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The Mission, Curriculum, and Teaching Methods of the United States Military Academy

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Editor's Note: The address which follows is presented substantially in the form in which it was delivered before the Middle-Atlantic Section of the American Society for Engineering Education on 14 May 1949. We feel that it represents the sort of information about the Academy which needs to be disseminated as widely as possible in civilian educational circles, in which too often the academic side of West Point is neither understood nor appreciated.

WEST POINT is a name known all over the world, but it is a name with many meanings. To your G.I. students it probably signifies the Regular Army Officer, a concept which would run the gamut from martinet to S.O.B. to inspiring and beloved leader, depending on the personal experience of the G.I. To your adolescent daughters West Point means brass buttons, glamour, and romance. To your teen age sons it means the gridiron grenadiers or the Black Knights of the Hudson, fabulous warriors of the football field. To some of my friends in the more remote areas of northern New England, where academy is synonymous with high school, it means a military preparatory school. To most of you I suspect it means an engineering school, slightly hampered by military training. It is my purpose this morning to try to make it clear to you just what *your* military academy is trying to do and how we go about it. I say *your* military academy advisedly, because it belongs to the American people, being supported entirely by public funds, operated in the interests of our national security, and attended by your sons from every walk of life and every section of the country.

HISTORY

Historically West Point was the first and for many years the only engineering school in the country. Established in 1802 it first became a going concern under the superintendency of Sylvanus Thayer, known to all West Pointers as the "Father of the Military Academy". Colonel Thayer's regime lasted from 1817 to 1833. During that period he established the basic pedagogical system which has been followed here ever since. Colonel Thayer's influence on American education was very far reaching, much more so than is generally recognized. As many of you know he subsequently founded the Thayer Engineering School at Dartmouth College. Thayer Academy at South Braintree, Mass. is named in his honor. Thayer's great influence came primarily, however, from the fact that practically every engineering school founded prior to 1870 either called West Point trained instructors to its faculty or used engineering texts written at West Point, or both.

Until 1866, West Point was definitely an engineering school. In that year legislation was passed which opened the superintendency to officers other than members of the Corps of Engineers. There then began a gradual reorientation of the curriculum away from strictly engineering subjects which has continued down to the present time. Concurrently engineering education throughout the land has spread and improved until today the job initiated by West Point has been taken over into your very capable hands and West Point itself has ceased to be an engineering school in the



generally accepted sense of the term. We clearly recognize that in time of national emergency, and to a considerable extent even in normal peace times, we must depend upon the alumni of your undergraduate departments and your post graduate schools for the bulk of our specialists in the armed forces.

MISSION

To appreciate any institution of learning properly the outsider must first clearly understand what the school is trying to do. The mission of the Military Academy, in common I think, with most engineering schools, is clear and specific. Were I talking to a group from liberal arts colleges I

could not be so sure of their appreciation of a definite mission. Last fall at Clarkson Tech I heard President Cole of Amherst College make the statement "Twenty years ago if we had called on ten college presidents, or better still, on ten members of liberal arts faculties and said to them 'What is the objective of a liberal arts education?' we would have gotten, I am fairly confident, ten different answers". In continuing his argument he contrasted this situation with the clarity of objectives which the technical schools have always had. Accordingly I am sure you will recognize the importance of our mission in shaping our curriculum and teaching methods. This mission is clearly stated in Army Regulations. It is "to instruct and train the Corps of Cadets to the end that each graduate shall have the qualities and attributes essential to his progressive and continued development throughout a lifetime career as an army officer. In general the course of instruction and training shall be designed to develop character and the personal attributes essential to an officer, to provide a balanced and liberal education in the arts and sciences, and to provide a broad basic military education rather than individual proficiency in the technical duties of junior officers". The mission has three co-equal purposes. General Moore has already stressed the importance of the first, the development of character. I shall not discuss it further for two reasons. It would be presumptuous of me to think that I could improve upon General Moore's statement of the case, and second I assume that as a group you will be primarily interested in the second division which has to do with the curriculum. I might mention in passing that before the war I remember reading a consensus of the attributes required by industry in young engineering graduates. In this consensus character was weighted at 75% in a list of attributes totaling 100%. I further assume that you are not particularly interested in the third aspect of our mission, that of providing a basic military education. I want to stress, however, that during the academic portion of the year the military aspects of the training here are very definitely secondary. The cadets live in a military atmosphere. There are brief periods of practical military instruction two or three times a week after the close of the academic day at 3 o'clock. During the period which is in most schools the summer vacation, however, the cadet can devote his full time to the military side of his education.

We now turn to the academic curriculum and its implementation. First let me repeat what General Moore has already said, that the Military Academy is solely an undergraduate institution. Because it is strictly undergraduate in its function you will not expect to find here advanced technical courses nor busy research laboratories manned by graduate students. That is not our job. Please do not, however, carry away the idea that the typical officer's education ceases with his graduation from West Point.

He will spend many years of his subsequent career in post graduate study both in your own graduate schools and in the very extensive military school system. He will go to his branch school for basic and advanced professional training in his particular arm or service. The chances are good that he will eventually be selected to attend the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth. Finally he may attend one or more of the higher professional schools of the military establishment, such as the Armed Forces Staff College, or the National War College. A man who has completed this schooling will, in general, have spent more time in post graduate study than the average Doctor of Philosophy.

hardly fair to class it strictly as a humanity. Likewise, the course in Economics includes specific instruction in the economics of war. I do not propose to discuss in detail the content of the individual courses, which I think is evident in a general way from the chart. *Before leaving the curriculum I wonder if any of you have noticed the rather striking similarity between our curriculum and the first three years of the general engineering curriculum recently proposed by Dean Saville of New York University.*

are primarily reserved for the sons of Regular Army officers whose profession is such that they have no fixed abode and hence can not in general qualify by the usual methods. In addition to obtaining an appointment each candidate must satisfy our academic admission requirements before he can be admitted. For high school boys we require 15 standard admission units, of which three must be in mathematics, three in English, and one in American History. The high school transcript must be validated by examinations in English and mathematics. College students may be admitted on the basis of their college records in much the same way that transfers are allowed between ordinary civilian colleges, except that an aptitude test is required to substantiate the college certificate. Our entrance examinations are prepared and administered by the Educational Testing Service (i.e. the College Entrance Examination Board). *We are informed by that agency that the average intellectual capacity of the entering cadet is comparable to that of students admitted to our better known colleges and engineering schools.*

ADMISSIONS

Before I proceed to the discussion of our teaching methods I wish briefly to call your attention to the nature of our student body. Our population is truly representative of the nation. In the broadest sense one may say that admission is primarily by congressional district and by state. The sources of appointment are shown graphically in Figure 2. On the average each senator and each representative in Congress appoints one boy per year. There are, in addition, opportunities for soldiers, both of the Regular Army and the National Guard, to qualify for admission in limited numbers by competitive examination. Finally we have a few competitive presidential appointments each year which

CURRICULUM

And now to the curriculum itself. *First of all it is a completely prescribed curriculum.* The cadet has no electives with the exception that he may choose which one of the five languages he desires to study. We believe that for our particular purposes the prescribed curriculum is essential. We want every graduate to have a basic core of knowledge on which we can count. We feel that we members of the Academic Board are in position to decide what the young man should study much better than he is himself in his immature and formative years. In this opinion I think you generally would agree with us. Naturally your mission is different from ours. You must produce technically trained engineers, in all the major branches of engineering. I think it is generally recognized that there is very little latitude allowed the young engineering student in the first three years of his engineering course, and that in most engineering schools the first two years are pretty definitely prescribed for all students regardless of the field of major concentration. Specialization takes place primarily in the senior year.

Of what should our curriculum consist? We must accomplish three different objectives. We must turn out graduates who are literate and who understand something of human society and of world affairs, both past and present. We must turn out graduates who have a sufficiently broad understanding of basic science and engineering to take their places in an army which utilizes all the mechanical and electrical devices with which our technological civilization can provide us. Finally, we must give all our graduates enough of that basic engineering training which is found in all of your undergraduate curricula to enable them to have some chance of competing in your graduate schools with your own graduates; for a certain proportion of our officer corps must understand the language of the scientist and the engineer.

Our curriculum then is a cross between that of a liberal arts college and an engineering school, somewhat weighted in the engineering direction. I have tried to present it graphically in Figure 1. You will note that the time devoted to scientific and engineering subjects is about 60% of the total; that devoted to the humanities and social sciences about 40%. Actually the latter figure is slightly exaggerated, as certain of the courses which I have listed for simplicity as belonging to the humanistic-social science group are in fact better termed professional courses. Thus while the Law Department devotes a substantial part of its time to common law and the laws of contract it also teaches definitely and specifically the Manual of Courts Martial. The course in Military History is to be sure a course in history, but one of a very technical and professional nature, so that in a sense it is

TEACHING METHODS

The mission of the Military Academy is highly specialized. All of its graduates

ACADEMIC CURRICULUM U.S.M.A.

SCIENTIFIC & ENGINEERING SUBJECTS  Total 58%

SOCIAL - HUMANISTIC SUBJECTS  Total 42%

DEPT.	DESCRIPTION	NUMBER of PERIODS
FIRST YEAR		
MATH.	ALG., TRIG. ANALYT. CALCULUS	
ENGLISH	GRAMMAR COMPOSITION	
FOR'N LANG.	FRENCH, SPANISH, POR SE, RUSSIAN, GERMAN (only)	
M. T. & G.	GRAPHICS	
SECOND YEAR		
MATH.	CALCULUS, STATISTICS	
ENGLISH	LITERATURE	
FOR'N LANG.	SAME AS 1 st YEAR	
M. T. & G.	SURVEYING, MAPPING	
PHYSICS & CHEMISTRY	PHYSICS	
	CHEMISTRY	
THIRD YEAR		
MECHANICS	ANAL. MECH., THERMO. FL. MECH., ST. & MAT'S	
ELECTRICITY	ELEC. ENG., ELECTRON'S COMMUNICATIONS	
SOC. SCIENCE	GEOGRAPHY HISTORY GOVERNMENT	
ENGLISH	MILITARY INSTRUCTOR TRAINING	
FOURTH YEAR		
M. A. & E.	MILITARY HISTORY	
	MILITARY ENGINEERING	
ORDNANCE	EXPLOSIVES, WEAPONS AUTOMOTIVE	
SOC. SCIENCE	INTERNATIONAL REL'S ECONOMICS	
LAW	CIVIL, MILITARY	
MIL. HYGIENE	HYGIENE	
TACTICS	MIL. PSYCHOLOGY and LEADERSHIP	

Figure 1

SOURCES of APPOINTMENT to U.S.M.A.

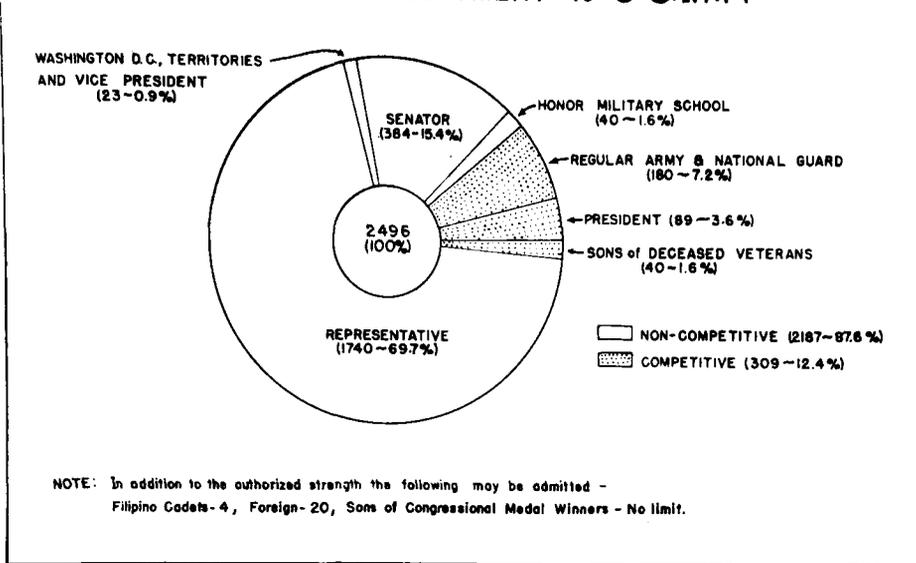


Figure 2

should be capable of occupying positions of grave responsibility in times of national emergency. Accordingly the instructional methods used must satisfy more rigid requirements than those of the ordinary civilian college. It is not enough that the techniques employed stimulate the imaginations of the abler students, or that they be aimed to meet the capacity of the average student, or that they prod the duller and more slow-witted. They must do all these things and at the same time insure that every graduate has acquired, through long practice, both the habit of working independently and the sense of responsibility to carry each task to successful completion. No better pedagogical technique for accomplishing these results has yet been found than that introduced at West Point by Colonel Sylvanus Thayer in 1817. This so-called "West Point method" has been thoroughly tested in the century and a quarter since its inception. It has been under continuous study since that time to insure that in its details it is abreast of current educational practices while retaining the sound and tested virtues of Colonel Thayer's basic principles.

Briefly the system may be described as follows: Instruction is conducted in small classes; cadets are assigned to these classes, or sections, according to their ability; each cadet must prepare a textbook or a reading assignment for every lesson; each cadet is marked on his performance at every lesson.

SIZE OF CLASSES

The optimum size of any class must be a compromise between the extent of student participation possible and the cost of the program. Educators generally agree that greatest benefit derives from instruction when a maximum of student participation can be obtained. The ideal situation is probably "Mark Hopkins on one end of the log and a student on the other end". It is perfectly obvious that it is more expensive to hire six instructors to teach 100 students than to have one professor teach the whole group. In most collegiate institutions the final result boils down to a question of the financial means of the college or university. As a result of many years of experience at West Point we believe that the optimum economical size of a class is about 15 students.

Larger classes than 15 do not, in our experience, permit the proper student participation.

SECTIONING

We believe that the most efficient method of assignment to class sections is in order of class standings in the subject. In this way men of about equal ability will be grouped together. The instructor can adapt his work to the capacity of a homogeneous group, thereby avoiding either boring the student of ability greatly beyond that of the poorest man in the group, or bewildering the weakest students in order to keep the better ones stimulated. In addition each section can be driven at the greatest speed consistent with its capabilities. The lessons assigned the upper sections may be appreciably longer than those given the lower ones. In some cases the upper sections take additional topics which could not be accomplished by the lower group in the time allotted. A further advantage of grouping by ability is that it permits instructors to be assigned where they can be most efficient. Many individuals are temperamentally suited to dealing with superior students in a highly satisfactory manner, keeping them always on the alert and stimulating their imaginations. Often, such individuals have no patience with dull students, and would perform poorly if assigned to a section near the bottom of the class. Conversely, one often finds an instructor admirably suited to encouraging and carrying along the poor student who does not himself have the mental agility or the intellectual curiosity to do a good job with the top men in a class. Within the foregoing limitations, it is standard practice to rotate the instructors in any subject among the various sections every month or six weeks. In this way the student has the benefit of instruction by different personalities and the advantages of observing different methods of approach. He is protected against spending his entire year under an unsympathetic or inferior instructor.

TYPE OF RECITATIONS

The Thayer system of instruction requires cadet preparation for and participation in

each meeting of the class. In most subjects this will mean a recitation every day that the class meets throughout the year (most classes meet every other day), a practice quite comparable as far as the number of class meetings is concerned to that found in the vast majority of collegiate institutions. Under this system each student attends two morning classes and one afternoon class daily except on Saturday, when the afternoon class is omitted. Morning classes are usually one hour and 20 minute recitations or two-hour laboratory exercises, while afternoon classes are one-hour recitations. In general, the morning hours are devoted to mathematical, scientific, and engineering studies in which the longer period gives sufficient time both for classroom instruction and for the solution of problems by the students at the blackboard. One-hour recitation periods are normally assigned to the humanities and are of the discussion-conference type in which about an hour is all that can be profitably utilized. In terms of student load as ordinarily measured in civilian colleges, the cadet carries roughly the equivalent of 18 semester hours per term.

The precise type of recitation must be adapted to the subject matter under discussion. The heart and soul of the system is that every cadet participate regularly i.e. daily, in the classroom work. The general pattern for instruction in the scientific and engineering type course, is, first, a question period which is long enough for all members of the class to clear up difficult points and stumbling blocks which have arisen in their preparation of the lesson. Next comes a period of discussion by the instructor to bring out the real importance of the various topics under discussion and to clear up difficulties that have become generally evident as a result of the question period. During this portion of the recitation in many subjects the instructor will demonstrate the phenomena under discussion by means of actual physical apparatus introduced in the section rooms. (Section rooms used for work in such subjects as physics, chemistry, electricity and mechanics are provided with special facilities for utilizing such demonstration apparatus.) Finally, the remainder of the period, 30 to 40 minutes, is utilized in applicatory work by the cadets, involving the solution of typical problems, the reproduction of mathematical derivations, or the explanation of technical apparatus or principles. At each recitation, 2 or 3 cadets are required to make extended oral presentations of assigned topics. The oral recitation in the form of a continuously presented discussion is a most important feature of the West Point system. It is required in practically all subjects, its function being not so much to bring out the cadet's knowledge of subject matter, as it is to give him constant practice in speaking before a group, thereby enabling him to acquire the poise and confidence necessary in a future leader of men. The recitation in the humanities normally consists of the conference-discussion type of instruction. The discussion is initiated by the instructor either through questions raised by the cadets, or asked by the instructor, and all cadets are required to participate in it. It is followed by some sort of brief test of the student's mastery of the lesson, either in the form of a written quiz, of a formal recitation, a map problem, or the like.

VARIETY OF METHOD

I have described the basic classroom procedures which form the general pattern of instruction in the West Point system. Actually such a system must be administered with variety and with flexibility. While the daily recitation is the ordinary procedure, obvious-

ly there must be injected at appropriate intervals many other varieties of instruction. This is necessary to keep both the cadet and the faculty from getting into a rut, to acquaint the cadet with all the modern techniques of instruction, and to enable the presentation of certain types of subject matter not well adapted to the standardized recitation period. In the technical subjects, two-hour laboratory exercises are interspersed among the daily recitations at appropriate intervals, the number depending upon the subject matter being covered. In every subject there will be lectures for the entire class or large fractions of the class brought together as a group. In many of the scientific subjects this is the only way in which the students can be acquainted with modern technical applications at first hand, the demonstration apparatus involved being so expensive or extensive that it is feasible to have only a single set, which must be shown to large groups in a big lecture room. The lecture to the whole class also enables the cadet from time to time to have the benefit of hearing his department head or outside speakers of wisdom and reputation, thereby getting intellectual stimulus from the personality of teachers of long experience and high accomplishment. Finally, the project type of instruction is used from time to time where it is appropriate. The cadets may be assigned a project requiring outside reading, use of library and periodical literature, extending over a period of 2 or 3 weeks without attendance at the daily recitation in the subject at all, the recitation time being devoted to work on the project. In this way the cadet learns to unearth, read, and digest material for a report upon an assigned project without supervision. This type of instruction is used sparingly, perhaps once or twice a term in some subjects, particularly English and the Social Sciences. It may be varied by introducing the classroom project as in Mechanics, or Military Engineering, in which a design problem may be extended over several successive recitations.

Obviously, a system of grading of this type is open to certain dangers and abuses. There is the danger that the student will confuse the grade with true learning, that in his attempt to get a good grade he will memorize his day's lesson rather than understand it. This abuse must be overcome by constant vigilance on the part of the faculty. Memorizing by rote is emphatically discouraged. A wide variety of known and tried testing methods is used to prevent the cadet from thinking that he can simply memorize his answers. Another danger in the daily grading system is its non-adaptability to certain types of instruction and to certain areas of subject matter. For this reason, it is used with flexibility and judgment. The daily grade is considered the normal procedure, but the department head and even the individual instructor has the freedom to dispense with it when in his judgment instruction will profit thereby. *The important thing is that the student must expect to be held responsible for the daily preparation of his lesson and that he be prepared to perform graded work in the classroom each time he comes.*

is the equivalent of the Dean of the Faculty, handling matters concerned with curriculum and academic personnel. The Commandant of Cadets is essentially the equivalent of the Dean of Students. He has direct responsibility for the internal administration of the Corps of Cadets and for all disciplinary problems. There are 11 departments of instruction on the academic side, the departmental division being made essentially as a matter of administrative convenience. Nine of the departments have two permanent professors. The Heads of the 11 departments, the Dean, the Commandant of Cadets and the Superintendent, together with the Surgeon, constitute the Academic Board, which is the policy making body for all academic matters. Except for the 20 permanent professors and the Dean, the faculty is almost entirely composed of young army officers on temporary tours of duty lasting from three to four years. Each department will have one or two Associate Professors, older and more experienced officers, very often here for a second duty cycle. Assistant Professors and instructors are usually relative young men in their late 20's or early 30's. It is our policy insofar as possible to select for these jobs officers with good academic histories and with some post graduate training in the subject in which they are to instruct. If the officer selected has not had post graduate training it is usually possible for us to arrange for him to be sent for a year of such work prior to his joining the faculty. The majority of our faculty are graduates of West Point, which may leave us vulnerable to the charge of inbreeding. Actually I think it is fair to say that there are very few of our fac-

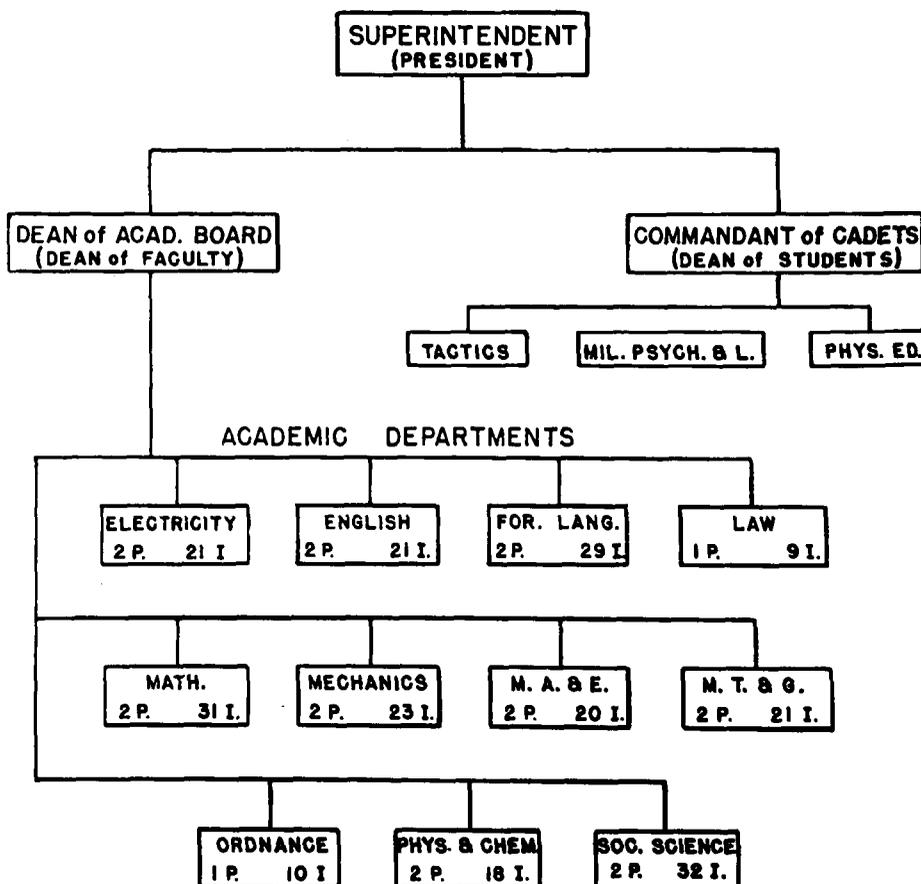
FACULTY

The faculty system at West Point has several unusual features and may be of some interest to you. *Figure 3 shows the academic organization of the Military Academy.* The position of Superintendent corresponds to that of the President of a college or university. The Dean of the Academic Board

GRADING AND EXAMINING

The daily grading at each recitation for each cadet is a keystone of the West Point system of instruction. A most important part of any instruction consists in informing the student of his achievement in order that he may know his mistakes and learn from them. It is standard procedure in the section room at the end of each recitation for the instructor to display correct solutions of all assigned problems to the cadets. Sufficient time is always set aside for the cadet to compare his own work with the instructor's solutions and to learn therefrom. Customarily there are frequent review assignments in which the cadets must take written quizzes for the entire recitation period. As a rough rule of thumb, there is one such review for each 4 or 5 advanced lessons. Normally these reviews are identical throughout the entire class, and the grades obtained on them serve as a check on the uniformity and thoroughness of the instruction in the several individual sections of each class. Finally, at the end of each term in lieu of the 3-hour examination normally given in civilian schools, a group of lessons is devoted to what are known as Written General Reviews. In effect these constitute a final examination taken piecemeal over a period of a week or 10 days, instead of at one continuous sitting. Cadets deficient in any subject upon completion of the Written General Reviews are required to take a 4-hour examination, failure in which carries the liability of dismissal from the academy for deficiency in the subject in question.

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(P indicates Permanent Professor; I indicates non-permanent staff, associate professors, assistant professors, and instructors.)

Figure 3

ully either permanent or temporary who have not had considerable educational experience at schools other than West Point and most of them have done post graduate work elsewhere. While we do not claim that our system is perfect it has another feature which tends to mitigate the possible danger of inbreeding. In general the permanent professors are not selected until they have reached at least their forties and have had wide experience away from the Military Academy. On the other hand the rest of the staff is temporary. None of them stays long enough to get set in his ways. They are generally young enough and fresh enough to approach their work with enthusiasm. They are not brought back to the Military Academy, on the average, until they have had some six to ten years of professional experience. This procedure provides for a constant flow of new blood and fresh ideas into the system, while at the same time furnishing continuity and mature judgment in the overall guidance of each department.

ACHIEVEMENT

It would be improper for me to comment upon our academic achievement here at the Military Academy in this presence. We must leave it to you to evaluate the work we are doing. I am sorry that each one of you cannot have a chance to visit our classrooms and laboratories while the cadets are in action. Based upon my own experience I feel sure that you would be extremely interested in the performance you would observe. I do think you will be interested in one measure of the quality of our present day graduating classes and I think that I can discuss this particular criterion with due modesty, because of the fact that it is a measure of general education rather than engineering education. In 1948, in order to find out whether our curriculum really had the desired balance, we gave every senior the General Education Test of the Graduate Record Examination just before the class graduated.* The general education test consists, as many of you know, of a series of objective tests covering eight broad areas of academic study. It was devised by a group of collegiate educators and purports to give an objective measure of that core of general knowledge which a college student carries away with him at the end of his course. The subjects chosen to measure general education are listed in Figure 4. As I have said, they were selected by a committee of representative liberal arts educators. National norms are available based on the administration of the tests to the entire liberal arts senior classes of approximately 50 collegiate institutions selected with a view to securing a representative sampling of the entire United States. On the chart is represented the percentage of the cadets who stood in each third of the control group, i.e. the black area represents the percentage of cadets who stood in the upper third of the control group, the stippled area represents the percentage of cadets who stood in the middle third and the white area represents the percentage of cadets who stood in the lower third. Obviously the cadets did much better than the average liberal arts students in the general mathematics and physical sciences, just as they should have. It was a surprise to us, however, to find the record of the graduating class here definitely above the national

norms in the fields of English, Social Sciences, and ability to express themselves. Even in Fine Arts and Biology, subjects which are not included in our curriculum, except incidentally through the medium of our lecture series, the cadets hold their own with the average liberal arts senior.

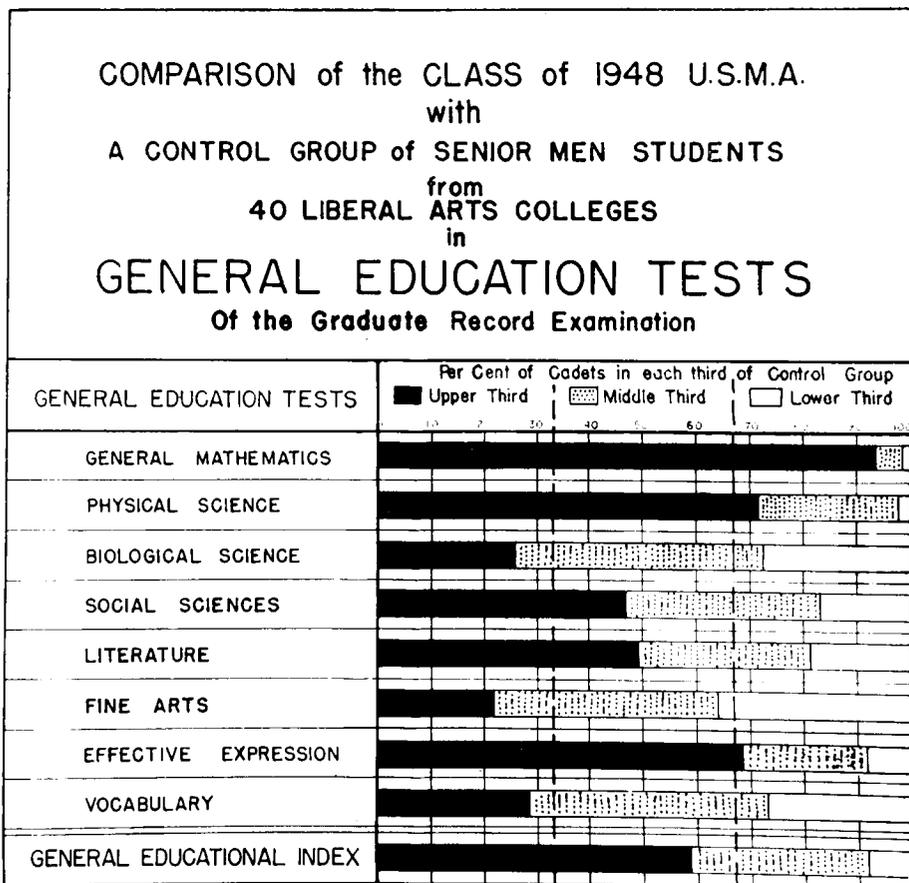
The results of the Graduate Record Examination may be summarized in terms of what is known as a general education index, a sort of average of the results of eight separate fields. In terms of general education as opposed to technical or specialized education our last year's graduating class rates very high as compared with the national norm. There is one particular feature of these results that I wish to emphasize especially and that is the white area opposite each of the subjects and the general education index. We at West Point are much more pre-occupied with the average student than is generally the case in civilian schools. As I have told you, this is necessary because of the peculiar position of responsibility which an Army officer may have to assume at any time. You will note that the white area, the number of our graduates in the bottom third of the control group, is generally very small. We are very glad that this is the case, for we feel it essential that every army officer carry away with him a solid core of academic achievement.

CONCLUSION

Of course in the final analysis all that West Point or any other college does is help its students to educate themselves. This

thought was clearly expressed, albeit in the flowery language of the period, by a contemporary of Sylvanus Thayer. I will conclude with a quotation from the inaugural address of Mark Hopkins at William College in 1836.

"We hear much said about self-educated men, and a broad distinction is made between them and others; but the truth is, that every man who is educated at all, is, and must be, self-educated. There are no more two methods in which the mind can make progress than there are two methods in which plants can grow. One seed may be blown by the winds, and cast upon the southern, or perchance on the northern side of some distant hill, and may there germinate and take root, and do battle alone with the elements, and it may be so favored by the soil and climate that it shall lift itself in surpassing strength and beauty; another may be planted carefully in good soil, and the hand of tillage may be applied to it, yet must this also draw for itself nutriment from the soil, and for itself withstand the rush of the tempest, and lift its head on high only as it strikes its roots deep in the earth. It is for the want of understanding this properly, that extravagant expectations are entertained of instructors, and of institutions; and that those who go to college sometimes expect, and the community expect, that they will be learned of course, as if they could be inoculated with the knowledge, or obtain it by absorption. This broad distinction between self-educated men and others has done harm; for young men will not set themselves efficiently at work until they feel that there is an all important part which they must perform for themselves, and which no one can do for them."



*This test was repeated in 1949 with almost identical scores.

Figure 4



By Joe Cahill

This is to inform you that Earl Blaik has welded another of his typical hard-hitting Army football machines. As demonstrated in dazzling early season victories over Michigan (21-7), Penn State (47-7), Harvard (54-14), and Davidson (47-7), the team has speed and size, and is brilliantly schooled in fundamentals. However, there is a noticeable lack of experience which was overcome by some astute coaching, but which can yet prove costly, particularly in a tough game.

The victory over Michigan, National and Big Ten Champions of '48, winner of 25 straight games, and ranking team in the country in the Associated Press polls of this season, was one that will never be forgotten. The odds were overwhelming. The Wolverines entered the game a 13 to 20 point favorite. On the eve of the game, Coach Earl Blaik and his six man staff were still in the throes of rebuilding the '48 team which captured the Lambert Trophy, symbolic of the Eastern Championship. Eighteen lettermen of that undefeated squad had to be replaced. The replacements came principally from the twenty-six yearlings who were not only getting their initial taste of intercollegiate football, but also were filling key assignments.

Hardest hit was the defensive unit. There the entire forward wall from tackle to tackle had to be replaced. This was no easy task for among those who departed were Joe Henry, All-America guard, Bert Aton, powerful tackle, and Tom Bullock, alert line backer. This trio, it will be recalled, was instrumental in holding nine major opponents to a total of thirteen touchdowns.

Supplanting these at the moment are three very capable, if very green, operatives from the Plebe team which won 5, lost 3, and tied 1. Harold Loehlein, a 200 pound end from Kimball, Minn., has been outstanding at left end. Charles Shira, who weighs in at 215 pounds, is a comer at tackle and Ben Brian from Eunice, La., has been equally adept at guard. Others whom you will be hearing about if not in the latter part of this season, definitely next year, are J. D. Kimmel, a rangy tackle, from Texarkana, Texas, and Hardy Stone, Captain John Trent's understudy on the right wing.

The task which confronted Football Headquarters, therefore, was nothing less than titanic. To prepare, Blaik drove himself and his staff for fully nine months. Charts and graphs were studied, movies run and re-run, personnel was shifted and counter-shifted. Meetings began as early as 7:30 a.m. and lights were noticed burning in the tower as late as 11:00 p.m. That the team was ready, of course, is a foregone conclusion. The point is, the Michigan victory was one of the

truly great coaching achievements of all time. In the words of a New York sports-writer: "The west was draped in black on Sunday morning"

There is little that can be added about the Penn State, Harvard and Davidson debacles. These teams went into the game with fine pre-season possibilities. They were simply overwhelmed by a spirited, sharp and well-manned squad. Penn State, for example, typified the class of the East. After leading Army 7 to 0 at the half, the Nittany Lions faded miserably in the third and fourth periods under the pressure exerted by both the cadet offensive and defensive units.

Harvard, likewise a veteran, sturdy, football aggregation; just couldn't cope with our speed and aggressiveness, and succumbed after pointing its guns at Army since last Spring.

Overall the Cadets have had to do it the hard way. Long runs have been infrequent. In fact, Elmer Stout's 74 yard gallop with an intercepted pass against Harvard is the year's longest. If any of the ball carriers can be singled out at this stage of the season, they are Arnold Galiffa and Gil Stephenson. Galiffa had done a superb job running, passing, and quarterbacking the team. Although limiting his passing game to a minimum, Galiffa still has a .500 passing average, having completed 20 of 40 aeriels, including three t.d. tosses.

Stephenson, despite a pre-season operation for the removal of a calcium deposit in his left shin and a succeeding thigh injury, leads the scorers with seven touchdowns. Four of these were registered against Harvard. Last year, Gil led the team in rushing and was runner-up to Bobby Jack Stuart in points scored.

Jimmy Cain has been impressive at left halfback, piling up 192 yards, or a 6.4 average. At the same position, Vic Pollock, a newcomer appears to have as much class as any of the backs. Against Michigan, he turned in the longest run of the day, a 23 yard romp through a broken field. His 7.6 average yards per carry is the best mark of the season thus far. It is interesting to note that Pollock at 24 is one of the oldest men on the squad although he is but a yearling. There is a reason, though. He enlisted in the Air Force after completing his sophomore year in high school. After serving four years with the 8th Air Force in the E.T.O., winning the Air Medal and three clusters, he returned to Scott High in Coatesville, Pa., and finished his secondary education. He prepped for West Point at Kiski. Suggest you mark his name down for future football reference.

Up front the attacking line shapes up fairly strong. Bennie Davis and Bruce Elmlad, a pair of old hands man the tackles. Jim Irons and Bobby Lunn maintain their guard posts, and Ray Maladowitz is more than an adequate replacement for Bill Yeoman, former captain, at center. Dan Foldberg and Bill Kellum, a pair of vets back from last year lend plenty of talent to Army's passing and blocking game on the flanks.

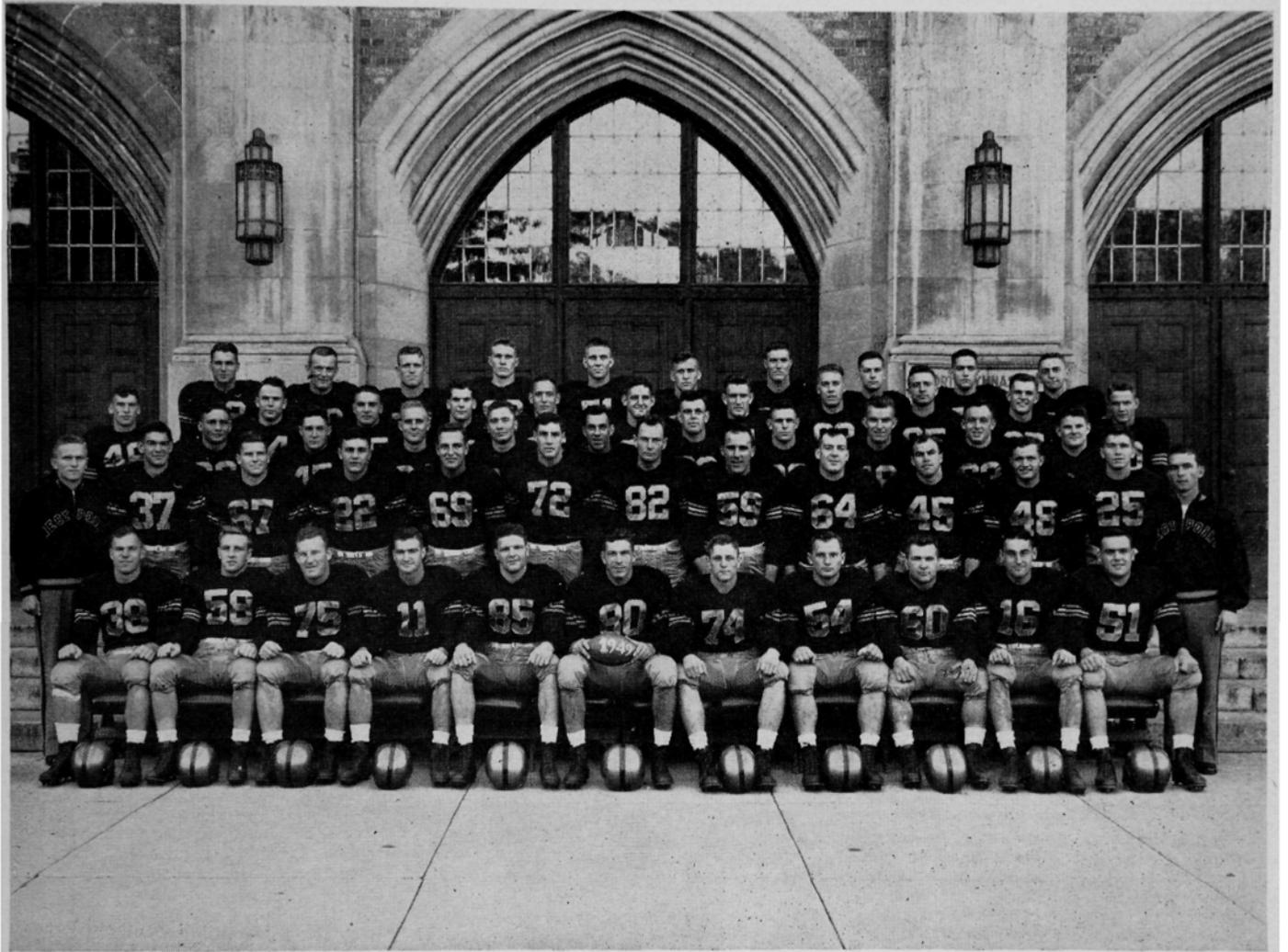
Generally speaking, the Army squad is unlike many of the great teams of the past in that it is composed mainly of high school graduates. Gone are the days of the experienced, college-trained athletes. Thus the coaching task becomes increasingly difficult.

It is highly possible, but very improbable that such an inexperienced group can go through undefeated. But the Blaik influence has exerted itself before on the Plain and this team may be destined for immortality. Should Army be tripped in its next five games the defeat would be far from disgraceful. Army is still in the process of rebuilding. The job may not be completed this fall, but don't forget this squad for the future.

Other athletic interests on the Plain are being directed at the Cross-Country and Soccer squads. The cross-country harriers broke away to an impressive start by defeating Villanova, N.Y.U., and Cornell and giving the general impression that the squad is heavily laden with good runners. In fact, Coach Leo Novak who is responsible for starting the sport here in 1928, has made a habit of turning out winning combinations. In 1947, after winning the Nonagonal championship for the third time, Army retired the coveted J. T. Auerbach Trophy. The Cadets were awarded the title again last fall and appear an early season choice to repeat again. Dick Shea, a yearling who was unable to compete in '48 because of a broken leg, turned in the best time ever recorded on the Army course in his initial college effort against Villanova. He finished a full minute ahead of team captain Dick Lewandowski, one of last year's finest.

The soccer team continues to have its troubles. After the most disastrous season in Army history last fall when the Cadets lost 9 and tied 2, Coach Joe Palone injected new blood throughout the starting lineup this fall, but apparently to no avail. In three games, the best the team has been able to do is tie Yale 1-1. Harvard dropped them 3 to 1 and Cortland 1 to 0. However, in all fairness to the Booters and the Coach the team is much improved and probably will develop into a good representative unit.

1949 ARMY FOOTBALL SQUAD



First row (left to right)—Kuckhahn, Henrikson, McDaniel, Gabriel, Kellum, Trent, Davis, Maladowitz, Lunn, Galiffa, Mackmull.
 Second Row—Borman (Manager), Stephenson, Galloway, Abelman, Irons, Henn, Kuyk, McCrane, Kaseman, Cain, Shultz, Fischl, Fuller (Equipment Manager).
 Third Row—Johnson, Thieme, Guess, Martin, Reed, Pollock, Brian, Stout, Watsey, Bara, Detar.
 Fourth Row—Beck, Williams, Gribble, Conway, Depew, Foldberg, Stone, Cox, Roberts, Brown.
 Fifth Row—Bretzke, Elmblad, Shira, Tixier, Kimmel, Loehlein, Ackerson, Blaik, Zeigler, Haas.



WEST POINT SOCIETIES

For the information of all of our membership we publish below a list of these local West Point organizations and their principal officers at present of record in the office of the Association of Graduates at West Point. Further information concerning these societies may be obtained, if desired, by inquiry to the Secretary of each. It is hoped that more of these societies will be organized and that all of them will continue to increase their local efforts in the interests of the Academy and its alumni.

THE WEST POINT SOCIETY OF NEW YORK

New York, N. Y.

President: Russell Maxwell, '12
American Machine and Foundry Co.,
511 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

First Vice President: Robert C. Richardson, Jr., '04
The Pacific War Memorial,
44 W. 55th Street,
New York 19, N. Y.

Second Vice President: William H. Kyle, '22
Bankers Trust Company,
16 Wall Street,
New York, N. Y.

Secretary: George DeGraaf, '20
The Sperry Corporation,
30 Rockefeller Plaza,
New York, N. Y.

Treasurer: Ivan Sattlem, '40
96 Foster Avenue,
Malverne, N. Y.

THE WEST POINT SOCIETY OF PHILADELPHIA

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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

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

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

ST. LOUIS ASSOCIATION OF WEST POINTERS

St. Louis, Missouri

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

Vice President: Lewis T. Ross, June, '18
Sverdup & Parcel,
1118 Syndicate Trust Bldg.,
St. Louis, Missouri.

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

WEST POINT SOCIETY OF LOS ANGELES

Los Angeles, California

President: John K. Brown, '08
3835 West 8th Street,
Los Angeles, California.

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1134 Oxford Road,
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555 So. Flower Street
Los Angeles 13, California.

WEST POINT SOCIETY OF SAN FRANCISCO

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President: Harold F. Nichols, '11
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Presidio of San Francisco, California.

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

Act. Secretary-Treasurer: Harold F. Nichols, '11
276 32nd Avenue,
San Francisco 21, California.

WEST POINT SOCIETY OF SEATTLE

Seattle, Washington

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

Secretary-Treasurer: Lee E. Gray, November, '18
427 Skinner Building,
Seattle 1, Washington.

WEST POINT SOCIETY OF BIRMINGHAM

Birmingham, Alabama

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

DENVER CHAPTER OF THE ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATES

Denver, Colorado

President: E. Sanford Gregory, '20
1060 Race Street,
Denver, Colorado.

Secretary: Roy F. Vincent, '29
2054 Hudson Street,
Denver, Colorado.

MONTEREY PENINSULA WEST POINT SOCIETY

Fort Ord, California

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Box 353,
Carmel-by-the-Sea, California.

Vice President: William H. Hobson, '12
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P. O. Box 74,
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WEST POINT SOCIETY OF MICHIGAN

Detroit, Michigan

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2751 E. Jefferson Avenue,
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23235 Sherman Avenue,
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THE WEST POINT SOCIETY OF CENTRAL CALIFORNIA

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1620 G Street,
Bakersfield, California.

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

THE WEST POINT SOCIETY OF CHICAGO

Chicago, Illinois

President: George T. Langhorne, '89
1120 Lake Shore Drive,
Chicago, Illinois.

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166 W. Jackson Boulevard,
Chicago, Illinois.

Secretary-Treasurer: William H. Barlow, November, '18
Albert Pick Company, Inc.,
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Columbus, Ohio

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1810 Coventry Road,
Columbus, Ohio.

Secretary-Treasurer: Charles W. Walson, '38
Hq. 2406th Area Service Unit,
Second Army, R.O.T.C.,
Ohio State University,
Columbus 10, Ohio.

