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Address by General Hoyt S. Vandenberg

CHIEF OF STAFF, U.S.A.F.

Principal Speaker at the Dedication of Memorial Plaques in Cullum Hall, United States Military Academy,
West Point, New York, 6 October 1949

History surrounds us here. The walls of this room are dignified by the solemn grandeur of great names. The long list of a century of battles encompasses the space above us. The likenesses of men of honor, courage, and high achievement look down upon us from the nation's past.

Cullum Hall is itself a memorial, yet it is a part of the life of this Academy. It is the scene of happy events and hopeful occasions. Here the past, the present, and the future meet. Here we remember that the splendid past is never dead and never forgotten. Here we are always reminded that the great achievements of history are a part of the lives we live today. In this hall men who must overcome the dangers of the future move among the long shadows of men who overcame the dangers of the past.

These grounds have long been a place of importance to the nation. During the one hundred and seventy years the natural beauty of the scene has changed but little. The majesty of these dark mountains is the same. The shining Hudson flows past these cliffs just as it did in that early day when the great chain connected them and kept the upper river free. The leaves of the forest above us color in the fall just as they did when the plot to surrender this stronghold became the first and the last major act of treachery our nation has ever suffered. The snows of winter follow the bright days of summer exactly as they did when General Washington selected the citadel as the site of the nation's school for its professional soldiers.

Since the earliest years of our country's infancy this mountain stronghold has never been threatened by an enemy, but it has furnished increasing numbers of men who have resisted, with their hearts, their minds, and their lives, all threats against these United States. For a century and a half this institution has forged, from the vein of iron in our nation's manhood, hearts and minds of steel to serve as the framework of its strength in war.

Ours is a grateful nation. Its heroes are honored and remembered everywhere. Every community of our land honors the men who have borne its share of our struggles. Our cities have erected great monuments to our heroic dead. There are many memorials to the men whose names we honor here.

In the home communities of the families and the friends who loved them the gratitude of the nation has already been expressed and recorded.

In addition to the meaning of those memorials, the inscription of these names upon these walls has yet another meaning. Here we memorialize not only the manner in which these men met death, but also the manner in which they had prepared themselves to face any danger that might confront our nation. These were men who were

prepared to die, if necessary, in the nation's service. They were also men who were prepared to live in that service.

Many of the men we honor today served in two wars and through the years between. The plaques we dedicate cover periods of service extending from four years through forty years. Many of those who fought and died were of an age beyond the requirement or even the expectation of active duty. Some



General Hoyt S. Vandenberg, '23, Chief of Staff, United States Air Force.

were of an age so advanced that combat service would not even have been permitted them except for their early and deliberate choice of military career.

A life devoted to military service is not the only kind of life that serves the nation, but none is more necessary, none is more exacting, and none is more honored. No career contains greater opportunities for important contribution to the nation than the military career. No life contains more of the satisfactions of conscientious effort than the military life. Yet no service demands greater sacrifices in peace and war than military service.

These men dedicated their efforts and their lives to their country's strength and safety long before the urgencies of violence impelled them. In quiet obscurity, they worked to meet a threat which few others ever believed was real. They were strong men who chose to face the hard and bitter facts of life while it was yet easy to dream of everlasting peace. Because they planned and worked against the day when men had

to fight and die, fewer men had to fight and fewer men had to die.

It has been observed that while the grey buildings of this Academy resemble a fortress, they also resemble a cathedral. Each resemblance has a meaning. This is a place where strength resides, but it is also a place of dedication. The Academy serves only a part of its purpose when it builds strength of body and mind. Its major purpose is to build a strength of spirit. Men who are leaders of men are not immune to misery, wounds, and death. They cannot escape the common fate of all mankind. But they can endure their misery, bear their wounds, and give their lives when necessary with a resolution that far exceeds the average of us all.

The names that are listed on the walls around you are the names of men and leaders of men. For a century and a half they carried and discharged a greater share of the responsibility for the safety of this nation than any other group whose names are thus assembled. For half a century visitors to these halls have read the long roll—from the first war of the young republic, through the long years of the Indian wars, the war of 1848, the most tragic war of the sixties, the war of 1898, the war of 1918, and finally now the war of 1941 to 1945. Our victories in each of these wars have made and kept us a nation.

These victories have cost us dearly and the greatest of all costs has been the lives of men like these we remember today. But because of their foresight, their training and their sacrifices, victory has again been ours. Today we celebrate our greatest victory and dedicate to eternal memory the names of men who paid the greatest price.

There is more than honor in these plates of bronze. There is the sentiment of all the men of this Academy—the men who knew them and the men of each succeeding year who know the lives they lived here. Classmates know these names by heart.

Around this school are many memories that rival those of homes and childhood. This is the place where they became men and leaders. This is the place from which they rose to meet the greatest challenge mortal man can face.

Most of these men fell beyond the reaches of the seas. Their lives were lost in every quarter of the globe. But wherever they fell, wherever their bodies lie, wherever their families and their friends reside—the Academy welcomes their names and spirits home.

*"Broadcast upon our History's ample page
The records of their valiant deeds are
strown.*

*Proudly their Alma Mater claims her own.
May she have sons like these from age
to age."*

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Student Conference United States Affairs

By Captain Robert N. Ginsburgh

This article written by Captain Robert N. Ginsburgh, Department of Social Sciences, reports on an experiment in undergraduate education in the field of international relations recently conducted at West Point under the sponsorship of the United States Military Academy and the Carnegie Corporation of New York. It is felt that this article should be of interest as an indication of the present trends in education at the Military Academy and of the leadership which West Point is demonstrating in educational fields.

AMERICANS in general have always tended to distrust things military. Many of these Americans feel that West Point being a military institution must be a militaristic factory for the manufacture of narrow-minded, caste-conscious automatons. Those of us who are associated with West Point know that nothing could be farther from the truth; but we can not help but be surprised at the astonishment shown by those visitors who suddenly discover that West Point is a truly liberal institution comparing favorably with the leading civilian colleges and universities in the United States.

The revelation as to the true character of the West Point educational system was made startlingly clear for the first time to many of the student leaders and visiting faculty of fifty-two colleges and universities from the eastern United States who participated in the Student Conference on U.S. Affairs held at West Point from 30 November to 3 December. The Conference, however, was more than a method of showing these civilian students the true West Point.

It was also an experiment (and a highly successful one) in undergraduate education in the field of international relations. It was an experiment which all of the sponsors and participants hope can be repeated by other groups throughout the nation as a means of creating an America of well-informed citizens.

The Conference was devoted to an examination and discussion of "A European Policy for the United States: Problems and Objectives of the Next Decade". For purposes of organization and analysis the subject was divided into the political, economic and the security aspects. At the opening session the 126 delegates and the whole First Class heard experts outline some of the basic problems in each field. Mr. Paul G. Hoffman, Administrator of E.C.A. explained some of the current economic problems and future programs for European Recovery. Rear Admiral Arthur C. Davis, Director of the Joint Staff of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, spoke of the necessity of maintaining a healthy, democratic free Europe in order to insure our own national security. Dr. Grayson Kirk, Provost of Columbia University and Director of the Academy of Political Science, outlined the various political alternatives facing us and recommended the selection of a universal rather than a regional approach to the problems of America's future.

With these opening speeches providing a common reference point, the students broke up into six round-tables of twenty-one each to develop their own conclusions. Each round table was assigned the responsibility for determining policy in one of the primary fields—economic, political, or security. In order to insure that each round table fully appreciated the problems faced by the others, they devoted one session to each of the

other two fields. Thus, the essential inter-relationship of the economic, political, and security aspects of foreign policy was inescapable.

Each round table was presided over by a competent specialist in the field of international relations—Professor Daniel Cheever from Harvard; Professor William Marvel, Yale; Lt. Colonel A. J. Goodpaster, Princeton; Professor Richard Van Wagenen, Columbia; Mr. Claude Hawley, the Federal Security Agency, and Colonel Thomas L. Crystal, Jr. from West Point. To encourage maximum student participation these chairmen selected were young men so that the students argued matters out among themselves with the faculty chairmen acting as moderators rather than oracles.

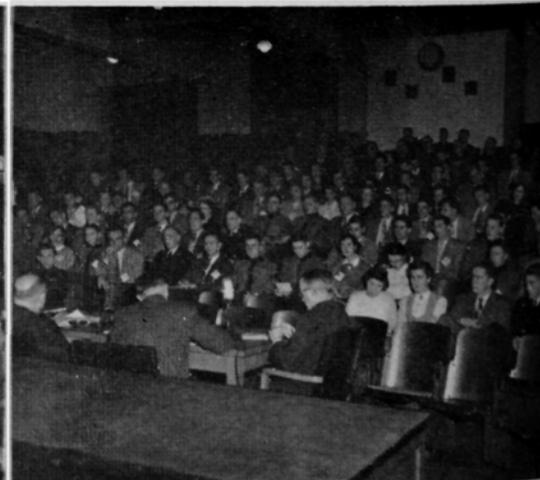
After each group had discussed individually each of the three main aspects of the problem, all participants gathered to listen to a panel of experts discuss the practical limitations in the formulation and execution of U.S. foreign policy. Colonel Beukema, head of the Department of Social Sciences, acted as chairman for the panel consisting of Professor Frederick Dune, Yale; Professor Joseph Johnson, Williams; Dr. Leo Pasvolsky, Brookings Institution; Mr. James Reston from the Washington bureau of the *New York Times*; Professor Arthur Smithies, Harvard; and Mr. Francis Wilcox, Chief of the staff of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and member of the U.S. delegation to the United Nations. The panel explained such matters as the methods used by Congress and the executive branch and the difficulties faced in fulfilling their responsibilities in the field of foreign relations. For example, Mr. Wilcox spoke of the conflicting pressures brought to bear on each Senator in formulating his own position on such matters as the European Recov-



John O. Adams of M.I.T. addressing a question to the chair.



X2—Cadet Austin addressing the conference.



Second Plenary Session.



Left to right: Donald E. Capelin, Rudolph R. Reeder, Jane Applebaum, Ruth Scheinfeld, Wilbert Routh, Cadet Buck, Mr. Hamel.

Group E in Military History Room of the Library.

Group C working in Grant Hall.

ery Program. Mr. Reston gave some graphic illustrations of the role of the American press in shaping American public opinion on these issues; ultimately, he reminded the Conference, the foreign policy of the U.S. will succeed or fail depending upon the views of the man in the street.

Following the panel discussion each round table set out to develop its previous discussions into a set of more formal conclusions. After developing these conclusions independently, the round tables paired off to reconcile their divergent views in joint sessions. There the democratic legislative procedure of arbitration and adjustment through argument had a thorough workout. Intense student interest was demonstrated when sessions scheduled to end at 10:00 P.M. refused to adjourn until after 1:00 A.M. and when some of the students kept at work in the drafting sub-committees until 4:00 A.M.

The final plenary session opened with the reports of the various committees. Although minority reports were given in each case the general opinion of the Conference called for an America strong enough to make sure the Soviet Union knew that American promises were more than mere words; they approved of the current efforts now being made by the United States to help Europe help itself; they believed that for Europe to be economically strong it must integrate all separate countries into one economic trading area of 270 million consumers. They fully realized the difficulties such a program entailed, but they felt that for the 1950's such efforts would be in the best interests of both the United States and of Europe.

A highlight of the final session was a brief impromptu speech by Field Marshal Sir William J. Slim, Chief of the Imperial General Staff of the British Army. He answered the students' questions with a frankness that struck at the root of many of the problems that had perplexed the round table arguments. For example, he called the Germans "the most valuable and the most dangerous" people in Europe. He stated that if the statesmen who were his "masters" ordered him to do so, he could rearm Germany so as to assist Europe in defending itself against the Soviet Union, and that he could do "an effective job" of it. He insisted, however, that the decisions on such matters were the responsibility of the political leaders. He reaffirmed the Conference's conclusions that what Europe needed most was "the psychological aid . . . more than just advice and dollars".

The Conference was brought to a close at a banquet at Cullum Hall, where the Honorable Dean Rusk, Deputy Under Secretary of State, told the assembled delegates and cadets that the United States "needs strong partners able and willing to assume their full share of responsibility. We look to Europe and the British Commonwealth for such partners. . ."

The success of the Conference itself was due primarily to the ability of the students—both participants and administrators. Speaking of the visiting delegates, Col. Herman Beukema, Professor of Social Sciences, stated: "I have never seen a student conference with so high a standard of effort, background, and understanding".

One of the reasons for the success of the Conference was the excellent cooperation received by the Military Academy from other colleges and institutions in the field of education. Not only through actual participation in the proceedings of the Conference but in the actual planning. In the initial planning Colonel G. A. Lincoln, Department of Social Sciences, was ably assisted by Professor Gordon Craig, Princeton; Professor Frederick Dunn, Yale; Professor Grayson Kirk, Columbia; Professor Donald McKay, Harvard; and Miss Ruth Russell of the Brookings Institution. One of the sources of inspiration for the conduct of the Conference was a student meeting held at Ohio State in 1948; Dr. H. F. Harding who was in charge of that event contributed materially to the success of the Conference at West Point by advising on the basis of his experiences. Other important members of the Conference Advisory Board were Dr. Leo Pasvolosky from Brookings, Dr. George Miliken of the House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee, and Mr. Charles Dollard and Miss Florence Anderson of the Carnegie Corporation of New York.

One of the noteworthy administrative features of the Conference, made possible through the support of the Carnegie Corporation, was that the various colleges and universities were able to select their representatives on the basis of ability rather than on their financial status. All transportation costs were defrayed through a grant from the Carnegie Corporation; the costs of student and faculty participants while at West Point was borne by the Military Academy from non-appropriated funds.

The most impressive feature of the Conference as far as the visitors were concerned, however, was the ability which the cadets demonstrated both in the Conference deliberations and in the efficient management of the administrative details of the Conference. Cadet Richard B. Keller of Illinois was the Chairman of the Conference Committee which made all arrangements for the reception, housing and administrative handling of all conference members. In accomplishing his job, Keller called on more than 100 cadets from the West Point Debate Council. This cadet organization already had considerable experience at this type of operation from its sponsorship of the annual National Intercollegiate Debate Tournament held at West Point every Spring. In taking care of the visitors the cadets called upon most of the Post facilities. For example, all of the women visitors—student and faculty—as

well as the male faculty members were house guests of officers' families and ate their meals at the Officers' Mess. The men students were housed in the quarters normally used by visiting athletic teams and took their meals at the Cadet Mess. The ladies were not allowed to invade the sanctity of the Cadet Mess although some of the newspaper reports indicated that traditions were broken when the ladies were allowed to visit cadet classes.

The actual preparation of the cadets for participation in the Conference proceedings was handled by Cadet Charles O. Eshelman of New York. Some indication of the cadet interest is indicated by the fact that more than seventy cadets of the First and Second Classes competed for the eighteen vacancies allotted for the cadet delegation. In the interests of unification the largest visiting group was that from the Naval Academy which was allotted six delegates as compared with two apiece from each of the other colleges.

The Conference although not perfect proved conclusively that American college undergraduates are more than capable of carrying on an investigation such as this into the complex problems facing the United States overseas. The Department of Social Sciences has pioneered this type of undergraduate study in the international relations field with other undertakings such as its "Operation Statesman". In this operation cadets of the First Class form policy-committees to investigate important problems of current interest as part of the regular course in International Relations.

Perhaps the best indication of the impact of the Conference can be obtained from unsolicited letters received from the student participants after they returned to their own campuses. The following two excerpts written by students from Syracuse and Yale are typical of the many letters received:

"We are both convinced of its (the Conference's) value, and have returned to Syracuse with a greater understanding of international affairs and American foreign policy. Of particular worth was the exchange of ideas between the students of military and civilian educational institutions, all of which . . . contribute to a clearer perspective on the part of all participants."

"If I left the Academy impressed on any one broad point, however, it was with the school's consciousness of its place in a democratic society."

"It would be safe to say that 95% of the civilian veterans who warily approached West Point on Wednesday were riddled with the standard apprehensions about the Academy, the curriculum, and the Corps of Cadets. . . The Academy, with its best foot forward, succeeded amazingly in burying these ghosts. . ."

Mathematics at West Point

By COLONEL CHARLES P. NICHOLAS,

Professor of Mathematics, U.S.M.A., Deputy Head of Department

This article is the second of a series of articles being published to provide a complete and up-to-date survey of information about West Point. The first was Colonel Boyd W. Bartlett's account in the October 1949 issue entitled "The Mission, Curriculum and Teaching Methods of the United States Military Academy". In this article, written by Colonel Nicholas, and in others to be published later, the discussion will be concerned with the activities of various departments and agencies of the Academy.

TIME AND CHANGE

WEST POINT is always changing. Whether the reader will regard the adjustments in the mathematics course as slight or extensive may depend on how recently he graduated. Cadets no longer study C. Smith's Conic Sections ("it can easily be shewn"), nor Church's descriptive Geometry. Murray's Integral Calculus and Wells' Algebra now rest on the shelf of text-books once used at U.S.M.A.; and lately they have been joined there by Granville's Calculus. The yearlings now attend mathematics only three times a week. The subject of least squares is no longer the culmination of the course for the upper sections. Instead, all sections now study mathematical analysis of statistics during the final weeks of the yearling year.

Such are the changes which bring down the detritus of history. The process will go on endlessly so long as the Academy remains a virile institution. The problem is to tailor the changes carefully: to keep always abreast of military evolution but to abandon nothing fundamental. In this, the Academy has been notably successful. Since Thayer's day, the curriculum has evolved to meet the changes in military technology developed by five major wars; however, educational principles which are believed to be fundamental sources of the Academy's strength and distinctive character have remained intact.

Throughout the entire evolution of West Point, mathematics has been recognized as a foundation-stone in the education of regular officers. The importance of mathematics in military affairs is remarkably well described in words published two hundred and sixty years ago by one William Leybourn.¹ Notwithstanding his quaint punctuation and vocabulary, Leybourn's comments have lost nothing of their relevancy:

"The Utility and Benefit of this most excellent Art, is of such importance, that without it we can scarcely live, much less preserve ourselves from danger, or hinder the irruption of foreign Enemies; for by the Rules hereof the Geodetian may measure, plot, and give you the true Symmetry, Situation, and superficial content of your Lands; search out all manner of heights, Depths, and Distances, whether they be accessible or inaccessible. The Military Architect may

hereby fabricate his Fort. The General, or Major, embattail his Army: The Quartermaster order and set out his quarters, and incamp his soldiers; the Engineer plant his cannon, convey his Mine to any assigned place under the Ground, to doe execution upon his Enemy to their greatest disadvantage."

This paragraph could be extended to the most modern military applications by two brief additions.

The first would reflect a development that

bourn's description all the way up to 1950, and indeed would carry it well on into the future. It consists of a thought expressed not long ago by Dr. Vannevar Bush in a lecture at the National War College. In describing the qualifications which the war-planner of the future must have, Dr. Bush listed a number of specifications such as "a reasonable grasp of atomistics, some appreciation of the trends of modern biology, a knowledge of many aspects of electronics, possibilities and limitations of jet propulsion, and a dozen other fields in physics and chemistry" He then added:

"More important, we would call for a knowledge of statistical theory, something concerning probable errors, correlation factors, sampling theory, and the like. For guesswork and hunch are nowhere near good enough when inter-relations of complex systems, such as those of modern war, are involved. . ."

This tells, in a nut-shell, the purpose for which mathematical analysis of statistics has been added to the course in 3rd Class mathematics. The adoption of this subject for cadets took effect during the spring of 1942, some years earlier than the lecture just referred to. However, the requirement summarized by Dr. Bush was precisely that whose recognition by the Academy had brought about the introduction of statistics into the course. The many alumni who graduated before this change occurred may be interested in a brief elaboration of the subject. A good name for it—if our only purpose were to indicate the principal field of pure mathematics involved—would be "probability". In this respect, the mathematical heart of the statistics course is somewhat the same as that of the former course in least squares. Professional artillerymen in the regular army have used features of mathematical statistics for years, although not ordinarily recognizing it by that name. However, the course in statistics pertains to a much broader field of modern applications than did the least squares course; and in this respect, the subject of statistics is a comparatively new one. From original application to numerical data dealing with the natural resources, industries, and peoples of states, the field has grown rapidly

until at present statistical methods are used in dealing with data in the social and natural sciences as well as in business and industry.

Of necessity, the statistics course given to the cadets is a limited one, pertaining chiefly to the first and simplest of the two general phases into which the subject may be divided. This phase involves the classification of raw data and its summary and presentation in a clear manner by the use of appropriate descriptive measures. The second phase is that of statistical inference. In it, procedures are developed for the collection and analysis of samples, and for using this analysis to arrive at conclusions about the entire aggregate of data from which the sample was drawn. The cadets, of course, cannot acquire real facility in these processes during the brief course now given. The purpose of the course is to in-



HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT

Col. William W. Bessell, Jr., U.S.M.A. Class of 1920, Professor of Mathematics and Head of the Department of Mathematics. At the time of his appointment as Professor of Mathematics, he was Commanding General of the Antilles Department, where he was stationed when the above photo was taken. Prior to that, he had served from 1942 to 1946 as Director of the Joint War Plans Committee.

culminated in Europe at about the same time that Leybourn wrote the words just quoted. The mathematics in wide use up to his day had served well enough for the study of static phenomena, but it was not good enough for the study of motion. Meanwhile, improvements in the precision of clocks and advances in the technique of artillery fire, along with other scientific preoccupations of the seventeenth century, had been crying out for a mathematical method capable of dealing with complex motions. The outcome, of course, was calculus, whose birth was announced to the world by the publication of Newton's Principia in 1687. Had Leybourn been a prophet, he would surely have added a sentence telling how the flight of missiles and the behavior of other moving systems required in modern warfare would yield to analysis under the methods of calculus.

The second addition would bring Ley-

¹—From "Cursus Mathematicus", by William Leybourn (1690) as quoted in Kokomoor's "Mathematics In Human Affairs".

roduce the basic ideas in order that each cadet may recognize their military applications, acquire a basis for further study, attain some facility in the analysis of simple data, and be prepared as an officer to realize the significance (or lack of significance) of statistics presented by specialists.

The applications of statistical methods to military problems are practically unlimited. For example, in the procurement of fifty million pairs of shoes for an expanding army, there has to be some procedure for determining how many of each size should be manufactured. Systems must be established for quality control of the various parts of weapons during manufacture. Methods may be needed for determining, in advance, which personnel have the best aptitude for certain forms of military service, or for special schooling. Closer to the problems of the junior officer, perhaps, are the applications to gunnery and bombardment. The point of fall of a bomb or of an artillery projectile is a statistic in the sense used in this course. In war-time it may be possible to train new officers very quickly to apply the ready-made techniques of bombardment or gunnery; but before they can receive this training, systems of gunnery and bombardment have to be designed, tested by boards and service schools, reduced to manuals, proven in peace-time training, and thus made ready for the advent of war. These are peace-time functions of the regular officer, requiring creative skill and a comprehension of modern methods of analysis. A background of mathematical statistics is an important requisite for professional expertness in these fields.

The reader who wishes to consider a military application of statistics in more detail may find an excellent example in the former War Department Technical Manual 1-251 (Handbook For Bombardiers, March 31, 1941). Sections III and V of that manual show substantially the same field of probability, and its development with the aid of integral calculus, that cadets study in this course.

AS OF TODAY

We should like to teach more mathematics at West Point, and if more time permitted there would be ample justification for doing so. However, mathematics is not the only subject which could profitably be extended if more time were available. The curriculum as now established is broad and balanced. It is the product of a century and a half of careful adjustments among educational objectives whose scope is as wide as the range of problems which have confronted armies from time immemorial. The educational requirements of a career officer may have become more complex with the advance of science, but there is little reason to believe that time has increased their breadth. There has always been the necessity to understand men, to deal with strange and fractious allies, to endure physical ordeals, to occupy strange lands, to adjust one's operations to the preoccupations of civil authority and politics, and at the same time to exploit the laws of nature in applying military force. From more than two centuries ago, there survives a classic statement of educational mission written by Montcalm—a statement which was written for his own guidance and which resulted in the very range of command attributes just outlined. When barely fifteen years old, the boy who was destined to a career of military gallantry and renown on two continents before his final tragedy at

Quebec wrote a letter to his father in which these aims were given:

"First, to be an honorable man, of good morals, brave and a Christian. Secondly, to read in moderation; to know as much Greek and Latin as most men of the world; also the four rules of arithmetic, and something of French and Latin *belles lettres*, as well as to have a taste for the arts and sciences. Thirdly, and above all, to be obedient, docile, and very submissive to your orders and those of my dear mother; and also to defer to the advice of M. Dumas.² Fourthly, to fence and ride as well as my small abilities will permit."

