* took unto himself a wife, *Mayme Sue Roberts*, on 10 March in El Paso, Texas. *Art Rasper* likewise acquired a bride, the former *Mary Virginia Motz*, on 18 June in Walter Reed Chapel. *Jim Phillips*, to Ft. Sill, Okla., for Advanced Course. Likewise *Don Jalbert. Smith, F. B.*, from Harvard to the Missouri River District, C.E.; Address: 1709 Jackson St., Omaha, Nebraska. *Jug Burrows*, from M.I.T. to same. *Fred Proctor*, from the University of California at Berkeley to San Francisco District, C.E.; address: 74 New Montgomery St., San Francisco, Cal. *Tom Johnston*, from Ft. Belvoir to N.Y.U. for a course in Administrative Engineering. *Jim Nash*, to the University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa, for Civil Engineering. *Stan Wilson*, after the Airborne Course at Benning, to the 82nd Airborne, Ft. Bragg. *Sam Pinnell*, from Ft. Belvoir to the University of Illinois for Civil Engineering. *Milt Steinbring*, from Harvard to Baltimore District, C.E.; address: 24th St. and Maryland Ave., Baltimore, Md. *J. R. Lloyd*, upon return from the Far East, to the Advanced Course at the Arty School, Ft. Sill, Okla. *Joe Chausty*, from Iowa State College to the Louisville District, C.E.; address: 830 West Broadway, Louisville, Ky. *Earl Olmstead* is a very wheelish tac at Randolph Field, reported to be a hard man. *Bill Milmore* is reputedly enroute to Tokyo.

Bob Danforth is slated for the Armored School, by the way, upon his return from Tokyo. *Wendell van Auken* has traded his crossed cannons for crossed rifles. *Stocky Linton*, to the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Va., for Nuclear Physics. *Joe Weyrick* joins up with the Staff and Faculty, the Arty School, Ft. Sill, Okla. *Charlie Crane*, who has dropped by the Rock several times recently, goes to U.C.L.A. for Meteorology. The *Clare Farleys* added *Ellen Noonan Farley* (third child, first daughter) on 19 May. *Clare's* due to go overseas in the Fall from his present station at Ft. Belvoir. *Gordon Schraeder*, from the University of Illinois to the Kansas City District, C.E.; address: 601 Davidson Bldg., 10 East 17th St., Kansas City, Mo. The following Engineers are reporting from Universities as noted to the Advanced Course, Ft. Belvoir: *Johnny Bell* (Iowa), *Dutch Ingwersen* (Iowa), *Don Mehrrens* (Cornell), *Jack Morris* (Iowa), *Bill Roos* (Iowa), *Charlie Reed* (N.Y.U.), *Jug Young* (Oklahoma). *Garry Black* goes to the 3rd Infantry Regt., Ft. Meyer, Va. *Howie Coffman*, from Iowa University to the Nashville District, C.E.; address: 303 U.S. Courthouse, 7th Ave. and Broadway, Nashville, Tennessee. *Duane Tenney*, from Iowa also, to the Denver District, C.E.; address: 200 Railway Exchange Bldg., 909 17th St., Denver, Colo. *Clyde Earnest*, from Texas A.&M. to Kansas City District, C.E.; address 601 Davidson Bldg., 10 E. 17th St., Kansas City, Mo. *Jim Betts* from University of Iowa, to the San Antonio Sub-Office, C.E.; address: Santa Fe Bldg., 1114 Commerce St., Dallas, Tex. *Frank Dirkes*, from the University of Iowa, to the Garrison District, C.E.; address: Ft. Lincoln, Bismarck, North Dakota. *Norm Pehrson*, from M.I.T. to the Ohio River Division, C.E.; address: 303 U.S. Courthouse, 7th Ave. and Broadway, Nashville, Tennessee. *Ernie Buzalski*, from University of Illinois to Ft. Belvoir for the Advanced Course. *Lorrie Thomas*, from the University of Illinois to the Portland District, C.E.; address: 628 Pittock Block, S.W., 10th Ave. and Washington St., Portland, Oregon. *Bill Ray* will keep his job with General Ridgway and accompany him to his new post at Quarry Heights, Canal Zone. *Bill Brabson*, from Ft. Sill, to Princeton for Nuclear Physics. *Charlie Benson* has made an administrative move: from schooling at Ft. Bliss to the 1st Guided Missiles Regt. there. *Bernie Rogers* has proved his versatility by touring the Continent with the Oxford Basketball Team during the past Spring. Keep your eye out for that boy—there's no telling what capacity he may turn up in.

Statistics: We now have 410 men on the Active List, which means that we've lost 104 since Graduation. Those 104 are broken down as follows: 10 Retired; 17 in Civil Life (15 Resigned, 1 Dismissed, 1 Not Commissioned); 74 Deceased (K.I.A. Ground 24, K.I.A. Air 36, Killed Air Non-Combat 10, Killed Transport Sinking 2, Killed Auto Accident 1, Died 1); Foreign Living 3. *Marty Martin* is our only representative in the Lt. Col. bracket. There are 66 Majors, approximately 318 Captains and 25 1st Lts. About 315 members of the class are married and the off-

spring are almost evenly divided: about 125 boys and 140 girls. Get a copy of the '48 *Register of Graduates, U.S.M.A.* for more details.

Please help keep the Class informed by dropping me a note when you know of anything significant such as a change of station or mailing address. You may even be able to bone yourself up a few letters from people you haven't heard from since you left U.S.M.A. Just mail the poop to Maj. *H. L. Hogan III*, Office of the Superintendent, West Point, N. Y.

I must note here with great regret the passing of *Richard B. Willis, Jr.*, killed on March 31, 1948, in an aircraft accident near Kingston, N. Y. At the time of his death, Dick was assigned to Stewart Field and doing a grand job there. Our sympathy and condolences to his wife and family in their loss.

—Lee H.

1945

Department of births and weddings has the following few items: Born to the *Les Ayers*, a daughter, Paula, April 21, 1948. A son was born to *Andy* and *Jinny Carhartt* in Phoenixville, Pa., September 4, 1947. The young fellow's name is John Forrest.

Ward Dworshak will marry *Margaret Nairn* of Washington in the near future. The wedding will take place at Karlsruhe, Germany where Ward is stationed in the C.I.C. Major and Mrs. *William P. David* of Hanau, Germany, announce the marriage of their daughter, *Patricia McGrath*, to 1st Lt. *Garland S. Landrith, Jr.* The ceremony took place on Wednesday, June 16th at Kronberg Castle, Frankfurt, Germany. The couple will honeymoon in Switzerland and the French Riviera and will make their home in Murnau, where Lt. Landrith is on the staff of the European Command Engineering School. *Alfred H. Jones* married *Joanne Johnson* of Alexandria, Va. in the Camp Sendai Post Chapel, April 17, 1948. *Woody Carter* was best man. Immediately following the ceremony the couple left on their honeymoon at the *Fujyia Rest Hotel* in *Miyanoshiba*, Japan whereupon the couple will reside in *Sendai*, Japan.

News from and about *Kumamoto*, Japan—*Quentin La Prad* is sweating out his return to the States. Already returned from this post to the States are: *Kerr*, *Martinez*, *Truscott*, *Schelter*, and *Waggonhurst*. The last three will be assigned to the 703 M.P. Bn at Fort Meyer, Va. At the annual dinner on the post were all the above along with *Schoaf*, *Bentz* and *Callahan*.

From the 82nd A./B. comes the following news: *Al Knight*, who was Major General *Byers' Aide-de-Camp* in Japan, returned with the General when he took command of the Division. Al no sooner finished jump school than he accepted an opportunity to participate in the Army's Advanced Schooling Program at the University of Illinois. *Jack Bruckner* is Al's replacement.

Assigned to the 504th Airborne Infantry are *Fred Kochli*, *Herm Napier*,

Bill Siebert and *Johnny Jones*. *Napier*, *Siebert* and *Jones* are all platoon leaders while *Fred Kochli* is Liaison Officer under the S-3. *Moose Hardy* alone is assigned to the 505th Airborne Infantry.

Ren Fortier is the Aide to General Cannon, Division Artillery Commander. *Joe Wooley* is in the 503d Airborne A.A. Artillery. *George Stewart* is in the Parachute Maintenance Company and *George Jones* is in the G-1 section. *Paul Wheaton* is on orders to join the Division.

Johnny Jones is the only married man in the entire group at Bragg. Johnny is the proud possessor of a young son, "Chris", about six months old. The housing situation for married officers is rough, ask Johnny how he likes his trailer.

New arrivals at Sandia Base, Albuquerque, New Mexico include *Frank LaBoon*, *George Dexter*, *Jim Ingham*, *Bill McNamee*, *Ed Lane*, *Charlie Reynolds*, *Al Price*, *Dick Boberg*, *Vern Pinkey*, *Ernie Denz*, *Walt Gellini*, *Dick Kothrade*, *Walt Slazak*, *Dave Higgins*, *Harry Shaw*, *Butch McCullough*, *Jack Rhett*, *Walt Wittwer*, *John Coulahan*, *Bill Schibilsky*, and *Ches Skelton*. All the old timers, *Chuck Adler*, *Bill Barnes*, *Cy Brown*, *George Bush*, *Perry Catts*, *Bill Ekberg*, *Swede Erickson*, *Jack Fehrs*, *Gil Gilbert*, *Bill Kratz*, *Dorsey Mahin*, *Norm Mallory*, *Rock McBride*, *Jim Mueller*, *Bob Nelson*, *Ken Paape*, *Bill Stewart*, *Paul Ugis* and *Bill Taylor* are still here.

In the miscellaneous department we have *Bill Taylor* and *Norm Mallory* leaving for post graduate schooling at Annapolis, and *Bill Barnes* getting married the 27th of June. *Jim* and *Peg Henshaw* along with *Lynn* stopped in to see *Ken* and *Doris Paape* and *Susie* in June while on leave from Camp Hood.

The *Kothrades*, *Mallorys*, *Paapes*, *Pinkeys*, *Taylor*, *Giginses*, *Wittwers*, *Denzes*, *Muellers*, *Cattses* and *Fehrses* have one child each; *Bill Stewart* has two.

The following are from official Army news releases: Hq. Yokota A.F.B., Japan: First Lt. *John B. Chickering* recently departed from Yokota Air Force Base, Japan, for reassignment in the United States. This new assignment came as Lt. *Chickering* completed the required 30 months overseas tour of duty with the Far East Air Forces. While in Japan, Lt. *Chickering* served as a P-80 pilot with the 82d Rec. Sq. (Jet Propelled), and established a ground speed record over the Japanese home islands during January of 1948, as he streaked through the high wind-swept atmosphere at 780 miles per hour. This record was accomplished in an FP-80, photographic version of the Air Force's famous "Shooting Star". Accompanying Lt. *Chickering* on the homeward voyage will be his wife, *Beverley* whom he married in Japan during October of 1947.

Hq. Philrycom: First Lt. *Raymond J. McCarrell*, presently assigned as Aide-de-Camp to Major General *J. W. Anderson*, Deputy Commander and Chief of Staff of Headquarters, Philippines-Ryukyus Command in Manila, is

returning to the United States for re-assignment. Lt. *McCarrell*, who has been in the Philippines since 1945, has been ordered to report for a new assignment with the Universal Military Training Experimental Unit at Fort Knox, Ky.

Carswell Air Force Base, Texas: Lt. *Frederick C. Thayer, Jr.*, reported to Carswell Air Force Base recently and has been assigned to the 7th Bomb Wing, 8th Air Force, part of the Strategic Air Command, as a B-29 Pilot. Lt. *Thayer* served overseas at Harmon Field, Guam, until January 1948, when he returned to the United States to be assigned to the 8th Air Force.

A few of the boys have been in New York on leave. *Marie* and *Ralph Ford* with little *Ralph* spent a few days here visiting. Their next assignment will be at Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio. *George Crowell* fresh back from the Pacific is heading for Benning. *Paul Nelson* has been visiting his parents in Panama and will head for a two year assignment at Vanderbilt. *L. M. Jones* with his fiancée are spending their leave at the Point. *Larry* is headed for Sill. Assigned at Fort Slocum, N. Y. is *Orlando Holway* who will be with the statistical control section of the First A.F. *Holway* formerly served with the A. F. on P.I. *Joyce* and *Ted Halligan* are visiting their parents at South Cairo, N. Y. *Ted* is assigned to Columbia on a two year course. *Louis Gingras* (Disc. dsbl.) has joined the New Jersey National Guard. With rank of First Lieutenant *Gingras* is assigned as company commander in a tank unit.

—George Lenfest.

1946

Peter Arend took as his bride the former Miss *Roberta Anne Donehue* of Albany, N. Y. on April 17, 1948. They were married at West Point, with the reception being held at the Hotel Thayer. After the wedding *Pete* and his wife left for Calif. enroute to Japan where they will be stationed with the 11th Airborne Div. at Yokohama. *Bob Hefferon* was best man.

In Kingston, N. Y., *Henry Bolz* married Miss *Patricia Anne Matthews* on May 1, 1948. It was a military wedding, the ushers (Maj. *Ernest Ewbank*, Lt. *James Howe*, Capt. *Paul Halin*, Lt. *Richard Gruenther*, Capt. *Glenn Vinquist* and Lt. *Arthur Truxes* all stationed at West Point) formed an arch of sabers after the ceremony. Best man was *Keith Ball*, brother-in-law of the bride. Their wedding trip included the New England States and a cruise to Guatemala.

On May 6, 1948, during the Hollywood broadcast of "Bride and Groom", *Jerry Bowman* married the former Miss *Emma Gardner* of Tulsa, Okla. *Jerry* met *Emma* while a cadet and when she was an airlines stewardess. Following a week's honeymoon at Delmar Beach, Calif., as guests of the ABC network, the couple returned to Pocatoiny arsenal. On May 28th they left for Boston where *Jerry* will take a two year P.G. course in Mech. Eng. at M.I.T.

David Brillhart was married in Rhinelander, Wisconsin, to Miss Joan Jeffris on March 5, 1948. Dave's brother Andrew was best man. After a honeymoon at Palm Springs, Calif. the couple went to Sendai, Japan where Dave is with the 11th A.B.

Columbus, Ga. was the scene for *Harold de Moya's* wedding March 27, 1948, when he married the former Shirley Ann Watkins of that city. After visits in the States, the couple flew to Germany on April 18 to finish Harold's leave in Switzerland, before reporting back to the 27th Constab., Darmstadt, Germany.

Miss Kathleen Harter of Sussex-Hampton, Va. became Mrs. *Thomas Gee* on March 13, 1948. They were married at Langley Field, Hampton, Va. *Ray Gilbert* married Miss Gwendolyn Jones of Oklahoma City on June 5, 1948. The former Miss Jones was graduated from O.C.W., Chickasha, Okla. this past June. For the past year Ray has been assigned to duty in Seoul, Korea, and just recently was re-assigned to the U.S.A. military government in Korea.

Last December 6, 1947, *Robert T. Gorman* was married to Miss Virginia Helen Cole of Hampton, Va., at Langley Field, Va. Best man was *George A. Hirsch* and the ushers were *Bryce Poe* and *Bruce Shawe*. After the reception and following party a honeymoon was spent in Washington and other eastern cities.

Scott Minnich married Laurinne Stewart on March 29 and had to leave a couple of days later for Alaska. His wife is with him there now, however, and they expect to complete their T.D.Y. sometime during this summer and will return to McChord Field, Tacoma, Wash.

Leslie E. Thompson married Frances Buckley of Boston on Jan. 24, 1948, in Boston. They honeymooned at Lake Placid and in California. Leslie returned to Japan and Frances will join him sometime this summer.

On June 2, 1948, in the Post Chapel, Camp Schimmelpfennig, Sendai, Japan, *Sam Walker* married Charlotte Alice Behrenberg. The former Miss Behrenberg is the daughter of Major and Mrs. W. C. Behrenberg now serving in Japan. A reception was held at the IX Corps Officers Club.

From Frankfurt, Germany, news has arrived of *Norman Weiss'* marriage to the former Miss Zeldia Jane Klein of Wilkes Barre, Pa. Date was 7 March 1948. The bride, her mother, and Norm's mother sailed across on the Queen Elizabeth for the wedding. Norm is with the 511th Q.M.S.C.

During March 1948 at a party, Col. and Mrs. E. M. Pryse of Washington, D. C. announced the engagement of their daughter Miss Gwenda Rollins Pryse to *Charles G. Williamson*. The method of announcement was quite novel. Upon arrival each guest was presented with an Easter egg which contained a scroll inscribed with the announcement. Charley is stationed in Ibaraki, Japan.

Al Joy has been with the 25th Inf. "Tropic Lightning" Div. since June '47. He is with the 27th Regt. in Oosaka, Japan. Mrs. *Thomas McBryde* flew to Japan with her daughter Elise, six months old, to join Tom at Jimmachi.

Mrs. *McBryde* is the former Miss Barbara White of New Rochelle, N. Y. *Earnest W. Prevost* is stationed at El Paso, Texas. *W. C. Bishop* is stationed at Bad Tolz, Germany.

Bob Daniel is at present assigned as commanding officer of Headquarters Battery of the 532nd A.A.A. Gun Battalion on Okinawa. His wife, Mrs. Marjorie Hope Daniel, presently resides in Abilene, Texas. *Bernard Petrie* was serving as defense counsel officer, General Court, Judge Advocate Section at Hq., Philrycom in Manila at last report. *George J. Porter's* wife gave birth to a boy George Jr. on Jan. 19, 1948, in Yokohama, Japan.

"I am not married, report no children, and am unemployed," reports *Roscoe Patton* from Tucson, Arizona. Patton's letter contained some other interesting information also. On May 27, 1948, he received a degree from the College of Business at Arizona University. He said that he discovered two years were necessary to complete the required subject list in either engineering or business courses; our credits are accepted, but most of them fill in for electives. Such courses as our Law, Ordnance, or M.T.&G. are difficult to evaluate. While at school Patton was very active with his fraternity, being President, also he did deer and bird hunting and skiing. Roscoe mentioned meeting many classmates in Tucson and vicinity last year. It seems that *Joe Flores* has an offspring born last fall and *DeBow Freed* is back in the States on an emergency leave and temporary duty at Fort Knox.

Donald S. Beyer and Miss Nancy Prew McDonald were married June 8, 1948, in the Naval Communications Chapel in Washington, D. C. Don's brother Richard was best man. Don is stationed in Seoul, Korea.

In Yokohama, Japan, there is a large concentration of classmates in the 138th A.A.A. Group, A.P.O. 503. There are three battalions in the group with this breakdown: 933 A.A.A. Batt: *Frank Schoen* (M, boy), *Jack Weir-inga*, *Ernest Pepin*, *John Geary* (M), *E. V. Pfauth*, *Tom Provenzano* (M), *Elmo Cunningham*, *Howie Pleuss* (M, boy), *Fred Derrick* (M); 76 A.A.A. Batt: *John Dwyer*, *Hal Horne* (M, boy), *Bertie Ghrist*, *Phil Ferris* (M), *Billy Prestidge*, *Larry Ingham*, *Bob Rush* (M), *Dan Moriarty*, *Sevell Elliot* (M), *Alvin Ash*; 753 A.A.A. Batt: *Stan Love*, *Sam Title*, *Tom Hirschberg*, *Dudley Stark*, *Pappy Papatones* (M), *Bill Parker*, *Prentice Whitlock*, *Bob Kane* (M), *Dan Hickey* (M), *Shirley Ashton* (M). Most of the married (M) men expected their wives to arrive around the first of April. The above information came from Stan Love. He has met at various times, *W. C. Parker*, 1st Cav., *George Muir* (M), *Kyustin*, *Billy Bob Smith* and *Bill Sacharov*, 11th A.B., *Epstein*, Oosaka, *Rex Beasley*, 1st Cav., and *John G. Parker*, 1st Cav.

At the all-Japan basketball tournament, 138th A.A.A. Gp. represented 8th Army, having won the Tokyo-Yokohama league. *Tom Hirschberg* and *Jack Weir-inga* managed and Jack played. *Spider Reed*, *Corbin Davis*, *Dick Lynch*, *Jack Hoefling*, and some others were on the teams. *Johnny Bar-*

rett managed one team. In the inter-command tournament, *Johnny Nance* was on the Korea team. *Kelso* was over from Korea for a skiing meet. *Gordon Jacobsen* was married just before sailing for Japan last June. The group listed with the 76 A.A.A. Batt. was to go to China last April and visit Shanghai, Nanking, Peking, and Hong Kong. Love ends his letter with a feeling that his outfit is well off and living well. He was going to 120 mm Gun school for a refresher course when he wrote the letter and had just finished 8th Army Automotive Maintenance along with several other classmates.

Returned from Alaska last March, *Joe Buzhardt* is again on the move, this time to Japan. He was home for about two months getting his first opportunity to see his daughter Linda. Sailing west with Buz on May 20 from Calif. were *Jim Hurley* (married Jeanne Paulsen of Tacoma, Wash., on 2 May), *Rick Lampe*, *Tom Langstaff*, and *Slats Stees*. Stees' wife Janet gave birth to a son 4 hours after Slats left home for Hamilton Field, Calif. At McChord Field, Tacoma, Wash., are *Ben Kernan* and *Phil Clements*. *Johnny Doolittle*, *Dick Kellogg*, *Dick Walterhouse*, and *Chuck Hauenstein* are on T.D.Y. in Alaska, while *Walt Lyman* is in a civilian college in Calif. Nancy Ann Jackson was born May 3, 1948, to *Jack* and *Mary Ann Jackson*.

During March *Steve Matejov* was recovering from an operation in Korea, I am sure by now that all is well with Steve. He sent the following news, *Dan Hickey* married *Patty Snow* 19 Feb. '48. *Paul Kelly* passed the cigars when his daughter was born 28 Dec. '47. The Kellys named her *Marylynne*. The *Mendenhalls* had a baby 3 Feb. '48 named *Lillian Vance*.

From Lowell Textile Institute, Lowell, Mass., *Jack McWhorter* reports several things. On 29 Oct. '47 Jack's wife presented him with a daughter *Cynthia Christian* at Richmond, Va. Jack will be at Lowell until June '49 studying Textile Engineering. At Harvard taking Business Administration are *Harlan Tucker* and wife, *Bob Allen* and wife, and *Cal Arnold*. *Oosting* was at last report at Pitt taking Petroleum. *Clif Gray* and *Seeber* are at the U. of Minn. as is *Al Temple* who is scheduled for a 3 year stay. *Bob Dickson* and *Alex Halls* have been at Stanford about a year. *Daneman* is studying Paper Chemistry out in Wisconsin. *Bill Bigler* and his wife *Marilyn* are at Munich where Bill is Class III officer for the depot there. *Bill Webb* and his wife are near Frankfurt. *Joe Castelli* is with the 19th Regt. of the 29th Inf. Div., Japan. *Preston Davis* is with the 27th Inf. Div. in Japan. *Jack* asks for letters addressed to the Institute and mentions Lowell as being only 28 miles from Boston.

Judd Schulke wrote an interesting letter filled with info. With the 97th Constabulary Signal Sq. are *Hal Stirling* and *Abe Lincoln*. Transferred from the 97th to the 1st Division Signal Co. at Bad Tolz were *Clint Friend* and *Bud Gibson* as of mid April. *Al* and *Nancy Victor* have a baby girl born in Jan. '48. Schulke is at present the mess, club, and class VI officer. He

seems to run everything from a restaurant to a hotel. *Charlie Baker* is with the post Q.M. in Heidelberg. *Meerbott* is in Stuttgart attached to the 7824 S.C.U. *Guy Troy* is with the 51st Con. Sq. at Schwaibish Hall. *Leon Musser*, *Bill McMaster* and many others are with the 6th Constab. Regt. in Schweinfurt. *John Stratis* and *White-ner* are with the 15th Constab. Regt. in Fussen. *Steve Henry* is in Landshut with the 53rd Constab. Sq. *Frank Conant*, *Jim Becker*, and *Bob Leigh* are in Straubing with the 11th Constab. Regt. Leigh's wife, Red, presented him with a daughter; when I don't know. *Ed Saunders* and wife Jean were met by Judd in the Excelsior Hotel in Munich on their way back to Bad Orb after a visit to Bavaria.

Transferred to El Paso, Biggs Field along with the 97th Bomb Gp. were *Chuck Brosius*, *Dick Burgess*, *Si Hunt*, *Joe McKinney* and *Bob Tribolet*. *Toby Reed* and *Ken Chapman* are now in Albuquerque. "*Scotty*" and *Lee McGregor* are the parents of a second daughter, *Mary Lee*, born on March 4, 1948.

In Tuscon, Arizona, we find "*Cucho*" and *Shirley Felices*. She was formerly *Shirley Gross* and they were married at her home in Salina, Kansas, on July 20, 1947. *Tony Wesolowski* brings news of the 1st Constab. Sq. at Karlsruhe. With him are *Bill Kelty*, *Abe Wolf*, *Lew Tixier*, and *Bob Berry*. All five are married and have nice living places. *Wes* and *Irene* have a 5 room apartment with 2 baths. *Wes* is in D troop, *Bill* and *Lew* with C troop, *Wolf* with B troop and *Bob* with A troop. *Tony* was been supply officer, Athletic officer, T.J.&E. officer, Ordnance officer and member of the fund council. He has met *Herb Flather* who is a company commander in Austria and *Bob Douthitt* who is up in northern Germany.

Engineers helping the Air Forces with their fields are *Milton Strain*, *George Devens*, *George Fink*, *Dan Leininger*, and *Bill Thomasset*. These men are stationed at Harmon Field, Marianas Islands. *Strain* is assistant S-3 working in the design and planning section of Air Installations. *Devens* is an assistant motor transportation officer. *Fink* is a concrete expert. He is building an officer's club extension, some fuel tanks and other odds and ends. *Leininger* is doing office work due to a recent operation restricting his outdoor activities for a while. *Thomasset*, whose wife *Muriel* joined him in Feb. '48, is Assistant to the Repairs and Utilities Supply officer. *C. C. Larson* is also about as pilot and mess officer. *F. R. Day* is with the 811th Eng. Avn. Batt. at North Field. This paragraph was made possible by the kindness of *John C. Hastie '45* who sent the information in.

I was able to visit West Point on 4 June '48, an appropriate date for such a visit. It was my fortune to talk with *Dick Gruenther*, *Johnny Sauer*, *Bob Wayne* and *Louie Creveling*. They provided me with much news that I would not have if I hadn't made the trip up. *Gruenther* and *Hale Baugh* are training for the Pentathlon which is to take place during the summer Olympics in London. If they qualify they will sail this July. The

Pentathlon consists of a 500 meter steeplechase, pistol, 300 meter swim, 4,000 meter run, and fencing. So far *Dick* and *Hale* have made some nice trips including Sweden and Switzerland. *Sauer* is permanently stationed at West Point working, as he said, a good 8 hour day. He is with the coaching staff during the football season and spring practice. The other times he gives instruction to the cadets. He is with the 1802d Special Regt., which is a consolidation of all the detachments as we knew them. That number 1802, know where it came from?

Louie Creveling was up for the day also. He flew an A.T.-6 in from Ohio State where he is taking a one year course in nuclear physics. I drove him back to Stewart Field so he could take off that night to return. It was then that we met *Wayne* who has been stationed at Stewart since beginning of May. *Bob* will work with the football team this fall, he believes as a scout. Box 37, Stewart Field if you are interested.

Some more schoolboys. *Willie Shug* taking Political Science at Ohio State until Nov. '48. *Posvar* to leave in Aug. for his Rodes Scholarship. *Zeke Hopkins* is at Princeton. *E. E. Christensen* at Michigan taking Guided Missiles.

Bob Tully is with Co. B., 32d Inf. Regt. in Korea and was on the all Korea Basketball team which won the championship of the Far East tournament. *Bob* seems to be enjoying himself over there. It seems that *Hoefling* has collected a bit of oriental stuff which he likes to show anyone. *Harlan Koch*, with A Co., 1st Inf. in Korea, was around during Korean election time.