We Salute

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

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL

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| Adna R. Chattee, Jr., '06
(Oak Leaf Cluster) | Courtney H. Hodges, EX-'08 | Lucius D. Clay, June, '18
(Second Oak Leaf Cluster) |
| | Robert L. Eichelberger, '09
(Third Oak Leaf Cluster) | |

SILVER STAR

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| David A. Newcomer, '19
(Posthumously) | Julius E. Slack, '19 | Thomas N. Griffin, '29
(Oak Leaf Cluster) |
| | Thaddens E. Smyth, '25
(Posthumously) | |

LEGION OF MERIT

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| Orlando C. Troxel, Jr., '01
(Oak Leaf Cluster) | William H. Bartlett, '20
(Second Oak Leaf Cluster) | Pearl H. Robey, '29
(Oak Leaf Cluster) |
| James A. Lester, '15 | Morris H. Marcus, '21 | John W. Hansborough, '31 |
| David A. D. Ogden, Nov., '18 | Stephen S. Koszewski, '24 | Norman J. McGowan, '39 |
| Julius E. Slack, '19 | | |

DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS

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| James M. Gillespie, June, '18 | Elliott Vandevanter, Jr., '39 |
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BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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| Julius E. Slack, '19
(Oak Leaf Cluster) | William R. Thomas, '32 | William H. Morgan, '42 |
| Lewis S. Sorley, Jr., '19 | Thompson B. Maury, III, '34 | James S. Timothy, '42
(Oak Leaf Cluster) |
| Wray B. Avera, '20
(Oak Leaf Cluster) | Arthur H. Wilson, Jr., '37
(Second Oak Leaf Cluster) | Robert S. Mills, '44 |
| | Theodore J. McAdam, '42 | |

AIR MEDAL

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| Julius E. Slack, '19
(Oak Leaf Cluster) | Pelham D. Glassford, Jr., '35
(With Two Oak Leaf Clusters) |
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MISCELLANEOUS CITATIONS

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| Geoffrey P. Baldwin, '16..... | Cross of Knight Commander, Military Class, of the Order of St. Gregory the Great |
| Clare H. Armstrong, April '17..... | Luxembourg Croix de Guerre |
| George M. Badger, November '18..... | Honorary Commander of the Military Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire |
| Julius E. Slack, '19..... | French Croix-de-Guerre with Palm |
| Julius E. Slack, '19..... | Luxembourg Croix-de-Guerre |
| Julius E. Slack, '19..... | French Croix-de-Guerre with Gold Star |
| Julius E. Slack, '19..... | French Legion of Honor (Chevalier) |
| Julius E. Slack, '19..... | Russian Order of the War of the Fatherland Class II |
| Clovis E. Byers, '20..... | Officer's Cross of the Legion of Honor of France |
| Lawrence K. Ladue, '24..... | Medal of War of the United States of Brazil |
| Charles G. Rau, '29..... | Order of Orange-Nassau, with Swords, in the degree of Commander, by the Netherlands |
| Eugene J. Stann, '37..... | Belgian Croix-de-Guerre 1940 with Palm |
| Eugene A. Trahan, '39..... | Belgian Croix-de-Guerre 1940 with Palm |
| George P. Winton, Jr., '39..... | Italian Cross of War Merit |
| Victor W. Hobson, Jr., '40..... | Italian Cross of War Merit |
| Wendell P. Knowles, '41..... | Order of Military Merit Medal, by the Brazilian Government |
| Samuel H. Hays, '42..... | Belgian Croix-de-Guerre 1940 with Palm |

BULLETIN BOARD

OUR OLDEST LIVING GRADUATE

Again we are glad to report that our Oldest Living Graduate is Brigadier General Wilber E. Wilder, Class of 1877, who lives at The Elms, Ridgefield, Connecticut.

DID YOU KNOW THAT?

1. Nearly five percent of all graduates of U.S.M.A. since its foundation in 1802 were killed in combat?
2. More than eight percent, not included in the above figure, were wounded in combat?
3. And if we eliminate the graduating classes that have had no opportunity for combat, beginning with the Class of 1945, the above figures rise to 5.3% and 9.6%?
4. Fourteen and three-tenths percent of all graduates who have died were killed in combat?

West Pointers are reasonably familiar with one aspect of graduate performance, namely the attainment of senior rank among wartime commanders, and their record of leadership in the exercise of high command. Less often have they learned that other significant item, the score of human sacrifice. It falls most heavily on the young, the men on the firing line. And when that score adds up to a total which clearly outmatches that of any other group in the composite of our wartime armies, it tells its story of outstanding leadership no less clearly than do the stars worn by the senior commanders.

OLD UNIFORMS WANTED

The West Point Museum would like to assemble a collection of cadet uniforms, particularly of the 19th century. Any items of uniform and equipment of the period 1794-1860 will be most welcome. For the Civil War—Spanish-American War period, every item is needed except the full dress coat, the present-type blouse, and the forage cap; we particularly want an authentic gray riding jacket (the pea jacket that preceded the present blouse), an old slant-top full dress hat, and white helmets and white uniforms of all the various types. For the first quarter of the 20th century we need caps, both gray and white.

Unfortunately, the Museum has no funds to purchase such relics. Prospective donors are invited to communicate with the Director, West Point Museum, West Point, N. Y.

PLAQUES DEDICATED

Dedication of the two bronze plaques which contain the names by classes of graduates who were Battle Deaths in World War II and which were erected by their classmates, was held in Cullum Memorial Hall at 1600 hours on 6 October. The program for this occasion was as follows:

Invocation	Rabbi Kramer
Alma Mater	Cadet Chapel Choir
Introduction	Major General B. E. Moore
Address	General H. S. Vandenberg
Dedication	Chaplain Pulley
The Corps	Cadet Chapel Choir
The Star Spangled Banner	U.S.M.A. Orchestra
Benediction	Father Moore

Invitations were sent by the Superintendent of the Military Academy to the nearest relative of each of the graduates named on the plaques, to all representatives of the classes indicated on the plaques, to the officers of the Association of Graduates and to the members of the Board of Trustees of the Association of Graduates. There were approximately 550 present at the Dedication Exercises which included approximately 340 relatives, many-class representatives and officers and trustees of the Association of Graduates.

NEW PROFESSOR, U.S.M.A.

Lieutenant Colonel Walter J. Renfroe, Jr. has been appointed to the second professorship in the Department of Foreign Languages, to fill the position left vacant by Colonel Charles J. Barrett's assumption of the head professorship.

Lieutenant Colonel Renfroe, a native of Florida, was graduated from the Military Academy in 1934. Commissioned in the Infantry, he served at the Presidio of San Francisco and at Fort Benning before spending a year in Europe on a French language detail. He returned to the Military Academy in 1939 for duty as instructor in French, and in 1941 he became an instructor in the then newly introduced German course.

During World War II Colonel Renfroe served in the United States with the 42d Infantry Division and in the European Theater with the 35th Infantry Division. Returning to Washington in 1945, he was Assistant Executive Secretary, Joint Chiefs of Staff, for one year, and then returned to West Point for a two-year tour as Assistant Professor of German. At the time of his appointment as Professor he was a student at the Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Virginia, from which he was graduated in January, 1949.

ATTENTION Graduates in Chicago Area

As Secretary-Treasurer of the Chicago Society of West Pointers, I solicit names and addresses of graduates who have located in Chicago, or vicinity, recently. We would like to have all on our mailing list so we can inform everyone of Winter activities.

W. H. Barlow,
2159 W. Pershing Road,
Chicago 9, Illinois.
Phone: Ver. 7-2800.

DISTINGUISHED CADETS

The following is a list of distinguished cadets designated by General Orders No. 24, Headquarters, U.S.M.A., West Point, N. Y., dated 2 September 1949.

CLASS OF 1950—William Bradford DeGraf, Charles Ozro Eshelman, Frank Borman, James Mason Thompson, Monty Dale Coffin, Richard Brownson Keller, John Richmond Brinkerhoff, Robert Maris Wilson, Stanley Eric Reinhart, Jr., William Frederick Brandes, LeRoy Walter Henderson, James Laffin Kelly, David Herdman Cameron, William Edgar Read, Frank Norwood Watson, Albert Leo Romaneski, Harvey William Prosser, Jr., Paul John Mueller, Jr., Thomas Upton Greer, Burke Whitehurst Lee, Jr.

CLASS OF 1951—Gordon Elmer Danforth, William Lyman Lemnitzer, Richard Lee Harris, Andrew Cunningham Remson, Jr., Edwin Eugene Aldrin, Jr., Thomas Bernard Horgan, William Edward Vandenberg, Joseph Gordon Clemons, Jr., Glenn Edward McChristian, Verle LaFayette Johnston, John Eugene Schweizer, Alfred Dobson Norton.

CLASS OF 1952—Harry Leslie Van Trees, Jr., William Laurie Shields, Jr., George Richard Beiser, Harvey Louie Arnold, Jr., Clyde Andrew Selleck, Jr., Thomas Robert Hill.

FOOTBALL GAMES

All Army games played at West Point will be broadcast and televised.

Army-Penn game and Army-Navy game will likewise be broadcast and televised.

Army vs Columbia—22 October

WMGM—New York
Mutual Broadcasting System
American Broadcasting Co.
WINS—New York
WNBT—(NBC Television) on American Tobacco Company Stations

Army vs VMI—29 October

WMGM—New York
WIBX—Utica, N. Y.
WNBT—(NBC Television)

Army vs Fordham—5 November

WMGM—New York
WIBX—Utica, N. Y.
WUFV—Fordham University
WNBT—(NBC Television)

Army vs Pennsylvania—12 November
Atlantic Refining Company (24 stations of Mutual network)

WPTZ—Television in Philadelphia
Eastern NBC Television network

Army vs Navy—26 November
Mutual Broadcasting System

THE CADET MATHEMATICS FORUM

A spontaneous desire for advanced mathematical discussion was brought to the attention of the Department of Mathematics by a group of cadets in January 1949. This desire was encouraged by the Department with the result that the Cadet Mathematics Forum was established.

The Constitution of the Cadet Mathematics Forum provides that not more than twenty-five cadets of the two upper classes shall be organized with the purpose: "To provide for its members a convenient opportunity to pursue their mutual and individual interests in mathematics and allied fields". Membership is voluntary. Members must be in good academic standing. Meetings are held one evening each week during most of the Academic Year, and are conducted by the cadets themselves. Guidance and assistance is

furnished by the Department of Mathematics.

The Cadet President is Cadet R. F. Flinn whose principal job is to conduct the meetings and to supervise the program committee in the formulation of a yearly program. Cadet Flinn is a combat infantryman who served in the Pacific Theatre. The Secretary is Cadet A. C. Fuller whose job is the paper work concerned with the forum. The officer-in-charge is Lieutenant Colonel James H. Hayes, holder of an M.S. in Mathematics from Cornell University and a combat infantry badge from the E.T.O.

Ten meetings were held during the period from date of organization to April 1949. The following subjects and allied fields were discussed by the cadets:

Number Theory from an advanced viewpoint.

Linkages.

Relativity -- its philosophy -- some mathematical aspects.

Electronic computers.

Vector Analysis.

For the current year, the program is as follows:

- a. The general theme will be Theory of Functions of a Complex Variable with emphasis on
 1. Rigor as in modern mathematics.
 2. General concepts.
 3. Concrete engineering applications (vector analysis).
- b. Interspersed with the above will be talks on:
 1. Linkages.
 2. Mathematical Machines (ENIAC, etc.).
 3. Sub-sonic wind-tunnels and their mathematics.
 4. Super-sonic wind-tunnels and their mathematics.
 5. Military uses of statistics.

Last Roll Call

Reports of deaths of graduates and former cadets received since the publication of the April 1949 Assembly

Name	Class	Date of Death	Place of Death
Edward M. Lewis.....	1886	July 27, 1949.....	Oakland, California
Charles Keller.....	1890	September 16, 1949.....	Coronado, Calif.
Robert J. Fleming.....	1891	July 26, 1949.....	Washington, D. C.
Robert W. Mearns.....	1892	May 23, 1949.....	San Francisco, California
Louis B. Lawton.....	1893	July 9, 1949.....	Skaneateles, New York
John W. Craig.....	1894	June 7, 1949.....	Reno, Nevada
Briant H. Wells.....	1894	June 10, 1949.....	Long Beach, California
Edward J. Newbaker.....	Ex-1895	June 10, 1949.....	Windber, Pennsylvania
Charles F. Martin.....	1900	May 16, 1949.....	Washington, D. C.
Harry B. Jordan.....	1901	September 13, 1949.....	Norfolk, Va.
Robert E. Boyers.....	1903	August 4, 1949.....	Halloran Gen. Hosp., S. I., N. Y.
Max B. Garber.....	1903	May 22, 1949.....	Washington, D. C.
George H. Paine.....	1906	May 11, 1949.....	Alexandria, Louisiana
Fred T. Cruse.....	1907	August 5, 1949.....	Balboa, C. Z.
Nathaniel L. Howard.....	1907	May 6, 1949.....	Pasadena, California
Barton K. Yount.....	1907	July 11, 1949.....	Oak Creek Canyon, Arizona
Emile V. Cutrer.....	1908	August 30, 1949.....	San Antonio, Texas
Wentworth H. Moss.....	1909	July 6, 1949.....	Payette, Idaho
Ralph C. Holliday.....	1912	August 25, 1949.....	Fort Monroe, Va.
Floyd R. Waltz.....	1914	July 2, 1949.....	University City, Missouri
Vernon E. Prichard.....	1915	July 10, 1949.....	Washington, D. C.
William H. Cureton.....	1916	February 27, 1949.....	Lake Lure, North Carolina
Nicholas W. Lisle.....	April, 1917	May 19, 1949.....	Paradise, California
Russell E. Bates.....	1923	May 29, 1949.....	Ridgefield Park, New Jersey
Joseph L. Hardin.....	1923	April 25, 1949.....	Somerset, Kentucky
John C-S. Hooker.....	Ex-1923	May 22, 1949.....	Fort Bragg, North Carolina
John L. Kennedy.....	Ex-1923	March 17, 1949.....	Wheeling, West Virginia
Walter W. Hodge.....	1925	April 21, 1949.....	Near Portland, Ore.
Joseph A. Michela.....	1928	June 12, 1949.....	Jiloviste, Czechoslovakia
Franklin P. Miller.....	1929	August 17, 1949.....	Casablanca, Morocco
Paul A. Chalmers.....	1930	August 25, 1949.....	San Francisco, Calif.
Gerald E. Williams.....	1931	February 17, 1949.....	Near Salta, Argentina
William G. Barnwell, Jr.....	1934	June 10, 1949.....	Alexandria, Virginia
James A. Brice.....	June, 1943	July 21, 1949.....	Near Engle, N. M.
Richard H. Houser.....	June, 1943	July 1, 1949.....	Washington, D. C.
Robert C. Zott.....	1944	June 25, 1949.....	Roosevelt Field, New York
Robert H. Bacon.....	1945	May 22, 1949.....	Belmont, Ohio
Lester A. Sprinkle, Jr.....	1945	August 7, 1949.....	Washington, D. C.
James P. Hurley.....	1946	June 13, 1949.....	Honshu, Japan
Edwin S. Van Deusen, Jr.....	1946	September 8, 1949.....	Camp McNair, Yoshida, Japan
Paul S. Ward.....	1946	June 17, 1949.....	Hot Springs, Arkansas
Jesse J. Gilliam, Jr.....	1947	May 11, 1949.....	Washington, D. C.



New Members

We welcome to our membership the following graduates and former cadets who have joined the Association since the publication of the July, 1949, issue of *Assembly*.

James H. Burns, '08
Earl W. Dunmore, Ex-'12
Robin G. Speiser, '33

Gordon Lefebvre, Ex-'12
Charles P. Gross, '14

Wynot R. Irish, June, '18
Arthur A. Holmes, '33
James T. McNamara, Ex-'42

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1888

Classmates and friends of Billy Sample will be distressed to learn of the passing of his wife who died in a private hospital in Atlanta on June 15. In addition to her husband, Mrs. Sample is survived by a daughter, Mrs. John P. Stewart of Atlanta, a son, Edward T. Winston of Miami, Florida, and a grandson, John P. Stewart, Jr. of Atlanta.

Members of the Class of 1888 and 1889 will be interested to know that Mrs. Sample was the widow of Colonel Edward P. Winston, who died in 1923. Her maiden name was Caroline Davis.

Graveside rites were held at Arlington Cemetery in Washington on June 20, an Army Chaplain officiating. Peter Harris represented the Class of 1888 at the funeral.

Billy Sample has the deepest sympathy of all who know him.

—P. C. Harris.

1894

After the July *Assembly* notes were submitted, it was learned that Johnny Craig, who was reported seriously ill at the time of our Reunion Dinner, passed away on June 7th at Reno, where he had made his home for several years. Interment was at Sacramento, California. As the news of his death was not received until after the funeral, the customary floral tribute from the class was not sent.

Rosey Rosenbaum recently invited a group of his friends to visit his Virginia farm, and see what a successful farmer he has become.

W. B. L.

1895

Smith, F. W., July 1, reports grandfathering a grandson at Eirie Beach, Ontario his son's first-born of a few weeks ago.

Bash, July 1, still devoted to old friends and sympathizing with those in trouble. Herron, July 19, "Very well", but nothing to do and not time to do it. Schulz, June 22, reports having seen Charles and his wife in Seattle. Darrah, June 28, and Mrs. Darrah, returning from a recent visit in the country, are planning a month's trip to Cape Cod.

Two recent deaths—Mrs. Miles' and Newbaker's—are noted at this time with deep regret, in assuring Miles and the Newbaker family of our most sincere sympathy.

—F. B. W.

1903

The many articles and sketches submitted by members of the Class for possible inclusion in a Class year book, having been found so excellent yet so numerous as to make publication of them impossible within our means, have been lodged to date with Cocheu and by action of the Class, now are being deposited by him for use of the Association of Graduates and ourselves with that Association.

The death of "King" Boyers came as a shock to many who were unaware of his long illness which culminated in his death this summer. He was as courageous facing the end as he was in facing life's problems and in our Cadet days in facing the enemy on the football field where he captained the Army team and was All-American center. Those of us who visited him in his last days at Halloran Hospital could not have wished that his life be prolonged. He fought a good fight against odds too overwhelming.

Max Tyler has been meandering around the East lately. He called on Pope among others in New York but unfortunately Pope was away and cannot report upon him.

Rube Taylor and Mrs. Taylor have been in Washington from St. Louis visiting their son, Tom, and his family.

The Schley's plan to move into their new home, which they have built in Washington,

about October 1st. Their address will be 2815 Dumbarton Avenue, N.W., Washington 7, D. C. Julian, in addition to being our Treasurer, has done a man sized job in keeping the class an active organization working for all of us.

Albert Gilmor and his wife have just completed extensive alterations in their family homestead in South Hampton, Long Island, where they spent the summer.

Mrs. Boyers, who is John Upham's sister. Edith, is now with John and Mrs. Upham at their home in Los Angeles.

1904

The class is indebted to Brant for the realistic account of our forty-fifth reunion that appeared in the July issue of *Assembly*.

At last, contact with R. B. Parker has been regained. He is Manager of Transportation with W. J. Byrnes & Company, Customs and Freight Brokers, at 409 Washington St., San Francisco 26, California. Parker is in good health and wishes to be remembered to the class. His home address is 1875 Capistrano Avenue, Berkeley 7, California.

On June 30th, Brunzell retired from the staff at Ohio State University after serving for eleven years in various posts at that institution.

"Polly" Spalding, (Spalding, M. E.'s widow) died on July 9th in Washington, D. C.

At West Point on July 19th, the Popolopen Creek Dam and its reservoir (new construction completed in 1949) were redesignated "Stilwell Dam" and "Stilwell Lake" respectively, in honor of our classmate Joe Stilwell and a bronze memorial plaque presented by the Engineers of the China-Burma-India Theater was unveiled by Mrs. Stilwell.

Phillipson was one of the principal speakers at the re-dedication of the Second World War I Memorial in Westside Park, Paterson, N. J., on June 11th. Again on August 5th,

Phillipson who is Personnel Director of Botany Mills, Passaic, N. J., assisted in the conduct of a forum on "The Botany Plan for Industrial Harmony" at the headquarters of the St. Thomas More Guild in Bayonne, N. J.

Wright was promoted to Brigadier General, New York National Guard, on 31 August 1949, and was put on the retired list the following day. He is now on terminal leave, and is looking around before deciding where to live.

The monthly luncheons of classmates in Washington, D. C., and vicinity began again at 12:30 P.M. October 6th. Classmates visiting Washington are reminded to include the first Thursday of a month in their stay there and to report at the Army and Navy Club at the time indicated.

—Bryden.

1905

On July second, in the chapel of the Little Church Around the Corner, New York City, Mrs. Olive Logan Emerson Payne of Greenwich, Connecticut was married to our Francois Wilby, who is now chairman of the New York State Power Authority. Present at the wedding were the bride's son, Halbert Emerson Payne of Cincinnati and Lt. Col. Langfitt Bowditch Wilby, '35 U.S.M.A. Francois reports that he and his bride had a marvelous trip through Europe seeing many old friends in the Occupied Areas. They are now at home in Geneva, New York and will be at West Point for our 45th Anniversary reunion next June.

In the summer of 1948 Clifford Early and his wife Harriet had a delightful trip to the Pacific coast where Clifford spent much of his early commissioned service in making military maps. At that time he would see two or three automobiles a week. He says it is different now with four and six lane express highways with automobiles bumper to bumper. While on this trip he saw Owen Albright and Mrs. B. H. L. Williams in Palo Alto. He also saw Artie and Nan Lane in Seattle but they have now moved to Washington, D. C. Clifford has a lovely home surrounded by flowers and he is deeply involved in many civic activities.

Until about a year ago Joe Barzynski represented the American Relief for Poland, a private agency operating for the benefit of Polish displaced persons located in Germany, Austria, Italy, France and England. He returned to the United States due to the serious illness of his wife who passed away in April of this year. The Prince has our deepest sympathy in his loss. His daughter Eunice joined the W.A.C. during the war and was promoted to the rank of Captain and served in France, Germany and later at the American Embassy in Moscow. Last March she was married to William H. Draper, Jr., formerly an Assistant Secretary of War.

Work on the forthcoming Class Letter has been delayed. Hope to have it in your hands within a few weeks. To date I have been unable to reach Seagrave and Upham by mail. I would appreciate hearing from them.

—N. F. R.

1906

George Morrow and Christine, pushed a bit by a driving hurricane, pulled in to High Hampton, just over the hill from here, and we got together in time to recall the 28th of August, when our class, some forty-five years ago, climbed that long hot hill up past the riding hall and had our pictures taken in the battered furlough clothes. George has a new fishing hole and a new line of fish stories, which we have not yet exhausted. His grandson, George IV, of the dynasty got

on the television program this summer at the age of four or five, the real big event of the year.

Earl McFarland and Edith have concluded their service in the Valley of Virginia at Staunton Military Academy and will set up their home in Spring Valley out Massachusetts Avenue in Washington, D. C. The new house is being scrubbed and shrubbed for their early arrival. House warming, some time in October. Recently, Earl, Jr., a Lieut. Col. at Almagordo, N. M. received a visit from Skinny Wainwright, while he was in that area and had a grand talk. Wonderful how the spirit of 1906 extends to our Knights of 1906.

Skinny is still touring and talking hither and yon across the nation against the foolishness of dissipating our military strength abroad when we are so likely to need it for our own defense. He sent in a contribution for the 1951 reunion which Jim Riley and I applied to getting the *Assembly* in his hands oftener. Some dozen of this class do not subscribe to this important sheet but postals have gone again to all.

Jim Riley is back from the Maine woods where he and Gene and our honorary classmate Brice Frey and Grace, his wife, have had a good vacation. Jim is now busy buying and presenting the Presidents cup to the champion golfer of the Southern Society of New York at the end of the annual tournament. On December 10, he and Gene will step out in front with the music to open the Southern Society ball in New York. One grand picture.

Did you see the account of the wedding of Evelyn Southgate Thompson on August 6 to Ellery Peabody Snyder, a Yale man? That is Tompo's daughter. Her sister Juliet was her maid of honor. Mrs. Thompson (former) is now Mrs. Robert Berryhill Adams of Plandome, L. I. Mick Daley found the account and checked up the matter. We might have missed it.

Dick Burleson and his wife have gone to France for a long visit.

Don Robinson is still up at the northwest corner of the U.S.A., Port Townsend, Washington. He sent along a couple of Jim Riley's orchids, adding to the bouquet himself, all about these poor class notes, but they are being worn with pride and satisfaction. Don reports five grandchildren, assurance that the family Robinson will have something to do with the future of this country.

Jack Henderson jubilantly tells me that a continuous stream of grandchildren have been flowing through his house Malgre Tout, Seabright, N. J. all summer long, and that there were a lot of fine friends at the Beach Club at the KT hour too this past season.

Whiffy Abraham is having himself a grand retirement at St. Petersburg, Fla. He brags a bit about his grandchildren one of which already looks like a future center for the Army. Maude is southern and likes the climate too. Good place to stop on your way up or down from Miami.

Sally Converse has just now sold the old family home in Walla-Walla, Washington and has moved the Lares and Penates over to an apartment. George, Jr., is pressing her to spend the winter in Washington, where he is on duty at the Pentagon. Bo is calling her to Hamilton Field, Calif. and she is staying home with the "Who Dun Its" and the Canasta table.

Stiffy Thorpe, a successful math professor at Sacramento, Calif. is still boosting the West Coast.

Bob White is now in the midst of a big strike on the Missouri Pacific, which has been threatened for a long time. We are sure he will come up with the right answer soon.

Tiger Huntley has bought himself a new home at 235 West Norman Avenue, Arcadia, Calif. and has been trying to check up on Bull Finch. But Bull has been out talking up the UN and the capitalist system and can-

not be caught up with. Tige has lots of room and little grass to cut, is close to a good golf course and Santa Anita track, and has a live West Point Society in Los Angeles. It's a good life out there if one has a little hair, health and hilarity.

John Merrill, Jr., graduated from Officers Training School last July and is right in the footsteps of his daddy, a Lieut. at Fort Benning.

Mick Daley couldn't accept Jim Riley's invitation to the graduation sermon last June because Jim couldn't get him a ticket. Mick said anyway it shows the difference between your church and mine. I get a ticket if I don't get in.

Alex Gillespie went over to see Watts Rose recently and found Watts still in bed but full of the same old good stories and humorous memories. Send him a card

L. P. Horsfall is returning to Coral Gables soon from the best point on the Connecticut shore, Groton Long Point. That's what he says. Red Hoyle has been invited to check on this and we will report shortly. L. P. will be back in Coral Gables soon.

Did you see that the G.A.R. held its 84th anniversary meeting in August this year? Our next one is only the 45th. We should have a big turnout of us young ones.

—Charles G. Mettler.

1907

It is with deep sorrow that we record the death of Bart Yount near Phoenix, Arizona on July 11 and of Freddie Cruse in the Canal Zone on August 5. Both were buried in Arlington and classmates acted as honorary pallbearers.

Ben Castle reported that on a recent western trip he had seen Judge Henry and Enrique White in Carmel and that both were well and enthusiastic about Carmel as a place to live. A few months ago Judge Henry suffered the loss of his wife for which we extend deepest sympathy.

While in Los Angeles, Ben had only time to telephone Patsy O'Connor and Charley Wyman. Charley resigned his position at Cal Tech about the first of January but Patsy still adheres to his schedule of golf in the morning and bridge in the afternoon. On his way to San Diego, Ben stopped at Carlsbad for a short visit with the George Daileys. George has repurchased his hardware store and is as busy as a bird dog. Passing through Denver he called Ray Hill from the airport but missed him. Ray's daughter, however, reported her father to be hale and hearty. We had a card from Ray after he had called on Jerry Taylor at Fitzsimons General Hospital. Ray said that Jerry could smoke and cuss but had been kept flat on his back for six months. Jerry was a bit thin but otherwise looked o.k. and was full of fight. The Thorpes were expected for a visit with the Hills during the summer.

Ben reported that the gang in Washington all seemed to be pursuing their accustomed ways with serenity and relatively good health. Jim Marley expected to resume his job as head math instructor at the Columbia Preparatory School this fall. The group in Washington is planning to resume the regular monthly luncheons and would like visiting 1907 men to be sure to let them know when they are in town.

Ben also reported that Sunny Jim Martin is a very real candidate for the Presidency of the American Bar Association, indicating the high esteem in which he is held by the top men of the legal profession.

The Santschis recently had the Boones and the McLachlans for luncheon and Skinny reported that Dan'l is planning to move up from the south to be nearer San Francisco. Now we are convinced that Dan'l was in the employ of the Chamber of Commerce

when he wrote such a glowing account of Southern California in the last issue.

Ben also sent us clippings from the official Journal of the Air Force Association quoting a message from Hap Arnold to the Association at its convention in Chicago and a copy of a resolution adopted by that body conveying to him their respect, affection and good wishes.

We hope that everyone received the recent bulletin reporting on Roger Alexander's referendum regarding the class organization. If you haven't sent your check for \$10.00 to Ben let this be a reminder to do so.

It will be noted that these notes are much more curtailed than heretofore. At long last, the editor of *Assembly* has found it necessary to establish certain limitations on the amount of space available to each class for its class notes. This is mainly because of the increased size of graduating classes and the prohibitive cost of publication and distribution if some limitations were not placed in effect. It may become advisable to supplement our class notes in *Assembly* with an occasional class bulletin. This suggestion will be submitted to the Executive Committee for consideration, but in any event we will endeavor to include in our notes all items which we believe will be of interest.

—H. W. W.

1908

The Class of 1908 is now down to one member on active duty, Major General Everett S. Hughes, Chief of Ordnance and he will go on the retired list in November, 1949.

Jimmy Burns has been assigned to duty with the Secretary of Defense, Press Release stating the following: "Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson today announced the establishment of the Office of Foreign Military Affairs in the National Military Establishment and, simultaneously, designated Major General James H. Burns, U.S.A. (Retired), as his special consultant on politico-military matters".

Spec Edgerton has been appointed Executive Director of the Commission on Renovation of the Executive Mansion which is supervising the work of repair and renovation of the White House. Following his retirement from active duty in the Army on April 30, 1949, he made a trip to Iraq as an engineering consultant to the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, from which he returned in July and entered upon his new assignment immediately.

I am sorry to announce the death of Colonel Emile V. Cutrer who died in San Antonio, Texas, on August 30th and was buried in Arlington, Virginia on September 9th, 1949. The pall-bearers were Hughes, Burns, Chaney, Ayres, Bonesteel, Jarman, Garrison and Edgerton. Five other members of the Class attended the funeral.

Jimmy James' son, Sandy, was re-buried in Arlington, Virginia, on August 9th, 1949. He was killed in Burma during the War.

—Wm. H. Garrison.

1909

"Tony" Moss, the "grand old man" of '09, died at his home in Payette, Idaho, 6 July 1949. He was buried in his home town where he had lived since his retirement from the Army in 1934. Tony never married and is survived by four brothers.

"Jake" Devers, the last '09 man on the active list, was retired on September 30 on reaching the age of 62. A fine tribute was paid Jake in the United States Senate on August 3 by the Honorable Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., who served in North Africa and the Mediterranean and European Theaters during World War II. The Devers' plan to

build a home on their farm near Herndon, Virginia. . . "Butsy" and Katherine Hughes have been summering at their home in the Thousand Islands. . . "Tups" and Jessie Stearns spent the summer in Colorado. . . All '09 men should read the articles by Bob Eichelberger in the Saturday Evening Post, descriptive of his Pacific campaigns. . . "Goat" Underwood's son, Lieutenant Arthur R. Jr. (Class of 1949, U.S.M.A.) and Miss Johanna Knuebel, daughter of Colonel and Mrs. John H. Knuebel, were married on June 23 in San Antonio, Texas. . . Mrs. De-loise Emmons Burwell, daughter of the "Nemo" Emmons, was married on July 15 to Hillyer Blake Brown, Jr., at Burlingame, Calif. The bride is a graduate of Smith College and is affiliated with the Junior League of Washington, D. C. The groom attended Stanford University and served with the Army during the late war. They plan to live in Palo Alto. . . The "Cope" Philoons have bought a summer home at Liberty, Maine. The Judge reports a new address for Ying H. Wen—43A, Conduit Road, Hong-kong. Wen's son Alfred is an instructor in the Army School of Languages at Monterey, Calif. "Dutch" Erlenkotter's son David has been a student officer in the same school.

Bob and Marguerite Sears, who have been touring Mexico, Central and South America for the past three years, have reached Chile, where they have been spending the southern winter at the beach resort of Vina del Mar, near Valparaiso. Mountain climbing and hunting have been Bob's chief recreations. They saw the "Mathy" Beeres and Tom Catrons in Mexico, Bert Farman in Peru and paid thirty cents U.S. for "a piece of superb beefsteak in the best restaurant in Buenos Aires". Current address: c/o U.S. Embassy, Santiago, Chile.

Lin and Carlotta Herkness are spending a couple of months in Western Europe. They expect to return about the middle of October.

—G. L. V. D.

1910

The Washington, D. C. contingent of the class held its monthly class luncheons throughout the summer and in spite of the heat they were most enjoyable. Since these luncheons were started in October 1947 they have been held every month without a break. The second Wednesday is the day; the Army and Navy Club is the place and 12:30 P.M. is the hour. We were glad to see Tony Frank at the last one on August 10. He had come north from South America for a short visit. Tony is one of the top executives for Sears Roebuck and Company and for the last two or three years he has been engaged in establishing large stores in Rio, in Sao Paulo, Brazil; Caracas, Venezuela and preparing the way for others in Argentina, Chile and Uruguay.

We are indebted to P. D. Uhl for furnishing recent clippings from some of the Rio newspapers which told of Tony's great success in South America. P. D. writes of a visit he and Julia had last summer with Meade and Bea Wildrick. He said Meade had not entirely recovered from an illness he had suffered about a year ago. Bea Wildrick was very well and all had a fine time. All of us wish Meade a speedy return to health. We also congratulate him on his re-election last June as a Trustee of the Association of Graduates.

Martin Ray drops a line that he will be away from his home address in Florida for a visit of a month or two at East Moriches, Long Island, N. Y. He will return home late October.

John Landis has recently purchased a spacious and delightful apartment at 1661 Crescent Place, Washington, D. C. He and Edith report that they are most comfortable in their new home.

Again every member of 1910 is reminded of our big 40th Reunion next June. Arrangements have been and are being made for the comfort and good time of everybody who can come and we want that to be 100%. Make your plans right now to be there. Full details will go out to the class from the Secretary, Snakey Dunlop, by frequent bulletins and letters.

—R. H. D.

1911

A most interesting letter has been received from Harold Nichols with news of classmates there and of other West Point activities in that area. Nick and Lola have bought a home in San Francisco which they find very comfortable and are enjoying developing it. He heads a warehouse corporation there which keeps him busy and interested. Nick reports that he is President of the West Point Society, San Francisco Bay Area in which area there are about 300 West Pointers. The Society holds frequent dinners and at the last March dinner about 200 attended to the pleasure of all. This is certainly a splendid idea.

Nick further reports of a visit of the distinguished Professor of Mathematics from Auburn, Ala. (A.P.I.) Jimmy Crawford and wife Margaret came to Frisco during August. This visit was the occasion for several get-togethers of 1911's in that area; the Cowles, Ladds, Weavers, Lockwoods and the Nichols. Jesse Ladd was recovering from an appendectomy at this time but was able to join in the festivities.

Betcher, the former Mayor of Canajoharie, N. Y., has also reported in. He tells of recent callers at his home: Allen and Mrs. Kimball, Jim Burt and his son, Joe Leonard (1910) and Gilbert Brownell (1915) who is now a Catholic priest. Stoneface tells of having seen John Beatty who was recovering from a severe attack of peritonitis.

A letter from Psi Holland indicates that he is enjoying good health but does not think too highly of retired life. He also reports that, as of August first, he was expecting the arrival of a grandson about August 19th and was in all of a dither about it. Psi has West Point in mind for him but remarks that he will probably have passed on to his rewards before the grandson is ready to enter. Psi is a pessimist.

A newspaper clipping indicates that Curtis Nance, who has been Deputy Administrator of the Veterans Administration of New England for several years, has been transferred and made head of the District of New York. Classmates will be glad to hear of his promotion.

Nichols in his letter, quoted from above, also spoke of the splendid job Hub Stanton had done in compiling the recent questionnaire results and the issuance of the Class Bulletin, 1949. I am sure that all of us fully agree with Nick in this regard and express our appreciation to Hub for his labors.

The Washington scene is very quiet. The weather has been so hot for the past two months that many people have either left town or have dug holes, crawled into them and pulled the dirt over them; or have been so dazed with the heat that they have had little energy left for activity. Phil Fleming, according to the paper did have a small difference of opinion with a Congressional Committee but as Phil has since gone to Europe on official business, it may be assumed that the rupture was due to hot weather and is not serious.

A recent addition to the permanent colony of Washington and vicinity is Bob Littlejohn (1912). Bob is a refugee from official activity. He was Director of War Assets Administration for a year or more and according to all

reports did a splendid job of it. He has bought a farm near Annapolis and has declared his intention of making it an operating one. He complains of labor difficulties and that he has to do all the work. However, as Bob looks as rugged as he did when he was one of the outstanding tackles of the country, the farm work is not doing him too much harm.

The story goes that Bigjohn recently went to Baltimore on business and that while driving slowly down one of the streets seeking a parking place, he accidentally brushed the fender of a parked car. The owner of the car, who had just parked, expressed himself very freely about John in general and his driving in particular. Bob stopped his car and disengaged his 6 feet 3 inches and 240 pounds of meat and walked over to the other man and said: "Friend I am a stranger in town and looking for a parking place, can you advise me?" The other man jumped into his car and said: "Friend, I am just leaving, you may have this place". Such is the spirit of the times Appeasement and Compromise.

—H. M. E.

1912

Ham Haislip's four-star appointment in the exalted role of Vice Chief of Staff of the Army brought 1912 her first honor of that rank. Congratulations to Ham and more power to him. He and Alice report a delightful trip to Europe last summer.

Ralph Holliday's sudden death from a heart attack on August 25 at his newly purchased home, "Holliday House", at Hampton, Va. brought great sorrow to his devoted classmates and many admiring friends in and out of the Service. Thanks to the efforts of Classmates Charlie Drake and Ham Haislip a very fitting funeral service, with full military honors, and with classmates as pallbearers, was held at Arlington National Cemetery on August 29. Ralph is survived by his wife Marguerite, one daughter, Dorothy, and four sons. All are married except the youngest son, Donald Drake (our Charlie Drake's namesake). Only a short time before his death we had a fine cheerful letter from Ralph, proudly pointing to the fact that as grandparents he and Marguerite stood first in 1912 with 10 grandchildren, and that they were looking forward to a happy future life in their new home where their large family would be spending much time with them. Ralph's last days were happy ones for him and for all of those who were closely associated with him.

The Class will be glad to know that some 25 classmates responded to a call to pay tribute to Monk Lewis at the time of his retirement and on the eve of his departure from Washington for his home in Berkeley, Calif. The party was held at the Army-Navy Club in Washington on 15 June. Benning and Maxwell came down from New York, and Herby Patterson from Wilmington, Del. Many others sent letters and telegrams, all radiating affection and admiration for Monk, not only because of his long-demonstrated devotion to 1912, the class with which he entered West Point and from which he was turned back to 1913, but also because of the distinguished record he made in many roles of great responsibility, especially in the field of the humanities. We extend to Monk and his family the sympathy of 1912 over the passing of his distinguished father, Maj. Gen. E. M. Lewis, U.S.A. Retired, Class of '86, in his 86th year, at Berkeley, Calif., soon after Monk's arrival back home in July. We are glad to learn that Monk has given up previously-announced plans to go to the Far East on business venture for several years and instead will probably make his home in the San Francisco area after an observation trip of a few months in South America.

Don Phelan, our Class "baby", is on duty at West Point as Post Engineer. Mary Ellen Riley (our Pat's only daughter) and Mr. Robert Barberi, a promising young attorney, were united in marriage on 8 August in a nuptial high mass in beautiful Saint Brigit's Church in San Francisco. A large reception was held immediately afterwards in the Fort Mason's Officers' Club. A number of 1912 of the San Francisco area were present, Bunny Hobson having the honor of giving the lovely bride away. Pat Junior is now a plebe. When you are at West Point don't fail to call on him.

Class daughter Ansley Spalding Hill (our Ike's daughter) reports that she has started tracking our lost classmate Mathias, believed to be hanging out in the jungles of South Africa and that she expects to get her man. Congratulations to Drake, Patterson and Pulford for making the July *Assembly* as new members of the Association of Graduates. Only a few more remain to make 1912's score 100%. Let's go!

We have a lot of material on hand for this column but we are holding it for the Christmas Bulletin. For instance: Archy and Marg Arnold's report on their year's inspection tour all over the U.S., looking for a home and checking up on our widely-scattered 1912 clan; Chen Chynoweth's reports from Europe including a visit with Leila McDonald in a hospital in London where she is recovering from broken bones in a leg—she sends greetings to 1912; all about Red McLane and Ruth's lovely new home in Biltmore (52 Stuyvesant Rd), N. C.; Bill Wilbur's reports on his observations of the results of the operations of the Marshall Plan in Europe; Johnny Hauser's experiences in getting his family settled in retirement in Fayetteville, N. C., and especially his problem in getting his son Bill, an honor student in prep school, an appointment to West Point, Class of 1954, etc., etc.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO: 1912 Class Family (living classmates; widows; sons of 1912, etc.)—If, when you read this item in the October issue of *Assembly*—about 15 November—you will have not mailed by then to Class Headquarters your Christmas letter to the Class (preferably not over 200 words in length) for incorporation in the annual 1912 Christmas Bulletin (1949), please do so immediately by airmail. The quite lengthy manuscript for the Bulletin must be in the hands of the printers by 25 November if we are to be able to mail out some 200 copies, as planned, by 1 December. Please cooperate.

—W. H. H. and O. J. G.

1914

Shrimp Milburn, recently commanding the 1st Division, and later the U.S. troops in Europe, has been relieved and will soon return to the United States. Pink Bull is now commanding the War College in Washington, with three star rank. Dabney Elliott will soon leave Chicago for Washington, where he will be on the Beach Erosion Board in the Chief of Engineers Office. Dick Paddock wrote from Paris that he will be in Europe until next spring; his temporary address, care of Lucey Export Corp., 233 Broadway, New York 7.

Floyd Waltz died of a heart attack July 2, 1949, while visiting Floyd Jr.'s family in St. Louis, after seeing Floyd off to Germany; Martha was not with him at the time. He was buried in Arlington; honorary pallbearers, Spaatz, Bull, Ward, Holcombe, Kerr, Hannum, Stanford, Villaret and Brand. Our deepest sympathy to Martha; and to Duke Milliken also, whose wife died July 10. Duke expects to sell Maine seed potatoes in the South, but is still in Johnson City, Tenn.

The 35 Year Book is in the hands of the printer, promised for delivery in October.

Despite all rumors about his being in Walter Reed Hospital, Monte Glass has been located at Hq Sixth Army Area, Presidio, San Francisco.

—F. W. H.

1915

Tom Hanley sends a most encouraging report on the responses to his questionnaire about the 1950 reunion. Apparently, every man not barred by distant assignment or other emergency plans to come. And the vast majority count on bringing their spouses. Details as to entertainment are shaping up in a manner to assure a grand time for everybody. We plan to let you have the line-up in the January *Assembly*.

Tom reports the current class roster, as follows: Active 54, retired 53, civil life 20 (and of this number, 6 are unknown as to whether living or dead), deceased 37. The file of mailing addresses is once more behind the facts. Anyone guilty of recent change in address or status is urged to inform Tom (Chief, Military Personnel Procurement Service Division, Room 3062, Navy Bldg., Washington 25, D. C.). And if any of you know the location of non-graduate classmates, please send in their addresses and inform them of 1950 Reunion plans.

The news of Prichard's tragic death on Sunday, 10 July, comes as a blow to every man in the class. The instantaneous and complete destruction of a pleasure yacht on the Potomac which the Prichards had boarded with a party of friends, as the result of a gasoline explosion, was responsible for Prichard's untimely end. Mrs. Prichard was rescued from the water, suffering from shock, but otherwise uninjured. Commenting on the tragedy, Brad paid our classmate a fine tribute: "Vernon was well on his way to getting the Public Information Division of the Staff well organized. He had made many, many friends in the newspaper world and was doing the Army another outstanding service, as was so typical of his whole career"

Congratulations are due several members of the class. Two deserve special mention. Brad has been moved up from one hot spot to a higher—and hotter—one, as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Van Fleet, who has had a tough chore in rebuilding the Greek National Army from scratch, could signal "Mission accomplished" when his 1949 model destroyed the main armies of the Communist-led Greek bandits.

Six weeks before the Vitsi Offensive got under way, ye Ed and party of 18 First Classmen climbed Bikovik to get a look at the Iron Curtain. Van's urgent invitation was responsible for an extension of our planned tour, which originally was limited to U.S. occupied areas of Germany and Austria. Even though we didn't see our classmate, who had been hastily summoned to Washington to defend the Greek aid program, all preparations had been made to give our party the maximum of realistic and unforgettable experience in the time available. Let me add that Helen Van Fleet outdid herself in gracious and generous hospitality.

Word comes from Florida that Walton has joined the retired colony there—in Lev Williams' neighborhood.

The Washington bulletin of the Office of Puerto Rico carries an item reporting enthusiastically on the annual maneuvers of the 7,000 Puerto Rican National Guardsmen under the direction of their commander, Brigadier General Luis Raul Esteves. No mention is made of whether he has taught them the technique he devised in plebe year to get "one more wrinkle" in the back of the blouse—sewing it in! Anyhow, it didn't work.

—H. B.

1916

In case you did not get the Class Bulletin mailed in June, let Bliss know and he will send you another.

While in Europe on an inspection this spring, Fay Prickett visited with Calvin DeWitt and Bill Hoge. Later Fay went to Alaska where he saw the Scotts at Anchorage. Scott's boy, Gilbert, a yearling at West Point, spent a month's leave with his father this summer. Horace McBride writes from Ankara, Turkey that Roland Shugg, who has been with him on the Mission to Turkey, got his star in June and has been reassigned to the 3rd Infantry Division at Fort Benning. Bill Hoge, who commands the U.S. Troops in Trieste, was decorated with the Order of the Bath this summer for his work on the Alcan Highway. Paul Kane is now living in Corvallis, Oregon. Monsarrat returned to Hawaii last January. His address is 2745 Oahu Avenue, Honolulu, T. H. George Blankenship saw Pat Flanigan's oldest boy in Atlanta. He is a student at Georgia Tech. Lucian Berry, who has been at Dallas, Texas, was ordered to Germany early this summer. His assignment and A.P.O. number are not yet known. Ham Maguire spent the summer at his summer place in the mountains near Bluemont, Virginia. Dick Levy, who has been with the Far Eastern Command since 1947, is expecting to return to Washington this fall. Tom Finley's plans to see his classmates in Washington were upset. He spent the summer at Geneva, New York. Tom will be back in Colorado Springs this fall. Madelaine and Bob Sharrer have been house hunting near New York, but we have not yet received their new address.