The breadth of mission in this passage is strongly reminiscent of Army Regulations 350-5, which requires (among other things) that the course at West Point 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 science, and to provide a broad basic



DEPUTY HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT

Col. Charles P. Nicholas, U.S.M.A. Class of 1925, Professor of Mathematics and Deputy Head of the Department of Mathematics. He was under orders as Military Attache to Caracas, Venezuela, at the time of his appointment as Professor of Mathematics. Prior to that, he was a Deputy Assistant Director of Central Intelligence, under the National Security Council, having been one of the initial organizing group assigned to Central Intelligence when established by Presidential directive.

military education. Under this mission, the Military Academy cannot be classed either as an engineering college or a liberal arts college. It has somewhat the character of both, but it leans sufficiently toward the side of natural sciences to prepare the graduate to pursue and ultimately to master any field of military technology which may become his responsibility. Prior to the Civil War, the Military Academy had been an engineering college—for many years the only one in the country. But this was a temporary situation based on necessity: the country had to have engineers for its early

development, and in the earliest days lacked civilian engineering schools to produce them. However, education for civilian purposes was clearly not the primary mission of the Military Academy, and after the Civil War the normal growth of schools devoted chiefly to the engineering education of civilians increased rapidly enough to catch up with the country's needs. This has permitted the free adjustment of the curriculum at West Point so as to encompass, in suitable proportions, the objectives included in the entire range of the Academy's military mission.

The mathematics course at West Point has the same dual character as the curriculum. It is appropriate to both liberal arts studies and to engineering studies. Contrary to a widely held belief, the quantity of mathematics in the course is not phenomenal. (One radio announcer recently broadcast a witticism which disclosed a popular concept pretty clearly: he referred to "the West Point cadet who dropped a pencil on the floor; and by the time he could lean over and pick it up a whole year of college algebra had gone by.") In quantity, the mathematics course here is substantially equivalent to the standard for a B.S. degree in various fields of engineering. However, it is important to note this: there are engineering courses, and liberal arts courses with mathematics major, which, as a matter of general practice, give considerably more UNDERGRADUATE mathematics than we teach at West Point. The word "undergraduate" has been capitalized to emphasize a point which sometimes comes as a shock to West Pointers ordered to civilian universities for graduate work in technical or scientific fields. As a general rule, these officers may expect to find a certain amount of undergraduate study yet to be done, including undergraduate mathematics, before they are fully prepared for graduate study in advanced fields of science and engineering. This is fact, and is stated with no idea of apology: it stems directly from the very breadth of mission just described. West Point must prepare its graduates to pursue and ultimately master responsibilities in the whole spectrum of military activity: infantry, armor, engineers, artillery, research, logistics, operations, intelligence, personnel, command, staff, line, and so on.

If the mission were to prepare all graduates to become professional engineers, the curriculum would have to be changed in very important respects. Recent inquiries among leading technical institutions have verified that their entrance requirements for undergraduate engineering courses are higher than those of the Military Academy: before entrance, their incoming students must have completed enough algebra, trigonometry and—in some cases—solid geometry, to render college-level instruction in those subjects unnecessary. As a result, their freshman courses start with analytic geometry and calculus, whereas our plebes start with algebra. The entire first semester at West Point is devoted to algebra, trigonometry and solid mensuration.³ The plebes begin analytic geometry after Christmas and complete analytic geometry and the introductory portions of calculus by June. Calculus is then resumed in September and

³—This has superseded solid geometry, to which it is broadly similar. It differs in that less attention is given to rigorous proofs and more is given to engineering computation of surface areas and volumes.

²—Dumas was his teacher. We like this!

continues until all the features of a standard college course at the second year level are completed. This includes a few lessons in elementary differential equations, which customarily appear as the final chapter in undergraduate calculus texts. However, the upper sections in mathematics move through the entire yearling course at an increased tempo and complete it ahead of the class. As a result of the time thus gained, they take extra work in differential equations in a separate text-book—about fifteen advance lessons plus reviews.

After differential equations, and after completion of general reviews for lower sections, all yearlings take the short course in statistics already described. This consists of about seventeen lessons, including reviews. It is a feature not ordinarily found in sophomore mathematics courses. However, it is at the end of statistics that the course in pure mathematics then stops for all cadets. In civilian colleges the mathematics majors and certain of the science and engineering students (particularly in electrical engineering and physics) are usually required to take additional undergraduate mathematics in the junior year. For many of them, the work in pure mathematics continues through the senior year. Undergraduate mathematics courses in the junior and senior years vary from one institution to another, and from one course to another, so that generalization is not feasible. However, representative examples of subject matter which lies beyond the U.S.M.A. course but may appear in various undergraduate courses at civilian colleges would include more differential equations, and certain elements of theory of matrices, projective geometry, advanced calculus, vector analysis, tensor analysis, and an introduction to complex variables. Depending upon the character and thoroughness of treatment of the subject-matter in courses under these titles, they may serve for either advanced undergraduate credit or for beginning graduate credit.

These comparisons are furnished in the interests of accurate appraisal, and are not disparagements of the quantity of mathematics taught at West Point. On the contrary, in popular speech it would be justifiable to say that the course here includes a lot of mathematics. The entire curriculum has a notably mathematical character, but the quantity has significance only in relation to its purpose. In respect to purpose, the mathematics taught here is neither less nor more than it should be. It is just what the Academic Board has found necessary to accomplish the mathematical elements of the mission assigned to the Academy by the Department of the Army.

Quantity is not a very significant yardstick for judging an academic course. A more important question is "Do the cadets learn well?" We believe that they do. The Department goes to great lengths to bring about the two indispensable concomitants of learning: careful instruction, and energetic application by the students. In the last analysis the test of any school is whether it succeeds in causing the students to develop their capabilities by self mastery, determination, and hard work. The Academy leaves the cadets in no doubt on this subject and the evidence indicates that they are responding well. The reader who would like to examine a comprehensive measure of cadet academic performance may

be interested in turning back to Colonel Bartlett's article in last October's issue of *Assembly*. That article, it will be recalled, contained a statistical comparison of the U.S.M.A. class of 1948 with a control group of senior men students from forty liberal arts colleges.

Since Colonel Bartlett has already given the story, the recapitulation at this point will be limited to the features most closely related to cadet proficiency in mathematical application. The cadets' performance was outstandingly superior in general mathematics, physical science and effectiveness of expression. In the sub-test relating to general mathematics alone, 94% of the cadets taking the test scored as well as the *upper third* of the control group.⁴

It must be emphasized that no department stands alone in the credit reflected by the cadets' excellent showing in general mathematics. These tests were taken two years after completion of the mathematics course,

and technical courses. In addition, the habits of logical reasoning and orderly thought stressed by departments throughout the Academy are important contributory factors in mathematical education.

Mathematics is an interlocking subject. As previously pointed out, it is appropriate to both liberal arts studies and to sciences. Its effect as a liberal arts fundamental is observed in the characters of graduates during the course of history, rather than in the examination scores of students. It is the humanistic quality of mathematics—mathematics as a phenomenon of intellect rather than mathematics as an aid to qualitative analysis—that constitutes its highest educational value. Since this explains important features of the teaching system at West Point, a word or two more on this assertion may be in order.

Most students would doubtless define mathematics as a science having to do with quantities and spatial relationships. However, Cassius Jackson Keyser⁵ classified such a definition as a *confusion of mathematics with its own applications*. He showed that quantities and space relations are simply two forms of the subject matter to which mathematics may be applied—clearly the most important and elaborate fields of application developed by mankind so far, but nevertheless subjects of mathematical treatment and not mathematics itself. It would doubtless be a rare student who could detach himself from the details of mathematical problems long enough to observe this distinction. Nevertheless, reflection should convince him that in mathematics a certain way of thinking which has invariant characteristics is being applied over and over again, while the problems to which his thinking applies may differ radically among themselves. This way of thinking—this adherence to consistency and orderly process within a deliberately erected framework of definitions and postulates—is mathematics.

The point is more than philosophical: it has practical significance in military education. During the career of a regular officer, there may or may not be frequent occasions to apply mathematics to quantitative problems. The problems encountered may in a large percentage of cases be mathematically trivial. But, an officer who has acquired mathematical habits of thinking has acquired a permanent military asset. Mathematical thinking in the sense intended here does not necessarily involve the use of mathematical symbols or computation. A student who initially finds mathematical applications difficult may nevertheless mature into an habitual mathematical thinker. Long after formulas and details of technique have been forgotten, the way of thinking remains as a permanent guide to action and decision. It is this quality of mathematics which Jomini had in mind when he quoted the shade of Napoleon Bonaparte as saying: "At school, I applied myself to studies that I thought might be most useful to me, particularly to history and mathematics; the former develops genius and the latter regulates its action."

GRADUATE STUDIES

The Military Academy selects and trains its instructors with a view to assuring breadth and maturity of educational experience. To start with, the officers assigned here as instructors come with the background of instructing technique normally acquired in military training programs, and a further background of graduate study—much of it technical—in professional schools of the armed forces. Many are selected on the additional basis of graduate degrees already received from civilian institutions. On top of this, the Academy conducts its own program of sending instructors to civilian colleges for advanced study. In the aggregate, this program provides not only advanced educational background related to the subject matter taught to cadets, but also gives excellent opportunity to observe teaching methods throughout the United States. The civilian institutions attended at one time or another by present members of the Department of Mathematics are listed below:

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
University of Louisville
Virginia Military Institute
Washington and Lee University
Johns Hopkins University
University of California
Columbia University
University of Washington
Cornell University
University of Missouri
California Institute of Technology
Texas A. and M.
University of Texas
University of Pennsylvania
University of Michigan
Stanford University
University of Minnesota
New York University
University of Southern California
Iowa State Teachers
Iowa State University

giving the cadets the benefit of additional mathematical application in the scientific

⁴—The comparison was based on the tests of General Education prepared by the Graduate Record Office, and administered to members of the class of 1948 just before their graduation. The Graduate Record Office is consolidated with the College Entrance Examination Board and the American Council on Education to form the Educational Testing Service, a cooperative, non-profit-making testing agency of national scope. The Tests of General Education have been developed over a period of some ten or twelve years, primarily to assist the graduate schools of our great universities in the selection of promising students from among college seniors. The tests are comprehensive and the scores are believed to be reliable, objective, and significant. The U.S.M.A. class of 1948 was the first class since 1942 to take the four year course, and one of the last two classes to take the mathematics course while the present Dean, Brigadier General Harris Jones, was Head of the Department of Mathematics. The test was repeated in 1949 with almost identical results.

⁵—See "Mathematics and the Question of the Cosmic Mind, with Other Essays" by Cassius Jackson Keyser, Adrain Professor Emeritus of Mathematics, Columbia University. Published by Scripta Mathematica.

HOW IT CAME ABOUT

The first organized teaching of mathematics at West Point occurred during the American Revolution, more than twenty years before the Academy was founded. A resolution of Congress in 1777 provided for the formation of certain military units "to serve as a military school for young gentlemen previous to their being appointed to marching regiments; for which purpose all the subaltern officers, when off duty, shall be obliged to attend a mathematical school, appointed for the purpose. . ." The outcome was a short-lived school for engineers which began operating at West Point around 1778-1780, but subsided for a few years after the close of the Revolution. The teaching of mathematics was resumed after 1794, when an Act of Congress established the Corps of Artillerists and Engineers, and created the grade of cadet. An act of 1798 authorized the President to appoint a maximum of four teachers; and the first appointee under this act—Mr. George Baron—assumed his duties as acting professor of mathematics in January of 1801.

Mr. Baron's tenure was brief, terminating just one month before the Act of Congress which gave the Academy its official existence. However, under his administration the country witnessed its first systematic use of blackboard and chalk for class-room instruction—a development which exerted enormous influence on the common schools of the United States.

The subsequent story is best understood by recalling the initial struggle for existence of the Military Academy. Strongly recommended by General Washington up to the time of his death, the Academy was established by an Act of Congress in 1802. For fifteen years thereafter it suffered from Congressional neglect, and even from opposition in certain quarters of the executive department. At one time, the student body was reduced to a single cadet, and for another brief interval the Academy had no instructors whatsoever. However, as is well known, all this changed under the energetic and determined leadership of Col. Sylvanus

Thayer, who was appointed Superintendent by President Monroe and served in that capacity from 1817 to 1833.

The official birth of the Department of Mathematics came in 1802, when Captain Jared A. Mansfield was appointed to the Corps of Engineers as acting professor of mathematics. With the assistance of Capt. W. A. Barron, Capt. Mansfield taught mathematics to a student body consisting of just nine cadets. Their texts were Hutton's *Mathematics* (imported from the Royal Military Academy at Woolwich), Enfield's *Natural Philosophy*, Vauban's *Fortifications*, and Scheel's *Artillery*.

THROUGH WAR AND PEACE

The lean years from 1802 until the period of reforms under Thayer saw rapid changes in the chair of mathematics, starting with the departure of Mansfield in 1803 to become Surveyor General of the Northwest Territory. During the ensuing twenty years, five professors crossed the stage—Barron, Hassler, Partridge, Ellicott and Douglass—all of them able men who typified the restless energy of the period. None of them remained long enough to carry the mathematics course forward to its full development, although Douglass no doubt influenced the important reforms which followed immediately after him.

Substantial continuity came to the Department for the first time when Charles Davies, appointed professor in 1823, served through the remaining ten years of Thayer's regime and for four years beyond, until 1837. Davies had graduated from West Point in 1815, and had already served as principal assistant professor for five years. It was under him that the mathematics course reached its first full efficiency as an instrument for developing mental discipline and character.

At the start of Davies' professorship, Hutton's *Mathematics* (actually a melange of mathematics, science, engineering and philosophy) was an obsolescent text-book. It fell into disuse after 1823. A large proportion of the texts which superseded it were either in French or in English as trans-

lated from French authors. There was pressing need for a good textbook, in English, on descriptive geometry—a subject new to this country, brought to West Point from France and first taught here in 1817.⁶

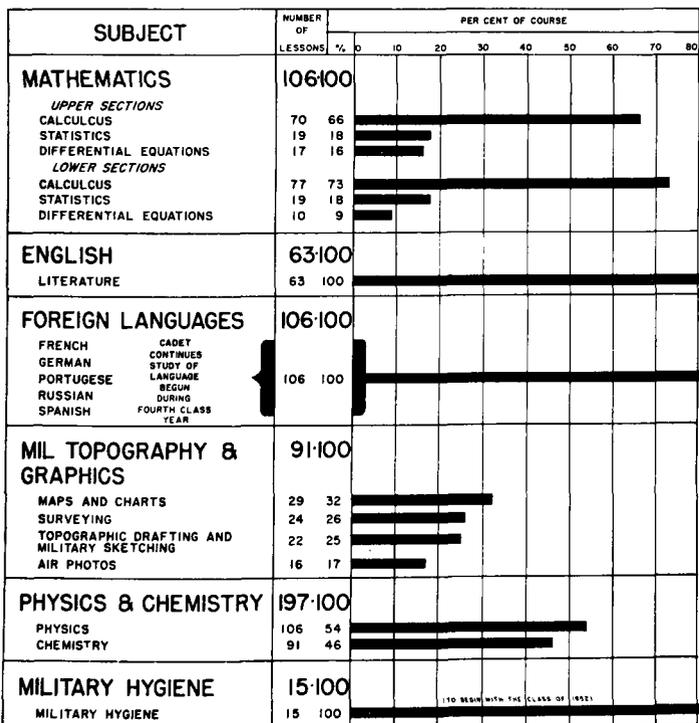
The preparation of a good series of mathematics texts for the Military Academy became Davies' foremost preoccupation, and his achievement was monumental. His *Descriptive Geometry* was published in 1826, with a prefatory comment stating, in part, "This Treatise on Descriptive Geometry has been prepared for the use of the Cadets of the Military Academy. In submitting it to the public, the author prefers no claim to invention or discovery. It has been his object to furnish a useful text-book; and if this end be attained, he will have no cause to regret his labours".

By 1839, every mathematics text used at West Point was a Davies book. Two of them—his geometry based on Legendre and his algebra based on Bourdon—continued in use for seventy-one years. His entire series, listed by publishers as "Davies' Course of Mathematics", included texts on arithmetic, algebra, geometry, trigonometry, surveying, analytical geometry, and differential and integral calculus. In all he produced more than twenty volumes. They represented the first completed course of elementary mathematical text-books published in this country, and were used by schools throughout the United States for forty years.

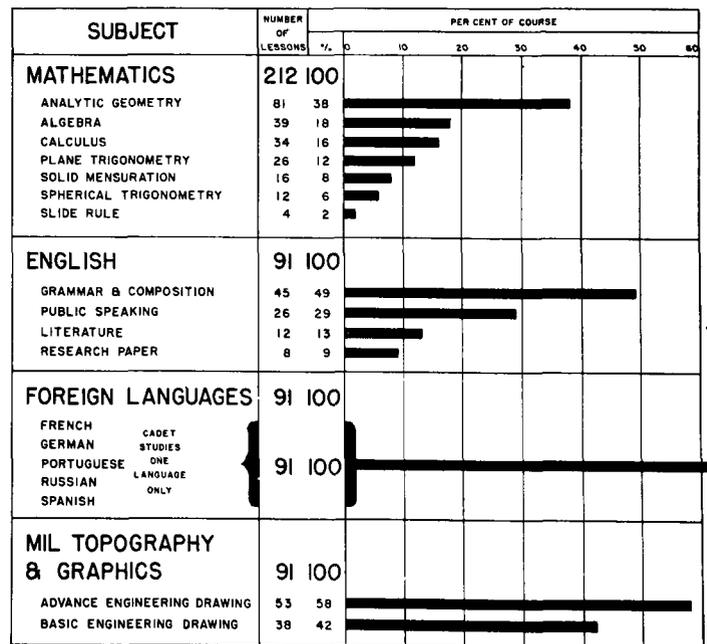
An interesting personnel feature of Davies' regime was the service of Robert E. Lee as acting assistant professor of mathematics. In those days the regulations authorized the appointment of a number of cadets (ordinarily first-classmen) as acting assistant professors of mathematics with extra pay of \$10.00 a month. Lee was appointed to this post in his yearling year, and continued to serve in it during his second-class year and part of his first-class year.

⁶—It was brought by Claudius Crozet, a graduate of the Polytechnic School of Paris and an artillery officer under Napoleon. Col. Crozet was Professor of Engineering.

ACADEMIC CURRICULUM, U.S.M.A., THIRD CLASS



ACADEMIC CURRICULUM, U.S.M.A., FOURTH CLASS



These charts show the comparative distribution of lessons among all subjects during the two years while cadets study pure mathematics. The total number of academic recitations during the first two years is 1,063, of which 318 are devoted to mathematics. The total number of academic recitations during the entire four year course is 2,255, of which the 318 mathematics recitations constitute 14.1 percent. The recitation periods are not of the same length for all subjects. Out of the 2,853 hours spent in academic classes during the entire four years, 424 hours (or 14.9 per cent) are devoted to mathematics.

Davies' successor was Albert E. Church, a distinguished mathematician destined to hold the professorship for forty-one years. Church had graduated from West Point in 1828 (he was a classmate of Jefferson Davis) and was appointed assistant professor of mathematics the same year. He served in that capacity for seven of the nine years leading to his appointment as professor in 1837. Throughout his career, the list of subjects taught remained the same: algebra; plane and solid geometry; plane and spherical trigonometry; descriptive geometry; shades, shadows, and perspective; analytical geometry; and calculus.

First-hand testimony as to mathematics under Church has been recorded in the memoirs of some of his students, written many years later. For example:

Philip H. Sheridan, 37 years later: "I knew so little of Algebra or any of the higher branches of mathematics that during my first six months at the Academy I was discouraged by many misgivings. . . After taps . . . Slocum and I would hang a blanket over the one window of our room and continue our studies. . . I went up before the board in January with less uneasiness than otherwise would have been the case, and passed the examination fairly well. When it was all over, a self confidence in my capacity was established. . ."

William T. Sherman, 52 years later: "In studies I always held a respectable reputation with the professors, and generally ranked among the best, especially in drawing, chemistry, mathematics, and natural philosophy."⁷

Ulysses S. Grant, 44 years later: "Mathematics was very easy for me, so that when January came, I passed the examination, taking a good standing in that branch."

In a later section of the Memoirs, relating to his life as a lieutenant in 1845, Grant reverted to the subject of mathematics:

"As already stated, it was never my intention to remain in the army long, but to prepare myself for a professorship in some college. Accordingly, soon after I was settled at Jefferson Barracks, I wrote a letter to Professor Church—Professor of Mathematics at West Point—requesting him to ask my designation as his assistant, when next a detail had to be made. Assistant professors at West Point are all officers of the army, supposed to be selected for their special fitness for the particular branch of study they are assigned to teach. The answer from Professor Church was entirely satisfactory, and no doubt I should have been detailed a year or two later but for the Mexican War coming on. Accordingly, I laid out for myself a course of studies. . ."

The long roster of cadets who studied mathematics during the professorship of Church was rich with names of men who were to make history by 1865—names such as Thomas, Longstreet, McClellan, Jackson, Burnside, Warren, and so on to R. S. Mackenzie, who graduated at the head of his class in 1862 and less than three years later was a major general, commanding one of the divisions which pursued Lee's army to Appomattox.

Church served as professor for thirteen years after the Civil War and after many of his illustrious students had died. His own death came at West Point in March of 1878, and he was succeeded by Edgar W. Bass, appointed professor on April 17 of the same year.

Two important changes occurred while Bass was professor. First, a part of the course in descriptive geometry was transferred to the Department of Drawing, to make way for the addition of least squares to the mathematics course in 1879. The second change was the establishment of the

chair of Associate Professor of Mathematics, a position first filled by Lieut. W. P. Edgerton in 1893. Edgerton served as Associate Professor until the 1897-98 school year, when he left to serve in the field during the Puerto Rican campaign. He returned to West Point in 1898, during which year he was appointed professor to relieve Bass, who retired because of illness.

Edgerton's regime marks the turning point where it is sometimes difficult to say what is history and what is in the realm of news. From this point forward, the story is increasingly one within the personal knowledge of officers still on active duty.

The only notable change in mathematical subject-matter during Edgerton's professorship was the transfer of practical surveying and the use of instruments to the Department of Practical Military Engineering. In 1900, Edgerton adopted the method which persists today of having general review recitations performed in writing instead of orally. Under this system, cadets who show proficiency on the written general reviews may be (and almost invariably are) exempted from the term-end examinations.

During the hundred years ending in 1902, the Department had grown to a strength of one professor, one associate professor, one assistant professor, and eleven instructors. In contrast to the beginning, when the professor taught the entire corps of nine cadets, by 1902 the instruction was handled almost entirely by the eleven instructors. They taught 142 third-classmen and 133 fourth-classmen, arranged in sections according to proficiency in mathematics. The professor, with the help of his associate and assistant, trained the instructors and handled the increasingly heavy problems of departmental policy and organization.

ONLY YESTERDAY

Edgerton was succeeded by Charles Patton Echols of Alabama, who had graduated from West Point in 1891. He returned to the Academy as a mathematics instructor in 1895, became associate professor in 1898, and served continuously in that capacity until appointed to the professorship in 1904. Hundreds of officers now serving in the army took the course during Col. Echols' professorship and remember his strong character.

Col. Echols is remembered best by those who returned to the department and were trained by him as instructors. His afternoon classes for them were models of teaching technique. These officers were selected from the various branches in accordance with aptitude as military instructors and scholastic record in mathematics, and many of the names on the list are well known throughout the army today. General Omar Bradley served in the Department during this period. He returned to the Academy in 1920, and taught both plebe and yearling mathematics. During his fourth year he was assistant professor in charge of 3rd Class Mathematics.

Col. Echols, a bachelor, retired in 1931 after 44 years of service and moved to Englewood, New Jersey. He met a tragic death in May of 1940 when he was robbed and murdered by thugs in Bryant Park, New York. He is buried at West Point.

The professor who succeeded Col. Echols is now the Dean of the Academic Board, Brigadier General Harris Jones, Class of April, 1917. After combat service in World War I, he returned to the Academy and served as an instructor under Col. Echols from 1918 to 1922. He was appointed professor in 1931 and served as Head of the Department until 1947, when he became Dean and was promoted to brigadier general.

The changes in the Department incidental to Gen. Jones' appointment as Dean bring the story up to date. In 1945, the Superintendent recommended to the War Department that an additional permanent professor should be provided for each of nine academic departments, including Mathe-

matics. The additional professorships were provided by an act of Congress in 1946. Col. William W. Bessell, Jr., was appointed Professor of Mathematics and on 1 August, 1947, reported for duty as second professor in the Department. On 1 September 1947 he became Head of the Department upon the appointment of General Jones as Dean.⁸

⁸—Editor's note: Colonel Charles P. Nicholas, the author of this article, was then appointed Professor of Mathematics and on 14 June, 1948, reported for duty as second professor.

THE INSTRUCTORS OF TODAY

Today, the Department of Mathematics has two professors, two associate professors, four assistant professors and twenty-nine instructors, all commissioned officers on active duty. Thirty-three received their undergraduate education at West Point and four at civilian colleges.

The post-graduate careers of these 37 officers reveal a varied combination of mathematical study with practical experience in the military uses of mathematics and in education. They have all taken the series of mathematics refresher courses conducted by the department especially for the training of its instructors. Twenty-nine have completed courses at graduate schools of the armed forces, many of which include fields of mathematical application such as gunnery or navigation. Twenty-five have taken civilian graduate work ranging from summer or evening courses in mathematics to more extensive work leading to graduate degrees in mathematics or engineering. Sixteen have earned such degrees—one a Ph.D. and fifteen Masters.

This graduate work has enabled members of the Department to observe teaching methods in a wide variety of civilian or state educational institutions ranging geographically from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute to California Institute of Technology. The courses taken for masters degrees have not been limited to mathematics; they also cover a wide range of engineering subjects, assuring the Department a comprehensive understanding of the application of mathematics to modern military problems. The fields of application thus represented in the Department include electronics, administrative engineering, civil engineering, guided missiles and aeronautical engineering. One instructor has a master's degree in education.