My information is exhausted, thank you, everyone for a good job of reporting.

—S. E. H. F.

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Several men have written in concerning the winner of the Class Cup, but since none of the proud fathers have written to me (with the exception of *Bill Cooper*), *Frank Boerger* and I cannot get together and announce the name of the Class Godson. Of the births reported, *Pete Boerger* and his wife announce the birth of a son, *Thomas Philip*, on the 7th of March. *Bill* and *Anne Cooper* have a daughter, *Marianne Spalding*, born the 26th of April. I understand that *Bud Vockel* and his wife are the winners of the Cup, but since all the announcements have not arrived and *Bud* has not written in to give his son's name and date of birth, I am unable to announce the winner officially.

Bill Cooper also told me that *Mel* and *Peggy Le Blanc* had a girl, *Alyce*, born on April 30th and that the following marriages have taken place. *Mike Maloney* and *Marguerite Eagan* on the 10th of April, *Bob Coleman* and *Jean Holt* on the 9th of May, and *Stan Crosby* and *Betty Kay Wood* on the 30th of May. An announcement also arrived of the marriage of *Jim Smith* and *Donna Lee Cousins* on the 23rd of April in Topeka, Kansas. To complete the department of vital statistics, the

engagement of *Danny Tate* and *Hope Maxwell* was announced on the 8th of June. I have it on good authority that they will be married on the 7th of August and that you are all invited. Unfortunately, I am unable to tell you whether it will take place in New York or Florida, no poop sheet having been issued on the subject at this time.

A letter from *Frank Boerger* gives us the following information on the slide rule men: *Frank Boerger*, *Sargent*, *Mastin*, *Karter*, and *Fraser* are going to Europe; *M. A. Rosen* and *Junie Bleiman* are going to Panama in topographical work; *Biles* and *Stock* are going to Hawaii for the same purpose; *Anderson*, *McAdoo*, *Starobin*, *Allen Becker*, *Christine*, *M. D. Perry*, *Jacobson*, and *Levenback* are going to Japan; *Beuhler*, *Curry*, *Norm Rosen*, and *Steinborn* are going to the Philippines; *Pete Boerger*, *Schuder*, *Thompson*, *Haugen*, *Hails*, *Wellborn*, *J. B. Kennedy*, *Greenberg*, and *Greene* are going to Alaska in Aviation Engineering; *Hatch*, *Van Petten*, *Bass*, *Ciamprone*, and *J. A. Johnson* are going to Korea. The boys at Belvoir entered an enlisted men's basketball league and wound up being the champions. Those on the team included *Haugen*, *Fraser*, *Biles*, *Perry*, the *Boergers*, *Schuder*, *Wellborn*, *Van Petten*, *Johnson*, and —shades of friendly relationship!— *Ensign Heid*, *Annapolis '47*.

A long and informative letter from *Tex Hightower* gives us a great deal of news from all over the country. *Tex* has evidently really been getting around. He and *Bert Cofield* are at the Carswell Air Force Base in Fort Worth. *Bert* has already left to take a graduate course in Petroleum Engineering at the University of Tulsa. *Tex* is C.O. of headquarters squadron, but expects to be able to attend a graduate course in Industrial Planning. Others taking graduate work include *John Piepenbrink* and *Bob Haas*, who have gone to Ohio State for Production Engineering. *Mark Kinevan*, *King Simon*, and *Don Helling* are also slated for graduate work, Law, probably at the U. of California. *Dave Odell*, *Tex*, and *Bob Montague* all made a trip to West Point shortly before graduation to tell our erstwhile classmates what they had come up against in the first year since their graduation.

As you can see from the brevity of this column, again you are being most parsimonious concerning your activities; if you are headed overseas, where you are going, what you are doing, et cetera. We will be quite thoroughly scattered after the next three months, so try and keep me informed as to where you are. Many men will be interested in following you in your wanderings and just a brief five minute note should suffice to keep all of us abreast of the latest class news.

—D. L. Tate.

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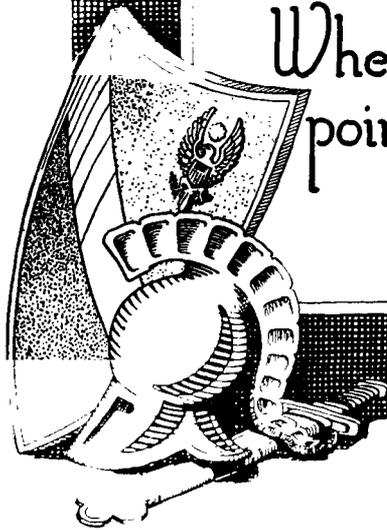
The best way to keep in touch with each other is through this column in this magazine, so send your addresses and your news items to: *C. D. Nash*, *Alderson*, West Virginia, the official "baby sitter" of '48.

—C. D. N.



In Memory

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



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BENNET, J. B.	1916	JUNE 10, 1944	14
BILSTIN, L.	1942	SEPTEMBER 28, 1944	25
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BULLARD, R. L.	1885	SEPTEMBER 11, 1947	3
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CASTLE, R. R.	1923	JULY 19, 1947	14
CATLIN, J. C.	JANUARY, 1943	JULY 11, 1946	27
DAVIS, L.	JUNE, 1943	JANUARY 16, 1945	29
DOHS, F. H.	1930	FEBRUARY 23, 1945	17
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GODFREY, S. C.	1909	OCTOBER 19, 1945	9
HARMON, M. F., JR.	1912	FEBRUARY 27, 1946	12
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HUSSEY, B. G.	1945	JUNE 13, 1946	31
KENT, T.	1930	DECEMBER 21, 1944	18
LINDSAY, J. R., JR.	1923	JANUARY 9, 1945	15
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SCOVEL, C. W., JR.	1925	AUGUST 12, 1946	16
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SUSANK, F. E.	JUNE, 1943	MAY 26, 1944	30
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WALSH, B.	1930	FEBRUARY 10, 1945	20
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Robert Lee Bullard

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Died September 11, 1947, at Governors Island, New York, aged 86 years.

LIEUTENANT GENERAL ROBERT LEE BULLARD, Class of 1885, was born in Youngsboro, Alabama on January 15, 1861, one of the eleven children of Daniel Bullard, a planter of English Scotch origin and Susan (Mizell) Bullard, who was of French Huguenot extraction. Both parents were among the pioneers of the state and had endured the vicissitudes which beset the early settlers.

At the time of Bullard's birth, Abraham Lincoln was president elect but had not yet taken the oath of office. The nation was on the verge of civil war. John Brown had recently been executed for inciting insurrection at Harper's Ferry, Virginia. The distinguished soldier for whom Bullard was named was still a colonel of cavalry in the United States Army but soon to resign his commission in order to cast his lot with his native state, Virginia.

At nineteen, young Bullard attended the Agricultural and Mechanical College at Auburn, Alabama and later taught school near his home. He was admitted to the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York on July 1, 1881, having won a congressional appointment through competitive examination. This future outstanding battle leader of the Class of '85 graduated on June 13, 1885, standing 27 in a class of 39. He was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant of Infantry in the Regular Army and assigned to duty in the southwest, where he served with distinction in the Geronimo Campaign (1885). He continued on duty in the west and on the southwest frontier until 1896. He was promoted to the grade of First Lieutenant in the permanent establishment on April 2, 1892. He became a Captain, Commissary Subsistence on June 22, 1898, a Major Commissary Subsistence on April 1, 1901 and transferred back to the Infantry on June 28, 1902.

During the Spanish American War, he served as Colonel of the Third Alabama Infantry from August 6, 1898. Originally, a Major of Alabama Volunteers, he was appointed to the grade of Colonel in recognition of the excellent service he rendered as exemplified by the fine discipline and excellent conduct of his command.

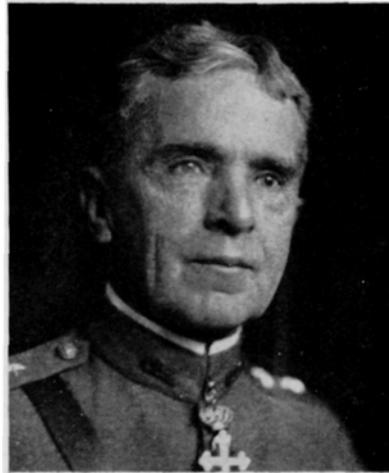
On August 17, 1899, he became Colonel of the Thirty-ninth Infantry and commanded this regiment of United States Volunteers with great distinction until 1901 during its nine engagements in the Southern Luzon Campaign of the Philippine Insurrection. For this service, he was highly commended by the Commanding Generals (Otis, Bates, Schwan, MacArthur and others) under whom he served.

In 1902, Major Bullard (his then permanent rank) was transferred to the 28th Infantry. During 1902 and 1903, he supervised the construction of the military road from Iligan to Lake Lanao in Mindanao. The following year, the troops under his com-

mand opened the hostile Moro country in Central Mindanao, fighting seventeen separate engagements. As civil governor, he established the first government among the Moros, for which he was officially commended five times by his military superiors, among whom were Generals Leonard Wood and G. W. Davis.

Bullard became a Lieutenant Colonel in the permanent establishment on October 31, 1906 and participated in the Cuban occupation as political aide to the Provisional Governor from 1906 and 1908, and as Secretary of Public Instruction and Fine Arts from 1908 to 1909. In 1911, Colonel Bullard, who had been promoted to that grade on March 11, 1911, was assigned to confidential duty in Mexico and later attended special tactical instruction at the School of the Line, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. In 1912 he graduated from the Army War College, Washington, D. C.

Colonel Bullard was advanced to the rank of Brigadier General in the permanent establishment on June 16,



1917, slightly more than two months after the declaration of war against Germany. He was appointed to the temporary rank of Major General on August 5, 1917 and to the permanent rank of Major General on October 12, 1918. Four days later he was advanced to Lieutenant General.

From 1912 until June 1917, when General Bullard sailed for France in command of the Second Brigade of the First Division, he commanded successively the mobilized Fourth Brigade of the Second Division (1913-1915); a regiment, district and National Guard brigade during the Mexican Border mobilization (1915-1916); and the Reserve Officers Training Camp, Camp Pike, Arkansas in May 1917.

Brigadier General Bullard had served as a commissioned officer for thirty-two years at the time he embarked for France as a brigade commander. The bulk of this service had been in command of infantry troops. He had participated in numerous engagements in the Apache fighting, the Philippine Insurrection and the Moro Campaigns. His ability to lead in combat, to train fighting units, to maintain discipline and to administer wisely was widely recognized. His

outstanding contribution to the winning of World War I was but a fitting culmination to these long years of military apprenticeship he had served with the line of the Army. His record indicated clearly his flair for skillful battle leadership.

During the early training phase of the American Expeditionary Forces in France (August to December 1917) Bullard's wide experience and recognized talent were utilized to establish and command various Infantry Officers Schools. From December 4, 1917 to July 8, 1918, he commanded the First Division while in training, at maneuvers, and in combat.

The First Division relieved a French division in the sector north of Toul in the middle of January 1918. In April it took over an exceedingly active portion of the line west of Mondidier. It captured Cantigny on May 28th in a brilliant operation and held that place in the face of violent and sustained counter-attacks. Its creditable showing, both in offensive and defensive action, fully demonstrated the superb training and fighting qualities of the American soldier and greatly heartened our allies in their quest for final victory.

The day before the First Division captured Cantigny, the Germans launched the Aisne Offensive. Like a tidal wave, it overran an area of about a thousand square miles in little more than a week. In June, the First Division was in reserve north of Paris from which position it moved to help spearhead the Soissons attack which was launched on July 18.

Concurrently, General Headquarters was advancing its plans for the building of corps. On July 8th, Major General Bullard was appointed commander of the III Corps, which was to be formed by uniting the 1st and 2d Divisions in the region northeast of Paris with a view to placing this command for the present at the disposition of the French. Major General Charles P. Summerall succeeded to the command of the First Division. General Bullard proceeded with his staff to Meaux where he established his headquarters and on July 14th assumed command of the III Corps. This corps was at first attached to the French Sixth Army but was immediately shifted to the Tenth Army then preparing for the counter offensive against the western face of the Marne Salient.

Though the First and Second Divisions constituted the III Corps, these two organizations were under the tactical command of the French XX Corps for the attack at Soissons. It was considered impracticable in the short time available before the attack, for a corps staff, inexperienced in battle, to become familiar with the terrain and the situation and operate tactically in the handling of so large a unit.

General Bullard continued in command of the III Corps until October 11, 1918, on which date he was assigned to command the Second Army.

The III Corps under the command of General Bullard together with the I Corps formed the nucleus of the First American Army. These two corps took over the entire front of the French Sixth Army and by August

10th when the attack stabilized were disposed along the Vesle River from Bozoches to Courlandon on a front of eight miles.

When the I Corps moved to the St. Mihiel front, the III Corps remained on the Vesle front with three divisions assigned to it. While preparations for the St. Mihiel operation scheduled for September 12th were being made, it was decided to launch the Meuse-Argonne offensive only two weeks later. The assembly of divisions not engaged in the St. Mihiel operations was begun immediately. On the night of September 25-26, the First Army stood on its new front prepared to attack the following day.

Bullard's III Corps was on the right. It was directed to hold the west bank of the Meuse as the movement progressed and to protect the right flank of the army. On the right of the III Corps, the 33rd Division captured Bois de Forges and wheeled toward the east along the bluffs of the Meuse. The 80th Division in the center advanced beyond Dannevoix while the 4th Division on the left pushed forward vigorously and at nightfall found its left beyond Montfaucon and about three miles in front of the division on its left flank.

In the attack of October 4th, Bullard's Corps was to assault the Cunel Heights and the Southern Heights of Romagne. Important gains were made southeast of Cunel. The incessant attacks of the III and V Corps drove the Germans back all along the Army front and by October 11th the III Corps had broken through the *Kriemhilde-Stellung line* and gained a foothold in the Bois de Foret. At that time, General Bullard was relieved from command of the III Corps and assigned to command the Second American Army, which was created on October 12th to take over that portion of the American front extending from Port-sur-Seille, east of the Moselle to Fresmen-Woevre, southeast of Verdun.

General Bullard commanded the Second American Army until April 15, 1919, at which time it was demobilized. At the time of the Armistice (November 11, 1918) this army was deployed and preparing to attack toward Metz and the Brier iron basin. German resistance collapsed before this attack could be launched. After the Second Army was demobilized, General Bullard visited and inspected army units in France and in England.

He returned to the United States on May 24, 1919 and was assigned to duty in Washington as President of the Infantry Classification Board. On November 1, 1919, he was assigned to the command of then Eastern Department and remained at Governors Island in command until retired from active duty for age on January 15, 1925.

General Bullard's decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, Commandeur Legion d'Honneur, Croix de Guerre with two palms, Belgian Order of Leopold, Order of St. Maurice and St. Lazarus. Among his campaign badges are those for Indian Wars, Philippine Insurrection, Cuban Pacification, Mexican Border, Mexico and World War I.

Such are the military annals of this great soldier. He died at the Gov-

ernors Island Hospital on September 11, 1947.

Secretary of War Royall wrote to Mrs. Bullard, "The death of General Bullard saddened me, as I know it does his many friends throughout the nation. Please accept my heartfelt sympathy. His military career, highlighted in World War I by the capture of Cantigny and participation in the Aisne-Marne and Oise-Aisne operations by troops that he led so brilliantly, has won him a place in the hearts and in the history of his country. General Bullard spent a full and fruitful life in the devoted service of his country and his faith in American ideals was an inspiration to his fellow countrymen".

No account of his distinguished career would be worthy of the name without full reference to the sterling qualities which distinguished Robert Lee Bullard, the man and the citizen. Lieutenant General Hugh A. Drum, U.S. Army, Retired, Chief of Staff of the First Army in World War I and a life long friend writes:—"General Bullard had been known to me personally for over sixty years; in fact, all of my life from boyhood on had been intimately associated with his life. In early boyhood at Fort Union, New Mexico and ever since, Bullard typified to me, as well as to many others, the highest type of true Americanism, not only as a citizen but as a soldier also.

"America and its fundamental philosophy of life were dear to him and deeply implanted in his heart, spirit and the 'marrow of his bones'. He had lived all over America, knew all of our different characteristics and our different sectional characteristics and understood how to utilize them to the best advantage. He was a sterling man and a soldier with a strong, unwavering will to succeed. He created and endeavored to grasp every opportunity for success. Such characteristics, combined with a very fertile imagination and broad vision opened the way for his progressive spirit and nature.

"He loved people and they loved him. He captivated his associates by his personal characteristics as well as by his good fellowship and facility to teach and amuse by his good, timely and humorous stories. In all these years his friendship never wavered; it was lasting and bountiful.

"From a soldier's viewpoint, his outstanding characteristic was a constant drive to get into 'the thick of things'—always to go 'to the sound of the guns' and get into the fight, no matter where the fight was taking place. Every soldier instinct in him prompted his rushing to the scene of the soldier activity and he always got there. These life principles, plus his personal traits, carried him forward from a cadet at the Military Academy to a Lieutenant General commanding an army under Pershing in France. In France, in the first World War, he rose from a Brigadier General to commanding an Army, serving as a Division Commander, Corps Commander and an Army Commander all through battle.

"Those associated with him absorbed some of his aggressive spirit and drive and thus many have succeeded through his influence which was wide and deep

in our civil life as well as in the Army".

Subsequent to his retirement from active duty, General Bullard resided in New York City. His time and efforts were devoted to patriotic activities and to the advancement of sound military policy. He was president of the National Security League and carried on the development of the League's program most effectively for many years. He was Honorary President of the Society of the First Division, to the superb fighting spirit of which he had contributed so freely. He was in constant demand as a speaker on public occasions and as a writer on military subjects.

He became a frequent contributor to magazines and military publications and was the author of "Personalities and Reminiscences of the War" and "The American Soldier Also Fought". Universities and colleges conferred honorary degrees on him. He served with distinction as military adviser to the Castle Heights Military Academy located at Lebanon, Tennessee.

His friends were legion. It was an honored custom for many of them to assemble each year at dinner on the occasion of his birthday. These gatherings he loved and there he was at his best. His common sense and simplicity, the stories he told so well, his keen sense of humor, and the warmth of his friendship endeared him to all who were privileged to know him and will be long remembered and cherished.

He is survived by his widow, Ella Wall Bullard.

Of him, General C. P. Summerall wrote from The Citadel, Charleston, South Carolina:—

"The death of Lieutenant General Robert Lee Bullard has brought the deepest sorrow to every officer and soldier who served under him in the First Division in World War I as well as to many others who were with him during the campaigns of the Philippine Insurrection. As a leader, he was not excelled in the army of his day. His loyalty to his troops was equalled only by their loyalty and devotion to him. His pleasing personality attracted all who came in contact with him. He was frank, sincere and unassuming. His high courage and military skill inspired rare confidence in his subordinates and in his superiors. In his many battles and engagements, his troops were invariably successful, due in the largest measure to his careful planning and thorough knowledge of the art of war.

"In World War I, he took command of the First Division during its last training period and moved it into its first sector at Menil-la-Tour. He at once impressed his high character and force of will upon the entire personnel and gave to the division that 'high morale and special pride of service never broken by hardship nor battle'. While he exacted the last measure of service and sacrifice, he assumed full responsibility for the results of every operation and never sought to make a scape-goat of his subordinates. Everyone knew that he would be sustained by the division commander as long as he acted in good faith to the limit of his ability. Thus, he may be called

the father of the immortal First Division.

"The French came to regard him with the same admiration as was felt by the American army. It was logical that he should have been selected to command the Second Army when it was organized. He carried to this expanded field the same indomitable will and experienced ability that he had revealed in all of his other commands. The brilliant performance of this army in its short existence was only an evidence of what it would have accomplished had the war not ended.

"His exercise of command after the war and his participation in important civic undertakings after his retirement showed the same devoted zeal that had marked his active career.

"As a soldier, he was an ornament to the profession of arms and as a citizen he was the noblest example of patriotism and service. The Society of the First Division has lost one of its most devoted members and it mourns with his loved ones".

General Bullard is buried at West Point in the shadow of the Academy he loved so well and close to the Corps of Cadets he did full share to honor.

—I. J. P.

Sterling Price Adams

NO. 3477 CLASS OF 1892

Died November 7, 1947, at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, aged 81 years.

COLONEL STERLING PRICE ADAMS, U.S. Army, Retired, died at Brooke General Hospital, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, November 7th, 1947. A native of Tuskegee, Alabama, he was the son of Jesse Lee and Sarah Vir-



ginia (Price) Adams. He was graduated from West Point in 1892 where he scored fame as a football star and all-around athlete. He joined the 1st U.S. Cavalry as a Second Lieutenant in Arizona when the Indians were causing so much trouble. From Arizona he went with the 1st Cavalry to Fort Riley, Kansas. He was in the

Spanish-American war, the Philippine Insurrection, the Boxer Uprising in China and World War I.

At the time of the San Francisco earthquake, his troop of the 14th Cavalry, stationed at Presidio of Monterey, was the first to get through to the stricken city, aiding in rescue work, in maintaining order and in reconstruction. Colonel Adams, then a Captain, established the field kitchens that fed the homeless.

After returning from the Philippines from his third tour, he came to the Texas border and was in the campaign against Villa. He was Regimental Adjutant of the 14th Cavalry, and a graduate of Leavenworth and the Artillery School at Fort Sill. He came to Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas, as Aide-de-Camp to General Funston. In the latter period of his service he was Senior Instructor and Inspector of the National Guard of Texas.

He was one of the first officers of the Army to excel in polo and was one of the best horsemen in the Army. Colonel Adams was one of the most colorful, and most beloved officers of the Army—admired and honored by all who knew him—known to his best friends and classmates as "Sep". His home was always open to his friends and comrades—where true southern hospitality always abounded.

He retired in 1923, having lost the sight of one eye—the result of an injury received in a polo game. He made his home in San Antonio, Texas—he was beloved and admired by all who knew him for his kindness and understanding. He was a member of the San Antonio Country Club, the Fort Sam Houston Officers' Club, the Casino Club and the Polo Association. He took an active part in all civic affairs and did many kind deeds for the poor and afflicted.

He is survived by his widow, Annie Clements Adams; one daughter, Mrs. Clarence Keith Darling—wife of Colonel Darling, U.S. Army; and two grandsons, Clarence Keith, Jr., and Sterling P. Adams Darling.

Sleep on dear comrade such a life as thine,
Has not been lived in vain—
But leaves an influence divine
On lives that here remain.

—L. C. Phelps.

Meriwether Lewis Walker

NO. 3514 CLASS OF 1893

Died July 29, 1947, at Vineyard Haven, Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts, aged 77 years.

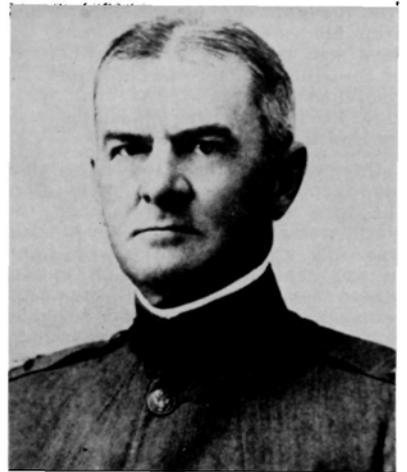
BRIGADIER GENERAL MERIWETHER L. WALKER, U.S. Army, Retired, died at the U.S. Marine Hospital, Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts, on July 29, 1947. His health had been excellent from the time of his retirement from active duty in 1933 until he suffered a shock leading to partial paralysis in the fall of 1946. There

was considerable hope for a time of his recovery, which hope, unfortunately, was not realized.

He died as he had lived, secure in the faith and belief of the world's great gentlemen, that those who act honorably toward themselves and their fellow men shall live gloriously, die fearlessly, and shall see God.

A descendant of old Virginia stock, he was born in Lynchburg, in that state, on September 30, 1869. Having entered the Military Academy in 1889 he graduated with the class of 1893 and was commissioned in the Corps of Engineers.

His first service was with Engineer Troops, and like that of most other



Engineer officers, his later service was divided between the military and civil duties of his Corps. It was to the military aspects of his career, however, that he gave his greatest attention and he always considered himself fortunate in having more than the usual share of such duty, serving at one time or another in several of the companies and in all three of the then Battalions of Engineers. His later military service included that as commander at Fort Mason, California, during the earthquake and fire, as member of the Board for Defense of Manila and the Philippine Fortification Board, as Instructor and Director of the Army Field Engineer School, as Professor of Practical Military Engineering at West Point, as Engineer of the Mexican Expedition under General Pershing, as commander of the Engineer Officers Training Camp for World War I, and later as Colonel, 117th Engineers, and Division Engineer, 41st Division, as Brigadier General, National Army and Assistant to the Chief Engineer, A.E.F., and Director of the Motor Transport Corps in France.

After World War I his military duty included that as Instructor in the General Staff College and Commandant of the Engineer School. His active service ended as a Brigadier General, U.S. Army, in command of the 18th Brigade. He was a graduate of the Army War College.

For his services in France in World War I he received the Legion of

Honor (Officer) and the Distinguished Service Medal.

During the intervals between military duties he was active on River and Harbor work, and the non-military phase culminated with his appointments and service as Engineer of Maintenance, Acting Governor and Governor, Panama Canal; posts which he filled with great ability, tact and distinction.

General Walker ("Meri" to his friends) fully realized the historical meaning of the events of his time. His boyhood in Virginia occurred during the period of Reconstruction and his later life saw the expansion of his country from local to world military, economic and political power. In much of this growth he had an active part. His thought was of the future and even his celebration of V-E and V-J days was tempered by his awareness of the climax of an older era and the coming of the new. At that early date he foresaw the difficulties now confronting us and the world.

On the more personal side, perhaps, his happiest time was shortly after the turn of the century, when the world was at peace, when Washington was only an overgrown village, when he was captain and father of an Engineer company, when he was surrounded by his friends, and when he married his wife, Edith Carey, a marriage which was to give him continued aid, understanding and affection for the rest of his life.

The years of his retirement also gave him much satisfaction, what with his lovely home in Vineyard Haven, his many friends in the community, and especially the frequent presence of his daughter Carey, wife of Colonel Robert Luckey, U.S. Marine Corps and his two young grandchildren, Laura and Tommy Luckey. Even during the war years of World War II, the progress of which he followed with the closest attention, he had some consolation in being able, though well over seventy years of age, to help appreciably through service as chairman of ration committees, war bond campaigns and Red Cross and other activities, not the least of which was laboring in his own Victory garden. Overwork in meeting such responsibilities in connection with the war undoubtedly hastened his death.

The attendance at his funeral, which was very simple in accord with his own wishes, and the general attitude of the townspeople, gave full evidence of the great respect and regard in which he was held by the entire Island, a respect and appreciation well summarized in an editorial of the *Vineyard Gazette* as follows: "It was good to have his friendship and his counsel, good to have him choose the life of citizen and neighbor. His contribution to this community will be enduring".

After a long, dutiful and honorable life in the service of all well meaning people, this simple man, gentleman and soldier lies in the village cemetery of Vineyard Haven, a peaceful resting place of his own choosing in conformity with his own way of life.

—T. H. D.

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Edmund Kearsley Sterling

NO. 4041 CLASS OF 1901

Died August 29, 1947, at Clearwater, Florida, aged 71 years.

The cold facts recorded below cover briefly the career of Edmund Kearsley Sterling, but to those of us who knew him intimately the reading of this record will serve but to remind us of his many lovable qualities and the warm cheery atmosphere that he always brought into any group. He loved his family and his friends. He inspired them always to show the best side of their natures, and he in turn reflected their good deeds a thousand fold.