Jack Fraser is back in Tucson, Arizona. In August, on a visit to Coronado, they had an unofficial reunion with the Styers and the Irvines. Styer has had a visit at Coronado from his son and family, just returned from Japan. While meeting them in San Francisco he saw Cy Wilder, now Deputy Commander of the Port. Holland Robb, who is in command of the Engineer Depot at Marion, Ohio, dropped in to see Brig Bliss on a visit to Washington during June. Jim Hodgson, who has been in Warsaw with the State Department Foreign Service, was back in the States for two months' leave this summer. He was in Washington in late July. He expects at the end of his leave to get another foreign assignment. Ray Moses is back at his home in New Hampshire. His son, John Wills Moses, and his family visited them enroute from Germany to Fort Sill. Babe Weyand made a trip to Europe, to visit his two married daughters now stationed in Germany. He expects to be back at Cornwall, N. Y. in October. Al Draves in Milwaukee writes that he now has seven grandchildren. One of his sons is an officer in the regular Navy. Red O'Hare, Military Attache in France, had a visit at the Embassy with two Class daughters—Madame Shugg's and Parker Kuhn's, who were stopping in Paris. He expects to make a short trip to the States in October.

From Stuart, Florida comes one of Spike Maulsby's rare letters; says he hates to write but enjoys getting Class news. That may be a polite hint to write to him.

Brig Bliss last June visited the Campbells at their home in West Orange. Brig got lots of expert advice on editorial technique which he hopes will be reflected in future Class bulletins. The Newgardens, with the DuHamels, motored to Mexico City this spring. Georgie is now back in San Antonio and Notley has returned home to Vermont.

Toohy Walbach is now permanently located in Wilmington, North Carolina. Ellis, now retired, in Knoxville, Tennessee, says that his son, a Major in the Air Force, was married on May 15, 1948. Maurice Miller's youngest daughter, Barbara Anne, was mar-

ried last June to Lieut. Edward A. White, Class of 1948, at Fort Benning. The young couple are headed for Japan. Miller's older daughter, wife of Lieut. Frederick Barrett, presented him with a granddaughter at Fort Totten in July. The Class extends deep sympathy to Frank Scofield and Leslie Saul. Frank's wife died at Walter Reed Hospital on July 29 and Saul's only son was killed in a research laboratory explosion on June 14.

—E. G. B.

April, 1917

On 16 August 1949 the high point in the making of our class history was reached with the appointment by the President of Joe Collins to be Chief of Staff, United States Army. Again Joe's outstanding ability has been recognized and the Class feels justly proud. Our sincerest congratulations to you, Joe, on a signal accomplishment well deserved.

Other outstanding honors in which the Class also feels deep pride are the appointments of Mark Clark as Chief of the Army Field Forces, effective 30 September; Matt Ridgway as Deputy Chief of Staff for Administration; and Louie Ford as Chief of Army Ordnance with rank of Major General.

Other recent changes in assignments are: Dan Noce to Hq EUCOM as Chief of Staff; Basil Perry to EUCOM as CO Frankfurt Military Post; Willis Teale to EUCOM, Engineer Division; Daddy Weems to Third Army, Atlanta, Ga.; Johnny Devine to Hq First Army, Governors Island, N. Y.; Bob Bathurst to Office Joint Chiefs of Staff for duty with Military Staff Committee, UN, with station at Fort Totten, N. Y.; Pop Beurket to the 9th Infantry Division, Fort Dix, N. J.; and Ike Pierce to 1123d ASU Office of Senior Army Instructor ORC for Connecticut at Hartford, Conn.

Doug Wahl and Henry Hutchings are now retired. Doug lives in Carmel, California; Henry's address we do not know as yet.

We relay with much pleasure the following interesting account sent in by Steve Sherrill of Helen and Bob Ransom's Class party: "Helen and Bob Ransom entertained the members of the Class and their wives who are located in the Washington area at a cocktail picnic party on Sunday afternoon, 26 of June. Their beautiful country mansion, a few miles outside of Gaithersburg, Maryland, provided a perfect setting. The house, the main part of which was built in 1802, sits back from the road in a beautiful grove of trees and with lovely boxwood in the gardens. The following were there: Ruth and Marvel Armstrong, Laura and Percy Black and their daughter Betty, Gwen and Aaron Bradshaw, Tupper Cole, Suzanne and Ira Crump, Dot and Bill Eley, Nina and Charley Gerhardt, Vivian and Fred Irving, 'Meach' Meacham, Jane and Love Mullins, Mildred and Dan Noce, Burnett Olmsted, Enriette and Henry Schroeder (who have bought a house in College Park, where Henry is teaching at the University of Maryland), Ellen and Dent Sharp, Dot and Steve Sherrill, Sam Smith, Emily and Kivas Tully and their daughter Neosha, Elizabeth and 'Van' Vander Hyden, Mary and George Wooley, Gay and 'Cupe' Yuill"

With deep regret we have learned of the deaths of Grace Ford at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., in June, and of Nick Lisle at Paradise, Calif., on 19 May 1949.

Visiting West Point recently were Lila Hall and Basil Perry and their son, Lt. Harrison Perry (U.S.M.A. 1946), all awaiting the sailing of their transport to EUCOM on 29 July. Also visiting West Point in August were Dot and Steve Sherrill. Steve, who is Executive Director of the Armed Forces Communications Association in Washington, D. C., was among several outstanding leaders in the industrial communications field who

reviewed with the Chief Signal Officer 600 cadets of the R.O.T.C. at Fort Monmouth, N. J., on 29 July.

Ernie Harmon (now retired) was the principal speaker at the graduation ceremonies at Fort Knox, Ky., on 16 June.

From an article in the July-August issue of *Signals* (the journal of the Armed Forces Communications Association, of which Steve Sherrill is the editor) we learn that Jack Code was recently presented with the Cross of Commander in the Order of the Crown of Belgium for distinguished service rendered to the Kingdom of Belgium while he was acting as Senior United States Signal Officer in the European Theater of Operations in 1945. Jack, who is retired, is now Chief Executive of the Gary Group of Telecommunications interests in Chicago, Illinois.

The following flash news-item has just reached us from Charlie Gerhardt which will be of much interest to the Class. Charlie's report informs us of a Class get-together held in honor of Joe and Gladys Collins on Sunday, 18 September, at Fort Meade, Md. About 60, including families, attended the event. To quote Charlie: "Joe Collins, Tubby Olmsted, Pesh Sullivan, and Gerhardt, C. H., had a foursome on the golf course. Sully went the whole way with only a five iron and as a result his pair took the money. The Officers' Mess, Fort Meade, prepared the food which was G.I.—baked ham, proper baked beans, hot rolls, cole slaw, lemon and apple pie, topped off by the best G.I. coffee. Those attending were Sullivan, Armstrong, Sherrill, Vander Hyden, Irving, Black, Ransom, Cole, Meacham, Ford, Halsey, Wooley, Collins, Cota, Olmsted, Schroeder, Cowgill, Tully, Eley, Gerhardt, and Sam Smith. Unfortunately, Love Mullins was on leave and did not make the party"

—T. S. S.

August, 1917

First we would like to thank all those who so generously supported the call for a rehabilitation of the Class Fund. *Assembly* also received a boost in its subscription rate. The general response and the many notes that accompanied the individual replies, gave a lift to us here and reaffirmed our belief that there is a growing warmth, fellowship and abiding attachment of the men of August 1917 to their Alma Mater and to the Class. Almost \$600.00 has been sent in so far and more will come later as memories and in-baskets receive a Fall cleaning. A great majority of the replies are in favor of some kind of graduate-son gift—more about that later. One of the surprising results of the canvass was that out of all the letters mailed only two were returned "address unknown" indicating that our locator file is in good order.

Congrats to: Ray Williamson our new BG, whose new assignment is Assistant Division Commander, 3d Armored Division, Ft. Knox, Ky.

Kit Carson just reported from Morocco to Hq, Army Field Forces, Ft. Monroe and joined a swell group down there. Red Warner is here as U.S.M.A. G-1 assisted by Red Durfee who is now the Post minister without portfolio. Bob Willard is back from Germany, two of his four years in command of the Berlin Military Post. He will be CO of the Signal Corps Training Center, Camp Gordon, Ga.—he wants to see some classmates.

Jack Johnson took a honeymoon trip last year to Mexico and says they love so much a little place called San Miguel de Allende, Gto., Mexico, that there is little likelihood of their returning to the U.S. in the near future. Sounds enticing Jack.

Jack Heavey's son-in-law, Lt. Col. C. D. Hartman, has just come for duty here—with wife and five children; Jack himself is

going to school in Washington. Doc Faust wants to see all classmates when they come near Buffalo, N. Y. Bart Harloe and Virginia are about to arrive in Boston from Hawaii—he is to be the Division Engineer there. Anybody got any extra warm winter clothes for them? Ross Garrity is building in Palma Sola Park, Fla., Bill Reinburg is established there and Jack Mallory has just been there on reconnaissance—sounds like the nucleus of another class group. Cattleman rancher Mac Graham and Georgie are doing great things at Hickman Mills, Mo. They now have a ranch of about 2,000 acres—and lots of meat on the hoof. Mac how about saving a few good steaks for the Class for 1952! Bill Jenna has just completed running an R.O.T.C. Camp at Camp McCoy, with about 1,000 students from 36 colleges. You should be a College President someday Bill. Some of you fellows out in California look up Susie Simpson who lives at 1406 Bush St., Santa Ana.

Al Paca is commanding at Marine Barracks, Philly. There is a row in the Purvis family—Pete wants to retire to New Jersey and Gertrude wants Washington; Biff Jones, the old lobbyist, says it's a cinch for Washington, and Gertrude. Biff also reports that he is in much demand in the National Capitol as a charcoal chef, being a graduate of the Round Pond School of Cooking. However, Bob Hasbrouck at a recent picnic for the Miles Cowles, who are going to Switzerland, wouldn't let Biff near the fire. Maybe the planned ration was one steak per person.

So-long, wish you fellows would keep on writing.

Almost forgot Henry Gantt's message from Camp Rucker, Ala. He says he is living with one wife, four children, one dog, two coons, two cats and a skunk. Can anybody top that zoo?

—J. W. C.

June, 1918

THREE STARS: Bit Barth, Bill Barriger and Sam Sturgis, have been appointed permanent Brigadier Generals. Congratulations! Sam, who had retained his temporary stars, will continue as Division Engineer of the Missouri River Division at Omaha, Nebraska. Bill is Assistant Division Commander, 9th Infantry Division at Fort Dix, New Jersey. He writes: "I am really enjoying life as an outdoor soldier after spending too many years behind the desk on the general staff". Bit will leave Fort Leavenworth where, for the past year, he had been Director of the Department of Operations Training (G3) at the Command and General Staff College, and where he had recently been appointed Chief of Staff. He and Mary stopped off recently in New York City and Cornwall for brief visits enroute to Tokyo where Bit's new assignment will take them. They sail for Japan on the Transport Buckner on October 7th.

Harry Sherman is also on his way to Japan. His orders from Carson to Tokyo were effective 23 July 1949. The Neilsons are being transferred from double duty at Huntington and Pittsburgh to a Staff job in Washington. Murray, effective 1 September 1949, will be at the Hqrs. U.S. Air Force, Washington, D. C.

Except for a brief appearance to address the American Legion Convention in Philadelphia in August, Lucius Clay has been holed up on Cape Cod, allegedly working on his book soon to be published and serialized in the New York Herald Tribune. Lucius was recently elected a Director of the Marine Midland Trust Company of New York.

Pat and Dorothy Casey have finally left the Far East. They paused briefly in the States before departing on a two months'

trip to Europe during which Pat will attend the International Navigation Congress in Lisbon as one of the United States delegates. Later on Pat reports for duty as Division Engineer of the Ohio River Division at Cincinnati.

Lloyd and Maurine Mielenz stopped off in Skaneateles in late August to visit Jim and Mabel Marshall. The Mielenzes had attended the launching of the new Corps of Engineers dredge, the "Essayons", in Philadelphia; visited briefly in Pittsburgh; and attended a party given for them at Governor's Island. Pat and Jody Tansey have arrived in Washington where Pat has been assigned to duty with the General Staff of the Army.

The Jim Marshalls are grandparents again. Son Robert, Major, Corps of Engineers, Class of January '43, now stationed in the Philadelphia Engineer District has fathered a second son, Elton Allen. The lad was named for his maternal grandfather, the late Elton Allen Smith of Smithville, New Jersey.

The Sage of San Mateo, Hans Kramer, probably was too busy to make himself heard very far—imagine that!—since for some months he has been engaged, as a Congressional appointee, as a member of the Board formed to reach agreement on use of the waters of the Arkansas River by the various States affected.

With reference to Hans' letter in the April issue of *Assembly*, Kitty and Lib Boineau recently presented us with our youngest class son: Ralph Calhoun, born 6 June 1949. Kitty writes that last year, when he was A.G. at the Infantry School, he was ordered to Panama, but decided to turn in his chips and retired. The Boineaus with their newly born son and their daughter, Sally, (born at Benning in 1940) are now living at 4001 Forest Drive, Columbia, South Carolina. Kitty and Lib have started a green house business growing African violets and are meeting with a lot of success in the sale of these plants. Kitty (believe it or not) is now taking a full time course studying to be an accountant.

"Count" Achatz now at Fort Hayes, Ohio, retires in grade of Colonel 30 September 1949. Walter Lorence, B.S., M.S., LLB and A.M. has recently blossomed out as a consulting engineer and practicing attorney with offices at 3937 Livingston Street N.W., Washington, D. C. Our very best wishes, "Flossie"!

Phil Gallagher, back at his old job (Director of Posts, Hqrs. U.S.A. Europe) writes: "John Mesick left for the States about a month ago. I got a quick glimpse of him in front of the Carlton Hotel in Frankfurt where he was stopping while enroute to Bremerhaven Port of Embarkation. He looked fine and was as full of 'pep' as ever. 'Growly' Gruhn is still in Heidelberg as Executive Officer for Heidelberg Military Post. Since Heidelberg is also my home, the Gallaghers and Gruhns see each other quite frequently. A new arrival is 'Daddy' Holt. I found his card on my desk the other day and was sorry to have missed him. He is to head up the Replacement Depot at Marburg, a good job and fine place to live. Adcock is turning in his suit and leaves for the States this week. He has been away from home for a very long time and both he and Mrs. Adcock decided the time had come for them to reestablish their rights to U.S. citizenship. Recently I filled in on the job of Post Commander at Frankfurt Military Post, and was able to arrange a farewell review for 'Addy'. One day he casually remarked that although he was a two-star general he had never been given a review 'all his own'. Knowing he planned to retire again, I thought it an opportune time to let him have 'the honors'. Last Friday we turned out all the military we could get our hands on in Frankfurt and put on a 'bang-up' review for 'Addy'. We were fortunate enough to obtain a letter of appreciation ad-

dressed to 'Addy' from Mr. McCloy and I read it at the ceremony. 'Addy' invited most of his associates, both civilian and military; taking it all in all it was a very successful show and also a fitting tribute to a very fine soldier."

The letter to "Addie" referred to by Phil reads as follows:

"You know with what regret that I have learned of your decision that you should retire from the Army. The services that you have rendered as an Army Officer have heretofore been acknowledged in part by the commendations and decorations you have received in the course of your service. Now that your career in the Army is coming to an end I wish to take this opportunity to express to you my deep appreciation of the work you have done for the Military Government of Germany; for the devoted, skillful and constructive service that you have rendered to my predecessor, and the great help that you have given me in the short time that I have occupied the position of Military Governor and High Commissioner for Germany.

"Your long record of distinguished service will always serve as a source of great satisfaction to you in whatever undertaking you may now assume. Although it is with deep regret that I note your retiring from the Army, it is my earnest wish that our Government may continue to have, from time to time, the value of your high capacity and steadfast loyalty."

Your *scribe* was recently honored when Governor Thomas E. Dewey appointed him a delegate to represent the State of New York at the National Tax Conference to be held in Boston September 19-21st.

—J. L. G.

1919

Johnny Hardin has recently been transferred from the New Orleans Engineer District to become Division Engineer of the Great Lakes Division, 1660 East Hyde Park Boulevard, Chicago 15, Illinois. He was given a fine testimonial lunch in New Orleans before he left and received the key to the city from the Mayor of New Orleans. Kyke Allan writes from Paraguay that he and George Dewey Rogers had a reunion in Rio de Janeiro in July, Kyke having journeyed to Rio to escape the mid-winter cold in Paraguay. Christian Hildebrand sends word from Grafenwohl, Germany, that he is returning to the United States and expects to retire on 30 September. He will locate at Elk Point, Zephyr Cove, Nevada. He says Ed Sebree now commands the Munich Military Post in addition to his job as Commanding General of the Second Constabulary Brigade.

Ralph Stearley has just been nominated for his second star in the U.S.A.F. Al Gruenther has moved from his job as Director of the Joint Staff to take over Al Wedemeyer's job as Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans and Operations, while Al Wedemeyer assumes command of the Sixth Army, the post just vacated by General Mark Clark. Jack Raean is now Head of the Research and Development Laboratories of the Universal Oil Products Corporation at Riverside, Illinois. F. E. Cookson has recently assumed the job of P.M.S.&T. at Clemson College.

Tony McAuliffe has just been nominated Chief of the Chemical Corps with the permanent rank of Major General.

Recent retirements include Lester Rhodes as of 30 June, Johnny Armstrong, 31 August, and Don Nelson, 30 September. Don tells me he expects to buy a ranch in Oregon. Incidentally please note that Sandy Sanderson's retirement was erroneously reported last year. Sandy is still on the active list with station in the San Francisco area. Hugh Elliott is living at Matthews, Virginia (P.O. Box 155).

The following sons of members of the class are enrolled in the Class of 1953, U.S.M.A.: Armstrong, W. E.; McGregor, Rob Roy; McGregor, Thomas; and Myrah, Halvor H. In this connection Tom Waters sends in from Portland, Maine, a suggestion regarding sons of deceased classmates.

"Amongst the members of the present Corps there are now a few sons of deceased classmates. There is no doubt that their fathers, if alive, would be proud and happy to witness their sons' graduation and to congratulate them on their achievement and to present them with appropriate gifts. Since such circumstances cannot be, it has been proposed that our class take upon itself the obligation of 'Foster-fathers' to those graduate-sons and specifically demonstrate such obligation by presenting to each of them a suitable graduation gift from their fathers' class. This proposal, if accepted, will be considered retroactive to include sons of classmates who were graduated from the Academy after their fathers' deaths and to include future graduating sons whose fathers may have died prior to their sons' graduation. In addition, this proposal, if accepted, will authorize the purchase and presentation of a suitable gift to each graduated son of a deceased classmate by designated members (or member) of our class at an appropriate time and occasion at West Point."

If your scribe, (Brick Bartlett), receives a reasonable number of favorable comments on this proposal he will circulate the class for approval of definite action in this matter.

—B. W. B.

1920

All the members of the class stationed at West Point gathered at Bill Bessell's quarters on 18 September to talk over again the plans for the 30th Reunion and to make the arrangements for the appointment of the members of the operating committee and to attend to the scheduling of the first business meeting of that committee. It is expected that this meeting will take place on the night of 6 October 1949, following the ceremony in Cullum Hall, dedicating the plaques to the World War II dead, and the scheduled parade by the Corps of Cadets.

A tentative schedule of events to take place at the 30th Reunion has already been made and the necessary reservations and arrangements are already in hand, so that there

should be no difficulties in carrying out the proposed arrangements, once the committee has become active.

As is our custom, sabers were presented to the following sons of classmates in the graduating class of 1949. Those graduates receiving the sabers were: John T. Hodes, John D. Mitchell, Jr., Wayne S. Moore, John A. Poulson, Joseph R. Stauffer. The classmates and fathers of these "1920 Sons" were all present with the one exception of "Hank" Hodes who is stationed overseas and could not attend the ceremony.

Following the presentation which occurred just after the Alumni Parade, the 1920 ladies had a delightful luncheon at Frances Schick's quarters while the men attended the Alumni Luncheon in Washington Hall.

Your scribe spent the first seven weeks of the past summer pursuing a course at Harvard University and the following three and one-half weeks on leave in Maine. This accounts for the dearth of news about the individual activities of classmates, for he has not been in as close touch as usual with his sources of information. More news is promised in the next "Notes".

—E. C. Gillette, Jr.

1921 and 1922

Following are some news items included in the replies to Charlie Barrett's letter to the members of 1922 asking for contributions to the Class Fund:

From Lombard: "I am now Deputy Chief, U.S.A.F. Manpower Group, Hq. U.S.A.F., and will probably be in Washington for about another year".

From Olmsted: "Carol and I were married January 15 of this year and she is rapidly surmounting the complexities of having simultaneously become a bride, a mother and a grandmother. George, Jr., is looking forward to entering West Point in July 1950. It is too early to be making plans for my other son, Jerry, age 10, and for my two grandsons, age 3 months and 16 months, respectively. Business-wise my time is reasonably well occupied between Des Moines and New York City with insurance, finance and investment company affairs. Aside from the sordid task of making a living, I am keeping up my reserve activity, being currently assigned as Assistant Commanding General of the 103d Infantry Division".

From Meyer (Alameda, California): "Jane, my eldest, is off to Greece with E.C.A. The

rest of us are getting over the injuries of last year's accident. I am off to about five weeks of N.G. camp".

From Haas (Hq. EUCOM): "I am due to return to the States in October".

From Schuyler (Washington): "My son, Philip (Mike) is going to Andover for a year in the Fall prior to college. Ear trouble will keep him out of West Point. My daughter, Shirley, has just completed her second year at George Washington University. Since time continues to march on, I expect to be back overseas within a year or less". Cort and Wy have recently announced Shirley's engagement to Lieutenant Edward S. Saxby, U.S.M.A. 1945. The wedding will be in December.

Lieutenant General B. W. Chidlaw, U.S. A.F., has assumed command of A.M.C., Wright-Patterson A.F.B., Ohio. Colonel Karl W. Hisgen has been ordered to the Department of State, Army members of the U.S. Delegation to the United Nations, Batavia, Java. Major General Maxwell B. Taylor has been appointed U.S. Commander in Berlin. Colonel Mark McClure has been designated as Deputy Director of the EUCOM Personnel and Administration Division. Colonel Numa A. Watson is expected to arrive at West Point from Trieste early in November for duty in Headquarters, U.S.M.A. Maxine and Charlie Barrett returned to West Point in October from a two months' tour of Europe.

Finally, congratulations to Frank Greene and Harry Haas, who are now Colonels in the Regular Army.

—C. N. B.

1923

The Washington group resumed its schedule of luncheons and entertainments with a luncheon in the Pentagon on September 16th. Twenty-eight members were present, as follows: Bowen, Carnes, Carraway, D'Espinoza, Dulaney, Dunne, Dwyer, Edwards, Enslow, Fry, Galusha, McLean, Nist, Raymond, Reber, Rich, Serig, Smith, J., Stodter, Tredennick, Tormey, Towle, and Webber. (Adams, E. F. came in after the meeting was over.)

Congratulations were unanimously showered upon Smith, J., for his second star, Fry for his first, Webber for his first, Towle for his recent marriage, and Carnes for a new grandson whose father was the class godson. The Chairman was directed to felicitate Biddle on his recent receipt of a star.

The subject of additional memorialization for non-battle deaths of World War II was discussed. The Chairman was instructed to inform Bill Morton that the Washington Group favored this but wanted a plaque in Cullum Hall if possible. (Your reporter believes Cullum Hall is not possible. Full reasons will be forthcoming after final action on the proposal has been taken by the class representatives who will meet here shortly.)

The Chairman was directed to write to Stu Cowles at Valley Forge General Hospital and wish him a quick recovery.

The next meeting was announced for 12 October, at which gathering it was hoped that Johnson, F. R. would be the guest of honor.

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Charlie Gettys left for Norway on 10 September. McLean, Dorn, Stodter and Heavy are recent arrivals in Washington. Harding has returned from Greece with station at Army Field Forces. Salsman is now at Harvard. Eddie Love of New Haven commands the newly organized 9058th Volunteer Air Reserve Training Group of that city. He is a colonel and has approximately 6,000 officers and airmen under him. Brig. Gen. Robert A. McClure (ex '23) has assumed command of the Northern Military District with headquarters at Vancouver Barracks. His



Left to right: John D. Mitchell, Jr., '49; John D. Mitchell, '20; John D. Hodes, '49; John McNulty, '20 (Class President who made the presentation); John A. Poulson, '49; V. A. Poulson, '20; Wayne S. Moore, '49; "Dinty" Moore, '20; Joseph R. Stauffer, '49; "Joe" Stauffer, '20.

sons Robert and Richard are both graduates of West Point.

Pinkie Palmer is now Signal Officer, Fifth Army. He writes: "George Stewart has been here quite a bit in connection with a special job. His permanent station is Fort Riley, as Deputy Commander of the 10th Infantry Division. John Battle Horton was in about a week ago from Purdue University where he is P.M.S.&T. Just today I discovered that Freddy Manross is on duty in this same headquarters".

Hoyt Vandenberg is going to give the address at the dedication of the plaques in memory of the Killed in Action, in Cullum Hall on October 6th.

Bill Longwell and his wife dropped by for a call on the morning of 18 September. She had been ill in the Post Hospital without letting me know. However, she is well now and both of them are safely back at Worcester Polytechnic.

—W. J. M.

1924

O'Connor, W. W. and Val Evans represent our class in the National War College and Industrial College classes respectively. Charley Lanham is back in the E.T.O. as Umpire of the current theatre maneuvers—has not as yet received his permanent assignment. George Elliott after his hospital assignment and reunion trip has been ordered to Pueblo Ordnance Department in Colorado and there now rests. Keeler to Mexico and Tom Allen to the A.F.F. at Fort Monroe. Ken Strother at present writing is enroute to new assignment in Far East. Jim McGraw, retired 30 June, is occupying a ranch outside of El Paso, Texas. Sam Fisher has orders to report to Air Force Headquarters at the Pentagon from a tour with National Guard in Florida, having been based at Orlando for several years. Hayden Boatner at College Station, Texas, will have spent more than half of his service, by retirement, in Texas and China. His son is a Second Classman at West Point while his daughter is in third year of High at home. *Special Scoop*: At long last Sandy Goodman has done it—the lucky girl is Miss Yvonne Smith—married 15 August and sailed for Sandy's new assignment in Panama. Mrs. Dick Baughman spent the summer taking a motor trip to the West Coast with the two boys, Dick, Jr. and Donald. Mrs. Van Wyk and son Derek recently flew to Germany to join Harry. Smythe and family left for Germany shortly after the reunion. Jack Outcalt and Corinne took a belated honeymoon to the West Coast this summer. Business had previously prevented such an event.

—M. E. S.

1925

Sad news first. Jeff Hodge killed in plane crash. Last heard from in plane over Portland, Oregon seeking landing instructions and stating it was in heavy weather on 21 April. Wreckage and bodies found near Mount Hood, Oregon on 18 August.

Oscar Maier resigned recently and is now Director of Research for the Pullman-Standard Car Mfg. Co., Chicago. Benny Fowlkes moved from the Industrial College to Vicksburg where he will be District Engineer. Major papers of Louisiana and Mississippi featured a fine write-up and impressive photo of Benny.

A fine letter from Agnes Toms with lots of news. She is Ray's British bride and a charming person. They and their young daughter dropped in at U.S.M.A. recently on their way to their present station. Agnes reports the arrival of a son as imminent and Ray's determination to have the last boy in

the class. Any competition? Ray is in the S-5 business at Munich. They see quite a bit of several classmates stationed there: Daddy Dunn in the S-3 business, Bill Wood with S-4; Bruce Clarke commanding the 2nd Constabulary Brigade, and Charlie Cavelli. They can all be reached through A.P.O. 407A, c/o P.M., New York. Russ Finn has left his sanctuary at Berchtesgaden and is enroute home for duty with Army Field Forces, Fort Monroe, Va.

Johnnie Johnson reports a flying trip from Vienna to the Pentagon a few months ago during which he attended the regular monthly luncheon. Was impressed with the spirit of good comradeship and serious comments on affairs of the world; depressed by the signs of senility and only vocal enthusiasm for Dave Tulley's request for assistance to put Andy Barlow under the table. In a visit to the QM Clothing Store with Bill Nutter they surprised Pop Harrold sans trou about to try on the new styles. Johnnie says Matty Matteson and he are the only classmates in Vienna and encourages others to join them in their enjoyment of the Viennese waltz.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Washington Chapter on 10 August the following were elected as officers for the ensuing year: President—Diz Barnes; Secretary—Dave Tulley; Treasurer—Paul Seleen. The following committee was set up the same day to make arrangements for our 25th Reunion: Gerry Galloway (Chairman), Jack Bird, Jack McCormick, Louie Scherer, Nick Nicholas (West Point member). I was fortunate to be in Washington at the time and enjoyed seeing the twenty or so Unreliables present. Nick still believes that his election was due to some skulduggery on my part and not to the unanimous recognition of his merits as I insist. As plans for the reunion develop members of the Class will be advised. Be sure that Dave Tulley, the new secretary, is advised of your correct address so you will be kept posted up to date. His address is: Col. D. H. Tulley, National War College, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington 25, D. C.

The Washington Chapter will continue its monthly luncheons which are held on the second Wednesday of each month. Benny Bennett and Louie Riggins will manage these for the coming year. Any classmate visiting in Washington at the time of the luncheon should take advantage of this opportunity to see part of the gang again.

Looks as though Stan Babcock will be on duty in Washington sometime this Fall after a tour in the Far East. He has been in and out of the Pentagon quite frequently during the past two years.

Ray Barton left Washington in September to take over command of the Auburn General Depot, Auburn, Washington. He and Betty especially pleased. Claude Black and family visited in Washington enroute to new station in EUCOM. Hively Bowers and Ax Deveraux at Fort Meade, Maryland, make the monthly luncheons with regularity. Dave Bradford visited hurriedly in Washington and sped on to Detroit to pick up his new automobile. Joe Cannon reports very enjoyable service with the 82d Airborne Division, particularly since he has been in command. Ray Conder, Ron Shaw, Frank Fraser and Bill Burbank are all with Headquarters, Fifth Army. Ray reported in recently from Fourth Army and Frank from Alaska. John Davis joined the Staff and Faculty at the C.&G.S. College. He and Ike Evans will run the logistic show at the school. Ike was in Washington in August to join a group making an inspection trip to Alaska. A note from Russ Finn states he is due from Europe in September and will probably be assigned to the O.&T. Division of the General Staff. The news from Agnes Toms was of a later date; we'll have to see where Russ finally lights. Russ unpredictable as usual. From all reports Panama is appealing to Bob Howze. He is stationed

at Fort Clayton. On 25 August the remains of Wally Damas were reburied in Arlington Cemetery. A number of classmates attended the services. Charlie Mason is now a member of the Staff of the University of Maryland. He has not yet informed us of his particular specialty. The Washington papers report that Oxrieder is "pushing" the leaders in a golf tournament at one of the local clubs. Bill Ritchie guilty of underestimating his age. He spent a month in a hospital in Germany with a wrenched back resulting from a volley ball game.

A gathering of Unreliables at Camp Campbell, Kentucky: Wayne Smith, Red Newman, Jud Smith, Link Linkswiler; all stationed there. Ordway reports five classmates in Hawaii: Jack Chamberlain, C. D. Renfro, Ken Treacy, Lit Roberts and himself. Soap Suttles recently assigned to the Office of Chief of Transportation and off on a trip to Europe. Kirk Kirkpatrick is knocking off a few "A's" at the Alabama U. Law School. He is aiming at a law degree in 27 months. Look out for a new J.A.G. Carl Tischbein had a pretty rough session at Walter Reed. After some carving and recuperation he is out and around and improving rapidly.

Unreliables now stationed in or near Washington include: Barlow, Barnes, Bennett, Bird, Bowers, Burbach, Cabell, Crombez, Dawson, DeArmond, Deveraux, Dunford, Galloway, Gamber, Hankins, Jones, E. K., Kuhre, Liwiski, Lynch, Mason, McCormick, McManus, Myers, Nutter, Oxreider, Riggins, Seleen, Scherer, Steer, Strickland, Suttles, Tischbein, Tulley.

Last minute flash: Colby Myers on list of Air Force officers up for promotion to temporary brigadier general.

—V. J. E.

1926

The Class of '26 sends heartfelt sympathy to Jimmy Van Horne and family, whose wife, Mary Howe Van Horne, well remembered by many of us from cadet days and from many Army posts, died at Walter Reed General Hospital on 29 August, after a brief illness. In addition to Jimmie and her two sisters (Mrs. Ethel—"C. Rod"—Smith and Mrs. Lucille Dougherty), Mary is survived by three children. Edwin James, Jr., is in his second year at Massachusetts Tech. Cornelia, also in her second year of college, and Gretchen, eight years old, are at home with Jimmie at 1650 Fitzgerald Lane, Alexandria, Va., where they have lived since Jim's retirement on physical disability in 1946. Jimmie is now working in the Transportation Section of the Washington, D. C., headquarters of the International Refugee Organization.

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It was 2:15 a.m. on Thursday, 16 June. In Washington few creatures were stirring, except from one side to the other. Suddenly through the stillness clanged a phone bell, with maddeningly peremptory perseverance. We answered, finally. It was Freddie Munson, no doubt anxious to beat the deadline for this issue of *Assembly*. In exuberant prose which was truly lyric in its quality, Freddie announced the new arrival of Sheila Elizabeth Munson. Now that we have caught our breath, '26 extends to Elsie and Freddie its fondest welcome to the mothers and fathers league of '26. For further details please contact Freddie, who is not at all loathe to discuss the subject.

Bill Bayer accompanied the Joint Chiefs of Staff on their early-August trip to Western Europe to discuss North Atlantic Treaty matters. He reported that, for him, the trip had been something less than a vacation, as he had performed all sorts of duties from acting as amanuensis to baggage smasher.

Although he was almost always at the tail end of the column, Bill found smiling Harry Johnson behind him once, at a reception in Heidelberg. He also ran into Leon Johnson for a fleeting moment in the lobby of a high class London hotel. At Fontainebleau he saw a little of Benny Thurston, and reports that Benny is doing his best to live frugally in those exotic surroundings (which is no mean feat). The Johnsons and Benny all looked well, and sent their best to us.

We noted an announcement of the wedding on 4 June in Heidelberg of Pauline Ann Johnson, daughter of the Harry Johnsons, to First Lieutenant Clarence G. Collins. After a wedding trip which was to include the French Riviera, the Collins will be at home in Washington, D. C.

Rodney Smith has been elected president of the Alumni Association of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. Pic Collins' orders to Headquarters, Third Army, have been changed. Pic remains in Washington, with the Headquarters, Army Security Agency. There has also been a change in Lew Griffing's assignment. Lew has been relieved from the Office of the Comptroller, and is now a member of the Research and Development Section of the Logistics Division, DOA. Jim Wheaton, too, had a change in his orders. From Fort Monroe he was ordered to Headquarters, First Army, at Governors Island, New York, instead of to Fort Benning, Ga. Ken McNaughton, formerly Director of Training and Requirements, USAF, now heads the new Directorate of Training. As reorganized, the new Directorate will combine Air Force personnel procurement, training, and career guidance into one functional responsibility. Roy Herte dropped into the Pentagon recently, back from duty in Berlin with the IG, to tell us that his orders had been changed from ORC duty at Camden, N. J., to duty with Headquarters, NY-NJ Military District (civilian components), of First Army, at 90 Church St., New York City. Joe Halversen, USAF (DC), is ordered to Hq & Base Svs Sq, 6th Air Sv Gp (P/L), Clark Air Force Base, Luzon, PI. Roy Silverman, formerly Chief of Accounting Division, Army Finance Center, St. Louis, Mo., recently arrived in Europe and was designated Chief of the Finance Division of the European Command. J. Oka Wade has been alerted for overseas station with the FEC, Yokohama. Pinkie Pearson and family have left Washington for Jacksonville, Fla., where he is the new District Engineer. We have heard nothing from him since the advent of the hurricane which seemed to have been lurking in order to welcome him properly. We naturally assume that he's too busy to write.

Bill Bowen, CO of the 14th Regimental Combat Team, has now also officially taken command of Camp Carson, Colo. No doubt you followed closely the recent series of articles by General Eichelberger in the Saturday Evening Post, in which Bill's name recurs frequently, telling of the fine jobs he did in his capacities as G3 of the I Corps and of the Eighth Army. Bob McDonough, fresh from Fort Lewis, Wash., has taken over the office of Post Engineer of the Infantry Center, at Fort Benning, Ga., as of 1 August.

In a recent letter Walt Young brought us up-to-date on his doings. He is with the Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Co. at Pasadena and lives at 2231 Oakwood St., Pasadena 7, Cal.; he invites all of us to drop in and see them some time.

Class lunches continue on the third Thursday of each month. The last two have been held at The Pentagon, as will probably the next few. This makes it even easier for casual visitors to join us. You plan on it, your next trip to Washington. We want to see you.

Recently John Harvey Kane bought a house in Cornwall and will begin living there

on the 19th of September. It will be good to have him close by.

There are four sons of '26 in the present first class whose proud dads are Marvin McKinney, Chin Sloane, Stan Stanton and Jim Wheaton. The second class is graced with the sons of Sparky Baird, Chuck Canham and Roy Herte. The off-springs of Johnny Roosma and Fat Walker are the only representatives in the yearling class but the new plebes crashed through with five '26 juniors. Their dads are Chuck Canham (yes, another one), Clair Conzelman, Vald Heiberg, Dusty Rhodes and Rod Smith. Incidentally, pride of heritage is quite evident in that 10 of these young hopefuls bear their father's names.

The foregoing brings out the fact that, for the first time in our history, sons of classmates will be graduating next June. This gives rise to the question of whether or not the class desires to recognize these budding shavetails in a material way. Some of the older classes have presented each graduating son with a saber or other trophy suitably engraved. For the next four years, we can expect an average of 3 or 4 sons per year, with the number probably increasing slightly for the following four. At about \$15 per gift (absolute minimum nowadays for anything worth presenting) this would average somewhere in the neighborhood of fifty bucks per year or about 40 cents per head annually for the next 8 or 10 years. Opinions are requested, (send to Nourse) stating (1) whether or not you are in favor (2) if so, how much should be spent on each gift and (3) what type of gift do you suggest.

Red Reeder is beginning to show hidden talents which were previously over-shadowed by his prowess with football, baseball and such. Now he is an artist and has returned from Maine with a half dozen paintings which he created with his own hands. Although they (the paintings) were not yet on exhibit at the time this issue went to press, nevertheless early reports are glowing. Bob Nourse and Vald Heiberg have been invited to a sneak preview before the formal opening of the Reeder Gallery of Art.

Trooper Doyle is being transferred from Okinawa to Headquarters, Far East Air Materiel Command.

—H. P. S. and R. S. N.

1927

My appeal for letters has as yet borne little fruit. If you have any information about classmates, please send it in to me.

As mentioned previously, there is under consideration, a suitable memorial, probably a bronze plaque of sufficient size to accommodate the names of graduates who died in World War II, from all causes. It will be placed in the Post cemetery and its cost will be borne by voluntary contributions from alumni.

Your reporter notes with interest the formation of a Washington Chapter of the class. Elected were Jerry Lillard, President; Freddy Brown, Vice-President; and Bob Aloe, Secretary-Treasurer. A program committee of Dana McDown, Tulio Segarra, and Bert Holworth has arranged an interesting calendar of social events. Classmates visiting Washington should contact one of the above, to learn whether an event is scheduled. The Committee offers a free lunch to '27 visitors on Thursdays at the Pentagon and what better opportunity could there be to meet old friends?

A party was scheduled at Fort Myer on 18 September by committeemen, Hal Jordan and Mone Asensio. Since these notes must be in by the 15th, I can't report on its success. Perhaps I can report on the gathering in the next issue. Colonel and Mrs. Larry Shaw report the arrival of a third child, a

daughter Stephanie at Carmel-by-the-Sea, California. Congratulations to the Shaws and a welcome to the newest daughter of '27.

As a study in contrasts to the note above, Helene Oddie Hoeffer, daughter of Hank, became the bride of William D. Collins, Jr., Ensign, U.S. Navy, on 4 June 1949, at Fort Myer, Virginia. Isn't this our first daughter to be wed? Again congratulations and best wishes for a happy marriage from the class.

On 17 June 1949, the class group in the Washington area enjoyed a grand picnic at the spacious quarters of Larry and Ethel Kuter. Among those present were the Aloes, Asensios, Foleys, Hoefers, Hoppers, Hutchinsens, Max Johnsons, Jordans, Kysters, Lillards, McGowans, Meloys, Paxons, Segarras, Shaws, Thiebauds, Turners, Watlingtons, Webbs, and Zellers. Hetty Howard, George Martin and Ralph Zwicker came solo as their spouses couldn't make it.

A recent news release from Fort Dix gives a nice account of Nelly Fooks who commands the 39th Infantry, 9th Division, at that station.

The first donation to the class fund was made by Rose who is stationed at Patterson Field, Ohio. Thanks, Bernie, and this time put in your June Week request early.

Don't forget to arrange lodgings for your family for next June Week and make long range plans for our 25th reunion in '52.

For personal notes used herein, thanks to Bob Sink and Jerry Lillard.

Thanks to Bob Aloe for the following:

The Washington Chapter of the Class of 1927 has instituted the system of a free lunch to any visiting firemen from the class on their first arrival in Washington. Notice the word "first arrival", darned if we will buy them more than one lunch.

Deichelmann is a student at the War College (new arrival) along with Dutch Holland and Watlington. Cocky Crume is a student at the Industrial College. Shaw is here taking the Strategic Intelligence Course in preparation for a MA job in Venezuela. P. D. Ginder has been here taking a special course in preparation for MA in Czechoslovakia.

Bob Turner was through on his way to Benning having just returned from Greece where he was in the field with one of the Greek divisions as advisor to the CG. Carlock, back from Java, going to ORC Military District duty at Charleston, West Virginia, called briefly. Chris Nelson was in for lunch on 9 August. He is now on duty with the ORC in New Jersey.

Duke Gilbreth came through on his way to Germany where he is now Chief of Staff of Frankfurt Military Post. His primary interest in coming to Washington was to see what could be done to get his son, Lee, in line for West Point one of these years. Duke's address is Headquarters Frankfurt Military Post, APO 757.

Jimmie Collins is still at Leavenworth and has moved up to become Director of the Department of Personnel for the C&GS College.

Socially the summer season has been very quiet. Jack Hopper threw a stag party in honor of P. D. Ginder at his home on Brandywine Street the latter part of August. Ray Bell recently saw Fred Kunesh in London.

—H. E. M.

1928

The sincere sympathy of the Class goes out to Tom Steed in the loss of his daughter. Our circular letters are still bringing in news from all points.

Briggs writes from MacDill that Thayer Olds joined him there on 24 July as Deputy C.O. and Chief of Staff 307 Bomb Wing.

Briggs' son is studying at the Sullivan School for the March '50 exams. Willy Sams is Chief of Staff and Deputy C.O. Warner Robins, Air Materiel Area, Macon, Ga.

Red Brown is about to be or has been transferred to command of A.F. Depot, Memphis, Tenn. Joe Bulger is Inspector General for Hq. U.S.A.F. with an office in San Bernardino covering West Coast, Far East and Alaska. C. H. (Bill) Prunty is Commanding 16th Constabulary Sqdn in Berlin. Robert Israel present address Qtrs 215, Hamilton A.F.B., Calif.

Forrest Allen who is Chief of Intelligence Policy Division, Directorate of Intelligence, DCSO Hqrs U.S.A.F. tells us that Jack Mills is on duty with Office of Asst DC/S Opns, for Atomic Energy, Hqrs U.S.A.F., The Pentagon. Bob Easton is Deputy Commander, Administration, Air University Command, Maxwell A.F.B., Ala. Sammy Sanford is there also as Commandant of the Air Command & Staff School. Del Spivey has left there and is now Chief of Plans Division DCS/O. Del has been nominated B.G. and Brentnall M.G. Bob Warren is Chief of Staff, Air Tactical School, Tyndall A.F.B., Fla.

Jack Oakes writes he has been in Greece since June '48 with Training Sect. of Joint Military Mission—expects to return to Washington, D. C. any day. Peddicord was there until March then returned to Aberdeen. F. H. Bass is assigned duty with Military Mission with Iranian Army, Teheran, Iran, leaves about 25 August. He joins Bill Watt who returns soon. Nadal is at present Chief U.S.A. Mission to Republic of El Salvador and Director of their Military Academy. Paul Gavan finished at Canadian Natl Def College 29 July and is ordered to Germany, probably Heidelberg on a staff job, A.P.O. 403, c/o P.M., N.Y.C. S. E. Anderson gives us some dope on Bob Tate—promoted to B.G., heads the A.F. Section of Joint American Mission for Military Aid to Turkey. Charlie Born, A-3 on Gen. Connor's staff, Germany. A. V. P. Anderson, Buenos Aires, helping set up War College for Brazilians. Will Turner, closing out Berlin Air Lift, returning soon. Howard Bunker, one of the main stays in A.F. part of Atomic Energy Program at Kirtland Field. Rob Taylor—commanding Air Depot, Mobile, Ala. Jim Olive, in Buenos Aires as member of U.S. Military Mission to Brazil. Thanks for check and roster, Sam. Duncan Somerville along with Goodell and Tarrant is in P.&O. "Dunc" and Benny Shute cruised to Norway, Denmark and Holland as guests of Admiral Conolly, this summer. It was a wonderful trip and the Navy fine hosts. Kessner sends a letter of Ben Franklin's for the '28 sons. He is Chief of Staff for S.A.C. with Hdqs in Omaha—from him we hear Tommy Steed has taken over duties as C.O. 91st Reconnaissance Wing, McGuire A.F.B., Ft. Dix, N. J.

Frank Falkner is enroute to Honolulu to become Dist. Engr. Probably there now. T. H. Landon is a member of the Joint Strategic Survey Com. Paul Breden is assigned ID, GSUSA, The Pentagon. Ed Daley tells us that Barnes, Mason, Smith, D. B., Todd, Anderson, W., Henricks, and Frank (replacing Meyers, S. L.) are together with Landon and Pohl close by—all J.C.S. W. Dixon Smith, Tom Nelson and Bob Finnegan at Monroe. John L. DeWitt, Jr., (ex-28) reports for duty with training section about 1 September. He is R.A. since the integration. Riggs is C.O., C.C.B. 3rd Armd Div, Ft. Knox.