THE MISSION OF THE DEPARTMENT

The teaching methods of the Department of Mathematics, as well as the subjects which comprise the course, are determined by the mission of the Department.

This mission assigns, as teaching objectives, three fundamental qualifications to be developed in all cadets. Briefly, these are: (1) mastery of reasoning processes; (2) skill in application of mathematics; and (3) soundness of character. All three are essential military attributes closely related to mathematical thinking.

While the military value of the subject is not limited to its applications, nevertheless proficiency in certain practical uses of mathematics is indispensable to a regular officer. This fact exerts a dominant influence on the selection of subjects which comprise the course. Within broad limits, the proper study of any mathematical subject will help to develop reasoning power and soundness of character; but for purposes of developing skill in military applications it is necessary to select subject-matter which applies to a wide variety of military problems.

THE SUBJECT MATTER

Some military applications of mathematics (such as the trigonometry of gunnery) are common to several branches of the armed forces; and it is not difficult to find an occasional illustration of such wide occurrence that almost every cadet may expect to meet it during his service as an officer. How-

⁷—Sherman graduated six from the top of his class. His first year in mathematics was under the professorship of Davies; the second under Church.

ever, such a problem in class-room offers little more of real educational value than other problems of less frequent military occurrence. The important fact is that a regular officer must be ready to apply mathematics to unfamiliar military situations which neither he nor perhaps anyone else has ever seen before.

The variety of military applications is endless, and some are so specialized that they require extensive preparatory work in graduate mathematics. This, of course, is beyond the Department's mission. The Department's problem pertains only to first and second year cadets, who ordinarily start the course with no background in science and engineering except what they may have acquired in high school. They do not begin college physics and chemistry until the yearling year; and it is not until their mathematics course has been completed that they begin mechanics, electricity, engineering, ordnance and economics.

These circumstances weigh heavily in the selection of subject-matter and text-books. The three specifications most pertinent to the present discussion are:

(1) *The subjects must be fundamental branches of mathematics which, on the basis of regular Army experience, are believed to have the widest general applicability to military situations.* The term "military situation" as used here includes any circumstance requiring the use of science or engineering for purposes of military technology. This implies that the subject-matter must prepare the cadets for scientific and engineering fields taught concurrently or later by other departments of the Academy, in addition to providing a foundation for military studies after graduation.

(2) *The text-books must provide a well-modulated alternation between pure mathematical technique and its application to practical problems.* Thus, at every stage of the course the cadet will have opportunity to use mathematics as a language for interpreting the world around him.

(3) *The level of the applicatory problems must correspond to, and rise with, the educational background of first and second year cadets.* This means that the practical problems may not deal with situations so far beyond the cadet's experience as to confuse him; but at the same time they must remain at least abreast of the growing military, scientific, and technical vocabulary he acquires under the teaching of other departments.

The Department has achieved a satisfying degree of success in finding text-books to meet these specifications; and it conducts a continual program of reviewing new texts in the search for improvement. The texts currently in use provide an interesting variety of applicatory problems. The mathematical element of the problems is sufficiently advanced to stimulate the best students, but at the same time the scientific and engineering features are held within reasonable bounds. They often deal with situations and concepts which students at this level may be expected to grasp from common knowledge, or from brief explanations included in the text or stated in the problems themselves. The calculus text keeps abreast of various concepts presented in the physics course, and at times goes ahead into ideas which will not be fully explored until the mechanics course, a year later. Reasonable adventures of this kind are considered an advantage. The Department prepares mimeographed tables for instructors, calling attention to the relationship between mathematics lessons and current or future lessons in subjects taught by other departments. Aided by these tables, the instructors seize good opportunities to point out specific examples of these relationships, and to select applicatory problems accordingly.

In the aggregate, the applicatory problems are a widely representative sample of scien-

tific and engineering applications. For example, the first year mathematics texts contain 57 problems relating to physics mechanics, electricity, or biology; 151 relating to finance, insurance, or economics; and 607 relating to engineering (civil, aeronautical, mechanical, electrical and ordnance). However, the Department does not place instructional emphasis on science or engineering *as such*. In the mathematics course, the chief emphasis is on the art of detecting the mathematical character of any observable phenomenon, and then using mathematical language to express and analyze the relationships.

There are two important specifications which cannot be met by selection from the available field of text-books. These are:

(1) *A high percentage of applicatory problems should be military.* Since most mathematics texts are written for a predominantly civilian student body, it is not likely that they will ever contain many problems of a directly military character. Yet, this specification is highly important. To meet it, the Department selects as instructors officers representing many branches of the military service, and requires them to draw on personal experience in teaching military applications of mathematics. This teaching is given in accordance with the instructors' initiative in classroom work; and special problems in military application are prepared by the Department for use in written recitations. In pursuit of this aim, the Department sends members to confer with technical military agencies of the armed forces, or uses correspondence, in order to secure suitable current data. In addition, each year an effort is made to secure an expert lecturer familiar with mathematical application at top staff levels in the modern military establishment.

(2) *The subject-matter of the course should provide adequate challenge for students of exceptionally high aptitude.* In a course where academic success may lead to a commission as a regular officer, it is necessary to have fair standards for measuring proficiency among normally able men. However, in every class a significant percentage can easily surpass the standard, either through exceptional aptitude or else because of extensive preparatory work completed before coming to West Point. The Department employs two mechanisms to assure that these cadets are thoroughly challenged. First, the class is arranged and frequently rearranged according to proficiency. While a lesson assignment may be identical for all sections, in practice the instructors in the higher sections assign work of considerably greater difficulty than that expected as standard. Second, after the sectional arrangements have persisted long enough to show which students are outstanding, the sections are grouped into upper and lower divisions. The upper division then moves ahead at an increased tempo, finishing the standard course well ahead of the class. As already pointed out, the time thus saved is used to give to the upper division extra work in differential equations.

THE TEACHING METHODS

So far, the discussion has centered about the subject-matter and text material which constitute the framework of the course. Such comments as have been included on teaching methods were related primarily to the second objective in the Departmental mission—that is, skill in the application of mathematics. The remainder of the discussion will be devoted to teaching methods, with special emphasis on the first and third objectives—i.e., mastery of reasoning processes and soundness of character. These two are intimately related and together they constitute the highest military value of mathematical study. They exert a predominant influence on the Department's teaching methods.

In the program of indoctrinating new instructors in teaching methods, the Depart-

ment stresses the principle that mathematical thinking is an indispensable element of military leadership. A leader must be able to grasp quickly the essential elements of every situation he meets; and his decisions must be the result of sure reasoning in which all the observed elements are brought into consistent relationship. He must know whether or not he has the essential data; he must be determined not to ignore a significant element; and he must resolutely accept the conclusions which his reasoning tells him are inevitable. Having arrived at a conclusion, he must then be able to articulate it. Unless he conveys his decisions to other men in clear and effective language, his ideas may fail to be transformed into action.

It is a principal function of the instructor to develop in the cadets these habits of mind and character. He does this by requiring them to go through daily exercises which will habituate them to processes of analysis and articulation. There are, of course, lessons for which the recitation must be limited to mastering a newly introduced technique. Even this type of lesson, in the hands of a skillful instructor, lends itself well to the purposes outlined; but the broader type of lesson—one where mathematical theory, technique and application are all combined—provides an ideal medium.

A recitation period opens with free questions by the cadets. During this opening phase, ordinarily about ten or fifteen minutes long, the instructor uses expedients such as leading counter-questions or general discussion to cause the cadets to clarify the subject in their own words. Then follows a working period, with most of the cadets at blackboards solving assigned exercises, while perhaps two of them prepare blackboard notes to support a discussion of mathematical theory. Meanwhile the instructor will engage one or two other cadets in oral questions, not so much for the purpose of testing their knowledge as to develop their power of self-expression on technical subjects.

The instructor next hears oral recitations from the cadets who have prepared blackboard notes to accompany a discussion of mathematical theory. The instructional emphasis during these oral recitations is on intellectual honesty, clear reasoning, and effectiveness of expression. By the time this phase is finished, a few of the cadets from the problem boards will have finished their work and taken seats.

The exercises at the problem boards are designed to cause the cadets to select essential elements from a physical or mathematical situation and then go through a reasoning process in which these elements are held in consistent relationship. Toward the end of the period, all the written work at the blackboards ceases and the instructor then calls on certain cadets to explain their solutions. The stress during these explanations is on reasons for successive steps and reasons for results. An answer unsupported by sound reasons is regarded as unacceptable. The instructor also emphasizes effectiveness of expression during this phase—the ability to give a clear and precise answer to a question, and the ability to convey one's conclusions in terms intelligible to a group of human beings.

Under the persistent influence of these methods, the cadet adjusts himself to a daily environment of investigation, analysis and articulation. He becomes accustomed to selecting facts and setting them in order. He learns to proceed from an orderly array of data to a consistent conclusion. He learns to express his conclusions effectively. He acquires confidence in facing new problems and unexplored situations. He discovers that salvation lies in the exercise of his own faculties and in conscientious effort, but that there is no hope in evasion or subterfuge. He finds that in the long run there is no military success short of a total discharge of his responsibility.

The Department of Military Psychology and Leadership, U. S. M. A.

The Following Article Was Prepared Under the Supervision of the Commandant of Cadets, Colonel Paul D. Harkins,
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Director Military Psychology and Leadership

THE Department of Military Psychology and Leadership is the newest Department at West Point. It is a department within the Department of Tactics. It had its beginnings in a letter which General Eisenhower wrote to the Superintendent of the Military Academy in January 1946. The pertinent part of this letter is as follows:

"A feature that I should like very much to see included in the curriculum is a course in practical or applied psychology. I realize that tremendous advances have been made in the matter of leadership and personnel management since I was a Cadet. Nevertheless I am sure that it is a subject that should receive the constant and anxious care of the Superintendent and his assistants on the Academic Board and these should frequently call in for consultation experts both from other schools and from among persons who have made an outstanding success in industrial and economic life. Too frequently we find young officers trying to use empirical and ritualistic methods in the handling of individuals—I think that both theoretical and practical instruction along this line could, at the very least, awaken the majority of Cadets to the necessity for handling human problems on a human basis and do much to improve leadership and personnel handling in the Army at large."

The Department of Military Psychology and Leadership has, as established, two primary functions. First to conduct a course of instruction in human behavior and the techniques of handling men, second to administer the Aptitude for the Service System at the Academy. In connection with the first mission it conducts a short orientation course for the Plebes which is designed to acquaint them with the history and traditions of West Point and to condition them mentally to accept the military. Early in Third Class Year a course in basic psychology is given. This course is conducted during Academic hours and in section rooms. It is mainly theoretical and comparable to any basic psychology course as given in our better colleges and universities. The text is one that has been written by an outstanding, recognized psychologist. Examples of the topics that are covered are personality, individual differences, intelligence, motivation, emotions, control of emotions, reactions to conflict, adjustment, perception, learning, and social problems. During 2nd Class Year an attempt is made to get away from the theoretical and emphasize the applied. To do this a course is given which stresses leadership within the Corps of Cadets. It is an effort to prepare the 2nd Classmen for their duties as 1st Classmen in administering and leading the Corps of Cadets. A Military Instructor Training Course is also given during the last two months of 2nd Class Year. Here again emphasis is on the applied. Among other things, each cadet is required to prepare and make three separate presentations. First he gives a 15 minute lecture to the other members of his section, then he gives a 30 minute conference and lastly a 30 minute directed discussion. Each cadet is required to make a

written critique of each of these presentations within his section. In addition, one cadet is called upon to give an oral critique of each presentation. This is probably one of the most popular courses at the Military Academy and is completed just prior to the time when the 2nd Class will have to assume their duties of instructing the new Plebes, the Yearlings at Camp Buckner and the recruits in Training Divisions. In 1st Class Year the course is designed to acquaint the



Lt. Col. S. E. Gee, Director of Military Psychology.

cadets with proven leadership techniques within the service in order to facilitate their preparation for their roles as 2nd Lieutenants in the Army and Air Force. Much of this instruction takes the form of role playing in which the cadet takes the part of an officer and the instructor takes the part of a soldier. Situations from real experience are presented and the cadet is required to give a solution to the problem. Typical of these problems may be one in placement in which a soldier is reporting to his new outfit and the officer is required to receive him and assign him a job. The soldier role may be played as that of an old, married enlisted man with a family returning from overseas. Again it may be repeated and the soldier becomes a young, shiftless, antagonistic individual. These shifts are made mainly for the purpose of pointing out to the Cadets that no two cases can be treated alike but each must be solved individually and on its own merits. Many other subjects are covered during 1st Class Year such as psychological warfare, panic, crowds, mobs, public relations, fear, and the civilian components. This completes our first mission.

The Aptitude for the Service System was first started with the Class of 1944. It is designed primarily to do five (5) things: (1) determine those cadets who possess outstanding leadership ability and who deserve positions of responsibility within the Corps of Cadets; (2) identify those cadets who are weak in leadership and determine their specific weaknesses in order to give them effective help in attaining the high standards of the Corps; (3) providing an impartial hearing and evaluation of any cadet who, after receiving special assistance over a reasonable period of time, appears to be unable to meet the requirements of the Corps, or is misplaced in the military profession, and must therefore be considered for discharge from the Academy; (4) providing the Department of Tactics with a source of information and data on leadership, this information to be used to improve methods of evaluating leadership and of developing it in cadets; (5) giving each cadet experience in observing human behavior and in evaluating individuals in terms of leadership and other military attributes. To accomplish these five purposes the Aptitude System is separated into two principal phases: one the measuring or rating phase, and two the counseling and guidance phase.

The first phase or the rating phase of the system requires each cadet to rank all of his classmates in his company (about 25 cadets) in the order of his best judgment of their relative leadership ability. He also rates the members of the other three classes in his company in their own class groups in the same manner. Each Tactical Officer also rates the four class groups of cadets in his company. Thus each cadet is ranked in relation to his class not only by his own classmates but by all other cadets in his company, about 100 in all, and by his Tactical Officer. The resulting ratings are combined in such a way as to give a single rating for each cadet. This rating is known as the cadet's composite Army Standard Rating. Company and Class orders of merit are arrived at from these ratings and proportional parts are awarded on the basis of these Army Standard Ratings.

The second and by far most important phase of the Aptitude System is that phase in which Tactical Officers make use of the information from the ratings and from all other sources available in an effort to help each cadet who is dangerously low in Aptitude to improve himself. At the time of the rating each rater is required to describe the typical behavior which occasioned his placing the last two or three cadets in that position. These descriptions of behavior which occasion such ratings are used by the Tactical Officer in combination with his own observations of the cadets activities to provide the basis of interviews, advice giving and other efforts to bring about an improved rating for subject cadet. In this phase the Tactical Officer is ably helped by the Staff Psychologist, U.S.C., in those cases where such help is indicated.

Unfortunately there are a few cadets who seem to be unable to reach the minimum
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BULLETIN BOARD

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standards considered essential in a cadet. The cases of such cadets are given every consideration and a system of officer boards is set up in an effort to determine all the factors in such cases. If these boards decide that it is highly improbable that the cadet will ever measure up to the minimum requirements they may recommend to the Commandant that such cadet be considered for discharge from the Academy for lack of aptitude. The board can not so recommend, however, until it has observed and counselled the cadet for a minimum period of six months. The Commandant forwards his recommendations on such cases to the Superintendent who makes his recommendations and takes his action as President of the Academic Board. Those cases which are recommended by the Academic Board for discharge must finally be acted upon by the Department of the Army.

It is believed that the Aptitude for the Service System is an important factor in the maintenance of high leadership level in the Corps and that it necessarily protects the Government from spending time and money on unsuitable officer material. At the same time it protects cadets from entering careers in which they are not too well qualified and from which they would probably receive no satisfaction.

The Department of Military Psychology and Leadership also has several lesser missions. It administers the Plebe Sponsor Program. In this, officers of the post, outside the Department of Tactics, agree to take some plebes, usually three, and sponsor them. The objectives of the program are:

a. To associate each cadet with an officer, outside of the cadet's normal official contacts, with whom he can develop a social and semi-official relationship and from whom he can, when there is need, get informal advice and information.

b. To help the new cadet adjust himself to army life and to contribute to his feeling of security and friendliness by providing a relationship with an officer on duty at the Academy—a relationship which is easily accessible and friendly, rather than formal and official.

Next the Department is required to prepare and review many of the service publications dealing with leadership. Lastly it is required to direct the preparation of leadership training films and furnish the technical advisor for their production. At present work is being done on a series of four leadership training films. This work requires almost the full time of at least one officer.

The Department has been fortunate in the type of officer that has been assigned to it. All of these officers have a commendable war record. They have all had graduate work in civilian educational institutions. There are Army Officers, Air Force Officers, Marine Officers, graduates and non-graduates included within the Department. The Associate Director is a civilian with a Doctor's degree in psychology. He has a background of approximately 25 years in the clinical and teaching fields. It is believed that officers who have proven themselves in combat are the most effective ones to teach leadership.

The Academy is proud of the progress that has been made in this field, however, it is a subject that is alive and grows and changes. It can never stand still else it will die. Much has been done. There is much still to do.

DO YOU KNOW THAT:

Generous donors are presenting to West Point within the next year portraits of Generals Eisenhower, MacArthur, Arnold, Stilwell and McNair?

West Point has published a new "Bulletin of the U.S. Military Academy" which has the format of the typical college catalogue. Its purpose is to present to the educational world West Point's curriculum and other facts in a manner that permits a more direct comparison between the Military Academy and other colleges and universities?

The visitors to the West Point Museum exceed 80,000 for 1949? This is the largest number recorded for any year.

The West Point Museum and Library project the publication of bulletins on their various collections and activities such as Fine Arts (Portraiture), weapons, memorial chapel windows, etc. etc.?

Colonel W. E. Crist, Inf., '20, has been designated as the Director of the 1952 Sesquicentennial Celebrations? He will assume his duties at West Point sometime during February 1950.

CULLUM COMMITTEE DESIRES ADDRESSES

The Cullum Committee at West Point, New York is endeavoring to contact relatives of the following deceased graduates who are entitled to be memorialized by the installation of a suitable plaque in Cullum Memorial Hall. If anyone knows of the address of a relative of any of these deceased graduates, it is requested that the Secretary of the Cullum Committee be so advised.

Abercrombie, J. J., Colonel
Allen, R., Colonel
Ammen, Jacob, Brig. General
Barnes, J., Maj. General
Bayard, G. D., Brig. General
Bell, J. F., Maj. General
Bell, W. H., Brig. General
Breck, Samuel, Brig. General
Brice, B. W., Maj. General
Brooks, W. T. H., Brig. General
Buckingham, C. P., Brig. General
Buford, N. B., Maj. General
Carlin, W. P., Brig. General
Carr, E. A., Brig. General
Carroll, S. S., Maj. General
Cooke, P. St. G., Maj. General
Craighill, W. P., Brig. General
Crowder, E. H., Maj. General
Cushing, S. T., Brig. General
Custer, George A., Lt. Colonel
Dana, N. J. T., Maj. General
Davidson, J. W., Maj. General
Eaton, A. B., Maj. General
Emory, W. H., Brig. General
Flagler, D. W., Brig. General
Frank, R. T., Brig. General
French, William H., Colonel
Garretson, G. A., Brig. General
Gillem, A. C., Colonel
Gordon, G. H., Maj. General
Grant, F. D., Maj. General
Guenther, F. L., Brig. General
Hall, R. H., Brig. General
Hare, Luther R., Lt. Colonel
Hartsuff, G. L., Maj. General
Hatch, J. P., Colonel
Hays, William, Major
Hitchcock, E. A., Maj. General
Howze, R. L., Maj. General
Ingalls, Rufus, Brig. General
Johnson, R. W., Brig. General

Jones, R., Brig. General
Judah, H. M., Major
Kautz, A. V., Brig. General
Ketchum, W. S., Colonel
Kilpatrick, Judson, Maj. General
King, C., Lt. Colonel
Lockwood, H. H., Brig. General
Marcy, R. B., Maj. General
Martindale, J. H., Maj. General
McCall, G. A., Brig. General
McKean, T. J., Maj. General
Morgan, M. R., Brig. General
Naglee, H. M., Brig. General
Paine, E. A., Brig. General
Peck, J. J., Maj. General
Pennington, A. C. M., Maj. General
Phelps, J. W., Brig. General
Plummer, J. B., Brig. General
Poland, J. S., Brig. General
Prince, Henry, Lt. Colonel
Ramsay, George W., Major General
Reno, J. L., Maj. General
Reynolds, J. J., Colonel
Ricketts, James B., Maj. General
Ripley, J. W., Maj. General
Roberts, B. S., Lt. Colonel
Rodgers, J. L., Brig. General
Roe, C. F., Maj. General
Sawtelle, C. G., Brig. General
Saxton, Rufus, Colonel
Sherman, T. W., Maj. General
Sinclair, William, Brig. General
Smith, A. J., Colonel
Smith, W. S., Brig. General
Stone, C. P., Brig. General
Todd, J. B. S., Brig. General
Totten, J. G., Maj. General
Van Cleve, H. P., Maj. General
Wessells, H. W., Lt. Colonel
Williams, Robert, Brig. General
Woodbury, D. P., Maj. General
Woods, C. R., Colonel

CHINAWARE

The Association of Graduates, West Point, N. Y., is handling the following items of Wedgwood Chinaaware and will accept orders per dozen of each, subject to availability; West Point Commemorative dinner plates, Pink or Blue, 12 different West Point Scenes. Present Price F.O.B. Boston, Mass., \$24 per dozen.

Regular size Cups and Saucers, Pink or Blue. Matches plates. Present Price F.O.B. Boston, \$24 per dozen.

The Association of Graduates, West Point, N. Y., has placed orders for the following items, which should be available for delivery in the near future;

Bread and Butter Plates, Wedgwood, Pink or Blue. Matches Plates. (Orders taken per dozen, subject to availability.)

Platter, Wedgwood, Pink or Blue. Regular size. Design made from Photograph of entire West Point and near surroundings. (Orders taken subject to availability.)

Old Fashioned and Cocktail Glasses made by Heisey Glassware Factory. Each glass contains an acid (Plain as distinguished from color) etching of the Military Academy Shield. (Orders taken per dozen, subject to availability.) Price \$15.00 per dozen, f.o.b. Boston.

Orders received will be placed on the waiting list maintained by the Association of Graduates and filled according to the date of the signed letter order, as the merchandise becomes available. When it becomes apparent that the merchandise will soon be on hand to permit filling the order the Association of Graduates will communicate with the customer for the purpose of verifying the order and the address to which the merchandise should be shipped. At that time the prevailing price of the item will be quoted. The customer will then have the privilege of cancelling the order if desired.

U.S.M.A. WINTER SPORTS, 1950

(With Scores to Include 14 January)
(All Contests at West Point Unless Otherwise Indicated)

BASKETBALL

Date	Army Score	Opponent and Score
December 17	70	St. Lawrence53
21	45	Ithaca41
January 7	51	Brown (Night)43
11	61	Harvard58
14	58	Rutgers54
18		Pennsylvania
21		Columbia at N. Y.
February 28		Vermont (Night)
1		Temple
4		Amherst
10		Colgate at Hamilton
11		Syracuse at Syracuse
15		Fordham
18		Yale at New Haven
22		Colgate
25		Penn Military College (Night).....
March 4		Navy (Night)

BOXING

Date	Army Score	Opponent and Score
January 14	7½	Western Maryland ½
21		American University
February 28		Syracuse at Syracuse
4		Univ. of Maryland at College Park
11		Univ. of Virginia
18		Penn State
25		Michigan State at East Lansing
March 11		Eastern Intercollegiate at Syracuse

FENCING

Date	Army Score	Opponent and Score
January 7	22	Fordham 5
14	13	Cornell at Ithaca14
21		Columbia
February 28		Penn State
4		City College of N. Y.
11		Princeton
18		Harvard at Cambridge
25		Yale at New Haven
March 4		Navy
11		New York University
17-18		Eastern Intercollegiate at N. Y.
24-25		N.C.A.A. Fencing Tournament at Detroit

GYMNASTICS

Date	Army Score	Opponent and Score
January 14	74	Lock Haven State Teachers21
21		New York A. C. at New York....
February 28		Springfield College
4		Univ. of Delaware
11		Penn State (Night)
18		Syracuse
25		Temple at Philadelphia
March 4		Navy at Annapolis
11		Eastern Intercollegiate at State College, Pa.
April 1		N.C.A.A.—2 p.m. and 8 p.m.