R. H. J.

EDMUND KEARSLEY STERLING was born in Toledo, Ohio, September 28, 1875, the son of Colonel James T. Sterling and Sarah M. Webster



Sterling. He was raised in Detroit, Michigan, where he attended the public schools. After graduation from the Detroit High School he entered Trinity College, Hartford, Connecticut, in the class of 1899, where he was a member of the Delta Psi Fraternity. He received his appointment to West Point through a competitive examination, and entered the United States Military Academy on June 19, 1897.

At the Academy he earned his "A" in baseball, was captain of the "Scrubs" in football, and later was Assistant Cadet Manager and Cadet Manager of the football team. It was also at the Academy that "Ky", as he was known before, picked up his nickname of "Slum".

Upon graduation, on February 18, 1901, Lieutenant Sterling was assigned to the 3rd Cavalry, which, at that time, was serving in the Philippine Islands. Before joining his regiment he, with ten other members of his class, was ordered to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, to assist in organizing the 14th Cavalry. He was the commanding officer of Troop L of that regiment.

In June, 1901, he was ordered to join his regiment, the 3rd Cavalry, which he did, at Laoag, Ilocos Norte,

P. I., in August of that year. He returned with his squadron in August, 1902, and was stationed at Fort Assiniboine, Montana, until January, 1906, when again he went with his regiment to the Philippine Islands and was stationed at Camp Stotsenburg, Pangasinan, P. I. In February of 1908 he went with his squadron to Fort Sam Houston, Texas, but in December of the year, Lieutenant Sterling, with I and M Troops of the 3rd Cavalry, was sent to Fort Wingate, New Mexico. In February, 1911, both of these troops were ordered to the Mexican Border.

In May, 1911, Lieutenant Sterling was ordered to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, for a three months' course at the Command & General Staff School. On the completion of this course, he was detailed as Cavalry Inspector-Instructor of the National Guard of Colorado and Arizona, with station at Denver, Colorado. In August, 1913, at his own request, he was relieved, and after serving as Assistant Statistical Officer at the National and International Rifle Matches at Camp Perry, Ohio, he joined his troop in the vicinity of Laredo, Texas. From then until our entrance into the World War, Lieutenant Sterling, and later (July 1, 1916) Captain Sterling, served at various points along the Mexican Border and at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

In May, 1917, Captain Sterling was ordered to Fort Sheridan, Illinois, as an instructor in the First Training Camp, where he was on duty with the Michigan-Wisconsin Regiment. He was promoted to Major, National Army, in August, 1917. In September he joined the 90th Division at Camp Travis, Texas, and was assigned to the 360th Infantry. Later he was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel and made the Division Machine Gun Officer. He accompanied the Division to France in June, 1918, and on October 13, 1918, during the battle of St. Mihiel, he was given command of the 359th Infantry, which he commanded to the end of the War. On October 18, 1918, he was promoted to Colonel, National Army. He accompanied and commanded his regiment in Germany in the Army of Occupation, and returned with it to the United States in June, 1919, and mustered it out in July, 1919. He was awarded the Silver Star with the following citation:

"Special Orders No. 79, Headquarters 180th Infantry Brigade, American Expeditionary Forces, St. Nazaire, France, May 26, 1919:

"Colonel Edmund Kearsley Sterling, 359th Infantry—Meuse-Argonne Offensive. 'For gallantry in action near Bantheville, France, November 1-2, 1918. Colonel Sterling repeatedly left shelter to supervise movements, to inspire his troops by his presence in advanced positions, and to supervise and maintain efficient liaison with his own and other units.'"

Demoted to his prewar rank of Captain of Cavalry on August 31, 1919, he was assigned to the 14th Cavalry at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, but shortly thereafter was transferred to the 16th Cavalry, where he was appointed Intelligence Officer on the staff of General Francis C. Marshall. He rejoined his regiment and marched with it to Fort Sam Houston in April, 1920.

In August of that year he was ordered to the Command & General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, as a student. He was graduated in June, 1921, as a "Distinguished Graduate", and the next year took the Staff School Course, from which he graduated in June, 1922. He was promoted to Major of Cavalry, July 1, 1920, and to Lieutenant Colonel of Cavalry, August 8, 1920.

Lieutenant Colonel Sterling was retained at the Command & General Staff School as an instructor until August, 1924, when he was ordered as a student to the Army War College, where he was graduated in June, 1925. He was then ordered to the Naval War College at Newport, R. I. Upon graduation therefrom he was assigned to the General Staff with Troops, and ordered to the Fifth Corps Area Headquarters at Fort Hayes, Ohio, where he was detailed as Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3. He served in that capacity until June 30, 1930, when he was ordered to the Command & General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, as an instructor. Upon reporting there he was assigned to duty as Assistant to the Director of the 2nd Year Class. In June, 1931, he was appointed Director of the 2nd Year Class and served as such until June, 1934. He was promoted to Colonel of Cavalry on December 1, 1931.

Upon completion of his four years' tour of duty at the Command & General Staff School, he was ordered to the Philippine Islands for duty with the Cavalry. Upon arrival there, October 2, 1934, he was assigned to the command of the 26th Cavalry (P.S.) at Fort Stotsenburg. He commanded this regiment until July 22, 1936, when he was relieved and ordered back to the United States, arriving in New York, N. Y., September 8, 1936.

Colonel Sterling was ordered to Governors Island on the Staff of the Commanding General, Second Corps Area. On December 1, 1936, he reported for duty and was assigned as Officer in Charge of National Guard Affairs.

On August 19, 1903, Colonel Sterling was married to Miss Anne Wilson Post of Hartford, Conn. They had three children: Jonathan Kearsley Sterling, Helen Post Sterling (Mrs. H. Barton Lewis), and Nancy Webster Sterling (Mrs. John F. Farra, Jr., wife of Colonel Farra, U.S. Army, retired), and seven grandchildren: Nancy and Frances Farra, Sterling and Frederick Olds (sons of Mrs. Lewis), Kearsley Lewis, and Scott and Jonathan Sterling.

Upon Colonel Sterling's retirement for age on September 28, 1939, he and Mrs. Sterling spent several months in Bel Air, Maryland, then moved to Clearwater, Florida, which they made their permanent home.

Mrs. Sterling passed away October 5, 1945.

Colonel Sterling resided with his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Lewis of Clearwater, until his death on August 29, 1947. He is survived by his three children, seven grandchildren, and one brother, Captain James T. Sterling of Bath, N. Y.

He was awarded the following Service Medals: Spanish War, Philippine Campaign, Victory Medal with three battle clasps, and Silver Star.

Lewis Milton Adams

NO. 4135 CLASS OF 1903

Died March 6, 1947, at Corpus Christi, Texas, aged 64 years.

THE death of Colonel Lewis M. Adams on March 6, 1947 at Corpus Christi, Texas, brought to a close a life of unselfish and efficient service to his fellow men, both in the military service and in civil life. His memory and example will long be cherished by all who knew him.

It is difficult indeed to express the deep sense of loss which one feels at the death of a friend such as he, who has always been held in the greatest admiration and respect—yes, deeper than that—who was truly loved by those who knew him best. Such was Lew Adams to those of us who had opportunity to see and appreciate his fine qualities. Modest, unselfish and never obtrusive, he was wise, far-



sighted and firm in his stand for what he felt to be right and in the best public interest.

A bare recital of his life history is totally inadequate but affords a worthwhile summary.

He was born in Pennsylvania May 22, 1882, the son of Col. Milton B. Adams, Corps of Engineers, of the Class of 1865, whose ancestor Robert Adams settled in Massachusetts in 1637. Receiving an appointment at large, he entered the Military Academy when just 17. In emulation of his distinguished father he succeeded in graduating in the Engineers, in spite of being one of the youngest men in the class. This was no easy task for he was handicapped by having to compete with older men who had one or more years of college behind them and for whom, therefore, much of the work was review. For him, therefore, the four years at West Point were indeed no picnic and he could give little time to extra-curricular activities. This did not interfere with his popularity, however, and his later career showed his breadth of mind, his leadership and his keen sense of true values.

Immediately after graduation leave he was sent to the Philippines with the old Third Battalion of Engineers.

After a brief tour in Manila he was sent to Mindanao where he was engaged chiefly in road construction from Camp Keithley on Lake Lanao, to the coast. During this same period he was also engaged in locating and raising three gun boats which the Spanish had scuttled in Lake Lanao when they were driven out by American troops.

Returning to the United States in the fall of 1904 he was assigned to duty with Engineer troops at Washington Barracks where he completed the post graduate course at the Engineer School. In 1906 he was sent to Cuba with the Army of Pacification, returning in 1907. For the next five years he served on various inland waterway projects of the United States.

In 1912, as a captain, he was ordered to Fort Leavenworth, where for a year he was in command of his old friends of Cuban days, "H" Company of the old Second Battalion of Engineers.

In 1913 he entered the Army School of the Line, graduating with honors in 1914. The following year was spent at the Army Staff College, of which he became a distinguished graduate and subsequently an instructor. In 1916 he was sent to Eagle Pass, Texas, as Military Railway Officer.

Between the Mexican Border troubles and World War I he filled various important engineering assignments. Then in 1918, as colonel of the 7th Engineers, he took his regiment to France where for a time he was in charge of construction of the base hospital at Rimaucourt, Haute-Marne, and then participated in several offensives, including the attack at St. Mihiel, receiving the Silver Star Citation for gallantry in action.

Returning to the United States in October 1918 he was made Director of Instruction of Engineer Officers and Engineer Troops at Camp Humphreys (now Fort Belvoir), Virginia, and so remained until May 20, 1920.

From there he was sent to Galveston, Texas where for four years he had charge of the Engineer District which stretched from Port Arthur to Brownsville. Among the numerous river and harbor projects of which he had charge was the supervision of construction of two miles of the great sea wall extension which protects that city from Gulf storms.

His clear vision, sound judgment and independence of thought are indicated by the following: While District Engineer at Galveston he wrote a report advocating the development of a deep-water port at Corpus Christi, to serve the lower Texas coast. An adverse endorsement by his immediate superior was over-ruled, and Lew Adams' recommendations were carried out. His wisdom and foresight have been proven by that port's successful growth in later years to its present rank as 12th in the United States in volume of tonnage.

His arduous and untiring years of active service took their toll, however. After four years service in Galveston he was sent, in June 1924, to what he called "his first easy job", to command the R.O.T.C. Engineers Unit at the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena. He would have preferred the more arduous but more diversified work of a District Engineer again.

However, as always, he threw himself wholeheartedly into his work, developed a high degree of efficiency in the Engineer unit, and became respected and beloved by students and faculty alike.

On November 13, 1926 he was transferred to the retired list for physical disability incident to the service but was continued on active duty until July 1, 1929. The high regard in which he was held is best expressed by the following from Col. (then Capt.) Louis J. Claterbos who was then his assistant:

"In 1925 when I was ordered to R.O.T.C. duty at the California Institute of Technology, one of the senior officers at the Engineer School, where I was then stationed, said to me, 'Young man, you're lucky; you will have the best commanding officer in the Corps of Engineers; it's Lew Adams'. Many times during the four years I served under Col. Adams I recalled these words. How true they were!

"Although he was not in good health, I can remember that he was always kind, patient and considerate of his subordinates. His strict attention to duty, his knowledge of the engineering profession, his sense of humor and his high regard for the military profession were an inspiration to me—and to the young men we were training as leaders in the Officers' Reserve Corps. He was never too busy to listen to the youngsters who came to him with their problems; often his sound advice was just what was needed.

"As a member of the faculty his outstanding professional ability and experience, his tactful handling of controversial matters, and his logical presentations of the military training policies of the War Department made him an invaluable faculty advisor to Dr. Millikan, Director of the Institute.

"As I look back on the four years I spent with Col. Adams I find that I, too, was taught a great deal of military leadership. And over the years of my service I have tried very hard to apply them just as he did.

"There is no better way to judge a leader than to say that the youngsters under him are trying to do things just the way the 'Old Man' would do them!"

In spite of the physical disability which forced his retirement, he refused to give up. For the next six months he did splendid work with me as a consulting engineer in Los Angeles, an association which was most enjoyable and which I wish might have continued.

In January 1930, however, being asked by the people of Corpus Christi to become their Port Director, he accepted and occupied that position until his death. It is significant that on the 20th anniversary of the founding of that port he was elected President of the Chamber of Commerce and a dinner was given him, which was attended by more than 300 from all over Texas to do him honor "as an engineer and as a friend" and to bear witness "to his vision and courage".

No small part of Lew's memory is bound up with his happy home life. In 1906 he married Celeste Hein, daughter of Col. O. L. Hein, U.S.M.A. 1870. She died in 1909 leaving a

daughter, Mary, now Mrs. J. W. Reis, Jr. of Los Angeles.

In 1916 he married Marion L. Jones, daughter of Col. F. B. Jones, U.S.M.A. 1879, who served in the Infantry on the frontier in Cuba and the Philippines, being twice wounded. She is now living in Corpus Christi with their two youngest children, Henry J. Adams and Marion T. Adams, who are students, Henry at St. Mary's University, San Antonio, and Marion at Incarnate Word Academy in Corpus Christi. Three other of their sons are Regular Army officers while the fourth is in the Air Corps Reserve. Col. M. B. Adams, A.C., is with the American Mission in Teheran, Iran. Capt. L. J. Adams, C.A.C., is at the Guided Missile School, Fort Bliss, Texas. Maj. Frank B. Adams, A.C., Reserve, is living in Corpus Christi. Lt. E. C. Adams, C.E., is attached to Headquarters of the IX Corps, in Japan. Margaret is the wife of Lt. R. B. Williams, U.S.N.A., '45, who is stationed at San Diego, Cal.

Lew was a true soldier in every sense of the word; a brave and efficient commander; who could train others also to be leaders; modest and unselfish; an able engineer and a far sighted, capable public administrator; with a determination that would not be downed by physical afflictions he fought through to the end. Truly the world is better for his having lived.

—C. T. L.

Benjamin H. L. Williams

NO. 4360 CLASS OF 1905

Died July 7, 1947, at Atherton, California, aged 67 years.

LORNE WILLIAMS was born in Canada July 16, 1879, the son of Edwin and Louise Reaume Williams. His early schooling was received at Port Huron, Michigan. He entered West Point in July 1901 and graduated in the upper fifth of his class on June 13, 1905. During his cadet days he was outstanding for his soldierly qualities and was almost always selected as amanuensis at every guard mount in which he was eligible for that distinction.

Upon graduation he was assigned to the Artillery Corps and served with the Field Artillery at the Presidio of San Francisco, California; at Fort Douglas, Utah; and at Fort D. A. Russell, Wyoming. When the Artillery Corps was broken up in 1907, Lorne was assigned to the Coast Artillery Corps at Fort Rosecrans, California and he held various staff positions in the Artillery District of San Diego, California until assigned to duty at the Military Academy in August 1909. While at West Point he was on duty in the Departments of Natural and Experimental Philosophy, English and History, History and Tactics. When relieved in December 1912 he was assigned to a company of Coast Artillery at Fort Winfield Scott, California until he went to the Philippines in July 1915. He returned to the United States in August 1917 and was assigned to Fort Rosecrans, California until

January 1918 when he was detailed in the War Plans Division, General Staff Corps in Washington, D. C. There he was later made Assistant to the Secretary, General Staff, in May 1918 and held that important position during the demobilization after World War I and the reorganization of the Army in 1920.

When relieved from the General Staff in September 1922 Lorne went to Fort Monroe, Virginia where he served on the staff of the Commanding Officer, Harbor Defenses of Chesapeake Bay and was a student officer at the Coast Artillery School, Advanced Course. In August 1923 he reported as a student officer at the Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. At the end of the school year he became an Honor Graduate and was retained on the faculty as Instructor and Chief of the Coast Artillery Sub-Section. In August 1928 he went to the Army War College and graduated the following June, when he was then assigned to the San Francisco General Depot. When relieved from that assignment in August 1934 he was sent



to Fort DeRussy, T. H. for duty on the staff of the Hawaiian Separate Coast Artillery Brigade. Upon the expiration of his foreign service tour in 1937 he was assigned to command the Harbor Defenses of Pensacola and he remained there until September 1939, when he was retired as a colonel at his own request after over thirty years service.

Upon his retirement he settled in Atherton, California and as President of Lindenwood Homes Association he took a great interest in improving the appearance of his community, located on the old Flood Estate. He was in charge of Air Raid Wardens and in that capacity he made many friends for himself and for the service. In 1943 he was recalled to active duty at Fort Mason for nine months.

He was very happy in his California home and was devoted to his fine family. His heart failed him after several months warning and he died in his sleep. The funeral services were private and he was given a soldier's burial in Golden Gate National Cemetery, San Bruno, California. He is survived by his widow and three daughters, Mrs. Jean Ryan, Miss Sidney Williams, of Atherton, California

and Mrs. John W. Browning of Redwood City, California. He is also survived by three grandsons.

Throughout his life Lorne's high standards of duty and his winning personality made him exceptionally welcome on any assignment. His sincere devotion to duty and the high standards he set for himself enabled him to accomplish every task he undertook. No one will take his place in the memories of his classmates.

—Classmate.

Stuart Chapin Godfrey

NO. 4750 CLASS OF 1909

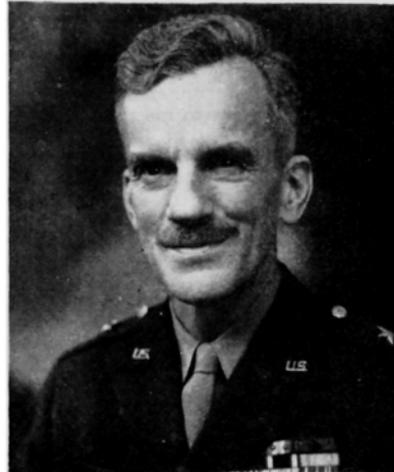
Killed October 19, 1945, in a plane crash near Geiger Field, Washington, aged 59 years.

STUART GODFREY was born in Milford, Massachusetts, on January 1, 1886. He attended Phillips Exeter for two years, graduating in 1904. During his senior year he performed a unique scholastic feat. He had passed the entrance exams for Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1903 but needed certain credits to graduate from Exeter. By special arrangement with the faculties of the two schools he carried the Freshman course at Tech while continuing at Exeter. Following graduation from Exeter he completed the Sophomore year at Tech before entering West Point in June 1905.

At West Point Stuart displayed to a notable degree the academic proficiency which had marked his preparatory years. He took the number one position at the end of the first month of his Plebe academic year and never lost it—not even when, as the result of an eye injury in his First Class year, he had to absorb the daily lesson assignments by ear for a period of several months. It was not because of his class standing, however, that 1909 early singled him out as one of its leaders. Despite his quiet manner and self-effacing qualities, we quickly sensed his talent for handling class matters calling for sound judgment, tact, and conscientious performance. And so we put him on committees, elected him a Hop Manager, made him editor-in-chief of the *Furlough Book* and *Howitz*, and in general commandeered his services whenever there was anything to be done that required intelligent doing. Finally, when the stern regulations of that day permitted us to elect a class president on the eve of graduation, it was Stuart Godfrey whom we honored with the highest elective office at our disposal. We felt that he could and would keep the spirit of 1909 shining brightly through the years and somehow—we didn't know just how—preserve the close bonds of our comradeship against the disintegrating effect of time and divergent interests. His discharge of the vague and onerous responsibilities of his office more than justified our high confidence in him. By station maps, periodic bulletins, two bound post-graduation publications, class luncheons and local reunions, and by numerous less obvious means he kept the old memories green and the ties of class

friendships taut. Others have helped, but most of our worthwhile class enterprises were started on Stuart's initiative and were carried through by his persistent effort.

But it was not only in delegated assignments that he served the class as a whole and many of its members individually. Those who were goats in Math remember his devoted struggles to open their unresponsive minds to the mysteries of C. Smith and the Calculus. Many to whom Math comes easily are notably lacking in the ability to interpret it to the mathematically illiterate. Not so Stuart. He had an uncanny faculty for discovering the secret of a goat's failure to comprehend and an amazing talent for imparting to the plodding Capricornish intellect enough mathematical know-how to get him through a writ or an exam. Moreover, his profound knowledge of the subject enabled him to predict with great accuracy the type problems that the minions of P. Echols would inflict, and his method was to concentrate on these until all but the most hopeless could work them. It



usually sufficed, and some of us today are certified Bachelors of Science only by the Grace of God and the help of Stuart Godfrey.

Stuart's genius for teaching brought him back to West Point as an instructor in Math, and our entry into World War I caught him on that assignment. But our expanding Army's need for qualified engineers released him for the more satisfying wartime activity of duty with troops. Promotion was rapid and the fall of 1918 found him wearing eagles and serving as Assistant Chief of Engineers, 1st Army, in the Meuse-Argonne offensive. He later commanded the 2nd Engineers in the Army of Occupation.

Stuart's post-World War I service included assignments with the Wilson Dam project in Alabama, duty in the Office of the Chief of Engineers in Washington, and two years as District Engineer and I Corps Area Engineer with station in Boston. Then came the Command and General Staff School, from which he came forth an Honor Graduate of the Class of 1926. After that came two years as District Engineer under the Mississippi River Commission with station at Memphis,

followed by four years as an instructor at the Command and General Staff School and a year at the Army War College, from which he graduated in 1933.

A second tour as Corps Area Engineer, I Corps Area, and two years in Panama account for the next four years. In Panama, in addition to his duties as Department Engineer, he commanded the 11th Engineers—an assignment on which he demonstrated high capacity for commanding troops in garrison and in the field. In 1937 he returned to Washington for duty as Chief of the Operations and Training Section of the Office of the Chief of Engineers.

In May, 1941 Stuart was detailed as Engineer, G.H.Q. Air Force and Air Force Combat Command. His mission was to develop and train the infant Aviation Engineers. It was a new field. The special engineer units assigned to meet expanding Air Corps requirements were pioneering one of modern war's most pressing needs—the need for airfields and their rapid construction under service conditions. There were matters of organization and special equipment to be solved, new techniques to be worked out, and new systems of training to be established. It was a challenging job—one that called for imagination, vision, and practical engineering ability of the highest order. And since it was a new field, the full importance of which was not fully realized by all agencies of the War Department and the government, there were obstacles of inertia and indifference to be overcome as well as the organizational, planning, and administrative difficulties inherent in the launching of a new big-time enterprise.

Stuart Godfrey's initiative, ability, and quiet unrelenting drive were equal to the challenge. Under his direction the Aviation Engineers took shape and began to function. By March 1942 the new organization was a going concern and, in recognition of his achievement, its architect and builder was appointed Air Engineer of the newly-created Army Air Forces with the rank of Brigadier General. Subsequently, he was awarded the Legion of Merit for his services during this period and for "his personal contribution to the development of the transportable steel landing mat".

The Aviation Engineers having come of age, the next task of their guiding spirit was to organize and train the battalions that were to construct the airfields in Britain from which our Air Force would launch its great air offensive against Hitler's Fortress Europa. Early shipping dates were met and creditable units were at work in England by the summer of 1942. Meanwhile the North African invasion was in the making. To meet the special requirements of that pending operation, Stuart and his technical assistants organized a special airborne aviation engineer company and devised ingenious reduced-scale equipment to go along with it—including an efficient air-transportable scaled-down version of the mighty bulldozer. This unit paid enormous dividends in the swift repair of captured enemy airfields and our own.

From other theaters—Alaska, Central and South Pacific, Mediterranean, C.B.I.—came increasingly heavy demands for Aviation Engineers as the Army Air Force expanded and intensified its operations. From small beginnings with slender resources of trained personnel the organization grew to over 100,000 officers and men. Stuart traveled hundreds of thousands of miles by air in visiting units in all theaters to learn first hand of the problems confronted and to imbue his people with something of his own spirit of achievement in the face of difficulties.

The posthumous award of the Distinguished Service Medal pays formal official tribute to Stuart's contribution to the war effort during the period April 1942—November 1943. The citation reads:

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL

Brigadier General Stuart C. Godfrey performed exceptionally meritorious and distinguished service from April 1942 to November 1943. During this period, General Godfrey served as Air Engineer of the Army Air Forces, a position of great responsibility and importance. As such, he was responsible for the tremendous task of organizing, training, and equipping Aviation Engineer units for employment throughout the world. The success of this accomplishment permitted the timely support of the Army Air Forces combat effort in all theaters, by providing innumerable airbases and other facilities for the deployment of our Air Forces and the advance of our air offensives throughout the world. General Godfrey's outstanding leadership, devotion to duty, and organization and planning ability more than justified the great responsibility placed upon him. His services during this period contributed immeasurably to the successful prosecution of the war effort and reflected great credit upon himself and the military service.

By the late fall of 1943 the Air Engineers were in the groove, and the duties of their director had settled down to routine. Stuart desired an assignment to an active front, and December found him functioning as Air Engineer of the China-Burma-India Air Service Command. The citation for an Oak Leaf Cluster to his Legion of Merit testifies to his planning, organizing, and supervising ability and to his foresight and judgment in anticipating the construction needs of the rapidly expanding and complex Air Force activities of the C.B.I. Command. In the performance of his duties in this theater he accumulated over 200 hours of flying time in supervising the layout design and construction of airfields. Many of his missions were accomplished under hazardous flying conditions over territory where enemy fire was probable and expected and involved landings on difficult terrain behind enemy lines. The Air Medal he received was well earned.

Stuart returned to the United States in June 1945 and took command of Geiger Field. Shortly thereafter he underwent a serious operation at Bushnell General Hospital. Following a month's sick leave, granted upon his

discharge from the hospital in September, he resumed his post at Geiger. Two weeks later, returning from San Francisco, his plane crashed as it neared the field killing all occupants.

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In 1915 Stuart married Dorothy Rich. Five children were born to them, two of whom died in infancy. Those surviving are Hope (Mrs. Christopher McGrath) who lives in San Francisco; Charles Stuart (Bob), who became a captain in the Air Corps during the war and is now teaching at Exeter; and Pearce who was in the Army at the time of his father's death. There are two grandchildren—a boy and a girl. Also surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Mabel Swormstad and Mrs. Arthur Ryder.

Dorothy, a brilliant musician, and Stuart complemented each other in a variety of common interests. For eighteen years, theirs was a happy, intensely active, and unusual household—best described by one of their friends as a "ten ring circus". Then, in early 1933, came Dorothy's protracted illness.

Faced with the manifold problems rising from this major domestic calamity, Stuart carried on, making adjustments to the requirements of his professional cares and to his heavy family responsibilities so that neither suffered for the other. His devotion, his fortitude and his sane philosophy during the long years of Dorothy's illness testify to resourcefulness, stability, and character of the highest order. Never despairing of her ultimate recovery, he spared nothing in his efforts to that end. Finally, care and treatment achieved their goal. Dorothy was restored to health and she and Stuart resumed their life together—subject now to the interruptions incident to Stuart's far flung war-time duties and the long tour in the C.B.I. theatre. Reunited as the war with Japan drew toward an end, they had a scant five months together at the last.

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Stuart Godfrey's record of achievement, as attested by official files, is impressive but it tells only part of the story of a life devoted to useful work and selfless service. For Stuart's high sense of duty was not confined to the bounds of his professional career. It involved him in numerous extra curricular activities that promised little in the way of reward other than the satisfaction of doing something worthwhile that needed doing. His life-long interest in the Boy Scouts is an example. Wherever he went he became an energetic promoter of and participant in an effective Scouting program. The Silver Beaver award which came to him in Panama in the late thirties bears testimony to the extent and quality of his work in this field. No award received in his lifetime meant more to him than this recognition of his devoted service to boyhood.

Nor was it only to worthy organized activities that Stuart gave time and effort. There was that about him which made those in trouble come to

him for aid and comfort, and they did not come in vain. His quick sympathy and understanding heart were responsive to the need of the occasion, whatever it might be. And it was not in his code to respond to a real need by giving it a brush-off of sage advice and perfunctory performance. What he could do, he did, and it was generally effective. Only in the perishable memories of the beneficiaries of his helpfulness and his innumerable little acts of thoughtfulness and kindness are these good works recorded, but their sum total establishes his honored membership in the noble company of those who truly serve their fellow men.