"Swede" Johnson is on the faculty of A.S., Sam Meyers is there for a refresher course then commands the 3rd Cap at Ft. Meade. Buck Wiley has been appointed 8th Army S.S. Officer at Yokohama. McLemore writes from Toyko he is G4 of Supply Div, GHQ. He tells us Lamont is head of procurement of the 8th Army. Ed Cummings is with 8th Army M.G. Team. Fred Stritzinger recently arrived assigned to G3, GHQ. Howard Hasting is J.A. for Hq & Sv Gp of GHQ. John Upham in Korea doing "?"

Coverdale left Sill in August for 6 mos temp duty with U.N. Mediator group in Palestine, returns to Sill in Feb where he is Dir of Dept of Observation instead of G4. Hathaway is in Paris for two year course at L'Ecole Supérieur de Guerre. F. W. Wilkinson is on the Staff of Georgia Military Academy; on his way down there this summer he visited with Tom Riches in Marietta, Penna. F. W.'s address now 131 E. Walker Ave., College Park, Ga. (suburb of Atlanta). Wells and Raymond are at the Natl War College. Green, McCutcheon, Grinstead and Shute are at Ind College. Reber and Calyer here at W.P. have been joined by Johnny Morrow as Chief of Staff. So we are still "3".

Class sons at the Academy are Markham, '51, Boos, Bulger, Ludlam, '52, Brentnall, Coverdale, Dayharsh, Hatterman and McLennan, '53.

—P. D. C.

1929

Our representation at West Point was halved during the summer by the departures of Chandler—to Heidelberg, where he is Chief of the War Crimes division of EUCOM; Kirkpatrick—to the Industrial College as a student; and Thompson, W. J.—to Sonthofen, where he is to command EUCOM's field artillery group. Remaining at the Academy are Harkins, Lincoln and Phillips. Send us the news about yourself and any of the class you have seen or heard from. Send us your proper address if it is not correctly shown on the wrapper of this publication. The Association of Graduates does not receive automatic notice of subscribers' movements as many seem to think. Classmates stationed at the Point assist in keeping the records up to date.

Early in September it was our sad duty to bury Frank Miller who died after several months illness at Casa Blanca where he was on Attaché duty. His widow Dorothy and their 16 year old daughter will live for the time being at Lunenburg, Mass.

We were reminded of another deceased classmate by receipt of an account of the first award of the Adcock Trophy at Texas A.&M. This prize—a gold cup and medal was accompanied by a citation which read, "Presented annually by the Engineer Corps members of the Class of 1949 in memory of the late Colonel T. A. Adcock, to the outstanding junior Cadet in the Corps of Engineers" "Cat" Adcock made the presentation.

George McAneny writes from Darmstadt, where he is Executive Officer of the EUCOM Quartermaster School Center (when he isn't coaching soccer) that Johnny Walker is Commandant of the EUCOM Ordnance School at Eschwege. George adds that Bill Hall and Bill Maulsby are at EUCOM headquarters in Heidelberg, G-2 and SGS, respectively. How about a summary for *Assembly Notes, Bills?*

Charlie Tench, Fifth Army Engineer, in Chicago, reports that Bob Anderson is AG of that army while Doc Kearney is Chief of the QM Marketing Center also located in the windy city. Although Doc lives in Chicago, Charlie is quartered at Sheridan which is 100 miles from Bob's domicile at La Porte, Indiana. Consequently, the situation "is not conducive to reunions" They hope to get together for the Michigan game, however. Please give us a further report, Charlie.

From Jupe Lindsey comes a glowing account of a clambake given last August by Jack Hornor and Louie Bell for the Washington contingent. Besides Jupe there were Elias, Hannigan, Herndon, Keeler, Kraus, Mace, McClelland, Mc Nerney, McKenzie, Ostrand, Parr, Steadman, Stubbs, Sykes, Thompson, M. R., and Zimmerman. In ad-

dition to wives, a total of 41 assorted children were on hand. Thanks for the hope, Jupe. Give us more on your fall program.

J. D. F. P.

1930

It is our sad duty to report the death of our late classmate, Paul A. Chalmers, at Letterman General Hospital as a result of cancer on 25 August 1949. Interment services took place at West Point from the Catholic Chapel at 1100 hours on 1 September. Relatives attending, (besides Paul's widow, Julia) were his mother, Mrs. Walter Chalmers, his two brothers, Walter, Jr., and Burt, Julia's brother, Justin McCarthy, and her sisters, Margaret and Mary McCarthy, and Mrs. Thomas Moore. Father J. P. Moore conducted the services. Honorary pallbearers included classmates Charley Eastburn, Guy Emery, Jack Rothschild and Fritz Weber, plus John Phillips, '29, and John Waters, '31. The escort and firing squad was furnished by the 1802d Special Regiment, U.S. MA.

There will be a meeting of class representatives at West Point before this is published to decide on the question of additional memorialization for graduates who died during World War II. We hope to have some expressions of opinion from classmates on this subject prior to the meeting and pursuant to Bob Wood's suggestion in his Class Memo No. 3 (1949).

Plans for our Twentieth Reunion are being implemented. Camp Buckner has been reserved for Saturday night, 3 June for steak dinner and dance. Fritz Weber's own mess sergeant will cater so the inner man is sure to be satisfied. Sunday night, 4 June will find us assembling at the Club lounge for cocktails and further reminiscing. Monday will be particularly set aside for "open house" at our respective quarters (Eastburn, Emery, Rothschild and Weber). The Class of 1929 reports that the wives who came last year enjoyed themselves beyond their fondest expectations;—1930 distaffs take note and govern yourselves accordingly! The Club Annex at Stewart Field will accommodate as many spouses as we bring at fifty cents a night per each. We will send out complete information with return postcards attached in January; however, start making your plans now and write for any special reservations at once.

Happenings at U.S.M.A.:—Phyl Rothschild still active in dramatics, had one of the leads in the G. B. Shaw play "Overruled" at the first meeting of the W.P. Dramatic Club this fall. Patricia Eastburn, in graduating from Highland Falls High School this year, won a four-year scholarship to Ladycliff Academy. Katharine (Piffle) Weber was the guest of honor at a Cullum Hall tea dance and supper party given by her parents. Visitors last month:—Paul Weyrauch and family, Bob Wood, Sarah and Sally, and Bill Allen.

Freddy Atkinson wrote from Ft. Lawton (Seattle POE) which he now commands, that Win Sisson, Mac MacLean, Bill Taylor and Ed Sachs had passed through recently going in various directions. Johnny Hayden is on the way to Yokohama for duty. Fred Klinke is out with Bob Ports and Al Watson on TDY with the Navy Amphibs at Coronado, Calif.

History repeats itself, or to quote Eastburn "Having been illegally elected to the post of class representative in absentia", I now find that one needs cooperation (active) from one's classmates in order to procure real sinewy stuff for our corner in Assembly. In other words the address is—Lt. Col. F. R. Weber, Hq & Hq Det, 1802d Special Regiment, U.S.M.A.

F. R. W.

1931

Encouraging news reached me recently when Al Greene dropped in—up from his work in Washington—to say that the Class in that area had organized and was taking an active interest in alumni and class affairs. He likewise left with me some important ideas and a roster of names which I sincerely appreciate and shall use to good advantage as one of the building blocks for the one I hope to send out this fall. Quite frequently Ockie and I are called on for an expression of class opinion, and, when we can reach sixty or seventy almost over night, we feel that we represent a goodly cross section of the Class. Doubtless there are other groups in various parts of the world who could get together and let me know where you are and how you could be contacted.

Other visitors this summer have been Ernie Easterbrook, Loren Ayres, Joe Dickey, Klem Boyd, Patsy Hunter, Merle Fisher, Dutch Spangler, and Little Swede Carlson, passing through on various missions. Some stayed long enough to enjoy a parade or two and a swim at Delafield.

The incoming mail has been rather disappointing in volume but not in quality. However among those who wrote was George Dietz, now in the Constabulary as an Inspector General. He has located Judge Hauck in EUCOM as Assistant Staff Judge Advocate and Redden as an Assistant G-3, (T.I.&E. and Historical) but doubling in brass as a gunner when necessary. He has seen Brown, J. M. and believes that he is in Austria. Jumping back to the U.S. he tells us that Urban is now P.M.S.&T. at Allen Military Academy in Bryan, Texas. Paddlefoot Hercz has been snatched up to OPOT, EUCOM, after a short tour of low-level work in the same Headquarters as George. Then he ends up with the fact that he heard that the class fund is passing the hat—True, in more ways than one—ideas—addresses—funds—!

A swing around the circuit with the First Class on their Combined Arms Trip and a visit with the Second Class at Little Creek, Virginia, while on CAMID IV did uncover the following: Tom Stayton, in spite of his now being a high level policy student at the War College, was very much of a field soldier at Bliss. Luke Cron was absent from Bliss, up in the Rockies doing some long warranted fishing. Bill Taylor is located at Bliss as an instructor. Roy Kaufman was there too but I missed him. Dave Hutchinson was out to welcome the cadets as they landed at Biggs Field—and his command did a superior job of taking care of our ships and crews. At Benning I found Boyd, Easterbrook, and Ham Peyton—the first two now long since departed to new stations while Peyton has just arrived and was unpacking. At Little Creek, Harry Cooper was there observing—he is now on duty at Talladega, Alabama, with the National Guard. At Fort Knox were John Inskeep and Phil Bethune. As reported last issue Skip was on his way to the War College while Phil is one of the leading Armored Cavalry commanders there.

And now turning to what I have gleaned from the various service publications—Steve Hanmer has reported in to the Logistics Division in Washington; Fielder Greer, mentioned in the last issue as departing from the Industrial College, has been ordered to Manila; P. O. Ward, Glen Farris, Chet Diestel and Charlie Raymond are at Monroe in Army Field Forces; Merillat Moses goes to the OJCS; Dick Reidy to the 5th Army ASU, Camp Carson; Irving Jackson by this time is on his way to join our mission in Greece; Walker, E. A., returns to Ft. Sam Houston, Headquarters, The Fourth Army. This I know will suit Ted if it allows him an opportunity to continue his polo. Tom Marnane is another one going to Japan—Yokohama the orders read. Cornie Lichire has been ordered to the Student Detach-

ment, Headquarters 3rd Army, Ft. McPherson; Camden McConnell and Benny Krueger likewise. O. Z. Tyler goes to the Staff & Faculty at Fort Leavenworth and the excellent quarters there. Bob Lee continues to command at Langley Air Force Base and is frequently seen at the Armed Forces Staff College and other joint maneuvers in that area. Ted Timberlake has become Chief of Staff of the 5th Air Force at Nagoya, Japan.

Mickey Moore gained some well earned publicity by furnishing the "brass" for the recent soapbox derby in Washington—he didn't compete in it but made the necessary speeches. "Old Reliable" Gordon Singles seems to have added to his duties in the Philippine Command by becoming the C.O. of the Army recreational and furlough center in Baguio City. As a cadet he always talked of that. Now maybe we can get the red carpet if we go there.

News has reached me that Ned Purnell has been retired. It comes as a distinct shock because the memory of his vigorous play as a back on the soccer team is very vivid. Time and again he was terrific with his kicking and blocking.

Sometimes as I look back over what appears in our column it seems as if there might be a scarcity of news about our class in the Air Force. I hope that impression has not been created—because I search for news of you. However I must frankly admit that I just can't find much even though I am sure you are making it.

Now to all—look out for the collector of taxes at football games and let me have your dollar. If you can pay the prices that Ockie charges to get in these days it seems to me that you won't mind if I collect for the Class Fund—and there will be no handling charge!

—John K. Waters.

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As usual, the summer period failed to produce much in the way of visitors and news, and if "Windy" Zitzman's Pentagon news doesn't arrive before I finish with what I have, this column will be most brief. As regards the "home" folks, Eddie Burke and staff of seven are firmly entrenched in quarters. He has assumed his duties as post staff judge advocate. Jimmy Woolnough and Aggie have arrived, new Buick and all. Jim has taken over the First Regiment of cadets. Dwight Beach departed in one piece for a visit to San Antonio before reporting to the Armed Forces Staff College. Harley Trice slipped away rather casually late in August. The last time I went fishing with him, he hadn't quite decided what he was going to do on the outside. He had had several business offers. I had a short bull session with "Poopoo" Hillsinger, now a "full-fledged" lawyer in Orlando, Florida. In my travels about, I met up with Johnny Coughlin at Fort Riley, where he was marking time before proceeding to the Armed Forces Staff College. Johnny hasn't been back to U.S. M.A. since graduation, and when I recounted the changes which had taken place since then, he said, "The Corps has gone to hell!"

I understand that a West Point sesquicentennial is planned for 1952, when all you sons might be gathering here for our 20th reunion. Might be a good idea to tell your wives now that "that will be a reunion I won't miss."

I must report on the status of our class fund. Present balance—\$329.50 with \$75.00 due to be paid to the Association of Graduates as our class share of the Memorial Plaque. The plaque, incidentally, is being dedicated this fall. Our request for donations resulted in 141 classmates donating \$158.00. We'll have quite a sizeable fund as working capital for our 20th reunion.

Harvey, Burke, Woolnough and I are getting together to battle as to who is going to be "resident secretary" and who will write this column next time—class politics in reverse. Tom and I each have one vote for each year we've been here.

Ken Zitzman notified me via postcard from San Diego, Hq. 1st Task Fleet, that he would have some flashes for this column. That boy certainly gets around places besides the Pentagon. Incidentally, "Windy" crashed Saturday Evening Post's "Perfect Squelch" column and collected one hundred bucks recently.

Now—from our Washington correspondent:

A letter received from Zitzman contains the following news:

"I am caught out here on the West Coast far from my usual sources of information, and as I haven't attended one of the Greater Washington Society's square dances and turkey shoots since early June, this will necessarily be curtailed.

"Since our last report, the deepest heel print in the capricious sands of Time was made by no heel. My West Coast agent informs me that Brigadier General Thomas C. Darcy who (it says here) is regarded as one of the leading tactical experts of the Air Force, has been placed in command of the newly formed 2nd Air Division in Germany.

"For the June clambake, the Washington mob chose a dinner dance on the roof of the Army Navy Country Club which was attended by some 60 devotees of the grape and grapple. Got quite a lift temporarily, when we arrived and asked the Captain where we could find the 1932 table.

"Isn't that the young table?" he asked.

"That's right," I replied, 'a bunch of young fellows and their wives.'

"No," was the withering comeback, 'I mean it's reserved in the name of Colonel Fred Young.'

"Coincidentally, three couples at the party (Coutts, Morris' and Mellniks) were celebrating wedding anniversaries that day, and the Hinshaws started theirs at midnight. Quite a chore to sing 'Happy Wedding Anniversary to You' four times, but it was even worse listening, so I sang plenty.

"The time had to come, of course, but I for one hated to see Johnny and Noi Kambhu finish their tour here. On August 20th, the Washington smart set threw a farewell party for them and by the time you read this, they will have left. The King of Siam, however, is hereby respectfully notified that considered individually or collectively, his country never had better envoys to the U.S. than the Kambhu family and he is cordially invited to return them at his earliest convenience. Until that happy day, their address will be: 353 Silom Road, Bangkok.

"Combing the General Orders for a smattering of miscellany, found that we have a fair concentration at the Armed Forces Staff College with Beach, Coughlin, Golden, Lan-kenau, Roy Moore and Sommer as new students. And for this month's contribution, Biff Braude also got orders to the same place after I had been informed on airtight authority and duly reported to the Register of the Association of Grads that he had resigned. Sorry if I unfrocked you early, Biff, and when you get time let me know the score by innings.

"As anticipated, Ed Burke, eminent authority on civil, criminal and guardhouse law is the new Judge Advocate at West Point which is doing pretty well for a guy who used to think that Blackstone is a low grade anthracite. At the same snuggery Jim Woolnough commands a regiment of cadets.

"Lou Truman has gone to the Joint Staff and not the 2nd Division as previously announced. John Keating is now on duty in the Pentagon, and to quote my distant in-

formant verbatim, Stan Wray is either in Washington or somewhere else.

"D. B. Johnson was plucked from O.&T. for the Secretariat of the General Staff and Al Gerhardt has swapped his metaphorical sword for duty with the State Department. Meanwhile the Air Force recruiting program proceeds merrily apace with the addition of Chris Dreyer and Joe Gill to their ground arm.

"Charlie D'Orsa is still at the Presidio of San Francisco and is now Post Executive Officer. His boss, incidentally, is Pop (You lose) Goode, puck-proof goalie of the officer's hockey team in 1931-32 and a true sportsman who never handed out a quill unaccompanied by a merry quip. I'll bet the fun runs high at coffee call as no one has ever accused Charlie himself of being a reluctant man with the verbiage.

"Herb Thatcher, newly crowned tennis champ of the Far East Air Force, has returned to this country and has a big job as Deputy Chief for Operations of the Continental Air Command at Mitchel Field. Red Rude recently joined the Sixth Army G-4 section at the Presidio and is temporarily an umpire on this same deal in which I am involved—Operation Miki, a joint exercise featuring an amphibious assault on Oahu. Henry Britt has joined Jeanette and Jerry Epley (2nd Division G-2) at Ft. Lewis and is the Regimental Exec of the 9th Infantry.

"The Epley's family, by the way, has doubled in the last two years with John Frank, born in Tokyo in June '47, and our youngest member for the time being arriving in April at Ft. Lewis.

"During a trip to Hollywood recently to improve my mind, I was greeted in the first office I entered by a picture of our own Bob Scott among a prominent display of other greats on the wall. Since it was in a movie studio and the collection ranged from autographed photos of two presidents to the Southern Cal football team, I naturally concluded that it was either Bob's starring role in the 100th Night Show or his captaincy of the goat football team that qualified him for the honor. Idle chatter with the occupant of the office, however, revealed that he was the one who had bought the movie rights to 'God Is My Co-pilot' and had handed Bob the check for a cool 100 grand; hardly peanuts in any monetary system. You won't find any reference to it in Dale Carnegie's 'Little Known Facts About Well Known People', but some of the background data on the book make interesting reading.

"After plenty of fighting with regular flights over the Hump in the early part of the war, Bob was called back to the Pentagon temporarily. As sincerely convinced of the necessity for aid to China as was his boss, Bob made a speaking tour on his own time, and after a lively talk at St. Paul's Cathedral in Buffalo one morning, was sold the writing idea by the bishop. This sounded like no great trouble as he figured that if writing a composition between lunch and first call could keep him pro in English, three days would be plenty for a book. Accordingly, he locked himself in a room at the Waldorf Astoria for just that period and emerged with the manuscript. The book was published before he returned to China to resume the fray, and he was pleasantly surprised when it caused more commotion than his drawing P. made during Second Class year when Bob forgot to include a breach block on the 37mm gun but tastefully decorated the foreground with some very pretty daisies in isometric projection.

"Taxes, which he is still paying, have caused most of the dough to be of a highly transitory nature of course, and Bob found it more confusing than Plebe math when he was borrowing against next year's royalties to pay last year's taxes. It was typical, however, that the current year was the only one that didn't worry him, and he got a certain satisfaction out of knowing that he not only was shooting plenty of ammo at

the Japs, but was paying for a good share of it himself. Speaking for myself, the book gave me several pleasant hours in Italy in 1944 and I'm sorry that I didn't buy a copy outright instead of flching one from Tom Darcy's mess.

"And while we're catching up on some of the back items, might mention some belated news on three of our life members which couldn't have happened to nicer gals. Jane Spengler remarried about a year ago and is living in Miami, not too far from Mary Lou Bache, who is now married to Don Emery Swearingen, a civilian, in Gainesville, Fla. For those who aren't caught up on the class news, Danny Spengler was killed on the beach at Normandy, and Hyatt Bache was lost over the South Pacific in early '43. And just this past July, Ruth Cunningham, widow of Jimmy who was killed in the same plane crash as Jim Cain in January '42, married Bruce Von G. Scott, U.S. M.A. '33. Bruce is well known to most of our class, having captained the polo team in 1933 if memory serves correctly, and was in the Air Force until his retirement in 1947.

"After years of maintaining that no one in our class ever writes a letter, am finally forced to retract. A composite billet doux from the Websters, McKeowns, Hartshorns, Coutts, Suarez', Bill Smiths, Merv Magees ('31), and the Biff Jones ('17), which was written on the spot, told of a perfectly lovely party they were having at my house. At this little gathering in honor of the visiting McKeowns, each said in his wavering scrawl that if I weren't such an old stuffed field jacket, I'd stop sulking in San Diego and join the party. Translating liberally (and delightful Delphine Suarez didn't help a bit by writing in Spanish) I gathered that goaded on by Pat, they improvised a charcoal grill where it hardly killed any of the lawn and let Eddie Hartshorn play the role of hamburgermeister. Striving to please as always, Eddie anxiously asked each guest if he could taste the charcoal, and I guess it was Biff who said, 'Yeah, now let's have one where we can taste the meat.'

"In a more scholarly but no less humorous composition, Honey Whalen sent the news from London. He sees Johnnie Ackerman (Air Attache) and Al Clark (AMA) regularly and made a brief contact with Ernie Powel. For company crossing the Atlantic he had Milt Ogden who was enroute to Germany for a new station.

"Ordinarily, waving the old flag leaves me cold, but we've had some examples of the friendly mitt recently that certainly deserve honorable mention. To start with a case that was minor but very close to home, I was ordered out here on such short notice that I had to send emergency signals to such widely scattered characters as Charley Baer at Norfolk, Don Roth (whom I haven't seen since graduation) at Leavenworth, and Roscoe Huggins in San Francisco to get some material that I had to take with me. In each case it involved quite a bit of personal inconvenience and scrounging around, but they all came through by return mail and made the deadline hands down.

"The second geranium goes to the Pete Hinshaws who don't fool around. When they took some leave last summer, they offered for free their fine house in Arlington complete with silver, linen and the key to that little cabinet in the dining room, to any incoming classmate who might need it as a base while looking around for quarters. Even if you don't like four bedrooms and two baths in a new house, you've got to admit the price was right.

"And finally, when Rose and Charlie D'Orsa left a swank Laguna Beach hotel happy but broke with several days of leave still remaining (it can happen even to a logistics expert) Red and Marian Rude loaned them their nifty little rancho in the

mountains near Fresno with no questions asked and no quarter given.

"Maybe we don't have a secret grip or a class song, but some of the informal arrangements seem to work pretty well.

"See you all at the Navy game."
—L. J. H.

1933

The advent of a new academic year has brought with it the shocking and sobering news that the deadline for the class news has arrived as if by magic. We are holding the presses hoping for a last minute flash from The Pentagon concerning the various and sundry activities of our largest concentrated representation, but each fleeting moment reflects that such hopes are rapidly diminishing—too much staff work on the Potomac, presumably.

On 1 July 1949, the Class of 1953 was sworn in as new cadets, bringing back nostalgic memories of that same date twenty years prior. The local contingent of Broshous, Gray, Gee, Tripp, Honeycutt, Jones, Darnell, Neely, Cleveland and Hurlbut, with Meyer absent, met for the resumption of the monthly class luncheons in September. This affair is held the first Friday each month at the West Point Army Mess at 1215 hours. Should anyone find it convenient to attend, please contact Johnny Cleveland slightly in advance.

Only a few letters were received, but here are some extracts therefrom:

Don Stephenson writes:—"I am back at Fort Monmouth after a pleasant tour as student at the Naval War College. At present I am making like Director of the Officers' Department of the Signal School. Jack Kimmel is one of the senior instructors, and a top notch one too. By the way, are there any plans for another 'Lucky Star' in the near future?" Ed. Note—As to the answer to your question, Steve, only that well known author down Pentagon Way, Butch Baumer, can furnish the approved solution.

Jack Rudolph supplies the following—"Am presently commanding the 38th Infantry Regiment in the 2nd Division at Fort Lewis. Came here from Hawaii in December '48. Am the only member of the class in 2nd Division and as far as I know, in Pacific northwest, consequently have no news of anyone else"

Quoting now from a press release from Hq., Philippine Command—"Lieutenant Colonel Joshua R. Messersmith, Commanding Officer, U.S. Army Port of Manila, is returning to the United States for reassignment. He will report to the Student Detachment, Industrial College of Armed Forces. During his tour of duty in the Philippines, Col. Messersmith has been very popular among the Manila society circles and has been re-elected for a second term as President of the Army Transportation Association"

Fran Hill reports on the Fort Leavenworth gang as follows—"Doug Davis, stricken with polio in July, is at Fitzsimons General Hospital, Ward 9—would no doubt appreciate hearing from any or all of us. Here this year are: Brindley, Calhoun, Carroll, Carver, Crawford, Damon, Dolph, Frame, Frentzel, Fuller, Fuqua, Hartel, Hill, Merriam, Parker, Plapp and Wallace". We are sorry to hear about Doug Davis—it couldn't have happened to a nicer person and the entire class will be hoping for a rapid recovery.

A surprise from Vansant reveals his new location to be, of all places, the Naval Academy, where he is in the Department of Ordnance and Gunnery. A few months ago Van was transferred from Washington to Lowry Air Force Base to command the Air Force Armament School. Quoting from his letter—"I saw Seymour Madison, who is living in Denver. He seems to be doing all right and

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he is mixed up with an auto parts business on the side. Now get this—of all things, he is a teacher of mathematics at the University".

The following emanating from Fort Bliss is quoted: "You have been selected by Ashworth and Hain to catch this little news item for processing into such things as the '33 news items in *Assembly* or in any poop-sheet that may be put out by our sterling representatives at U.S.M.A. (latter may be years in getting done but we live in hope). Anyway Ed and Roulo want to dispel nauseating rumors that we are perennial swivel chair staff unmentionables. The truth is that he is now the CO of the 69th AAA Gun Battalion (Ed, that is) and Roulo is commanding the 15th AAA Automatic Weapons Battalion (Self Propelled). The battalion is self propelled, not Hain. He gets around though, yes. So now we two can sneer and say nasty things about all of you genfs who are still in the Pentagon and stuff. Well, it's sorta hot down here in west Texas and of course there weren't any quarters for our families (how unusual!) but we are managing to exist and are behaving just like gentlemen, whatever that is".

A press clipping from Arcadia, Calif., gives the following on Wolf Larsen — "With pledges of support from civic and business leaders in Arcadia and other areas of Los Angeles county, Gordon P. Larson, 410 South Second Avenue, took over as director of the county air pollution control district this week, following his recent unanimous selection by the board of supervisors".

The San Francisco, Calif., News carried a feature story on Bill Darby as follows: "The name of one of the nation's most gallant combat leaders killed in the war was perpetuated today on one of the Army's finest transport ships. At a shipboard ceremony at Fort Mason today, the former transport Admiral Sims was rechristened the General William O. Darby in honor of the officer who was killed in April 1945, while commanding the 10th Mountain Division in Italy. A portrait of the officer was presented to the ship by the general's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Percy W. Darby, and his sister, Miss Doris Nell Darby, who came from Fort Smith, Ark., for the ceremony".

And now we quote in part from a recent article in the New York Herald Tribune's Sunday edition no less—an article entitled "Farewell to the Airman's Floppy 50-Mission Hat"—"That rougish-looking visored cap with the ocean-wave, floppy-eared effect, guaranteed to send U.S.O. hostesses, Red Cross girls and W.A.C. captains into a swoon, is now non grata among United States Air Force personnel. There is a uniform regulation out on it, saying that the removal of grommets will not be tolerated. At any rate, the campaign to eradicate what was once considered the crowning glory of the American airman has not only brought Colonel Sidney B. Grubbs, Commanding Officer, Headquarters Command, U.S.A.F., into the limelight but has given him a nickname that may stick for life. At Bolling Field, the military aerial gateway to Washington, Colonel Grubbs, a West Pointer, has received the monicker of 'Cap-Mad' for his warfare on the offending chapeaux". And speaking of Rosy, everyone who has visited his Command has remarked on the efficient manner in which it is being operated. From the comments, not only from classmates but from others as well, Rosy certainly must be doing an outstanding job!

Recent numbers of "Awards Review" issued by Dept. of the Army, carried pictures of Al Welling, District Engineer of the Baltimore District, presenting a cash award to one of his employees and George White doing likewise in his capacity as Executive Officer of Detroit Arsenal.

"Army Times" carried a picture of the presentation of battle streamers to the 18th F.A. Battalion at Fort Sill. Observing the festivities in the picture was Duff Sudduth, the Battalion Commander of the recipient unit.

Incidentally, Duff stopped off here this summer and reported seeing H. T. Henry in New York looking plump and prosperous. Ralph Alspaugh and his family visited here briefly enroute to their new station at Georgia Military College, Milledgeville, Ga. Milt Summerfelt stopped by enroute to a vacation on Vic King's farm; Matt Kane in New York from his home base in Chicago was looking grand and very happy in his work with the California Sales Agency—Matt reported that he sees Deacon Signer quite often, in fact they have both purchased homes in the same vicinity in Oak Park. Matt also has contacted Iggy Simpson who is working for the Illinois Highway Department and living at Pekin, and Dave Wagstaff at Hq., 5th Army; Dodd Starbird and family stopped briefly while returning to Washington from points north. The Kiblers, enroute to Ottawa where Kib is stationed, reports seeing the Slugger Douglas family, complete with new edition, at Cape May. A local rumor has it that Pinky Webster, complete with blue cap and tie, was observed pricing certain articles of uniform impedimenta at the West Point Exchange during the summer months. Pat Guiney, just back from France, spent a few days angling in the local streams before moving on to a new assignment at Camp Lee, Va.

Recent arrivals at Governors Island are Pugh Pearson, George Gretser and Amaury Gaudia, the latter being the Chief Junk Man of 1st Army G-4 Section. Amaury reported Ab Huntsberry going to Germany.

Bob Blandford passed through enroute to Germany from Benning and reported Joe Stilwell and Bob Blanchard back from Alaska and Greece respectively and in command of Infantry Battalions at the Infantry Center and that Harpo Chase had taken over all Bob's assignments upon his departure. Joe Stilwell was present at the Academy for the dedication of the new Stilwell Dam and Lake named in honor of his father.

"Army Times" recently noted the transfer of Ralph Talbott from Command of an Armored Battalion in Augsburg, Germany, to an assignment at Heidelberg. Shanty Ryan, Chet Dahlen and Harry Burkhalter are now attending the Air War College. Paul Walters and Bill Fletter are at Ft. Monroe with A.F.F. and Lamar Ratcliffe is Liaison Officer between that headquarters and Air Defense Command, Mitchel Field. Bob Rayburn goes to 5308th A.S.U., Denver.

The new student department includes Cam Longley attending Stanford University and Paul Gillon at Harvard. Bob Cyr finished at Harvard and is now at Frankford Arsenal in Philadelphia. Fred Thorlin is at Aberdeen Proving Ground in charge of development work on vehicles. Ed Herb, according to one report, recently departed for an oversea assignment on Guam but the A.&N. Journal says Okinawa. Perhaps Ed can clear the confusion by writing in time for the next issue. Jim Polk, in G-2 Section G.H.Q., Tokyo, could do likewise. Tom Hall is a Wing Commander at Johnson A.F.B. near Tokyo. George Chapman is now an instructor at A.F.S.C., Norfolk, where Gerry Chapman, Guy Lothrop, Bing Downing, Olaf Johnson, Doug Gilbert, Ben Harris and Bob Leslie are students.

Overseas reports are nil this time but it is possible that George Vanway has returned or is returning to the U.S. with station at 6th Army Hq. If so, he will find Johnny Shinkle nearby at the San Francisco Ordnance District. Insofar as is known, Bob Turner and Walt Jensen are still in Greece with the Advisory Group and Billy Clarke as Assistant Military Attache. Oscar Senter is now at Andrews A.F.B., Md., and according to report, checking on his football ticket applications. If you are going to the Michigan game, you can look up Pete Carroll who will be staying at the Book Cadillac Hotel in Detroit.

—Hurly Hurlbut.

The summer period being a rather dull one, we won't have as much material with which to regale you this time as appeared in the last edition.

Travis Brown arrived at West Point during the summer and took over the job of Post Quartermaster. He intends to do a good deal of officiating at high school football games in this vicinity during the Fall. Another newcomer at W.P. is Howard, who is exec of the Combat Arms Detachment. Since the last edition of *Assembly* Chick Andrews has gone to Japan, the Crystals took a trip to Europe and return during the summer, and the Stones returned more or less intact from their camping trip to the West Coast.

For those class members who attended the Reunion, we, here at U.S.M.A., have certainly enjoyed and appreciated your very kind letters commenting on the activities. We hasten to correct a very gross error appearing in the class notes last time; it was PAUL Turner who participated in the festivities during the Reunion, and not BOB Turner, as previously reported. Sorry.

The following extract from a letter written by Jack Seaman on 2 September is quoted for the general edification of all: "Now for some brief news from Leavenworth—Dick Weber stayed on as an instructor in the Department of Personnel along with Herb Andrae, Up Williams and myself. Bill Moorman and Ken Cunin are still assigned to the Department of Logistics, and Whitey Manlove has joined Bob Tyson in the Department of the Command and General Staff. Pete Kopcsak has just returned from Hungary and is a student in the new class, as is "B.J." Richardson. Pete's stories of his escapades in Hungary are as exciting as a Saturday night thriller at the local cinema. Ken Cunin is in the Post Hospital with ear trouble and expects to be sent to Fitzsimons General Hospital in the near future, where they can give him a thorough going over. Since my last letter Bill and Marian Moorman have become parents of a fine boy named Frank".

In June, Ken Kenerick reported from Hawaii: "When Betty and Harry Lardin hopped a boat for the mainland recently, it left Edie and myself as the sole remaining '34'ers in this promised land. . . I'm still fighting the logistic battle in the G-4 Division. Kenericks all hale and hearty—wearing shoes only when necessary".

On 8 September, Johnny Franklin wrote from Washington: "In the Washington area now, there are some fifty members of the Class—probably representing the largest concentration of our Class in any area of the world. The regular monthly luncheons, held the first Wednesday of each month, were re-instigated beginning the first Wednesday in August. Of the fifty members of our Class in the area, some thirty were able to be present. During the luncheon it was decided generally that the Class should have a mixed party before the summer had passed on. Rip Winkle volunteered to seek out facilities for such an affair at his club at Gravelly Point, opposite the National Airport. Thanks to Rip's efforts the affair was arranged for Saturday the 27th consisting of dinner, dancing on the pavilion, and music by a local civilian orchestra. The affair was informal and at a moderate cost, and apparently enjoyed by all. Among the new faces who appeared with their wives, as permanent additions to our group in the area, was Lou Walsh newly arrived from Colombia. He excelled in carrying the lead during the latter hours on a rehash of the old songs. Also appearing for the first time, and likewise with their spouses, were R. L. McKee from the Armed Forces Staff College; Craig Smyser from Denver; Gene Tibbets from Portugal; Harry Hillyard from Maxwell Air Force Base; Pete Peca from Bliss; and Jim Winn from Greece.

At the luncheon on the first Wednesday in September, held at the Fort Myer Officers' Club, some thirty members were present. At this gathering Heck Davall proposed that the Class charter a coach car for a trip by rail to Philadelphia to take those members of the Class who intend to be present at the Army-Navy game. The proposal was accepted wholeheartedly, and Heck volunteered to look into the matter and present costs, times, etc., for further consideration at the next luncheon, on 5 October.

Recently arrived students at Armed Forces Staff College include Bilbo, Dugas, Cunningham, Neilson, Sanders, Brown, S. L. has shifted from student status to staff and faculty. Tank left in August to take on new job as Exec at Fort Eustis, Va.

Saw Bob Kyser's orders to Harvard this summer. Bud and Helen Buehler have a new arrival, John P., Jr., born 31 August. Buehlers' address is 3576 S.W. Mount Adams Drive, Portland 1, Oregon.

A group of ex-members of Paul Berkowitz's 648th Engr Bn laid a wreath on his grave here at W.P. on 11 September.

Jerry Higgins wrote on 31 August: "I am now under orders to proceed from the 24th Infantry Division in Japan to the 4th Infantry Division at Fort Ord, California, with tentative date of arrival as October 15. We are delighted with our new location, but will certainly hate to leave Japan. Looks like I'll have to learn to dry dishes again! We have had no additions to our '34 family over here of recent date, unless Tate and Andrews have reported in within the last few days. As far as I know we now have: Boland, on Hokkaido; Cook, McKinnon, and Warren in Tokyo; Wood, T. E., in Yokohama; Wilmeth in Kyoto; and Snee, Pothier and myself on Kyushu. Hickman left about a month ago, and will probably be seeing you at West Point—he is to be stationed at Carlisle Barracks".

It looks as if that about winds it up for this time. Many thanks to the contributors whom we have quoted above, and let's hope that many others will emulate them in zeal and literary ability in the near future. Yours for a bang-up football season!

—W. J. R.

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Most likely everyone received the class memorandum regarding June Week 1950; we are now awaiting your replies, together with all the gory details on what you have been doing since graduation.

Aaron Harris seemingly healthy at 1950 Santa Cruz, Menlo Park, Calif. Bob Stillman's new domicile—Qtrs 4, Slocum Air Force Base; job—Deputy for Operations of the First Air Force. Ed Ferris—retired—representing Jefferson Standard Life Insurance (no plug); his office, Suite 15, Scrimgeour Bldg, 8616 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, Maryland. Benny Heckemeyer now with the 5th Infantry Regt, A.P.O. 967, San Francisco.

If everyone would send in information like Benchmark Kelly from Vint Hill Farm Station, Arlington, Virginia, the 15-year book would really be a success. Kelly sent in everything but his hair (most of which is gone), including pictures of his dog, children, wife, and old fat self. That's what we like, Kelly; more power to you!

Did everyone get word that Stu Fries got his Master's Degree in Aeronautics Guided Missiles at Southern Cal June 11th?

Downs Ingram is at Headquarters MATS, Washington. Joe Keating now working in Washington; his home address, 4811 16th St. North, Arlington, Virginia. Kelso Clough writes from Washington that he will be sailing early in September for London; his new address will be—Navy No. 100 (NA-7), F.P.O., New York, N. Y. Expects to be there

three years. In Washington he has become reacquainted with such classmates as Wheeler, Brister, Bryde, Taylor, Everett, Bassett, Gloriod. Had seen Gillis, Walters, Alger, Root, and Morris.

Carl Miller is now in G-3 Section, Headquarters Second Army, Ft. Meade, Md. with Boyle, Executive of the Third Armored Cavalry (Light) and Agnew, G-1 Exec Headquarters Second Army. Joe and Marge Stancook write that everything is fine at 2931 South Dinwiddie Street, Arlington, Va. Big Old Mac Peeke says Ft. Riley revolves around OBC Team No. 3, DRI (oh, no!). Al Wells in Oak Ridge for the summer while between classes in Atomic Physics at California. Their address—Route 2, Box 880A, Lafayette, Calif.

Waterman sent his fast two-dollar check, with a note that the same might bounce if the pay bill doesn't go through, from 117 Watson Road, Belmont, Mass. Hille now at Ft. Belvoir. Carmon Rogers working in Washington; best way to get in touch with him is to write 2816 16th Road South, Arlington. Maurie Simons now located at Headquarters Far East Air Forces Base, A.P.O. 925. Bob Glass, the author, slaving away at Norfolk. Oscar Boyer in Finance Department, Washington, residing at 3302 Elmore Drive, Alexandria. Just arrived Department of Army General Staff, P.&O. Division, 3D452—Veep Mock. Kraus is the Military Attache to Yugoslavia, and we imagine one of the biggest thorns in the side of anyone who would do the dear old U.S.A. red. Get him in care of Message Center Branch, Intelligence Division, GSUSA.

Frank Murdoch is at Seven Oaks, Route 2, Franklin Park, Falls Church. Ed Bechtold is going to Paris in October to attend Ecole Superieur de Guerre—right now brushing up on his French at Idylwood Road, RFD 2, Falls Church. Bryde by now should be in P.&O. in the Pentagon after graduation from Armed Forces Staff College. Bud Russ just dropped by to tell me that Pat Mente is now in Cincinnati residing at 1128 Towanda Terrace.

All the gang at West Point got together when they brought Dutch Koehler's body back for reinterment in the West Point Cemetery. Lynn, Dutch's and Dot's daughter, (and a beautiful gal) came up from El Paso.

Orin Moore's gone back to Germany with U.S.A.F.E., Wiesbaden, A.P.O. 757. Saxton now in Columbus, Ohio, 917 Kenwick Road. O'Neal living at 1603 North Edison, Arlington, Va. Joe Anderson has been Assistant Military Attache in Mexico since January and reports that it is by long odds the most delightful station he has ever had, with perfect climate, interesting job, and living conditions reminiscent of those he heard about in the good old days. Charlie Hoy is also in Mexico as member of the mail order branch of Sears Roebuck. The two of them get together on the golf course as frequently as possible. Harden, Qtrs 53 Fort Bragg, is now Chief Test Officer, Airborne Service Test Section, Army Field Forces Board No. 1. Is only member of the class at Bragg.

Had long letter from Bob Tucker, still P.M.S.&T., Ashland Senior High School, Ashland, Kentucky—two boys, two girls—not bad! Camp Gordon, Georgia, boasts of Jack Howell in the MP School and Harry Lewis at the Southeastern Signal School. You may be interested to know, Jack, that we'll have a great cross-country team here this fall. Zeigler wrote from St. Matthews, South Carolina. Jimmy Worthington dropped a line stating he and family well at 329 James St., Falls Church, Virginia. Foote still at Leavenworth. Long letter from Charlie Hoy telling of his two years with Sears Roebuck. After having his stomach reshuffed at Walter Reed, Charlie went to Sears Advanced Merchandising School in Chicago (where he got the big picture) and then on to Mexico City where he organized and is managing mail orders for Mexico. Charlie just moved

into a penthouse atop one of their stores and he says the setup is really lush. Bidgood working in Room 3D426. The Pentagon; wrote he hopes he is not as late for the 15-year reunion as he was sending in his two bucks. Elliger dropped a card to the gang recently from 628 Pittock Block, Portland, Oregon.

Seth Weld now attending Armed Forces Staff College in Norfolk. Jack Roberts Executive to the Chief of Staff, U.S. Air Forces, The Pentagon. Jack Williamson in the I.G., living at 39 Bolling Road, Alexandria, Va. Isham has just arrived in the Pentagon from Leavenworth. Schweidel stationed in London with the Standardization Group. Forman has just left the I.G. to be a student at the Armed Forces Staff College. Elmer Walker still working in I.G. Pratt writing from Mt. Rainier Ordnance Depot, Tacoma, Washington, indicates that he has just obtained his Master's Degree in Administration at Stanford. Stumpy Haug been on leave this summer, now at Yuma Test Branch, Yuma, Arizona. Stumpy will have to close up Yuma so look for a new address for him in the near future. Tex Knowles at Air War College, Maxwell Field. Dilley, G-3 First Cavalry Division, reports seeing George O'Connor in the Far Eastern Air Force, Ruhlen in I Corps at Kyoto, and Somers Dick in Tokyo. Noel Cox in office Chief of Information, The Pentagon. Baldy Bare now in G-3 Section, Headquarters Sixth Army, Presidio.

—Proctor.

1936

Hello again! Don't be surprised at our new telegraphic style. Hereafter copy from class correspondents will be strictly limited, and we must condense the many news items sent by cooperative classmates. Don't let this discourage you, though. Please keep the letters coming.

The dedication ceremony of the Memorial Plaques will be held at Cullum, 1600, 6 October 1949. Next of kin are to receive mailed invitations.

We have a note of appreciation for our flowers sent to Mary Ann Meany.

The men of '36 remember with affection and admiration Colonel William Mallord Connor, former professor of Law. We extend sincere sympathy to Bill.

Two '36 weddings this June—something rare at our age—Bob O'Brien to Barbara Magruder at Irvington, Va. Following the Strategic Intelligence Course in Wash., Bob will go to Belgrade as M.A. Bill Landry to Barbara Cation at Ft. Smith, Ark. Bill and Barbara visited West Point enroute to Stanford where Bill will study business administration. Their new address is 2110 Bowdoin St., Palo Alto.

The Landrys saw Bill Longley and family in New Hampshire. The latter had to give up his manufacturing of precision instruments, hoping for a position in some military school where the wear and tear on eyes will not be so great.

The Hiester family successfully combined business with pleasure this summer. Complete with trailer, the four of them visited hockey friends at R.M.C. in Canada. Also hit Yellowstone and Mexico. All this on the way to Dave's Guided Missiles Course at Sandia. From Minot, N. D. they dropped us a card: "... bumped into Skip Beard—mayor of Riverdale, boom town for the new Garrison Dam here in N. D."

We enjoyed meeting Betty, Bill Davis' charming wife. They paused here all too briefly, having the long trek to Texarkana before them. Bill is enjoying fine quarters and congenial company at Red River Arsenal.

Saw Bernie Bess and family off on the palatial Gen. Patch. Understand Mohlere

clan flew to Germany. Abrams was also at Hamilton that day, awaiting transportation to Boston from where he was scheduled to sail to Germany.

Sorry not to have follow-ups on several babies reported imminent. Definite arrivals are to Steve Smith, Larry Laurion and Bill Connor—all daughters.

Chuck Prosser's Washington crowd are beginning their social season with a bang. A stag party on August 17 proved a huge success. Present were: Johnny Bartella, recently assigned to the Transportation Division of the Air Force; Ev Hahney, recently assigned to Logistics; Kerkering, OCE; Rickenbaugh, Logistics; Howie Snyder, Bob O'Brien and Bob Albro attending the Strat. Intell. School; and Crawford, JAG.

The Washington group are also planning a cocktail party at the Bolling Field Officers Club, Friday night, 23 September. Chuck requests that classmates expecting to be in the vicinity of the Potomac contact him re frequent social gatherings there. From all reports these class parties are worth going out of your way for.

Now for as many orders as space allows: Fergusson to 4th Inf. Div., Ft. Ord; Hughes, from MA in Costa Rica to 5th Amd. Div., Camp Chaffee. Janof to Kilmer from NYPE; Rickenbaugh assigned to General Staff, Washington; Blair to Bliss; Dickson to Omaha (Strat. Air Comd); Landrum expects Hq. Eighth Army.

Tyler has been located at Mitchel Field. Eddie Miles reports two ex-'36ers assigned to Hq. U.S.A.F. in Washington—Lt. Col. John E. Crowley and Captain H. G. Dalton.