HOCKEY

Date	Army Score	Opponent and Score
January 7	3	Brown12
11	0	Yale 8
14	7	Harvard (Night) (Overtime) 6
21		Clarkson College of Tech.
February 28		Princeton at Princeton
4		Middlebury (Night)
11		Boston University
18		Dartmouth (Night)
22		Colgate (10:00 a.m.)
25		Hamilton
March 4		Williams
11		Royal Military College at Kingston, Ontario

RIFLE

Date	Army Score	Opponent and Score
January 7	1417	Univ. of Massachusetts1337
14	1388	At Boston (Pentagonal)
		Maryland1395
		Mass. Inst. of Tech.1374
		Cornell1336
February 21		City College of N. Y.
4		City College of N. Y. at N. Y.
11		Columbia
18		U.S. Coast Guard at New London
25		Cornell
March 4		Navy
11		Lehigh
April 1		Eastern Intercollegiate

SQUASH

Date	Army Score	Opponent and Score
January 7	7	Wesleyan Univ. at Middletown, Conn. 2
7	7	Trinity at Hartford, Conn. 5
13	4	Williams at Williamstown 2
14	4	Dartmouth at Hanover 5
28		Yale
February 4		Amherst
11		Harvard
18		Univ. of Pennsylvania
25		Princeton at Princeton
March 4		Navy at Annapolis

SWIMMING

Date	Army Score	Opponent and Score
January 7	43½	Brown31½
14	43	Harvard (Night)32
21		Columbia at New York
February 28		Rutgers
1		Fordham
4		Ohio State at Columbus, Ohio..
8		Yale
11		Princeton (Night)
18		Dartmouth at Hanover
22		Colgate
25		Univ. of Pennsylvania
March 4		Navy at Annapolis
18		Eastern Intercollegiate at Annapolis

TRACK

Date	Army Score	Opponent and Score
January 21		Manhattan College
28		New York University
February 28		Millrose Meet at New York
11		Triangular—Harvard, Princeton....
18		New York A.C. at New York....
18		Univ. of Pennsylvania
18		N.A.A.U. Championships at N. Y.
25		I.C.4A. at New York
March 3 & 4		Heptagonal at Boston

WRESTLING

Date	Army Score	Opponent and Score
January 7	16	Brown16
21		Cornell at Ithaca
February 28		Springfield College
4		Syracuse
11		Harvard
18		Penn State
22		Columbia
25		Yale at New Haven
March 4		Lehigh at Bethlehem
11		Eastern Intercollegiate at Princeton

BASEBALL SCHEDULE—1950

April 5	Hofstra
10	University of Vermont
12	Syracuse
15	Swarthmore
17	Lehigh
19	Manhattan
22	New York University
24	Rutgers
26	City College of New York
28	Columbia University at New York
29	Princeton University at Princeton
May 3	Brown University
6	University of Pennsylvania
8	Williams
12	Yale at New Haven
13	Dartmouth at Hanover
17	Colgate
20	Harvard
22	Cornell
27	Navy at Annapolis
June 3	Fordham

Note: Giants and Dodgers will appear here during the month of April.

FOOTBALL SCHEDULE—1950

September 30	Colgate University
October 7	Penn State
14	University of Michigan—At Yankee Stadium
21	Harvard University—At Cambridge
28	Columbia University—At Baker Field
November 4	University of Pennsylvania—Franklin Field, Philadelphia
11	University of New Mexico
18	Stanford University—At Palo Alto
25	(Permanently Open)
December 2	Navy—At Municipal Stadium, Philadelphia

148th ANNIVERSARY, U. S. M. A.

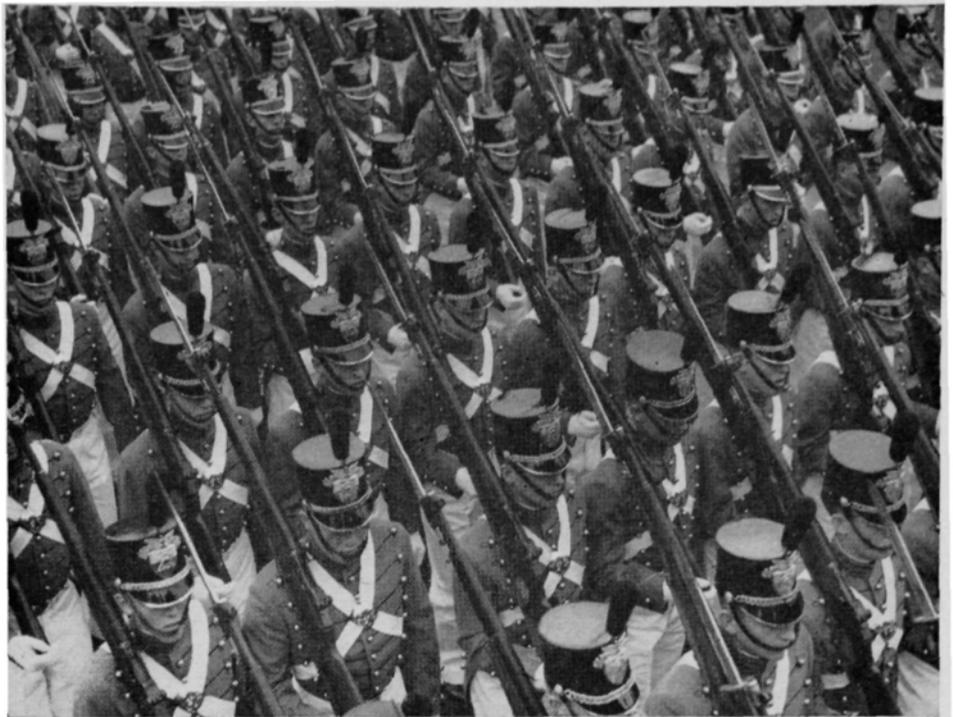
Traditionally the anniversary of the founding of the United States Military Academy on 16 March 1802 is celebrated by West Point Societies and other groups of graduates and former cadets throughout the world in March of each year. The Saturday evening nearest 16 March has been customarily chosen by most of these groups for these annual celebrations. This year Saturday, 18 March, would be the date normally selected for this purpose.

This year, however, the West Point Society of New York, acting for the Association of Graduates, U.S.M.A., will sponsor an anniversary dinner in New York City on Thursday evening, 16 March 1950. For members of the West Point Society of New York and for graduates now stationed at West Point this dinner will constitute the only celebration of the founding of the Academy to be held this year in the vicinity of New York and West Point. The dinner will be at the Hotel Astor at 7:00 P.M. The dinner program will not be broadcast.

The Association of Graduates has no intention or desire to prescribe the scope or time of meeting of any local group assembling this year to celebrate the anniversary of the founding of the Military Academy. These matters are best determined by each local group in accordance with local considerations. It has been found that in the New York area the greatest number of alumni can attend such a dinner meeting on some week day evening other than Saturday. Therefore, since 16 March is the exact date of our anniversary, and in view of the probability of suiting the convenience of more alumni in the New York area on this date than on Saturday, 18 March, the New York Society decided to hold its meeting on Thursday, the 16th, rather than on Saturday, the 18th.

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

PROGRAM: There is no set pattern, sponsored by the Association of Graduates, for



"We follow, close order, behind you . . ."

the program to be followed by any local group in its observance of the anniversary of the founding of the Military Academy. Usually these programs include toasts or speeches by the oldest and youngest graduate present and a talk by some other prominent graduate of distinguished accomplishments who can be secured by the local group for this purpose.

FILMS: Frequently motion picture films about West Point and the last Army Football Season, if available, are shown at these meetings. This year a few copies of a 16 mm. sound film about the 1949 Army Football Season will be available on a loan basis for use at the anniversary meetings of large groups of alumni. Applications

for these films should be made to the Secretary of the Association of Graduates at West Point. Each application from a local group should state the number of alumni expected to be present at its meeting. About 1 March 1950 these films will be shipped to as many local groups of alumni as possible, depending upon the number of films available. Priority in fulfilling the requests of local groups for these films for use at their anniversary meetings will depend generally upon the number of alumni who can be expected to view these films at each meeting. Other groups, whose applications for these films cannot be satisfied for their anniversary meetings, may be able to obtain the loan of one of these films at some later time for other meetings. All recipients of these films must return them promptly to the Football Office at West Point after they have served their purpose, in order that other applications may be satisfied later. There are no other recent films about West Point available for loan this year.

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

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

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



"Where you have pointed the way."



New Members

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

Francis J. McDonnell, Ex-'12

Carl C. Bank, '15

Thomas G. Peyton, '16

Samuel S. Campanella, '38

DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE MARCH 10, 1950

1881

We are happy to report the following three living members of the Class of 1881, John Millis, Charles A. Bennett and Henry C. Hodges, Jr. They all are enjoying good health.

1884

Three graduate members of the Class of 1884 are still living.

Brigadier General Farrand Sayre, B.S., A.M. and Ph.D., famous Greek scholar and author, 325 Paddington Road, Baltimore 12, Maryland—with a fine garden for exercise and a den for work and study.

Brigadier General George O. Cress, B.S., Mills College, Oakland 13, California—at "Stables" every day, in the tradition of the famous U.S. Cavalry, supervising a fine stable for the training of college students.

Colonel C. E. Dentler, B.S., 5732 S.E. Yamhill Street, Portland 15, Oregon, Class Recorder.

It is believed that all of the non-graduate members of '84' have passed away.

C. E. D.

1888

Classmates and friends will be shocked to learn of the sudden death of Henry M. Hocking.

After leaving West Point Hocking, with his brother, established the Rockford Mercantile Agency in the City of Rockford, Illinois, and they lived there until Henry's death.

Hocking was 86 years old and alert to the very last. He was an active member of the Methodist Church. Half an hour before his death his son had talked with him over the telephone.

Hocking is survived by four sons, one daughter, one brother, and two sisters.

—*P. C. H.*

1890

General Ryan recently visited his son, Major R. T. Ryan in Huntington, Indiana, and on his way north stopped in Nashville, Tennessee, to spend one day with former classmate, Don Carlos Buell, whom he found in excellent health in his 83rd year. On leaving West Point in January, 1887, Buell engaged in the insurance business and built up a large firm in which he is still active.

A visit to the Hermitage about 12 miles from Nashville, lunch at a fine restaurant and dinner at Buell's plantation home where he was born and where he lived most of his life, completed a most enjoyable day.

—*J. A. Ryan.*

1894

Again there has been a break in the ranks of '94. On October 25th Saxton passed away suddenly and peacefully at St. Petersburg, Florida, where he and Mrs. Saxton have made their home for many years. Interment was in Arlington. The class was represented by Bell, Cocheu and Rosenbaum, and the usual floral tribute was sent. Mrs. Saxton will continue to live in their home in St. Petersburg.

On September 18th Mrs. Paddy Wells died in Washington. Interment was in Arlington. Paddy's son, Lt. Col. Francis P. Wells, Medical Corps, Retired, and his family will make their home with him thus enabling him to keep his apartment in Washington.

On September 26th Mrs. George Vidmer died after a long illness. She suffered a stroke in June, 1947; and though at times she seemed to be improving, she had been

falling since early summer, and was confined to her bed for the last three months of her life. Vidmer has broken up his home, and will travel for an indefinite period, but retains a base at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. P. Aleshire, in Mobile.

A card of thanks has been received from Mrs. Briant Wells, reading as follows: "Mary Wells and family wish to express their appreciation for their devotion to the last and the beautiful wreath from the Class of 1894".

Ed. Bell had a serious operation at Walter Reed in July, but is now recovering. He and Mrs. Bell are going to Tappan, New York, to spend Christmas with their daughter.

—*W. B. L.*

1895

Miles is covering the water front along the West Coast this winter, after having attended the Army-Navy game; due to return in good time for our 55th Reunion.

Bolles, too, is having in mind a trip from San Antonio for our Reunion in June.

Pritchard, back to form in writing his own letters, reports Mrs. Pritchard improved and improving after a siege of poor health; still at Corona del Mar, in California.

Casper and Mrs. Conrad, San Antonio, are making no promises about coming East in June, but a letter from Conrad is assuring that their hearts are in the right place.

The death of Col. George McClelland Derby, October 24, is worthy of more than passing note by those of us who recall "Mac Derby's Bridge of Boats"; "pants drill" in Washington Valley in our time; and the song, "When that drill was o'er . . . The men were all so glad. . . They felt as much elated . . . As before they had been all so sad. Now let fall, give way all. Oh, 'twas such a bore . . . Everyone was happy when that drill was o'er." Class of '78, he

graduated No. 1, and the Association's Register of Graduates shows him to have been the last survivor.

—F. B. W.

1898

Eight members of the Class of '98 assembled at luncheon at the Army and Navy Club in Washington, Wednesday, November 30th. It had been the intention to get the class together on Thursday, December 1st, but in the morning's mail on Monday, November 28th, there arrived by airmail a notice of the death of Col. Lambert W. Jordan, Jr. (Jimmy) at his home, 824 Birchwood Drive, Los Angeles 24, California.

Jimmy had developed heart trouble some ten years or more ago, and had made his home on the edge of Beverly Hills, Los Angeles, a wonderful garden spot, although the greater part of his one-half acre was so steep that a goat would almost need steps to climb it. However, he had terraced it and planted it with hundreds, if not literally thousands of various plants. He made a special hobby of rare orchids and cactus plants. He sent all over the world for them, and had some even from the interior of Asia.

Mrs. Fries and myself, on our visits to Los Angeles in 1948 and 1949, were entertained at dinner by Jimmy and his charming wife, in their home. They were a very happy couple, and Jimmy in speaking of his hobby of various plants, said he engaged in that because it kept him outdoors and was good for his health.

He retired in 1922 after twenty-four years of fine service. He was in the Infantry at Santiago, June and July, 1898. He took part in the Philippine Insurrection, and in 1916 in the punitive expedition into Mexico under General Pershing. After retiring, he engaged in real estate transactions, of which he made a success. He married a Miss Carpenter, daughter of a prominent family in Los Angeles.

Jimmy was always popular, always pleasant, and made a host of friends. He is the first one of the class to pass to the Great Beyond since the death of Craig in July 1944.

There are still twenty-seven of the class of fifty-nine living. Eight of them are in Washington, D. C. At the luncheon there were:—Bricker (Neddy), Brown, E. I. (Jabberwock), Cole (King), Conner (Fox), Fries (Amos), Henry (Guy), Johnson (Jap), Wooten (Wiley). Exton, who has been sick for several months, could not be present. Brown has been in Washington for some eight months, with a cataract on one eye, which he had treated in Walter Reed Hospital and Johns Hopkins in Baltimore. He was out of the hospital, and well enough to return to his home at Southport, North Carolina.

Of course, the passing of Jordan was the first subject of comment and regrets. They had all been informed of Jimmy's passing prior to the luncheon, and of the contemplated interment in Arlington Cemetery. Immediate inquiries were made of the Quartermaster Department and the Cemetery officials, but neither had heard anything then, nor have they since, concerning Jimmy's death or of his proposed interment at Arlington. Your class representative is completely in the dark as to what is taking place. It is just possible that they have changed their plans, and are interring him in Los Angeles.

The next subject of discussion of course, was the Army and Navy game on Saturday, the 26th of November. It was interesting that while all were glad that West Point had won, there was regret expressed that the game was, as President Truman is reported to have said, "a little one-sided".

In so far as your class representative has information, most of the class is in as good

health as could be expected, considering that the youngest must be over seventy-two. We only know of two really ill, at the present time, Exton in Washington and Ottwell, living in San Gabriel, Los Angeles County, California, who has not been well for some time, although we have not heard recently. Of the eight at the luncheon just spoken of, Guy Henry and Neddy Bricker look to be the youngest, and therefore would be expected to outlast the others. But as we all know, none can guess who will be the next on the list.

We shall try to keep better touch with the class than we have recently. Some of us are still working, and hope to continue to the end.

—Fries.

1899

W. Kelly, looking fit and rosy, blew into town the other day, on his way to California, probably for the winter. His two years in Germany as advisor on power did him no harm. Clark, C. B. writes from St. Petersburg that he is encouraged about his eyes.

The Washington contingent is more than happy to welcome Cowan, back from California, which he always liked, to be nearer his son Jim and family. His address is The Westchester.

From the reunion at West Point, Halsey Yates bounced out to Hawaii, as an official guest of the Navy to view the big combined maneuvers there. He represented the Los Angeles Disaster Coordination Committee. Halsey surely has lots of bounce!

Herron reports that he lost his job as Treasurer of the Washington Branch of the Army Relief, of which Louise Herron is the President! However, he is still President of the Edgemoor (Bethesda) Citizens Association and one of the three judges of the Montgomery County Court of Tax Appeals, all of which, together with the job of caring for an acre of lawn and garden, keeps him exercised.

Embick's grandson, Albert Dunbar Wedemeyer, Class of '46, is now stationed in Germany with his infantry regiment.

—C. D. H.

1904

The ceremony dedicating the Memorial Plaques honoring the graduates of West Point who gave their lives in battle during World War II, held in Cullum Hall on October 6, 1949, was most impressive. Personnel of 1904 present included Mrs. C. S. Hoyt, whose son's name, Major C. S. Hoyt, Jr., is shown on the plaque under Class of 1937, and Mrs. L. J. McNair, whose husband's name, our "Whitey", heads the list and whose son's name, Colonel Douglas C. McNair, appears among the Class of 1928. Ellen and Bill Bryden and Mrs. C. L. Fenton were also present at the ceremony.

The Army-Navy football game at Philadelphia this year was wonderful, the game, the score, the weather, the cadets and midshipmen and the crowd. The following of 1904 were noted as present: Ellen and Bill Bryden, Crystal, Fenton, Gregory, Phillipson, Sadie and Conger Pratt and Carolyn and Willie Whipple.

McIlroy's address is now 5597 Sunbury Road, Gahanna, Ohio.

Pickering's address in Washington, D. C., is now 3901 Connecticut Ave., N.W.

Mrs. S. C. Reynolds has given up her home in St. Louis and now is staying the year round in Ogunquit, Maine, P.O. Box 613.

—W. B.

1905

Class Letter Number Thirteen was mailed December first. Any member or former member of the class who failed to receive a copy can obtain one by writing me at R. D. 1, Dover, New Jersey. Several extra copies are available and will be supplied on request to any one interested, as long as the supply lasts.

All efforts to reach Chief Seagrave were futile. Any one knowing his address please get in touch with me. He was last heard of in the vicinity of San Francisco, California.

Letters sent to F. B. Upham at his previous address have been returned with the notation "moved no address" We would like to get in touch with him.

Titus is the Grand Celestial Counselor, Thirty-second Dynasty, Imperial Order of the Dragon!! In other words National Chaplain, just an honorary job as he is anything but a joiner. Our Class Godson, Colonel Donald Winston Titus '28, is now located c/o U.S. Embassy, Paris, France.

Burgin and his wife have located in Prescott, Arizona, on a 5,000 foot hill and last winter were snowed in more or less. They hope for better weather this winter.

Guthrie is now in Veterans Hospital, Minneapolis 17, Minn. with a case of chemical poisoning. He has had many blood transfusions but late news indicates considerable improvement in his condition.

Wilby, on October 24, was the guest speaker at a meeting of the Syracuse Technology Club in the Syracuse Museum of Fine Arts.

Magruder, whose address is Bluburn, Buttonwood Lane, Rumson, N. J. writes he has a garden and has learned with Confucius that "he who hath a garden doth not travel".

Scottie's son, R. C. L. Scott, who was a major during the war and was an instructor at U.S.M.A., is now an Associate Professor of History at Williams College.

It appears that there is no race suicide as far as the progeny of '05 is concerned. Four of our members have seven grandchildren; two of them have six; four have five; six have four; seven have three; fourteen have two and six have one grandchild.

Plans are being made for our 45th Anniversary Reunion next June and you will be hearing the details in a few weeks. Hope everyone will come.

—Ramsey.

1906

Back at Ho-o-nan-e-a on Biscayne Bay, (in case anyone should ever want to send in any news), address 1199 Bay Drive, Miami Beach, Fla. having followed the mallards and teals down the flyways of central Florida, with the car heater on all the way down. (Believe it or not). And on arriving called up L. P. Horsfall to arrange about plotting the Army-Navy game, and found his phone not yet hooked up for the winter. In the mail, found a note from Jim Riley that Red Hoyle had just been to the Hartford Hospital to see L. P. His brother-in-law called to say that he would be home before Christmas in good order. Missed him a lot at the broadcast of the game. What a game! What a team! What a coach!

George Morrow reports Christine is now free of her cast and on crutches, waiting for her knee cap to bear her weight. She expects to be in good shape soon. Her accidental fall occurred just as she and George were leaving High Hampton at the end of our mountain reunion. They missed the game but George, Junior, sitting in their seats, saw Tubby Loughry, Jim Riley and Sue Clagett, making big with the noise, close by him. George has some new fish stor-

ies that ought to be checked in case anyone comes down by Daytona.

LeGrande Paine sends a lovely letter in appreciation of George's story in *Assembly*. It's from Alexandria, La.

Remember Leo Dalton, who left us in December, 1903. He passed away at Oak Ridge, Tennessee in March, 1948. He was an Auxiliary Engineer in the Atomic Laboratory there. Leo had a great career as a construction engineer and as a politician in the Yorkville section of Manhattan, working for the J. G. White Co. and the George A. Fuller Co. and politically for Tammany. In 1933-34, he was Sergeant at Arms of the New York State Senate. In 1940-41, he was a prominent speaker against the Nazi propagandists and the Bundists in New York City and was repeatedly mentioned in the New York papers. His son, Harry G., was associated with Leo in the construction business and in the anti-nazi speechmaking. Leo's wife, Madeline, their daughter, Madeline and sons Harry and Leo, Jr. survive him and live in New York City.

Dick Bursleson and his wife Ella, have left San Antonio for good, have sold their house there, have moved to Paris, France and are now at the France Et Choiseul on Rue St. Honore, looking around for a more permanent location in France. Pot Lewis is out in the Texas blurushes, building himself an oversized duck blind, for the opening of the shooting season. A mighty nimrod they say around the Sam Houston club. Julie Green has been in the hospital but is now back home getting well again. They had a long vacation this summer at Lake Okiboji somewhere in Iowa. Joe King and his daughters, Julia Ord King and Josephine, were going to El Paso to see Julia installed as an instructor in the Hotel Dieu Nursing School there, when the trailer they were pulling, jackknifed and turned over the auto, throwing Julia out on the road and hurting her very seriously. She is now back home from the hospital and has high hopes of returning to her work in El Paso after New Year. Josephine is a senior at Iowa State and will join the Army Medical Dept. as a Hospital Dietitian next summer.

Harry and Louise MacMillan announced the marriage of their daughter Louise to George Eugene Bates last October. The newly-weds have established their new home at 86 Main Street, Concord, Mass. When Elizabeth and Cort Parker are driving out that way please convey to them the felicitations of 1906.

I have a card from McKew Parr, stamped with many engravings of General Franco, and postmarked Valladolid, Spain. We should have a new story from him about that much discussed nation soon.

Johnny Johnson took his family down to the Oliver General Hospital to be checked up last month and late reports are that retirement has been good for all of them. Bill, Jr. and his wife, and grandchildren, aged 6 (boy) and 1½ (girl) spent August with them in Asheville, and Earl North and his wife have been up to visit. North, of the class of 1909, lives in Jacksonville, and it's a nice run to Asheville.

Jim Riley's daughter Betty has been seriously ill with a difficult sickness and has been with her family for a while to recuperate, but Gene and Jim are bringing her around and keeping her fine family in good order meanwhile. Also Gene and Jim, assisted a bit by nature, warmed up the Dingletown Road home in September with a grand party, celebrating their 37th wedding anniversary.

Well, the Vanguard of the great winter migration has arrived and the roosts around the Bay are being filled up and all the world is looking toward Key West just now. There is plenty sunshine for all. Time's a wastin'. Better hurry down.

—Charles G. Mettler.

1907

Hap Arnold's Global Mission gave the book reviewers a field day when it came out in September. It's Hap's own story told in his characteristic forceful manner. If you haven't read it, get a copy, you will enjoy it.

Did you see the picture of the Arnolds in Colliers testifying to the thirst quenching qualities of a popular brand of beer? This elicited a special resolution adopted at a class luncheon in Washington in October which was duly transmitted to them by Western Union.

A post card from Hap reported "Not too much going on—a new well, several new Hereford calves, a discontented bull, no rain, hay in barn being used up rapidly, cows getting pink eye—everything o.k." Sounds as though he is really ranching after all.

We heard that the Boones were in San Francisco in September where Grace was going through the eye clinic and that they were thinking seriously of moving up there. Chief Rice had offered them his home in San Carlos for the winter while he was in San Antonio.

Skinny MacLachlan, Bunny Crafton and Chief Rice were among the graduates at the Officers Club at the Presidio for the Army-Navy game. A card from Fadie Prince was most timely. He noted that the 1903 record score of 40 to 5 in the Army-Navy game had at last been beaten, but his own record for the number of touchdowns scored in an Army-Navy game still stands. His youngest son broadcast the Army-Penn State game this year at West Point. Fadie is enjoying life in California and sees some of the old crowd once in a while. The Poters dug themselves out of Oakland in the cool of the summer to spend three hot weeks in Mississippi with their son, now a Major in the Air Force. Two grandchildren made it well worth while in spite of the heat. They also came east to New York and while there came up to West Point and Newburgh where we enjoyed a delightful visit with them. Waldo has been so busy with their new home that he has practically given up golf.

Stiffie Thorpe having arrived at the statutory age has finally been retired from the Sacramento Junior College and is now looking for another job. The Thorpes spent some time with the Ray Hills in Denver last summer and while there Stiffie saw Jerry Taylor at Fitzsimons and reported that Jerry was making good progress. Jerry insists that he will be at West Point in 1952. He had also seen Skinny MacLachlan while Skinny was on a speaking tour for the United World Federalists and had run into Hap Arnold at the State Fair.

Ray Hill says that Stiffie looks just the same. Has all his hair and not a gray one. He adds that Stiffie is not quite up to riding a motor bike, but who would be except Ray.

Charley Wyman always gets out the news from the West Coast but he never tells about himself. The next time we hope that he will do so.