Under the something short-of-perfect system by which reward of merit is meted out in the Army—or in the world—Stuart received less than many a lesser man in rank attained, in decorations bestowed, and in widely accepted recognition of his ability at its full worth. Being a scholar with idealist leanings he was vaguely suspect as one lacking in the hard headed, hard driving qualities that allegedly certify the successful "practical" soldier and engineer. The fallacy of any such estimate was established by the results he obtained on important assignments which demanded the ultimate in practical solution of the problems encountered and maximum output by his organization. Intelligent planning, skillful assignment of key personnel, and quiet unrelenting pressure made records of accomplishment. But because he had something the manner of a dreamer, the idea that he *was* one clouded his genius and held him to lesser roles than his talents rated and to fewer honors than might have been his.

Possibly we do his memory a disservice in noting that he received less than he deserved of the rewards that are popularly esteemed to be the be-all and the end-all of a soldier's aspirations. For they were not so to Stuart. His ambition in his profession and in life was to do what needed doing surpassingly well rather than to garner to himself the tangible evidences of achievement. That he did. And whatever he may have thought of the lag in appropriate recognition of his ability, he kept to himself and never permitted it to restrain his genuine rejoicing over the elevation of deserving contemporaries and juniors. For his nature was as free of envy and jealousy as it was of self seeking, malice and meanness of spirit.

The finest tributes to Stuart Godfrey are in the hearts of men: men of 1909 who know of his service to the class and to West Point; men who served with him in after years who know of his substantial contributions to the work of the Army in peace and its success in war; men of various conditions who knew the loyalty of his friendship, the inspiration of his mind and the warmth of his humanity. And he who earned them would rightly value their tributes above all the trappings of rank and recognition that were his or that might have been his. For they, more than all else, reflect the solid value of his work and the true glory of his life.

E. F. H.

Chester Paddock Mills

NO. 4836 CLASS OF 1909

Died September 13, 1947, at New York, New York, aged 60 years.

CHESTER MILLS was born at Fort Custer, Montana, August 21, 1887, a son of Lieutenant Albert L. (a graduate of the Class of 1879) and Alada T. (Paddock) Mills. His education was obtained mainly in the public schools of the various places at or near which his father was stationed. At the age of fourteen he became a student at St. Luke's School, Wayne, Pa., where he was graduated in 1905, in which year he entered West Point. His father, who had lost an eye in action during the Santiago campaign in 1898, was serving at that time as Superintendent of the Military Academy, in the grade of Brigadier General. At West Point, "Check", as he was called by his classmates, was a companionable, popular cadet who finished the



course easily but without too much application to academic subjects. An ardent horseman, he was assigned upon graduation to the 11th Cavalry at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga. Later he served in other Cavalry regiments in the United States, Cuba, Mexico and the Philippines. During World War I he was a member of the General Staff of the A.E.F. at General Pershing's headquarters, in charge of troop and freight movements, procurement and distribution of motor transport, and the supply and equipment of incoming troops. After the Armistice, in the grade of Major, he represented the U.S. Army on the Liquidation Commission for the disposition of surplus supplies.

Returning to the United States, Mills was assigned to the Historical Section, War Department General Staff, preparing monographs on logistics which became part of the official history of the war. He was then detailed to the Inspector General's Department in which he served until his retirement for physical disability in 1922.

Upon retirement he associated himself with Montgomery, Ward and Company in their Chicago office but was compelled by ill health to resign in

1925. Several months later, at the request of the Treasury Department, he was named Director of the Federal Prohibition Service for the Second District, including Connecticut and Southern and Eastern New York. Occupying this important post for sixteen months, he made an outstanding record in the face of strong opposition, open and under cover, from politicians and racketeers.

Returning to private life in 1927, he organized and headed the Morriss Service, Inc., with offices in New York and London. The basic idea of this Service, which "Check" had conceived during World War I, was the personal exchange of ideas between groups of professional and industrial leaders of the United States and Europe. To this end he promoted a number of European tours for representatives of American business. In 1928 he was awarded the first prize of \$25,000 offered by W. C. Durant for the best plan "for making the 18th Amendment effective"

During the last fifteen years of his life Mills' activities were seriously circumscribed by general ill health. In spite of his gradual decline, during which he suffered many strokes of partial paralysis, he retained his interest in business affairs and insisted on maintaining an office in New York City. He died from a heart attack at his home in the Hotel Ashley on September 13, 1947, and was buried next to his parents in the West Point cemetery.

"Check" was twice married. His second wife, whom he wed in 1926, was Clarissa Lynde. One child, Lynda, was born of this marriage. Of a uniformly kind and generous nature, he was also devoted to his step-children and to his sister, Mrs. George Graham, who survives him. One of his step-daughters writes, "Truly I couldn't have loved a father more. He had such superb understanding and such a grand sense of humor and fun"

—A Classmate.

John Marvin Wright

No. 4753 CLASS OF 1909

Died October 4, 1947, at Washington, D. C., aged 61 years.

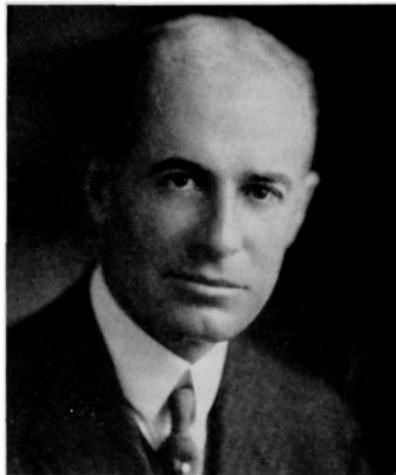
MARVIN WRIGHT was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, April 23, 1886, attended the public schools of that city, and then studied at the University of Cincinnati for two and one-half years. Entering the Military Academy by Congressional appointment in 1905, he proved himself an outstanding student, graduating Number 4 in a class of 103. He was one of the best tennis players in the Corps and took an enthusiastic interest in nearly all forms of Academy athletics.

Commissioned in the Corps of Engineers upon graduation in 1909, he spent his first year receiving practical instruction on the building of the Panama Canal and on river and harbor work in the United States. The next year he completed the course at the Engineer School at Washington Barracks. After a year of troop duty he

pursued a course in Mechanical and Electrical Engineering at Cornell University, receiving the degree of Master of Science. This course was designed as a preparation for his next assignment, the construction of Fort Drum in Manila Bay. In charge of this project during its entire progress for nearly three years, it has remained a monument to his careful and intelligent supervision. World War II proved that the only way to dislodge its garrison was to burn them out, which was done when American troops reoccupied the Philippines.

Returning to the United States late in 1917, he served in the Fortification Division, Office Chief of Engineers, and then as Executive Officer to the Director General of Military Railways, Mr. S. M. Felton. The award of the D.S.M. for these services was recommended by Mr. Felton and the Chief of Engineers.

On June 11, 1919, Marvin married Miss Ethel MacMurray of Washington, D. C., the daughter of the late Colonel Junius W. MacMurray and Henrietta Van Antwerp MacMurray. Mrs. Wright is the sister of Mrs. James



P. Robinson, wife of Colonel Robinson, retired, of South Egremont, Mass., and of John Van A. MacMurray, a career diplomat of the State Department, who has held many important posts, including those of Assistant Secretary of State, Minister to China, Minister to Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia, and Ambassador to Turkey.

On January 1, 1920, Wright resigned from the Army and devoted the following twenty years to a business career. He joined the Baldwin Locomotive Works, where he conducted the home office end of their field sales. He wrote a comprehensive spare parts catalogue, supervised the compilation of a new telegraphic code and assisted in formulating policies and improving the organization. In January, 1922, Marvin was appointed Manager for Foreign Sales for French Indo-China, Siam, British Malaya and the Netherlands Indies. His headquarters were in Bandoeng, Java, with numerous trips to his outlying territory. The competitive sales position in his territory was inherently bad, due to such causes as the depreciation of German currency, the preference accorded the products of European mother coun-

tries and the greater familiarity of local business men with European products. Many smaller American products could be sold but the difficulties in selling the principal product—locomotives—except in Siam, forced the withdrawal of the office in the fall of 1925.

From October, 1925, to February, 1926, Marvin was Chief Engineer of the American-British Improvement Corporation, working on the development of 4,000 acres on the East Coast of Florida near Fort Lauderdale. But the Florida land boom was evaporating and the Corporation met such heavy losses that it went into bankruptcy. Shortly thereafter the Frigidaire Corporation, a subsidiary of General Motors, appointed Wright the managing director of a territory including Hawaii, Japan, the Philippines and Eastern Asia from Manchuria to the Netherlands Indies. This assignment took him to all the larger cities for thousands of miles, and involved the selection, appointment and instruction of distributors. The firms chosen, outside American possessions, were usually of European connection. The training of the native service men who knew no word of English was often a ludicrous affair. Making business friends was a pleasant part of the job and often included a good game of tennis or golf, entertaining local people or attending an occasional horse race or military ceremony.

During Marvin's second visit to the Orient, his father and his mother-in-law died, leaving a family situation which made it impracticable for him to continue work outside the United States. Resigning from Frigidaire in April, 1930, he devoted himself for several years to activities of a personal nature, including the building of a family residence on Kalorama Road in Washington.

With the approach of World War II Marvin volunteered his services to the Army and was recommended for appointment in the Engineer Reserve but was not accepted due to a heart disorder. At the request of the Chief of Engineers he then entered the latter's office in a civilian capacity, serving as Senior Engineer, Industrial Specialist and Administrative Officer. For six years, in spite of a steadily deteriorating physical condition, he applied himself with his customary zeal and devotion to the problems of military supply, holding the positions of Chief of the Central Planning Branch, Chief of the Requirements and Stock Control Branch, Special Assistant to the Director of Military Supply and Procurement, and Chief of the Planning Group, Military Supply and Procurement. In January, 1945, he received the Exceptional Civilian Service Award, "For exceptional service beyond the call of duty and at great sacrifice of personal health in developing and improving methods and procedures for the control of construction on large defense projects. By establishing a Controlled Material Plan and a Priorities System for the entire Corps of Engineers, and a stock control system for all Military Supply items, he has contributed greatly to the War Department and the nation's war effort". In May of that year the Society of American Military En-

gineers, of which he was a charter member and long the treasurer, awarded him their gold medal for distinguished service.

To the very end he maintained an active part in the day's work. Worn out by his long struggle he passed away in his sleep on the early morning of October 4, 1947. Following a service at the Fort Myer Chapel, attended by many friends from military and civilian life, he was buried in Arlington.

Marvin Wright has set an example to all who knew him by reason of his unflagging industry, his devotion to duty and his moral rectitude. Of his whole life it may well be said, "He spared not himself"

—A Classmate.

Millard Fillmore Harmon, Jr.

NO. 5091 CLASS OF 1912

Missing in Transpacific Flight, February 26, 1945; officially declared dead as of February 27, 1946; aged 57 years.

LIEUTENANT GENERAL MILLARD FILLMORE HARMON, JR., Commanding General U.S. Army Air Forces, Pacific Ocean Area, left Kwajalein in the Marshall Islands on February 26, 1945, enroute in his staff plane (B-24 converted) to his headquarters at Hickam Field on Oahu, Territory of Hawaii. He did not reach his destination and no trace has ever been found of the plane or personnel aboard it.

Millard was born at Fort Mason (San Francisco Bay) California on January 19, 1888, the son of Colonel (U.S.M.A. 1880) and Mrs. Millard Fillmore Harmon, U.S. Army. He has two brothers (Kenneth, U.S.M.A. 1910, and Hubert, U.S.M.A. 1915) and two sisters (Margaret, widow of Francis W. Honeycutt, U.S.M.A. 1904, and Edith, wife of John W. Lang, U.S.M.A. 1907). He is survived also by his wife, Alberta Beatrice Clark, a daughter, Helen Clark, wife of Colonel J. J. Nazzaro, A.C., born at France Field, Panama Canal Zone, on June 30, 1920, and a son, Millard Fillmore Harmon, 3rd, born at March Field, California, on October 1, 1929.

Millard began his military career as a West Point cadet on March 2, 1908, and by the time he graduated on June 12, 1912, he had impressed all who came to know him as a stout-hearted loyal friend who knew his own mind and who never hesitated to carry out what he considered right, regardless of the opposition. Even as a so-called "runt" he had his fun in demonstrating the truth of the old saying that "the bigger they come the harder they fall". His hip-check on the hockey rink laid low many big defense men, and that same technique, coupled with aggressive and skillful stickwork, made him a terror in lacrosse. He captained the varsity hockey team for two successive years, and he participated in many other athletic activities and outdoor sports.

His early training as an officer was with the Infantry with which he

served over three years. His first assignment was with the 28th Infantry at Ft. Snelling, Minn., then with the 9th Infantry at Ft. Thomas, Ky. and on the Border at Laredo, Texas, followed by about one year's service in the Philippines with the 24th and 27th Infantry Regiments. By nature daring and always eager for action and adventure, he applied in 1915 for transfer to the Aviation Section of the Signal Corps. He was forthwith ordered to the Aviation School at San Diego, California, from which he graduated in October 1916, just in time to get his seasoning as a pilot of the First Aero Squadron with the Pershing Punitive Expedition into Mexico shortly before World War I broke.

Miff's whole nature reflected balance and a philosophy that there is a time and place for all the good things of life. His enthusiasm as a young airman did not take his mind and heart away from things romantic, for, with war in the offing, he decided that it was in order for him to seek emergency leave and bring to a climactic conclusion the courtship which he had initiated upon meeting Miss Alberta



Beatrice Clark at San Diego following his return from the Philippines. The result was what he always claimed later was the outstanding good fortune of his life—namely, the winning in matrimony of the one who became later his devoted wife and helpmate. Miff and Alberta were married in Los Angeles on March 7, 1917, and, after a honeymoon of only a few weeks, he was on his way to Washington for instructions before sailing for France on April 6, 1917 to enter upon courses of instruction in French Aviation Schools. The outbreak of war gave him an opportunity to serve on active duty as a pursuit pilot of French Escadrille No. 5, for which he was decorated with the French Croix de Guerre with Bronze Star. In the citation for his bravery in the Soissons and Somme Offensives, the French Commander stated that Major Millard F. Harmon, Jr., Aviation Section, Signal Corps, had assisted by taking part in all patrols of that Escadrille, and besides had made a great number of voluntary patrols, thus setting the very best example of enthusiasm and scorn of danger.

The end of World War I found him commanding the First Provisional

Wing preparing for active participation in the European conflict. The peace and demobilization brought in due time his reduction from the grade of Lieut. Colonel to his permanent rank then of Captain and, on July 1, 1920, his transfer to the newly established Air Service. The period of peace between World War I and Pearl Harbor gave him an opportunity to make many vital contributions to the steady growth of the Army Air Forces in varied fields, such as—student at the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth and later at the Army War College; member of the War Department General Staff; command of the 20th Pursuit Group at Barksdale Field; command of the 5th Bombardment Group at Luke Field in the Hawaiian Islands; instructor at the Command and General Staff School; Commandant of the Air Corps Primary Flying School at March Field; Commandant of the Air Corps Tactical School at Maxwell Field; Commander of the Gulf Coast Air Corps Training Center at Randolph Field; Commander of the Interceptor Command of the 4th Air Force; and Commander of the 2nd Air Force.

Soon after Pearl Harbor he was selected by the Commanding General of the Army Air Forces, General Henry H. (Hap) Arnold, to be his Executive and Chief of the Air Staff. For his outstanding work on this important assignment at a critical time in laying the foundation for the tremendous expansion of the Army Air Forces, Miff was awarded his first Distinguished Service Medal. In a tribute to Miff, his admiring friend, Hap Arnold, wrote in part: "When our Country faces real crises, it produces great leaders to meet them. In World War II men who matched the sudden great urgent responsibilities found themselves where they belonged. As elsewhere, so with in the Army Air Forces, they gravitated to their right places, and the sure, inevitable right place for 'Miff' Harmon was as one of the best of our great air leaders.

"I knew him as a second lieutenant, as an Air Field Commander, as a test pilot, as a member of the General Staff, as my Executive of the Army Air Forces, as Army Commander in the South Pacific, and finally as the Commander of all Army Air Forces of the Pacific Ocean Areas. In all these posts he recognized and applied the principle that there is no one-way street for LOYALTY. He knew and practiced that LOYALTY is a two-way road, loyalty down as well as up, so he was able to do things with his command, with his personnel, that stamped him as one of our foremost war leaders.

"To us of the Army Air Forces, he was more than just another officer; more than a remarkable air expert who always looked far into the future; more than a capable general whose ability always surpassed the difficulty of any given assignment. To us, he was, above all else, a true friend. That is why we miss him so sincerely. That is why we shall never forget him"

In June 1942, when the Jap threat to our line of communications to Australia was most critical, Millard was sent to Auckland, New Zealand, with orders to take command of all the

Army (Ground and Air) Forces in the South Pacific Area which were serving under the overall command of Admiral William F. Halsey, U.S. Navy. With his headquarters first established on New Caledonia, he was responsible for both the Ground and Air offensives in the South Pacific in cooperation with our Navy. It was a very complex and difficult assignment of great responsibility, calling for a top-flight Army leader with a rare sense of diplomacy, an understanding of the value of cooperation and a disposition to apply it, and the leadership ability to make the best of the then limited means at hand which were scattered over a wide ocean area. About six months after his arrival on his new assignment, he moved against the Japs and defeated them on Guadalcanal (February 1943), using his 14th Army Corps, supported by the Navy. He organized the 13th Air Force and combined its efforts with the 14th Army Corps as he moved westward in the Russells, in the New Georgia Campaign, and on Bougainville. Admiral Halsey referred to Miff as his "Rock of Gibraltar", brought about his promotion to Lieutenant General in February 1943, added the Navy Distinguished Service Medal for his successful conduct as Army Commander of these campaigns, and paid this tribute to his beloved friend and colleague:

"As Commander, South Pacific Force, it was my privilege to associate with General Harmon in our common effort against the enemy. In his capacity as Commander of all Army Forces in the South Pacific during the entire South Pacific Campaign, General Harmon exhibited the finest qualities of a courageous leader, a brilliant tactician, and a true patriot. I regard his passing as a great personal loss"

How very devoted Admiral Halsey was to Millard will be understood from a statement he made to Millard's wife, Alberta, long before his loss: "I never had a brother, but, if I did, I could not have loved him more than I do Millard".

On July 8, 1944 Millard was awarded an Oak Leaf Cluster to his Distinguished Service Medal for his outstanding contribution up to that time toward winning the war, and the following month, upon the successful conclusion of the campaigns in the South Pacific Area, he was advanced to the high position of Commander, Army Air Forces, Pacific Ocean Area, referred to as "Nimitz' Umbrella", with his command post at Hickam Field, Oahu, Hawaiian Islands. His new high command also carried with it the role of Deputy Commander, 20th Air Force, and as such he was General Arnold's Deputy in the Pacific, responsible for directing the B-29 strategic bombing of the Japanese Empire, with special attention to its vital warmaking industry. Millard, with his usual farsightedness and great faith in the effectiveness of air power in general, and especially strategic mass bombing, to destroy the enemy's will and ability to continue the war, set to work implementing his plans calling for mass bombing with as many as a thousand planes at a time. Gradually he pushed his advance command post westward across the Pacific and had his strategic bombing program well

under way with his forward headquarters on the island of Guam by February 1945. By that time he had become actively engaged in the preparation of plans for the eventual invasion of Japan. On the 26th of February 1945, he departed by staff airplane (a converted B-24) with certain members of his staff enroute to Washington for the purpose of discussing these plans. While enroute between Kwajalein, Marshall Islands, and Hawaii, his plane disappeared after one position report, about 4 hours out on a night flight that was expected to require about 14 hours. The most extensive search of World War II was instituted, but no trace of the plane or personnel aboard it, ten in number, was found. At first it was thought that perhaps the plane had been shot down by the enemy, but later developments support the opinion that the airplane may have exploded while transferring gasoline from one tank to another.

Major General Willis H. Hale, U.S. A.F., who was serving as Deputy to Millard at the time of his loss paid him this tribute: "... Miff Harmon's major contribution during the War was the highly successful result of his operations in the South Pacific where he commanded all Army, Ground, and Air Forces. During the brief period when I served as his deputy, just prior to his death, he demonstrated in his new and last command his well known organizing, administrative and command ability for which he had long been famous in the Air Forces. His personal qualities of understanding, tolerance, modesty, good humor, cheerfulness, optimism, and effective consideration for the welfare of all members of his command, especially his juniors, gained the respect, admiration and devotion of all of us. "

Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, U.S. Navy, Supreme Commander of the Pacific Ocean Areas, and later Chief of Naval Operations, paid this tribute to our beloved classmate:

"During my tenure as the Commander-in-Chief, United States Fleet and Pacific Ocean Areas, in the war against Japan, I was associated with many officers and men of outstanding valor, ability, and integrity. In this category was Lieutenant Millard F. Harmon, Jr. of the United States Army Air Forces. His first duty in the Pacific Ocean Areas came at a time of bitter fighting when the means available to the United States to resist the enemy were extremely limited. It was fortunate therefore that among our resources we had available a great leader, a gallant soldier, a splendid airman, and a true American, General Harmon. He served with distinction during the battles in the Solomon Islands in the capacity of Commanding General of all of the U.S. Army forces in the South Pacific Area. When he was advanced later to the position in command of all the Army Air Forces in the Pacific Ocean Areas, the assignment was hailed by all the Services. In this assignment he made outstanding contributions to the advance of our forces across the Pacific and to the eventual defeat of the Japanese. His untimely death in February 1945 was a severe loss to our fighting forces and to the Nation. He was a vallant soldier and a true

friend, deeply mourned by all who served with him"

Any tribute to Millard without a word from his old friend and fellow pioneer airman, General Carl ("Toohey") Spaatz, the present Commanding General, Army Air Forces, would be lacking:

"Throughout the history of the Air Force no name stands out more vividly than that of Miff Harmon. He was one of the small group of pioneer airmen who earned their wings before the first World War. His early combat flying experience was gained on the Mexican Border in 1916 and then in France during World War I. Military aviation was his life and he pursued it with an intensity and determination that made him one of our greatest leaders. He was admired by all for the contribution of his great talents to the building of the Air Forces.

"In World War II, he became Chief of the Air Staff, Commander of the Army Forces in the South Pacific Area, and he commanded the Army Air Forces, Pacific Ocean Areas. It was during this last assignment that he gave his life in fight for his Country. He has not been, and can never be replaced".

The tribute that Millard would have prized most perhaps was that which came from the hearts of the enlisted men of his command. Their sentiments have been voiced by the crew chief that maintained his single-seater plane, Master Sergeant Jack Uzzell, whose close relation with his General enabled him, during the early days of their service together in the South Pacific, to comprehend the heart and soul of the great leader whose example inspired such a fighting spirit in his troops:

"... General Harmon had the enlisted men right behind him he was on the go night and day, regardless of Japs or bad weather... many an hour I sat anxiously at the hangar waiting for the sound of his P-38 motor, wondering if he would make it... he usually flew alone, spurning any kind of an escort and claiming that he'd take his chances with his fighter plane to elude the Japs who were mighty active in those days... yes, sir, he was one General that everybody, the men especially, liked to see come around and hated to see leave we really loved him"

Over three years have transpired since Millard joined the "Long Gray Line", where many old friends of our "Army-boy" classmate, including also his own distinguished Father for whom he was named, must have welcomed him in the Great Beyond with a "Well Done" pat on the back. These three years have given us added opportunity to contemplate and duly evaluate his remarkable record of outstanding achievements in varied fields of service to his Country, his fellow man, and to God. And the more we appraise our Millard, the prouder we rightly are to claim him as one of our very own. We recall how proud we were to hail him as our first classmate to attain both two-star and three-star rank, positions which he held with such characteristic modesty and grace; proud too of his outstanding successes as one of the great battle leaders in the Pacific where his demonstrated

character and ability elicited the pronounced admiration and respect of all the Services and also of our Allies that held interests there; and, again proud when our Government duly rewarded him repeatedly with citations of approval and promotions.

Thus, Millard Fillmore Harmon, Jr. brought great credit to his beloved Alma Mater; to his Class (U.S.M.A. 1912) to which he was ever loyal; to his beloved Country; to his wide host of friends and admirers; and to his devoted family. And, now, bareheaded, we of 1912 salute his memory, and bemoan his tragic and untimely loss, realizing as we do that no one can take the place of Millard Harmon in our hearts. May his noble soul rest in peace!

—His Classmates.

John Bennington Bennet

NO. 5550 CLASS OF 1916

Died June 10, 1944, in Burma, aged 51 years.

JOHN BENNINGTON BENNET was born July 11, 1892, at Fort Logan, Colorado, the son of John Bradbury Bennet, U.S.M.A. 1891, and Nelly Sharp Bennet. He entered West Point in June 1912 and was graduated in June 1916. He served on the Mexican



border from September 1916 to March 1917 and in France from November 1917 to December 1919. He was twice wounded in action and commanded the prisoner of war enclosure at Brest from June 1918 until September 1919. Among other assignments, Jack taught chemistry at the U.S.M.A. and was graduated from the tank school at Camp (now Fort) Meade, Maryland, and from the Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia. In April 1924 he resigned from the Army and moved to Tampa, Florida. He was active in the Reserve, going to camp in the summer from 1934 through 1940, and serving as president of the Tampa branch of the Reserve Officers Association in 1938. He attended the special Reserve Officers class at the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth,

Kansas from March until June in 1939. In November 1940 Jack was called to active service with the rank of Lt. Colonel. He served at Camp Blanding, Florida, as executive, until December, when he was ordered to the Command and General Staff School as an instructor in the Intelligence Division. In October 1942 he was promoted to the rank of full Colonel. In November 1942 he was ordered to the C.B.I. theater, where he served until his death from typhus in Burma on June 10, 1944.

Jack was married in August 1916 to Mildred Bruns of New York City, who died in November 1919. By this marriage there was one daughter, Emelie Bruns Bennet, formerly the wife of Colonel Frederick G. Terry, U.S.M.A. 1930. (who was killed on Saipan in June 1944) and now Mrs. E. L. Clifford of Providence, R. I. In May 1921 Jack was married to Marion Smith of St. Louis, Missouri. By this marriage there were three children; John B. Bennet, Jr., U.S.M.A. 1945; Charles Bailey, deceased; and Marion Irwin. Besides his widow, his mother, surviving children and three grandsons, Jack is survived by his brother, Colonel Alexander Sharp Bennet, U.S.M.A. 1919, retired, of San Antonio, Texas.

Jack was a man of great personal charm, poise, and an innate sense of the fitness of things. He was notable for quick decisiveness and enthusiasm in all his undertakings. To all situations he brought an unsentimental common sense which might have seemed hardness, had it not been tempered, as it was, by great idealism, rigidly high personal standards of conduct, and a never flagging effort to be honorable and fair in all his dealings and opinions. His was the truly large nature that mellows with the years, becoming ever more tolerant, understanding and sympathetic to all, even to those who did not share his high ideals.

In loving memory, his widow,
—Marion S. Bennet.

Rowland Randolph Castle

NO. 7046 CLASS OF 1923

Died July 19, 1947, at Huntington, West Virginia, aged 47 years.

ROWLAND R. CASTLE was born at Salyersville, Kentucky, on August 8, 1899. He was the son of Fred W. and Emma Castle. He moved from Kentucky to Huntington, West Virginia in 1918, where he graduated from high school and entered the Student's Army Training Corps at Washington & Lee University at Lexington, Virginia in September of that year. He entered West Point in August 1919 and graduated in the class of 1923. He resigned from the Army in September of that year.