Overseas, fine notes from Torrey and Austin. Jack is M.A. at Lisbon, enjoying the job. Classmates in Germany are urged to drop in at the 97th Gen. Hosp in Frankfurt to see Jack's wife, Missie, who will spend the next few months as a patient there. Gordy Austin amplifies our previous dope. He is U.S.A.F. observer at Field Marshal Montgomery's Hq at Fontainebleau. Sees Russ Jansen occasionally—the latter recently married "Indian" Meyers' sister. Chuck Waters expects to be ordered home from Japan soon. Bill Davis thinks Jacoby is in Peru and Beggs in London. Can anyone verify this?

McCormick crashed through with his usual wealth of information: "Attended Arm'd Conference at Ft. Knox in May. Among those present were: Al Turner, Bn. Comdr, 3rd Arm'd Div; L. C. Shea, just back from Japan, Comdr of STR while awaiting Adv. Course in order to become converted to tanks; Streeter, Senior NG Instructor at Cleveland. Albro, former classmate, now Asst G-2, Second Army; Max Murray, former classmate, Bn. Comdr, Tk Bn, 2nd Armd Div. . . some new arrivals and changes: Jesse Drain now Exec O of the Weapons Dept. He is also competing in the national pistol matches at Ft. Sheridan. Ben Turnage heads up the operations and training group of the Staff Dept. Al Peck is Exec O of the 3440 ASU; Bruce Palmer, student in the Assoc. Adv. Course. In October he will join the Staff and Faculty, probably. Ned Broyles, still G-2, 3rd Div. Phil Greene, student, Assoc. Adv. Course, will join 3rd Div in October. Steve Holderness, student, will return to 5th Div at Jackson. Hank Benson, full fledged jumper after completing the airborne course this summer. Mac LeMoynes fresh out of Leavenworth, has also completed the Abn Course this summer and is at Hq, Third Army. Dickens is an instructor at Maxwell Field". Mac himself has been appointed Director of the Tng Pub Dept. This is the kind of letter that really keeps the ball rolling.

Fisher, who came up to wet his lures in the Academy lakes this summer, writes

from A.F.S.C.: ". . . our classmates here . . . Ben Evans, Inch Williams, Finley, Ace Miller, Dave McCoach, Ike Smith and myself. In addition, Deadeye Dickson is an instructor here. He had the '36ers over to his apartment for a get together. Col. Bob Orth was also there—he was in our class for the first two years"

June Grads of the Air War College are: Covington, Estes, Grohs, Kimball, Perkins. (From Leavenworth: Abrams, LeMoynes, Hq, Third Army and Lockhart, PTO, Pentagon.) At Sill—Ken Dawalt is taking the Advanced Artillery Course.

Low is at the U. of Michigan. Wort Williams at Fort Ord, writes that he is C.O. of the Leaders Course, 4th Inf. Div. No other classmates there. Wort was the only one present at the W.P. Dinner.

This is the end of the line for us. Writing the column has been a pleasure. Your contributions helped make the job easier. Thanks a million. We know you'll do as well by Dud and Dutch Hartman who have been elected to take over. Drop Dud a line at the Combat Arms Detachment, Special Regiment, West Point. Meanwhile we hope to see many of you up for home football games this fall. Wiedersehen.

—Betty and Rudy Ganns.

1937

All the summer vacationing and changes of station seem to have played hob with our flow of incoming information, but we expect conditions to improve with the advent of the fall season. The only real letter was a long one from our recently departed Scotty Hall, who sent us many details of activities at Maxwell Field where Scotty now is a student at the Air War College. The group there recently held a magnificent picnic and OH-LIMP-HICKS field day. Curt Low, galloped out of the woods beneath his wreath of laurel bearing the fire from Mt. Oh-Limp-Us to start the games. Spider Eckman won the discus toss with a plate; the team of Sonny Gray, Jimmy Parker, and Al Russell, won the hop relay; Harriet Batjer won the Whammer Throw; the Low Jump fell to a team of Render Denson, Ray Clingerman, and Bill Hipps; Johnny Batjer and Ann Hall ran a close second to Harriet Batjer and Bill Hipps in the sack race; Mort Magoffin's paper airplane easily won the Javelin Throw; and the June Magoffin, Dottie Donohew, Juanita Hipps, team won the Hot Put by landing their golf balls right on the Green. Afterwards, the group picked Scotty, Charlie Stark, Al Clark, and Bill Hipps as the 1937 General Committee; while Marie Eckman accepted the chairmanship of the Femmes Committee. Thanks for your contribution, Scotty.

The West Point group has been depleted seriously by the departure of several valued members: the Kimbrell's now are on temporary duty in Washington prior to their departure for Germany; the Gildart's already have reached Germany, where Bob is C.O. of the 77th F.A. Bn., stationed at Landshut, Bavaria—the unit was scheduled to start maneuvers three days after Bob arrived, so that he no doubt has his hands full at the present; the McKinley's are on duty with Dept. of the Army General Staff in Washington; the Johnny Johnson's already are hard at work taking the Leavenworth C.&G.S.C. Course: while the Conway's have started the Armed Forces Staff College Course at Norfolk; Bud and Trixie Zehner will soon be leaving for their post with the U.S. Military Mission to Venezuela, with station in Caracas (Hablan Usted Espanol?!?)!

We are fortunate in welcoming three new members now present for duty: Joe Focht is teaching German with the Foreign Languages Department; while Ed Lee is one of the new Ordnance instructors; and Dink Spaulding has joined the Field Artillery Detachment.

In July, Gildarts, Hallocks, and Halle sponsored an afternoon boat trip down the Hudson to below Sing-Sing, and return. Some twenty-odd members of our group enjoyed the fine fried chicken and the wonderful drinks and desserts furnished the voyagers. Hard to believe, we all got home safely without losing a single man overboard—a remarkable record, considering the possibilities of the situation. In August, the Connellys and Hallocks were hosts at a superb supper honoring our departing members.

The entire class extends its deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Bud Sprague, who was reinterred in the West Point Cemetery this July, after having been lost, early in 1942, during the air-defense of Java and Australia.

Stan Connelly successfully completed the jump course at Benning early this summer and now is back at work in the Ordnance Department. Stan previously had taken jump training with the British Near Eastern Forces early in the war, but claims that they still gave him a real workout at Benning. George Murray is, for the third year, coaching the Cadet Rifle Team, and they placed second in the Intercollegiate Championships this past spring, with two of his men making the All-American Squad.

The tribe of 1937 continues to increase day by day, with the following new members reporting in: Eleanor Frazier, a second daughter, joined the John Frazier's at Elwood, Indiana, 27 June, last; Harve and Dottie Dorney announce from Washington the arrival of Susan Marie on 23 August; and Michael is the newest member of the Oberbeck family, via the West Point Station Hospital 8 September—congratulations to you all!

A number of interesting station changes have been taking place recently: Bill Strandberg is leaving the Engineer Board at Belvoir for an extended tour in Italy as a member of the Battle Monuments Commission—Bill expects to leave with his family early in September; Dan Richards also leaves the Engineer Board for duty as an exchange officer with the British Army Staff in England; Jay Abercrombie has reported in at Belvoir from the last Leavenworth course; while Wilhoyt has departed Leavenworth in favor of the Armed Forces Special Weapons Project in Washington; Doug Quandt has left Washington for the Staff at Fort Riley; Bull and Peggy Oden, after dead-beating at Anisquam, Mass., this summer, have reported in at Norfolk and the Armed Forces Staff College course; Jim and Alice Scott, with their three sons, passed through West Point, in August, enroute to Germany.

Among the latest information on present assignments, we hear that "Sparky" Van Leuven is P.A.S.&T. at the University of Conn., at Storrs; Sam Agee is in MATS Headquarters at Andrews Field; A. B. Robbins is with the Air Ordnance Office in Washington; George Simmons is on R.O.T.C. duty at N.Y.U.; Jimmy Campbell is on duty with the Comptroller's office in Washington, and Sunny continues her Spartan activities as one of the main gears in the Army Hostess Association, with Pentagon office and the mission of helping Army people get settled in Washington; any of you headed that direction can get no end of help from Sunny and her group. Another late report has Ollie Connor commanding one of the Infantry Battalions in the 11th Airborne at Camp Campbell, Ky. Prior to entering the Air War College course as a student, Jack Donohew was up here from the Air C.&S. College to

conduct a series of lectures for the new Second Class. Denson and Stark are in the Maintenance and Supply Group at Maxwell; while Ken Wade is on the Air University Staff; and George Holcomb keeps Hoot Horigan company at nearby Tyndal Field.

How about a little more information, please? Deadline for next press run is 10 December.

—Giles Evans.

1938

When you read this we hope that the Big Team will be rolling "on to Victory" and leading the Pigskin Parade. In keeping with the season your representatives here are arranging two post-game get-togethers, one following the Columbia game here at West Point, October 22nd, and the other after the Navy game in Philadelphia, November 26th. Plans haven't completely crystallized yet, but tentatively write Art Collins here, if you'll be able to attend the post-Columbia fracas, and write Frank Glace, Edson and Dana Avenues, Somerton, Pennsylvania, if you plan to join us after Navy is sunk. Incidentally, we realize fully that you may be able to drop in unexpectedly at either or both of these meales, and if you can, by all means do so—but, if your situation permits a forecast, please give us notice so that we can properly prepare for you. Let's see to it that you "outlanders" and "foreigners" join the usual West Point-Washington crowd so as to make these gatherings truly representative of the class.

The designation of Collins as your addressee for the post-Columbia affair is not an arbitrary one: his selection as the new class secretary here was practically unanimous. As you probably know, he succeeds Ed Bailey. We believe you'll all concur in admitting that Ed did a bang-up job this past year. He helped immeasurably with the collection and dissemination of pertinent information about the class and passes on to Collins a reasonably up-to-date file on most of us. In the January 1949 file of *Assembly* you'll find many classmates' addresses; in the June issue you can read a plea for information about some forty-six of us, but the response to this call has been quite meagre, for the probing has brought information about only two of these, to-wit: Dick Ivey and Jack English. Our sources of information as to them, as well as to almost every item you'll read here, are either Ed Bailey or Mel Russell. This means it's almost always the same old work-horses carrying the same old load. So let's hear from some of the rest of you so that we can give adequate coverage to those in foreign service, Europe, Far East, Mediterranean or Near East, and to the home shores as well, so that not only West Point and Washington, D. C. are represented here—but Sill, Bliss, Leavenworth, Presidio, Mitchell, Randolph, et al. Incidentally, Joe and Mary Missal gave us considerable dope about the Ft. Benning Front last time. What we need is an eager beaver pair like they are at each large air and ground installation.

And now for our latest reports on specific personalities.—Dick Ivey is in the real estate business in Asheville, N. C. Write him there at 500 Timberley Avenue. Jack English, having recently returned from a mission to Greece, is at the Pentagon. This exhausts our information concerning the latent forty-six above referred to. So let's hear from or about the remaining forty-four.

Pursuing various and sundry courses of higher learning are the following: Paul Cornwall at U. of Michigan, wrestling with Business Administration; Paul Davis at

Yale, course unknown; Freddy Lough probably has completed his course in law at Columbia by now. Guess Sam Hogan has too. Jacunski, besides being an associate professor in Engineering at the U. of Florida, Gainesville, is also studying there for his master's degree.

Ed Bailey flew down and had some liaison with the Pentagonian Front recently. He saw there one of our balding trio: Vince Elmore who, he says, is in R.&D. Jerry Folda was apparently on vacation. We also have reports that Henry MacDonald is back in service and mulling over operations and training. Hank says they've recently welcomed a new baby daughter. Ed also reports that Bill Wansboro in Career Management refused to listen to his plaintive appeal for "Stars on the Shoulders of Thirty-Eighters" Ed Lahte is now down there knocking them from corridor to corridor instead of hitting 'em from isle to isle as he did in his pre-West Point days in Hawaii. Jim Craig also still gracing the Washington scene, as are Hube Strange, Lew Coira and Dallas Haynes. Can't give you their specific assignments but we're told Dallas is in the office of the Chief of Staff. We're wondering if his "little staff" has been increased yet. Our last reports indicated he had little G's, one through 5; he may even have a G-6 and G-7 by now, for he and Mabel produced twins once, you know.

As to the widely scattered fronts we're told: Curly Harvey heads the T.D. at Guided Missiles School, Fort Bliss; Anderson, C. H. commands the 70th F.A. Battalion at Fuesen, Germany; Ken Mearns is with the G-3 Section, U.S. Forces, Austria at Salzburg; Bob Works with 14th Infantry at Camp Carson.

Here on the home front the predicted changes are now a matter of record. Gregg Lynn is a student at Leavenworth, being ably instructed we're sure, by Denholm. D'Arezzo is wrestling with Engineering at Texas A.&M. and Brooks Wilson went to the Air University. New arrivals include Fran and Georgie Jenkins with daughter, Paula; Jeff and Bobbie Irwin with son, Ross; and Frank and Peggy Miller with all the little Millers, Frank, Jr., Brink, Maile, Robert. Fran is teaching math; Jeff and F.D. joined the T.D.

The only other changes on the West Point scene involve additions to the growing crop of "Little Thirty-Eighters": Bob and Grace York announce the arrival of daughter, Dana Dale, their fourth daughter; Mick and Muriel Amick now present Micky, who'll become daughter Judy's playmate real soon. We expect to announce soon that the Mel Russells have also joined the Baby Parade of '49. If any of the rest of you know of any new arrivals, sound off!

In summation then we note that twenty-two males, twenty wives and forty children give adequate representation here to all you thirty-eighters and, so far as we know, Altenhofen and Guletsky will continue to resist any and all female pursuers. Apparently because of our present rank, age, and longevity, it is unlikely that this figure of 22 classmates simultaneously assigned here will be exceeded. Hence we hope we've served all of you well, and in return all we ask is information from you about yourselves. Drop us a line; we're interested in each and all of you, no matter where you are or what you're doing.

—R. B. Durbin.

1939

Prying out information for *Assembly* is like pulling teeth with a tweezers. How

about some reports from you people? Wherever two or three '39ers are gathered together, appoint one to send us dope. Where there is only one, make the Mrs. drop us a line. Tell us where you are and what you are doing.

Walt and Ann Higgins and family recently dropped in at U.S.M.A. on their way to the land of pineapple—Hawaii; Ray Marlin says they will see Charlie Hackett (USA RPAC Comptroller's office) on Oahu.

"Pop" (still a bachelor) Gifford spent three days at the old school in August. Pop says there aren't many left, but he knows. Jay Dawley, Matt Smith, Tom Crawford, Lee Kirby, Chris Coyne, and Ted Danne-miller are still among the "happy"? Are there others? This should get a rise out of some of you silent lady killers. Anyway Gifford is on his way to Leavenworth. He promises a complete '39er report from there for the next issue. Don't you people out there let him forget it.

Speaking of Bachelors, Wiley Wisdom and W. G. (Tom) Dolvin are the latests Ex-es. Wiley married Miss Phyllis Ann Thompson at West Point on August 6. Thirty-niners were well represented at the ceremony. We hear that usher Charley Duke tripped on his saber and fell down the old chapel steps. The "honeymooning" Dolvins visited Walt and Ann Winegar here at U.S.M.A. one day in August. Tom married Cynthia Burress, the Commandant's daughter at Ft. Benning. They were heading for Leavenworth via Canada.

Loyal boosters here at U.S.M.A. now number 33. Due to an oversight Joel Thomason's name was omitted in the July *Assembly* where we listed all '39ers arriving here.

"Jack" Kinney (Air Force Plans—Pentagon) and wife visited the Alma Mater in July. Sorry you couldn't make it for June Week, Folks.

By courtesy of the "clipping service" we learn that Jack Merrell is C.O. of Kindley Air Force Base in Bermuda. Let us know how tough things are down there, Jack.

The PRO says "Red" McGowan was awarded the Legion of Merit on August 5, 1949. One of our local yokels reports that McGowan, Bill Martin, and "Bunny" Adams are students at the Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base. The same source supplies the following: Bud Stocking is at Randolph A.F.B., Little, R. R. is at R.A.F. Staff College in England. "Al" Evans is C.O. of 4th Fighter Group at Langley A.F.B. John (G Co.) Watt is a student A.C.&S. School at Maxwell A.F.B. Jim Knapp is a Deputy Wing Commander at Savannah A.F.B., Ga.

Did you know that "Mike" Davison, "Riley" Bess, Dave "Badger" Goodwin and Mike Krisman are carrying the torch for '39 in Puerto Rico?

"Cup Winner" Hugh Griffith and "Lib" have done it again. Even with a fast start the score for the Griffiths is only 3. They are stationed at Wright A.F.B.

Some of our civilian school boys: Chris Coyne, Walt Brinker—Harvard "Business" Ray Will—Columbia "Pers. Management". Stan Dziuban—Columbia "Foreign Rel." Andy Goodpaster—Princeton "Foreign Rel." Hulén Wendorf—Yale "Law". "Jack" Habecker—Stanford "Law". O. E. Wood—Syracuse Univ. (?). Ed Kurth and "Chet" Lennhoff—Harvard "Law"

About some of our gang out of the service or retired:

"Jack" Brearley works for DuPont in Orange, Texas. He and Rachel have two boys at 4 and 6 years. "Smokey" DeVille is one of the "big wigs" in the G. J. DeVille

Lumber Co. at Ville Platte, Louisiana. "Mickey" Laitman with Prudential Life in N.Y.C. has recently been awarded the 1949 National Award by the Life Insurance Management Assn. "Matt" Legler is with Socony Vacuum and has recently moved from Horseheads to Buffalo, N. Y.—a promotion, we understand. "Jack" Wintermute is a civil service employee of the Dept. of Army in Washington, D. C. "Col." Bill Stubbs keeps Sears Roebuck in line in Atlanta, Georgia. "Chesty" Evans collects the funds for the State of Tennessee as Commissioner of Finance and Taxation. Burnham Batson is Asst. Mgr. of Connecticut General Life Ins. Co. in Hartford. Chan. Lewis works for Wheeling Steel Corp. in Wheeling, W. Va. "Tom" Bartel is an industrial relations "hot shot" for Quaker Oats in Dayton, Ohio. "Bud" Hickok is a dentist in Belmont, Mass. Okershauser, what are you doing? He is in Chicago.

Chit Chat: Bob Haffa, Graduate of Harvard Law is stationed in Washington. Earle Lerette is on N.G. duty in Boston. "Art" Read, a guided missiles big wig, is at White Sands. A. W. "Art" Allen is S-3 of 1st Constabulary Brigade, Weisbaden, Germany. D. B. Miller is still putting out the "hot stuff" at Benning. Geo. Pickett moves the Signal Corps people around from his swivel throne in Washington. "Bob" Studer, another "Signaler" is holding down Ft. Monmouth. "Waffle" Wohlfeil instructs and Jim Roosa listens at the Artillery School at Sill. J. D. "Trapper" Green has forsaken 1st Army Headquarters and has taken refuge at the Infantry School. "Sam" Kail is still with the 7th Inf. at Ft. Devens. "Madame" Serrem, an expert in Ballistics, is running the Ordnance shops at Watervliet Arsenal. "Al" Robinette sailed for Germany in August. "Bernie" Teeters should be in Japan by now. John Bane is assigned to Bell Telephone Laboratory after 2 years of E.E. at Univ. of Penn. Ed Schmid had to leave sunny southern Cal. for Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk. Homer Barber is at Texarkana Ord. Depot. Sal Manzo is back from three and a half months TDY in England and commands the 92nd (B-29) Group at Spokane, Washington. P. V. Tuttle finally got away from U.S.M.A. headed for Heidelberg. Jim Keller, our ex-Resident Secretary, is traveling the opposite way to Japan.

July was a big month for additions to the '39 families at U.S.M.A. with the Dukes having a girl, total one of each, the Janowskies, a boy making it two of a kind, and the Latoszewskies their second girl, their oldest being a boy.

E. P. Smith (stationed at West Point) just returned from Cape Cod.

—Schrader.

1940

Chances for delivery of a good ten year book in June 1950 are dim. Not enough takers. 125 are interested and have forwarded checks and information to me. Can still do but must have about two hundred and fifty more subscribers in order to have working capital. And before 1 January 1950.

Ive Sattem is in the U.S. Naval Hospital to have appendix removed. Adopted second child on 21 July, so Karen Ann has baby brother, Jan Paul. Swampy Marsh makes Memorial Day address at Doughboy Monument in Rockaway Beach. Ray Renola selected for course in Business Administration at Harvard for two years. John Collins is a graduate student at Georgia Tech. Haggard, after a stay in the hospital, is with the Extension Course Department at the C.G.&S. at Leavenworth. Francisco is graduate stu-

dent at the University of Virginia. Bryce Denno, proud father of two boys, is assigned as Editor on Officer's Call, a publication of the Army I.&E. Division. This, after getting Master's Degree at the University of Missouri. Look up Blue Book Magazine for last January and read story on which Denno and Freddie White collaborated. All about White's experiences with "Cease Fire" teams in 1946. Also in recent issue of the Infantry Journal. Denno reports that Wilbraham is in Washington with Central Intelligence Agency, Gleszer with the Intelligence Division, Clizbe with Air Force Personnel, Fitzpatrick and Mike Bavaro with Army Career Management. Gildart ordered to Japan.

Ed Kyle graduates from a course in Journalism at the University of Missouri and is ordered to First Army. Mike Paulick stays at Leavenworth as instructor. Bill Porte in insurance business in Washington. Jim Walters, after graduating from Cal. Tech, is with AFSWP in Albuquerque. Manzolillo served at Knox for two years as an instructor and is now on his way to Japan. Hamelin leaves Valley Forge Military Academy in Wayne, Pennsylvania, and heads for two years at Yale University for course in International Relations. Mike Ahmajian is on duty with the Pittsburgh District C.E., building dams, floodwalls, and veteran's hospitals. He sees Minehan (still a bachelor) frequently who is on similar duty at Huntington, West Virginia. Don Bierman is a student at the Harvard Business School. Paul Reinecke is an instructor at Fort Benning. Bert Lane is in the Office of the Chief of Staff FEC. Ben Delamater is with 187 AIR 11th Abn at Camp Campbell, Kentucky. Floyd is taking the Advanced Course at Sill and, is the father of three, Carol, Richard and A. J. Jr. Maedler now in Washington after being very much on the move for the past four years. Bob Raleigh dropped by the house, promised to send me film of West Point days. He did, and I saw last sections forming, scenes of Tobyhana, Camp Illumination and the Mine Planter Trip at Fort Hancock.

Herb Bowlby sending out the initial letter re the Tenth Reunion. If you didn't get one write to Haseman at Qtrs 12, West Point. Krauss is helping in that department. Hughes is training in industry with Boeing Airplane Company in Seattle, Washington. Mosshead Parker is Ex O of the 347 Ftr Wg, in Japan. Verner is instructing at the AV Special Staff School at Gunter A.F.B. in Alabama. He's a graduate of the Naval Line School at Newport. Bull Marling, retired, has just returned from two years in Europe where he attended school at the Sorbonne. Downey is in Korea commanding the Kimpco Air Base. Ernie Jones is in Washington in the Office of the Secretary of the Air Staff. Strauss is Army Instructor, Mass. Natl Guard in Salem, with the 102 F.A. Bn. Milt Barnard in Personnel Services Division Hqtrs, U.S.A.F.

Tony Wermuth lost his little boy Philip after a long illness. Tony is still at West Point and has recently been appointed Associate Professor in the English Department. He is studying at Columbia University during the summer.

Celeste Sullivan writes that Sully is presently behind the bamboo curtain in Shanghai and is awaiting "out". His new assignment is at Fort Belvoir after leaving China. Lanny Witt is C.O. of the 59th A.A.A. Bn at Fort Bliss. He reports that Coontz, Floyd, Penny, Green, Kolda, Hoffman, Ross, Lotzo, Malone, Page Smith, Fate, Lederman, Klunk, Hennessey, are holed up in Texas. Paul Phillips is with the Staff and Faculty T.A.S. at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. He has two girls, Nancy Jo and Rita Anne. Jacobs has arrived in Panama and is Assistant to the Engineer of Maintenance of the Panama Canal. (On his way to being Governor.) Penny is

Engineer in Charge in El Paso Sub Office. Bates is in School at the University of Pennsylvania. Urey Alexander is in Greece. Brousseau is in command of the 3500 Air Base Group Lubbock A.F.B. Rimmer is with I.D. G.S.U.S.A. and White House Aide. Not married. Jack Beiser assigned to 1st Cav Div (Inf), with G-2. Jack Wright still in Paraguay. Takes trip to Buenos Aires every once in awhile. It's hot in Asuncion.

Frank Devlin writes from Headquarters United States Forces in Austria where he is Senior Aide to General Keyes. Reports; Vic Conley as a very able toastmaster at a West Point Dinner held in Berchtesgarden. Tommy Muller was present. Manley Perry reports from Stanford that the 1940 contingent consists of Charlie Beaudry, Ted and Jane Biswanger and two, (Harry and Lu French), Joe and Mary Ruth Hardin and two. They are looking for Woody Vaughn and Ralph Zahrobky in the fall. Wetzel finished at Stanford last year as did Hughes. Wetzel ordered to Washington, D. C. Bayerle and family left Stanford for Fort Sill. Perry reports that Gordon is R.O.T.C. instructor at the University of California in Berkeley. Baker to the C.&G.S. from Oakland Army Base. Art Nelson is at Oakland. Frank Mandel, by report, is on his way to Greece. Mary Jean and youngsters are to be in Rome in order to be close. Closer than the U.S., that is.

Herein lies a saga. It is the Saga of Coates and Wendt. Wendell and Jimmy were roommates at U.S.M.A. and have been assigned together consistently since graduation. The only time they pined for each other was during different civilian school assignments. The Department of the Army has corrected that by assigning them again to the same unit at Fort Sill. A modern Damon and Pythias.

Art McCartan is Squadron Commander of the 2078 Weather Recon. Squadron. Bidwell Moore writes from Bern, Switzerland where he is Asst. Military Attache, American Legation. Had to study German at Garmisch-Partenkirchen for present assignment. Willis Lewis still in Guatemala City but looks for new assignment on or before June 1950. George Mueller in Spokane, Washington with Washington N.G. Klunk sends along a welcome letter and a newspaper clipping about the dedication of Cooper Hall named in honor of Bob Cooper. Reports that Saunders is to go to Advanced Course in August. Taylor, J. K. with A.F.F. Board No. 4 at Bliss. Bob Dice is G-4 24th Inf Div, A.P.O. 24. Father of two boys and a girl of three months. Looking forward to leave in the U.S. in May 1950. Coleman is with Central Intelligence Agency in Washington. Has girl and two boys. Walt Gunster still has a year to go teaching math at U.S.M.A. Johnnie Wohner is Chief of Infantry Training Unit JBUSMC in Rio de Janeiro. Wendell Sell working for PHD at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore. Bethune is Chief Troop Control Section, A3 Division of the Fifth Air Force. Father of three girls under five years of age.

Gus Gushurst still with the Ohio National Guard and father of three boys, Clarence, Robin and Thomas. Don Baumer still assigned to Valley Forge General Hospital at Phoenixville, Pa. but is seldom there. Vic Hobson is a tactical officer at U.S.M.A. Shaunesey is with the QM Industrial Mobilization Planning Office at 111 E. 16th St., New York. Bob Maxwell has MS degree from New York University School of Retailing and is with the Sales Promotion Analysis Division, Amos Parrish & Co. in New York City. Mike Kuziv is Hq. Cmdt 1106 A.S.U., Fort Banks, Mass. Mike reports that Galbreath is on his way to Germany. Rooney on R.O.T.C. duty at Boston University. Crockett completed tour with Air National Guard and has departed for the Pentagon.

Williams, R. R. is Air Officer Hq. U.S. Constabulary in Germany. Father of a boy, Robert Blair, aged six and a girl Kathleen Rae, aged 3. Stirling is with 7th Bomb Wg, Carswell A.F. Base in Ft. Worth. Dubuisson reports from Opelousas that he graduated from Tulane Law School in June 1948. Now a practicing lawyer in his home town.

Maxwell, A. D. married to Betty Chandler in April 1949. Retired and with Real Estate and Building in Fayetteville, North Carolina. Hank Miley still a student at Northwestern University. Archie Knight is C.O. 2104 Air Weather Group. Brown, H. C. is with 111th Special Weapons Unit, Sandia Base, Albuquerque. Father of a boy and two girls. Page Smith is the father of four girls, Bonnie, Pinkie, Theresa and Cathy. Now at Bliss. Dave Guy is Liaison Officer with Naval Research Lab in Washington.

Schockner reported to U.S.M.A. as an instructor in Drawing on 1 July. Father of three girls. Vanderhoof is with Det R Regensburg Sub-Post, A.P.O. 225. Otis Ulm is with Armed Forces Staff College in Norfolk. Dick Fairlamb is Secretary and Plant Manager of the New Era Manufacturing Company. He lives at 71 California Street, Ridgewood, New Jersey. Has two boys and a girl. Mabee on the way to Japan. Norvell is with A-5 Section S.A.C. Hq. Rorick practicing law in Cleveland. Dyke with Hq. U.S. A.F. Requirements Division. Vic Conley, Commandant U.S.F.A. School of Standards, A.P.O. 541. Ed Lucas back from Japan and Military Government and assigned R.O.T.C. Memphis, Tennessee High Schools. Mel Rosen S-3, 2d Inf Div Arty. Munson an instructor at C.&G.S. Wright, W. B. with United Services Life Insurance Company. Address is 423 Greenwich Blvd, San Antonio 9, Texas. Shoss is a student at Rad. Def. Course, University of California at Berkeley. Two year course in bioradiology.

News from the Service Journals: Doderidge to 2d Armd Div, Camp Hood, Texas. Symroski to Maxwell Field. Legere assigned to O.C. of S. in Washington. Epley to University of Pennsylvania. Dyke and Stirling graduate from Armed Forces Staff College. Rasmussen to the University of Pittsburgh. Norris to Harvard University. Ed Hendrickson graduates from Advanced Course at Sill. Haessley to Columbia University to be joined there by Strauss. Kent to Annapolis for duty as faculty member U.S.N.A. and Kuziv to Fort Bliss. Harnett appointed to head Economics Section at U.S.M.A. and Woodward in charge of Government Section in the Department of Social Studies. J. R. Knight graduates from College of Engineering Sciences at U.S.A.F. Institute of Technology. Mastran ordered to MDW 7071st A.S.U. Eng Cen at Fort Belvoir.

Add ten lusty boys to your roster: a son for Shearer 4 August; a son, Riley Cole for Shoemaker 11 August; a son, Christopher Thorn, for Kuziv, 23 July; a son, Alfred Jennings, Jr., for Floyd 10 July; a son Douglas Churchill, for Hank Adams 8 July; a son David Ballance, for Haseman 27 June; a son Stuart John, for Burfening 3 June; a son Harold Hartney, for Yeager 15 June; a son Richard Brian, for Green, G. D. 10 June; and a son Robert Christian, for Jack Borden 4 September. There's the 1969 baseball team.

Would appreciate hearing from any and all.

—Hank Brewerton.

1942

With fall in the air everyone here at West Point is looking forward to the foot-

ball season and, we hope, seeing the rest of the class well represented at the games.

The local group held a meeting September 14th to get organized for the new year. Jim McAdam was continued in office as local chairman. Dick Horridge, newly arrived, was immediately put to work as our class representative with the Association of Graduates. Ladd, Hayes, Koster and Crittenberg were constituted as the entertainment committee to organize Dutch Treat class parties for the coming year. Sam Gustaves, last year's bridge champion, was named manager of this year's tournament. Bob Fritz heads the June Week Committee. In this connection, Charley Fishburne has already reserved the pavilion at Buckner for a dance next June 4th. January and June '43 will probably go in with us as the place is really too large for a single class party. The same arrangement was made last June and it resulted in a very successful dinner-dance. Start planning now to be there if you possibly can make it. Bob Evans submitted a financial report on the class funds. The Cullum Hall plaque to honor our classmates killed in battle put quite a hole in the treasury, \$562 to be specific. This left only \$105 in the kitty but it was felt that this is sufficient to meet operating expenses for a year or so and it was decided not to make a fundraising campaign now.

The Cullum Hall plaque mentioned above was presented last June Week. The cost was born by the various classes according to the number of names on the plaque. There are forty-five listed for our class, which, although not the greatest number, is the largest percentage of any class.

We have received quite a few letters at P.O. Box 42 here as well as several which were sent to individual classmates. It is encouraging to see this response and we hope that more of you will use means of keeping in touch with the class. It is the chief means of support for this column as grapevine news is both scanty and unreliable.

Roger Russel sends word from Fort Sill, where he is with the Post Engineer Office, that he has quarters on the post and will welcome any classmates who could visit him there. He lists Larry Lahm, Ray Murphy and Fran Roberts as students taking the Advanced Course. Jack Cockrill is also there, permanent party.

Dick Field writes that he has jumped the fence to greener civilian pastures. He is assistant production manager with the Sylmar Packing Corporation, P.O. Box 431, San Fernando, California. He and Anne, with daughter Anne Lloyd, aged six, have the welcome sign out to the class at their rancho in the fabled San Fernando Valley.

Post cards came in from Woodward, Terry, Ely, and Deffke. Paul Woodward is living at 4631-36th Street, So. Arlington, Virginia, and taking International Relations at Georgetown University. Bob Terry is at Fairbanks, Alaska, as Sector Commander. He reports he has a wife, Magnolia, but no young Terry's yet. John Ely is with the Student Detachment, Infantry School. Deke Deffke, who recently discarded his railroad tracks for Major's leaves, is at Rhein-Main, Germany for the next two years with Headquarters, 61st Troop Carrier Wing. He reports that he and Mary see the Bringham and the Dillons often and that Finney, Bortell, Robinson, and Rew were there at an Air Attache Conference.

A letter from Arvol Allen states that he has completed his two years at Michigan for his Master's Degree in aero-engineering and is going to Holloman Air Force Base, Alamogordo, New Mexico for guided missiles research. George Buck will be there with

him. Allen also sent a family strength report: Wife: Emily, Two daughters, Laraine, 5, and Andrea, 2.

Jack Rose sent us a barely decipherable message from Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama. He is with the Air Command and Staff School, has quarters on the Post, and is very happy with his lot. He has a boy, Jack. Lou Clay and Carl Retzer are there with him in the Evaluation Division. Johnny Reed was there at the last class and got himself engaged to marry a local belle, in October. Bob Harrington, ex-'42, is there for the next class.

Claire Duffe writes from Madrid that he and Helen Louise are still enjoying Spain and bull-fights; also that he saw Charley Bortell at Frankfurt at an Attache's conference, Wally Frank at Furstenfeldbruck, Germany, and Wayne McCarthy, in from London.

From Alaska comes word from Jack Barnes that he was awaiting Eric Orme who is to take over the Engineer Test Detachment there in August. Jack comes back to Fort Knox as an instructor at the Armored School.

Al Scullen sent us quite a bit of news from Fort Knox. He must have been well briefed when he passed through here last summer. Pete Russel, Jack Watson and Frank Clay will attend the Advanced Course of the Armored School. Bill Zimmerman, Skip Young, John Carpenter, and Al Hunter will also go to school there. Danny Raymond is there with the Post G-3; Bill Shed with the Third Armored. Wayne Bart left Knox for Panama. Al himself was recovering from virus pneumonia at the time he wrote.

At West Point our numbers have sharply decreased. Hinkle, Bob Short, Ogden (recently promoted to Major), Michel, Gaspard, Woodward, Obenchain, Garvin, Morgan and Wilder all departed this summer. Jack Crowley, Sam Koster, Bob Fritz, Hank Harmeling, Chuck Howe and Crit Crittenberger, are the only new arrivals, although Phil Reidel is due in. We still have quite a contingent here, however, with Anderson, Evans, Gustaves, Fishburne, Kraft, Hardaway, Hayes, Hays, Ladd, McAdam, Moody, Newman, Palfrey, Dean Short, Stephens, Watkin, and Wyman carried over from last year's crew. Bill Tatsch is temporarily away getting further educated at the University of Virginia and will return here next June.

John Sheffy passed through West Point this summer on his way to Germany. Bud Roecker was also here for a short while before going off to school. He returns next year as a Mechanics P.

The Washington section also appears to have decreased from the latest dope we have up here. Jack and Lonny Adams, Aileo, Atwood, Bonasso, Buchanan, Davis, Deane, Gates, Gernert, Hanst, Koisch, Maupin, Low, Miles, Plott, Rehkopf, Urrutia, Jim White, Woodward, and Gaspard are there, with Dick Hennessy and Wachendorf at Belvoir.

Recent arrivals at Albuquerque, New Mexico, include a girl to the Hinkles, making it two girls and a boy, and a boy to the Garth Stevens, giving them one of each. In the same department, Rock Obenchain's latest was a boy, not a girl as reported in the July issue. Here at West Point, Chet and Marion Ladd added a boy to their pair of girls. Chuck Howe was buying the drinks at the class meeting in honor of his new son born at Columbus, Ohio.

Bill Watkin says his marriage last February was never reported in these columns. He married Carol Snyder at Burlington, Iowa. Doc Hyde visited Bob Evans here in September after finishing his law course at Pennsylvania and passing the D. C. bar

exam. He graduated eleventh in a large class at Penn. Sam Hays got special mention from the Supe at his annual address, for the fine work Sam did in preparing a report for the Service Academy Board. Ecc and Ginger Cutler passed through here in July on the way to Japan from Fort Knox. Ginger and their young son were going to Seattle to see Ecc off but will not be able to join him for several months. Ecc, a doughboy exchange student at the Armored School, embarrassed the tankers no end by graduating number one in the class there last June.

—Newman.

January, 1943

Dorothy Smith, wife of Russ Smith, A-2, wrote in July to say that they are stationed at Davis Monthan Air Force Base in Tucson, and have recently had their third child, Russell Alan, born on June 28. Their other two are Evelyn and Francine. Let me take time here to say how nice it is to have a word now and then from Class wives. They can usually give us the information which other wives appreciate most.

An anonymous note gives the following information: Russ Herrington is at Wright Field after a year's TDY at Muroc and Tyndall. They have a daughter, Anne Lucille, born March 18. Son Norman is now more than three years old. John Healy is at Fort Bliss, where a son, John D. Healy, III was born February 19. Jack Daye graduated in August from A.I.T. at Wright Field and is reported to have orders for Tokyo. As I said, this poop is unsigned, and perhaps out of date, but I'll submit it anyway and hope it stands up under the scrutinizing of an eager reading public.

Classmates who visit Fort Riley should look up J. P. Wheeler and J. T. Russell, both of whom live on the Post. Wheeler is Assistant G-3 Operations Officer of the Ground General School Center, is married and has two boys; while Russ is an instructor at the school, is married and has one girl.

While this column doesn't claim that its predictions are 84% correct, the wedding of Johnny Baer to Miss Jane Sykes took place June 18 as predicted by Karrick in the last issue. Congratulations to both, and to Sam. One of the ushers was Bob Fishel. The newlyweds are living in Washington.

Tom Mesereau and Luisa Leone were married in St. Malachy's Church, New York City, early in June, and are now living here at West Point. Tim Brown and J. J. Courtney were among the ushers.

Others of our group here at West Point who have recently married include Jim Bestervelt, and John Nickel.

Two more items empty the envelope: The A. P. Wade's announce the birth of Robert Ransom Gregorie Wade April 27, at Bangor, Maine. An item from the Erie, Pa. Dispatch Herald tells us that Frank Kajencki received his Master's Degree from the University of Southern California this Spring. I saw Frank out there last year, and as I remember he was studying guided missiles.

Odds 'n' Ends: The Bill Smiths, reported in the last issue to be getting ready to leave West Point, are to stay for another year. (There goes our prediction percentage.) I learned something interesting from Bill this Spring; the location of "Echo Rock", which is up near Lusk Reservolr. In fact, I hadn't even known that such a thing as "Echo Rock" existed, despite the fact that Bill says it was part of the "Plebe poop"

Do you know the story about it? Al and Mari Toth joined the West Point group this summer, as did Hugh and Evelyn Jordan, and Hal and Mary Walker. Al is teaching math, Hugh is in the Social Science Department, and Hal is in the English Department. Saw Johnny McClure several times this summer and spent one delightful weekend with him and Becky up in Albany at their home. He thinks he might be moving to New York sometime soon in connection with his assignment to the New York Engineer District. He tells me that Dick Evans is still prospecting for oil out in the wild and woolly west, and is thinking of getting back into the Army. Hope he does. Johnny also tells me that he called on Johnny Richardson, just about to leave for overseas with a family of four (children, that is!). If and when you see Jack Buckner at the football games this Fall, ask him to tell you his story about the "Posture Pole" It's too good for me to repeat here, and besides, he can tell it first hand. Earl and Jean Hehn, along with the Courtneys have moved onto the Post, and with the completion of several new sets of quarters this Fall our Class will be more or less concentrated in two areas on the Post. That should make it a little easier to get together.

Earlier this summer Hal and Fritz Barber spent some leave in Florida and, incidentally, parlayed their Chevrolet into a 1949 Buick—the hard way! In addition to his duties as head of the Class Entertainment Committee, Hal is now Chairman of the Entertainment Committee for the West Point Officer's Mess. It couldn't happen to a more entertaining guy, I say. When the Barbers moved into new quarters this summer they had a "house warming" that wouldn't quit. In fact, it has been so darned hot here all the rest of the summer that I feel there must be some connection. Wonderful people.

Bob and Millie Maloney announced the birth of a son on July 3 at the Station Hospital, here at West Point. Their first.

Hoped that I would be able to hold back on this long enough to include the results of the election of Class Officers to be held this week, but Chuck Lenfest told me this morning that the meeting would be on 14 September—too late. Having been Class Treasurer last year, I do not choose to run again, but I am happy to tell you that our Class has paid in full (some \$525.00) for our share of the cost of the Memorial in Cullum Hall. We still have something more than \$400.00 in the Class Fund. —D. K. B.

June, 1943

Greetings Shaftees—

By the time this issue reaches your eager hands the football season will be well under way, successfully, we hope. Nevertheless, for those of you who may show up some fine pigskin week-end and want to wet your whistle, here are the permanent party: Art Surkamp and Eddie McCabe in Military Engineering; Tom Johnston and Walk Jamar in Math; Leo Hayes and Jim Christy in Modern Languages; Jack McGregor and Art Van Schoick in Drawing; John Buyers and Stan Ott in Mechanics; Rick McCord, Jack Neuer, Jim Deatherage and Johnblair Beach in Chem and Juice; Shadrach Easley in Law; Sembach in Social Sciences; Cover at the Prep School; Durante at Stewart Field and Cullinane in the T.D.

Reported for duty, rations and quarters: Patricia Leigh on 24 August to the Sandy Taylors; Nancy Lee on 16 June to the Walt Hutchins; Nancy Lyn on 22 July to the Ralph Joneses; Marjorie Ann on 25 March

to the Bob McClures; Douglas Lee on 5 June to the Joe Bill Weyricks.

Assigned and joined: Miss Catherine Keller to Don Detwiler on 12 February.

Assigned, not yet joined: Miss Ruth Borden Tripp to Paul Steinle. EDCMR not known.

Enter Cover, up stage: Shortly after reporting at U.S.M.A. I was informed my additional duties would include collaborating on this column. Dan'l issued this directive in the same tone he formerly used when gigging me for wearing drill shoes to chapel. Lots of news from Geronimo Land: Bob deCamp, who has taken over my old job as Ft. Sill scribe, tells of a high grade June '43 shindig, with wives, at the Sill Officers Club. Art Rasper, finishing three years with the Oklahoma N.G. was there. Present for the Advanced Course commencing 15 August were George Campbell; P. J. Curtin from Harvard R.O.T.C.; deCamp; Bob Mattox, ex-Pentagonian; Ed Rumph from A.A.A. Gunnery at Bliss; Ed Soler from Puerto Rican N.G.; Howie Wickert from Field Forces H.Q., who reports his general condition as "330 lbs., single and frantic"; and Ralph Young from Bliss. From Sill's permanent party were Luke Wright, Jack Teague and Nick Parker of Gunnery; Bob Gadd from Materiel; Jim Phillips of Extension Courses; Don Jalbert of the 2d F.A. Bn; Joe Weyrick and Harry Schroeder of Communications; and one of the louder sounders and brighter flashes from Sound and Flash Section, Archie Hill. Archie claims he has a hot football outfit in his Sill Red Raiders. Schroeder is sporting a new M.A. in electrical engineering from Georgia Tech. Wally Magathan and Jack Moses are at Bliss taking the A.A.A. section of the Art's Advanced Course. In addition the colony at Bliss includes Walt Roe in Gunnery; Leroy Butterfield, Charley Benson and John Cobb in Electronics; and Charley Wilson. Tom Beckett is flying out of Biggs A.F.B.

At the Advanced Engineer Class: Ed Kreml, Bill McKenzie; Dick Meyer, and Bruce Koch. Jack Morris, late of Belvoir, passed through West Point recently, enroute to Germany. Ned Schramm is signed up for the College of Industrial Administration, U.S.A.F. Institute of Technology, Wright A.F.B. Joe Eastmead sounds off as P.M. S.&T. at La Salle Military Academy, Long Island. J. R. Lloyd is an N.G. instructor for Pennsylvania with station at Indian-town Gap.

Sandy Taylor is heading for Law School at Michigan; Bob McClure is finishing Air Tac School and heading back to the Engineering Division, Wright Field. At Air Tac with him were Vern Turner, Jimmy Bower, Bill Stewart, Bill Brierty and Hank Bottomly. Moose Gorelangton is reported with Pac Air Com, A.P.O. 953, Frisco. Ed Blount states he and Jack Kidder tried their luck in the 6th Army Golf Tourney as did our own Edrington in the 1st Army ditto. Net result: a lot of hackers. Kidder is on R.O.T.C. duty in Santa Barbara. Ralph Jones reports to the 5th F.A. Group at Sill. Scattered sources show Johnny Davis in England, Reeder at the Advanced Course, Benning; Al Burdett with the R.O.T.C. at Georgia Tech; Jim Cain doing likewise at Georgia Military Academy. P. J. Ryan is with the O.R.C. in New Jersey; Page Jackson at Camp Campbell, Don Spiece with Special Weapons Project, Albuquerque, while Clyde Earnest is Asst Post Engineer at Fort Monroe.

Another note indicates that Frank and Betty Saul are serving punch at 2119 Grande Ave., Morton, Pa. Frank, after two years of Harvard's Graduate School, is a field engineer with United Engineers and Con-

structors on the new Delaware Light Power Station at Edgemore, Del. Nice work Frank. Near them at Elkins Park are Al and Elsie Tyrala.

Congratulations to the following new A.F. majors: Bucher, Ed Burdette, Bob Clark, Ed Connor, Harrold, Ernie Hinds, Rog Kullman, Bill Moore, Christy Munch, Nobby Oswalt, Wally Potter, Steve Sherrill, Al Shiely, Chuck Spieth, Dale Sweat, Al Tucker, Jimmy Walker, Lew Webster, Westbrook, Wethe, and Whitson.