The MacLachlans are planning to be at the graduation of Skinny's step-son at West Point in June. The Craftons motored to Southern California recently and had luncheon with the Boones at Claremont. Dusenbury has all he wants to do with his avocado grove. George Dailey has been on crutches on account of arthritis but is back on his feet again. While he feels better he says that most of the time he is conscious of the fact that he has two old age legs but nevertheless is back in the hardware business again. The Pang Piersons plans for the winter are uncertain. They had expected to go back to Florida but the rent was doubled and they were expected to take their apartment for the entire season. Pang thought they might have to spend the winter in the north where all Viking descendants should

be able to live or die. His asthma is greatly improved, but if it gets too bad, they may decide to go to Arizona.

Injun Hayden moved to Portland, Maine in October. His new home address is 18 Bramhall Street and his office 79 Exchange Street. He reported that he was busy and happy but expected to go to a hospital to have a shell splinter removed that has been wandering around inside for a number of years.

Rick and Audrey Morrison stopped over with us in Newburgh on their way from Marblehead Neck, Massachusetts, where they spend their summers, to Washington, where they are settled for the winter at the Brighton. The Washington group held a class luncheon to greet Rick shortly after his arrival. Eleven classmates were present.

We were in Washington in October and were also a guest at a class luncheon attended by Castle, Larned, Collins, Sullivan, Rutherford, Drain, Eastman, Gutensohn, McNeil and Rose, J. B. The principal topics of conversation were the Army football team, the recent class referendum, the generous response and offers of further assistance to the class fund and the one more or less controversial question of flowers or memorials for deceased classmates. At Freddie Cruse's funeral the latter worked both ways to the satisfaction of all concerned. When the subject was presented to Mrs. Cruse she requested that a memorial to Freddie be sent to the Empty Stocking Club at Madison, Wisconsin. In accordance with her expressed wish this was done, but Charley Harris announced that he was just old fashioned enough to want to send flowers and did so. Charley by the way is giving part of his time for duty with the Ordnance Board.

Warren Lott visited the Jumbo Watkins in Jacksonville in October and is planning a trip to Key West this winter. He hopes to see Shedd, Gano, and Gallogly while in Florida. He and Jumbo have agreed to drive to West Point for the reunion in 1952 and hope for two more in their party. Florida classmates please take notice.

Dick Park wrote that life in the New England hills is most comfortable in the old farm house they made over except when the well gets too low for comfort. Dick always was pretty rugged and winters don't seem to bother him.

We have just received a most welcome card from Judge Henry who reports that he is still in Carmel. Two of his daughters are with him. The other two are married but are also living in California. He is surprised that more 1907 men have not settled in Carmel. Where have we heard that before? He sees Chief Rice at the West Point dinners at Fort Ord and runs into Skinny MacLachlan occasionally.

It has been a long time since any of us had heard from Pat Morrissey but Ben Castle, our roving secretary and good will ambassador, finally located him in a Veterans hospital in Tucson, Arizona. Roger Alexander wrote him and we believe that everyone will be interested in Pat's report: "On a recent afternoon while lying on my hospital bed in a glum mood, your letter was delivered to me and what a fountain of good will and what a wealth of news of friends of auld lang syne it contained. I am very curious about Jerry Taylor now in Fitzsimons Hospital with a year's hospitalization ahead. I do hope that Jerry is not on a boat like my own. I must write him a letter pronto and learn more about him. Enclosed you will find \$10 for the class fund. If there are other assessments due, I shall be glad to pay up. As for myself, I am still interested in this world and its developments and intend to hang on to life for some time. Thanks for your letter so full of sympathy and good cheer. I wish for all our classmates good health and happiness for many years to come".

—H. W. W.

1908

The last man of the Class of 1908 on the active list is now retired. He is Edward S. Hughes and he received a very nice letter from General Collins upon his retirement. There was also an article about Hughes in the June 25th issue of the Army-Navy Journal. General Hughes sailed on November 14 for a trip abroad.

Glenn E. Edgerton returned from Cairo in July and is now Executive Director of the Committee for Renovation of the White House. Tom Terry, who retired some time ago, was appointed in September as Executive Vice-President of the Fifth Avenue Association. His office is located at 350 Fifth Avenue, Room 821, New York 1, New York, Telephone Pennsylvania 6-7900. He will be happy to see any classmates any time they care to drop in. The object of the association is to "faster promote, maintain, and encourage the civic, commercial and industrial welfare of the city of New York with particular reference to the Fifth Avenue section". "Bunny" Goethals writes that on a trip he made in August he visited Johnny Johnson, and saw Culum and George M. Doolittle, Class of 1920.

A letter was received from Paul D. Peery Class of 1928, retired, who writes that his father-in-law, R. E. Cummins, has sold his home in San Antonio and has moved out to Point Loma, San Diego.

I wish anyone who has any news which might interest the class would send it to Wm. H. Garrison, 718 Jackson Place, N.W., Washington 6, D. C.

—Wm. H. Garrison.

1909

Phil Hayes died on November 25 at Walter Reed General Hospital, where he had been a patient for two weeks, having suffered a cerebral hemorrhage while attending a meeting of business associates in Washington. For over a year he had been President of the Uranium Mining and Developing Company. The requiem mass at the Fort Myer Chapel was attended by several classmates. Burial was at Grand Forks, North Dakota. Phil is survived by his twin sister, Miss Helen Hayes, and his mother, Mrs. Mary F. Hayes, with whom he had been living in Baltimore.

At the Navy game in Philadelphia were Bluemel, Baehr, Catron, Gage, Hughes, Mountford, Van Deusen, G. L., Walsh and Wen.

Ying H. Wen has returned to China after a visit of several weeks in the United States, most of his time being spent in Washington. He is as cheerful as ever and bubbling over with class spirit.—Thruston and Katherine Hughes have returned from their summer home in the Thousand Isles. "Buttsy" has been busy planting the rose garden at their new home in Bethesda.—The Thummels have sold their farm in Maryland and are roaming the countryside in search of a new home.—Those who have seen the Devers' new home in Virginia say "it is one of those dream country places with the charm of comfort, just enough seclusion, while reasonably accessible to the lights of Washington. Jake has been named Managing Director of the Foundation for Traffic Safety of the American Automobile Association.—Ethel Wright has returned to Washington from a summer abroad, spent mainly with friends in England.—Thanks are due to Mother Baehr for a sheaf of notes on the Washington crowd, more eloquent than space herein permits.—Rodney Roberts has "graduated" from a physical check-up at the Birmingham (Calif.) Veterans Hospital. His wife Elsa is quite active in Red Cross work.—Cliff Bluemel has been awarded the New

Jersey Distinguished Service Medal, the states highest award, for gallantry in action during the Bataan campaign. The decoration was presented by Governor Alfred E. Driscoll at a garrison review at Fort Monmouth on September 11.—Ed Marks reports that Wen called on himself and Partridge while in San Francisco. Also that the '09 folks in that sector are behaving properly.

—Glud.

1910

Our illustrious class was well represented at the Army-Navy Game when we saw a great Army team rise to the heights in defeating the Navy 38-0. Those present were Bev Dunn, Mick Miles, Fritz Strong, D. S. Wilson, Bunny Robb, Oscar Solbert, Charlie Hines, Jack Heard, John Milliken, Snakey Dunlop, Brother Pendleton, Sammy Edelman, Joe Leonard, Pappy Selleck, P. D. Uhl, Flood Scowden and many wives, sons and daughters.

An interesting news item from Georgia reports that Duncan Richart is in the race for Mayor of Savannah Beach. More power to him. The article goes on to state that some years ago when Duncan was senior National Guard instructor for Kansas and Missouri, one of his star students was Harry S. Truman, now President of the United States.

Our class will be saddened to learn that Sallie Garlington Chamberlin died in Washington, D. C. on December 4th. Interment was at Arlington National Cemetery.

One of our class sons, Cadet Clyde A. (Pete) Selleck, is making a grand record at West Point. He was one of six of his class to receive stars last year for excellence in academic work. He is now a yearling and is again standing within the first ten of his class.

The Washington contingent of the class with their wives and friends enjoyed a sumptuous cocktail party at the Army and Navy Club on October 18th. It took the place of the regular monthly luncheon. Everybody reported a fine time. J. B. Coleman dropped in for the November luncheon in Washington. It was good to see him again. Dad and Frances Byars recently returned from an interesting trip to Europe where they visited their son, Lieut. Colonel David O. Byars, Jr. and family stationed in Germany. Louie Beard writes that his activities with racing and the horses at Greentree, Lexington, Ky., continue although he spends much of his time at Thomasville, Georgia. He sees Guy Chipman every Derby Day but hasn't contacted many others recently.

Word from Jim Muir states that he is a busy, and, we guess, a successful farmer over on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. His son, Jim, is a Lieutenant Colonel in the Army and is now stationed with his family in Italy. Jerry Moore writes that life in San Antonio goes on apace and, while living there, may seem prosaic to many, Jerry says that he keeps busy and very contented. Mike Dawley drops a line from Carmel Valley, California, that it is hard to get adjusted to retired life but enjoys hunting and fishing out there. His last trout fishing trip to Wyoming was most successful. Walt Dunn says he has a fine home in New Castle, N. H., just a mile from Portsmouth. Many interesting places to see around there and the sun porch of his house is always supplied with nice cold things to drink.

A good letter from Robbie Robenson states that his new address is P.O. Box 582, Los Altos, California, where he bought a home about a year ago. He says that he sees Frank Drake once in awhile and that Frank has developed into a fine cook—of cake and the like. Harry Pillans writes that his two

daughters are both married and that he has three grandsons. He and Rosalie live alone in Mobile, Alabama. They see Eleanor and Joe Aleshire frequently. Harry is still Personnel Director of the Mobile County Personnel Board.

The Class Secretary, Snakey Dunlop, has had a fine response to his October circular letter telling of plans for our big Reunion next June. Everyone seems to be planning to go and this is grand news. It is going to be the biggest and best ever.

—R. H. D.

1911

Jack Christian's bride of a year recently presented him with twins, a boy and a girl. Will the wonders of the Class never end? Congratulations Mrs. Jack and Jack.

Fish and Katherine McKinney and their daughter Betsy have been in Washington for the past two months following three years in Austria where Fish was retired. The stay in Washington is for the purpose of giving Fish an opportunity to rest up after a long and strenuous active duty tour and in preparation for the San Antonio life where they will probably live as he owns a house there. Old Fish looks about the same as he did when he was a cadet. A little heavier but no grey hairs. Karl Bradford claims that Fish uses shoe blacking on his hair but Fish denies this and asserts that his youthful appearance is due to clean and careful living.

Blunt, Kemble, Franke, Estes, Wyche, and Fleming were present at the alleged football game between the Army and Navy. There was not much of a contest but all of them saw many old friends and the weather was not too bad so all enjoyed themselves.

Gus and Mike Franke and Louise and Bill Wyche remained in Washington for a few days after the A. and N. game so the Washington group had Bill and Gus to lunch at the A. and N. Club. Present were Wheeler, Wyche, Blunt, Mooney, Estes, Fleming, McKinney and Franke. The main topic of conversation was how to put the Navy back in the category of football contestants. As no practicable solutions were offered to this subject, the discussion turned to grandchildren which was much more interesting and definite. Most present discussed the merits and demerits of their own grandchildren with entire belief by those listening as to the recounted demerits but with lifted eyebrows when the alleged merits were proudly told. Gus claims the championship in the number of grandchildren as with the arrival of Henry Franke Hanburger, the son of Helen Dorothea, the youngest daughter of Gus and Mike, and Lt.-Col. Christian Hanburger, he now has seven. He was quite cheery about it as he should have been. Phil and Dorothy Fleming have recently become grandparents when their daughter presented them with a granddaughter.

Joe Mehaffey was in Washington recently preparing for his retirement which will be completed very soon. Joe expects to go to Turkey as a member of some mission soon after his retirement.

Many members of the class have expressed their opinions that the *Assembly* is the best means of maintaining contact among classmates. With this in mind, Gus Franke, our class president, has devised a plan which promises to broaden the news coverage for the class. He presents this plan to the class for their approval and hopes for cooperation of all members in its execution until a better plan can be placed in effect. In general the plan contemplates a Class Reporter with Assistant Reporters in each of the six Army Areas. Those living in a given Army Area to send their news to the Assistant Class Reporter for his Area so as to reach him on or before February 20, May 20, August 20,

and November 20. The Assistant Class Reporters in turn to forward their news to the Class Reporter so as to reach him on or before March 1, June 1, September 1 and December 1. The Class Reporter in turn to forward the combined news to the Secretary, Association of Graduates so as to reach him on or before the 10th of March, June, September and December. In order to put the plan into operation, Gus has asked Karl Bradford, 3136 P St., N.W., Washington, D. C. to be the Class Reporter and the following classmates to be Assistant Class Reporters:

First Army Area: Allan Kimball, Mohawk Carpet Co., Amsterdam, N. Y.

Second Army Area and District of Washington: Franklin Kemble, 219 S. High St., Selingsgrove, Pa.

Third Army Area: W. E. Larned, 7502 3rd Avenue N., St. Petersburg, Fla.

Fourth Army Area: Fred Gilbreath, 1511 Woodlawn Blvd., Austin, Texas.

Fifth Army Area: Chas. R. Baxter, 2500 S. Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill.

Sixth Army Area: Harold Nichols, 276 32nd Ave., San Francisco, Calif.

If you like this plan lend a hand; if you don't like it still lend a hand but write Gus about your plan or your modification of his plan. The point is let's keep in touch with each other.

—Howell M. Estes.

1912

1912 staged, in spirit, a grand roundup around its Christmas fireside, as reflected in the annual Class Christmas Bulletin. All of the 149 composing the total Class roll, with the exception of three lost members (Mathias, Wallace and Veeder) were present in spirit or were represented by widows or other next-of-kin in the case of the 36 deceased classmates, or otherwise were accounted for, thus demonstrating that, as time marches by another milepost, 1912's Class Spirit and loyalty to Alma Mater are growing stronger and stronger.

Christmas '49 found only 8 graduates of '12 on the active list: Haislip, Kirk and Rose in Washington; Gatchell at West Point; Chamberlin in Chicago; Robertson and Nickerson at San Francisco; and Walker in Japan. Tom Hayes has been recalled to active duty as senior U.S. member with the North Atlantic Military Production and Supply Board in London (address: c/o American Embassy). Our two classmates who graduated with 1913, still on active duty, are: Crittenger with the United Nations in New York, and Geoff Keyes as C.G. of U.S. Forces in Austria.

The Class historian exhorts all to send in promptly to Class Headquarters reports on increases in our Class Family which, according to recorded strength, now shows: 149 on Class roll; 145 wives; 116 daughters; 129 sons; 93 granddaughters; 91 grandsons; 62 daughters-in-law; and 73 sons-in-law—a total of 858 members.

Two important additions were very recently reported: Walker, W. H., Jr., born on November 10, '49 to Lt. and Mrs. Sam Sims Walker, '46, in Japan; and R. N. Bodine, IV, son of R. N. Bodine, Jr., born in Lansing, Mich., about 6 months ago. The Bill Weavers are known to be expecting, but they have not as yet reported developments, due in November, via son Bill and his wife Judy, now in Germany.

Christmas brought most warming greetings to 1912 from many old West Point friends outside of our own family circle: Chauncey Fenton of Assn. of Grads. and Danford, Secretary of Alumni Foundation;

Class of 1909 through George Van Deusen; 1910 through Snakey Dunlop; 1911 through Gus Franke and Hub Stanton; 1913 through Monk Lewis and Wop Sadler; 1914 through Jim Cress; and 1915 through Herman Beukema.

Bill Bailey's widow, Alma, reports that she and the children (Marjorie and Wesley) and grandchildren are enjoying life on their Mississippi plantation near Tunica, Miss.

Our Class son, young R. O. Barton, Jr., '48, reports: "I graduated with my wings on September 30 and when I called home in Augusta the next day from Oklahoma City, I learned then that I had become a father on the same day. It's R.O.B., III and we call him Rocky. . . I am now stationed at Smyrna A.F. Base . . . address: Apt. E-4, Riverside Apts., Old Hickory, Tenn."

Nalle Bodine writes: "We have a new home, address 446 Canterbury Hill, San Antonio 9, Texas, and a new baby, my grandson and namesake, a better man already than his grandpop ever was."

Class son Wm. E. Chynoweth, now an instructor at Munich, Germany, address USCON NCO Academy, c/o P.M., N.Y., sends greetings to the Class.

Ben Delamater reports a visit to the medics in San Antonio for some eye trouble, which seems to be all corrected now, and he reports that he is fully back to normal.

We salute our friends of the Class of 1910 through Snakey Dunlop who has recently sent us a copy of his Class roster and an outline of 1910's plans for their 40th Reunion next June. May they have a grand one!

Dunmore and Lefebvre (both Ex-1912) are our most recent 1912 recruits to membership in the Association of Graduates. We hope that the few members of the Class who are still nonmembers of the Association will soon make it possible for 1912 to claim 100 percent membership.

Millard Harmon, III and Bill Hauser hope to become Plebes next June.

Hauser is teaching two classes in Algebra for the University of N. C. at its extension school at Ft. Bragg and in spare moments cultivating his garden.

In a letter from Heine Hinemon, he states: "I am coming along, it seems rather slowly, but certainly hope to be in good shape for 1952 reunion, if not sooner. Mildred joins me in sending our best. Our Betty Grant came home from Germany last June and brought 4 children with her! Her husband, Lt. Col J. W. Grant, is a student this year at Ft. Monmouth, so we will have them near us for a year. They have quarters at Ft. Monmouth"

Ralph Holliday's son, John, is now on active duty with the Infantry. His younger brother, Bill (Ex-1947), who was found physically in his plebe year, owns an insurance agency at Greenfield, Mass. Bill is married and has two sons. He writes that he would welcome an opportunity to qualify for a permanent Army commission.

Davenport Johnson, farmer and horticulturist, has recently finished painting his lovely home in Colorado Springs, and he and Marion say that they are anxious for members of the Class to stop and visit with them as they journey their way. Jack and Cornelia Lewis will come down out of the mountains in January or February to warm up in California until the spring thaws will let them return comfortably to their lovely home in Boulder, Colorado. Jack complains of too many hunters and not enough game (deer and pheasants) during the past hunting season.

Class son Jimmy Malony, '45, who resigned from the Army last June, is now general manager of United Printed String Co., Ashboro, N. C. (just outside of Greensboro). He reports that he and his wife Angela and baby Pat are happy and thriving in their new surroundings.

Harry McLean and "Chen" Chynoweth spent part of this fall touring Europe. "Chen" returned early in November; reported covering 24,000 miles total. Harry was last heard from in Paris; will return to his home in Tuxedo, N. Y., by Xmas. Paules reports: "My son Bill is now on duty in the Office of the C. of S. in Washington. John is in the 1st Div in Germany though we hope he will get home on leave next spring to be married". Robby Robertson, who seems always to be on the move away from his C.P., spent most of December in Washington as President of a selection board for general officers.

"Colonel" Snow writes: "Last Friday, October 21st, 'Herbie' Patterson and I traveled to Washington to attend a Class Luncheon at the Pentagon. Present: Haislip, Johnson, I. H., Boykin, Brown, G. L., Patterson, Arnold, Malony, Thomas, Rose, Crawford, R. C., Snow, Hayes, Drake, Hobson, Mooney, and Wilbur. Quite an enthusiastic gathering".

We are pleased to have Hub Stanton write us: "As you know, Gerry and I have had contacts with many classes, and we agree that 1912 has the best Class spirit of them all."

Tommy and Gladys Thomas will visit with their son Booth and his wife Millie this winter in their new home at 315 LaVerne Ave., Mill Valley, Calif., a suburb of San Francisco across the Golden Gate Bridge.

The plans of the Class for the 40 Year Reunion in 1952 took a definite step forward with the selection of Ham Haislip, at a Class meeting in Washington, in October, as Editor-in-Chief of the Forty Year Book.

The results of a questionnaire submitted to a cross section of the Class regarding memorialization of those who died during World War II in addition to those killed in action, indicate that the Class is rather evenly divided with a slight majority against further memorialization. Since the opinions expressed by class representatives in conferences on this subject indicated that there should be no further memorialization in case there is a substantial minority against it, Gatchell, the Class Representative at West Point, voted for the Class against any further memorialization.

—W. H. H. and O. J. G.

1913

Defense Secretary Johnson announced on October 17 that Lt. Gen. Willis D. Crittenger had been named deputy representative for the United States on the Military Committee of the North Atlantic treaty military organization. Crit thus becomes deputy to General Omar Bradley, who is the senior military representative and Chairman of the Military Committee. Crit continues to serve on his other new job, Chairman of the United States delegation on the military staff committee of the United Nations. He is also Chairman of the United States Army delegation to the Inter-American Defense Board. Congratulations, Crit, nice going. Crit and Josephine will move to Washington after the first of the year, where they will be a most welcome addition to the District Military Colony.

Stuart Cramer resigned last summer as deputy chairman of the Army and Navy Munitions Board. He immediately repaired to a New York hospital, where he underwent a rather serious stomach operation. It is a pleasure to report that his recovery was rapid and normal in every respect.

Snake Young was given a temporary detail as one of the United States delegates to the International Navigation Congress, which met at Lisbon, Portugal, during last August. Normally, these Congresses are held every three years, but this is the first

session since before the war. Their purpose is to exchange the latest information by engineers of all countries regarding port and river development, for which duty Snake is amply qualified. Snake's description of a bull fight, Portuguese style, in which no one including the bull, gets hurt, is indeed a tall tale. It would appear that when the bull gets tired, the officials call it a day and the bull is gently shepherded out of the arena. However amicable and good natured this story of the bull, Dorothy's account of the shops of Paris and Vienna is out of this world and a real thriller for the ladies for whom a personal interview is suggested.

Joe Viner and Doug Greene, in their usual hospitable manner, engaged a room at the Hotel Ben Franklin for the members of the class and their friends who attended the Army-Navy game. They provided all the trimmings with which to celebrate a glorious victory and, needless to say, a grand reunion was had by all.

Pete Corlett has been named vice president of the Texas Housing Co., Dallas, and the New Mexico Housing Co. of Santa Fe. Pete's speciality will be in development of housing projects and new marketing outlets. It was a great pleasure to see Pauline and Pete on a September visit to Washington. During October, Pete made a hurried business trip to the District, but this time he came alone. It was a great mistake. He spent most of the time in bed with a sprained ankle.

Monk Lewis sailed from San Francisco about the fifth of October on a freighter for a tour of South American ports. He expects to be gone about three months, and a recent letter indicates much enthusiasm. So much so, in fact, that upon his return he expects to continue the voyage, same Captain but different ship, to European ports. This trip will also last three months with three weeks on the Continent. With completion of this Naval phase of his military career, we hope he will settle in Washington, D. C.

Pink Crane has packed up bag and baggage, bade Washington au revoir, and has settled near Leesburg, Va. He has tired of the life of a retired general, and is now engaging in a man's game, raising beef cattle. At future reunions, he can trade experiences with the Tennessee drover, Dixie Crutcher, the Maryland Squire, Tex Davidson, the New Mexico Ranchero, Pete Corlett, and the Indiana Hoosier, Pat Rafferty.

—O. K. S.

28; to Flip Lewis, who lost another of his children September 2, and to Turk Wyeth, whose sister Dot, (Mrs. Walter Chandler of Memphis) died at Tucson on November 16.

—F. W. H.

1915

Two classmates, Ike and Brad, could by themselves provide enough grist for these notes to use up our quota many times over. For the most part we leave their doings to the mercies of the press and the wire services, adding only that Ike is up to his neck as vice-chairman of the Service Academy Board, helping to determine what kind of training institutions the Armed Forces should have. And Brad continues to meet major public issues with the forthright approach we came to know in his cadet days.

The 9th Division, 15,000 strong, extended a moving farewell to Arthur White at Fort Dix on September 22 in a ceremony he won't forget. John Devine, '16, relieves White, as the latter heads for retirement. Make the most of it Arthur.

The ranks are thinning again. Clinton Howard died in Sacramento on September 23. He retired three years ago, having served as commanding general of the McClellan Air Force Base from 1943 until the time of his retirement.

Reunion plans are moving forward in orderly fashion. Ample accommodations for the ladies have been assured by the Bear Mountain Inn. That simplifies the transportation problem. Also it gives the spouses their chance to rival the male bull fests in barracks. Full details on Reunion, next issue.

From Orlando, Fla. comes word that Leo Walton is still prospecting for a house in Winter Park. The "bargains" they tried to sell him got Leo down a bit. Lev Williams offered a snappy solution: a rich widow with a bad cough—and a good house. Leo hasn't bought—yet.

Meanwhile, Orlando's voters persuaded Lev to reverse his desire to get out of politics, noted in a recent issue of *Assembly*. By a vote of 3,842 to 2,076 he was nominated for another 3-year term as Senior City Commissioner. Down Florida way, that's the same as election.

—H. B.

among the ancient ruins on the Appian Way. Babe also reminds us that his boy will graduate in 1951. He is some boy—an inch or two taller than his dad. Babe hopes we'll all come to the Reunion and see the boy graduate.

Dwight Johns, who has been Division Engineer of the South Pacific Division, is retiring December 31. When he moved to California two years ago he bought a home in Piedmont and his present plans are to remain there after retirement. George Blankenship passed through Washington on his way to the Army and Navy game. He had a little private reunion with many of his old friends there.