He was in the building and contracting business until the fall of 1929, when he accepted a position with the United States Engineer Office, Huntington, West Virginia. After his entry into the Corps of Engineers he became Chief of the Operations Division, in

which position he remained until July 1, 1942, when he was called into active duty in World War II, receiving a commission as Major. On July 5, 1942 he was ordered to report to Kingsport, Tennessee, for the purpose of supervising the construction of the Holston Ordnance Works. He remained there for two years, until the plant was completed, and was then ordered from that station to Terre Haute and Evansville, Indiana, where he completed two ordnance plants of similar nature; alternating his time between the two stations. Upon completion of this assignment he was ordered to the Pacific Theater of Operations, and arrived at Manila, P. I. on September 15, 1945. He was assigned the duties of Base Engineer with Base M at San Terscando Bay, approximately 150 miles north of Manila, where he served until he was returned to the United States in March 1946. He was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in February 1944 and to Colonel in March of 1946.

When he returned to the United States in March 1946, he was separated from the service at Camp Atterbury, Indiana, effective July 17, 1946. Upon his separation from active duty he was restored to his former position with the Corps of Engineers in the Huntington District, where he remained until his death on July 19, 1947.

He led a very quiet life, most of his spare time was devoted to his beloved parents and his home. His favorite sport was riding, at which he was quite proficient. During the time he



was a cadet at West Point he was a member of the polo team, and he engaged in this sport when time and opportunity permitted. He was apparently in the best of health at all times, and his sudden and untimely death was a great shock to his mother and father, as well as to the numerous friends he had throughout the country, both in the Army and elsewhere. Officers and soldiers with whom he served in the Army and his host of friends he made during the years of his duty in a civilian capacity, as well as other civilian contacts, deeply regret his passing.

He was a man of sound judgment, and was known to be fair in his dealings with others. A decision rendered by him was not questioned, as those who knew him well fully realized that

he was just and honest. He was dearly beloved by those with whom he worked, both in a civilian and military capacity. He had a great and understanding heart and possessed a keen sense of humor. His ability to arrive at a decision without undue delay and the accuracy of his judgment were outstanding characteristics.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Castle, of Huntington, West Virginia; an uncle, James A. Rowland, of Lexington, Kentucky; and by numerous cousins.

He led a clean and upright life, and his passing has left a vacancy in the hearts and lives of those who loved him best. All who knew Rowland will always remember him as a perfect friend, gentleman and officer.

James Robert Lindsay, Jr.

NO. 7218 CLASS OF 1923

Died January 9, 1945, while being transported as a prisoner of war from Formosa to Japan, aged 45 years.

No one who had ever known Bob Lindsay would ever forget him. No one could be close to him without feeling his keen love of life; above all, his buoyant sense of humor. He was truly an individual.

Bob was born and raised in the Army. That the Army would not be his career never occurred to him. The son of Eva Miller Lindsay and Brig. Gen. J. R. Lindsay (U.S.M.A. 1890), Bob was born at Leavenworth, Kansas, on July 7, 1899. During his youth, the Lindsay family spent a tour of foreign service in the Philippines, so that young Bob acquired an early knowledge of the "Islands" and their people. He learned to love the Islands, and twice returned to them on orders for foreign service, to serve with his beloved Philippine Scouts.

His intimate knowledge of the country was a great tactical asset all through the fighting in Western Luzon and Bataan.

As a cadet, Bob devoted endless time toward thinking up antics for the edification and amusement of his classmates, although he himself was just one jump ahead of the Academic Department. When General MacArthur, then Superintendent, appeared with a short overcoat, swagger stick and cap with crushed brim, Bob spent hours in making over a cadet uniform in exact replica. Then a snapshot was taken and given wide circulation. At reunion in 1938, General Buckner, then Colonel, greeted Bob heartily, "Lindsay, when I saw you in that uniform like General MacArthur's, I thought I'd die laughing". Lindsay replied, "Colonel, when you saw me that day, I thought I was found!"

Bob and Trooper Price vied with each other in attaching nicknames to their classmates. Anyone so favored is more than likely to be stuck with that title today. Thus, for the rest of his life wherever he went, Bob was "Plute" to his intimates.

At the beginning of First Class year, Bob was "elected" corporal of the un-

controllable E Co. millionaire squad. Having great difficulty at all formations in reporting his squad, each of whose members popped into ranks at the last note of assembly, he resigned as "Corporal" at mid-year, but was promptly re-elected by unanimous vote.

Bob organized and led the Cadet Bugle Corps, and was a member of the polo squad in his First Class year.

After graduation leave, he reported to the 11th Infantry at Fort Ben Harrison. He made frequent week-end trips to Louisville and finally the object of his affection was made known by the announcement of the engagement of Martha Briscoe to James Robert Lindsay. They were married on October 1st, 1924.

Enroute home in 1927 from his first tour in the Philippines, Bob received orders for transfer to the Field Artillery.

Bob graduated from the Battery Officers School, Fort Sill on June 12, 1931, but an event of greater importance that day was the birth of a son, James Robert, III.

When the 68th F.A. (Mech.) was organized in 1934, he reported to Fort Knox and was assigned as Regimental Adjutant. Promotion to Captain came in 1935.

In 1939, as the war clouds were gathering in Europe and Asia, Bob sailed for his second tour of duty in the Philippines, reporting to the 24th F.A. (P.S.). On promotion to Major in



1940, he was assigned as a Bn. C.O. in the 23rd F.A. His admiration for the scout regiments was expressed in a letter to his wife, written during the fighting in Bataan, "As I've always insisted, our Scouts have been superb—all branches. They are worth their weight in gold".

Martha Lindsay and young Bobby were evacuated from the Islands with all other dependents in January, 1941. In the late fall, Bob received his orders for return to the States. The transport never sailed. Its date of departure was to have been December 8, 1941.

At the outbreak of hostilities, Bob was in command of a battery of self-propelled mounts which fought all through the early days in Northern

Luzon. After the retreat to Bataan, he was first assigned to the 1st Philippine Corps as Assistant to the Chief of Artillery, and later when that officer was lost, he became Chief of Artillery for the Corps.

On the Death March out of Bataan, Bob was wounded in his left knee by American shellfire from Corregidor, which was directed at a Japanese battery near the road. The wound crippled him with a stiff knee for many months, until finally, Lt. E. R. Nelson, U.S.N., performed several operations which corrected the condition. After a long period of persistent exercise, Bob was able to walk with only a slight limp.

His keen sense of humor helped him overcome the dreariness of the long months at Cabanatuan and Bilibid. Without exception, letters written to Martha by other officers who survived the captivity, spoke of Bob's cheerfulness and his beneficial effect on the morale of the other prisoners. From Capt. T. P. Bell, U.S.A., who lived with Bob for two years in Bilibid: "As you can well imagine, he kept us all in stitches with a ukulele, trapping and training mice, his eternal optimism, and a thousand other ways". These letters, also, unfailingly mention his courage and determination in overcoming the effects of his leg wound.

During his captivity, Bob worked out complete plans for the reorganization of the Philippine Scouts and the Philippine Army. The plans were left in the care of a fellow prisoner who, fortunately, survived, and forwarded them to the proper authority.

The tragic details of the sailing of the Jap prison ship, Oryku Maru, from Manila on December 13, 1944, have been recorded too many times to bear painful repetition. Bob survived two sinkings, but died enroute from Formosa to Japan as a result of extreme exposure and dehydration. The War Department officially records his death on January 9, 1945, but actually it occurred about January 20, 1945.

The Legion of Merit was awarded posthumously, with the following citation: "For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in the Southwest Pacific Area, from December 8, 1941 to April 9, 1942. Serving initially as Artillery Officer, North Luzon Force, and subsequently, I Philippine Corps, Colonel Lindsay demonstrated conspicuous professional competence and resourceful leadership in planning artillery operations during the gallant defense of the Philippines. His thorough understanding of field artillery technique was in constant evidence throughout a prolonged period of the most bitter combat and his ability to overcome almost insurmountable logistical problems was readily apparent as he did much to furnish prompt and accurate fire support for the hard pressed defenders of Bataan. By his exemplary conduct, sound judgment, and unfailing devotion to duty Colonel Lindsay fully upheld the highest traditions of the service".

Surviving are his wife, Martha, son Bobby, and his Mother.

—D. C. R.

Lyman O'Dell Williams

NO. 7164 CLASS OF 1923

Killed in Action, April 2, 1945, on Kerama, Ryukyu Islands, aged 44 years.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL LYMAN O'D. WILLIAMS, Infantry, United States Army, was killed in action on April 2, 1945, when a Japanese Kamakazi plane struck the ship upon which the Colonel was aboard. At the time, he was proceeding towards one of the Ryukyu Islands for a landing with personnel of the 305th Infantry, 77th Division.

Colonel Williams was born in Pickens County, South Carolina, and received his early education in Easley, South Carolina, where his mother, Mrs. Nancy Laura Williams, now resides. After attending the University of South Carolina for two years, he entered the United States Military



Academy. Upon graduation, in the Class of 1923, Colonel Williams was assigned to the Infantry and was first stationed at Fort Thomas, Kentucky. Further assignments in the United States included the 9th Infantry, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, The Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia, the 18th Infantry, Fort Wadsworth, New York, and the 22nd Infantry at Fort McClellan, Alabama. Colonel Williams also served the following overseas tours in peacetime: Assigned with the 57th Infantry in the Philippines and the 14th Infantry in the Panama Canal Zone.

In the early stages of World War II, Colonel Williams served with the 33rd Infantry Division at various training stations throughout the United States and in June of 1943, was transferred to the Pacific Theater of Operations for duty with the 305th Infantry Regiment of the 77th Division. Assisting in military operations there, he saw action against the enemy at Guam, Leyte, in the Marianas, the Philippines and islands of the Ryukyu Group from August 5, 1944—April 2, 1945.

Forceful in the performance of his duties throughout these campaigns, the following posthumous awards to

him have been made: The Bronze Star Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, and the Purple Heart Medal.

His widow, Mrs. Carolyn Long Williams and two children, Lyman Jr. and Alice Nan, reside at 802 Highland Avenue, Augusta, Georgia.

All of Bill's classmates remember him as a quiet and unassuming individual who believed in action more than in words.

His service in World War II was patterned after that model. One outstanding factor of his career was the ability to demonstrate a high degree of coolness and courage while under fire.

One of Bill's Commanders expressed his feelings for our classmate in these words, "Lieutenant Colonel Williams is very quiet and unassuming, but is hard working and very efficient and not afraid of the devil!" —C. T. M.

Charles Woodruff Scovel, Jr.

NO. 7676 CLASS OF 1925

Died August 12, 1946, in Boise, Idaho, aged 46 years.

WEST POINT days bring classmates together in a special way that nothing else can ever quite duplicate, and to be company mates there is to form life long friendships that the passing years seem only to intensify. And it was in that special way that those of us in M Company found a deep friendship for Chuck, even though our paths had parted after graduation in 1925. It came as a real shock, then, to learn that he had passed away suddenly in Boise, Idaho, on August 12, 1946.

It was late in September, 1921, that Cadet Charles Woodruff Scovel, Jr., joined us; but his easy pleasant manner and unruffled disposition attracted to him the friendship of us all, and he quickly became known to us as "Chuck" Scovel. The fact that he was a little older than most of us caused us to turn to him for advice in solving the many problems of everyday living at the Point.

Chuck was born in Pittsburgh on October 19, 1899, the son of Charles W. and Sara Butler Scovel. His father was an attorney-insurance executive, and was one of the founders of the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra. His grandfather, Sylvester Scovel, was pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of that city. Chuck grew up in Pittsburgh and attended grammar school and the Peabody High School there. He attended the University of Pittsburgh for two years before he joined us at the Point.

At the Point, Chuck's artistic talents were to be relied on for every academy or class endeavor. His fine singing in the choir, his work in Hundredth Night and in other dramatics, and his outstanding writing for the '25 Howitzer were indicative of his ability. Chuck was really a poet at heart, for nothing pleased him more than to sing or chant some part of a Gilbert and Sullivan opera, many of which he knew from beginning to end. But his artistic and dramatic ability was not his only achievement during

those four long years. As a Yearling, he had the coveted distinction of wearing Gold Stars on the collar of his blouse: the symbol of academic brilliance which so few ever achieve. And his graduation standing warranted his assignment to the Corps of Engineers, for he was well up in the class at commencement. But Chuck had developed an interest in the Field Artillery during his Kaydet days, so looked upon that branch as his First Love for service. However, memory of many policings during equitation was still fresh in his mind, making him cautious about joining the then animal-drawn Artillery for a career. He, therefore, took his commission in the Engineers, and went to duty with the 1st Engineers at Fort DuPont, Delaware.

Chuck had developed an early preference and interest in military life. While a student in the University of Pittsburgh, in 1918, he registered in the Students Army Training Corps, where he first tasted Army life. From July 1919 until June 1920 he was an enlisted man in the Air Service at Kelly Field, Texas. And these two experiences in the army led him to finish off such a professional beginning by attendance at West Point. So Chuck developed a deep seated military interest that remained with him throughout the rest of his life. The lure of civilian life, however, beckoned him again early in his career as an officer, and Chuck resigned from the Army in 1926.

His steadfast interest in the Army was not affected by his resignation. Not only did he become one of the most dependable June Week visitors, each year, but he became a Second Lieutenant in the Field Artillery Reserve shortly after his resignation from the regular service. Thereafter he spent many two-week tours on active duty, maintained his standing in the Organized Reserves, and later saw two tours of duty with the Citizens' Military Training Camps and one with the Civilian Conservation Corps. He was promoted to First Lieutenant, Field Artillery Reserve, in 1929.

From the time of his resignation until 1937, Chuck engaged in commercial research and advertising for a number of New York firms. Then for three years he was with Standard Air Conditioning, becoming District Manager of the Cleveland District; later of the Pittsburgh District. For the next two years he was director of distributive education for the West Chester School District, West Chester, Pennsylvania. It was during his period as an educator in West Chester that World War II brought Chuck back into active military Service.

During his civilian years, Chuck managed to find time to indulge in his earlier love for dramatic work. For several years he was an active participant in the productions of the Pittsburgh Playhouse, and of the Pine Grove Playhouse at Cambridge Springs, Pennsylvania. And in addition to his membership in these theatrical enterprises, he maintained membership in the Delta Theta Fraternity, and the Calvary Episcopal Church of Pittsburgh.

World War II was to change the course of his life as it did for so

many millions of others. In 1942, he reentered the Army in the Chemical Warfare Service, where he was to become a Lieutenant Colonel. His first assignment was at Edgewood Arsenal, where he served initially as Chief of the Academic Section, C.W.S. Officer's Candidate School. Later he became Assistant Director, Enlisted Men's Section, C.W.S. School. And this latter duty brought him the Army Commendation Ribbon, for "His display of enthusiasm, outstanding leadership, and untiring devotion to duty contributed materially to the establishment of the Enlisted Division of the C.W.S. School and his knowledge of training procedures and insight into the needs and capabilities of the Soldier, enabled him to supervise effectively the development of a training program for Enlisted Personnel of the various Arms and Services. In all instances, his actions concerning the school are in the highest traditions of the Military Service"

In 1943, Chuck was ordered to Washington for duty in the Office of the Chief of the Chemical Warfare Serv-



ice, where he served in the Field Operations Office of the Training Division. Late in the year he was transferred to the Processing Section, Military Personnel Division, Headquarters, Army Service Forces. In 1944, he became the Executive Assistant Director for Property Disposal, Readjustment Division, Headquarters, Army Service Forces. He remained in this assignment until April, 1945, when he was transferred for a short period of duty as Director of Convalescent Training, Wakeman Convalescent Hospital, Camp Atterbury, Indiana.

Ordered back to Washington in April, 1946, Chuck became Training Officer of the Veteran's Administration, in which position he served until the summer of that year. He then resigned his active duty status and accepted an assignment in Korea on duty with the military government our country had found necessary to establish there. He was enroute to embarkation in Seattle when his sudden death occurred in Boise, Idaho. In accordance with his wishes, he was buried in Arlington. He is survived by his brother, Sylvester Scovel of Verona, Pennsylvania; and his two sisters, Mrs. Sara S. Dougal of Pitts-

burgh and Mrs. Carolyn S. McKelvy of Ardmore, Pennsylvania.

Chuck never lost his affection for his classmates and for West Point. At one time he lost his class ring, and had considerable difficulty in obtaining a duplicate one to wear as a tangible symbol that he was one of us. Remembering the difficulties he had had in replacing his ring and being keenly aware of his affection for the class, his family has notified our class representative at West Point that they have made Chuck's ring available to any classmate who has lost his own ring. An announcement detailing the arrangements for this use of Chuck's ring was published in *Assembly*.

Chuck was in Washington shortly before he left for Korea, and in seeing him again it was hard to believe then that more than twenty-one years had passed since our graduation from the Point, for of all of our classmates the hand of time seemed to have rested most lightly upon him. His friendly easy manner was the same as on that day when he joined the class so long ago, and his quick, ready smile is so clear in our memories that it is hard to realize he has joined "The Long Gray Line that stretches through the years of a century told"

We know we speak for all our classmates when we say Chuck's untimely passing has touched our own lives with the shadow of grief that comes to those who have lost a friend and West Point classmate. The knowledge that you have preceded us, Chuck, makes easier the contemplation of the day when we too will join the misty gray ranks, for we approach that day knowing you are there to welcome us, and that once more we can fall in ranks beside you.

—Aubrey S. Newman,
William E. Pheris,
Joseph B. Dougherty.

Francis Hill Dohs

NO. 9002 CLASS OF 1930

Killed in Action, February 23, 1945,
in Germany, aged 38 years.

FRANK DOHS was born in Newburgh, New York on January 13, 1907. His devoted parents reared him, an only child, in the atmosphere of West Point, where his father, an internationally recognized gymnast, devoted himself to the task of the physical education of Cadets. His father's mastery of physical coordination, his love for his pupils, and his skillful teaching endeared him to every class for more than a generation.

Frank's mother, Gertrude Ellen Dohs was an inspiration to all who were fortunate enough to know her. Her devotion to her husband and her son was unlimited. The home she made for them in the little grey house overlooking the Hudson at West Point overflowed with hospitality, comfort, and good living. She lived to see her beloved son securely launched on a successful military career. Her passing was a cruel blow to all who knew her and a shock from which her husband never fully recovered.

Frank's home life and the devotion of his parents molded him from child-

hood into a quiet, determined, ambitious young man. His preparatory schooling, initially at West Point, was completed when he graduated from the New York Military Academy at Cornwall in 1925. It was there that he first evidenced the interest in weapons which persisted throughout his life. As a plebe Frank readily adapted himself to the team play and consideration so necessary to successful cadet life. He made the fencing squad and the cadet chapel choir that first hectic year. His calm self assurance marked him as a mature man from the beginning. He progressed steadily through the cadet years and broadened his activities to include soccer and the gun club. His keen perception and coordination produced a first class fencer, won him a minor "A", and contributed materially to the success of the team. Academics claimed a reasonable amount of Frank's time; never more. He preferred to live the well balanced life, and took a hearty interest in social affairs. At graduation Frank had developed into a strong, self-reliant man's man, known, liked, and admired by all his classmates. His aptitude for team play and his practical common sense equipped him well for service in the Infantry.

Frank's early service included assignments at Madison Barracks, where he was a company commander in the 28th Infantry, and at Fort Jay, where he again commanded a company, in the 16th Infantry, for two years. He then attended the Infantry School at Fort Benning from which he successfully graduated on June 8, 1934.

Four days later Frank married a charming Mississippi girl, Beverly, and after a short visit with his parents at West Point they sailed for Hawaii arriving at Schofield Barracks in August. During the three years in Hawaii, the beauty and perfection of the Islands made a deep impression. He served with distinction as a company commander, Assistant Regimental Supply Officer, and Utilities Officer with the 21st Infantry. There were numerous classmates at Schofield during this period, which contributed to a delightful social life. Frank was promoted to First Lieutenant in August 1935. His first daughter, Ann Claiborne, was born at Schofield in 1936. It was during this same year that Frank's beloved mother died at West Point.

In 1937 Frank said "aloha" to the Islands with genuine regret and moved with his wife and baby to Fort Jay, New York. After a six weeks leave at West Point and in Mississippi, Frank reported for duty with the 16th Infantry Regiment in June. He was fortunate in being assigned permanent quarters on the Post. Here Beverly created a delightful and comfortable home for him; and with Frank, extended the most cordial hospitality to their many friends in and around New York. Frank served as a company commander and Battalion Communications Officer with the 16th Infantry, and in 1938 attended the Basic Course at the Chemical Warfare School, Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland. His second daughter, Mary Ellen, was born at Governors Island in 1939.

The first wave of reorganization and expansion prior to the war reached

Frank at Governors Island in 1940 when he was ordered to the 13th Infantry at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. The change was difficult; housing was a problem; maneuvers came more and more frequently; and family life gradually became impractical as the nation girded for war. Frank's almost continuous duty with troops promptly paid off and he became known as an outstanding training officer. He spent a total of three and a half years at this work, moving with cadres from one camp to another. He served at Camps Gruber, Phillips, Custer, Forest, and McCain among others. In 1942 he was Battalion Executive Officer for the Second Battalion of the 305th Infantry in the 77th Division. In August of that year he joined his last Division, the 94th, and took part in its initial organization at Fort Custer and Camp Phillips. During the winter of 1942-1943 he was selected to command the Second Battalion of the 301st Infantry Regiment. After almost two years of organization and training the Division was alerted for overseas shipment. Frank was chosen



as a member of the advance party and proceeded to Fort Wadsworth, New York where his group boarded the *John Ericson* for England.

The party arrived in Chippenham, Wiltshire, England in June 1944 and took up the arduous task of bivouac planning for the Division in an already overcrowded Island. Frank's battalion arrived at Chippenham on August 13, 1944 and bivouaced on the edge of town. From this time on activity was intense.

By September 10, 1944 Frank's unit had moved to France and gone into the line on a Sunday morning before the German held seaport of Lorient. This proved to be a static sector marked by trench warfare, artillery, and mortar fire. It was also a period of valuable training. The division was relieved on New Year's Day by the 66th Division and moved east to take part in the final phase of the Battle of the Bulge. The initial sector was in front of the Siegfried Switch Line in the Saar-Mosel Triangle east of Remich, Luxembourg. This position was occupied in bitterly cold weather on January 6, 1945. Here the war took on a violent character and Frank's professional ability and personal lead-

ership rose to the highest level. In the words of his Regimental Commander:

"Frank was absolutely loyal and dependable. Slow and methodical, nothing could hurry him. He was a really superior Battalion Commander. Just prior to the attack which carried us to the Saar, Frank's Second Battalion captured the little town of Sinz. About a week prior to his attack, two other battalions of the 94th Division and a Combat Command of an Armored Division had attempted to take this town and failed. After the capture of the first row of houses in the town, the armor was pulled out and the infantry gave up the attack. I have always felt that the action by his battalion in taking the town was a real achievement for which neither he nor the regiment ever received credit, the town having been announced as captured by the armor a week previously.

"Frank's Battalion was scheduled to be the second Battalion in column to cross the Saar at Staat, opposite Serrig. The Germans had a battery of medium artillery as well as a 20mm gun zeroed in on the only possible launching site, which was only 50 yards wide. We had to cross by keeping troops in the cellars of two large houses, organizing a boat load and then, when the shelling let up, rush them out, load and push off, starting the motor after the boat was free; otherwise they would be caught in a salvo which came immediately after the motor started. Frank was standing by a boat being loaded when a single round came in hitting the boat, killing and injuring several men. He was not hit by this round and ran about 30 yards to a point behind a truck beside which he was standing when the next round came in. It hit the truck right next to him, killing him instantly. His loss was felt keenly; every officer and man in his battalion was devoted to him".

Frank was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross posthumously for this particular action. His other decorations include the Bronze Star Medal and the Purple Heart. He is survived by his three daughters Ann Claiborne, Mary Ellen, and the youngest, Alice Pannill, who was born in 1944 after her father had gone overseas. His wife Beverly married Mr. Joseph F. Tannehill of Staunton, Virginia in 1946.

We, his classmates, who knew and loved him will honor Frank for those outstanding qualities that mark a true leader and a courageous officer. He stands erect, a credit to his heritage, his family, and his nation.

—O. B. B.

Thomas Kent

NO. 9009 CLASS OF 1930

Killed in Action, December 21, 1944, in Belgium, aged 35 years.

LEUTENANT COLONEL THOMAS KENT, son of Colonel and Mrs. Guy Kent, was born at West Point, New York, on July 19, 1909. Thus at birth Tom's association with the Army

began and continued unbroken until in the fulfillment of the highest traditions of the Service and West Point he met his death in action during the Battle of the Bulge, in Belgium, on December 21, 1944. As an Army child Tom's dream was to go to West Point and, during his boyhood, life at various army posts developed in him an undying loyalty, zeal and enthusiasm for the Service. He prepared for West Point at Schadman's, Washington, D.C. and on July 1, 1926 realized the fulfillment of his boyhood dream by joining "the Long Gray Line" as an appointee of Senator Francis E. Warren of Wyoming.

Possessing an inquiring mind and being observing by nature his interests were wide and varied as evidenced by the following, quoted from the 1930 *Howitzner*, "his sources of information on all subjects from oleomargarine to osteopathy have proved the wonderment of his classmates".

Upon graduation in 1930 Tom embarked upon his Army career as an Infantry officer, serving with the 38th Infantry, Fort Sill, Oklahoma; 1st In-



fantry, Fort Francis E. Warren, Wyoming; 14th Infantry, Fort Davis, Canal Zone; 66th Infantry (Light Tanks), Fort George Meade, Maryland; 5th Infantry at Fort Williams, Maine and at Camp Paraiso, Canal Zone. It was early apparent to those associated with him that he was a born teacher and instructor with a decided interest in and aptitude for things mechanical. Many a period on some aspect of Infantry training which otherwise might have been dull and uninteresting was presented by Tom in such a graphic, individualistic and thought-provoking manner as to hold the interest and get the instruction across to the dullest soldier.

Love of airplanes and flying was so strong after a detail in the Air Corps that he purchased his own airplane, obtained a private flying license and did a great deal of private flying. His written report on one flying trip through portions of Central America indicates his powers of observation and ability to express himself which undoubtedly were factors resulting in his selection as G-2 of the 5th Armored Division and later of the 17th Airborne Division. While with the 17th Airborne Division he also served as an

active paratrooper, thus entitling him to be a wearer of the coveted paratroopers insignia.

In January 1944 Tom and Elizabeth Lewis were married at Nashville, Tennessee. He had met Elizabeth while he was on duty in Panama, at a time when she was visiting the Commanding General of the Panama Department. The field maneuvers in which his unit was engaged unhappily kept them apart a great deal from the time of his marriage until his departure for overseas.

His broad experience in the Infantry and his graduation from the Company Officers Course and the Tank Course of the Infantry School, as well as from the Command and General Staff School, made him exceptionally well qualified to assume command of the battalion he was ultimately to lead into combat. He assumed command of the 1st Battalion 422nd Infantry, 106 Infantry Division at Camp Atterbury, Indiana, in July 1944. The 422nd Infantry embarked for England in October 1944. The Regiment left England in early December 1944 for Belgium and by mid December was engaged in combat. History now records that combat as the Battle of the Bulge. During the initial heavy fighting Tom was awarded the Infantry Combat Badge. The valiant stand made there by men and units will forever be a source of pride to all Americans. At what cost this stand was made is tragically understood by the friends and loved ones of Tom. To those who knew Tom, knew of his eager enthusiasm and intense interest in his work, as well as his love of life and people, it will always be difficult to understand why he should have been taken from us at the midpoint of his career. In the brief space of five combat days the Army lost a fine and talented officer and I lost a friend whose Purple Heart is symbolic of his devotion to "Duty, Honor, Country" —E. M. H.

munications. I first served with him in the Second Division at Fort Sam Houston in the late 30's. There he commanded the Second Signal Company. At that time the Second Division was the pioneer and test unit for the new triangular divisions. He did outstanding work and contributed materially to the soundness of the communications of the current divisional organization.