By the way of familiar faces in the Corps I ran across Lew Webster's brother and Doc Reinhalter's, both fine upstanding Yearlings.

After reporting Jimmy Brice's homecoming from the Philippines last issue, it was a great shock to learn that he was killed in an L-17 crash near San Marcial, New Mexico on 21 July.

Another sad duty is to report the re-interment services for Burt Hanish on 25 August. Flowers were sent and the class was represented at the funeral.

Drop us a note when all you whirling dervishes settle down for another year. For some strange reason no one writes during the summer with the net result we start the fall issue with little or no news. Bernie Rogers promises us a good scoop, soon.

See you on the ten-yard line, folks.

—Cullinane and Cover.

1944

We are sorry that we are unable to please everyone in these notes. A couple of letters were asking for more news at the same time the editors tell us to hold it down a little because of lack of space.

First, the doings of '44 as reported in the newspapers.—Jack Grimmeison became engaged to Cecile Lammers of Cincinnati in July. Ken Cooper engaged to Barbara Nesbit of Washington in June. Jack Brady was married to Maria Longo of Richmond, Virginia, in July; Tom Mahon and Hank Hughes were present as ushers. Charlie Steel was reported vacationing in Richmond in June; he's now at Harvard. Under the headline: "West Point Grad Weds" was the account of the birth of a son to Henry and Doris Francis. Henry is still in Washington with P.I.O. With considerable shock we read of the death of Bob Zott in June. No eulogy we could write would adequately express our feeling of loss over his untimely death.

The letters include one from George Ingersoll. He reports that with him now at the University of Michigan are Art McLean, Lew Norman, and Tom Mahoney. By the time this news appears in print many of you will probably have run into them at the Michigan game. Eddie Stahl writes that J. T. Moore, stationed with him at Floyd Bennet, recently had a son—J. T., Jr. M. E. McCoy and Mike Micklewait both at Mitchel A.F.B. Ted Muller (pensively single) writes that he, Ray Dunn, and Val Prahl finished the Academic Instructors course at Craig Field in May. All three were scheduled to be assigned to Air R.O.T.C. duty. Howie Tanner is still at Craig as Operations Officer. Sam Hesse at Craig for the summer course before going to Air R.O.T.C. this fall. At Goodfellow A.F.B. are Teddy Gervais with two boys and Bob Royem, a new father.

From Fort Knox with the 3rd Armored Company, Tom Phillips writes that he is the lone survivor of '44. His Regimental C.O. is Col. "Squared-Away" Ewbanks. Buck Boyles, after completing the course there, has left for E.T.O. Vitullo is now on a year's leave of absence taking care of family matters. Si

Marks, still in Germany, should be coming back to the States soon.

Jerry Mickle has returned from Augsburg to take the course in Electronics at the University of Penn. Jerry and Edith had another boy, James Robert McBride, born in June. Mouse and Dottie Burnett, still in Augsburg with the 2nd Armored Cavalry, had a son, Henry Hastings Burnett last December.

Although unable to attend our Fifth Reunion at West Point, those at Fort Sill and Sandia each held reunions of their own. Present at the reunion on 9 June at Sill were: Max and Franny Andresen, George and Barbara Brown, Gene and Penny Darrow, Ed and Dolly DiNapoli, Doug and Liva Mae Harris, Al and Sandy McCoy, Dick and Ann Nalle, Wolf and Sue Wolfinger, newlyweds Doug and Marcy (Resta) Galez, Ralph and Claire Sciolla, Jim and Bea Dunham (visiting from Johns Hopkins), and bachelors Doug Kinnard, Coots Mitchell, and Curly Jackson. Curly was back East for a while this summer in New Jersey, Massachusetts, etc.

In the Sandia Mountains the nearby class members had a reunion at the bachelor cottage jointly inhabited by Bev Snow, Johnny Carlson, and K. O. Lindell. Others present were George Hayman, Harry Rogers, Ace Edmunds, Dondanville, F. E. Moore, Jack Irvine, Andy Keller, Tex Rodden, Ted Bartz, Jenks, Leeper and families. Horseshoes, beer, b.s., and the rescuing of adventurous children were the orders of the day. Children were: Rogers, two boys—Edmunds, a girl—Dondanville, a boy—Moore, two—Irvine, three girls—Keller, three boys—Rodden, a boy—Bartz, two boys. Others in the neighborhood but not present were Jim Cowee, Bob Callan, Dusty Rhodes, Jack Kimbel, Phil Barnes, Bill Murray, and Dave Wood. Recent visitors in Sandia were Lou Wilson from Tucson and Chuck Czapar, on his way to the Language School at Monterey.

Dave Wood, while transferring his base of operations from Sandia to Los Alamos, found time to come back East and compete in the Army-Air Force tennis matches in Washington. Among the spectators were Frank Forthoffer, recently transferred to the Air Force, and Jim Young, enroute from Japan to Fort Benning.

Hal Beukema previously reported as starting at Harvard this fall, is now in Washington with the Harvard detail postponed for a year. George Blanchard, now an old hand in Washington is keeping busy in his spare time writing and teaching. Robbins now in Washington with Army Security Agency.

Jimmy Stewart was married to Vicki Wilson in Huntington, West Virginia on 4 September. Jimmy will be continuing his studies at the University of Virginia Law School for the coming year. Al Bethel, after finishing the Naval Postgraduate School, is joining the throng at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore for a two year course.

New arrivals in the vicinity of West Point not previously mentioned are Algermissen in the Math Department and Sam Carter, an assistant P.M.S.&T. at N.Y.M.A. Recent births at W.P. are a third child to Joe and Mary Grace Cutrona, a second son to Randy and Becky Cary, and a girl, Susan, to Jim and Mary Jean Giles. Jelks Cabaniss, another recent arrival showed up here with a wife.

—Bob Ginsburgh.

1945

The class was greatly saddened by the loss of one of its most widely popular and

best loved members when Spike Sprinkle died in Walter Reed on the 7th of August. Spike had fought a long and grueling battle against a serious illness for over 13 months. His courage and determination to recover were such that he deserved to win; but even in losing he set an example of which we may all be proud. The Class extends deepest sympathy to his lovely wife and baby, Peggy and Sandy Lee, to his courageous parents, Colonel and Mrs. L. A. Sprinkle, and to his devoted sister, Rosanne McQuarrie.

John Holtze and Ken Werner are Tactical Officers of Aviation Cadet Squadrons at Goodfellow A.F.B., San Angelo, Texas. John is getting married in July. Ken's wife, Edith, and daughter, Madeline Ann, are with him in San Angelo.

Dewey Cummings dropped us a brief note as follows:

"After tiring of a year and a half of engineering, and later, another year and a half of advertising and sales promotion with General Electric Co. in Schenectady, N. Y. I moved to Kansas and took a job as an insurance adjuster. My address is Western Adjustment and Inspection Co., Pittsburg, Kansas. I'm chasing collisions, fires, hailstorms, and tornadoes, working hard and having a lot of fun. I now have two sons: Chris, age two, and Clint, age two months. I'd like to hear from some of the gang"

At the official ceremony at Washington National Airport to welcome President Dutra of Brazil, Bill Preston and Charlie Cross held an extemporaneous reunion with Bill Perry, Ky Murphy, John Bennett, Louie Schelter, all from the ceremonial unit at Fort Myer. In this connection, these A.F. officers are at Bolling Field: Jess Johnson—Acting Adjutant, 1100 M.&S. Group, Bolling A.F. Base. Wife Enice expecting 2d child imminently. Great Dane (dog) "Lucy" still is a member of the family. Bill Preston—Adjutant, 1100 Air Police Squadron, Bolling A.F. Base, Wife Rhee and son Randy both fine. Kenny Jackson—Adjutant, 1103 Supply Squadron, Bolling A.F. Base. Hank Cobb—With the 1100 Special Air Missions Group, Bolling A.F. Base. Charlie Cross—Instrument Flight Examiner, Bolling A.F. Base. Jim Horowitz—Student at Georgetown U., Washington. Flies at Bolling.

A recent note from Jim Elkey brings us up to date on him. Here it is:

"Just a short note to announce the birth of a new addition to the Elkey family. It was a girl, Cynthia Ann, born at the Fort Riley Station Hospital on May 4, 1949. Since this is our third child and the birth of the others has not previously been reported, I will enclose the information about them. Our first was a girl, Patricia Lynn born on 16 December 1947; and our second was a boy, James Henry, born 16 December '47. At present I am at Fort Riley getting ready for instruction with the Officers Basic Class which is due to start here on 22 August. Others of the class on duty with instruction teams are: Thomas; Kovar; Heilbronner; Carter; Wichlep; McChrystal; Starr; McDonald; Preston; DeKay; Rogers; Churchill; Burgess; and Tanner. Hope the above information is of some use to you"

Bill and Marietta Ekberg announced the birth of a daughter, Judith Mary, on April 26, 1949.

Other announcements: Birth of a daughter, Lee Ellen, to Lt. and Mrs. I. B. Coldren on July 3, 1949. The engagement of Earl Hardy to Miss Margery Anne Hunter. The wedding is planned for early autumn. Hardy is currently serving as aide to Major General Beightler at Camp Chaffee. The engagement of C. V. Braun to Miss Betty Jane Riggins. Wedding date—late October. The

engagement of Frank Lee to Miss Joyce Dunbaugh. Lee is now at Mitchel Field. No date has been set. The engagement of A. R. Cavanna to Miss Mary Hart. No date has been set. Martin Brewer and Miss Jane Kwiat were married on June 18 at Forest Park, Ill. Brewer is currently stationed at Shelby, Ohio. Bob Tobias and Miss Ruth Farrell were married recently. Bob is located at Ft. Dix. Jim Feller and Miss Susan Jones were married 26 June at Catham, Va. Jim is stationed at Ft. Bragg. Best man was Bob Fiedner. Dave Crawford and Miss Marjorie Piga were married June 18 in Paterson, N. J. Crawford is stationed at Wright-Patterson, Dayton, Ohio. Hopkins, Hippert, were Jim Holcomb, Ed Saxby and Harry and Horowitz were present. Crawford incidentally just received his Master's in Aeronautical Engineering from Princeton. H. J. Hughes and Miss Barbara Matlock were married in the Post Chapel at Fort Myer, Va., 14 June. Hughes, a White House aide, is with the 3rd Inf. at Myer. Also present Hause, Charlie Rupert and Miss Mary Stoneham were married 4 June in New York. Rupert is at Mitchel Field. Best man was W. J. Long. Jim Holt and Miss Doris Kirk were married on July 16 at Oak Ridge, Tenn. Jim is located at the U.S.M.A. Prep. School at Stewart Field. John Pauly and Miss Mary Chatt were married at the Catholic Chapel at West Point on 22 June 1949. John's stationed at Brookley A.F.B., Mobile, Ala.

Al Shepard, Ken Moore and Burton Lewis who have just completed courses at the University of California, have received their new assignments. Moore to Ft. Belvoir, Va.; and Lewis to Stockton, California.

Claud Hamilton has been sent to the University of Brazil to study Portuguese. He was previously stationed with the 3rd Division at Benning.

Other transfers: George Hoge from 2nd Division at Camp Hood to overseas duty, EUCOM. Karl Liewir from U.M.T. at Fort Knox to the 3rd Armored Division at Knox. Ed Poston from Camp Chaffee, Ark., to the Infantry School at Benning for duty with the faculty. Mark Rivers from Fort Riley to the Airborne School and then to the 82nd Airborne Div. at Fort Bragg. Dave Prescott from Fort Lewis to the Liaison Aviation School. Joe Stanowitz to the C.I.C. Center at Camp Holabird, Md. Jim Shelstone from Camp Hood, Texas to Fort Sam Houston. John Harmeling from Ft. Knox to R.O.T.C. duty at V.P.I., Blacksburg, Va. Pete Pratt is now on duty in the Office of Secretary of Defense with the P.I.O. Fred Archibald has become aide to Lt. Gen. Bull, new Commandant of the National War College. Fred was previously with the 3rd Infantry at Ft. McNair. Dave Erlenkotter and C. C. Sullivan from the Language School at Monterey to Yale University. John Linden has started school at Columbia. Ted McLendon from Ft. Bragg to Columbia to study International Relations. Here is a list of persons who have taken the big step into civilian life since the last publication: Dwight Riley, Robinson, J. T. Neal, J. K. Edwards, George Wyatt, War Dworshak, John Fox, John Gage, Bill Vaughn, Ace (H. C.) Parker, John Holtz, Pat Hurley, Paul Field, P. S. McGee, J. R. Benton, T. L. Schwinn, T. B. Catron.

Another revision is in order. In addition to the persons stationed here at West Point listed in the last issue, Jim Holcomb, and John Bennett have joined the M.T.&G. and English Dept. respectively.

—Bill Clark.

1946

Bachelor ranks decrease—!! Civilian Ken Anderson married Annie Merrhem of Bos-

ton in 1948. Ken is with the Dodge Motor Co. in Detroit. Richard Brunson and Miss Rangeley Turner of Spartansburg, S. C. were married on April 23, 1949. Dee Burnham and Anne Conger of Ardsley-on-Hudson, N. Y. were married on February 15, 1947. On July 23, 1949, in Lititz, Pa., Ben Chase and Miss Welda Elizabeth Stengel were married. They are now at Ft. Benning. On May 21, 1949, Gene Deatrick married Adelaide Bishop in N.Y.C., her home town. In Landshut, Germany, on June 12, 1948, Steve Henry married Barbara MacLard. Andy LaMar was best man; Steve Edwards and Bob Adlers were two of the ushers. Senour Hunt, now at Biggs A.F.B., was married in Ohio on 9 June '49. Spider Reed was his best man. Munich, Germany, was the scene of James Johnson's wedding on August 14, 1949. Since Winter '49 his wife, the former Barbara Nelson, has been a Recreation Director of the Casual Corner's Service Club for the U.S. Army in Marburg, Germany. Gene Lawson married Miss Barbara Jean Carpenter in the Post Chapel at A.F.B., Albuquerque, N. M., on July 9, 1949. John A. Martin and Miss Shirley Timberlake, daughter of Brig. Gen. Ed. L. Timberlake, currently Acting Chief of Staff of the 5th A.F., were married July 23, 1949, at the Itazuke A.F.B., Fukuoka, Japan. Jack Morris and Dorothy Elizabeth McDowell were married on July 16, 1949, in New Rochelle, N. Y. Best man was brother James M. Morris, U.S.M.A. '45. Jack is now with Co. F, 14th R.C.T., Camp Carson, Colo. Cullum Hall, July 4, 1948, was the scene and date of Reuben Pomerantz's wedding to Harriet Shapiro of Newburgh, N. Y.

Greenwich, Conn., was the scene of Reg Shaw's marriage to Dorothy Grace Montague, sister of Ted Montague, on August 20, 1949. Ushers included Ted and Bob Land. They will live in Honshu, Japan, where Reg is stationed at Misawa A.F.B. May 1949 was the month of Bob Tully's marriage to the former Patricia Dissinger. They were married in Washington at Walter Reed Memorial Chapel; ushers included Larkin Tully '44 and Dick Kinney. They are living in Clarksville, Tenn., and Bob is stationed at Camp Campbell, Ky.

The announcement of John Munkres' engagement to Miss Alper Claudia Vestal was made on June 8, 1949, at a cocktail party in the home of her parents in Fukuoka, Japan. Miss Vestal is presently Ass't Civil Information Officer for the M.G. Team of Fukuoka. Munkres is now with Itazuke A.F.B., Flight Section, after a year in Hq. 315th Air Div. as Intelligence Operations Officer. Bill Wray and Mary Elizabeth Kicklighter have had their engagement announced. They plan an October wedding in Augusta, Ga.

New Arrivals—!! A son, Stephen Bruce, was born April 21 to Jane and Ralph La-Rock, Camp Hahuta, Japan; a son, Jay Michael, was born August 4, 1949, to Wayne and Hank Nichols. Gunnar and Anne Andersson have a daughter, Laura Anne, born May 17, 1949. Walt and Lee Hamilton have a daughter, Lenore Dian, born March 26, 1949. For Byron Greene and his wife a son, Byron III was born February 20, 1949.

At Biggs A.F.B., the only bachelors remaining are Jim Bruce, Dick Burgess, Marty Colladay, and Don Lundholm. Gene Melo proudly announces his graduation from the Barksdale A.F.B. Class of 1949B on July 1. More power to you Gene on what must have been to you a long hard tour of duty—Keep 'em flying!!

Faithful reporter Futrell sends a list of people at Sandia Base, Albuquerque, N. M.; Buck and Gloria Buckingham with daughter Peggy, age 18 months, Bill and Janet Wright with daughter Betsy, age 18 months, Don and Jean Stewart and daughter Sally,

age 10 months, Ben and Rosie Bellis and daughter Barbara, age 10 months, Jim and Lee Paschall and daughter Clara Ann, age 6 months, Merle and Millie Hutto with son Troy, age 6 months, Joe and Barbara McKinney with daughter, age 6 months, Dusty and Sheila Umlauf, John and Connie Molchan, Earl and Jean Van Sickle, Malcolm and Nancy MacWilliams (married June 1949 in Utah), Ken and Mary Chapman, Jack Richards, Bill Jenkins (now at Chatham Fld, Ga.), Jack Reidel and wife, Bruce and Dot MacKenzie and daughter Jan Eric, Chuck and Meg Hall, and last but not least, Bill Jank. The last three men are ground officers at Albuquerque.

With Futrell at Benning is Dick Bresnahan who is coaching the Ft. Benning Dough-boy football team. Dick is presently at a coaching school in Atlanta. Debow Freed is going to Germany to complete his overseas tour. Gene Deatrick, returned from a year's tour in the Aleutians as a pilot with the 10th Rescue Sq., is now with the 3150 Engineering Test Sq. at Robins A.F.B., Ga. Gene saw Jack Bodie and Jack Kimble, who are in a fighter squadron in Anchorage. Also in Alaska are Wade Pitts and his wife and Wayne Anderson, Aide to Gen. Scott, C.G., Ground Forces, Alaska. Gene has also seen "Spider" Reed who is now at Mitchel Field as aide to General Whitehead.

Classmates at Rensselaer Polytechnic Inst., Troy, N. Y.: Art Hansen (Ord) and James K. Hoey (Ord) completed a 2 year course and received a Master's Degree of Electrical Engineering on June 10, 1949. Art will report to The General Electric Corp. in Schenectady, N. Y., to work on an Ordnance research project. Jim will report to Fort Bliss, Texas. Ben Hill and Johnny Wiss, both Ordnance men, have completed the first year of a two year course.

Joe Lusk and Ed. Jernigan are studying toward Master's in Electrical Engineering at the U. of Illinois. Joe and Ann Lusk have a second baby, Michael, born in May. Steve Hilovsky was married June 6, 1949. Ray and Ila Whitfield are proud parents of a boy, Steven. Carnwright, Withers, and Harper transferred from Carswell to Chatham Fld, Savannah, Ga., in January 1949. Jernigan's address—Box 252, Univ. Station, Urbana, Illinois.

Billy Pendergrass has returned to the U.S. after a two year tour in the Far East. He sailed from Manila August 4, accompanied by his wife Anita Ruth. Upon arrival in the States he will report to the 11th A.B. Div. at Camp Campbell, Ky. His former job was as surveying engineer with the 657th Engineer Survey Battalion, southwest of Manila. Some surveys included Japan, Okinawa, Amami O'Shima, and the Philippines. Others completing two year tours in the Philippine Command are Charles Bonner and John Sterling, both sailed August 9th for the States. Bonner, who was operations officer with the 30th Eng. Base Survey Co. in Leyte, will report to the 42nd Engineer Construction Batt. at Ft. Bragg. Sterling, former Assistant Adjutant of the 29th Eng. Base Topographic Batt., will report for assignment at Camp Campbell.

Among the Air Corps personnel at Howard A.F.B., Canal Zone, with 75th Fighter Sq. are Bob and Lynne Miller, "Twill" Newell (wife and son), John Pitts, Ernie Prevost, and Bill Studer (wife and son). The Ground Force members at Fort Clayton, Canal Zone, include Bob Wagner, Dick Streiff (wife and son), "Rush" and Harriet Pomerantz, Lynn Hoskins and wife, and Kibbey Horne and his wife. Harry Roddenberry (wife and baby) is stationed in Guatemala City, but was until recently in the Canal Zone. Streiff and Horne are with the 45th Cav., Pomerantz is with Hqs. Pacific Sector, U.S. Army Caribbean.

From Hawaii, Carlisle tells me he is now administrative assistant to the Director of Operations at the Honolulu Army Port. Norm Watkins is there with the 51st Q.M. Depot as adjutant and "Goose" Goslin is aide to General Aurand. Carlisle sees many classmates passing through Hawaii, but very few get stationed there.

With the 7th Inf. Div. Arty, Camp Young-hans, Honshu, Japan, are Gunnar Andersson and Rich Pohl, both transferred from 11th A.B. to stay overseas. Gunnar is Adjutant of the 49th F.A. Bn. Rich and Anne Pohl have a daughter, Sharon Anne. Rich is B.C. of A. Btry., 49th F.A. Bn. Bill Humphreys (wife and child), Joe Wallace (wife and child), Jack Hoar, and John Vester have left for the States. Hoar is going to 3rd Inf. Div. at Ft. Benning. Walt Hamilton, formerly S-2, 49th F.A. Bn., his wife and daughter, left for the States in July. Frank Bowen is now Exec. of B Btry., 48th F.A. Bn. In the Jimmachi, Honshu area are Larry Luetgen, Tom Gatch, and Tom and Odriel Huddleston.

Assignments in the Tokyo area include: Chuck Williamson, S-3, 2d Bn, 8th Cav.; Ted Lepski, S-3, 1st Bn, 8th Cav.; Ray Ochs, Exec Off. B Co., coached Regimental Ball team, winners of division league; Bill Serber, Regt. Personnel Officer, 8th Cav.; Bill Powers, Adj., 1st Bn, 8th Cav.; Jack Cassidy, aide to Maj. Gen. Herren; Ray McCullen, Ass't S-2, Tokyo Hq., 1st Cav. Div.; Dick Pitzer and Loren Dubois, Company Commanders, 7th Cav.; Walt Dumas, Ex. Off., 7th Cav.; Tom Campbell, aide to Maj. Gen Almond, Chief of Staff, SCAP, FEC.

At the All Japan Track Meet on June 5, 1949 at Kyoto, Honshu, Japan, Ralph Davis became the All Japan Shot Put Champ with a toss of 48 feet 8½ inches. Conor was runner up in one hurdle event and tied for 1st in the pole vault. Jim Coleman placed third in the discus and coached the winning 25th Inf. Div. Team. Dick Gruenther coached the 7th Inf. Div. from Sendai. After the meet the following were present at a dinner party at the Miyako Hotel: Allie Joy, Bud Martin, Tom and Fran Dillon, Jim Coleman, Press Davis, Bill and Peggy Traber, Corky Boake (all 25th Inf. from Osaka), Dick Gruenther (7th Inf.), Ralph Davis (40th A.A.A.), plus Stan and Betty Mattox and Clare and Claris Book of the 24th Inf. Div. Ben Evans, who is with the 1st Corps, in Kyoto, seems to have been present too.

Stationed with 19th Inf. "Chicks" at Bepu, Kyushu, Japan: Al Leavitt, C.O. B Co.; Clair Book, C.O. A Co.; Stan Mattox, Regt'l S-2; Ken Barlow, S-1, 1st Bn, C.O. Hq. Co., 1st Bn (wife and daughter Suzanne, born March 18, 1949); Joe Castelli, C.O. H Co. (pitching for Regt'l soft ball team); John Whitmore, G Co. (D.S. to Div School Center); Byron Greene, C.O., Heavy Mortar Co.

Camp Haugen, Japan: Clarence McChristian recently assigned as S-4 of 1st Bn, 32d Inf.; Jack and Mary Lynn Gayle returned to the States on 21 June 1949, Jack had been a platoon leader, Co. C, 32d Inf.; Little Miss Becky Finley recently celebrated her second birthday with her parents Joe and Virginia Finley, Joe is Adj., 1st Bn, 32d Inf.

Johnny Bartholf participated in a record breaking (950 miles, 2 hours, 20 min.) cross-country Jet plane flight from Okinawa to Japan on June 29. He was part of a 41 plane F-30 Jet Fighter formation (51st Fighter Wing, 20th A.F.) which smashed all existing Air Force records for mass over-water flights when they flew non-stop from Naha A.F.B., Okinawa to Tokyo. John is Squadron Armament Officer of the 26th Sq.

In Japan since September 1948 are Dick Hacke and Dee Burnham. Both have their wives with them. Dick is at the Eighth Army Engineer School at Maczuru and Burn-

ham is S-2 of the 3d Engineer Combat Bn at Kokura. Charlie Myer and his wife Winnie are expecting to return to the States for a school assignment at the Univ. of Illinois. Ed Flaherty has left Japan for the States to go to law school. Jim McGarity is aide to Maj. Gen McAuliffe, C.G. of the 24th Div. Kyle Bowie is Aide to Gen. Higgins, the Ass't Divisional Commander. Throckmorton is in Kokura at the Division School Center. Burnham who sends this information says he saw Fred Knight and Dick Lynch at the I Corps golf tournament in May. Kick is a proud father of a boy born in February. Dee also saw Jack Grady and Jerry Epstein and his bride.

This marks the first news received from '46 men in Berlin. Joe Jansen was the thoughtful writer. Members present there are: Mathias and Quantz in Ordnance Branch, BMP; Hazzard in 16th Constab. Sq.; Albright, Keehn, and Frost (ex '46) in the 16th Inf.; Gibson in Signal Branch BMP; Schuman and Drier in Quartermaster Service Co.; Barker and Jansen in Construction Section, Engineer Branch, BMP; Mathias, Quantz, Keehn, and Jansen are the married men. Both Mathias and Quantz married nurses (Agness Phillips and Jonnie Coffee) from the 279th Station Hospital. Little Joe Jansen (born August 28, 1949) is the only offspring of '46 in Berlin. The poor fellow has had a rough time of it and only now seems to be picking up. Joe says he believes his son to be the first baby through the Russian Blockade Lifting of 12 May, when Joe's Mother and Dad took their grandson to Frankfurt. A.P.O. number in Berlin is 742-A.

Assigned to the 517 F.A. Bn in Sonthofen, Germany are: Bob Key, Jim Convey, Ken Steen, Bob Lee, Hal Halgren and Jack Paden. Bob Lenzner left the 517th to become Gen. Palmer's aide. Also an ex 517th man is Jim Dixon, who is now Sec. of General Staff to Gen. Palmer. Reversing the procedure, Bob Hawley joined the 517th in August, after being in Korea for 18 months. Bob is scheduled for a three year tour in Germany. Tuck is reputed to be the most successful R.O. in the 519th F.A. Bn. "Tiger" Diver is also with 519th as an Ex. Off.

Living in Landshut, Germany, with their wives are Steve Henry and Andy Lamar, both with the 2d Bn, 6th Armored Cav. Regt. Steve Edwards commands the Security Platoon of the 6th Regt., at Straubing. Edwards and LaMar are on organizational track teams, Andy having recently attended a track conference for five days near Stuttgart.

Dan Mahony is Class III officer and Ruel Burns is Purchasing Officer for Stuttgart Mil. Post. QM. Ed Saunders is S-4 of 547th Engr. Const. Bn. at Gelnhausen and Bob Ahlers is S-4 of 54th Eng. Const. Bn. near Stuttgart. A new EUCOM track record has been set by Bill Chynoweth of the 24th Armd Sq. Constab. It was a javelin toss of 201 feet 6 inches. Lloyd Kurowski (33d F.A. Bn.) one of the stars of the 1st Div. Basketball champions, the Golden Lions, has been awarded a gold medal for his feats and a spot on the Berlin Invitation All-Star Team. Nice going men.

Charles Jaco recently transferred from Grafenwohr to Butzbach Ordnance Depot near Frankfurt, Germany. His wife, Jay, accompanied him. Soon to join Charlie at Butzbach are E. G. Sharkoff and his wife. This foursome has been together since graduation, because both men have had identical station assignments. Rocco Petrone is still grinding away in the Ordnance Rebuilt Plant at Aalen, Germany. To enjoy a rest, he spends most of his leave in Italy visiting members of his family living there. Two bachelors in Erlanger, Germany, are Jack Whitner and John Stratis.

18th Inf. Regt, 1st Inf. Div.: Jim Egan and Al Wedemeyer were a part of an excellent demonstration (at Grafenwohr, the Wehrmacht's Fort Benning) showing the newest addition to an Infantry regiment's fire power—the 4.2 inch Heavy Mortar. Bob Patterson was on a division committee instructing the Regiments in the proper employment of the Regimental Counterfire system. He is now 18th Inf.'s C-fire Officer. Bob Shoemaker commands Co. G near Frankfurt.

John Hill is the 2d Bn Ass't S-3, presently on a mission to Greece. In the Bavarian Alps south of Munich in the 1st Bn are Jack Clifford, Bn Comm. O, and Bob McBirney, the Bn Adj. Jack's wife just gave birth to their second child, a girl. "Beano" Hadley is the Regt'l P.I.O. and Ass't Adj. I. G. Rouillard is the Ass't S-3 at R Hq. (Incidentally, I said in April that Rouillard was a bachelor—I'm wrong! He married Miss Janet Page Hine at Fort Benning in June 1947.)

Dan Graham, complete with flowing mustache, is attending the EUCOM Intelligence School at Oberammergau, pursuing the Russian language. Frank Baker played host to members of the British Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment) when they visited the Rangers in Nurnberg. Baker is with the 16th Inf.'s H Co. He had previously visited the British on the Rhine as has McBirney.

In the 26th Inf. are: Bob Collier, S-1, 1st Bn; Cal Benedict, S-4, 1st Bn; Young, Motor Officer; Jack Shultz, Ass't Adj.; Paul Ireland, Hq. Co., 1st Bn. George Patton is now in the 63rd Hv. Tank Bn, which is the 1st Inf. Division's Tank Bn. Roger Nye is aide to Brig. Gen. Trudeau, C.G., 1st Constabulary Brigade, and Reid Wallis is aide to Brig. Gen. Sebree, C.G., 2d Constab. Brigade.

In today's Sunday paper I found this clipping. Bob Land and Janice Scheinler of South Nyack, N. Y., were married September 10, 1949. Best man was Col. William K. Skaer, U.S.M.A. '38, and ushers included Ben Hill, Gordon Oosting, Ted Montague, and Bill Sacharov. After a trip to Bermuda, Bob and Janice will live in Houston, Texas.

The time has come once more to—BEAT NAVY!!

—S. E. H. F.

1947

Stuart Force and Ann Parker were married August 8th in New Britain, Connecticut. They will live in Gifu, Japan. That is the only marriage I have any news of but three engagements have recently been announced; H. P. Gainey and Carey Margaret Sitterle will be married in early September; J. W. Johnson and Barbara Nelson plan to be married late this summer; John Fox Kauffman, ex-'47, and Mary K. Fielder plan to wed in October.

A letter from Jody Johnston gives us the news from March A.F.B. Besides Jody; Schlegel, Frost and L. G. Anderson are there—all in jet squadrons, 1st FTR Group, and have been since October of '48. John and Ann Frost are the new parents of a boy, James.

I know I speak for all of us when I say how sincerely sorry I was to learn of the death of L. G. Anderson's infant son who was killed by a truck near their home.

Bill Grant announces the birth of a son, Terry Douglas, born March 24th, 1949, to Bill and Jeanette in Augsburg, Germany. A note from George Harrington to say that his present duty assignment is adjutant of the A.F.

Depot and the 7230 Air Base Group. He has recently been joined by his wife Ruth, and their daughter, Joanne, in Erding, Germany. His address is: Box 235, Erding, A.P.O. 207, c/o Postmaster, N. Y.

A note from J. W. Lauterbach gives us the following information: He and the former Gloria Belle Nicholls were married June 19th, 1948 in Woodbury, New Jersey. A daughter, Kimberly Ann, was born March 4th, 1949. At present they are living in Lengguis, Bavaria, Germany.

Al Geraci was in the U.S. from Japan for several months playing in inter-Army tennis tournaments representing the Far East. At present he is back in Japan.

Tom J. Perkins writes the following information from Japan: "Of the artillery of '47, four of us have come to rest temporarily at least with the 24th Div Arty, Camp Hakata, Kyushu, Japan. Tom Rogers is the General's Aide and has recently assumed an additional duty as a battery commander—just took off for the golf tournament near Tokyo and hopes to be back in the States for the Army wide tournament. Willie and Dorothy Knipe and their offspring are here as are Bill and Doris Sullivan and Tom and Florence Perkins. The latter two are just couples at this date. Willie is S-3 of one of the battalions at present; Sully is the Div Arty Troop I&E. Officer; and Perk has a battery with one of the battalions. Of the rest I have the following: McCord, Dunlap, Lane, and Spiker are with the 1st Cav near Tokyo. Dexter, Henry, and Snyder are with the 25th Div in the Osaka area. All the wives of the married boys with the possible exception of Nancy McCord are here now. What they are doing I don't know except that Dunlap has a battery with the 1st Cav. Of interest to the rest of the Arty boys, the following non-grads with us at Sill are over here; Capt. Hamilton with the 1st Cav, John Von Der Bruegge with the 7th Div, and Vaughn Evans with G.H.Q."

—D. L. T.

1948

To start things off this time there have been a few weddings scattered over the blissful scene and here are a few of them. Neil Ayer and Helen Harrison, June 27, Phil Day and Virginia Price (June), Sid Barry and Anne Hayes (June 18), Walt Plummer and Catherine Prentiss (July), Bob Pomeroy and Carol Young (June), Bob Ward and Betty Mayher (June), Bill Caldwell and Theresa Dismuke (July 20), Jack Doody and Jean Kilbride (June 25), Ennis Whitehead and Novella Gibson (June 18), Kenny Weber and Charlotte Swindler (June), Charlie Shook and Elizabeth Ann Drake (June), and not quite married at this time but hoping are Bob Taylor and Jane Bamford and Bill Hayden and Mary Cruse.

The offspring department would look like a list of the graduating class but here are a few that I have heard about starting with Jane and Arnold Braswell—a boy—, Ann and Jack Peppers, Gloria and Frank Dent, Mal and Bill Lynch—all girls—Don and Yvonne Kipfer—young lad—Carl and Edith Schmidt—girl—Bob and Peg Van Arsdall—boy—Danny Defoe and Mrs.—??—Jesse and Anne Kelsey—girl—Any others please let me know.

The Air Corps boys have been assigned to their various fields and will graduate around the first of October with their wings. At Barksdale in B-25 are Anderson, Berry, Bettis, Butler, Bob Davis, Gorrell, Graves, Hayden, Helkkinen, Kipfer, Lapointe, Loconte, Long, McGuinness, Miner, Moore, Mounger, Muehlenweg, O'Connell, Peppers, Pickering, Pomeroy, Sandman, Scott, Skinner, Swen-

holt, Van Arsdall, Van Fleet, Withers, and Young. In the fighter division at Williams Field in F-80's are Braswell, Beuchler, della Chiesa, Dougherty, Hurt, Madden, Mathis, Ocker, Rosencrans, Quanbeck, Rutter, Smith, White, Wurster, while at Las Vegas in F-51's are Allen, Barber, Barrineau, Barton, Burrows, Coons, Dent, Diloreto, Edwards, Gilliam, Leitner, Locke, Morgan, Saville, Schalk, Sequin, and Thomas.

Frank Williams, Brill, Elebash, Pater and Williamson all will be in a later class due to transfer or injury.

Borg, Brennan and Bradshaw are headed for Okinawa. Paul Weaver gets Law School at Michigan. Gerry Medsger came out number one at Belvoir.

By now most of you will be assigned to troop duty either overseas or here in the States and since we are getting more and more scattered a line once in a while to me will help to keep things together. If any of you need a convenient mailing address or location bureau please feel free to use my address and this column as the medium. A lot of people have been asking about Chris Murphy and I do not know where he is—drop me a line Murph.

—Charlie Nash.

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It's been most interesting to follow the footsteps of our '49ers these past few months. Two of our globe-trotting classmates reported in with tales to tell us what we missed. First news came from Ed Wilford and Abb Greenleaf who flew MATS from Westover to Frankfurt (Rhine-Main Airport). They spent a day in Berlin, a week-end in London, then 5 days in Paris during the Bastille Day celebration, followed by a beautiful drive to Munich through the heart of the Black Forest. Next came Garmisch in the Bavarian Alps, Zurich in Switzerland, a second round in Paris, where damages came to \$25.00 or \$30.00 per day, and Rhine-Main where a C-54 finished off their thousand dollars worth of free air travel. Not bad. Everywhere they went they saw "classmates or cadets" Now at Connally A.F.B. in Waco, Ed finds most parts of East Texas accessible on weekends.

Chet Trubin, another of our "wanderers" hit Bremen, Amsterdam, The Hague, Paris, London, Frankfurt and Stuttgart. In Paris he lived in a quarter where no English was spoken—found his "stumbling knowledge" of French (which your editor knows is not so stumbling) stood him in good stead. After visiting the places "one is supposed to see" he spent considerable time conversing with the natives in the streets and cafes. Not hard to imagine what a fascinating time it was. Chet returned to his home, now in Toronto, Canada, then to Randolph Field, Texas, where the time of his letter found him a pilot of some five hours. He likes both the work and San Antonio, only a half hour away.

Bob Pursley wrote from Indiana after spending a few days in the East several miles from where your writer was staying at the time. We missed our rendezvous with Andy Lay and Harry Griffith. Don't know if Andy ever made it but I saw Griff in Boonton, then just missed him in Washington where I had a grand visit with Tex and Nene Hervey.

Received a mighty nice picture about six inches by six from a Massachusetts paper announcing the engagement of Miss Betsy Baker of Taunton, to Lt. Richard M. Connell. Dick wrote about the grand summer he'd had swimming and sailing in the Taunton River. The date is December 26th. He also mentioned Bill and Mary Kempens' wed-

ding on July 5th. They're at Fort Riley where Bill was thrown from a horse while out riding.

Also from Fort Riley (Junction City) come greetings from Curt Anders and Martha Lou who wrote just before school opened there. A few weeks later, Griff wrote that they still hadn't started school or settled down because new 2nd Lieutenants were still pouring in from colleges and universities. It seems too that predictions about married advantages at Riley are being born out. Of course, the "old" married couples are saying to the bachelors, "You know what you can do about it".

Before leaving Riley let's hear from the mountaineers—Clay Buckingham tells of a three-day trek he and two others took to the top of Pikes Peak, eating sandwiches, sleeping out, and finding thin air and poor condition a bad combination. Must have been quite an experience though. Bernie Greenbaum writes from Junction City where he and Rae were spending Labor Day at home using Calomine Lotion on Bernie's poison ivy picked up on the night compass march. Sympathies galore—and how.

The gang at Riley finds instruction a bit changed from the usual. Four officers per platoon give all instruction instead of having different ones specialize in one or two subjects. The "conference method" is employed with groups as large as 50 and the lessons frequently take the form of question and answer periods. An interesting feature in the curriculum is a course in speed reading where machines are used to increase your rate of reading. A note just came in from Hayes and Katie Metzger who find married life and Riley most agreeable. Jack and Pearl Hayne wrote from Mountindale, N. Y., to send me their new address in Junction City. A good idea for all of you when you change location. R. A. Mackenzie, Y.M.C.A., Cedar Rapids, Ia., does it. Received a nice letter from Tom Baker, now at Riley, after a fine vacation in the East. For him and Miss Nancy Lauder it'll be wedding bells next June in New-York.

Basil and Martha Pafe were married July 23rd in Riverside, California. Al Goering just reported from Connally A.F.B. in Waco. After leaving the Point he made the weddings of Bill and Fran Mueller, Hayes and Katie Metzger, and John and Til Saalfeld. After that he spent ten days eating, fishing, and sleeping in Michigan. At Waco, ground school takes two hours a day, flight line another two hours and three times a week they have an hour of P.T. Flying is reported to be "not as easy as it looks" and some would like an extra pair of hands, feet and eyes. Reports via Waco indicate that all is well at Tyndall.

Haven't heard a word from any other of the civvies. (Herewith orders to report!) My experience has been varied. Have a grand job with The Killian Company, third largest department store in the state. Am assistant to the merchandise manager in the ready-to-wear division. At present I'm confused but fascinated with the mass of detail involved in the job. On Labor Day my room at the Y.M.C.A. was entered and \$500.00 worth of my belongings stolen including all suits, coats, jackets, etc. Happy day. The Y is replacing them and the burglar being traced through Nebraska and Colorado by checks which he is cashing on the bank here.

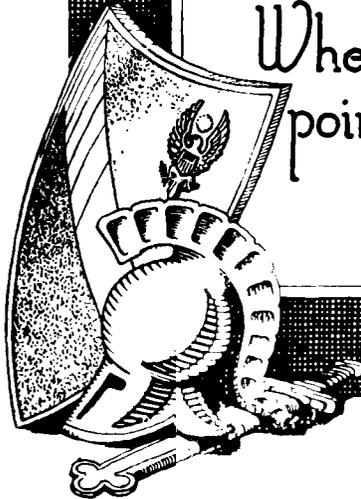
Congratulations to the gang in the All Star football performance. Also to Charlie Oliver for his great showing against Shroeder in the Nationals at Forest Hills.

A reminder: this column will never be more than *you make it*. No news from you will mean no column. That would be missing too much fun. SO . . . get the post card habit now.

—Mackenzie.

In Memory

We sons of today,
we salute you,
You, sons of an
earlier day,
We follow, close
order, behind you,
Where you have
pointed the way.



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Harry Raymond Lee

NO. 3308 CLASS OF 1889

DIED JANUARY 16, 1949, AT WASHINGTON, D. C., AGED 82 YEARS.

HARRY RAYMOND LEE was born in Providence, Rhode Island, March 28, 1866, the son of John Mosely Lee and Josephine Raymond Lee. He was educated in the public schools of Providence, graduating from the Classical High School in 1885. Immediately on graduation he received an appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point, from which he was graduated in June 1889. He received his commission as Second Lieutenant of Infantry and was assigned to duty with the Eleventh Infantry at Madison Barracks, New York. As First Lieutenant he was assigned to the Sixth Infantry at Fort Thomas, Kentucky, and during the Spanish-American War was in command of that Post, then a Hospital Base.

On his promotion to Captain he went again to the Eleventh Infantry, stationed in Puerto Rico. Thence he went to the Philippines where he took part in the Lake Lanao Expedition in 1902. On his return to the United States with the Eleventh, he was

further their comfort and welfare. Although a strict disciplinarian, he was still considerate, and received in return the respect and affection of his soldiers. But a large part of his work was organization and administration, and in these he excelled.

On his retirement he received letters from General Pershing and from General Frank McCoy, in appreciation of his long and faithful service and regretting his separation from active duty.

Outside his activities he had varied interests. He cited music as one of his hobbies. It was more than a hobby—almost a need. One of his memories of West Point was that of singing in the early choir and on some occasions playing the organ for choir practice. This memory was revived and the experience repeated when, at Laredo, Texas, he played the organ in Christ Church for Sunday School Service. But the piano was his instrument. The first piece of furniture he bought after leaving West Point was a piano, which he carried all over the country from frontier posts in Arizona to Washington, after his retirement. The old piano now rests at his summer home at Blue Ridge Summit, Pennsylvania. On leave he liked to go to New York for the Opera and spent most of his vacation funds at the Opera House. In Washington after his retirement he enjoyed symphony concerts every winter until his failing health prevented him from going out.

Had he not entered the Army he thought he might have engaged in journalism. The study of newspapers, their form as well as their literary content, was one of his sources of entertainment. But he always refused to write, on the ground that he did not have the time. Nevertheless, he left two small bits of writing which he valued. One is a translation from the French, "The Regulations of the French Minister of War on Subsistence in Campaigns", a voluntary piece of work in 1905, for which he received a letter of commendation from the Chief of Staff, "an excellent piece of translation". The other, a monograph on the Gettysburg Campaign, written at the War College at the conclusion of a Staff ride.

Always interested in boys and their training, he led a Boy Scout Troop for two years in Denver, Colorado.

Colonel Lee was a loyal churchman. A classmate writes, "While a cadet at West Point, on Communion Sundays, Lee, Rhodes and Piper always walked to Highland Falls to the Church of the Holy Innocents. This Church was built by Professor Weir, Professor of Drawing, on the ground given by William B. Cozzens. There was no Episcopal Communion service at the Cadet Chapel. As a cadet Lee was a conscientious Christian man, a gentleman in every sense of the word and was loved and respected by his classmates and all who knew him". As an officer he attended services in towns near his stations and served on the vestries of three churches, in addition to teaching classes of boys in church schools.

Colonel Lee was married twice. His first wife was Clara E. Sherman, who died in May 1905. In October 1906 he married Emma C. Watt, who survives him. He had one daughter, Josephine Watt Lee, now the wife of Edward C. Radue, of Washington, D. C., and two granddaughters.

—E. C. W. L.

Charles Lewis John Frohwitter

NO. 3967 CLASS OF 1900

DIED AUGUST 5, 1948 IN RENO, NEVADA, AGED 74 YEARS.

CHARLES LEWIS JOHN FROHWITTER was of New England stock. Reared in an atmosphere of conservatism, he acquired a reserve which characterized him throughout his life. That he had ideals and was prepared to

stand behind them was shown early in his military career. He was older than the average fourth classman or new cadet, and this also gave him an air of maturity; at the time he entered the Academy, on that clear warm morning of June 15th, 1896, he had but a few weeks to spare before reaching the age limit of twenty-two.

He was most companionable with his classmates, but he at once took an attitude which was far from meekly compliant with the rules of conduct laid down by members of the Third Class. His dignity was outraged, he resisted and a personal conflict was arranged with all of the formality mandatory under the Academy traditions. He came out of this with little damage to his person and with much comfort to his personal ego. His opponent had suffered much discomfort not to mention bruises and discoloration, and it must be assumed that those who had decreed, and presumed they had insured dire punishment and deep humiliation for this unruly plebe, were touched with chagrin. Thus there appeared another trait; what he did, he did with a vengeance. Possibly his later life would have been happier with less of this tendency in evidence.