A letter from Pat Flanigen at Athens, Georgia gives this correspondent the razz about reporting a visit of his oldest son to Atlanta last summer. Pat reminds us that it is also his youngest son—in fact, his only son. He says that the boy is not married yet, principally because he realizes that his dad is not old enough to be a grandfather.

Horace McBride, Chief of the Military Mission to Turkey, was back in Washington on official business in October. He was able to attend the Class luncheon at the Army and Navy Club with about seven of the Washington crowd. He expected to return to his post in Turkey after a stay of about two weeks. Spence Merrell and his wife also arrived in Washington, from St. Louis, during November. They made the trip by automobile and had stopped enroute in Richmond where they had a visit with Gus Bayer. From Washington they were planning to go to Philadelphia and New York, where they expected to meet more classmates. Of course they planned to take in the Army and Navy game in Philadelphia.

Dick Levy has been ordered to duty in the A.G.O. in Washington after two years' service with the F.E.C. in Tokyo. He is expected to arrive sometime in December. Craigie Krayenbuhl's step-father, Colonel Arrowsmith, died on October 8th at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. The sympathy of the Class goes to Craigie and his sister, Dorothy in their loss. There are few of us who do not remember many pleasant Sunday afternoons spent in the Arrowsmith quarters during our cadet days.

—Bliss.

1914

Wee Burr and Reiff Hannum retired September 30; Wee's new address, 939 Chelsea Ave., Glendale 22, Mo.; Hannum will stay at his present home, 4801 Connecticut Ave., Washington. Fenn Lewis expects to retire from his civilian job soon. John Carruth's daughter, Dorothy, married Captain R. H. Potter, Jr., on duty at the Letterman Hospital, on November 4. Johnny Kennard, in New Orleans, reports that he is improving slowly but surely from two very serious operations performed about a year ago. Ralph Royce has left his job with the State of Michigan and is spending the winter in California, address care of Wm. Berges, 5718 Elmer Ave., North Hollywood. Snowden Skinner has left his job with the VA in Boston, and is planning a southern trip. Leland Stanford has moved to 1818 Lynn Street, Arlington, Va. Shrimp Milburn did not come home; he is still at Hq. European Command, A.P.O. 403, N.Y. Turk Wyeth, still in Santa Barbara, is selling Chevrolets instead of real estate. Don McRae owns a prune ranch near San Jose, address Route 2, Box 441, Cupertino, Calif. Dabney Elliott's office address, Beach Erosion Board, 5201 Little Falls Road, Washington.

The sympathy of the Class is extended to Jim Bradley, whose wife died September

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Ralph Sasse was married at Wilmington, Delaware, on October 15 to Ella L. Robertson of Fort Smith, Arkansas. Ralph is still living in Lewes, Delaware.

Jack Nygaard, who is with the International Refugee Organization in Italy, spent three months in Trieste this summer. He saw Bill Hoge and Nettie while there. Bill is doing a grand job commanding U.S. troops in Trieste, and Jack says that their home in Miramar Castle overlooking the Adriatic is something to write home about. Tom Finley, after a summer in the East, has returned to his new home in Colorado Springs, which he acquired last spring. Eddie Shafer, now in Laredo, Texas, says his son, who graduated in 1943, has resigned and is now in business in Los Angeles, California. He also says he heard from George Newgarden up in San Antonio. He is busy shooting doves.

Babe Weyand returned to Cornwall-on-Hudson in October, after a summer spent visiting his children in Europe. He covered eleven countries on his trip, and reports having seen Jimmie Ruddell in New York, Red O'Hare in Paris, Calvin DeWitt in Heidelberg, and Jeff Baldwin in Rome. While in Rome, Jeff took him for a moonlight drive

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During the fall of 1949 many members of the Class turned out to lend support to another great Army football team. Among those visiting West Point during the season were the Mark Clarks and daughter Ann, the Irvings and daughter Betty, the Heaveys, the Foltz, John McEwan, and Bill Cowgill. At the Penn game were the Collinse, the Mark Clarks, the Joneses, the Cotas, the Beurkets, the Foltz, the Sinklers, the Woods, and Bob Ransom. At the Navy game were the Collinse, the Mark Clarks, the Ridgways, the Irvings, the Cotas, the Joneses, the Haydens, the Martins, the Codes, the Tullys, the Comptons, the Sinklers, the Woods, the Eleys. Bill Cowgill and Wallace Redner. Incidentally, Dutch Cota was Chairman of the West Point Society of Philadelphia's welcoming committee and did a grand job. Dutch, now retired, is living at the St. George Apartments in Ardmore, Pa.

Sterling Wood and his family are also living in Ardmore, Pa. Returning from Germany last summer, Sterling is now P.M.S.&T. at the University of Pennsylvania and has bought a house at 1720 Hawthorne Ave.

On November 1, at a ceremony in Joe Collins' Chief of Staff's office, Louie Ford was sworn in as Chief of Ordnance. Johnny Devine has returned from Japan and is located at Ft. Dix, N. J. as Commanding Gen-

eral of the 9th Infantry Division. Birdie Eagles has also returned from Japan and is assigned to Sixth Army Cen. Mil. Dis., San Francisco, Calif. Willis Teale is now Chief Engineer EUCOM. The Whitcombs' present address is San Felipe 915, Lima, Peru.

Recently Love Mullins departed from Ft. Meade, Md. for his new assignment as Army Member of the Joint Brazil-U.S. Military Commission in Rio de Janeiro. Enriette Schroeder was at West Point during October to visit the Schroeders' plebe son, Cadet R. L. Schroeder. And Laddie and Jim Hayden made a pre-Navy game visit to West Point, bringing with them highly interesting snapshots of their two Army grandsons—one at Ft. Bliss, Texas, and one at Ft. Knox, Ky.

On November 19, in Washington, D. C., a wedding of great interest to the Class took place in which Joe and Gladys Collins' daughter, Gladys May Collins, became the bride of Mr. Jerome Joseph Stenger, Jr., of East Falls Church, Va. The ceremony, which was held in the Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament at Chevy Chase Circle, was followed by a reception at the Ft. Lesley J. McNair Officers' Club. After a wedding trip, the couple will make their home in Alexandria, Va.

Other social items of interest are contained in reports sent in by Steve Sherrill, for which we are very grateful and which we quote in part: "On Sunday, September 18, the members of the class in Washington, Fort Monroe, and Fort Meade, met at Fort Meade with their families to honor Gladys and Joe Collins. It was the proudest and happiest meeting of the class since that rainy day in April, thirty-two years ago, when we received our diplomas in the gymnasium. Every member of the class seemed as happy about Joe's appointment to be Chief of Staff as the Collinses were. In a way this is the climax to all the successes and honors to the class during the years since we were new cadets. We assembled at about five at the Gerhardt's quarters for cocktails and then crossed Roberts Avenue to the rustic Scout Lodge on the shore of Kelly Lake. There a buffet supper was served and later all gathered around the piano where Dot Eley played the old cadet and football songs and Meacham and Cole led the 'singing'. It was a marvelous party and all who attended owe a vote of thanks to Nina and Charlie Gerhardt and Sam Smith—the class contingent at Meade. Present were Ruth and Marvel Armstrong; Elinor and Rex Beasley and daughter Martha, a student at American University; Laura and Percy Black; Gwen and Aaron Bradshaw; Janet and Tupper Cole and daughter Jean, who is a student at Vassar; Gladys and Joe Collins; Bill Cowgill; Connie and Dutch Cota; Suzanne and Ira Crump; Dot and Bill Eley; Louie Ford, whose recent appointment to be Chief of Ordnance added to our pleasure and pride; Nina and Charlie Gerhardt and daughter Nina; Gladys and Gus Gurney; Catherine and Milt Halsey; Vivian and Fred Irving; Adele and 'Meach' Meacham; Aline and Burnett Olmsted; Bob Ransom; Penny and Matt Ridgway, who just reported from Panama to be Deputy Chief of Staff; Enriette and Harry Schroeder; Dot and Steve Sherrill and their son Steve, Jr., now in the Office of Secretary of Defense, and his wife Peggy; Sam Smith; Pescia Sullivan, who came on from Jeffersonville, Ind.; Emily and Kivas Tully and daughter Neosha and her husband; Elizabeth and 'Van' Vander Hyden; Mary and George Wooley.

"On Saturday, October 29, classmates and wives in Washington, Virginia, and Maryland were the guests of Vivian and Fred Irving at a cocktail party at their home on 36th Place, N.W. in Washington. These parties are bringing the members of the class back together again and are looked forward to by all of us here in Washington. The next meeting will be a luncheon for the class members at the War College Club about

the middle of December. Those present at the Irvings' party were Ruth and Marvel Armstrong, Percy Black, Janet and Tupper Cole, Rhoda and Bates Compton and daughter Mary, Suzanne and Ira Crump, Dot and Bill Eley, Aline and Burnett Olmsted, Helen and Bob Ransom, Enriette and Harry Schroeder, Dot and Steve Sherrill, Sam Smith and daughter Betty, Elizabeth and 'Van' Vander Hyden, Mary and George Wooley."

A welcome note from Kivas Tully relayed colorful cards from Jack Nygaard sending Jack's greetings from Italy to all; and a most interesting letter from Jack himself informs us that he is happy in his work with the International Refugee Organization. Jack's wife, nee Anna Maria Canali, a mezzo soprano, is a native of Italy who has sung operas throughout Europe. Jack writes: "It was grand seeing Wayne and Reenie Clark in Italy last June. Wayne was invited by the Italian Government in commemoration of the fifth anniversary of the capture of Rome by his 5th U.S. Army on June 4, 1944. I guess neither of them will ever forget the fine reception in Italy". The Nygaard's address is 78 Via San Nicolo da Tolentino, Rome, Italy, A.P.O. 794, Care Postmaster New York.

—T. S. S.

August, 1917

Sometimes I feel that if we had a two-platoon system working on these news columns you would get better news. Tried to get our G-1 Red Warner and our man-about-the-post Red Durfee interested but they are so busy taking care of each other that they have no time for away-from-home-games. Coach Dorothy Warner has a tough assignment.

The pay increase seems to have given a spurt to retirements—or maybe it's just the old biological urge for peace, rest and gentle living. It is reported that Eddie House, the Orlando realtor, has convinced Hal Barber that Winter Park, Fla., should be Hal's home after the first of the new year. Then Bart Harloe suddenly ups and accepts a position as Assistant Professor of Civil Engineering at the University of Hawaii. Apparently he and Virginia took one look at Boston weather and beans and decided to return as soon as possible to Honolulu, sunshine and pineapples. That Harloe pair is pretty cocky for another, and very good reason—they have four grandsons. Any competition? Our class active strength will soon be 43.

John Ter Bush Bissell and Julia will be at home to any of you after February 1, 1950 at Carmel, Calif. John wants some fishing and hunting playmates. We had a terrific, and nice, surprise up here not long ago when Jack Hawkins in person with large cow-hand hat blew in from La Luz, New Mexico. Don't waste time trying to find that place on the map—it is near Alamogordo and the rocket station White Sands. He's dabbling in cattle but has other schemes to top the opportunities of the great Southwest. He'd "shore" like to see some of you.

Ed Leavey now has set himself up as a transportation Engineer and Consultant—living at P. O. Box 416, Round Hill, Va. and working at the Transportation Building, Washington 6, D. C.

Some new addresses and activities for you: Eddie Maling at Kennwood, Sonoma Co., Calif.; Gordon Heiner rebuilding an old home at 601 Jackson Ave., Lexington, Va.; Leq Conner, Secretary, 1st Armored Division Association at 1115 17th St., N.W., Washington, D. C.

Everett Brown has gone really high-hat, having just been elected President of the Merrimac Hat Corporation, Amesbury, Mass. Perhaps you didn't know that he has served

a tour as President of the American Hat Manufacturer's Association.

A quotation from one of Jules Schaefer's letters:

"I just returned from what the Secretary of Defense called a Joint Orientation Conference. The best part of the Conference was a get-together with some of the gang in Washington—'Biff' Jones, 'Froggy' Reed, Otto Jank, 'Poopy' Griffith, Bill Day, 'Skinny' Sharp, Major General William O. Reeder (but still 'Bill'), 'Honus' Wagner—it was quite a gang and I enjoyed immensely being with them".

Dunc McGregor has returned from the Philippines and is now at Rock Island Arsenal, Ill. He says he was the oldest living graduate at the West Point dinner in Manila last March. Don't let that bother you Dunc as long as you are really "living". He tried to contact Reyes, with no success, for that chap has apparently retired to one of the distant provinces. He probably has a number of very good reasons for such seclusion.

Finally my friends may I suggest that each of you write a letter to a real man who would really appreciate it. He is Cyril C. (Cotstick) Courture, Christmas Lake, Excelsior, Minn. Here is part of a beautiful letter from him:

"Memories stirred by your letter are far from pleasant—that horrible nightmare of a trial when I was like the man who tries to cry out, and no sound comes. I tried to call out my innocence, but nothing apparently right came out, and all my struggling availed nothing. I deserved punishment for rule infractions, but I was as innocent of the main and serious charge as a babe in arms, and the dismissal sentence crushed me.

"Well Jack, I never recovered from the blow, though, of course one goes on breathing and all that. However, if I have given the impression that I wished the Class to forget me, it must have been because I shrank from contacts that might possibly re-open old wounds. I could never know but that the official decision in my case was accepted as just by all and if so, I would have felt myself presuming to intrude."

I wish you could have received this by Christmas.

—J. W. C.

June, 1918

Present at the Navy Game were: Inez and Addie Adcock; Laddie Bellinger and his son Eddie; Mickey and Bill Barriger; Dorothy and Pat Casey; Bob Bishop; Eddie Dando; Louise Dean and John Paul, Jr.; "GG" and Jack Grant; Bob Hamilton and his son Robert; Eleanor and Connie Jadwin and their son Edgar; Freddie Kimball (who was escorting Mrs. Anne Creed of Washington, D. C.); Edith and Joe Kovarik; Anna May and Floss Lorence; Elixsa and Harry Mewshaw; Nonie and Tommy Tompkins; and Benny and Chesty Ward. At the Columbia Game your scribe and "GG" saw: Mickey and Bill Barriger, Laddie Bellinger, Jim Marshall, Clarence Townsley, Heinie Stenzel, and Chesty Ward.

Jim Pichel (our newest Bachelor of Laws) writes that Alice and Hans Kramer threw a party at their chateau in San Mateo for Mary and Bit Barth shortly before the latter couple left for Tokyo. It was a class party thoroughly enjoyed by the Barths, the Kramers, the Elliotts and the Pichels. Lane and Lita Holman gave a class party at the Army-Navy Country Club for classmates in and about Washington, D. C. Their guests included Louise Dean, Sylvia Shattuck, Jody and Pat Tansey, Adelaide and Heinie Baish, Freddie Kimble and Harry Underwood (accompanied by his sister-in-law). Adelaide's and Heinie's daughter, Sheila Christine

Baish, was married this fall in Tokyo to Captain Robert L. Johns, A.G.D., son of Mrs. Bessie Winn Johns of Cincinnati, Ohio and the late Mr. Edward Johns. It was a beautiful wedding. Sheila, a graduate of Georgetown Visitation Convent and Dunbarton College, and her husband will make their home in Tokyo until Captain Johns' extended foreign service tour ends in January 1951.

Andy Moore sent a letter from Paris which was received too late for publication in the last issue of *Assembly*. Before ending his tour as District Engineer at Los Angeles, Andy saw, from time to time, Dorr Hazelhurst and Johnny Haleston, both of whom are retired and enjoying Southern California. On his way to Paris, Andy saw Freddy Gerhard who is serving his second year as Assistant Military Attache at the Embassy in London. Marian, Andy and their son are enjoying life in Paris. They had a visit there in the fall from Dorothy and Pat Casey who were on their way to Lisbon where Pat was a delegate to the International Navigation Conference.

Pat Casey who is Division Engineer of the Ohio River Division at Cincinnati is retiring effective December 31, 1949. He is to be the new Executive Officer of Pennsylvania Hospital in Philadelphia. Wynot R. Irish, who recently completed a tour as P.M.S.&T. at Syracuse University, has arrived in EUCOM where he is assigned to the Augsburg Military Post. Harry B. Sherman has been assigned as Deputy Chief of Military Government and Deputy Commanding General, Ryukyus Command, on Okinawa. Jim Newman was recently promoted to Major General. He still heads up the Installations Branch in Air Force Headquarters. Murry Nielson recently retired at his own request.

Recent press accounts credit Lucius Clay with becoming the President of the Ecusta Paper Company and a Director of the Lehman Corporation. For the moment Lucius and Margery are living in Asheville. This fall Lucius was awarded the 1949 Freedom Award made by Freedom House, with David E. Lillenthal, then Chairman of the United States Atomic Energy Commission. Lucius is now a full fledged author. His book, "Decision in Germany", to be released by Doubleday and Company, will be published serially in the New York Herald Tribune beginning shortly after January 1, 1950.

Ralph Cruse reported for duty in the Pentagon this fall. He is in the Supply Group of the Logistics Division, Army General Staff. He is keeping bachelor's hall in a BOQ at Fort Myer while his wife is in California, with one of their boys who has not had a home for five years. Ralph plans to retire in the near future and settle down in Las Cruces, N. M. where he has purchased a home and will assemble his family.

Tommy Tompkins is retiring. He and Nonie will settle down in Vermont. Bud Miley (Maj. Gen.) returned from Japan in the fall for a permanent change of station with a Division at Camp Campbell, Kentucky. He was in Washington, D. C. for a while on temporary duty. Master William George Devins, III, is the newest grandson of Jody and Pat Tansey. He arrived while his mother Mary was at Fort Sill, Oklahoma in September. Pat has been assigned as Chief, Supply Group, Logistics Division, Army General Staff, in the Pentagon. He and Jody are living at 131 Irving Street North, Arlington, Virginia, telephone Jackson 4-0719. Dottie and Cas Casman have returned from Germany and are now at their home at 7512 St. Martins Lane, Philadelphia 18, Pa. The Appeals Board on which Cas was a Judge, was liquidated when the Government of the United States Zone in Germany was taken over by the State Department. Cas will soon reopen his law offices in Philadelphia.

Send your notes for this column to John L. Grant, 46 Cedar Street, New York 5, N. Y.

—J. L. G.

November, 1918

Bill Badger has retired and joined Hunk Holbrook's Federal Services Finance Corporation. At last reports he was at the main office in Washington but will probably open a branch office in Columbus, Georgia. Before starting work he drove to the west coast to visit one of his sons and seems to have seen a large part of the class enroute. He reports A. M. Wilson at Letterman General Hospital piping retirement, Harry Rogers at Palo Alto, Joe Glasgow in San Francisco. He arrived in Denver on the return journey in time to cheer up Bill Benton after a slight heart attack. In Illinois he visited Ken Stice. In Washington, enjoying Jes Norman's monthly luncheons, he records Holbrook, Norman, Twitty MacGiffert, Mark Rhoads, Arthur Pence, Ogden, Chorpeneing, Evans, and Smith, E. H.

Bev Tucker writes that he has moved to Texas to raise Hereford cattle. I hope he makes a million and sends us each a steak for Christmas. His address is 303 W. Beauregard Street, San Angelo, Texas.

Fred Butler claims to be working very hard at N.G. and Reserve Training as C.G. Central Military District. His Headquarters is at the Presidio of San Francisco and his Parish, the great open spaces. As Johnny Stokes has come out from behind the Iron Curtain and is now there to help him there should not be too much work for either of them.

The Jim Christiansens passed through San Francisco enroute to Japan and were greeted by the Butlers, the Stokes, the Epes (themselves enroute to Honolulu), the Allison Millers, Joe Glasgow and his New Zealand bride, the Fonvielles, Tom Ramsey and A. M. Wilson. Johnny Hughes, who is retired and living in San Francisco, was unable to attend.

Sam Walker has finished a Spanish course at the Language School at Monterey and is now studying the higher mysteries at the Strategic Intelligence School in Washington, preparing to go as M.A. to one of our southern neighbors. By the way, he started both of these schools.

Pinkie Williamson, who had some trouble with his ticker last May is much better, out of Oliver General Hospital and living in Augusta, Georgia, trying to accustom himself to comparative inactivity.

Gene Vidal left his seat at Michie Stadium for a matter of minutes during the Fordham

game to take his little boy to the usual place and missed two touchdowns, not to mention several most interesting aspects of the game.

Howard Peckham sent a long report from Paris on the ceremonies when the French erected a beautiful memorial to Ned Searby near where he was killed at Mousson, France. Howard was present, representing, most appropriately the American Government. He made a speech which marks him as still being a First Section man. It was a dandy but unfortunately space restrictions prevent quotation.

Elmer Barnes has just joined the faculty of the Industrial College. Who could be more fitted?

The long lost Alex McCone has at last reported from far places. His latest dispatch reads:

"Since last January I have been trying to 'unscrew the inscrutable' with the United Nations Commission for India and Pakistan. I head up the U.S. military observers numbering 19 Army Air Force and Marines. I also control all observers with the Pakistan Forces. They are Belgian, Canadian, Norwegian and U.S. At least we keep the peace.

"And wonder upon wonder I at last talked the lovely lady into marriage and on July 9 in St. Joseph's Church, Rawalpindi Miss Nancy Hill of New York and Wheeling and I were married by the Bishop of Rawalpindi. John Middleton was best man.

"I have no idea how long this job will last. I haven't seen home-side since early in '45. Do cars still run on the right of the road?"

There was a grand party at the Holbrook's on September 11. Present complete with wives were Badger, Barnes, Colwell, Chorpeneing, Fellers, Hendricks, Holbrook, Lovett, Michelsen, Miller, W. B., Norman, Ogden, Piland, Pinto, Rhoads, Schow, and Shaler. The singles were Bergman, Gray, L. E., Griffiths, and Van Voorst.

Elmer Barnes writes: "Helen Holbrook asked my Dorothy to write it up and send it to you. If it sounds too feminine work it over * * *. It was a sweet party, as always when Hunk and Helen entertain. Too bad you are so far away, you would have enjoyed it!" How we all would have enjoyed it! Here is Dorothy's tribute to a great party, not "worked over" by me and I hope un-edited and uncut.

"To those of us who were fortunate enough to be within driving distance of Washing-



Miss Nelson and General Peckham at ceremony honoring General Searby in France.

ton, the eleventh of September will be an evening to treasure always in our memories. For it was another class get-together, held at the beautiful, spacious home of Hunk and Helen Holbrook, who, as often in the pre-war years, were our hosts par excellence. Over twenty classmates, most of whom were accompanied by their wives, and some of whom had not seen each other since the war years, gathered in the large recreation room where the tongues wagged so energetically that it was with difficulty Helen corralled us to the terraced lawn where in front of a most attractive barbecue fireplace a long table of enticing food awaited us. THE couple of the evening, without doubt, was Archie and Sally Colwell who had flown in from Cleveland by private plane just for the event. With Archie came his famous guitar, his Leica camera with which he snapped group close-ups all evening, and his latest Cleveland Country Club golf score of 69, which he claims is for 18 holes! After the last bite was eaten the quiet fall evening was filled with singing voices as Harrison Shaler with his uke, and Hunk with his accordion joined Archie to lead us in song after song. An interesting sidelight happened when Helen, true to form, discovering it was Dorothy Barnes' birthday produced a large birthday cake with X candles, and had the young daughter of the house, Marion, escort it down the winding rock steps to the garden table below.

"We were especially glad to have Jimmy Hemenway and Jean Bevans with us. Also the Dave Ogdens brought their son Benny, now a Major in the Air Corps and his charming wife, while Pinto had his niece with him."

Howard Peckham, C.G. Graves Registration Command, European Area, A.P.O. 58, wrote:

"It was my good fortune to be able to attend a ceremony in honor of Ed Searby and to unveil the plaque to his memory on top of the hill at Mousson across the river from Pont-a-Mousson."

A photograph of the ceremony is reproduced herewith.

A translation of the lettering appearing on the plaque is as follows:

In Memory of

Brigadier General Edmund W. Searby
Divisional Artillery Commander of the
80th American Division
Killed in this Locality the
14th September 1944

And of the Soldiers of Patton's Army
Who Fell in the Liberation of Mousson
And of France
Frenchmen do not forget.

—G. B. C.

1919

Jazzbo Murphy is Director of Personnel and Administration for EUCOM Headquarters. He furnishes the following notes. Willie Palmer has left his post as Vice Chief of Staff, EUCOM, to take command of the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg. Don Shingler, formerly Engineer, EUCOM, has been transferred to District Engineer, Missouri River District, at St. Louis, Missouri. Gene McGinley is now Deputy Commander at Frankfurt. During the air lift he commanded the Air Lift Task Force Support Command. Ernest Bixby is Deputy Commander at Stuttgart. Logan Schutt is Deputy Commander of the Potsdam Mission. Charlie Pyle is Comptroller of the U.S. Forces in Austria with station at Salzburg.

Roger Evarts is now living at 51 Temple Street, Rutland, Vermont. Ham Hamilton is on duty with the reserves in Detroit; address, 6301 W. Jefferson, Detroit, 17. He recently sent in negatives taken last June from which anybody interested can obtain prints. Christian Hildebrand has retired to

831 Monroe Street, Reno, Nevada. On the occasion of his retirement he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for combat service with the 342nd Infantry Regiment in March 1945 in the European Theater. Ralph Stearley commands the 14th Air Force at Orlando, Florida.