We served together again in the Philippines. During the siege of Bataan Jimmy was the Signal Officer of I Corps, commanded by General J. M. Wainwright. His service at this time might be described by quoting the citation with which General Wainwright awarded him the Bronze Star Medal:

"For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Bataan, Philippine Islands, from March 15, 1942 to April 9, 1942. As Signal Officer of I Philippine Corps, through his devotion to duty, professional skill and ability, he maintained efficient signal com-



James Nugent Vaughn

NO. 8839 CLASS OF 1930

Killed by the Japanese on or about April 27, 1942, while a prisoner of war on Luzon, Philippine Islands, aged 36 years.

THERE IS NO ONE in the class of 1930 and but few in the Signal Corps who do not remember Jimmy. As a cadet he was distinguished for his good nature, his interest in basketball and above all for the ease with which he mastered the academic problems of cadet life while we, his brothers in arms, sweated and burned the midnight oil.

Jimmy was born on a farm near Paris, Missouri, the eldest of the four sons of Elizabeth and Robert Vaughn. He grew up on his father's farm and in 1923, at the age of seventeen, enrolled in Westminster College at Fulton, Missouri, where he studied until he entered West Point in that well remembered June of 1926.

Jimmy chose the Signal Corps and became a specialist in telephone com-

munications over rough, rugged terrain and over areas subjected to heavy bombing. The outstanding manner in which Major Vaughn planned, installed and maintained communications contributed materially to the success of the operations of the I Philippine Corps during this period".

The above citation falls far short of describing the nature and extent of Jimmy's services in Bataan. Those who are familiar with the jungles of the Philippines can imagine the difficulty of establishing and maintaining communications over such terrain under even the most favorable circumstances. During the siege Jimmy operated under the most difficult circumstances. He lacked adequate equipment and trained personnel. His lines were continuously bombed and shelled, and Jimmy and his crews, suffering from malaria, dysentery and malnutrition worked without rest to keep them functioning. Jimmy's leadership and his example of tireless and unflagging industry inspired his crews to keep working at what seemed a hopeless task. The fact that these communications functioned almost without interruption throughout the siege is in itself a tribute to the man who operated them.

Upon the surrender of Bataan Jimmy stayed with his troops, serving his headquarters to the end and then devoting himself to organizing the surrender of his unit to provide the best protection possible to his men under the Japanese guards. When the Japanese actually took over the Corps Headquarters he was quickly separated from his troops and placed in a mixed column of Americans on the infamous Death March out of Bataan. On this March Jimmy, in spite of his rundown condition, devoted himself to helping his fellows, officers and men alike, even though he was in poorer condition than many of those he helped.

I saw him at Balanga. We had been marching for three days without food. A sympathetic Filipino smuggled a salmon can full of raw rice through the fence to Jimmy. He found a container and cooked the rice and then, without eating any of it himself, he went around the enclosure giving it to those who appeared the weakest. I have always considered this one of the outstanding examples of self-sacrifice that I have witnessed.

As the Death March continued many people became so weak that they could no longer keep their place in column. Those who fell out were killed without mercy by the Japanese guards. Jimmy, although now very weak himself, still persisted in his efforts to help the weaker ones to stay in column. On the fifth or sixth day of the March, near Bacalor, Pampanga, he was helping an American soldier who was at the point of exhaustion. The soldier stumbled and fell. Jimmy tried to get him on his feet to rejoin the column. A Japanese guard ordered him to leave the man and move on. Jimmy ignored him and continued trying to get the soldier on his feet. The guard, without further ado, shot Jimmy and left him beside the road.

Jimmy is survived by his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Vaughn of Paris, Missouri; his wife, Adele Yantis Vaughn Sulloway; and his daughter, Gay Beth, born in 1940.

West Point is distinguished solely by the conduct of her sons. This distinction grows from year to year and each of us hopes to contribute his own small share. It is a distinction of gallantry and devotion to duty; and the contribution of a platoon leader may be equal to that of an Army Commander. It is independent of rank and age but is measured by selflessness and courage. James Nugent Vaughn contributed his full share and his name is a living part of the fame of his Alma Mater. Let it not be forgotten.

—Alva R. Fitch.

Birrell Walsh

NO. 8875 CLASS OF 1930

Killed in Action, February 10, 1945, in Japan, aged 37 years.

DUE to "Mike" Walsh's quiet and unassuming nature, not all men of the Class of 1930 really knew him; but there were a few like the football squad and the members of

"D" Company who knew him well; and to know him was to love and respect him. To "D" Company and to those who served with him later in the Air Corps, Mike was a true friend, a man of highest honor, and an expert on Bombardment Aviation with few equals. "D" Company showed the caliber of its esteem by electing Birrell its representative on the Honor Committee for each of his four years at West Point. Mike received many honors and decorations during his career, but to be considered the man of highest honor by his peers, I consider a man's highest award of all.

Birrell was born to Margaret and Thomas Francis Walsh at Rugby, County of Pierce, North Dakota on June 7, 1907. His early schooling was typical of that of the average young American. He attended grammar school in Rugby, later attending high school in Janesville, Wisconsin. In 1925 Mike entered the University of Wisconsin, completing his freshman year there prior to his entry to the Military Academy on July 1, 1926.

During the very first fall at West Point, Mike dug in his spikes and set



his goal as a membership on the Army team. He was outstanding on the Plebe team and even though he never weighed over one hundred and sixty, Mike won his Major "A" for two years as one of the lightest guards in big time collegiate football. While concentrating on football, Mike also took on lacrosse in the Spring. During his first class year he was first string goalie on the lacrosse team. Mike's athletic career demonstrated the same dogged determination to succeed, loyalty to the team, and good old down-to-earth honesty of effort which were to stand out as the major characteristics of his entire career in the Army.

When the opportunity came in the Spring of 1929 to select a career, Mike was one of the first to apply for detail to the Air Corps. The doctors, who were all-powerful in deciding one's future with respect to flying, seemed to have a way of finding some minor defect during the preliminary phases of the examination. Such was the case with Mike, and I shall never forget his elation when the doctors finally decided he was qualified. Mike's enthusiasm for airplanes and the stuff that goes with them gained momentum

through training at Brook and Kelly Fields, and in October 1931 he reported to March Field as a full-fledged bomber pilot.

Mike's service from 1931 to the early 1940's paralleled that of his contemporaries in the Air Corps. He put in tours of duty in Panama and at several other Air Corps stations. All of the time he kept one interest, bombardment aviation. He became an expert four engine pilot, an expert navigator and an expert bombardier. It was only natural, therefore, when things began to look rough in early 1941, that Mike should be sent to England along with the first B-17's we furnished the R.A.F. He was an expert and was sent over to give expert assistance to the British, while at the same time he was to learn combat flying for the air war we were soon to enter.

Mike went to England in April 1941 and was called back in August of the same year. An extract from a report made by Brigadier General Raymond E. Lee, Military Attaché in London at the time, will indicate that Mike gave his usual superior performance:

"An excellent four engine pilot, willing and energetic worker. Very cooperative. He was popular with the British squadron where he was instructing on the B-17's".

The late summer of 1941 saw signs of war on every side. The Japs were moving into Indo-China. The Philippines were practically defenseless in the air. Our only heavy bombardment group, the 19th, was ordered to Manila. Mike was ordered with it. The story of how the 19th pioneered in its hurried flight across the Pacific, how it arrived in Manila in October, how it put up such a magnificent fight against overwhelming odds during the fight for the Philippines, and of its later withdrawal to Java and Australia, is well known to all. Mike's citation for the flight is self-explanatory:

"For meritorious achievement while participating in the first mass flight of B-17's from Albuquerque, New Mexico, to Clark Field, Pampanga, Luzon, P. I., as a member of a combat crew October-November, 1941. This flight of the 19th Bombardment Group (H) from the United States across the Pacific Ocean to the Philippine Islands was performed at a time when the successful accomplishment of the mission proved to have direct bearing upon the security of the United States. Despite adverse weather, small airdromes, inadequate radio aids, and long over water flights with no alternate landing fields, the mission was accomplished within a short period of time. The performance of duty of each combat crew member resulted in the safe arrival of all airplanes involved on the flight. The services of Colonel Birrell Walsh reflect highest credit to the military forces of the United States".

Mike was right there through it all, as is so clearly shown by the following citation accompanying the award of the Silver Star to him for gallantry in action:

"On December 8, 1941, during the initial bombing raid by the enemy which occurred at Clark Field, Pampanga, P. I. about noon time, which involved more than 75 twin engine bombers, followed by over one hour of

intensive ground strafing by approximately 75 enemy fighters and dive bombers, Lieut. Colonel (then Major) Walsh, Operations Officer of the 19th Bombardment Group, directed personally the dispersion of the airplanes of the Group. During the entire period of attack, with rarely an opportunity for cover, he supervised the defense of valuable Air Corps equipment. His cool conduct and excellent example under fire had a most steadying influence on his men, all of whom were under fire for the first time. The actions of Lieut. Colonel Walsh were above and beyond the call of duty, and resulted in the saving of much life and property".

After the 19th Group moved on south through Java to Australia, Mike was transferred to the newly formed Far East Air Force as Assistant Chief of Staff, A-4. After several months in Australia, he was again transferred to the new 10th Air Force in India-Burma. Here he was again placed in charge of the Logistics Section of the Air Force staff and again turned in a superior performance. In fact, his work was so good that he was brought back to the States in June of '43 to be an instructor in Logistics at the Army-Navy Staff School. Experience in the 19th Group plus experience as A-4 of the Far East Air Force and the 10th Air Force gave Mike exceptional qualifications for his new job; and this reassignment to the States gave him a long awaited chance to get married. He was married to Alta Shea in June 1943, as soon as he got home.

But Mike was not in favor of teaching school while a war was on. After almost a year in Washington, he got a job as Chief of Staff of the 313th Very Heavy Bombardment Wing—a B-29 Wing, which was beginning its training in preparation for its employment from the Marianas against Japan. By August of 1944 when Birrell Thomas Walsh was born, the Wing was well on its way towards being trained; and on Christmas Day, 1944, Mike took off for Saipan.

Fate plays strange tricks. Mike had come through the roughest part of the war unscathed. He had seen our small forces overwhelmed by terrific Japanese air superiority. He had been bombed and strafed hundreds of times and had seen us driven all the way to Australia. Now he was riding the tide of victory. Japanese air power was a thing of the past. Japanese cities were smoldering ruins. The arrival of the 313th Wing in the Marianas signaled the beginning of the end for Japan. How ironical on the 10th of February, when the 313th made one of its first strikes, that Mike, who was leading the Wing, should fail to return. The following citation for the Distinguished Flying Cross presents a far more graphic picture of his passing than I could give:

"For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on February 10, 1945. Colonel Walsh, Chief of Staff for the Commanding General on the Second mission in which B-29's of the wing participated, an exceptionally dangerous 2,753 mile strike against the vital Nakajima aircraft factory at Ota in the heart of Japan. He risked his life in a supreme effort to secure information of vital

concern to members of his command. His formation of B-29's set an undeviating course for the target although the enemy sent up 105 fighter craft and accurate fire from the eighteen heavy anti-aircraft guns in a desperate effort to stop the attack. Their bombs destroyed more than thirty percent of the plant. Immediately after bombs away, the plane in which Colonel Walsh was flying and another B-29 collided and both were last seen hurtling earthward. One other plane was lost over the target and five were ditched on the homeward journey. The gallantry, intrepid leadership and devotion to duty shown by Colonel Walsh in his voluntary participation in a most hazardous mission are an inspiration to all members of this command and reflect great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces".

Mike's decorations included the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, the Air Medal, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Silver Star, and the Presidential Citation with two clusters. He is survived by his wife, Alta; his son, Birrell Thomas; his mother, Mrs. Margaret A. Walsh; and his brother, Richard J. Walsh.

High sounding phrases and the weaving of words of praise and acclaim are for those more qualified than the author. I can say, however, and with utmost faith that those who knew Mike will join me, that Mike was a man, a fine aviator, a soldier, and a gentleman. His way of life was based on a firm foundation: Duty, Honor, Country, and the love of his fellowmen.
—M. E. B.

Charles Ingram Humber, Jr.

NO. 9278 CLASS OF 1931

Died January 22, 1945, aboard a Japanese prison ship, aged 39 years.

CHARLES INGRAM HUMBER, JR. died January 22, 1945, a prisoner of war aboard a Japanese transport ship. He was 39, and had gone to war in the best of health. The cause of his death is officially given as acute colitis, suffered on board the prison ship en route to Japan. He was known to his classmates as "Polly"

It is not easy to write about Polly. It is hard to describe him as he should be described. There are so many things to tell. There were so many sides to his many-faceted nature that many people were not aware of. Undoubtedly there were many more that his family knew, and other friends knew.

He was a great athlete, the wildly acclaimed of cheering crowds, in a youthful world in which the truly great athlete was an idol. Such celebrity thrust him early into a limelight that was not only local, but national. And, though thus early used to applause, he never lost a profound and endearing modesty.

Like many other athletes, he was not an attentive student, and, although not an attentive student, he had common sense to a degree that I have never known excelled, was remark-

ably apt at grasping new problems and keen in arriving at logical and astute conclusions.

Some of Polly's friends probably were not aware of his devotion to his family and the joy he took in his home. He was a tender husband and a devoted father. If he could be said to harbour pride in his heart, it was his delight in little Peter and his little daughter "Tito" After he was married his whole life really revolved about his home.

He liked a garden. He was one of those men who take keen pleasure in digging in the earth and watching the growing green. He looked forward to each fall with happy anticipation. For he was an ardent sportsman and an excellent shot.

Many must remember him as a delightful host. He was thoughtful of his friends, in little ways and great. It was a real pleasure to him to entertain his friends and his acquaintances in his own house. And he had in a superlative sense that quality without which there can be no genuine friend-



ship. He was loyal. As a friend and as a soldier he was very dependable.

I think the best way to describe him in his chosen profession is that he was an officer the enlisted men liked. He lacked one trait, and that was "file boning" at the expense of others. His deep generosity included not only those near and dear, but also casual professional associates. His dependability was something to be relied on not only by the man who ranked him but by his subordinates.

He had a rapier-keen sense of humour. It belonged with the great, and was not merely a talent for wise-cracks or cutting criticism. It was far subtler than the average person realized. He often expressed a dry wit that left the other person catching the fullness of his meaning only after he had left the conversation. His was a mind of great spontaneity and natural good-humor. Since that is only a part of a man's mind, I think some of Polly's deeper feeling and notions can best be summed up in these verses of Rabindranath Tagore:

"Let me not pray to be sheltered from dangers,
but to be fearless in facing them.

Let me not beg for the stilling of my pain,
 but for the heart to conquer it.
 Let me not look for allies in life's battle-field,
 but to my own strength.
 Let me not crave in anxious year to be saved,
 but hope for the patience to win my freedom.
 Grant me that I may not be a coward, feeling your mercy in my success alone,
 But let me find the grasp of your hand in my failure."

If Polly could see me sitting here now writing this he would be keenly amused. He'd smile out of his eyes and say, "Well, I've got you working for me again". But he would know, I think, that I feel it a privilege to add a word to what Polly himself made—his record.

Charles Humber, Jr. was born in Oklahoma on May 3, 1905. He was the son of Charles Ingram and Frances Garrard Humber. While Polly was still a child the family moved to Georgia and lived near Eatonton. His mother died when he was a child, and, being the baby of the family, he was raised mainly by his sisters. He attended the public schools in Georgia, and a military preparatory school in Milledgeville, until 1924, when he entered school at Cornwall-on-Hudson, N. Y., in preparation for entrance to West Point. He matriculated at West Point in June, 1925, and at once became intensely interested in football and baseball. He played on the varsity every year he was at the Academy, in these two sports. In his first class year he was captain of the football team and a cadet lieutenant in his company. Polly was named as guard on several All American football teams during his last two years in school. He was "found" in studies in his plebe year, and so the following year he attended William & Mary College, returning to West Point in 1927 and rejoining the Class of '31, with which he was graduated.

In September, 1931 after graduation, Polly was in San Antonio, Texas, at Randolph Field, and later was at Fort Sam Houston. Here he served in the 23rd Infantry for four years, and very soon after arriving he identified himself as a very dependable officer who had the confidence and respect of the older officers in the regiment. Polly was quickly drafted as a football coach and he spent much of his time in the field of athletics. Being extremely gregarious he also quickly found many friends in San Antonio, and he was much sought after with invitations by the mothers of the popular young ladies of that time. It was here that he met Miss Harriet Elizabeth St. Guilhem, and they were married in Houston, Texas in the summer of 1935.

Polly was ordered to Fort Benning that year and became a student at the Infantry school. In 1936 he was graduated from the Infantry School and transferred to the 29th Infantry at Fort Benning, where he remained for the next four years. Here he served in various capacities, as munitions officer, assistant supply officer, service company commander and athletic coach. In 1940 Polly was ordered to the Philip-

ines and he arrived there that fall with his wife and two children (Peter and Tito). Because of the growing tension in the Pacific his family was evacuated to the United States in 1941, and this is the last time Polly ever saw them.

I have been unable to obtain a clear picture of just where Polly was and what he did throughout the time he was in the Philippines. It is certain that he was a member of the 3rd Battalion, 31st Infantry in August, 1941, and at this time he was a captain. He was detailed in the General Staff Corps December 18, 1941 and served as assistant Chief of Staff G-2 for Major General W. F. Sharp. (He appears to have gone to Mindanao in 1942, and not much more is known until he appeared in a Japanese prisoner of war camp. His promotion to Major came on April 15, 1942, and to Lt. Colonel in May, 1942. He was listed as missing in action as of May 7, 1942, and as a prisoner of war as of May 14, 1943. His death occurred as a prisoner, on January 22, 1945. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Charles Ingram Humber; his son, Pierre St. Guilhem Humber; a daughter, Mary Kathleen Humber, now residing at 121 E. Woodlawn Avenue, San Antonio, Texas; an uncle, Col. R. C. Humber, Washington, D. C.; and by three sisters, Mrs. Frank Hean, Miss Ceres Marion and Frances Humber.

He was awarded the Legion of Merit and also entitled to the American Defense medal with a bronze star; the Asiatic-Pacific campaign medal with one bronze service star for participation in the Philippine Islands campaign; the World War II Victory medal; the Philippine Defense ribbon with one bronze star; and the Distinguished Unit Badge with two bronze oak leaf clusters.

As I look back tonight and think of Polly, many pictures rise before my eyes as I gaze down the avenue of years. His description to me of his early childhood, when as a tiny tot, he was chased by his brother and would run and jump in his father's arms. No matter whether he was right or wrong, his father would let no one touch him. He was safe there—that was his haven, his father's arms. While at West Point, going to a night club and being completely surprised because he was something of a celebrity; he had not realized that he was well known because he was captain of the Army football team and an All American guard. Having the mess sergeant's wife come around to see him because she was worried about her husband who was off on a "spree", and going out and finding the mess sergeant for his wife, when he wanted very much to be doing something else. Planning a party for his friends, and the delight, almost childlike, he took in all the details. Mad at a man, which wasn't often, but like a volcano emptying while it lasted. Digging in his garden, growing vegetables and making minute plans on the cost and yield, as if it were a major business. I could go on and give little pictures forever, that come to life when I think of Polly. I think his other friends could probably give many more.

Wherever he has gone, I know the sun shines there. It doesn't really

seem that he can be gone—he so loved life—he knew so well how to make himself beloved. —P. O. Ward.

Robert Sears Blodgett

NO. 10721 CLASS OF 1936

Died October 2, 1947, at Boston, Massachusetts, aged 33 years.

THE news of Bob's death from poliomyelitis on October 2, 1947 came as a great shock to a host of people who knew and loved him.

Throughout his life he possessed the rare faculty of winning friends quickly with his easy charm, good humor and vitality, and of keeping them through their deep appreciation of his loyalty, high standards and fine character.

Bob was born in Greenfield, Massachusetts on May 15, 1914. He attended the Melrose High School in Melrose, Mass. from which he graduated in 1931. Having decided by then that he wanted to attend West Point, he spent a year at the Severn School,



Severn Park, Maryland, preparing himself, and entered the Military Academy in July 1932.

The next four years found Bob engaged in many varied activities in addition to the required academic curricula. During this time his character and abilities came to be appreciated by all of us who came in contact with him. As a consequence of his high integrity and honesty, he was elected by his company classmates to be their Honor Committee representative. This perhaps more than any other single thing shows the high regard in which he was held by those who knew him best. His abilities were also recognized by the Academy authorities and as a consequence he was made a sergeant during his Second Class year and a lieutenant during his last year.

Commissioned a Second Lieutenant of Infantry upon graduation in June 1936, he was ordered to the Hawaiian Department, where he reported on December 3 and was assigned to the 27th Infantry at Schofield Barracks. As an officer he continued to justify the faith placed in him as a cadet, and showed himself to be an outstanding leader, commanding the highest ad-

miration and respect from his superiors, contemporaries, and subordinates alike.

In November 1938 he returned to the United States for station at Fort Benning, Georgia with the 29th Infantry. His performance of his duties there was characteristic of his previous service, and he continued to make many more enduring friendships. While there he was promoted to the rank of First Lieutenant. While at Benning he decided to take a detail in the Ordnance Department. Therefore in September of 1939 he left the Infantry and was detailed to the Ordnance Department and transferred to Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Maryland.

In December he completed a special three months course in Aviation Ordnance and was transferred to Langley Field, Virginia, in order to complete an additional three months training with the G.H.Q. Air Force.

Bob had remained a bachelor since his graduation, but upon meeting Jane Sutton of Boston during a leave after his return from Hawaii, he worked assiduously towards changing his status. He was finally successful and in December 1939, he and Jane were married. Bob and Jane went to Langley Field where he completed his Aviation Ordnance schooling and remained for duty with the Base Ordnance Office. He was promoted to the temporary rank of Captain in September 1940. During the period 1940-1941 a great amount of training and organizing of new Aviation Ordnance companies was taking place at this station. New concepts of organization and employment of these units were being evolved, and new types of equipment were being developed and tested. Bob, by the application of his boundless energy and enthusiasm contributed far more than a fair share to the successful accomplishment of his organization's mission.

In June 1941 he took the 703rd Ordnance Air Base Company, which was one of the several which he had organized, trained, and equipped, to a new air base at Bangor, Maine. Here he was engaged in assisting in the establishment of the base as well as organizing, training, and equipping new Ordnance companies. In January 1942, shortly after start of World War II, he went overseas to Australia where he became the Staff Ordnance Officer of the Headquarters, United States Army Air Forces (Australia). In May of this year he was promoted to the rank of major. In December he became the Ordnance Officer of the 5th Air Force under Lieutenant General Kenney. He remained in this assignment until the organization of the Headquarters Far Eastern Air Forces, in June 1944. During this period he was promoted to lieutenant colonel in August 1943 and colonel in January 1944. He remained in this assignment until October 26, 1945 when he returned to the United States after more than three and a half years overseas. For his outstanding service he was awarded the Legion of Merit with an Oak Leaf Cluster.

The foregoing gives a brief statistical summary but does not show the many varied accomplishments that mark Bob's war record. Not being satisfied with doing a consistently outstanding job as an Air Force Staff Ord-

nance officer, he also actively participated in the landing on Mindanao with Jock Clifford's battalion of the 19th Infantry Regiment in May 1945. He also went out on several patrols to gain first hand information as to what was going on. Prior to this time, in May 1944, he went on some patrols with elements of the 1st Battalion of the 21st Infantry Regiment on Hollandia. In addition to going on some bombing missions, including one with Clint True's B-25 outfit, he also managed to participate in four Navy PT boat patrols out of Finschhafen, New Guinea. There were many more instances where his great professional interest led him into dangers which were outside his normal line of duty. His only major mishap during his overseas tour of duty was an attack of malaria which he incurred in New Guinea in 1943. He had five re-occurrent attacks during the next two years which he refused to let invalid him home.

Shortly after his return from overseas he was assigned to the Research and Development Service Sub-office in the Boston Ordnance District, with station at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Boston. While in this assignment he was actively engaged as the representative of the Chief of Ordnance in classified research work. During this period he transferred to the Ordnance Department. Because of his high technical qualifications he was selected to participate in the Joint Anglo-American Ruby Project in Germany. For the purpose of formulating with the British the final assessment of this project he was assigned to the office of the Military Attaché in London. He remained on duty in the Boston Ordnance District until he became a student at Harvard University in June 1947, where he pursued a two year post graduate course in Business Administration.

While he was taking this course he was suddenly stricken with poliomyelitis and was taken to Children's Hospital in Boston where he died on October 2, 1947. He was buried in Greenfield, Massachusetts two days later. Bob is survived by his wife Jane and their two children, Mary Hale and Susan Jane, who live at 28 Richwood St., West Roxbury, Massachusetts. His mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Irving Blodgett, live at 4 Harrington Road, Winchester, Massachusetts. All of us who knew Bob join in offering to his family our most heartfelt sympathy in their great tragedy and our sincerest hopes for their future happiness.

—W. N. W.

Peter McGoldrick

NO. 10689 CLASS OF 1936

*Killed in Action, November 6, 1942,
near Charing Cross, Egypt,
aged 30 years.*

LIEUTENANT COLONEL PETER MCGOLDRICK, or "Pete" as we knew him, was killed in action on November 6, 1942 when he crash landed his P-40 in a mine field near Charing

Cross, Egypt. At the time of his death, Pete commanded the 79th Fighter Group, which for long months preceding November 1942 he had trained and inspired with his own confidence, eagerness and enthusiasm to get into it. It was a sad day for the 79th Fighter Group when Pete was killed. They had just arrived in the battle zone when Pete's plane was crippled by German flak while he was strafing in support of the British Eighth Army in its advance from El Alamein. Pete attempted a crash landing from his low altitude but his plane hit a land mine shortly after touching the ground.

Pete was born June 19, 1912 in Pittsfield, Massachusetts. He was educated through high school in schools at Lee, Massachusetts. As a boy, Pete had longed to fly and before he was a senior in high school had definitely decided that he wanted the Army Air Corps above all else. For eighteen months after high school, while waiting for his congressman to obtain an appointment to West Point for him, he worked in the laboratory of the Smith Paper Company in Lee. Then, impatient with the delay, he joined the



Army and set out in an attempt to obtain an Army appointment to the Military Academy. Pete served at Schofield Barracks and while in Hawaii gained admission to the West Point Preparatory School in the Hawaiian Department, through which in 1932 he won an Army appointment to the Military Academy. July 1st, 1932 was a happy day for Pete, for, as he took his oath as a cadet, he realized the first step in his ambition to join the Army Air Corps.

As a cadet, Pete took the normal interest in athletics and academics but always looked forward to that day when he would graduate, and he hoped make the Army Air Corps. When Pete graduated with his class in 1936, he experienced a keen sense of disappointment at failing to make the Air Corps. However, he took his second choice and became a Lieutenant in the Infantry.

During Graduation Leave, Pete married Blanche Anish and they proceeded to his first duty station in Puerto Rico, where he served with the 65th Infantry. When Pete returned from Puerto Rico in 1938, he served with the 16th Infantry at Fort Jay and

Camp Dix. While Pete had become quite interested in the Infantry, he still longed to get into the Air Corps and so decided to try again. This time he was accepted and he was delighted, at last, to realize his early ambition. During the course of his early training he wrote from Tuscaloosa, Alabama, "and as there is no flying this afternoon it is an excellent time to post you on events and happenings. So far I am still in the game and very much in love with it. For the first time in my life, I'm in a line of work that I thoroughly enjoy. . . I don't dare make any prophecy as to what the outcome will be, but I know that if I don't make the Air Corps life will look mighty black".