At graduation, with academic standing about midway of the class, he chose the one

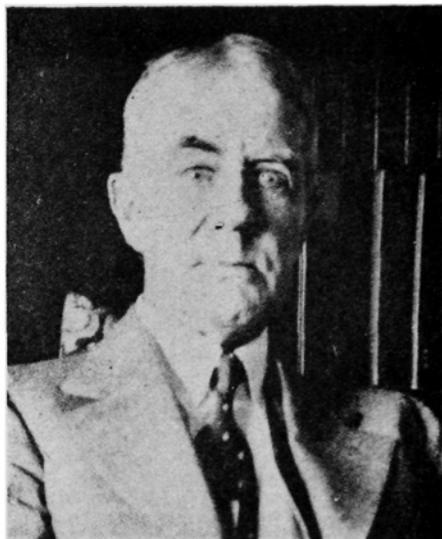


stationed at Fort D. A. Russell and shortly after was sent in command of a relief expedition to San Francisco, following the earthquake and fire. Later in the same year he went to Cuba with the Army of Cuban Pacification.

After four years of service with troops he was sent to the Army War College for one year and remained in Washington the following three years as a member of the General Staff.

At Laredo, on the Texas Border, he was Provost Marshal of the district during the encampment of the National Guard, preceding World War I. Later he took his regiment to Syracuse, N. Y. for camp and training and in September, 1917 took the Ninth Infantry to France and remained with it in the training area, Haute Marne, until it was ready for combat. He afterwards reorganized and commanded the Base Port of La Rochelle La Pallice. His last duty in France was command of the Base Depot at Bloise. After over a year with Regular Army troops in the United States he served with the Organized Reserves in Denver, Colorado, as Chief of Staff of the 103rd Division until his retirement on December 15, 1922.

The Army was his life and to it he gave high loyalty and unremitting service. He liked service with troops, took pride in the care of his men and was ever ready to



Artillery of that time. His duties as a young officer were divided nearly equally between the heavy and the light artillery, designation, which in 1907, officially became Coast Artillery and Field Artillery. He served at several posts within the continental United States and at one time was a member of the Artillery Board at Fort Monroe. Comparatively early his health began to fail and, finally, in 1916, he was forced to retire for physical disability, in the grade of Major. His last tour of regular duty was at Corregidor; however, in the course of the first World War he was returned to active duty in Boston Harbor and later, as Inspector General, at Department Headquarters in Boston. In 1912 and '13 a tour of duty in the then Pay Department had taken him to Fort Sam Houston and to Boston.

He remarried in 1922 and, in 1923, with Mrs. Frohwitter, the former Phyllis De la Sota Southard, made an extended tour of the Orient. Later, in search of a climate which might better his health, he visited many regions, including New Mexico, Cape Cod, Florida, New Hampshire, Illinois and Nevada. This last locality seemed to afford him more relief than any of the others; never-the-less he died there in his sleep, August 5, 1948. Before this marriage he lived for extended periods at the Union League Club of San Francisco. He was also a member of the Bohemian Club of that city. The Bay Area of California was his favorite

place of abode and, besides their home in Berkeley, the Frohwitters at one time had a cottage near the famous Grove of the Bohemian Club on the Russian River. Mrs. Frohwitter still maintains her home in Berkeley.

Frohwitter was a strong character but he had many friends in whose selection he had been most careful. To these he was most loyal. He was buried at West Point in accordance with an oft expressed wish on his part, prompted no doubt by his intense devotion to the Academy and all that it stands for.

—A. H. S.

Joseph Warren Stilwell

NO. 4246 CLASS OF 1904

DIED OCTOBER 12, 1946, AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, AGED 63 YEARS.

JOE STILWELL was the soldiers' General of World War II and one of the greatest combat soldiers of our times.

He was born in Palatka, Florida, on the 19th of March, 1883, but his home was in Yonkers, New York. He was the second of four children born to Doctor and Mrs. Benjamin W. Stilwell. His father was one of the most prominent men in Yonkers, both in civic affairs and in business.

Joe graduated from Yonkers Public School No. 6 and Yonkers High School and was ready to enter Yale at the age of sixteen. Because of his youth, his father induced him to wait a year before entering the University and during this time he became interested in the Army, received an appointment, and entered West Point in July, 1900. He graduated in 1904 and at the time of his death he was the only member of his Class on active duty.

His enthusiasm and interest in all phases of activities soon proved him to be a leader among his classmates. In his academic work Joe showed outstanding ability in languages and graduated 32 in a class of 124. He possessed unusual physical coordination and stamina and became one of the outstanding athletes at West Point. At that time the Academy participated only in intercollegiate football and baseball. Joe knew the value of intercollegiate sports and did everything in his power to introduce and foster increased participation in basketball, track and cross country. As a Cadet he organized and led the first cross country team and was directly responsible for the introduction and prominence of basketball at West Point.

Upon graduation from West Point Joe chose the Infantry. His feelings in regard to the Infantry Soldier are probably best expressed in an extract of an article which he wrote for publication on Infantry Day:

"Ever since the first man on foot shot the first armored knight off his horse, the Infantry has had the right of way on the field of battle. In no other way can we get a decision; it must still be by physical contact, man to man, with rifle and bayonet. It is our Infantry that the enemy must stop, and so it is our Infantry that is the target for all the hell they can pour on us. There is no rest; it goes on day after day and night after night. The doughboy must live in the mud, eat when he can, fight fatigue, hunger, thirst, cold, vermin, and fear, and still push on. He must absorb 70% of the casualties in his 20% of the strength of the army, and endure that too. There is no glamour or hoorah about this job; it's all hell.

"Now I ask you, is one day a year suitable recognition of his devotion. Of course not—you can't pack enough recognition into one day to adequately express our appreciation for the doughboy and his accomplishments. And anyway, he doesn't need it. He wears a badge that adds it all up and says it for us,—the Combat Infantryman's Badge—to which the doughboy himself has given

full meaning by his deeds on the field of battle. For the man who has the right to wear it, every day is Infantry Day".

After serving two years with the 12th Infantry in the Philippines, Joe returned to West Point in 1906 as an instructor in Modern Languages. He remained at the Academy from 1906 until 1910 and during this time continued his leadership in the field of sports by coaching the cadet basketball team and serving as an assistant coach of the football team. He also organized a basketball team made up of officers on duty at West Point and in 1909 and 1910 had regular schedules with outside teams. A team made up of graduates of the Class of 1904 played a team from the First Class (1910) in February 1910 and beat them 23 to 21. After a tour of duty at West Point he again went to the Philippines and returned to West Point as an instructor in 1913.

In World War I Joe participated in many major operations, became G-2 of the 4th Corps, and was awarded the D.S.M. with the following citation:

"For exceptionally meritorious and distinguished services. As Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, 4th Army Corps, during the St. Mihiel offensive and later during the operations in the Woevre, he displayed military attainments of a high order. With great



energy and zeal he pursued the developments of the enemy activities on the corps front, securing invaluable information which assisted in a marked degree in the planning of the operations. He contributed by the excellent performance of his task to the success of these operations".

During and after World War I Joe did a great deal of thinking about our military policy and the world situation. He considered the Army too defense-minded and felt very keenly that all our training should be for a war of movement which we were bound to encounter. His vision and understanding were far in advance of most of our leaders at that time.

When Joe returned from Europe in the summer of 1919 he was assigned to duty that was to take him away from routine military work and which was to tax all his mental and physical energies. He was assigned as a Chinese language student and began a friendship with the Chinese people which was to last for the rest of his life. Four years of language study were followed by three years of duty with the 15th Infantry in China (1926-29) and then four years as Military Attache (1935-39). Before World War II began Joe had become the most proficient officer in the Army in the Chinese Language and knew more about that country, its customs, traditions and the psychology of the Chinese people than any other

officer. He believed in China and in her destiny and China believed in him.

Between Joe's tours of duty in China, he took the Advanced Course at the Infantry School, the course at the Command and General Staff School, and also served as an instructor at the Infantry School at Fort Benning. His work as a student and as an instructor was outstanding. It was during this period that his penetrating and colorful comments on the work of inattentive students earned him the nickname of "Vinegar Joe".

Upon his return from China in 1939 he was promoted to brigadier general and became Deputy Commander of the 2nd Division at Fort Sam Houston. In July 1940 Joe activated and assumed command of the 7th Division at Fort Ord and, under his direction, this division became one of the crack outfits of the Army Ground Forces. In his farewell address to the 7th Division when, before Pearl Harbor, he had been promoted to command the Third Corps, he said:

"As for me, I've been demoted and must move on. And I have no sermon to preach to you. I have found that the American soldier gets an idea from example and demonstration far better than he does from being jawed at. Long years ago I heard a remark made upon the occasion of the promotion of an officer to general rank. He assembled the command and harangued them for an hour and a half. When he finally stopped talking, as the troops stumbled out, I heard a sergeant say, 'Well, the higher up a monkey climbs, the more you can see of his backside'."

Early in 1942 Joe was ordered to Washington to organize and command the contemplated invasion of North Africa. At this time the seriousness of the situation in the Far East was growing in magnitude and Mr. Stimson, the Secretary of War, personally selected Joe to represent the United States in the Far East and later to command the China-Burma-India Theater.

To describe General Stilwell's career in the C.B.I. in World War II would take many times the space allotted to this article; much has been written and much more will be written on this important subject. What Mr. Henry L. Stimson had to say about Joe's accomplishments in China, Burma, and India is particularly appropriate for this article and therefore, with permission of the publishers, Harper and Brothers, the following extracts are quoted from *On Active Service In Peace And War*, by Henry L. Stimson and McGeorge Bundy:

"* * * Because of his interest in the Chinese situation, Stimson played a conspicuous part in the selection of this representative, and of few things was he more proud than of his share in the eventual choice of General Joseph W. Stilwell. * * *

"* * * Stilwell's central military objective was to strengthen the Chinese armies and bring their force to bear on the Japanese in Asia. His enemies were of four kinds—Japanese, Chinese, British, and American.

"* * * More than any other American theater commander in the war, Stilwell required the constant and vigorous political support of his own government, and less than any other commander did he get it. Engaged as he was in a great effort to make China strong almost against her will, he was bound to find himself frequently in the disagreeable position of telling unpleasant truths to an autocrat. * * *

"* * * The last act in Stilwell's mission was played in October, 1944. By that time Stilwell had fully justified his insistence on a Burma campaign by his brilliant advance in north Burma, culminating in the capture of Myitkyina—this was one of the great and insufficiently noticed military epics of the war. But none of this satisfied Chiang, who had grown to hate Stilwell—even as Stilwell had grown to hate him. * * *

"* * * Stilwell has been the one successful element of the three forces that have been supposed to cooperate in Burma. The British dragged their feet, and Mountbatten last spring almost as soon as he got there sent us word that he wanted to have the campaign go over until after the monsoon. If we had accepted that, we would not yet have begun. On the other hand, Chiang Kai-shek has several times interfered with the Yunnan forces of Chinese whom he had promised to send and did send as far as the Salween River. In between these two hesitating and halting forces, Stilwell with his three American-trained Chinese divisions coming down the Ledo Road, and Wingate and Merrill with their air troops and raiders flying in to help, have brought victory out of hesitation and defeat. The British, stung by their example, have at last thrown the Japanese out of Imphal and our troops are well down near the Irrawaddy River. Stilwell has taken Myitkyina, and north Burma is virtually free of the Japanese. This campaign in all the difficulties of the monsoon has been a triumphant vindication of Stilwell's courage and sagacity. He had been pecked at from both sides, carped at by the British from India, and hamstrung at every moment by Chiang Kai-shek. Now the Japanese in China, stung by these defeats in Burma, have called their main forces into action in China and are closing in against the regular Chinese armies. If Chiang Kai-shek had supported Stilwell, we should have had a well-trained nucleus of these Chinese troops to meet them. As it is, they are still impotent Chinese, untrained and badly led. Incidentally, this result on both sides has shown the wisdom of Stilwell's diagnosis a year and a half or two years ago when he insisted that we must have ground bases and ground troops in China, well trained, to defeat just such an attack of Japanese; and on the other hand, at the same time Chennault was insisting that he could beat and drive off the Japanese attack by the use of air alone. Chennault has been given almost twice as much in the way of equipment over the Hump as he asked for and yet he is now failing abjectly to stop the Japanese. On the other hand, Stilwell fighting against all obstacles, British incompetence and sluggishness, Chinese disloyalty, and the lack of supplies over the Hump line which Chennault's demands made necessary, has provided the only success in the whole horizon. * * *

"* * * Knowing the Secretary's personal interest in his mission, Stilwell had written to Stimson a series of letters (some of them in longhand) which gave the full measure of the man—his insight and understanding of the Orient, his imaginative grasp of war-making; his modesty, and what General Marshall called his 'amazing vigor'. This was a man who could refer to his extraordinary retreat from Burma in 1942 with a single laconic sentence, 'I then picked up my headquarters group and brought them out'. This man's personal vision created a new army almost in spite of its own government, in the face of the skepticism and obstructionism of most Englishmen and many Americans; yet to him jungle fighting was 'a heavenly relief' from planning and politics. Certainly, whatever else it was, Stilwell's record in Asia was the record of a great American soldier. On February 10, 1945, Stimson decorated Stilwell with the Legion of Merit and an oak-leaf cluster to the Distinguished Service Medal. 'I was particularly happy to lay this encomium on Stilwell's hard and terrific work in Burma and in China and so I read the two citations myself and made a few comments to Stilwell which I think he appreciated. I said that I thought he had had the toughest job of any of our generals and that I had never conveyed one of these medals with such pleasure as I had in doing this.' * * *

The honesty of Joe's classic statement after his epic retreat from Burma in 1942

won for him the hearts of the American people. He said; "I claim we got a hell of a beating. We got run out of Burma and it is humiliating as hell. I think we ought to find out what caused it, go back and retake it". This statement was acclaimed by newspaper men as the most honest statement of the war.

Mr. Jack Belden, author of *Retreat With Stilwell*, had the following to say about Stilwell:

"Now, what made Joe Stilwell different from the ordinary run-of-the-mill commander was his character. He had principles, so he had a deep strength to fall back on in time of crisis. He was a determined man. He was resolute. He had faith in himself. Hardship could not crack him. Criticism could not ruin him. Because of his cultured mind he was not simply stubborn. He could change and shift to meet circumstances, but always on principle, not merely on an opportunistic basis"

Joe was relieved from the C.B.I. Theatre in October, 1944, and the final entry in his journal reads, "The personal experience of an individual fades into insignificance in the enormous scope and ramifications of war, especially if there is a grievance connected with it. And when the general result is success, who cares about the squawks of the disgruntled? If a man can say he did not let his country down, and if he can live with himself, there is nothing more he can reasonably ask for".

Following Joe's return to the United States he was assigned as Commanding General of the Army Ground Forces. In March and April of 1945 he made a detailed inspection in Okinawa and the Philippines, and visited all divisions in contact with the enemy. After Lt. Gen. Buckner's death Joe was assigned to command the Tenth Army on Okinawa. He there had the pleasure of accepting the surrender of Okinawa by the Japanese on 31 August 1945. In September 1945 Joe was appointed to command the Sixth Army at the Presidio of San Francisco.

At the time of Joe Stilwell's death in October, 1946, many statements were made by prominent citizens the world over about this great soldier. Only one will be quoted and that from the Secretary of War.

"In the death of General Stilwell every soldier in the Army has lost a faithful friend.

"His brilliant record in the China-Burma-India Theater and in Okinawa marks him as one of the ablest military leaders that the nation has ever had. Above all else, he was a soldier's soldier, ready and willing to endure all the risks and hardships endured by those who served under him. He never spared himself.

"The memory of this brave soldier will serve as an inspiration to all ranks in the Army for all time."

Joe is survived by his wife, Winifred Alison (Smith), of Syracuse, N. Y., to whom he was married on October 18, 1910, and who is now living in the house that she and Joe built in Carmel, California; by three daughters, Mrs. E. F. Easterbrook, Mrs. W. E. Cox, and Mrs. W. R. Cameron; and by two sons, Lt. Col. J. W. Stilwell, Jr., and Mr. B. W. Stilwell, II.

—C. L. F.

George Harris Paine

NO. 4514 CLASS OF 1906

DIED MAY 11, 1949, AT ALEXANDRIA,
LOUISIANA, AGED 64 YEARS.

In their lovely century-old home near Pineville, La., close to Alexandria in the land of Evangeline, George H. Paine suffered a sudden stroke on the evening of May 10, 1949. He recovered only enough in the Alexandria hospital to speak to LeGrande and

say, "The patrol is ended". Then he went into the long sleep of death in the early hours of May 11. He had suffered a severe heart attack on the day of his retirement from active duty and never fully recovered his strength, but after three months of hospitalization, LeGrande took him to the home they had prepared together for a long rest and play when the call to duty was over. He improved a little under the pleasure of his home, giving rise to hope for recovery, but the strong body and mind had been worn too much in the strenuous service during the war and the postwar period.

Officers and men of the Old Army of men and horses and guns which his class joined in 1902, will think first of polo when they hear the name of George Paine. For that horseman's sport, he gave most of his free time through all of his army life, building up enthusiasm, organizing teams, training ponies, playing matches and talking horse and rider. A good player, a fine horseman himself, polo in America owes him a debt of gratitude.

And those officers and men of the Army who believe in precision and economy of artillery,—long range behind the infantry lines,—or short range behind heavy armor, will remember George Paine over the years for his schools and his doctrines;—The Firing Center at Camp Jackson;—The Basic School at Camp Taylor and Camp Knox, The Field Artillery Board at Fort Bragg;—The 46th Brigade at Camp Livingston and at the end of his service, The School of Fire at Fort Sill where he trained the demonstration troops and conducted the artillery technique. A fine artilleryman, a splendid teacher, modern artillery owes to him a debt of gratitude.

He was the son of Dr. and Mrs. William A. Paine of Scranton, Pa. In many ways his service in the Army was remarkable. He came to West Point as a Juliette, young in years,—almost the youngest in the class of 1906;—just out of high school at Scranton, Penna., none too well prepared. Preferring the outdoors, the cavalry and artillery drills, the athletic fields and the riding hall, he nevertheless fought hard for his tenths in the section room. Putting on that serious air of his and batting his eyes, when cornered at the blackboard, he made his battle and got by, when fifty others were falling around him from the academic struggle. He did not get high enough in class standing to get a mounted branch and was commissioned in the infantry, going for his first station to old Fort Harrison, at Helena, Montana, along with his classmate, Hally Fox. After only a short tour of duty there, the battalion moved to Fort Brady, Mich., on the Soo Canal. During the cold winter, Hally Fox resigned from the Army. George Paine grabbed the opportunity to take the examination for the Field Artillery at Fort Riley and obtained his transfer to the mounted service, where his heart was from his first days at West Point. His first Artillery station was Camp Stotsenburg on the Pampangan plain above Manila, P. I. Schnitz Gruber, John Danford and Bill Bryden of 1904 and Waldo Potter of 1907 were there. The artillery battery was still an independent kingdom in the Army. The Field Artillery song had just come off the musical pen of Schnitz Gruber. The parodies were many, ludicrous and gay that were sung in the bachelors' hall. I shall never forget the happy experience of my short visit to that group of gay spirits.

Returning in 1908 with his battery to Fort Snelling, Minn. Paine lived with Dutch Klem of 1904 and a lively pair of bachelors they were. Next door lived Charles Burnett and his wife, who were then entertaining as a visitor Mrs. Burnett's sister, LeGrande Cameron. In the mornings, she watched the sporty-looking artilleryman come out with his shining saber, his boots and spurs and ride off on his big white horse. In the afternoon, he departed on a polo pony in

sports costume. In the evening, he walked off in blue uniform, the wind blowing back his cape to show a splash of artillery red. Finally, she met him and listened to long, long tales of polo and horses and artillery. She told me herself, that she had to remind him of that more important subject, that he was neglecting. But he picked it up eagerly and talked it out to its logical conclusion. They were married in Chicago on December 27, 1910. Through the 38 years, they have been together in all parts of this planet, their devotion and cooperation have been unstinted and constant. LeGrande survives him now in their Louisiana home.

George Paine took his turn at recruiting service at Peoria, Illinois, for four years and was rewarded with a year's tour at Fort Myer, Virginia, across the Potomac from the Capitol City. Foreign service called again and this time to Hawaii, service with troops at last, in the First Field Artillery at Schofield Barracks, with the very definite problem of protecting the naval base at Pearl Harbor from attack by land or sea. All branches were there, Cavalry, Infantry, Coast Artillery, Ordnance, Engineer, Signal and Medical units. Four point seven inch guns and six inch howitzers were available for heavy field firing. All kinds of ammunition were accumulated and tested. Farm tractors were sent to be tested and what a test we gave them over Kole-Kole pass and through the gulches and cane fields. Mechanization was the argument of the clubs. Europe was at war and new ideas were coming in from overseas to change all the old rules. The Ninth Field Artillery was formed from the First and tractor and truck equipment was provided, the first regiment without horses. Paine took over one of the new batteries and marched through the mud to Waianae, all the failures of equipment being laughed at by the proponents of the horse. Soon however, with the other commanders, we worked out technique and maintenance that were valuable lessons for the approaching war service in France.

Honolulu was then a wonderful place for the Paines. There were four civilian polo teams, one from each of the four large islands. There were several Army teams. Eight classmates and their wives, stationed there in the gay years of their lives celebrated together the decennial of graduation and wrote a class history of the first ten years. The planning and writing took many and delightful meetings at the pretty inns and pleasant dance floors of Honolulu. The civilian population, worried over the interned German ships and the Japanese Navy cruising outside the harbors, took a serious interest in the Army and its affairs. Four regiments of National Guard were formed and operated during the war period. And then came the attempted burning of the German ships and the declaration of war, the internment of the Germans, the taking over of the ships, the departure of the regiments and the Japanese cruisers moving into Pearl Harbor. The excitement was intense.

George Paine took a battalion of artillery overseas, under the new rank of Major, was promoted soon to Lieut. Colonel of his regiment and later Colonel in command of 17th Field Artillery of the 2nd Division. His superior service there led to his return to the States to establish the training in the new methods. He set up the Brigade Firing Center at Camp Jackson. His success there led on to his assignment to the Basic School of Field Artillery at Camp Taylor and Camp Bragg and to the command of this new and unusual school. He and LeGrande set up an enthusiastic post, attracting the pretty girls of Louisville to the dances and hundreds of young officers to their home. Polo flourished and a gay post life accompanied the training in a busy and valuable school. New materiel and new methods were in the making and all technical branches attended to plan the new designs for the future armies.

The School of the Line established at Fort Leavenworth demanded his time as student-instructor in 1922. In spite of a serious accident in polo, he nevertheless graduated as a distinguished student. Going on to the General Staff College and the Army War College, he was assigned to the General Staff in 1924 to help formulate the new national military policies. He was assigned with General Reed and under Guy Henry as Chief of Staff, of the Philippine Department in Manila. He and LeGrande lived in the Military Plaza with the senior officials of the Department, assisted at the new Army-Navy Club, played on the polo fields of Pasay, and joined in the wide social activities of that large and interesting command. As G-4 under Gen. Henry, he planned the logistics of Bataan and Corregidor against the Japanese attack that was so plainly indicated already during 1924-1927.

George and LeGrande returned to the States through China, India, Suez, Rome, Paris and London, taking their time on a long leave and finding the things that interested them as they circumnavigated the planet. George came to my office in the American Embassy at London, giving me a wonderful account of the marvels that they had seen and the experiences that they had encountered over the long route.



The greatest interest of their trip was the Eternal City. George asked many questions about the attache business and the amount of real interesting work of a professional nature one could do upon such an assignment. It was plain to see that the attache office in Rome was in his mind as a future military station. He waited nine years to get the assignment, but he got his four years in Rome.

For three years from 1928 to 1931, the Paines were stationed at Fort Bragg where he was a member of the Field Artillery Board. The experimental models, resulting from the experiences of the First World War, were just then coming into full test. The large howitzers, the light howitzers, the longer range guns, the self propelled mounts, the new tractors, the new high explosives and propellants, the new ranging methods, the new communications, and the new supply vehicles that were the forerunners of the weapons of World War II, were examined and tested and improved, developing new ideas of warfare with every change. And Southern Pines was not far away for polo and good social contacts.

Again he was detailed in the General Staff and sent as G-4 of the Hawaiian Department, living in the beautiful Nuuanu Valley of Honolulu and serving at the Headquarters at Fort Shafter. Again the polo fields of

Hawaii called him and his old civilian friends gathered to talk of those wonderful days before the First World War. Again the Pacific War that had come much closer occupied his attention. The defense of Pearl Harbor, this time by air as well as by land and sea occupied the minds of all officers. But the nation was in the very midst of a terrible business depression and could not be awakened to the expenditures needed nor to the danger threatening.

At last in 1936, he received his assignment to the coveted post at Rome. They were both overcome with the joy of anticipation. It was indeed their greatest common interest; for George, the equipment and training of the Italian Legions for the new wars in Albania and Abyssinia, and the associations with the military experts of all nations; for LeGrande, the chance to study her much improved painting with such new and wonderful subjects for her canvases; but for them both, the renewal of their great interests of other years. George had much to observe and report that had profound effect upon the supply and training of our own armies for the approaching world struggle.

Upon their return to the States in 1940, the training camps were already being established. George was promoted to Brigadier General and assigned to the 46th Artillery Brigade at Camp Livingston, Louisiana. For three years, until nearly the end of 1943, he continued to train and furnish to the multiplying Artillery organizations, enlisted men and officers, whose names have made the pages of history in the Crusade in Europe. Foreign officers from most of the Allied nations visited there to witness the new artillery methods. Near the end of 1943, he was called to the Artillery School at Fort Sill to demonstrate with the school troops the basic principles of artillery technique. Many students and observers have praised the high morale and the fine performances of his troops. General Pennell, the School Commander says; "It was a truly difficult task to keep his school troops constantly in the high degree of training necessary to demonstrate to thousands of students the best of artillery technique. Had he not done extremely well, he would not have been retained for over three years as the Commanding General of these troops. He was indeed a credit to the Class of 1906 and to the Military Academy". Letters and telegrams from classmates and Army associates praise his military genius and his confident approach to the many difficult problems that were assigned to him in all corners of this planet. Telegrams and letters from LeGrande Paine emphasize again and again her great admiration and love and her grief and desolation over the shattered world of which he was such a major part to her.

Along with so many classmates and friends, I picture him as "Agony", the gay and smiling companion of cadet days; as Captain Paine, the host, opposite his approving wife at his table, tossing a French salad and expounding the difference between a dream and a disaster; as Major Paine, struggling with the mechanized battalion of new equipment, none too good, and raw recruits, none too familiar with their roles, on the muddy cane field roads of Hawaii; as Colonel Paine in Rome at the head of his table again, but with the military representatives of the world's armies around him and his wife, speaking now one tongue and now another, about the darkening days before the final struggle of World War II and as General Paine, reviewing his heavy artillery brigade on the Louisiana roads and smiling with satisfaction at the result of his long years of artillery planning. What memories he carried to his Cajun home! What stories he had to tell his officers, as he trained them for our terrific struggles across the oceans of this planet and again for the post war security of our victorious nation.

George Paine has gone. At his request, he lies buried in the cemetery of Alexandria. "The patrol is ended." The nation and the Military Academy can be proud to record in its annals the worthy record of George Paine. We have lost a great soldier and a beloved classmate. Peace be unto him.

—Charles G. Mettler.

Joseph Halley Pelot

NO. 4468 CLASS OF 1906

DIED JANUARY 29, 1949, AT ROXBURY,
MASSACHUSETTS, AGED 63 YEARS.

FROM the little villages of Missouri have come into the national scene many soldiers, statesmen and politicians, since the days of the Missouri Compromise. Many of them have achieved the high offices of the Army and the Navy. Among these we count the name of Joseph H. Pelot. Many such men have gone into the business life of the nation and there have made fine records too. Among these we count the name of Joseph H. Pelot. And too, we count him among those who have attained success by overcoming severe injuries and physical suffering.

Out of the village of Blackburn, Missouri, fresh from his high school, not yet seventeen years of age, with an appointment as a cadet at West Point, came Joe Pelot. He had his seventeenth birthday enroute. Entering the office of F. W. Coe, Adjutant of the Military Academy, he presented his credentials. Coe could not believe that the boy with the pretty dimples and blushing face could be old enough to enter, but there among the papers was the certificate of his birth and the consent of his parents, Henry J. and Anna Halley Pelot. The yearlings took him away to Beast Barracks, calling him "Dimples" in order to see him blush. Out of resentment, his classmates changed his nickname to "Minnie", though this did not appear to be an improvement, nor do I know how we found this feminine name. Some silly fashion caused us to give such names to "Sue" Claggett, "Fanny" Dickman, "Bess" McFarland, and "Kate" Donahue, all good masculine types, but like the name "Minnie" has stuck to Pelot, so their absurd but affectionate and brotherly names of cadet days, which should have been forgotten long ago, linger in our memories.

Minnie Pelot grew up rapidly and was an excellent cadet. In the Corps he became a Second Class sergeant and held his stripes through summer of First Class camp. In spite of all the "B.A.'s" in the Class of 1906, he failed to get the officers chevrons, perhaps affected by his too gay associates. No ambition for cadet rank, no desire for athletic fame, no social excitement dissuaded him from his strict attention to overcoming his inexperience and his lack of years. When offered a feminine part in the Hundredth Night show, he refused on the grounds that one feminine name was already too much. But how he could wrestle with C. Smith and his mathematical symbols, with the transit and level in P.M.E.! Four years of such wrestling got him his choice of Branch upon his graduation, the Field Artillery. No one in the class got a greater thrill from his diploma and commission, nor did anyone carry them to his home town with greater pride.

His Field Artillery experience was short but very glamorous. He joined his battery at Camp Stotsenburg on the Pampangan Plain north of Manila, just when Schnitz Gruber and his 1904 classmates were writing the song, "Caissons Go Rolling". Many and terrible were the parodies that were written and sung around that good tune and high was the fun of that gay and horsey group. Those were the Golden Days, when the battery commander had his own guard

and was a little king within his own private domain. But in January 1907 came the separation of the Artilleries into Field and Coast. Pelot drew the Coast Artillery and was sent much too quickly from his marches over the trails and swamps to the so-called Cosmoline drills of Fort Miley on San Francisco Bay.

In many ways this was a good turn. He got a promotion to First Lieutenant with consequent increase in pay and he got a chance to return to Marshall, Missouri, where Agnes Lester Hall lived. On October 5th he and Agnes were married there in Marshall. They were blessed with two fine daughters, whose photos Minnie used to carry around in his billfold. Agnes Lester survives him and will stay in Worcester until she closes up his affairs. Afterward she expects to return to Marshall and settle down near her oldest daughter, Marceline, now married to Berkeley Hall in Marshall. A grandson, Berkeley Hall, Jr., is another attraction in Marshall. The second daughter, Mary Agnes, is married to Gilbert Hodges in Washington, D. C. Their son, Gilbert Hodges, Jr. and Berkeley Hall, Jr. were also in Pelot's billfold the last time I saw him.

For two happy years after their assignment to San Francisco, the Pelots remained in the Coast Artillery. Then, suddenly, be-



gan those rapid changes that make army life such a problem for wives and children. Pelot was assigned to West Point as an instructor. He was detailed in the Ordnance Department and from the quiet post of Fort Miley, there was one year of fine service at the Academy, then a year of separation, while Pelot went to school and to dangerous proof work at Sandy Hook Proving Ground, where no quarters were available for the families.

As Proof Officer, Pelot was assigned to the test of the new experimental grenades, including the long-stemmed rifle grenade long since discarded. One of these exploded directly in front of his face, during a test and injured him almost beyond recovery. For a long while we despaired of his recovery from the skull and lung injuries. His hearing was permanently and almost completely destroyed. By his strong will he pulled himself through and resumed his work, going on to the Watertown Arsenal and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology to finish his Ordnance studies. His fine ordnance work caused his redetail with the Department, and he was sent to Benicia to have a better chance to recuperate. Benicia was lovely and quiet then, like Willie Rose and Stephen St. Vincent Benet wrote about it in their stories of their childhood and of their father, Col. J. Walker Benet,

long time a commander at the old post on the Maraquina Straits above San Francisco. But the nation began to get worried over the European War of 1914. New military things were appearing on the battlefields of Europe. Airplanes were getting into the military problems and were able to carry and drop explosive bombs. All ordnance officers were called to get into study and design work and to get designs ready for manufacture and use.

In June 1916, Pelot and his family made their fourth trip across the United States, this time going to Frankford Arsenal at Philadelphia. Again he took up the development of ammunition, designing and producing shell and cartridge, loading and testing same and getting the plans ready for the war production by our unfamiliar industry. Pelot became one of the few experts on ammunition in the United States. When the plans were ready he was called back to Washington to get production under way. There he labored until after the Armistice of 1918. Although very little of our industrial effort had any place in the battles of Europe, its mighty volume had a lot to do with the decision of the German nation to surrender. And the plans that were developed then had a lot to do with the production of our industry that was one of the greatest factors in the defeat of the Axis in 1945. Pelot must be given credit for a number of the ammunition plans that came out of the First World War.

In 1919 when the opportunity was offered to see the effects of ammunition and bombs in the battlefields of France and to note the design and production of ammunition by the enemies, Pelot went to Europe and studied all that he could find, sending back for additional study every unusual piece of ammunition and bomb. When he returned he directed the studies of new design and the plans for better production. He was influential in setting up the Picatinny Arsenal at Dover, N. J. as the new Ammunition Center, transferring there all the explosive work in connection with all types of ammunition. He was also interested in setting up the excellent laboratory under Dr. Hale that meant so much in the preparation for the last World War. When his plans were in order in Washington, he was sent to Picatinny to put that plant in shape for its new work. He worked hard at it during 1921 and 1922, but the strain of the war and the growing deafness finally decided the army doctors to recommend his retirement from active service. He left for his retired life in December 1922.

After resting a while he found that he had enough health, if he could overcome his deafness, and he also found that retired pay was something like being turned out to graze in thin pasture. He picked up his old Massachusetts Tech diploma and went down to Lehigh University to see what he could accomplish. He began to recover his health and his will to work. He tried out for a while with the Westinghouse Electric Company but a new law prevented a retired officer from employment by any plant supplying the national government. He then accepted the job, which became his life work thereafter, with the Crompton and Knowles Jacquard and Supply Co. of Worcester, Mass. There he found a comfortable atmosphere, congenial work, and sufficient pasture to maintain himself and his family in the comfort he desired. Until the time of his passing he remained with this company, rising to an important position and carrying again a full load of work when the company took up the production of the last war. For a while the discovery of a hearing aid helped him to get along, but he suffered a great deal from his increasing impairment in hearing. One day he recommended the hearing aid to me as a great protection against boredom. He said all one had to do was turn it off on one excuse or another and the bore soon left.

I quote the following from a report of one of Pelot's assistants during the last World War.

"Since prior to the beginning of this century, Crompton & Knowles Loom Works, with Main Plant and Offices at Worcester, Mass., has been recognized as the world's foremost manufacturer of Box Looms for the weaving of every type of woven fabric. Presently employing nearly 3,000 people and occupying a factory of over 25 acres of floor space, it is known as one of the 'Big Four' among the nation's manufacturers of textile machinery.

"From the time of his association with the Crompton & Knowles Loom Works in 1923, Col. Pelot served as Executive Assistant to the President and General Manager of the Company and exercised full authority over its production operations. For this position, his prior experiences as Commandant of the Picatinny Arsenal proved to have fitted him well.

"His integrity and ability won for him the admiration and respect of his associates and his loyalty and sense-of-fair-play made him a favorite among all with whom he came in contact. Always exacting in his expectations for performance of duty, he, nevertheless, had a warm and sympathetic nature and was a true friend to those privileged to know him well.

"In 1940, when the Company undertook an extensive program of manufacture for the Armed Services, Col. Pelot was appointed Director of Defense Operations and in this capacity headed up the entire war work program of the Company, which included the manufacture of 40 mm ammunition components, tank parts, transportation corps equipment, fire control units, and aircraft parts for the Army, and torpedo parts, radar units, and ammunition components for the Navy; as well as numerous machine tool parts and assemblies for various other Government contractors.

"The success of the Company in this program of war work was attested to by the award to it of the Army-Navy "E" with 5 stars, for excellence in its contribution to the Nation's war effort.

"Shortly after V-J Day, the Crompton & Knowles Loom Works began its reconversion to the manufacture of textile machinery, and Col. Pelot, until his untimely death, played a major role in the efforts of the Company to meet the present unprecedented demand for its product.

"Due in no small part to his endeavors, the Company has now built up its production to its highest point in its long history. Its expected record output in the months ahead will be mute testimony to the ability of Colonel Pelot to organize and execute an assignment and to organize and execute it well."

Once after a pleasant class affair at West Point Pelot and I rode down to New York on the afternoon train from Garrison and we got on the subject of modern civilization. He insisted that our much praised modern culture was just the end-product of modern business, that its high standards were possible only from the wealth created by industrial and agricultural effort, and that the future greatness of America depended upon greater production of goods that in the trade marts of the world created wealth and made life interesting and effective. I think he had something there.

At West Point in our cadet days, Pelot and I were often together in the second sections of our academic classes, at first, by alphabetical proximity, later through equality of blackboard strategy. Sometimes we marched the second sections, when through good luck, we had been moved up to the first sections and had been promptly policed

down by the outraged instructors of the boneoids. Our techniques were quite different. Pelot always had a neat board, which got a couple of tenths. He always assumed an air of inquisitive search for knowledge, blushing just a little if he were cornered by too heavy pressure from the instructor, thus paying him a nice compliment on his superior knowledge. He always got more that way than we accomplished by our bold air of mastery, trying to overwhelm the tired instructor. We envied him but could not imitate. Often in later life in the Ordnance Department, we met each other in committees and conferences and I cannot say our methods had changed very much. I can imagine that in the Loom Works and in the Worcester Chamber of Commerce, he carried his points with the same modest, quiet, impressive argument, else he would not have stayed there so long nor won such a high place in the councils of his neighborhood.

He lies now in Ridge Park, at Marshall, Missouri, close to where he set forth some forty-seven years ago upon his career of high adventure. And what a venture it was too, for a lad from a quiet Missouri village! Sailing the seas of Asia, marching through the swamps of the Pampanga and over the high Sierras of Luzon, crossing back and forth over the nation through most of its states, over the Atlantic and around the bloody battlefields of Europe, witnessing the wreckage of nations in two terrible struggles of mankind, being almost killed himself by a grenade as his own contribution to the ultimate victories of our armies, seeing and using all the new inventions of his time from the bicycle of his boyhood to the airplane of his manhood, from the simple telephone of the eighties to the radio, radar and television of today, even having his hand in the great development of our modern industrial life. It was truly a great adventure, and an interesting one. We, who served beside him through the long years and still survive, honor his memory. His Alma Mater and ours is proud to record among her worthy sons the name of Joseph Pelot. One more of them gone to join the gray line in the shadows, but one more, who, serving within the framework of her teaching, helped to make this nation so proud and so great. Peace be unto him, evermore.

—Charles G. Mettler.

Stanley Livingston James

·NO. 4616 CLASS OF 1907

DIED MARCH 29, 1949, AT FORT SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS, AGED 67 YEARS.

COLONEL STANLEY L. JAMES, survivor of the Bataan Death March, died March 29, 1949 at Brooke General Hospital, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

A native of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Colonel James was graduated from West Point in 1907. He was commissioned in the Infantry and later transferred to the Signal Corps. He served in the Mexican campaign and in the First and Second World Wars. His posts included serving as Signal Officer for the Third Division at Fort Lewis, Washington; Signal Corps Procurement and Planning Officer for the Second Corps Area, New York City; Commanding Officer of the Signal Supply Depot, Chicago, Illinois; in charge of the R.O.T.C. Signal Corps Unit, University of Illinois; Signal Officer for the Seventh Corps Area at Omaha, Nebraska; and in 1940, Signal Officer of the Philippine Department.

Following the Japanese attack, Colonel James was ordered to Bataan where he remained until the surrender, April 9, 1942. As ranking officer, he led the Bataan Death March to Camp O'Donnell. He was later

transferred to a Japanese prison camp near Tokyo and was a prisoner of war for three and a half years. He was rescued by a ship commanded by Lieutenant Commander Harold Stassen. He returned to the United States in September 1945 and went to Brooke General Hospital, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

Colonel James was a member of the V.F.W. Post No. 247, Omaha; of Hancock Lodge No. 311, A. F. & A. M., Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; Army Consistory No. 1, Fort Leavenworth; Alzabar Temple, San Antonio, Texas; B.P.O.E., San Antonio; the Retired Officers' Association; the Amateur



Radio Operators' Association; the American Legion and the Episcopal Church.

Colonel James is survived by his wife, Mrs. Stanley L. James, San Antonio; two daughters, Mrs. R. K. McDonough, Fort Lewis, Washington, and Mrs. P. R. Walters, Fort Monroe, Virginia; a son, Captain Stanley L. James, Jr., TRUST; and eight grandchildren.

Episcopal, Masonic and military rites were conducted with interment at Fort Sam Houston cemetery on March 31, 1949.

—E. J. W.

John May McDowell

NO. 4844 CLASS OF 1909

DIED JANUARY 11, 1949, AT GULL LAKE, NEAR BRAINERD, MINNESOTA, AGED 64 YEARS.

"MAC" was born in Altoona, Pennsylvania, 25 November 1884. He was a direct descendant of Major General Irvin McDowell and of Ephraim McDowell, a famous surgeon of early Kentucky, from whom he inherited a sturdy, vigorous personality.

After attending public schools in his native State he entered Pennsylvania State College, which he left after completing three year's credits to accept a Congressional appointment to the Military Academy.

At West Point, Mac was content with modest academic honors. A philosopher, of strong convictions which he freely expressed, loyal to friends, able to somehow make the best of everything, he was well liked by classmates and fellow-cadets. His participation in athletics was as an individualist: track, wrestling and riding. A sharpshooter with the rifle, he was a Sergeant in his Second Class year. Then, as throughout his career, he had a great personal pride in the achievements of his classmates, critically eager that the class record reflect the ideals of the Academy.

Following graduation he took a tour of Europe with classmates Garry Ord and Tom McNabb, following which he reported to the Fifth Infantry at Plattsburg Barracks, New York. In February 1911 he married Nancy Harris of New York.

During a two year tour in the Philippines he transferred to the Field Artillery, serving in the Second, then a pack outfit stationed at Fort Stotsenburg, a love of horse activities being among his inducements to the step.

On the outbreak of war in 1917 he was assigned to the 15th Field Artillery and, as regimental adjutant, participated in its organization and training at Syracuse and Pine Camp, New York. In December he sailed with the regiment from New York on the "Adriatic", proceeding via England to the Field Artillery Training Center at Le Val-dahon, France, where the regiment received final intensive training for combat. Serving as Adjutant and later as Executive to Colonel T. E. Merrill '98, the regimental commander, Mac contributed greatly to the efficiency of the regiment—which was shown later when, as part of the famous Second Division it helped in writing a brilliant page of history. In March of 1918 the Division went to the front, taking over part of a French sector, south of Verdun. In late May, when the German offensive on Paris was at its peak, the Second was hastily moved into the critical area near Chateau Thierry. Here, Mac, then a Major and Battalion Commander, showed his worth as a combat commander. He was commended three times for gallantry in action in the Chateau Thierry and Toulon-Tryon sectors, entitling him to the Silver Star Medal with two Oak Leaf clusters. One of his citations, bearing the signature of Major General Harbord, commanding the Second Division, was for fearlessly going to the assistance of a wounded corporal of his unit under extremely heavy enemy fire and rendering first aid.

Weakened by the strains of intensive training and critical combat, Mac's heart almost failed, incapacitating him for further combat duty. He was hospitalized at Langres, where only his rugged constitution enabled him to effect a slow recovery. He was promoted to the temporary rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the fall of 1918, and in the spring of the following year returned to the United States.

Reverting to his regular rank of Captain, he became one of a class which inaugurated post-war courses at the Field Artillery School at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, as much to contribute war experience as to receive instruction. In December 1919, he was assigned as instructor to the 151st Field Artillery, Minnesota National Guard, at Minneapolis, Minnesota. Promoted to Major in 1920, he spent the next four years with this unit, helping carry it through that difficult period when public interest in military training was at a low ebb, earning respect by his insistence on adequate standards.

Following a course at the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, he was placed on the General Staff Eligible List. From 1924 to 1929 he was an Instructor in Tactics at the Field Artillery School. On creation of the Civilian Conservation Corps, he was given command of a sub-district in southern Pennsylvania, where he had a group of ten camps. Later he was made Assistant to the Inspector General, 3rd Corps Area, for CCC installations.

In 1935, as a Lieutenant Colonel, he took a short refresher course at the Field Artillery School and was assigned to the 6th Field Artillery at Fort Hoyle, Maryland, serving under Brigadier General Ernest D. Scott and the redoubtable "Bull" Ennis. Two years later he was assigned to Headquarters Second Corps Area on Organized Reserve

duty, attaining the rank of Colonel in the fall of 1938.

In September 1937 he married Wilhelmina Hoefman, a direct descendant of the first Richard Lee, an early settler of Virginia; and a collateral descendant of Robert E. Lee and James Madison.

In the summer of 1941 Mac joined the V Army Corps at Camp Beauregard, Louisiana, taking part in the extensive maneuvers of that year. Being one of the oldest members of our class, the "overage for troop duty" policy resulted in his being detailed to Princeton University as P.M.S.&T. early in 1942. That autumn he was transferred to Buffalo, New York, to command the Western Military District of that State, which assignment he held until the close of the war. In spite of his keen disappointment at being deprived of opportunity for combat duty, he entered with his usual enthusiasm into the various responsibilities of this assignment. Cooperating whole heartedly in all local war efforts, he took all possible steps to maintain the morale of the civilian population in this important industrial area. In dealing with recalcitrant German prisoners of war, he solved his disciplinary problems by a strict policy of "no work, no eat"



widely copied in other areas. At the Army Day Dinner given in his honor in Buffalo in 1944 the value of his contribution to the National War Effort was attested, the chairman observing that "No finer representative of our Army could have been selected for this honor"

Retired for physical disability late in 1944, he was retained on active duty until January 1947. The last two years of his life were pleasantly spent with his wife in Washington, D. C. and in their hunting lodge in Minnesota, where he died suddenly from recurrence of his old heart disorder. Among his cherished plans was that of attending the Fortieth Reunion of his Class in June 1949.

By his first marriage, Mac became the father of four daughters:

- (1) Nancy Grace, who married David Colbron in 1934, he dying two years later. She is now married to John Rudolph and they live at Malibu Beach, California.
- (2) Marjorie, who married Karol A. Bauer, USMA 1936, he being captured on Bataan and losing his life in the bombing of a Japanese prison ship in 1944. She remarried and lives at Fort Pierce, Florida with her husband and two daughters.
- (3) Joan, who married Lieutenant Colonel Van Auken, Medical Corps. They have two daughters.

(4) Elaine, who married Walter Falardeau and living in Fort Pierce, Fla., likewise with two daughters.