Fall visitors at West Point have included Al Gruenther, Hugh Elliott, and Henry Nichols. Robert M. Wilson of the First Class (son of Leroy C.) was selected to compete for a Rhodes Scholarship, from the State of Illinois. Alex Kirby, still on extended active duty, is in the G-2 Section, Sixth Army, in San Francisco.

A recent summary of general officers indicates that the S.O. class now has on active duty three Lieutenant Generals (Gruenther, Twining and Wedemeyer); four Major Generals (Kean, McAuliffe, Stearley, and Wyman); and seventeen Brigadier Generals (Bean, Bradley, Brannon, Collier, Crichlow, Ferenbaugh, Harbaugh, Hartness, Hoffman, Loper, Meyer, Montague, Niblo, Palmer, Sebree, Shingler, and Zimmerman).

—B. W. B.

1920

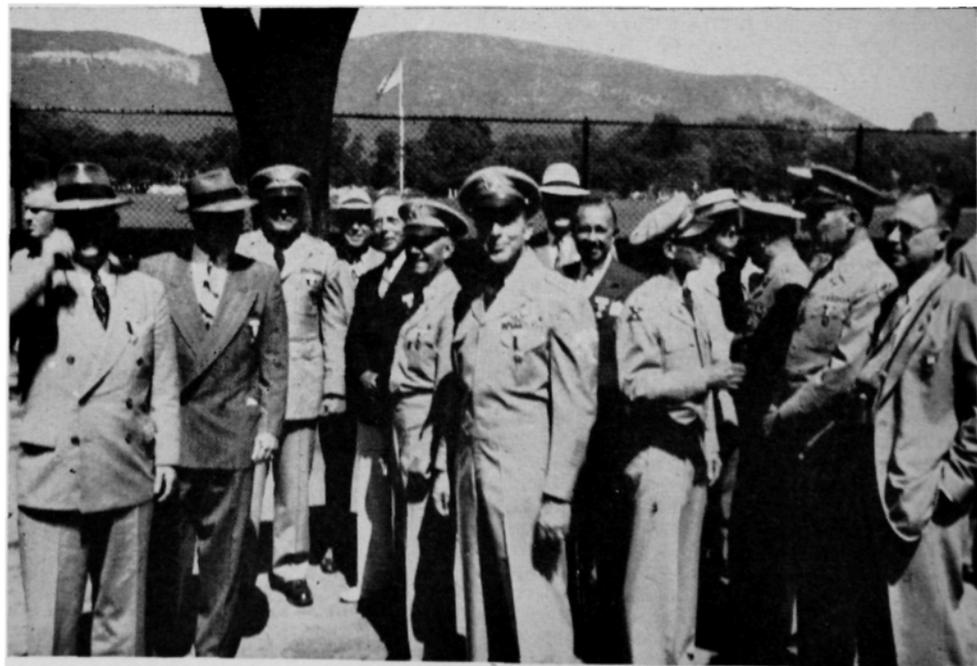
A considerable number of classmates gathered at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel in Philadelphia after the Army-Navy game where the Knappens were the charming hosts. Those in attendance were Art McCullough and wife, Bill Watson and wife, James Clark and wife, Jimmy Stratton, Harry Fisher and wife, Bill Wood (William S.) and wife, Jack Goff, Lyman Lemnitzer, Hugh Winslow and wife, Charlie West and wife, Cliff Taney, John McNulty and wife, and your scribe, his wife, daughter and son-in-law, Major John Baker, U.S.M.A. '42. A grand time was had by all celebrating the brilliant victory of the 1949 Army team and reminiscing.

Our heartfelt sympathy to classmate Arthur V. L. James of Catonsville, Md., who within the last month lost his wife in an auto accident and his son Birnie, U.S.M.A. '45, a Lieutenant, U.S.A.F., in a plane crash at Andrews A.F.B. near Washington, D. C. Art's address is 10 Ridge Road, Catonsville, Baltimore 28, Maryland.

Clarence Clendenen reports that he is now stationed at Governors Island in the I.G. Section at First Army Headquarters. Elizabeth and Clarence can be reached at home in their quarters 24A, Fort Wadsworth, Staten Island 5. Ray Bullene has been appointed Commandant of Cadets at Oakland Military Academy, Oakland, New York. This is Ray's second affiliation with a school as he was formerly instructor of mathematics at Stanton's in Cornwall, N. Y. All send best wishes, Ray, for all success in your new duties.

A nice letter has recently come from Al Perwein who has retired and resides in Sherman Oaks (Los Angeles County), California, at 4721 Longridge Avenue. Al and Maurine have purchased their home and are enjoying it thoroughly. Al has taken a position as Assistant P.M.S.&T. and Commandant of the Military school in Hollywood. About 250 boys matriculate at this school, which last June was recommended to be an honor school for the first time by the Federal Board. Many of the boys come from families whose parents are well known in Radio, Movies and Stage life, such as the sons of Art Linkletter, Joan Crawford, Betty Hutton, Gracie and George Burns and others. The Perwein sons, there are three, have done very well. The oldest graduated as a distinguished cadet from the University of Texas last June with an E.E. degree. He was first captain there. The second son is now in his last year at the same school where he holds the rank of Lt. Col. The youngest is in his second year at Duke University where he is a Naval Cadet. The two older boys served 18 months in the service during World War II. Al points with pride also to the fact that all three boys are 6 feet 1 inch or more in height. Al is but 5 feet 9 inches!

Joe Langevin is now senior instructor of the organized reserve with headquarters at Portland, Oregon. Eddie Routheau has been appointed commander of the R.O.T.C. unit and Chairman of the Department of Military Science at Princeton University. Wray Avera was recently assigned to Headquarters, Third Army, Ft. McPherson, Ga., after completing a two-year tour of service in the Far East. Wray served with the 10th Mountain Division through the European campaigns. His family consists of his wife, Mrs. Garland J. Avera, and 18-year old daughter, Alice. The assignment he vacated was that of Artillery



Class of 1920 at West Point—June Week, 1949.

Advisor and Assistant G-3 of the Joint U.S. Military Advisory Group to the Philippine Republic with headquarters in Manila.

—E. C. Gillette, Jr.

1921 and 1922

Without the timely aid of Professor Charlie Barrett, Numa Watson (now G-4, U.S. M.A.) and Perry Smith, G-2/G-3, U.S.M.A., this column might not have appeared in this issue, as C.N.B. has been out of circulation for several weeks in Walter Reed. We believe that the pleasant spectacle in Philadelphia on November 26 was witnessed by more Orioles than any such event since the unpleasant affair of 1921. Here are those we saw, in addition to each other, at the recent 38-0 show (hope none has been overlooked): Harold Conway, Johnnie, R. H., Aaron Kessler, The Schuyler's, Bill Lawton, the "P.D." Crandell's, the Albert's, Stout, Harry and Hazel Haas, the Tyler's, the Frank Greene's, Lombard, Hensey, the Klein's, Bill Kyle and Wes Yale. Total 20—of a possible 113 (including those overseas) or almost 18%!

Barrett reports: "Maxine and I enjoyed our visit to Europe last fall, particularly the opportunity it gave us to see some Orioles there. Max Taylor is doing his usual bang-up job in his current assignment as U.S. Commander, Berlin. His German has become as fluent as his other languages. He and Diddy were living in a very nice house overlooking the Wannsee, but I understand they've moved closer to town since we were there. Tommy Thomson was assigned in Berlin and we saw him there and we had also had a visit the next weekend with Tommy and Lorraine in their house in Wiesbaden. Bob Douglass was also stationed in Wiesbaden and I called him from Thomsons', but Bob was just leaving for maneuvers. Later on we saw Bob very briefly in Madrid.

"Heidelberg was sort of an Orioles' nest; there was Kastner in P.&A., McClure in the Logistics Division, Raynsford in the Signal Office and Haas in Ordnance. Harry had just gotten his eagles and that fact plus his prospect for returning to the States in October made him happy. Hazel was running a division of the Post Exchange in Heidelberg and knew just about everybody in the city. Raynsford was near enough to the end of his tour to begin thinking about his next assignment, which he hoped might have something to do with the French language. The McClure's were living in the Europa Hotel while waiting for quarters. Spud Spalding, a victim of overwork in the European Exchange system which he had been operating, was on his way back to Walter Reed so we didn't see him nor Uncles, Chief of Staff of the Constabulary, who was in the field.

"One note from this side of the water! Response to my plea for contributions to the Class Fund has been very good, and \$465 has been added to the account so that I can postpone worries on that score for a few years."

Bill Lawton is transferring to Fort Monroe; Granger Anderson has reported to Des Moines for duty with the Military District, Bob Taylor is still there; Harry Haas is assigned to duty with the Ordnance Depot in Rochester, N. Y. Dolly Hughes joined Ollie in Athens in December. Seen in Walter Reed: Patients Spud Spalding and Gus Nelson; visitors Marcus and Blair.

—C. N. B.

1923

As this goes to press we are sorry to report the following item from the New York

Times under an Oakland, Calif., dateline of December 7th:

"Col. Lawrence Varsi Castner, leader of the Alaskan combat intelligence platoon known as 'Castner's Cutthroats' in the recent war, died at the home of his mother here yesterday of a heart ailment that developed when he was wounded in the battle of Attu, and caused his retirement from the Army in 1944. He was 47 years old. * * *

"Colonel Castner, on duty in Alaska when the recent war began, used miners, fishermen, natives, and others who knew the north well as members of his combat intelligence platoon. . . . They formed a wide intelligence in the Alaskan campaign against Japan.

"He received the Distinguished Service Medal for his leadership of the platoon and also won both the Army and Navy Legion of Merit.

"The Navy award was made for his work as military adviser to the Navy on the first amphibious operation in the Aleutians. Colonel Castner took over the command when the naval officer lost his life during the mission.

"Since retiring from the Army the colonel had been operating a cold storage business in Anchorage. In recent months he had been living at the home of his mother here.

"Also surviving are his widow, Mrs. Rachel Crabb Castner, and two daughters, Diana Castner and Mrs. Regis Carr, Jr., both of San Francisco."

October 6th was a day of particular pride for us of '23 because our classmate, General Hoyt Vandenberg, was here and made the dedicatory speech at the unveiling of the plaques in memory of the graduates who died in battle in World War II. Many people complimented the speech afterwards and remarked on the clear, impressive way in which it was delivered. All of us were deeply moved by his words and the thought of classmates and friends whose names were written on the plaques. Bill Craigie was up for the occasion, and he and Hoyt came by the Library to visit me for a few minutes before going to Cullum Hall. The honor they conferred by doing so was greatly appreciated, and their company was enjoyed, as always.

Steve Conner has returned to the States from his assignment as Ordnance Officer, I Corps, in Kyoto. John H. White is now executive vice-president of the newly organized Ames Rubber Corp. at Hamburg, N. J. The company makes machine platens and feed rolls. Pat Timberlake, Maj. Gen., has been appointed Director of the Staff of the Munitions Board. He has been with the Munitions Board, and its predecessor, the Army-Navy Munitions Board, since the latter part of 1946. He was named Deputy Director of Staff in March, 1949. Bill Biddle sent a picture post card of a little village in Cornwall where he was vacationing last September, and followed it up with a letter later. He is with the U.S. Delegation to the Military Committee of the Five Powers in London. Walter C. White wrote from Nagoya Air Force Base, A.P.O. 710, "In the past three months I have run into Moe Cavender, Henry Fisher, Gene Harrison, and Don Galloway. I talked to Pooper Grove and see P. D. Weikert occasionally. Hively White just reported into Gifu which is twenty-five miles north of Nagoya. . . . Was visited by Ken Webber who is trying to straighten out the finances of the Air Force" Bill Carraway has just returned from Japan where he saw the same people plus Galloway and Mahoney, also Vandersluis in Guam and Ridings in Hawaii.

The Washington group has been very active. It held meetings on October 13 and November 16. Gleanings from the minutes are as follows (space forbids including all). Those reported present at one or both meetings were Adams, E. F., Bromley, D'espin-

osa, Dorn, Dulaney, Dwyer, Edwards, S., Fitzmaurice, Johnson, H. C., Johnson, W. G., Magruder, McLean, Nist, Raymond, A. D., Reber, Rich, Smith, G. S., Smith, J., Stodter, Timberman, Tredennick, Towle, Harrold, Bowen, Carnes, Carraway, Enslow, Greene, Greiner, Heavey, Jeffries, Johnson, F. R., Milton, Porch, Schlatter, Timberlake, Warren, Webber and White, W. C.

Sammy Johnson was the guest of honor on October 13th. Fitzmaurice was the only out of town visitor for the November meeting. Rich was slated to go to Paris around December 1st and is probably there now. John Noyes is on loan to the Interior Department as their chief highway engineer in Alaska. Stu Cowles is back on duty, but must live carefully from now on—all due to the effects of yellow fever shots taken during the war. The Washington Group extended its sympathy to the Burnside's, whose son (U.S.M.A. '45) was killed in an air crash and was buried in Arlington on October 25. Reber, Smith, J., Ken Webber, Nist, Milton, Carraway and Bing attended the funeral. Reber was appointed Class Liaison Representative to assist class widows in case of necessity. Timberman reported that he had seen Jazz Harmony in Rome. McLean reported that he had seen Imhof at the Penn Game. Imhof is located in New York City and is anxious to greet any of '23 who go that way. Sammy Johnson and wife visited us on October 15 enroute to Harvard where he is undertaking some literary research. Had a brief call from Dave Dunne on October 23. He is Assistant Commandant of the Engineer School. The Hugh C. Johnsons were here for several days at the end of October. It was his first time at the Point since graduation and the first time I had seen him, my former roommate, since then. Naturally it was a great occasion.

While brushing my teeth on the night of October 28, I was startled by a hearty greeting and turned around to find Pop Harrold standing behind me. We sat on the bed and had quite an enjoyable bull session until we remembered to go down and rescue Antoinette, who had been abandoned in the living room. Pop is retired and living in Bellhaven near Alexandria, Va. He is District Manager of the Pyle-National Co., and travels a great deal in the southeast. Frenchie Grombach presented a copy of his history of boxing, entitled "The Saga of Sock", to the U.S.M.A. Library. It tells just about everything that is known, and answers just about every question that one could ask, about boxing from 3,000 B.C. to the present. It is interestingly presented as well as written in a very readable style. Classmates will find lots of good accounts of incidents remembered from our cadet days. McGehee writes that he is majoring in Hispano-American Studies at the Graduate School, Leland Stanford University, and boasts that he has all A's so far. Two of his three sons are also students there—both juniors. Tom is majoring in clinical psychology and Judson in creative writing. Bill the other son began pilot training at Randolph last March and became senior cadet captain. McGehee, Garrecht and Diggs attended the Association of Graduates dinner at the Presidio on December 9. Castner's funeral was held that morning, and a good representation from '23 was present.

—W. J. Morton.

1925

Our Washington correspondent whose promptness in providing the bulk of the news was always taken for granted has finally let us down. Without his contribution I am more than ever impressed with how little we here at U.S.M.A. know about goings on elsewhere.

As for individual news: Bill Burbank is with the Fifth Army General Staff; Sheik Grayeb is P.S.M.&T. at St. Bonaventure; Leb Woods divides his time between the Pentagon and Wright field; Russ Randall has retired as of November 30 last; Ted Baldwin looks forward to a State Department job in Europe.

The local contingent (Nicholas, Hopkins, Crandall, Esposito) is busy making arrangements for our reunion. Nick is the local representative of the reunion committee which is headed by Jerry Galloway in Washington. In true military fashion Nick has employed the principle of decentralization to a degree achieved only through long experience. We are working hard on the project and believe we can make arrangements to put up as many of the wives and children as want to come. All the details will come to you through circulars from Washington. In view of the limited facilities and strong competition with other and larger classes we must make definite arrangements early. It will be a big help if you will promptly reply to the circulars sent to you.

We had a very impressive ceremony here two months ago. It was the dedication of a plaque in Cullum Hall in memory of graduates killed in action during World War II. General Vandenberg made the principal address—a splendid and most appropriate one. The plaque is at the head of the stairs leading to the second floor of Cullum.

Assembly has started a program to keep graduates informed of developments at U.S.M.A. If you have not been back of late you would be surprised at the number of changes—for the better—that have taken place. The articles you will find in subsequent issues will be most informative. If you did not read carefully the article in the October *Assembly* on the curriculum I advise that you do so.

—V. J. E.

1926

We welcome our newest class recruit: Jonathan McLain Perman, who joined us on Friday, October 14, weighing in at seven pounds plus, bedside. To Jinny and John, salutes.

After having once been ordered to this year's class at the National War College, Johnny Elliott's orders were changed at the last moment. He came to Washington, alright, but to The Pentagon as Assistant Director of Installations for Dependents' Housing, U.S.A.F.

Bill Bayer is now the Staff Assistant to the Director of the Joint Staff, Admiral Davis. Oka Wade, having reported in to Headquarters I Corps in Kyoto, Japan, has been appointed Corps Special Service Officer. Pinky Pearson's new address (special entree for '26, with yacht accommodations) is 2159 Riverside Ave., Apt. 6, Jacksonville, Fla. Tep Barbour has been transferred from the Personnel Bureau, A.G.O., and is now on duty with the Army Members, Joint Technical Planning Committee, U.S.A.F., The Pentagon. Ex-'26ers living in Washington now include C. R. Connolly, of 1536 Connecticut Ave., N.W., and W. W. Edmunds, of 1351 Wallach Place, N. W.

After having been in Washington for some eight years, Bertha and Ray Maude departed in June for their new station at Mitchel Field, N. Y. It turned out they were just summering on Long Island, however. An exigency of the service intervened, and now they're back, in a house in Alexandria, and Ray is Assistant Director of Requirements, Office of D.C.S./O., Hdqrs. U.S.A.F. It was all worth while, Ray figures, since he was awarded his B.G.'s star in the deal. Congratulations on a well-deserved promotion, Ray.

Among the Generals of the U.S.A.F., we wish furthermore to point out that M. R. Nelson was recently promoted to his second star. Again, our sincere congratulations, Nellie.

Recent short-time visitors to Washington included: Pinky Pearson, from Jacksonville, Fla.; Bo Riggs from London, England; and Bob DesIslets from Panama.

Harry Storke is now a member of the Joint U.S. Working Team of the Standing Group, North Atlantic Treaty Organization. He spent a week in Paris recently, during the Defense and Military Committees meetings of December 1 and November 29. On a flying trip over to London, he had time for a few minutes conversation with Bud Black, of the new JAMAG organization, who looked well, said he was, and sent his best back to all of us.

Doc Jones is now doing duty at Gravelly Point as G-2 of the Military District of Washington. Bobby Ross has been ordered from Fort Sill, Okla., to the Fourth Army 4301st A.S.U., Arkansas Military District, headquartered at Little Rock, Arkansas.

The Washington '26 crowd assembled at the Army-Navy Country Club on November 3 for a very nice buffet and dancing party, the theory being to celebrate the recent pay raise, no matter how little of it was left at that date. Represented were the following families: Ankenbrandt, Collins, Jones, M. D. McNaughton, Nelson, M. R., Toftoy, Van Meter, Bayer, Storke, Smith, C. R., Booth, Munson, F. P., Mayo, Purcell, Matthias, Barnes, Osborne, Ennis, Griffing, Ehrsgott.

An airfield on Guam is to be named for Jimmy Andersen. The field at which Jimmy was last stationed is to be called "Andersen Air Force Base" Word has just been received that Esther and the two Andersen children will be flown to Guam for the dedication ceremony. I know that every member of the Class will share Esther's pride in this tribute to Jimmy's memory.

About fifty percent of the Class have replied to the letters on Memorialization. Sentiment appears to be overwhelming in favor of nothing further being done but that Cullum Hall be considered a memorial to all of our dead.

Pinky Grinder has arrived in Japan and will have a good picture of that country before he leaves. Skinny Ringler is Planning Officer for G-4 somewhere in Japan. Coke Carter appeared in New York several days ahead of schedule. After getting his feet on the ground again he will report for duty in the Pentagon with the Management Staff Division, TAGO. He and Dottie will be living at the Wardman-Park Hotel.

On December 3rd the West Point contingent of Reeder, Heiberg, Kane and Nourse entertained for the '26 "sons" now members of the Corps. They are a mighty fine group of young men and all of the Class can be as proud of them as their parents are.

Harwell has recently been ordered to Alaska. Hamer Ford is Intelligence Officer, U.S. Command Berlin.

—H. P. S. and R. S. N.

1927

The thanks of your reporter are due to the numerous classmates who have written about themselves and others. For those who haven't written please do. I would like to be in position to edit a surplus of material for our column and can only attain this with your cooperation.

On September 23, 1949, the Secretary of the Association of Graduates wrote a letter thanking the Class of '27 for the full payment of \$75.00, our part of the cost of the Memorial Plaque for our battle dead. It was gratifying to be able to pay our part so promptly and I should like to report that

donations to our Class Fund are coming in slowly, but surely. If you haven't yet donated, send a check, not to exceed \$5.00 to Col. H. E. McKinney, West Point, N. Y. and keep '27 in such financial solvency as to meet Class obligations when due.

Our Memorial Plaque which hangs on the wall at the head of the west stairway at the entrance to Cullum Hall ballroom, was dedicated on October 6, 1949. It includes the names of Harold J. Coyle, Major, Montgomery McKee, Lt. Col., Martin Moses, Lt. Col., Edgar D. Stark, Lt. Col., Dudley G. Strickler, Major, James Wilson, Major.

The principal speaker, General Vandenberg was introduced by the Superintendent, General Moore. The entire ceremony was the epitome of dignity. Impressive were the invocation by the Jewish Chaplain, the Dedication by the Protestant Cadet Chaplain and the benediction by the Catholic Chaplain. The Cadet Chapel Choir sang "Alma Mater" and "The Corps".

Present for the dedication were Mrs. Montgomery McKee, Monty's sister, Martha McKee and Mrs. Dudley Strickler. I was unable to make contact with Mrs. Strickler except by telephone but it was Helen's and my pleasure to have Evadne and Martha McKee in our home for a short visit after the ceremony. For the information of friends, Evadne's address is 307 Weissinger-Gaubert and Martha's is 1522 Edgewood Place, both of Louisville, Kentucky.

The only recent action concerning further memorialization for those who died during the recent war other than in battle, was a study prepared by the Association of Graduates which shows quite a few classes opposed to any further memorialization.

Of lasting interest to all members of the Class is the recent action taken by our well-loved president Tom Trapnell, to establish our Washington Membership as the Executive Committee of the Class. For several years it has been increasingly apparent that we needed some form of Class organization which would center in our largest group. There probably will never be more than one or two of us at West Point, and the Washington chapter appears to be the logical group to carry on. In years to come there will be many matters concerning widows, and children of '27, retired members of the class, and the ever present necessity of committees to handle current class matters. Recognizing the necessity for a class organization to meet our changing needs and increasing Class responsibilities, Bob Aloe, the Washington Chapter Secretary, acting for the Washington group, made a suggestion to Trapnell. Trap in turn put it all in a statement which is reproduced here in full:

"As the largest group of our class is now in Washington, I believe we should establish our headquarters there. Also, we should have an active committee to keep class matters alive, and the organized Washington group appears to be the logical answer.

"Therefore, unless I hear violent protest, the headquarters will be moved to Washington as of January 1, 1950. The members of the Class, both civilian and military in the Washington area, will constitute the class Executive Committee with power to carry on necessary business in the name of the Class President. The duly elected officers of the Washington Chapter will act as committee chairman, vice-chairman, and secretary-treasurer of the class.

"Such Class funds as are now at West Point, will be transferred to the Executive Committee at the time the headquarters moves."

T. J. H. Trapnell.

Trap writes that he has had the 505th Airborne Infantry Regiment for over two years and soon expects to be reassigned. He notes that Granholm is G-3 of the V Corps. Both are at Fort Bragg, N. C.

I recently had Thursday Luncheon at the Pentagon with the following classmates: Aloe, Lillard, McGowan, Segarra, Kyster, Holtzworth, Williams and Lovell. They really mean their offer of a free lunch to visitors, so if in Washington on a Thursday get over to the Pentagon and see the gang.

Recent letters have come in from Graybeal, 9th Inf. Div., Fort Dix, N. J., Douglas, 36th Engr Comb Gp, Fort Lewis, Wash. Bell, CINCNEIM, Navy 100, Fleet P.O. N. Y. City, and Axup who is a recent arrival in Trieste, Casual Personnel Section, A.P.O. 209. Thanks to all of you for your notes. Ray Bell's letter is so full of information it is reproduced in full.

Brussels
enroute by "Clipper to
London"
3 October 1949

Dear Mac,

I have just been down to Heidelberg, and saw several of our class so thought I might pass the dope along to you—First I was on my way up to the Schloss Castle, when I saw Parner Edwards and C. R. (Hutch) Hutchinson house hunting—I had hardly left them when I found out that Fred Runesh was staying in Europe too. I gave Ralph Zwicker a ring and had a nice visit with him and Doty. I drove up to Frankfurt and found Duke Gilbreth at Hqs—ensconced in the Farben Annex. I picked up the Stars & Stripes and saw that Chubby Doan had just reported for duty with the Constabulary. I didn't get to see Fay Upthegrove at Weisbaden.

This is about it. Remember me to Helen.
Ray Bell.