Pete proudly received his wings in 1940 as a pursuit pilot and for the next two years served at Langley Field; at Mitchel Field, where he took over command of the 66th Squadron when it was activated on January 15th of 1941; and at Windsor Locks, where he was stationed with the 57th Pursuit Group when war was declared. He then went to Boston, where he commanded the 57th Pursuit Group and then the 79th Fighter Squadron, and took his tour of duty as Air Corps Controller in the Boston Information and Control Center for the next few months. In the early summer Pete got the assignment he had hoped for since war had been declared . . . to complete the training and prepare the 79th Fighter Group for movement into the theater of operations. In November his group arrived in the battle area . . . Egypt . . . and the record of the 79th thereafter speaks for itself.

The following two letters are typical of the letter sent to Pete's wife by various members of his command:

"15 Dec. 42

"On the Western Desert

"My dear Mrs. McGoldrick,

"I write to express to you my sincerest and deepest sympathy in the loss of your husband, my commanding officer and dear friend.

"To me his death was a great personal loss in that I lost a real friend and fellow comrade whom I admired and respected.

"As long as I live I shall feel that it was an honor and privilege to have had the friendship of so great a man and soldier.

"If there is any solace for you, I hope it shall come in the knowledge that his heroic death shall not have been in vain and that the men of his command are determined to avenge his death and are ready to give their lives to accomplish that end and to help make this world a decent, safe place for you, your child, my wife, my children, their wives and their children to live in—the cause for which your husband and my friend offered and gave his life.

"No braver soldier than Pete McGoldrick ever wore the uniform of our country.

"He died a hero and above all—a man.

"Sincerely,

"Guy A. Stewart,

"Captain Air Corps"

"Dec. 8, 1942

"Dear Mrs. McGoldrick;

"I haven't yet recovered from the shock I had when I heard the distressing news about Peter when we got off the boat on our arrival here.

"I realize it was a tremendous blow to every man in the Group, but we had worked so closely together those last few weeks before we left that I think it hit a little closer to home with me.

"I had only been in the Army three months when I joined the 79th, but if I stay in for thirty years he will still be my commanding officer. I and all of us that are left are trying to carry on in the way we think he would have done.

"I know the way you must feel is beyond my comprehension, but I do want to tell you that what happened to Peter has made us all mad as hell, and we are even more determined to get into it and get this thing over as quickly as we can. For censorship reasons I haven't told Mrs. Callahan what has happened, but I can assure you that her admiration for him was very deep and she will be terribly sorry when she finds out. . .

"I am enclosing the keys to Peter's foot-locker which traveled on the boat with us. He gave them to me when we parted at Bedford and when his ring was returned to us along with his pocketbook I put both articles in the foot-locker and forwarded it to you through the Army Quartermaster. It will probably be a while before it reaches the states, but if there are any undue delays or difficulties please write to me or to Lt. Col. Earl E. Bates, Jr., and we will do all we can to help.

"As you know, we are still in the Middle East and have no definite idea as to the probable length of our stay. I am wearing Captain's bars and every time I put them on I remember it was Pete McGoldrick that got them for me.

"Will close now with the hope that you feel that every officer and man in the 79th is still right behind Peter and hoping they can fulfill any wish that you might have.

"Most sincerely,

Daniel H. Callahan".

When the group insignia was adopted, members of the group sent the story explanation of the significance of it to Pete's wife. Pete's group was such an integral part of his life that it seems fitting to include part of that story here:

"THE INSIGNIA OF THE 79TH FIGHTER GROUP

"The historians of Ancient Egypt have recorded on their obelisks the story of Horus, the Hawk. Some three thousand years ago, these scribes told of a son born to Osiris, one of their gods of the sun. This was Horus, who was orphaned in his youth when Osiris was killed by the sun-god Set. With manhood, Horus assembled his armies, killed Set, and regained the throne that was rightfully his. The hieroglyphics on the obelisks tell how Horus, the Hawk became known to these ancients as The Avenger of His Father.

"It is peculiarly significant that the 79th Fighter Group should carry on the ancient tradition of Horus. The design recalls Egypt, in whose burn-

ing skies our aircraft first met the enemy. It suggests that this land of history and sand was the beginning of the British Eighth Army's march up the Western Desert Road to Tunis, and to victory. It points to the role played by the 79th in this victory, as they fought with Montgomery and his men. Finally, it is a tribute to Colonel Peter McGoldrick, the Group Commander, who was the first member of the Group to die in combat when he was shot down on a strafing mission at Charing Cross, Egypt.

"Horus, the Hawk symbolizes the determination of the 79th Fighter Group to avenge, like Horus, the death of their brilliant leader. With the speed of the hawk, they will dive out of the sun and strike with the swift deadliness of the cobra, and their deeds, like those of Horus of Egypt, will be recorded with the immortals. . . "

Pete was awarded the Purple Heart, posthumously.

To those of us who were fortunate enough to know Pete personally, he will be remembered always as a real leader, daring, courageous, keen and capable, who won the admiration and whole-hearted support of all he commanded. As a soldier, he died as he would have wished, but it is truly unfortunate that such a capable, well loved and admired officer should have died so young.

Pete is survived by his widow and daughter Blanche; his sisters, Mrs. C. M. Brane and Miss Margaret McGoldrick; and by his brothers, Lt. Col. Francis McGoldrick and George McGoldrick. —V. M. B.

Robert Lee Wolverton

NO. 11257 CLASS OF 1938

Killed in Action, June 6, 1944, in Normandy, aged 29 years.

LEUTENANT COLONEL ROBERT LEE WOLVERTON, late Commander of the 3rd Battalion of the 506th Paratroop Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division, sleeps in St. Mere Eglise in Normandy where he died in action on June 6, 1944.

He died the hero's death of which he may have dreamed when, as a boy of nine, he dedicated his life to his country. Not yet thirty when he died, he had yet piled up an enviable record of service and left an example of perseverance, courage and idealism running like a bright thread through the difficult years from that long ago day, when the burning desire to attend West Point gripped the small boy, until Invasion Day, when the veteran paratrooper plunged to his death on the flaming fields of Normandy.

Son of Wayne Jay and Hattie Sharp Wolverton, he was born on October 5, 1914, in Elkins, West Virginia, where he attended grammar and high school and Davis and Elkins College.

Bob was just nine years old when he began to talk of going to West Point. West Point remained uppermost in his mind during the next eleven years, and it was largely through his own efforts that he secured his appointment in 1934.

Outwardly, his boyhood seemed much like that of any intelligent, athletic boy; but in reality, all that he felt and said and did was integrated with this intense longing to be a cadet at the United States Military Academy.

Loving athletics, and thinking they would harden his body for military service, he played football in high school and college with all his characteristic energy, an energy which proved almost calamitous to his plans, for he overstrained his heart. His acceptance at West Point depended, he knew, on his overcoming that handicap, impossible as it seemed; but he would not admit defeat, and by dint of a carefully controlled health regimen, he was able to pass the physical examination when his appointment finally came through.

The eleven years from 1923 to 1934 were a period of alternating hope and disappointment for him. When he graduated from high school in 1932, there seemed to be no chance of his entering West Point so he attended Davis and Elkins College for two years while the obstacles to his ambition piled up and multiplied around him. However, he carried on a correspondence with two or three cadets and kept in touch with openings in his district. Consequently, when a vacancy occurred, he was able to notify his Congressman and to secure his sponsorship.

Bob loved West Point; the football trips, the trip to Benning, First Class weekends, the association with fellow cadets, the majestic Hudson, but most of all, I think, its hallowed traditions. He played football on the B squad, rode in the horse show at Tuxedo Park, and took part in other activities. He had a strong inclination toward the artistic and after graduation often amused himself by experimenting in oils, turning out several portraits of his friends.

He graduated from West Point in 1938, and on August 17, 1938, he married Kathleen Goodwin, a home town girl, in a military wedding with several of his classmates forming the guard of honor.

He was commissioned in the Infantry and served his first tour of duty with the 27th Infantry at Schofield Barracks, T. H. During his two years there (1938-1940), the whole Department lived in fear of a Japanese attack, and several times they were ordered to their battle stations. Perhaps it was this imminence of war which intensified his growing interest in the parachute troops.

At that time, the Army had formed no definite program for paratroop training, so on his own initiative, he built up enthusiasm in his men for parachute jumping, and determined to construct a mock-up tower of his own and to start training his men and himself. Though these schemes came to nothing, he still had paratrooping in his mind and applied for a transfer to a paratroop regiment. His application was turned down because the Army had as yet no real paratroop unit. Nevertheless, his interest in parachute troops solidified within him an intense ambition to be a paratrooper, and once again he set himself a goal towards which to struggle.

While he was with the 27th Infantry, he was editor of the regimental paper *The Wolfhound* for two years, and was assistant coach of the regimental football team and coach of the track team.

After his return to the United States in 1940, he went to Fort Bragg, North Carolina, where he served with the 47th Infantry Regiment as Captain and Commander of Headquarters Company.

Here, on August 24, 1941, his son, Robert Lachlan Wolverton, was born.

On December 7, 1941, his desire to be a part of the airborne troops came alive again. He immediately applied for a transfer to the airborne troops, and this time he was successful. In February, 1942, he and his family left for Fort Benning and the paratroops. In the summer of 1942, he was sent to the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, and upon his return was assigned as commander of the Third Battalion of the 506th Paratroop Regiment, then stationed at Toccoa, Georgia.

While they were still at Toccoa, some of his men read an article in one of our popular magazines stating that



the Japanese Army could outmarch the American. Resenting this statement, they requested that a march be scheduled that would show that Americans could outmarch the Japanese. To prove their stamina, the whole battalion, with the exception of a very few men, marched from Atlanta, Georgia to Columbus, Georgia, a distance of 115 miles, in three days and two nights, thus putting to rout the myth of Japanese superiority.

The whole regiment was transferred to Fort Benning, where they stayed until March, 1943, when they left for Camp McCall in North Carolina. On September 5, 1943, the regiment sailed for England, where it underwent a period of maneuvers and training in preparation for the big jump on D-Day.

In the early hours of June 6, 1944, he called his troops together for the last time before they boarded the planes which were to take them into the Invasion of France. He led them in a short prayer, and told them he would meet them the next year at the Muehlebach Hotel in Kansas City. That was the last time any of his men ever saw him.

Ward Smith, who rode in the plane with Colonel Wolverton, has described that historic flight over Normandy in his famous article "I Saw Them Jump To Destiny". They jumped, and when the battle let up enough for the paratroops to organize, Colonel Wolverton was among the missing. He was carried on the missing in action list until January, 1945, when he was officially declared killed in action.

Bob's battalion went on and covered themselves and him with glory. During the bad times at Bastogne, many of them were heard to say, "If the Colonel were only here—!"

His men had a deep and sincere respect and love for him, which they showed when they came from all parts of the country in all sorts of conveyances to the appointed reunion at the Muehlebach Hotel on June 6, 1946. At this reunion they reconstructed his D-Day prayer and it was read to them at a memorial service which seemed to bring the Colonel close to them in spirit.

He was awarded the Legion of Merit posthumously. It was officially presented at West Point to Mrs. Kathleen Wolverton by Major General Maxwell D. Taylor on November 10, 1946.

His regimental commander, Colonel R. F. Sink has written: "He was loved sincerely by all of his men and officers. I consider him the best battalion commander in the regiment, and I am sure that General Taylor ranked him similarly within the division. He was a fine person".

Brief as was his career in the Army, he accomplished great things in the job he loved with all his heart and to which he devoted his life. He respected his men and had complete faith in them, leaving them an enduring example of leadership and courage, so that they might say of him in the words of Walt Whitman: "Bold, cautious, true, and my loving comrade"

He is survived by his wife and son; his parents; one brother, who served in the Navy; and two sisters.

Leon Bilstin

NO. 12854 CLASS OF 1942

*Killed in Action, September 28, 1944
at Kaiserslautern, Germany,
aged 26 years.*

IN Yonkers, New York, on January 23, 1918, a boy was born to Emil and Marie Bilstin; he was to be their only son, and his life was destined to leave its imprint upon all who had the good fortune to know him during his short span of years. Leon Bilstin is the name that was given to him then, but those of us who shared his four years at the Academy knew him as "Nobby".

His father came from Alsace-Lorraine, and his mother came from Piedmont in Northern Italy, but she was raised in Switzerland. After being privileged to know his parents for a year, I must say that the blending of Alsace-Lorraine and Piedmontese resulted in a happy home life for "Nobby", with consequent strong family

ties, as evidenced in all that he did.

During his public school and high school education at Mount Vernon, New York, he began to exhibit the qualities of leadership, devotion, and love of adventure that were to permeate his entire life and lead ultimately to his appointment as a Cadet to the United States Military Academy.

In the Boy Scouts he soon worked his way up to Eagle Scout with 34 merit badges, and at the age of only fourteen and a half years he became Assistant Scoutmaster.

His love of the sea and adventure made itself openly known for the first time when he was only 16 years old. During the high school summer vacation he decided to go to sea in the Merchant Marine, but every time he applied for a job, they insisted on seeing his "discharge papers from the previous voyage." It soon became evident to him that he would have to make a voyage before he could get discharge papers, so not to be rebuffed again, he set about on a different line of action. This characteristic "stick-to-it-iveness" was to see him through many difficult spots in the short course of his life.

Without notifying his parents, he boarded a passenger ship one day by mingling with the visitors. However, when the visitors went ashore, Nobby was not with them, but was intentionally mingling with the passengers until after the ship sailed. When meal-time came, he made it known that he was a stowaway. At first the ship's Captain, who was making his first trip as Captain of that ship, reprimanded him, but later accepted him as a crew member. Attired in one of the crew's over-sized work clothes, he soon became the center of attraction of the passengers as youngest crew member aboard the ship. His performance of duties won for him the admiration of all the crew and passengers as well.

His parents received their first word of his adventure by a radiogram message from the ship's Captain. When the ship reached the Caribbean Sea, Nobby wired his parents not to send any money for his passage, because he was working his way.

In 1936, before he finished high school, he went to sea again—this time with papers—for six months as a "deck cadet" on the Clyde Mallory line. After that trip he finished high school, and was one of the high school cheer leaders.

The travel lust took hold again, and he went off on a six week's trip to South America.

At seventeen years of age he embarked on his military career by enlisting in Headquarters Company of the 27th Division of the National Guard.

In competition with 22 others, he won the General Haskell National Guard prize of a year's scholarship to Brooklyn Academy (preparatory school for West Point and Annapolis). After studying there for a year, he remained for another six months to act as part-time instructor for other students.

The fact that Nobby always had the welfare of others uppermost in his mind is evidenced by this little incident. While waiting for the date to report to West Point, he decided to go to sea again for a few months. After

he joined the crew of a ship, the other crew members entreated him, because of his better education, to represent them before the Captain concerning the status of their food supply, which included, among other things a lot of rotten eggs. When the Captain refused to investigate and correct this odious situation, Nobby refused to go to sea with that ship.

Along with some four or five hundred others, Leon entered West Point on July 1, 1938, where his close-cropped, bristly Prussian haircut soon won him the nickname of "Nobby".

At U.S.M.A. he soon became outstanding for his leadership. During the four years of his sojourn we saw him as a member of the ski club, a Corporal during Second Class year, and as the Captain and Company Commander of old "F" Company during his First Class year. Those of us who were in "F" Company will always remember him for his firmness, his fairness, his devotion to duty, and his readiness to partake in any fun at hand. Nobby possessed all the attributes which are sought for, but seldom



found, in leaders; had his span of life been lengthened, he would, in time, have been one of the outstanding officers in our Air Forces.

Nobby's love for the sea remained unchanged after his entry into U.S. M.A. During Yearling furlough he spent most of his leave time with the Annapolis Midshipmen on their cruise to South America. After graduation, however, the attraction of the sea played second fiddle to his new-found love of flying.

Student flying and combat training in the U.S. passed quickly and Nobby soon found himself in the thick of the battle in Europe.

But even under combat conditions Nobby always had time to help others. Although not a linguist, as the cadet records will testify, he managed to pick up a fair knowledge of the French language while stationed in Normandy and other parts of France. He acted as interpreter for his men, translated French letters for them, and even managed to give French lessons to the new replacements in his squadron.

After completing a hundred combat missions, Nobby wrote his parents that

he could take leave to the U.S. in September, 1944, but that he wanted to remain in Europe until the war was finished. At that time he was Squadron Operations Officer and was to have been promoted to Major in a short time.

It was on September 28, 1944, that he led his squadron of P-47 Thunderbolts on a dive bombing mission against the strategic rail switch yards at Kaiserslautern, Germany. The remainder of the story was related by Kurt Paul, a wounded German pilot who was at home in Kaiserslautern on sick leave.

Nobby's plane was in a dive on the target at 4:25 P.M. Suddenly his plane was struck by 20 millimeter flak—his ship continued in its almost perpendicular dive until it crashed into a freight car in the rail yards and exploded with terrific force. No trace of his body has been found, but his spirit will live forever in the hearts of those who knew him.

He is survived by a sister in New York and his parents in Los Angeles, California.

One of his classmates wrote, "Men like Nobby are timeless".

I have no poetry to quote in memoriam—all I can say is, "Nobby, we who remain salute you".

—A Classmate.

Byron Arthur Evans

NO. 12867 CLASS OF 1942

*Killed in Action, February 11, 1944,
near Montcornet, France,
aged 26 years.*

BYRON, or "By" as he was known to most of his friends, was born on the 17th of October 1917 in Richfield Springs, New York while his father was overseas as a Chaplain in the First World War. He grew up in the army, meeting its difficulties with humor and taking its advantages with quiet enjoyment. Even as a boy, he met life more than halfway and with a smile. An early picture shows him barefoot in corduroy knickers, holding a toy sail boat and wearing a wide grin. This imperishable grin, in spite of the gap caused by a missing front tooth, has a quality of impish glee that was typical of him. The ability to find a puckish amusement even in circumstances of adversity or discomfort was one of his many endearing qualities.

Byron was interested by nature in all its moods and in all its aspects. He collected butterflies, he trapped animals, he knew where to look for the rare wild flowers, he was an avid hunter, and most of all he loved to fish. If he found a body of water bigger than a puddle, he had a line and hook in it; if there was a fish in the water, he usually caught it.

During his early years Byron attended schools in New York, Arkansas, Washington, Hawaii, Maryland, and finally Minnesota, where he was graduated from high school. It was while attending the University of Minnesota

that he definitely decided to make the army his career. Accordingly, he left the University in his second year and enlisted in the Regular Army at Fort Monroe, Virginia, where he attended the Corps Area Preparatory School for West Point. In 1937 he took the competitive examination and realized his first objective by winning an Army appointment to the United States Military Academy.

Four years at the Academy did nothing to change Byron essentially. Perhaps he stood a little straighter and was better self disciplined, but these years served only to polish an already fine character and personality. He graduated in the Class of 1942, immensely proud of his new bars and eager to continue his career. He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Coast Artillery Corps and requested flight training, a request that was granted.

After primary flying school at Grider Field, Pine Bluff, Arkansas; basic at Randolph Field, San Antonio, Texas; and advanced at Foster Field, Victoria,



Texas; he was graduated and entered the Air Corps as a pilot. He requested assignment to fighter aviation and was sent to Moore Field, Mission, Texas, for this training. Byron was promoted to First Lieutenant in February 1943 while at Moore Field and it was here that he met Miss Mary Patricia Lohr of McAllen, Texas. They were married on February 5, 1943 and Byron began the happiest period of his life.

Shortly thereafter, Byron and Pat were stationed at Trumbull Field, Groton, Connecticut, where he was assigned to the 360th Fighter Squadron of the 356th Fighter Group. He received final combat training in the P-47 aircraft, or Thunderbolt, with which his Group was equipped, and proceeded overseas in September 1943.

His Squadron was stationed at Martlesham Heath, Suffolk, England, and from this base he participated in over fifty combat missions. Nearing the end of his tour, he wrote that he was looking forward to the end of the war when, with a bottle of beer at hand and a pipe in his mouth, he could swap war experiences. A picture taken during this period shows

him grinning under a new mustache and seated on the wing of his Thunderbolt (named "Pat", of course). Further intelligence reports reveal that he purchased a motor bike with which he toured the English countryside, relieving combat tension to the detriment of everyone else's nerves. Apparently in one of his more exuberant moments he rode this vehicle up the steps and into the main hall of the castle in which he was billeted.

He was promoted to Captain in October 1943 while serving as operations officer of his squadron. In spite of the fact that he was nearing the end of his operational tour, "By" remained as eager as ever, giving his utmost to his duty. A letter from one member of his squadron reflects this and graphically describes his last mission:

"By and I were becoming exasperated at having the Jerries elude us and determined that the next one we saw we would chase him to hell before we would let him go. February 11th we went over twice. The first mission I was with him and nothing much happened. By had Fletcher flying his wing on the second mission, when he saw a 109, 5,000 feet below at 17,000. Diving on him By picked up a lot of speed and as he closed to firing range the Jerry half-rolled and went for the deck, By following him, knowing (he must have known) that he would certainly go far past a safe speed in the 47. Fletcher who was following pulled out of his dive above the low cloud layer and said the last he saw of By and the 109, they were diving through the clouds at an angle of 45 degrees. The cloud layer was 1,000 feet thick that day and 3,000 feet on top. By didn't come back that day. The whole thing sounds pretty bad, but airplanes are funny things. Pilots still have not reached a point where they can handle them alone. God rides in every cockpit. By was most capable and if anyone could have handled the situation he found himself in, he could".

Thus, flying in defense of his country, he fell from the skies on February 11, 1944 near Montcornet, France, 34 miles southwest of St. Quentin. This information was gleaned many months afterward from captured German reports at an Interrogation Point in Germany. Attached to these papers was his West Point class ring, now in the possession of his beloved wife. Officially Byron was carried as "missing in action" from February 11, 1944 until September 19, 1945 when a presumption of death was made by the Adjutant General. Posthumously on December 18, 1944, the Adjutant General, by direction of the President, presented to his wife the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters and later, the Purple Heart. In the hearts of all of us who knew him, there is an emptiness that time cannot fill and a memory that will never grow dim.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Patricia of McAllen, Texas; his father, Colonel (Chaplain) Albert L. Evans, Retired, of Clyde, New York; and two older brothers, Mr. W. Duane Evans of Washington, D. C. and Colonel Albert L. Evans, Jr., Air Corps.

—Al Evans, Jr.

John Crocker Catlin

NO. 13278 CLASS OF JAN., 1943

Killed July 11, 1946, in a plane crash near Seager, New York, aged 27 years.

MAJOR JOHN C. CATLIN, Air Corps, was killed in a plane crash near Seager, New York, while on a routine flight from Bolling Field, Washington, D. C. to Stewart Field, New York — enroute to the United States Military Academy at West Point.

John Crocker Catlin, son of Joseph Henry Catlin and Ruth Baird Crocker Catlin, was born February 27, 1919, at Maroa, Illinois. His youth was spent in the middlewest states of Kansas, Nebraska, and Illinois, where his father was athletic director in various public schools, and it was in these same schools that Johnny received his grammar and high school education. After the completion of high



school he enrolled at the University of Illinois, where he became a member of the Delta Upsilon fraternity.

On July 1, 1938, Johnny enlisted in the Army to attend the West Point Preparatory School at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, and it was while he was taking this course that he received his appointment to the United States Military Academy from Senator Lucas of Illinois. Johnny's career at West Point involved no serious clashes with either the academic or tactical departments. His achievements in extracurricular activities are, however, worthy of mention. Recognition of Johnny's valuable contributions to the preparation of the *Howitzer* resulted in his election as Business Manager for the January 1943 edition, even though much of his first class year was spent in flight training away from the Military Academy. He was also an active participant in the *Hundredth Night Show*, the Dialectic Society, the Sunday School, the Ski Club, the Camera Club, and the *Pointer*.

Prior to graduation Catlin felt that he was "air-minded" and consequently selected the Air Corps as his career. During the summer and fall of 1942 he attended flying school in the Gulf Coast Training Command: Primary

flying training was accomplished at Uvalde, Texas, where Johnny was a Cadet Captain. He attended Basic Flying School at the famous Randolph Field, San Antonio, Texas, where he was Cadet Captain of the Second Company. His Advanced Flying School was Ellington Field, Houston, Texas. Following graduation from Ellington Field on December 10, 1942, Johnny returned to West Point with his wings.

On January 19, 1943, Johnny's class was graduated, and Second Lieutenant John C. Catlin was assigned to the B-26 Transition School at Del Rio, Texas. After the completion of transition training in B-26 type aircraft, Johnny was assigned as an instructor at Del Rio for one class. Completing the tour as an instructor he was assigned to various units of the Third Air Force, eventually being assigned to the 497th Bombardment Squadron of the 344th Bombardment Group (Medium). It was with this group that Johnny, by this time a Captain, was shipped overseas to the IX Air Force in England in January 1944.

Captain Catlin's first assignment in the 344th Group was as Assistant Operations Officer of the 497th Squadron. During his tour of combat operations, however, Johnny became Squadron Operations Officer, was promoted to Major, and finally he was the Acting Squadron Commander prior to his return to the United States in March 1945. During this period the 344th Bombardment Group moved from England to France. In recognition of his services during combat operations Major Catlin was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with eleven Oak Leaf Clusters, and five combat stars for his European Theater Ribbon. The citation for his Distinguished Flying Cross reads as follows: "For extraordinary achievement while participating in numerous aerial flights against the enemy in the European Theater of Operations. On July 25, 1944, although anti-aircraft fire had damaged his aircraft, Major Catlin, exhibiting courage and skill, unerringly led his flight in adverse weather conditions and successfully destroyed an important enemy railway bridge. The aggressiveness, marked aerial proficiency, and devotion to duty displayed by Major Catlin reflect the highest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States"

Johnny arrived home in the United States on March 7, 1945, and on March 12 he was married to Audrey McClelland of Lakeland, Florida, whom he had met when the 344th Group was stationed there just prior to his overseas assignment. Audrey is the daughter of George Wilson McClelland and Naomi Rushing McClelland of Lakeland, Florida.

Originally Johnny was scheduled to return overseas to his group after the completion of his leave. These orders, however, were canceled and John Catlin was ordered to the War Department in Washington, D. C. where he was assigned to the Operations Division of the War Department General Staff. In his position in the Operations Group, Johnny assisted in the preparation of the "Daily Summary of the Situation" for the President and Chief of Staff. It was during this assignment that he met his untimely death.

Many laudatory words could be written about Johnny Catlin, but perhaps the thing which most of his classmates and contemporaries will remember was his ability to get things done with the least amount of inconvenience to those who worked with and for him. He had the knack of being friendly and yet being the boss, which is in itself quite an accomplishment. His friendly easygoing manner made many friends for him wherever he went, and his superiors could always depend on the required results. Lieutenant General J. E. Hull was so impressed with John Catlin's work that upon hearing of his death he wrote Mrs. Catlin a letter in which he said, "Although your loss is the greater, you may have some consolation in realizing that his loss to the Army is irreplaceable. He was one of our best". Major General Lauris Norstad also gave recognition to Johnny's talents when he wrote, "Upon termination of the war in Europe, John's outstanding record and character were recognized by his assignment to the Operations Division of the War Department General Staff, where he filled a position of great responsibility during the war against Japan and in the difficult post-hostilities period. Though his experience in the Army was comparatively brief he developed remarkably into an outstanding staff officer and performed services of great value to his country. In spite of a heavy load of work and long hours he performed his duties thoroughly, enthusiastically and cheerfully. The Army has suffered a most untimely and severe loss in the passing of an officer of such great promise"

—R. M.

Gordon Winthrop Barrett, Jr.

NO. 13665 CLASS OF JUNE, 1943

Killed July 29, 1947, in a plane crash at Eglin Field, Florida, aged 27 years.

GORDON WINTHROP BARRETT, JR., U.S.M.A., 1943, was born in Pittsfield, Mass., on June 27, 1920. He received his early education in the public schools of Pittsfield and graduated from the Pittsfield High School in June 1938.