Following his second marriage, Mac adopted his new stepson as Hunter Lee McDowell. The latter graduated "with distinction" in Electrical Engineering from Cornell University, and is now employed with the Bell Laboratories in New York City.

Mac's widow now resides at 1617 44th Street N. W., Washington, D. C. His mother and two brothers, Earl and Gale, live at Altoona, Pennsylvania. His sister Lillian is married to Colonel Meredith Watson, now in command of the Naval Air Station, Cocoa, Florida.

—Classmates.

Henry Jervis Friese Miller

NO. 5422 CLASS OF 1915
DIED JANUARY 7, 1949, AT SAN ANTONIO,
TEXAS, AGED 58 YEARS.

WHEN General Henry J. F. Miller died at Brooke General Hospital, San Antonio, Texas, on January 7th, 1949, he left behind not only a multitude of devoted friends but, in the hearts of all who knew him, he also left cherished memories of a bright sunny disposition and of a character absolutely unswerving in his ideals of Duty, Honor and Country.

Henry was a completely honest soul—probably too honest for this troubled world of corruption and double-dealing. This same honesty of purpose and speech which had characterized him all through his service led him into difficulties during the latter part of his Army career—difficulties and heart-breaking disappointments, from which he emerged saddened and disillusioned perhaps but with his high ideals of conduct still intact and courage undaunted.

Miller's life was an interesting one, and full of more exciting experiences than fall to the lot of most mortals. He was born in Alloways, Salem County, New Jersey, the son of John and Mary (Casey) Miller on September 10th, 1890 and received his scholastic training in the public schools and the U.S. Military Academy where he graduated with the class of 1915.

After Graduation he was assigned to the Cavalry as a Second Lieutenant and served in Texas near El Paso with the punitive expedition into Mexico in 1916. He became a Captain in 1917 and a Major in 1918. Always having been interested in flying, in 1917 he transferred to the Aviation Section, Signal Corps, and was sent to Rockwell Field, California where he received his primary flying training as a pilot. After receiving his pilot's wings and J.M.A. rating, he served in England with the A.E.F. from September to December 1918. After the Armistice he returned to the United States and in 1920 when the Aviation Section of the Signal Corps became the Air Service, he remained with it as a Major and served with distinction through all the grades up to Colonel, U.S. Army Air Forces.

From 1921 to 1941 his duty assignments were many, varied and broad in their scope, giving him high capacity, from tactical, technical and major administrative experiences. His service included tours with the Organized Reserves, as Air Officer for the VI Corps Area at Chicago, and with the Militia Bureau in Washington. In the Fall of 1919 he participated in the Trans-Continental Air Race from New York to San Francisco and after the race continued on duty at Mitchel Field. A tour of foreign service was accomplished in Hawaii. In 1930 he graduated from the Air Corps Tactical School at Langley Field, Virginia, and in 1932 from

the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

Pre-World War II service terminated with a tour as Commanding Officer of Brooks Field and of Kelly Field and also the Duncan Field Air Depot at San Antonio, Texas. Here General Miller's capacity and broad experience was demonstrated in such an outstanding degree that he won his first star and an appointment to the top Materiel Division Command at Dayton, Ohio.

He was promoted to Brigadier General A.U.S. on July 10th, 1941 and again promoted to Major General A.U.S. on February 27, 1942. During this period his was the task of developing and guiding the vast war procurement program of the Air Forces from his headquarters at Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio and in 1943 he went to England as chief of the Materiel Command, USAFE. In May of 1944 his commission as Major General was terminated and he reverted to the grade of Colonel. On November 30, 1944, he was retired for physical disability in the grade of Colonel, AAF and subsequently in December 1948 was promoted on the retired list to the grade of Brigadier General.

During his long service as an airman General Miller became known as one of the

public schools in that city. He entered the University of Illinois in the fall of 1913, leaving in June 1914 to enter the United States Military Academy at West Point, from which he was graduated on August 30, 1917. In his early service he was on duty as a Battery Officer at Fort Scott, San Francisco, California, until October 1918, when he was assigned to duty as Assistant Adjutant and later as Adjutant at Headquarters, Coast Artillery Training Center, Fort Monroe, Virginia. In June 1919 he was assigned to duty as Commanding Officer, Motor Over-haul Park Camp, Brest, France, where he remained on duty until August 1919, when he was assigned as representative of the Polish Typhus Relief Organization with headquarters at Coblenz, Germany. In this capacity he was responsible for assembling and shipping all supplies and personnel from depots and stations in France to the American Relief Expedition at Warsaw, Poland. He remained on this duty until he returned to the United States in 1922.

Upon arrival in the United States he was assigned to duty as an instructor at the United States Military Academy, West Point, New York, serving first in the Department of Philosophy and later in the Department of Mathematics. In August 1926, he was assigned to duty as a student at Fort Monroe, Virginia, where he pursued the battery officers' course until 15 June 1927, when he was assigned to duty as a battery commander at that station. In June 1929, he was returned to duty at the United States Military Academy, serving on the staff of the Superintendent as Editor of the 1930 edition of Cullum's Register of Graduates, U.S.M.A. and as Secretary of the Association of Graduates, U.S.M.A. until August 1933. While at West Point he also served as an instructor in the Department of Economics and Government from September 1931 to January 1932, and as an instructor in the Department of Philosophy from September 1932 to June 1933. He was detailed as a student at the Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, in August 1933, remaining until 1935. This was followed by duty at Fort Shafter, Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii, where he served as a Battery and Battalion Commander, and later as a member of the staff of the Commanding General, Hawaiian Department.

In July 1939 he was placed on General Staff duty with station at Headquarters, Seventh Corps Area, Omaha, Nebraska, where he served as Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1. He was serving on this duty as a Lieutenant Colonel at the beginning of World War II.

On January 12, 1942, he was directed to proceed to San Francisco, was promoted to the rank of Colonel, and assigned to duty as Executive of the first task force to be sent to the Southwest Pacific Area, arriving at Brisbane, Australia, on March 9, 1942. Upon arrival, he assumed command of the 208th Antiaircraft Artillery Regiment and proceeded to Townsville, in northern Australia, where he remained until after the Coral Sea battle, when he was assigned to command Base Section No. 3, Southwest Pacific Area, with headquarters at Brisbane. He was promoted to the grade of Brigadier General on February 4, 1943. On July 11, 1943, he was ordered to duty as Commanding General of the New Guinea Base Section and in that capacity commanded all bases forward of Australia, remaining on this duty until March 24, 1944, when he returned to Australia to form the Australian Base Section and took over the command of all bases in Australia.

After the termination of the war in August 1945, he was assigned to the duty of closing out all bases in Australia. He returned to the United States in March 1946, reporting for duty as Commanding Officer of Fort Lawton, Seattle, Washington, about June 1, 1946,

and assumed command of the Seattle Port of Embarkation on February 17, 1947.

Colonel Donaldson was married to the former Verna Kalthoff of New York City on 28 April 1926. Mrs. Donaldson died on October 17, 1948. He had two daughters; Edith, 20, currently attending the University of Washington; and Verna, 16, attending Queen Anne High School, Seattle.

Among Colonel Donaldson's decorations were the Distinguished Service Medal and the Legion of Merit, awarded for meritorious performance of duty in the Southwest Pacific Area, and the Commemorative Cross of Poland for his work on the Polish Typhus Relief Organization.

A simple statement of Bill Donaldson's outstanding career does not do justice to the man and to the officer. General Donaldson was the kind of man who had not only the admiration and respect of all who knew him, but also their love. It was my privilege to serve with him for many months in the recent war, both in Australia where he commanded one of the most important bases of supply, and also in New Guinea when he was in command of the supply operations which directly supported our combat air and ground forces.



best maintenance engineers in aviation and his services were in much demand. Always an enthusiastic flier he became known as one of the best aviators in the Air Force and made hosts of friends on each assignment.

He married Vera Simpson Miller in May of '21, she died January 10th, 1943. After his retirement from active service he became associated with a manufacturing firm in New Canaan, Connecticut. He married Louise Costello Miller August 4th, 1945 and looking back and remembering his eleven years of happy life in San Antonio he moved there in the spring of 1948 and lived there until his death at Brooke General Hospital on January 7, 1949.

General Miller is buried at Fort Sam Houston and there rests one of our Alma Mater's truest and most loyal sons.

William Henry Donaldson, Jr.
 NO. 5794 CLASS OF AUGUST, 1917
 DIED DECEMBER 8, 1948, AT FORT LAWTON,
 WASHINGTON, AGED 54 YEARS.

WILLIAM HENRY DONALDSON, JR. was born at Watertown, South Dakota, on April 28, 1894. At an early age his family moved to Joliet, Illinois, where he attended the



All of the time he labored under the handicap of inadequate means to do the vitally important job of maintaining our front line troops. There were never enough supplies, never enough men to handle the supplies available. Such difficulties never destroyed his unfailing good humor—never caused him to forget that he was commanding people, not machines. His primary concern was to do a difficult job, a nearly impossible job, and he worked at it constantly with drive and ingenuity, but he never lost his concern for the welfare of his subordinates, commissioned and enlisted alike. His death was learned with a real feeling of personal loss by his friends all over the world. What better monument can a man have than that he lives in the memory of his friends, his friends who know that he served always, not only with distinction and honor, but also with integrity and humility.

—R. B.

William Stephen Murray
 NO. 6242 CLASS OF NOVEMBER, 1918
 DIED JANUARY 11, 1949, AT PASADENA,
 CALIFORNIA, AGED 52 YEARS.

BILL MURRAY was born March 1, 1896 at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. He was the son

of the late Captain Michael S. Murray (U.S.A. Retired) and Mrs. Murray. He was graduated from the New Mexico Military Institute in Roswell, New Mexico June, 1914, and entered the United States Military Academy at West Point in the summer of 1916.

During his cadet days he was outstanding for his soldierly and athletic qualities, and served in the Cadet Corps as Captain of Company C. He played on the West Point Baseball Team, was chosen Captain elect of the team in 1918, and received his "A" for baseball.

Because of the war emergency, the class of 1920 was graduated on November 1, 1918 and Bill was assigned to the Infantry.

He served with the Siberian Expedition in 1919-20, and was assigned to the 31st Infantry. He was sent inland as far as Lake Baikal in charge of the Guard of the Red Cross Train and brought back German and "Chech" prisoners to Vladivostok. Other foreign service during peacetime included two tours of duty in the Philippines. During the Second World War he commanded and trained several regiments in this country and was recognized for his fine military training qualities. In 1944 he was sent overseas for duty in the European Theater,



where he served on the staff of the 5th Army and was later assigned to the 35th Division and took command of the 137th Infantry Regiment on November 1, 1944.

His Commanding General has written the following report of his service as commander of the 137th Infantry, 35th Division from the archives of the 35th Division:

"Col. Murray was assigned to the 35th Division, and took command of the 137th Infantry November 1, 1944. He led his regiment brilliantly through 50 days of almost daily attacks—November 8 to December 20—from east of Nancy into Germany itself, across the Blies River, the boundary, this under the worst of weather conditions of mud, rain, cold and sleet. Relieved the night of December 20-21, all hoped for a breather, when the regiment with the Division was ordered to Metz. Christmas day was enjoyed in peace, but that was all. That afternoon the regiment received orders to move toward the Bastogne area the next day, and while enroute was ordered to attack the following morning—27th—to help relieve the hard pressed 101st Division. The road to Bastogne was opened in two days, but then Col. Murray and his regiment had to withstand severe onslaughts of some of the 'Heinies' best units in their attempts to isolate the 101st in Bastogne. The Germans found Col. Murray's regiment a stone wall,

which not only stopped them but toppled over on them and crushed them, forcing them back for good.

"Following Bastogne came a five day interlude in a defensive sector in the snow covered Vosges, and then the regiment was ordered to join the 9th Army, along with the Division. Here Col. Murray again led his regiment brilliantly through bitter fighting that took them to the Rhine, and then across, through the Ruhr, and on to the Elbe.

"After V-E Day, Col. Murray and his regiment were assigned to military government duty of an area south of Coblenz. Here he and the regiment distinguished themselves in the able manner in which they handled all situations that arose. Before returning to the United States, he and his regiment were assigned to duty in Belgium, and acted as Honor Guard for President Truman when he arrived for his conferences at Potsdam.

"Shortly after his return to the United States, Col. Murray was assigned to duty on the staff of the Infantry School, and it was from this station that he was retired from Active service in 1948—for a disability incurred during the war, and which led to his untimely death on January 11, 1949."

Col. Murray received the following decorations: Silver Star; Legion of Merit; Bronze Star; Commendation Ribbon; Purple Heart; Special Medallion, Nancy, France; French Legion of Honor; French Croix de Guerre Avec Palm; Distinguished Service Order, Great Britain; Belgian Order of Leopold; and Belgian Croix de Guerre Avec Palm.

His family consists of his widow, Mary Wise Murray; two daughters, Mrs. Daniel Hopkins, of Garden City, Kansas, and Miss Nancy Murray; one grandson, Robert Hopkins of Garden City, Kansas; and two sisters, Miss Josephine Murray of Santa Barbara, California, and Mrs. James M. O'Brien of Brentwood Park, Los Angeles, California. Mrs. Murray and her daughter, Nancy, will make their home in Nogales, Arizona.

—J. M.

Willard Pierce Larner

NO. 6575 CLASS OF 1920

DIED FEBRUARY 19, 1949, AT PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA, AGED 49 YEARS.

NICKNAMED "Jess" as a boy (in the days when Jess Willard was the heavyweight champion of the world), he came by it as a result of an incident which was to be typical of his entire life: a schoolboy fight (successful) against an injustice.

As a boy, a cadet, an officer, and in civilian life, he was always to have an ineradicable sense of justice and fairness to everyone. He had a deep and abiding love for, and loyalty to, all the traditions of the Academy; the words "Duty—Honor—Country" did not represent merely a motto, but rather symbolized his way of life.

Appointed to the Academy by then Congressman Zihlman of Maryland, Jess found he fitted into the service as snugly and properly as a shell in a breach. His classmates had this to say of him, in the biography which appeared in the 1920 *Howitzer*: "Jess is gifted with that wonderful ability to put a silver lining in every dark cloud, and while doing this, he makes numerous friends on every hand. Always cheerful, companionable, spoony, and endowed with a high sense of honor and responsibility to duty, he is a truly representative son of Maryland".

On graduation, he elected the Field, although his standing was high enough for the Engineers, and after a year at Fort Knox was assigned to the 8th F.A. at Schofield

Barracks, Honolulu. All during his service there, his superior and brother officers, as well as the men who served under him, held him in great esteem and affection. He had in the meantime married, and as his family began to grow he decided he might better provide for them in civilian life, so he received his honorable discharge on request and returned to the States.

Thereafter, for many years he was engaged in the banking business: first with the General Motors Acceptance Corporation, with Maryland, Virginia and the Carolinas as his territory; then the Century Trust Co. of Baltimore, Md.; and finally, the American Bank & Trust Co. of Richmond, Va. But anything connected with the Army, and service to his country, was so deep in his blood that he just had to get back into it in one way or another. So, when opportunity presented itself, he jumped at an appointment, even though only as a civilian employee, to the Philadelphia Quartermaster's Depot. He spent the best part of seven years there, in the Procurement Division, where his meticulous attention to detail and his marked ability soon led to his being placed in virtual charge of the preparation of Purchase Contracts.



As the war clouds began to loom ominously over the world, even before 1939, he tried hard to get back into the Army only to run into the inevitable "red tape"; having resigned from the service as a junior officer, his age prevented his re-appointment in the same rank. Jess was the sort of man, however, who never gave up where anything worthwhile was involved and so he continued his efforts to get back into uniform, exploring every channel of possible approach, and meanwhile working conscientiously and even harder at the Philadelphia Depot although his health had even then begun to suffer from his unstinting services.

Finally, in 1941, a few months before Pearl Harbor, it seemed his ambition to resume service in the uniform of his country was about to be realized: at the express request of the War Department he was transferred to the Procurement Division, Q.M.C., in Washington. Once there, steps by high-ranking friends in the service were taken to secure his re-entry into the Army as an officer on active service. But then the blow fell: shortly after his transfer, he suffered a coronary thrombosis from which he never recovered.

Throughout the long years of agonizing illness and pain which finally culminated in his death Jess was, as always, a "good soldier"—cheerful, uncomplaining to the end; his chief regret being his inability to serve his country in time of world crisis.

Jess was always "an officer and a gentleman" in the highest sense; the sort of man no one could help liking and on whom one could always depend—a true friend, a loving father and husband, a devoted son and brother.

He leaves as survivors his widow, Edna Dorricott Lerner of Philadelphia; three daughters of a former marriage—Mrs. Allan Rodgers of Honolulu, Elizabeth and Patricia, both of California; a granddaughter, Penny Rodgers, of Honolulu; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Lerner of Shepherdstown, W. Va.; a sister, Mrs. L. H. Coleman of Philadelphia; and a brother, W. A. Lerner, Jr., also of Shepherdstown.

One of his roommates puts it into better words than mine. On hearing of his death, Col. H. C. ("Chick") Fowler, U.S.A. Ret'd., wrote:

"Jess always seemed very close to me, even though I had not seen him for some years. He was a man of sterling character, epitomizing all that West Point stands for. Jess, George Doolittle and myself were roommates during our plebe year, and remained firm friends from that time on.

"From the very beginning, Jess showed qualities that made his friends endear and respect him. His deep sense of honor and loyalty, coupled with a rare humor and sparkling wit, made him a friend and companion without a peer.

"What you tell me of his excellent service during the last war, even though he was a sick man, is typical. His sense of duty, and his devotion to our Alma Mater and our country were his paramount virtues. I am sure he has been greeted 'Up Yonder' with a 'Well Done—Rest Thou in Peace'."

—His Brother.

Joseph Anthony Cella

NO. 7115 CLASS OF 1923

DIED OCTOBER 24, 1947, AT ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO, AGED 49 YEARS.

WHEN Joseph Anthony Cella joined the line of gray at West Point on the morning of June 13, 1919, he rededicated himself to his country, which he had started serving during the First World War. Joe was born in Chicago, Illinois, on November 17, 1897 and attended grammar and high school there. On April 12, 1918 he enlisted in the Coast Artillery and was honorably discharged as a sergeant on December 23, 1918. During part of this time he was a member of the 5th Officers Training Camp at Fort Monroe, Virginia.

At the Academy Joe had little difficulty in maintaining a comfortable academic standing and upon graduation on June 12, 1923 was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Field Artillery.

Along with sixteen brand new Second Lieutenants, classmates, Cella joined the Second Field Artillery Brigade stationed at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. He rapidly made a reputation for himself as a conscientious, reliable and thoroughly dependable subaltern.

Although the Second F.A. Brigade was horse drawn—as was most of our artillery at that time—Joe soon acquired a reputation as a mechanic. He often overhauled his own automobile and those of his friends during his spare time, and this hobby, developed at that time, eventually paid off during the pioneering days of motorizing our Field Artillery.

In May 1925 he joined the 24th Field Artillery at Camp Stotsenburg, P. I. At this station he further enhanced his professional reputation. His Commanding Officer, Col-

onel Butner, was known to have told the Regimental Adjutant when some difficult task was to be assigned, "Give it to Cella. I know he will do it properly". While at Stotsenburg Joe Cella and two other bachelors maintained quarters which were the center of a great deal of good fellowship at that isolated station.

From Stotsenburg Joe Cella was ordered to Fort Sill, Okla. Here he was promoted to First Lieutenant in May 1928. He was graduated from The Battery Officers Course in June 1929. At this time the War Department took cognizance of his mechanical ability and he was ordered as a student to Purdue University, where he received a Degree of Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering. Upon graduation he returned to Fort Sill.

At this time the Field Artillery was experimenting with motor drawn artillery and Joe's ability and knowledge along these lines were utilized at the Field Artillery School.

On July 31, 1931 Lieutenant Cella married Mary C. Beck of the Army Nurse Corps. Mary is the daughter of the Reverend and Mrs. Willis Beck of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

In August 1935 he received his commission as Captain of Field Artillery and was order-



ed to Corvallis, Oregon as Ass't P.M.S.&T. at Oregon State College. At this station he soon became a favorite of both the faculty and the students. His instruction was always of high caliber, the result of thorough and painstaking preparation. The normal tour of duty on R.O.T.C. was four years. However, Captain Cella remained only two years at Corvallis, when in the fall of 1937 he was selected as a student for the Command and General Staff School and reported to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

Upon completion of the Course at Leavenworth Captain Cella was ordered to R.O.T.C. duty at Texas A.&M. College. He remained at Texas A.&M. until 1940, when he was ordered to Fort Ord for duty with the 31st Field Artillery Battalion.

In January 1941 he was detailed in the General Staff Corps and assigned to duty with the Second Air Force. Upon reporting to Spokane, Wash., the headquarters of his new organization, he was assigned as A-2. Later on the organization moved to Colorado Springs. While there, anticipating overseas duty, Cella bought a home nearby in Albuquerque, New Mexico and settled his family, which by this time had been augmented by three children.

In September of 1943 he was transferred overseas to the E.T.O. and organized the A-2 section of the 19th Tactical Air Com-

mand. When the First Allied Airborne Army under the command of General Brereton was formed, Colonel Cella was transferred there to organize and head the intelligence section of that headquarters.

In February 1945 Colonel Cella was returned to the United States and stationed at Fort Sill, Okla. Shortly after his arrival at his new station he was found to have angina pectoris and was retired from active duty on January 31, 1946. In the meantime he had returned to his home and family in Albuquerque and ordered his life to accommodate his changed physical condition.

As recounted several times above Joe had developed a hobby or avocation as a mechanic, so now he was able to devote all of his time to this hobby. He acquired a complete complement of power tools and set up a shop in his garage. There he devoted his time to designing and making useful and ornamental contrivances for his home and friends.

It was here in his shop while working on the afternoon of October 24, 1947 that Joe was stricken with the heart attack which proved fatal. Services were held at St. Charles Church, Albuquerque, and he was buried with full military honors at Fairview Cemetery in Albuquerque on October 27, 1947.

Colonel Cella is survived by his wife Mary Cella; three children—Isabel 15 years of age, Antoinette 11 years and Joseph 7 years; his mother Mrs. Joseph A. Cella; three sisters and seven brothers.

For outstanding service in Europe Colonel Cella was awarded the Bronze Star Medal with an Oak Leaf Cluster. His capabilities and efforts were also recognized by several foreign governments. He was decorated with the Croix de Guerre by France, the Croix de Guerre with Palm by Belgium, and the Order of Orange Nassau, Commander, by the Netherlands. He acquired four stars for his E.T.O. Campaign Ribbon.

To his friends he was indeed generous, kind and true. To those who served with him he gave his trust and faith. If they made mistakes, even to his disadvantage, he forgave them. To everyone he was a man of courtesy and sincerity. He was ever ready to take a definite stand on questions upon which there might be a difference of opinion.

Courage is the mightiest monument of character. It is the rock upon which nobility is built. Joe Cella possessed true courage.

It was sad that Colonel Cella had to die. He had everything to live for—a charming wife, delightful children, beautiful home, hosts of friends, and leisure time to enjoy them all. Joe Cella is no more. Naught to us remains but cherished recollections of his kindness, courage and gallantry. With reminiscence, sweet and sad, we say farewell! Farewell! dear friend, until we meet in that bright realm where "Nearer, My God, to Thee" shall cease to be the fragment of a tender song and become an eternal and everlasting verity.

—F. A. G. and L. R.

Dean Stanley Ellerthorpe

NO. 7140 CLASS OF 1923

DIED DECEMBER 21, 1947 AT ELLENVILLE, NEW YORK, AGED 47 YEARS.

DUTY, HONOR, COUNTRY was ever the keynote of Stan's life. His untimely passing deprived the Army of an efficient, capable and loyal officer—his family a devoted and loving husband and father and his host of friends—a comrade whose character and personality contributed so much to all who were privileged to know him.

Colonel Ellertorpe was born in Carsonville, Michigan, March 9, 1900, the son of Amos and Margaret Hillock Ellertorpe. He was graduated from Jackson High School, Jackson, Michigan in 1918 and attended the University of Michigan until entering the United States Military Academy in June of 1919, graduating in June of 1923.

Throughout his Cadet days, Stan was a sincere student, friendly and admired by all. He was active in Cadet extra curricula and gained renown on the Polo field as a member of the West Point Polo Team. He was a member of the Cadet Choir; participated in the 100th Night performances—was appointed a Cadet Sergeant during his Second Class year and enjoyed marksmanship of all types.

Upon graduation Stan entered the Air Forces only to soon realize that his first interest—big guns and ordnance—was stronger than ever and he transferred to the Coast Artillery in which Army he served efficiently in all capacities from Battery Officer up through the Field Grades to that of Colonel. His duties included many important administrative and staff details and assignments.

During his service, Colonel Ellertorpe was stationed at Fort Eustis, Virginia; Fort



Sheridan, Illinois; Fort Monroe, Virginia; West Point, New York; Fort Leavenworth, Kansas and the Departments of Panama and Hawaii. During the later part of World War II, Colonel Ellertorpe served in the Philippine Islands and in Tokyo, Japan. He served as Instructor and Assistant Professor in the Department of Drawing at the Military Academy from 1931 to 1936. His tact and instructor ability gained for him many friends throughout the Academic Department as well as the respect and admiration of many Cadets who were later privileged to serve with him.

Colonel Ellertorpe also served as Instructor with the Georgia National Guard and contributed very much to the organization, induction, early training and stabilization of the 214 A.A.A. Regiment.

After serving at Camp Stewart, Georgia, Colonel Ellertorpe was ordered to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas to the Command and General Staff School where he was Instructor of operations, logistics, coast and air defense; Chief of the Logistics Section and Chief of the Coast and Anti-aircraft Artillery Sub-section. He was stationed here from March 1941 to June 1943, at which time he was ordered to Camp Davis, North Carolina.

During the early part of World War II Colonel Ellertorpe served as Director of Instruction and later as Commandant of the A.A.A. School, Camp Davis, North Carolina.

He directed the movement and re-establishment of this outstanding school from Camp Davis to Fort Bliss, Texas. This was accomplished with the minimum loss in academic and professional training at a time when such training was of utmost importance to the development of our Anti Aircraft Forces. For his outstanding performance of duty on this assignment, Colonel Ellertorpe was awarded the Legion of Merit with the following citation:

"Colonel Dean S. Ellertorpe, serving initially as Director of Instruction and later as Commandant, Antiaircraft Artillery School, from November 1943 to December of 1944, successfully prepared students for immediate combat duty. Through his exercise of sound judgment and marked coordinating ability he assured the continuity of a superior standard of instruction despite a major displacement of this school from North Carolina to Texas."

Colonel Ellertorpe later served on the G-3 (Strategic Planning) Section with GHQ, Army forces in the Pacific. In this assignment he assisted in the preparation of demands upon the Japanese Imperial Government which were presented to the Japanese representatives in Manila, in August of 1945. He also assisted in the preparation of General Orders No. 1 and No. 2 which were presented to the Japanese Government following the surrender ceremonies. After the Japanese surrender, Colonel Ellertorpe became Chief of the Troop Control Division which handled all Unit and Organization matters in the Pacific Theatre. This Division was charged with the preparation of plans for the size of Occupational Forces; organization of the Philippine Scout Divisions and Service Units. Operations involved the Sixth, Eighth and Tenth Armies; the XXIV Corps; Army Forces Middle Pacific, Army Forces Western Pacific and the Far Eastern Air Forces. For outstanding performance of duties on these assignments, Colonel Ellertorpe was awarded the Oak Leaf Cluster to his Legion of Merit with the following Citation:

"Colonel Dean S. Ellertorpe served in the Strategic Planning Sub-Section and the Troop Control Division, Headquarters Army Forces Pacific from July 1945 to May 1946. He performed a leading role in formulating surrender requirements presented to the Japanese representatives at Manila, and in Theatre planning for the inactivation of Units and the re-deployment of personnel to the United States. His ability and outstanding performance were a substantial contribution to successful operations in the Pacific."

Colonel Ellertorpe was a graduate of the Coast Artillery School, The Command and General Staff School (Regular Course), The Antiaircraft Artillery School (Advanced Course) and the Army-Navy Staff College.

While Stan placed duty above all and gave unstintingly to the performance of it at all times, he always found time to enjoy his family life. His home was always the scene of real hospitality and his greatest joy and pleasure were the hours he devoted to his loving wife and their two sons. Their happiness and contentment was ever his objective. He was always kind, thoughtful and considerate of their welfare and happiness. His happy home life was the perfect counterbalance for his likewise happy professional life. He will always be remembered by his classmates and friends as an outstanding graduate of the Military Academy—devoted to its service and guided by its precepts.

Colonel Ellertorpe is survived by his wife, the former Dorothy Vernon of Ellenville, New York and two sons—Stanley Vernon Ellertorpe, Class of 1949, U.S.M.A. and Donald Owen Ellertorpe, a student at Fishburne Military School, Waynesboro, Virginia.

Colonel Ellertorpe was retired from active service on account of physical disability in September of 1947 at which time he was

serving on the War Department General Staff in Washington, D. C. He passed away very suddenly at the home of his wife's mother in Ellenville, N. Y. on the morning of December 21, 1947. Services were held at the Old Cadet Chapel and he now rests on the quiet, gentle and wooded slopes of the lovely cemetery at his Alma Mater, West Point, New York.

—C. J. H., A Classmate.

John Harold Claybrook, Jr.

NO. 7546 CLASS OF 1924

DIED AUGUST 1, 1948, AT WEST POINT, NEW YORK, AGED 49 YEARS.

COLONEL JOHN HAROLD CLAYBROOK was born in Steiner, Texas, on November 5, 1898, son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Claybrook. He died at West Point, N. Y. of a heart attack on August 1, 1948 and was buried in Arlington Cemetery on August 4, 1948. Thus ended the career of a great soldier and a true gentleman.

"John H. Claybrook" was an official signature and known only officially, but "Jake" Claybrook was a very human, well known



and universally liked and respected person, with a host of friends throughout the Army. He was "Jake" to one and all, from the highest General to the lowest Private—admittedly not to his face on the part of the enlisted men. This in itself speaks volumes for the regard in which he was held by all.

Although Jake was born in Steiner, Texas, at an early age his parents moved to Perry, Texas, where Jake grew up. He graduated from Allen Academy at Bryan, Texas, in 1919 and then attended Texas A. & M. one year before receiving his appointment to the Military Academy. He entered the Academy in 1920, one of the "Thundering Herd", and graduated in 1924.

His years at the Academy can best be summed up in the words of his old roommate. "Jake, as he was affectionately known by all his friends and classmates, was a typical Texan, which conjures up a picture of a tall, lean, easy going flanker. His keen sense of humor, coupled with a native storytelling ability, made him a welcome addition at all times in any group of cadets. His easy, friendly manner won a host of friends in all classes.

"As a student his agile mind permitted him to cope with every subject with a minimum of effort, which was sufficient to keep him out of the clutches of the Academic Department at all times. Even as a cadet, Jake showed the attributes of a good officer and leader. His close attention to duty,

intense loyalty, ability to get along with men and the ease with which he won friends in all ranks marked him as a natural leader who would go far in his chosen profession.

"His athletic activities were devoted to that sport at which he, as a Texan, was most adept—that of a fine horseman, with the result that he was known as one of the 'Polo Sharks' of the Class of 1924."

Upon graduation Jake was detailed to the Air Corps, where he successfully completed the Primary Flying School at Brooks Field, but like a host of others "washed out" at Kelly Field. From Kelly Field Jake went to his real love, the Horse Cavalry, and was assigned to the 12th Cavalry at Fort Brown, Texas in the fall of 1925.

Shortly after joining the 12th, Jake took leave and went to Flushing, Long Island and married his old Cadet girl, Lorraine Drummond. They were married December 30, 1925. To this union were born two sons; Allan, who graduated from Texas A. & I. in June 1949, and John Hanford, who is a cadet at the United States Military Academy at the present writing.

It was in the 12th Cavalry that I really learned to know Jake; the kind of officer he was as a Second Lieutenant, and would be throughout his career. Even as a Second Lieutenant no one ever saw Jake rushing madly around trying to impress his superiors with his importance and activity. On foot he appeared to amble, but check up on his work and the results were there, secured with a minimum of friction and talk and a maximum of quiet efficiency. Jake used his brain to plan and organize his jobs so that lost motions and time were eliminated. These qualities were soon recognized and appreciated by both his superiors and the officers and men who served under him.

Jake and I later served on a good many stations together and the pattern set at Fort Brown never changed. He was outstanding on whatever job he was on and always stood ace high with everyone from the Post C.O. down to the lowest Private. I have never known another officer who was so universally respected and liked by all ranks and who had so many friends. He was the only officer that I have ever known, about whom I have never heard one adverse criticism.

Jake liked fun and a good time and he always managed to enjoy himself. He was an excellent horseman, a better than average polo player and played a sharp game of bridge; but I really believe that he enjoyed a good old fashioned "bullfest" with close friends better than anything else. He enjoyed a good time and had it, but never at the expense of his work.

From Fort Brown Jake went to the 13th Cavalry at Fort Riley and the Troop Officers Course at the Cavalry School there. It was there that he firmly established his reputation as an excellent officer, a true gentleman and a good sport. His giving up of his fairly won first place on the "Night Ride" to another officer who had had last minute hardluck will always be remembered by all of those who knew of it.

From Riley Jake went to Fort Ethan Allen, Vermont where he served under the then Major John Herr as Squadron Commander. His conduct and personality so impressed Major Herr that in 1939 when General Herr was made Chief of Cavalry he ordered Jake to the Command and General Staff School at Leavenworth and later brought him to Washington to the Chief's office.

Jake left Fort Ethan Allen in June of 1934 and went back to the 13th Cavalry at Fort Riley. When that regiment was converted into an Armored Regiment in 1936 and moved to Fort Knox, Kentucky, Jake went with it. It didn't take Jake long to establish the same sort of reputation with the Armor that he had in the Horse Cavalry and when he left the Armor, he was considered by General Scott and all the other offi-

cers at Knox to be one of the outstanding and most promising of the younger Armored Officers. It was with real regret that they saw him leave for Fort Leavenworth.

Upon completion of the 1939-1940 Course at the Command and General Staff School, Jake was detailed as G-4 in the Chief of Cavalry's office. Here he served with distinction until the office was abolished in 1942.

Jake then was placed in command of the 87th Reconnaissance Battalion of the 7th Armored Division at Camp Polk, Louisiana. Here he remained for approximately one year, and then in 1943 he was put in command of the Armored Officer Candidate School at Fort Knox.

Like everyone else Jake wanted to get overseas and into the fight. Officer Candidate School was important but not in the fight, so in March 1944 he got himself detailed as G-2 of the XII Corps. As G-2 of the XII Corps he went overseas and fought with that unit throughout the entire European Campaign from Normandy to the end of the war in Europe. His outstanding service with the XII Corps can best be told by his Commanding General, Major General S. LeRoy Irwin.

"Colonel Claybrook was G-2 of the XII Corps throughout its service in England and in the European Campaign from Normandy to V-E Day. His performance of duty was so distinguished that his Corps Commanders all recommended him for promotion to Brigadier General. He participated with the Corps in the drive across France, the Lorraine Campaign, across the Saar, the Battle of the Bulge, the advance to the Rhine with the subsequent crossing, the drive across central Germany, and the invasion of Austria and Czechoslovakia. After the surrender, he remained with the Corps on occupation duties until just prior to its deactivation. Thereafter, he served with General Patton in the group assigned to the preparation of studies on the results of the war.

"He clearly demonstrated in the campaigns in which he served his outstanding capability in combat intelligence, and he exercised great influence on the success of the XII Corps.

"He won the admiration and respect of his commanders and his subordinates, and by his untimely death the Army lost a great soldier and a splendid man who would have had an outstanding career had he lived."

For his outstanding service in the XII Corps Jake was awarded the following decorations:

Legion of Merit,
Bronze Star Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters,
Army Commendation Ribbon,
French Legion of Honor, degree of chevalier,
French Croix de Guerre with Palm,
Luxemburg Grand Ducal Order Nationale de la couronne de chene,
Luxemburg Croix de Guerre,
Belgian Croix de Guerre,
Russian Order of the Fatherland, 1st Degree.

On his return to the United States he was assigned at Fort Bragg to V Corps, where he remained until his transfer to Greece as G-2 of the Mission.

While in Greece Jake was stricken with his first heart attack and was ordered home to Walter Reed Hospital. Before entering the hospital Jake and Lorraine went to West Point to visit their son, Hanford, who had entered the Academy as a plebe in July 1948—while there Jake had another heart attack and died in a very few minutes.

Another great soldier and personality has gone to join that Long Gray Line, but his spirit and high principles will live on in the hearts of the officers and men who served with and under him, and he will be remembered by his host of friends as long as one of them remains alive.

—R. B. Evans,
Colonel, USA, Retd.

Kenneth Charles Griffiths

NO. 11445 CLASS OF 1939

DIED AUGUST 22, 1942, P.O.W. CAMP
CABANATUAN, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS,
AGED 27 YEARS.

"GRIFF", the son of Lionel and Agnes Griffiths, was born Kenneth Charles Griffiths on June 28, 1915, in Downs, Kansas. He remained in Downs long enough to graduate from high school, and afterwards enrolled at Wentworth Military Academy, Lexington, Missouri. He was graduated from Wentworth in June, 1935, as the Honor Graduate of the year. That same summer he entered West Point.

When Griff passed through the South Sullyport in July of 1935 he packed his memories of home, the flat plains of Kansas and the hills of Southern Missouri into a recess of his mind, but he never fully reconciled himself to the close confines of the mountainous cascades. However, he found no difficulty in absorbing the military pattern of West Point because of his days at Wentworth, and promptly set about to take his rightful place in the life of the Academy.

Griff was never a slave to the Academic Department. His ability to learn quickly



and his industrious application to the more serious sides of cadet life left him much time to devote to his varied outside interests and activities. The Choir Master soon learned of his ability to sing, and athletic coaches were not long in discovering his prowess in basketball and track. He won the Monogram in these two sports both Yearling and Second Class years. Griff's mind was deep and he spent many hours thinking and reading. His interest in poetry, and appreciation of it, were profound. His keen awareness for the small things in life made him an inquisitor for more knowledge.

Griff was a quiet, unassuming man and consequently few men enjoyed a happier Plebe Year than he. He went through Yearling and Second Class years with clean sleeves, but as a First Classman he was rewarded when the "Make" list was published and he donned the chevrons of a Cadet Lieutenant.

Griff enjoyed all company, as did most cadets enjoy his presence, and his most enjoyable pastime was philosophizing in the midst of a friendly group whose own thoughts he stimulated. His ideas and expressions were clear and untainted by prejudice, cynicism or selfishness. He was also a good listener who could and did, learn something from every man he associated with. It was easy with Griff's unflin-

friendliness to make everyone he met feel immediately at ease.

At graduation Griff was commissioned a Second Lieutenant of Field Artillery. Two weeks later, June 27th, he married Sarah Ann Aull of Lexington, Missouri.

On September 1, 1939, Griff and Ann sailed on the old "Grant" for station at Fort Stotsenburg, in the Philippines, where he served with the Philippine Scouts until the outbreak of the war.

Griff's happiness was eclipsed in May of 1941 when, with the increasing tension in the Far East, all families were ordered back to the States, and Ann returned to her home. Duty and preparation for the coming war were paramount to Griff and he applied himself with an unequalled devotion to his profession. The test that came in December found Griff and his unit fully prepared in mind and training to do their assigned jobs.

A daughter, whom Griff never saw, Ann Quarles, was born to Griff and Ann on December 3, 1941. Griff did not receive word of the new arrival until almost a week after the war had started.

Griff went into combat with the 2nd Battalion of the 24th Field Artillery of the Philippine Scouts, under Colonel (then Lieutenant Colonel) T. R. Wilson. Colonel Wilson writes of him: "Griff was a young officer who had his feet on the ground, met people wholesomely, and was smart enough to take charge of any situation. For actual experience he was beyond his years. He was loyal, capable, trustworthy, had excellent judgment, was energetic, and after all, was my real 'right arm', so far as my command was concerned. I rated him as a superior officer".

Griff took surrender on April 9, 1942, as any soldier would. It was a keen disappointment to him to suddenly realize he was out of it.

Few of us took to the life of a Prisoner of War with the calm determination that Griff did. He accepted it as fate and busied his mind with plans for when he would be home after the war.

Many of us enjoyed sitting around in Griff's company in the evenings after supper speculating on when the war would end, discussion of families, and the never ending subject of food and favorite recipes.

At no time did Griff forget he was an officer, and always lived up to his high sense of values and personal standards.

While others were idle and concerned only with themselves, Griff was offered and accepted the command of a work company of two hundred American enlisted men. They and their well being were his only considerations, and for a job well done he was commended by Colonel Guy H. Stubbs, an Assistant Camp Commander.

While performing these duties at the Cabanatuan Prison Camp, Griff was stricken with cerebral malaria. He fought it off as best he could in the absence of any medicine, and continued his work.

On the evening of August 21, 1942, after the usual evening gathering, Griff went to bed, feeling well and in good spirits. He died in his sleep about five o'clock the next morning.

We all grieved the loss of Griff—those of us who knew him and relied on him. It made the dark days seem even more so.

Griff was buried in the Camp Cemetery outside the prison compound. Permission was secured from the Japanese to have his classmates and close friends accompany him there, where a short and simple service was held.

Throughout Griff's service he lived by the high traditions West Point had intensified in him. He was devoted to his family, his friends, the Army and his Country. All have been keenly away of his loss and all are the poorer for it.

—Two Classmates.

Walter Davis Dabney, Jr.

NO. 15037 CLASS OF 1945

DIED FEBRUARY 21, 1948, IN ITALY,
AGED 27 YEARS.

On March 5th, 1948, a large group of people gathered at St. Lucas Church in Munich, Germany, to pay last homage to a fallen comrade. In the sky above a squadron of F-47 Thunderbolts, flying in a cross formation, passed over the church. The squadron circled, reformed into flights and passed over with a plane missing from the lead flight. The vacant place was a tribute to the man who normally flew that position, First Lieutenant Walter Davis Dabney, Jr., who died on February 21st, 1948, when his F-47 Thunderbolt crashed on the return flight from Malta to his base at Neubiberg, Germany. It is hard to realize that Dab has left us, but the memory of his kindness,



his many qualities, and his soldierly capabilities will be with us always.

Walter Davis Dabney, Jr., was born in San Antonio, Texas on January 22nd, 1921. Characteristic of American youth, Dab was a vivacious, carefree, fun-loving boy. His youthful escapades were typical of his enviable humor and spirit. Being the son of Army parents, Dab attended several elementary schools and high schools. From 1935 to 1937 he attended Iolani High School in Honolulu, and graduated from Western High School, Washington, D. C. in 1939. After completing high school, Dab, having trained his sights on the U.S.M.A., attended Millard's Preparatory School and in July, 1941 he entered West Point on a National Guard appointment.

Sickness prevailed during Dab's first year at the Academy and he was turned back a year to become a member of the Class of '45. We of this class, particularly Company E-2, are everlastingly grateful that Dab became our classmate. Those of us who were fortunate enough to know him well are deeply appreciative of his incomparable traits of kindness and unselfishness, which had an enlightening influence on all of us.

I remember clearly the first time I saw Dab. He was standing in the center of a group of cadets, playing his ukulele, singing and laughing. His ever present smile and sparkling brown eyes were significant of his vivacious personality. The feeling of close friendship and happiness was quite apparent in the group. In the two years that followed I noticed that these two qualities were always perceptible in Dab's presence.

Dab's primary extra-curricular activity

at the Academy was gymnastics, his specialty being the side horse. He worked hard at developing his maneuvers and became very proficient his First Class year. During his leisure time he liked nothing better than to get a gang of the E-2 tenors and basses together, tune his ukulele to J. C. Bennett's guitar, and sing by the hour. During the rests between songs Dab always had a ready quip in response to one of K. C. Nushbaum's impersonations or one of K. T. Blood's casual remarks. The pleasure and companionship of these gala song-fests are deeply engraved in the memories of all the participants, as are the felicity, brotherliness and cordiality of the man who was largely responsible for them, Walt Dabney.

The ups and downs of cadet life at the Academy never seemed to affect Dab noticeably. His even temperament and inimitable sense of humor not only carried him through the infrequent gloomy periods with no apparent change in character, but brought more than a little comfort to his close associates. His primary concern was not for himself, but for his friends. He had a knack for making people laugh and through this gift won many devoted friends at the Academy.

Dab was awarded his wings and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant, USA, on June 5th, 1945. To round out completely his careful preparations for a full life and successful career he was married on June 16th, 1945, to a lovely girl, Charlotte Ramsey of Uvalde, Texas. Dab's first assignment was B-25 training at Douglas, Arizona. From there the Dabneys were sent to Smyrna, Tennessee, where Dab took B-26 instruction. B-17 training came next at Sebring, Florida. After Dab attended Junior Officer's Training School at Orlando, Florida, he was sent to Greensboro, North Carolina, Overseas Replacement Center, and sailed from New York on March 9th for Fritzlar, Germany, where he flew F-47 Thunderbolts.

On June 29th, 1946, Walter Davis Dabney, III was born at Brooke General Hospital, Fort Sam Houston, Texas and as soon as possible flew to Germany with Charlotte to join Dab. The family was transferred to Neubiberg, Germany in the summer of 1947 and on September 23rd, 1947, a second son, Reynolds Allen Dabney was born. Dab was very deeply devoted to his wonderful family. His main desire during off-duty hours was to be at home with his wife and sons. He spent hours playing and tussling with his two boys, enjoying and being enjoyed. This was complete happiness for Dab. Through his family, his many friends, and his work, he attained that goal which all of us strive for.

Before his tragic death, Dab had established himself as an outstanding soldier and pilot. The Commanding Officer of Neubiberg Air Base wrote of him as follows: Lt. Walter Dabney was first assigned to an organization under my command at Fritzlar Air Base early in 1946. In the ensuing time he made many new friends among his associates and was well liked by all who had contact with him. He had great personal charm, pleasing manners, and was held in high esteem by everyone who knew him. He made it a pleasure for others to work with him. He was very conscientious and handled his military duties in a commendable fashion. Faithful and efficient in all that he did, he has been, and will be severely missed by the members of his organization and all his other friends. Even time cannot erase memories of such a splendid soldier".

Dab is survived by his wife and two sons of Uvalde, Texas; his parents, Colonel and Mrs. W. D. Dabney of Atlanta, Georgia; and his sister, Mrs. Hugh C. Quin of Atlanta, Georgia. It is extremely difficult to understand his untimely death, but we, his family and friends, are ever grateful and appreciative for the short time he was with us.

—Harle H. Damon.