From the time that Gordon was old enough to think ahead for himself he had but one ambition, and that was to enter and graduate from West Point, and to make soldiering his life's work. On the day of his graduation from high school he enlisted for one year in the Regular Army, so that he could attend the Army West Point Preparatory School at Fort Williams, Maine. Even though he failed to get one of the Army appointments he was not discouraged. After his year's enlistment was completed he entered the Stanton Preparatory School at Cornwall, New York. While attending Stanton Gordon received, through competitive examination, Congressman Allen T. Treadway's appointment to West Point, and entered the Academy July 1, 1940. "Gabby", as he became known at the Point, always said that his experience as a Private in the Army before entering West Point eased him through the terrors of the Plebe year,

and also gave him the enlisted man's viewpoint and helped to make him a better officer.

When flying instruction was instituted at West Point in 1942, on a voluntary basis, Gordon chose to fly. During the summer of '42 he received his primary flight training in Bonham, Texas. Returning to the Point in the fall, he continued his flight training at Stewart Field, and was awarded his wings upon his graduation from West Point in June 1943.

"Gabby's" first assignment after graduation was to Mather Field, Cal., where he had training with B-25's. His next assignment was Roswell, N. Mex., for training on B-17's. After rather extensive training on B-17's at Roswell, and later at Ardmore, Okla., he, on April 1, 1944, left this country for England, where he was attached to the 447th Bomber Group of the Eighth Air Force.

"Gabby" was promoted to First Lieutenant on December 14th, 1943 while at Ardmore, Okla. That day he sent the following telegram to his parents; "Got my silver bars today. Am getting



married the 30th. Wish you could be here. Outside of that nothing new". That telegram was characteristic of his ever present humor. Every day was a new day to "Gabby". He never worried about the yesterdays or the tomorrows. As stated in the telegram "Gabby" was married on the 30th of December 1943 to Miss Mary A. McLean of Bonham, Texas, a lovely and fine type girl whom he had met in Bonham during his primary flight training days.

While in England with the Eighth Air Force "Gabby" flew some thirty missions over vital military targets in Germany and France. For his combat duty he received the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters and the Distinguished Flying Cross. He was also awarded an Oak Leaf Cluster to the D.F.C. The citation accompanying the award said:

"For extraordinary achievement while serving as squadron leader on a heavy bombardment mission against the enemy over Merseburg, Germany, November 2, 1944. On this mission against a vital target, the group leader was forced to leave the formation after releasing the bombs on the target. Enemy fighters immediately at-

tacked the scattered group. Captain Barrett quickly assumed the lead, rallied the entire group into a compact and effective defensive formation and then led it safely back to friendly territory. The skillful leadership and courage displayed by Captain Barrett on this occasion reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Army Air Forces".

"Gabby" was promoted to Captain in October 1944 while in England. He returned to this country on January 1, 1945 and was assigned to the Air Section, of the Twenty-fifth General Staff Class at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. While stationed at Fort Leavenworth "Gabby" became the very proud father of a fine baby boy, Gordon W. Barrett, the 3rd.

In February 1946 he was assigned to "Operations Crossroads" and was sent to Clovis, N. Mex., for training. It was there that he took over the B-17 that became the material love of his life. The ship was dubbed, "The Black Sheep". Gordon made history with this ship. He piloted it across the Pacific to Eniwetok, where he was based for the Bikini Atom Bomb tests. It was flown by him as a mothership that guided a B-17 drone through the atom bomb clouds. After the bomb tests were completed Gabby piloted it again as a mothership to guide a pilotless plane from Hilo, Hawaii to Muroc, Cal., a history making flight.

After returning home from "Operations Crossroads" he was assigned to Eglin Field, Fla., along with his ship "the Black Sheep", to be attached to the First Experimental Guided Missiles Group. It was at Eglin Field that he met his death in the crash of a B-29 which was just taking off on a routine training flight.

I doubt if there ever was an Army pilot that really loved to fly more than "Gabby". An assignment without flying was really misery to him, therefore a sketch of his life without relating his flying service, would be like trying to paint a picture without paint. Next to actual flying he liked being a part of the Army. To him it was a realization of all his boyhood dreams.

Aside from his professional duties as a soldier, he was fond of bird hunting, fishing, and trap shooting. In his early days, he did considerable cross country skiing in the Berkshire Hills of Massachusetts. In fact almost anything pertaining to the out-of-doors was a source of pleasure to him. He was a particularly good wing shot. A number of times while hunting with me he knocked down a bird after I had fired and missed, much to his delight you can be sure.

His roommate at West Point, now Captain C. W. Milmore, wrote the following about Gabby to me, at the time of his death;

"I knew Gabby well. As Cadets we were very close, like brothers. He had a keen spirit to see things through and never hesitated to lend a hand or give encouragement when needed. He wanted to fly and join the Air Corps more than anything else. I will always remember that he was doing what he liked most when he left us and joined the Long Gray Line.

"He thought you, his Dad, was tops. Many an evening in cadet barracks, he would speak about what you and he

had done together. Gabby was genuine all the way. His record was the finest".

Gabby has gone from our midst, but he will be young for eternity. Wherever he is, I feel that he will be doing the thing he loved so well, flying the deep blue yonder. —His Dad.

Lawton Davis

NO. 13957 CLASS OF JUNE, 1943

Killed in Action, January 16, 1945, in Belgium, aged 23 years.

"Here dead we lie, because we did not choose to live and shame the land from which we sprung. Life, it is true, is nothing much to lose; But young men think it is—and we were young."

FIRST LIEUTENANT LAWTON DAVIS, known to all his friends as "Scat", was killed in action by mortar fire, January 16, 1945, while on a daylight patrol as acting commander of "G" company, 289th Infantry, 75th Division.

As a fellow officer of his regiment wrote his family afterward:

"His men would have followed him anywhere. He was brave, courageous, and fearless.

"He looked not to his own safety, in battle, but always tried to take his objective with the least casualties possible.

"It was this anxiety for the safety of his men that caused his death.

"It was on a hill in Beck, Belgium, where he was killed.

"He had taken the hill around four in the afternoon. After the objective was taken, he made a personal tour of his troops to see that they were dug-in properly and had everything properly placed in case of counter-attack.

"In carrying out this work, he walked into the open area, (the edge of the woods) to give further instructions to a few sergeants.

"About to re-enter the woods, a mortar shell landed a few feet from him and killed him instantly.

"That evening there was not one who did not cry when they learned of his death.

"They thought he had no equal in the battalion"

"Scat" was interred in the Henri Chappelle Cemetery, near Liege, Belgium, until after the war.

He was buried with military honors at West Point, on December 5, 1947.

"Scat" had early set his heart on West Point. While it may have been stimulated by the example of his grandfather, L. B. Lawton, '93, yet this childhood feeling grew into a deep and sustained certainty that West Point stood for the career to which he would devote himself.

After attending Skaneateles High School and graduating from Northwood School, Lake Placid Club, N. Y., where he was outstanding in hockey, he entered West Point, July 1, 1940, from his home town.

Plebe year was a "hell" which had to be endured, but after the initial

struggle, he stepped into the Academy life with an ease only possible through good humor, consideration, and the realization of what West Point demanded from its men, and what, in turn, it gave.

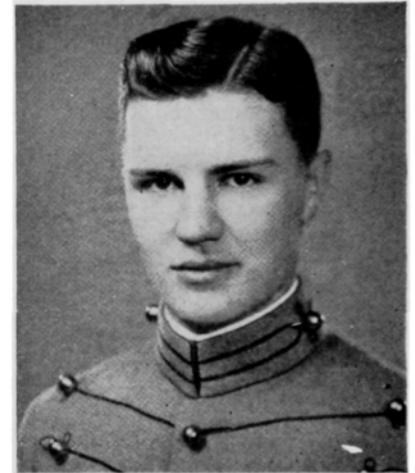
While not trying to keep out of academic trouble, "Scat" found time for varsity hockey, choir and many extracurricular inclinations toward unflinching wit and good humor.

Following graduation he was commissioned in the Coast Artillery, and assigned to Camp Davis, N. C. and Camp Edwards, Mass.

After maneuvers in Tennessee, he transferred to the Infantry because he thought that gave him "the quickest possibility of seeing action".

Following Infantry training at Fort Benning, Ga., and Camp Breckinridge, Ky., he was transferred to the E.T.O. in November, 1944.

"Scat's" conception of the Army seemed to have taken roots in the past when the code of fighting was an honorable institution, held rigidly by men throughout the civilized portions of



the world, something inviolable, a mode of conduct delicately balanced not on command or decree, but on instinctive response to a force which called for the best a man had to give.

"Scat's" last letter home, ten days before he was killed, reveals the man who had once, and forever, met the full impact of World War II:

"I don't know when we are going to win this war, or who will win the peace, or who will resurrect these stricken peoples.

"There is a Crucifix hanging in front of me in this shattered Belgium farmhouse, and I can't help feeling that perhaps the figure hanging there is the answer.

"Can plan 'X' or plan 'Y' heal all this?"

It is fitting that this soldier should rest finally at West Point, to which he brought the gifts of honor, integrity, and love, and from which he received the broadened horizon of instruction, guidance, and encouragement.

For one of his many gallant acts, the Silver Star was posthumously awarded. The citation was as follows:

"First Lieutenant LAWTON DAVIS, 026 360, Company G, 289th Infantry,

for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy on the 16 January 1945, in the vicinity of Beck, Belgium. Reduced considerably in fighting strength by a four hour enemy artillery barrage Company G dug in defensive positions and began the evacuation of its numerous wounded. With an enemy counter-attack imminent Lieutenant Davis sought to divert the hostile assault. Placing himself at the head of a small patrol he spearheaded a determined assault against massed enemy formations, split the onrush of the German forces and diverted their attention from the many exposed wounded of Company G. Lieutenant Davis fell mortally wounded in this action but in so doing gained enough time for the evacuation of the wounded and undoubtedly saved numerous lives. Lieutenant Davis' gallantry and valor have shed fresh honor upon the Army of the United States".

Further evidence of "Scat's" gallantry is revealed in a letter to his parents from a member of his outfit:

"We were in the same battalion ever since leaving the states and since I spent much time with the boys in his company, I got to know what a wonderful officer, man, and soldier he was. Our first action was at Christmas time when we were sent to Luxembourg to help stop the drive at the bulge. It was here where everyone realized what a perfect leader Lieutenant Davis was. Many nights we were completely surrounded by Jerry. During this time he took out a small patrol, almost every night, way behind the enemy lines and practically every time killed a few Heinies, brought back a few prisoners for questioning, or gained information that was needed. One time he heard some Germans talking, he snuck up to them, he then ran to their midst, depressed the trigger of his tommy gun as he spun around in a circle killing them all. Each of his patrols were just about as colorful.

"The whole battalion mourned his death just as they would a brother or foxhole mate"

"Scat" was married June 10th, 1944. A daughter, Lawton Davis, was born March 25th, 1945, whom he never lived to see.

He is survived by his daughter; and by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Davis, his maternal grandfather, Major L. B. Lawton, U.S.A., Ret., U.S.M.A. '93, and a brother, Thomas F. Davis, Jr. —A Friend.

Firman Edward Susank

NO. 13545 CLASS OF JUNE, 1943

Killed in Action, May 26, 1944, in France, aged 23 years.

FIRMAN EDWARD SUSANK was born June 27, 1920 and killed in action May 26, 1944. A Kansan, and endowed with all the attributes of a child of the soil: initiative, industry, integrity, and the tenacity to face all the perverseness of nature and of man, he had a quiet wisdom found in few

other than those who have had contact with growing things. He was possessed of an easy self-assurance that impressed itself upon and strengthened all whom he met, and warmed his associates with a feeling of faith and confidence. He was a lovable guy with a keen sense of humor and a quick wit tempered by a mild tongue.

Ed was a native of Kansas and spent his early school days in the traditional red school house. While in the seventh grade he first voiced a desire to go to West Point. At thirteen he had his first experience with military life and its customs at St. Joseph's Military Academy in Hays, Kansas. His six years at St. Joseph's culminated in several distinctions. He became Cadet Colonel of the school—its highest rank; he ranked high on the scholastic list; and he was the backbone of the rifle team which was a leading contender in the state rifle competition held at Ft. Leavenworth.

On a hot sultry July 1st day in 1940, Ed entered the Military Academy at West Point. From the moment of his entrance into the Academy those of us



fortunate enough to know him intimately and to live with him learned to depend upon him. From the first days of Beast Barracks until graduation, whenever we were stymied by some problem, be it academic, military or personal, it was Ed Susank we turned to, never finding him too busy to lend us a hand. Aside from the time he devoted to helping and encouraging others he found time to spark the rifle team, stand high on the scholastic rolls, and to serve on the honor committee. Another of his ambitions was realized when flying training was inaugurated at the end of our Yearling year. Ed breezed through flying training as he did everything else, and finally got his wings and graduated on June 1, 1943.

After receiving his wings Ed went to B-24 transition school and from there to a succession of R.T.U.'s. During this time it appeared that he was not to get overseas for some little while so on January 12, 1944 he married Miss Edna M. Snavely of Montrose, California. (A son, Edward Joseph, was born to them on October 28, 1944.) However, two months after his marriage he was on his way to Italy. He arrived in Italy in the early part of April, 1944,

at which time an all out effort was being made to sweep the last vestiges of the Luftwaffe from the skies in preparation for the Normandy Landings. As a result of this effort, coupled with the fact that Ed's group was short of crews at the time, he found himself flying as many as five or six successive missions in as many days. Then on May 26, 1944 while on a mission to Southern France—his 27th—his plane was hit over the target by flak which knocked out his No. 3 engine and damaged No. 4. As his group left the target they were hit by enemy fighters. The enemy fighters noting that he was already in trouble concentrated their attack on him. Ed, seeing that he could not keep up with the group and realizing he could not repel the enemy fighters alone, decided to dive his ship into the broken clouds below him in an attempt to elude further attack. However, when he reached the cloud layer beneath, he found that the clouds were extremely thin and afforded practically no protection. The fighters had followed him down and had resumed their attacks. By this time the No. 4 went out completely and he was forced to feather it also. About the same time the waist and rear gunners called and announced that they were nearly out of ammunition. Realizing he could not elude the fighters in the clouds and that with the ammunition running out he could not fight them off, he ordered his men to jump. As they started to jump the fighters withdrew and after four men had left the airplane the enemy fighters disappeared. Ed decided to try to make it back to Corsica and gave the remaining crew members the alternative of jumping or of trying to make it back with him. They chose to remain with the ship. Because he had lost so much altitude in his efforts to evade the enemy fighters, coupled with the fact that two engines were completely out and that No. 1 was losing power, Ed steadily lost altitude in spite of everything he could do. Within two miles of Corsica he was forced to ditch the airplane. He ordered his men to their ditching stations and then attempted to set the big airplane down as lightly as possible. His aircraft barely staggered through the air as a result of the severe battle damage, and his landing was still further complicated by the extremely choppy condition of the water. The skill with which Ed set the airplane down is attested by the fact that all of the crew escaped except the radio operator and himself—a truly superlative performance considering the fact that the odds for successfully ditching even a mechanically perfect B-24 were so poor that both the manufacturer and Air Force authorities were vehement in their statements not to attempt to ditch a B-24 unless there was absolutely no alternative.

Ed Susank's death is a loss to all of us, a loss felt and mourned by us all. The elimination of Ed's name from his squadron rolls did not signify merely the loss of another pilot; the Air Forces lost a mold from which they would have molded future aces. The Army did not lose just another officer; the model was lost to whom every future officer could have looked as the ideal. Not just another husband and father was lost; rather the par-

adigm to inspire every husband so as to build a stronger America through a nation of devoted families. Not just another son was forfeited to the war; but rather, a prototype of goodness, loyalty, and parental devotion. Yet—though physically lost to us; spiritually he remains shining with an ever brighter light that draws us toward the accomplishment of all the idealism he personified in life, and which in death permeates our being with a growing memory of all that he was and all that we wish to be.

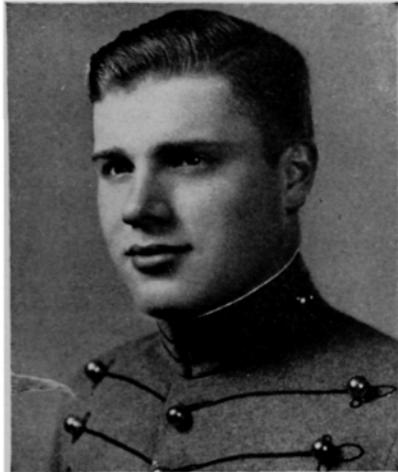
—A Classmate.

Hugh Robert Burns, Jr.

NO. 14189 CLASS OF 1944

Died May 8, 1947, as a result of a plane crash over the Gulf of Mexico, aged 24 years.

ON May 8th, 1947 a bomber took off on a routine flight from Eglin Field over the Gulf of Mexico. The pilot of that B-17 knew that after



that flight he would entrain for Scranton, Pennsylvania to plan his marriage with his bride-to-be. This long awaited date and all it meant for his future happiness was sacrificed by a loyalty to duty that places Lieutenant Hugh R. Burns in the ranks of West Point heroes. There was a crash over the Gulf. . . Four of the crew survived. Bud apparently nursed his ship along until it was too late for him to survive. This last act of his life typifies his character, he never gave himself to anybody or anything without giving all. His devotion to his family and friends was completely selfless. To the world outside he appeared easy going, taking everything in stride, but to those who knew him he never took a short cut, a half measure, or an unplanned step. The mind and heart within him was terrifyingly restless in the pursuit of his objectives. He lived in a small world with big ideals. His small world was the United States Army Air Forces and his big ideal was to become a crack aeronautical engineer—and every step of his short career was pointed that way.

Bud was born in Scranton, Pennsylvania on May 29, 1922, the eldest son of Doctor Hugh R. and Sara Schmuck-

er Burns. His early education at grammar school revealed the beginnings of his plans to enter West Point. Subsequently he entered Central High School where every course he took and every class he attended was tested against its qualifying him for entrance into the Academy. His career on the football field was not flashy but he had so hardened himself and developed himself by serious play as to become a star in the interscholastic classic. His other sports were swimming and golf, and he turned a stalwart hand to each. He prepared more thoroughly for his entrance into the Academy by training in courses at the University of Scranton and the Millard Preparatory School.

At the Academy he finished the three-year accelerated course and received his commission and wings as a pilot on D-Day, June 6, 1944. Subsequently he was stationed at Smyrna, Tennessee; Mountain Home, Idaho; Salina, Kansas and Eglin Field. Bud was a pilot in the first group of B-29's in Europe. Still later he participated in Task Force *Frigid* and, at the time of his untimely death, was pioneering in the Guided Missile Group.

Besides his parents he is survived by a brother, John, and by his friends, who regret the price we have to pay for our victory and superiority in the air, and pray for additional officers like Bud in the Army Air Forces.

—J. R. G.

Benjamin Gunter Hussey

NO. 14877 CLASS OF 1945

Killed June 13, 1946, in an accident in Japan, aged 22 years.

BENJAMIN GUNTER HUSSEY, the second son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Hussey, was born on a farm near Tupelo, Mississippi on January 21, 1924. He was named Benjamin Gunter because of his father's great admiration for one of his former teachers and in the hope that Ben would emulate some of his scholarly characteristics.

When Ben was two years of age, the family moved to Prairie, Mississippi to live with Mrs. Hussey's parents, and where Mr. Hussey operated a store. The grandfather was a Baptist minister, (quoting from Ben's autobiography) "who was loved as a man because of his kindness, generosity, and strength of character; he was loved as a preacher because of his theory that a good sermon is short and a bad sermon should be even shorter"

During Ben's fourth year in school, while playing baseball, he had a badly broken finger. Sometime after the broken bone healed the finger began perishing. An operation followed with a month spent in the hospital before the finger was completely well.

Kosciusko, Mississippi was the new home town of the Hussey family during the years 1937 and 1938. New friends and a new school were not hard for Ben to like and he was dismayed to move so soon after orientation, but a move was made to Corinth, Mississippi where Ben's father, and a

partner in business, began to operate the Nehi Bottling Company. The remainder of Ben's high school days were spent happily and profitably in Corinth High School where he was popular with students and teachers. His high ideals, courteous demeanor and amiable characteristics kept him always in that group of "the best".

Before entering West Point Ben spent a year as a student at Mississippi State College preparing for the long dreamed of life at West Point. In his autobiography he has this to say. "I hope to enjoy a military career in the United States Army. All my life I have looked upon General Stonewall Jackson as one of the greatest military leaders and one of the finest characters in American history. I have studied his life and battles time and again, and ever since I have been old enough to look to the future I have wished to attend the United States Military Academy at West Point."

A large family circle, unhurried life in small towns, careful training by Christian parents, a personal experience with the Saviour, made Ben



what he was—a truly fine young man with a high sense of loyalty and honor. He entered West Point a gentleman, he graduated a gentleman, in June 1945.

The war ended for many of our fine young men in service when Japan surrendered, but Ben was still in the Army and was sent to Japan in November 1945. While conducting a class in bomb disposal near Yokohama, at Zushi, Honshu, Japan, on June 13, 1946, during the last class of the morning, and after most of the men had started to clean up for lunch, a Japanese 81mm A.A. round (mortar) exploded while being examined by a few students. At the time of the explosion Ben was holding the round. He died instantly.

One of his fellow officers wrote, "Since I have been in command of the Company, I worked with Ben more as another Company officer and from that capacity I observed him and respected him as a fine officer who could be trusted to operate on his own with men and secure their full cooperation. All men on his team admired him and were saddened by his death"

Ben's body is buried in the U.S.A.F. Cemetery No. 1 in Tokohoma, Japan,

but his influence remains with all who knew and loved him. A part of many hearts and a portion of many thoughts will always belong to Ben.

—Rev. D. L. Hill,
former Pastor.

George Robert Stallings

NO. 15652 CLASS OF 1946

Killed August 27, 1946, in a plane crash near Williams Field, Arizona, aged 20 years.

WHEN Bob Stallings was graduated from West Point in 1946, the *Howitzer* carried these words below his photograph: "Conscientious, hard-working, Bob had a higher goal than most of us, and his high standards served to buck us up".

That was a fitting tribute from West Point classmates who unmistakably caught the deep meaning of Bob Stallings' life in the short span of years they were privileged to be associated with him. The same tribute could be paid appropriately by those who knew him in his home town of Smithfield, North Carolina. For from the time Bob joined the church at the age of nine until his death in a plane crash when he was not yet 21, his life never ceased to inspire achievement and radiate Christian love.

As Lieutenant George Robert Stallings of the Army Air Forces, this young exponent of purposeful living died in the military service of his country. On August 27, 1946, less than six weeks after he had reported for special fighter plane training at Williams Field, Arizona, he was killed in a plane accident nine miles from his base.

When death came, Bob was engaged in an activity which was not his first love. He accepted military pursuit as something inevitable for our times, but he abhorred war with a passion born of his fervent love of Christian principles. Because his country had given him an education, he felt that duty and fair play called him to serve his country in a military way, at least for a while. But he knew that ultimately he would have to answer a greater call—that of becoming a Christian minister and devoting his life to the cause of peace in the moral realm.

Bob felt the first strong urge to enter the ministry while in his first year at West Point. He revealed his inner feeling to his parents during the Christmas vacation. From then on this urge grew more and more powerful until it gripped his whole personality.

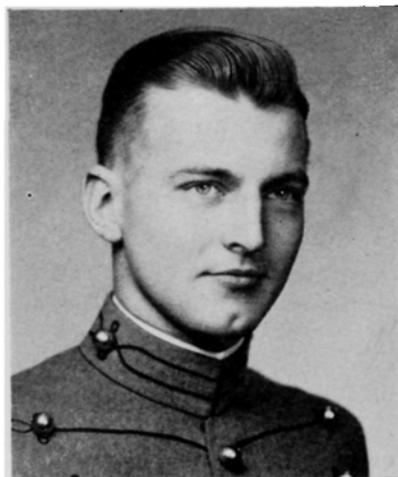
The development of Bob's interest in a ministerial career was no surprise to the people of his native community. They looked upon it as the natural outgrowth of boyhood activities that gave primacy to the spiritual rather than the material values of life. The events of his life reveal graphically that the turn toward a religious career was no result of any sudden inspiration.

Bob was born in Smithfield on November 27, 1925. He joined Centenary Methodist Church in Smith-

field on April 12, 1935, having become interested in the church partly as a result of attendance at Sunday School but chiefly because of parental guidance. His father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Sam H. Stallings, were among the most loyal and active members of Centenary Church. Following their example, he was not content with merely having his name on the church roll. He early accepted responsibilities in the Sunday School and in his high school days took roles of leadership in the Methodist Youth Fellowship.

The church claimed his first loyalty, but Bob did not neglect worthwhile non-religious endeavors. He joined a Boy Scout troop in 1937 and had completed the requirements for becoming an Eagle Scout three months before he was 14 years old and eligible to receive the Eagle badge. As a scout he was elected an Honor Camper at Camp Tuscarora and received additional high recognition when he was elected to membership in the Order of the Arrow, honorary scout fraternity.

His high school career brought him numerous honors. He was a member



of the high school band, played on the school's athletic teams, took leading parts in dramatics and became president of his class during his senior year. All the while he excelled in scholarship, ranking as an honor student. He had a flair for public speaking and made many civic and religious talks in school and in churches. He was a member of the high school debating team and when he was graduated held the distinction of never having been on the losing side of a debate.

Bob attended North Carolina State College at Raleigh in 1942-43 and there also became a campus leader as well as an honor student. He became secretary of the State College Y.M.C.A. and was elected president of the Wesley Foundation at the college, a unique honor for a member of the freshman class. He was frequently a participant in youth forums.

He was made of such genuine stuff and his record of achievements was so impressive that no one was surprised when he received an appointment to West Point in February, 1943. He arrived at the Military Academy in June of that same year and was assign-

ed to Company F-2, becoming a Cadet Sergeant during his First Class year.

His first question as a plebe was, "Where is the West Point Youth Fellowship?" There of course was none, but Bob nevertheless found outlets for religious expression. He was quick to win friends with his friendly disposition and no opportunity was lost to spend his influence for good. He became a Sunday School teacher at the Academy and during vacations it was not uncommon for him to be found attending religious conferences and speaking in churches. Several times while on vacation in North Carolina he filled the pulpit of Raleigh's Fairmont Methodist Church.

At West Point he again gave expression to his well-rounded nature. He became a member of the track and cross country teams and won letters in these sports. Other activities included membership in the Academy's debating society and Ski Club.

In 1945, from April to June, Bob received primary flight training at the Lodwick School of Aeronautics, Lakeland, Fla. In July and August of the same year, he underwent basic pilot training at Stewart Field, Newburgh, New York.

He received his wings and was graduated from West Point in June 1946, one of 875 cadets who were commissioned as Second Lieutenants. After a brief vacation at home—his last with his family—Bob reported for special training at Williams Field on July 19.

The news of his death a few weeks later was a stunning blow to his home community. On September 3 a sorrowing throng of relatives, friends and townspeople generally overflowed Centenary Methodist Church where military funeral rites were held. The body was interred in Smithfield's Sunset Memorial Park.

Bob Stallings was not afraid to die. He often thought of death and what it would be like to face it. He expressed his ideas in letters to friends shortly before the experience was his. In a religious talk delivered at a church service while home on vacation, Bob had frankly discussed the Christian's view of death. After relating a series of war stories about soldiers who had heroically given their lives or had narrowly escaped death, he concluded, "I wonder if there's any difference between the man who dies believing that there is a loving God to greet him as he enters his new world, and the man who believes that this is the end". He left the thought as a question to be answered by each worshipper in the quiet of meditation. His own answer did not have to be spoken. It stood out crystal clear in his firmly-rooted Christian faith.

In the passing of Bob Stallings, the world lost a promising great spokesman for righteous living. A passing such as his is not easily understood. Everything pointed to a great future before him. But always to be remembered is that Bob had a great past behind him, for few men with a full span of life have contributed more to the upbuilding of this world than Bob contributed in his short 20 years of purposeful living. His exemplary life will live on and on in the lives of those who crossed his path.

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