Buzz Butler writes from Puerto Rico, "The Crossroads of the Caribbean", that he has finally been chased out of Headquarters U.S. Sixth Army at the Presidio, and is now Adjutant General, Headquarters U.S. Sixth Army at the Presidio, and is now Adjutant General, Headquarters U.S. Army Forces Antilles, Stationed at Fort Brooke, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

On arrival in July he found Art Solem had preceded him by an earlier transport and was well settled down as G-4 Headquarters Antilles, he also having been chased out of Fort Sill after many, many years of habitation there. Art is taking golf seriously when not G-4ing.

It is understood that Puss Whelchel will be arriving on the next transport to take over the G-2 functions at this headquarters.

Horace Quinn, retired, is living in Ogden, Utah.

The Navy game requires no comment from this quarter except to note that '27 was widely scattered in the stands from the zero to ten yard line, a loss of some thirty yards since 1936. In the short time I had to look for friends I saw a part or all of the following families: Kuter, Lillard, Bixell, McGown, Towner, Lovell, Lowe, (and Bob's mother), Holtzworth, Holland, Towner, Berigan, and Dickerson. While it may not be appropriate in such a column as this I can't help remarking on Cocky Crume and his big smile—probably can still put on his cadet uniform too. I'm sure others in the class were present and if so I'm sorry to have missed you.

Don't forget to make prior arrangements for your family for June Week of '50-'51 and above all '52, our 25th reunion which coincides with the 150th anniversary of the Academy.

—H. E. M.

1928

News is scarce this time, as the volume of mail has dropped off drastically.

Seems as if '28 is steadily losing yardage against the A.A.A. This year we had a strong team at the Army-Navy game, fighting for seats on the ten yard line. In the line-up were: Barnes, Blair, Boatner, Daley, E. K., Grinstead, Lovejoy, Ludlow, Meyers, Moran, O'Connell, Ramey, Raymond, Reber, Rich, Smith, G. F., Spivey, Webb, Wells.

Among visitors to West Point during the past football season were Malone, Mills, Harbold, Brentnall, and McLennan. Mac is a frequent visitor now that he has a son in '53.

Pete Calyer has gotten a justly deserved break. He has been granted an indefinite extension on his tour at West Point. Luke Finlay has been recalled to six months active duty as executive officer of the civilian components policy board of the Department of Defense.

On a recent trip to Washington, Reber spent a pleasant evening with Breden and family, who have just returned from Japan.

Had a good newsy letter from Wyman in Cairo. He seems to have covered that part of the world pretty thoroughly and during recent travels has seen O'Keefe at Dhahran Air Base and Boos in Tripoli enroute to his station in Iran. Just missed seeing Frank Trent at Trieste.

Carl Fritzsche has recently assumed command of the 23rd Infantry at Fort Lewis, Washington, after two months amphibious operations in the Pacific.

Probably have a "State of the Union" Class letter for you in the near future.

Major General Roger M. Ramey, Commanding General of the Eighth Air Force, has been named Fort Worth's 1949 "Man of the Year". This is a civic award given by the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce for distinguished service.

—E. C. Raymond.

1929

The quarterly deadline for the submission of these notes finds us in our customary situation of scrambling to meet it. The reason for this state of affairs this time is the intense preoccupation of your class representatives here with the Student Conference on U.S. Affairs which was conducted at West Point from November 30 to December 3. Many of you have read the favorable accounts of the conference which appeared in the press. Perhaps by the time you receive this issue of *Assembly* you will have seen a feature story about the project in *Look* magazine. For the benefit of those who may not have seen these notices, 126 students, male and female, from 53 colleges and universities in the east, including the Naval Academy and U.S.M.A., devoted four days to the discussion of the problem of a U.S. policy toward Europe in the 1950's with particular emphasis on the political, economic and security aspects of that problem. The interest and enthusiasm of the students, the civilian and military faculty advisors, and the numerous government experts who participated in the show went far toward insuring its tremendous success. The attendant favorable publicity for U.S.M.A., not to mention the splendid performance of the 18 cadet conferees, would make all West Pointers proud of the institution's part in this precedent-shattering enterprise.

The foregoing is, of course, less an excuse for difficulty meeting a deadline than a report of an event of great significance to U.S.M.A. The equally great significance of the event to the Class of 1929 becomes evident when it is realized that the chief architect and prime mover of the conference was Abe Lincoln.

The bulk of our quota of remaining class news comes from the indefatigable Jupe Lindsey who, together with Kraus and

Murphy runs the social affairs of the Washington chapter of the class. The latest roster of this group includes 87 members of the class, slightly more than the 256 surviving 1929 graduates listed in the 1949 edition of the Register of Graduates published by the West Point Alumni Foundation. At the moment Jupe's committee is working on plans for a get-together of the Washington clan during the second or third week of February. Any out-of-towners who plan to be in Washington about that time should contact Jupe whose address is Armed Forces I.&E. Division, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Washington 25, D. C.

Jupe has sent us a two-reel consolidation of 8 mm motion pictures taken at the 10 and 20 year reunions by John Hammond and himself. We had hoped to be able to view and review the film before compiling these notes but have had no success assembling the three of us, our wives, a projector and an operator at one time and place. However, we will have something on the film in the next issue of *Assembly*.

Bob Love who has been with the Veterans Administration since his retirement in 1946 writes that he plans to leave it the first of the year for work in a field which has no connection with the Civil Service. Bob's address is 770 Darien Way, San Francisco 27.

Ducky Hail reports from the University of Arizona at Tucson where he is Assistant P.M.S.&T., that the arrival of twin daughters in September doubled the number of offspring in his family.

From Japan comes word from Bill Hamlin that Chuck Hunter, Bob Ward and himself are in Sendai. Bill adds that de Reimer has been seen in the area with C.I.C.

Sorry, no report from the European Command this time. Maulsby, McAneny et al please buck up.

—J. D. F. P.

1930

In the normal course of events we might expect our honorary classmate, Bromie Bromberger, to retire a year or two ahead of us; however it is to be sooner than that, according to the New York Herald Tribune editorial of November 25 which is quoted herewith:

"We are sorry to read of the impending retirement of Chief Magistrate Edgar Bromberger. He has been a sturdy fixture of New York City government in one office or another through the entire La Guardia era as well as Mayor O'Dwyer's first term, and it is regrettable that illness now compels a retreat from public life at the peak of his efficient talents.

"Mr. Bromberger is head of an immensely complicated branch of the judiciary whose importance is largely underestimated and unappreciated. A million cases a year are handled in the magistrate's courts, a staggering cross-section of human involvement with the law. After seven years as a magistrate, followed by a year's interlude as Commissioner of Investigation, and then a ten-year term as Chief Magistrate now scarcely half ended, it is evident that Mr. Bromberger has left a distinct and admirable mark.

"The magistrate's courts have particularly progressed in dealing with sociological problems. We have seen, under Chief Magistrate Bromberger, the creation of a specialized division called the home term, dealing in warm, human fashion with family difficulties, toward the end of stopping crimes before they have a chance to develop. The youth terms, segregating adolescents from adult offenders, is another Bromberger accomplishment. This year a complete psychiatric service to diagnose and treat

adolescents is operating in the magistrate's courts for the first time. Standards of probation service have risen markedly. These are only a few details, but they occur in a field where, as Mr. Bromberger says, 'we find our greatest satisfaction and our highest reward'.

"The improved techniques in handling traffic cases have been apparent to all in recent years. Efficiency in the table of organization, emphasis on courtesy, have become ingrained. The professional bondsman seems to be under better control. Such improvements result from the tone at the top, which in this area of justice is set by the Chief Magistrate. But we are pleased to note that Mr. Bromberger, in his letter of retirement to Mayor O'Dwyer, points to 'increased rigid independence of our bench and freedom from any discriminating influences and from any attempted interference in the impartial administration of justice' as the established climate in the magistrate courts. That is a statement to be treasured by all New Yorkers, and one by which to remember Edgar Bromberger's devoted services."

Congratulations to Dick O'Keefe on his star. As Bob Wood would say, "That brings to nine the number of Air Force general officers in the class which is 22.5% of the total".

Phil Wehle wields pen instead of sword as he succeeds classmate Bob Booth to the secretaryship of the General Staff, Headquarters Army Field Forces.

Seen at Army football games this fall: Rod Carmichael, Carl Brandt, Ted Kimpton, Noel Neal, Mark Smith, Charlie Odenweller, Jan Pospisil, Jimmy Lockett, Troup Miller, Joe Haskell, Paul Weyrauch, and Paul Yount.

Make your plans now for that reunion next June Week so that you can answer in the affirmative our postcard which you will receive in January.

—F. R. W.

1931

The news this time must start with the very fine report we heard that Doc Strother had received his second star. This was confirmed by talking with him at several football games and adding congratulations to those of many others.

While on the subject of general officers it might be well to run through those now in being as listed just recently in one of the service journals. Such a listing will also serve to keep the class roster correct and up to date. Here is what has been reported as of November 26.

Hutchison, David W., Brig. Gen., C.G., 97th Bomb. Wing, Strategic Air Comd., Biggs Field, Tex.

Lee, Robert M., Maj. Gen., C.G., Tactical Air Comd., Langley A.F.B.

Moore, Ernest, Brig. Gen., Chief, Air Intelligence Div., D.C.S./O., Hq. U.S.A.F.

Strother, Dean C., Maj. Gen., Dir. Military Personnel, D.C.S./P., Hq. U.S.A.F.

Timberlake, Edw. J., Jr., Brig Gen., C./S., 5th A.F., F.E.A.F.

Yates, Donald N., Brig. Gen., Chief, Air Weather Service, MATS, Washington.

As I have mentioned the class roster I might as well state that it was compiled from sources available here, a list from the Washington group, and from some rather meager correspondence. No doubt it has many incorrect addresses—but under the circumstances it was the best available information on November 1. Its future accuracy depends on the support and interest of the Class in notifying me of any change in address or the correct address of various individuals. Thanks to several of you I have

already been put straight—Paddlefoot Hercz is not in EUCCOM as previously reported but is a student at the C.&G.S.C.—as is Pete Peters who was the first one to send me a change of address card. From his card I believe he had been in isolation at Camp Pickett, Virginia. Another inaccuracy had placed Bill Davis at the Red River Arsenal. I was wrong there. He is doing his stint with the Logistics Division in the Pentagon. There are just too many Bill Davises in the Army for me!

The football season always brings together many of the Class—and this year was no exception. At the local games among those who were present I saw Scottie Dickson, now working with the General Electric at Schenectady; Marvin Coyle, Francis Passarella, John McAleer, John Daley, Walter Esdorn, Leonard Henry, Jiggs Mahoney, Bob Alan, Al Greene, Ben Turpin, Joe Coolidge, Bob Lee, Doc Strother, Merillat Moses, George and Effie Wertz on their way to Germany, and Merle Fisher and family. The Navy game turned out the following that I saw—Jim Corbett, Dickson again, Fletcher Cole, Charlie Howze, McAleer, Lover Eaton, Francis Passarella, Jim Mooney, Billy Bell, Cornie Lichire, Marvin Coyle, Dead-Eye Henry (ask him where he sat), Bob Lee, Doc Strother, Sam Smellow, Klem Boyd, Coburn Smith, Charlie Hoy, Dick Jewett, Francis Pachler, Bobo Beishline, Sleepy Semple, Bill Woodward, Skidmore and Stayton. There were others I am sure—but my fingers were so numb I could not write any notes—just had to trust to memory! We really had good seats too—one of the Navy's goal line stands, where they put forth their best effort, was just in front of us. We could almost touch them!

From Charlie Densford comes the news that his oldest daughter was married the last of August. Rumor has it that a member of Ted Timberlake's family did the same. Time certainly marches on!

Back to Charlie now—he has been on a jaunt through South America as coach of the U.S. Rifle and Pistol Team which took part in the International Shooting Championship in Buenos Aires. As to the results of the match I regret I could not find them. Now for the bits of news from various parts of the world.

Augie Schomburg has moved from his job in Ottawa to the Watertown Arsenal. T. R. J. Hickey is in Washington I am told but his name doesn't seem to be on the Washington roster. Joe Brady, from Knox, but leaving for Germany reported that Dick Watts, ex our class, is a successful lawyer in Louisville. Sid Brown is with the A.F.F. Board No. 2 also at Knox. Bill Cassidy, holding the levees at Vicksburg, has recently seen Danny Workizer, Ward Bond, and Quinty Brown in the Third Army area. Quinty, I believe, is under orders to the faculty at Fort Leavenworth. From the Washington area comes news of frequent luncheons and parties. Charlie Howze seemed to be masterminding these—especially the one at Fort Myer. Chester Ott wrote in from Portland, Oregon, to complain about his problem of coping with his teen-age daughter and two sons. He did state that P. V. Dick lives in the same city and that Parks Houser had been there too. Chester is a lumber tycoon and can sell you as many board feet as you want. Fanny Bogart and Jake Smart are students at the National War College—so I am told—and Walt Ellis is at the Industrial College.

It was news to me when I read that Gaspare Blunda was in the Air Force and on his way to Bolling A.F.B. He will be another one you can add to the Washington group. Orders have been published sending Danny Workizer to Yokohama in March. As the lists appear for the spring session of The Armed Forces Staff College they have so far included Bill Chandler and Chuck Westpheling. More should be on it as it

begins to firm up. Irv Jackson has orders to Fort Dix—so he'll be available for any class duties that might arise.

A last minute dispatch from Dick Lawson brings some random notes on the Washington group which may be of interest to those of you who are away.

P.&O. Division has: Warren Hoover—Army War Plans Branch. Jack Daley—International Branch Chief. Walker Milner—International Branch Exec. C. J. Herrick—Control Branch. Europe & Middle East Branch—Jim Corbett, John Westemeier and Blair Ford. Far East & Pacific Branch—Dick Lawson and George Elegar.

Elsewhere in the Pentagon are: McCrimmon, Charlie Duff, Bob Hackett and Bob Cardell—All in the Army Comptroller's Office. Ted Parker and Mervyn Magee—Office of C. of S./Army. Dick Danek—Logistics Division.

And last but not least Ticky Bonesteel seems to be heading for a top level job in connection with either the North Atlantic Pact set up or its parallel—The Military Assistance Program. Just what his duties will be is not clear but he is to be congratulated on his selection and he has our best wishes. It is a responsible job and an important one.

As I look at my calendar it says the deadline is December 10. Well that means only 15 days to Christmas so I'll end and do some shopping. Kreuger and I send our greetings to you.

—John K. Waters.

1932

When, at the most fraudulent election, I was "elected" to write the column for this issue, there was still a certain feeling of inward smugness. For the Army-Navy game was to be played shortly before the deadline, and what better source of class news is available throughout the year? But the fates and Ocky Krueger stepped in to thwart the project; from our superlative seats on the goal line (which was itself adequately hidden from view by a completely opaque steel pole approximately three feet in diameter) the closest discernible classmates were Charley Baer ten yards up the field and Eddie Farnsworth an equal distance into the end zone. Also greeted in passing or recognizable on our side of the horizon were Rush Lincoln, Stan Wray, D. B. Johnson and the McCormicks. Other agents reported the presence of Zitzman, Tisdale, Hartshorn, McDonald, MacNulty, Stoltz, Coutts and McKeown in various parts of the stadium. Ed Burke, who saw the affair via the Juice Department's T.V., must have been paying strict attention to the game as he had no observations.

An anonymous note received by my "In" basket informs me that Tom Darcy was here for the Fordham game on his way to Washington from Germany. I can't confirm that, but we have seen Jack Sutherland's charming parents at most of the home games and greatly enjoyed renewing our association with them.

Todd Slade wishes to inform the class that he terminated his assignment as C.O. of the 999th Armored Field Artillery Battalion and his single state simultaneously. He and the former Mary Catherine Hickman are now south of the border and invite '32 vacationers to drop in on them at Insurgents No. 465 in Mexico City. At least Todd says so.

From the Association of Graduates comes the news that Charley Piddock and Carl Sciple were awarded Masters Degrees in Business Administration from Harvard last June. Nice going men, but you should not be so modest. Leave us know these things.

George Kumpe reports the Pentagon Local now has 65 members, the newly elected off-

cers being Pete Hinshaw, president, and Gene Mussett, veep. George admits to being secretary, and his home telephone is Ordway 1297 in case you are passing through and want some dope. A series of functions are planned for the coming year and we are all invited when present in that vicinity. (The new space limitation prevents repetition of the complete list of those now in Washington.)

Tommy McDonald and Maxine dropped down from their upstate hideaway a few weeks ago for a hospital visit for their offspring. The tonsillectomy was successful.

A note from Bill Culp reference Navy game tickets indicates he is now in Puerto Rico. Sorry I couldn't help out Bill.

This month's orchids to Tom Hannah, now with G-3, G.H.Q., who, in response to my urgent query, comes forth with the following information reference '32 in the F.E.C.:

Jim Churchill, also a G-3er and still single, received considerable notoriety in Stars and Stripes by grafting a golf ball on a tree of unknown species. The operation was performed from No. 4 tee, but we have no information on how the new crop is coming. Graham and George Power both arrived recently; the former in G-1 and the latter in F-2 Section, G.H.Q. Skidmore has been transferred from the Engineer Section to Okinawa, leaving Eloise and the boys in Tokyo temporarily. Hutchison is with M.A.T.S. at A.P.O. 226 and the Brumby's are in Yokohama with the 8th Army at A.P.O. 343. Henry Britt is rumored with an Infantry regiment "somewhere in Japan", but apparently his camouflage training has been superior. Come out of the woods, Henry.

Lacking the usual literary effort from Ken Zitzman, that seems to be the dope for this issue. If Tom Harvey agrees to take over the column next month you will hear no more of a slight mishap which befell him recently. In order to maintain reader interest, all that will be mentioned at this time is that the incident concerned a mobile brick wall.

—Jim Woolnough.

P.S.—The following just arrived from Zitzman:

The new bosses started off in high gear and on the night before Thanksgiving 75 diligent dilettantes of both sexes convened at the Fort McNair club for cocktails and buffet supper. Special announcement of the evening was that Mike Riley had just married Miss Arminda Chadburn of Harper's Ferry, a former W.A.C. Captain who served in the European Theatre during the war. Plans have not been finalized as yet, but they are considering buying a farm either in nearby Virginia or in McConnell's Arkansas, and for the time being are staying at the Governor Shepherd Apartments in this city. A big hello from all of us Captain, and you'll find that when you're out with boys, rank doesn't mean a thing.

While munching on a canape, learned that the Frank Deishers had recently joined the Dreyers' and Abells' exclusive club with their fifth progeny, to make it 3 girls and two boys in the order named. When confronted with this formidable figure, George Kumpe, already the father of two charming gals, said "I'll take constructive credit for the others". At the same affair, picked up an interesting note from Esther Baer who told me there is a monthly meeting at the National War College for the wives of students. Esther has no real complaint but thinks that attending two P.T.A. meetings a month for the small fry are plenty without having to go to one for Charlie too, after all these years.

At the Navy game ran into a few auslanders, principally the John Pughs from Fort Bragg, Tom McDonalds from Watervliet, Bill Means, Hunter Harris (a big noise at Sandia), Tom Harvey and the Hillbergs from

West Point, and the Charlie D'Orsas. Charlie has been a key man on General Mark Clark's staff in four countries on three continents and has rejoined him at Army Field Forces since last heard from. Some people thought they saw a cloud approximately the size of a man's hand when they spotted Ernie Powell with the same lovely cupcake he had dragged twice before. For non-committal Nick, this is the equivalent of a golden wedding anniversary for you or me.

At the hotel after the game ran into Harley and Sis Trice, now living at 34 Crawford St., Bronxville, N. Y. and am happy to report that both are happy. Harley has a job he likes very much with the Mine Safety Appliances Company, of New York, and during business hours can be reached either there or at the Stork Club. Joe Gill and Chris Dreyer, both in Air Intelligence have donned eagles again and on them it looks good.

And finally a plea on behalf of Pop Duncan who is trying to unload his cozy house in Arlington as fast as he can. Bouncing out of his house one crisp day last fall, with Bonzo at his heels and bursting with well-being, Pop picked up the morning paper to discover on the front page an aerial view of greater Washington on which was diagrammed the potential effects of three atom bombs deposited on the most probable targets. One dismayed glance was sufficient to identify his own location well within a circle succinctly marked "area of complete destruction" "During office hours I'm ready to sacrifice myself at a moment's notice, but at home I've got Latrelle and Bonzo to think of," explains Pop, "I want to get out at least to the zone of lingering death by radiation."

—Ken Zitzman.

1933

The end of a great Army football season, the promotion list of selectees for permanent Lieutenant Colonels and the staggering thought of Christmas shopping requirements all lead to the fact that the deadline has arrived for another issue of *Assembly* notes.

Gerry Roberson, who is rapidly becoming the most faithful correspondent from points distant, reports in from the European Command where he is Chief of the French Liaison Section, Intelligence Division, Hq., EUCOM, as follows: "The small group of '33 here in Germany had a lunch together in Europa Hotel of Heidelberg, October 4, as the first of a series of such meetings to be held at noon on the first Tuesday of each month. Present for chow at the first meeting were Bill Blandford, Soapy Waters, Cy Letzelter, Freddy Coleman, Ralph Talbot, Ab Huntsberry, and Gerry Roberson, all of Hq., EUCOM. Unable to be present were Johnny Lane, Hq., EUCOM, Frank Henry, Sp. Plans, G-3, Hq. Constabulary, and A. A. Miller, Q.M. Section, Hq. Constabulary. The latter two were in Stuttgart and could not make it, and Lane was away on an inspection trip. Bill Blandford is going to look up and see if any other '33 members are in Germany to include Air Forces. We know Charley Pottinger is Air M.A. in Berne, but haven't seen him. We'll try to get him in on the next one." Bill might look up Dave Adamson, as according to our info he is somewhere in that vicinity.

Apologies are due Dick Montgomery for not including extracts of his most interesting letter in the last issue of *Assembly*. Dick's letter arrived a few days too late to make the deadline, and although he has since returned to the United States and believed to be stationed at Biggs Air Force Base at Fort Bliss, Texas, the following pertinent extracts are quoted: "I feel very remiss in not keeping you up-to-date on the Okinawan

phase of the Far East, so thought I would drop you a line. I have been on Okinawa one year, have been through three high intensity typhoons, the last one 'Gloria' at 175 miles per hour, and have the following to say: 'The United States never looked better.' I have been at Naha Air Force Base, Okinawa, since April of this year and have thoroughly enjoyed the assignment. I have been the sole '33er on Okinawa for some months. A few days ago, Herb reported in for duty as C.O. of an Engineer Aviation Group at Kadena Air Force Base. He looks the same as ever and it is a pleasure to do business with a cooperative gentleman. He has been a big help to us already. On March 31 of this year, a howling bundle from heaven presented himself on our doorstep and has continued to grouch about the chow ever since. Not long ago, he developed an eye infection and was flown to Tokyo to the General Hospital for treatment. I had a terrible time explaining to my fighter pilots why my son had to get his first ride in a bomber!"

The recent and most successful Army football season gave quite a number of the members of the class an opportunity to see each other once again. Five home games here at West Point enabled a number of us to get together, particularly after the Columbia and Penn State games when open house was held immediately following the games in the lounge at Smith Rink. Information filtered out to those members of the class attending to report there after those games. Amary Gandia and Pugh Pearson, from nearby Governors Island, were regular attendants at all the home games and Bear Eyler, retired and living in Paterson, N. J., managed to find time to come up for several. Among the other classmates who presented an appearance were Ed Raff, who is stationed at the Naval War College at Newport, R. I., Jack Lewis, who is living in Newton, N. J., where he is engaged in fishing and hunting as a primary interest and according to him, in the real estate business whenever necessity dictates. Dodd Starbird and Duncan Hallock managed to make one home game, coming from Washington, as did Sim Whipple. Kay Kaesser, who recently returned from Korea and now stationed in Washington in the Legislative and Liaison Division, was also on tap for one game. Milt Summerfelt reported in personally for one game and flew into Stewart Field immediately prior to the V.M.I. game and deposited the Rev. John B. Shinberger, who then hitch-hiked the few odd miles to revisit the scene of his many former conflicts with the Academic Board, taking in the Saturday afternoon game and leading a discussion with the cadet prayer group immediately after chow that same evening. Shiny has completed his schooling for the ministry, has been ordained and now has his own church in Purcellville, Va. Johnny Breit came up the weekend of the Fordham game from the Naval War College, bringing along his young son, Bill, for his first introduction to the local scene.

Of course, the high-light of the mid-season was the Army-Michigan game at Ann Arbor and the majority of the class from here managed to get there. Also seen at the game were Rosy Grubbs, frantically looking for a ride on the ground from the airport to the stadium, Dick King, appearing as though he was in readiness to take over a first-string spot at either end, George White, stationed at nearby Detroit Arsenal, and Deacon Signer, on leave of absence from Sears Roebuck in Chicago and escorting his sons. Of course, the Navy game brought out its usual large contingent of classmates and I am sure that the outcome was enjoyed by all. According to rumor, no one apparently enjoyed the game to a higher degree than Lass Mason, who had migrated northward from Maxwell Field to take in the festivities, and Joe Cowney who made a similar

trek from New London, Conn., where he is living the life of a retired soldier and neophyte lawyer. Joe has passed the State Bar Examination, but according to his wife is catching up on duck hunting prior to engaging in the active practice of law.

Pinky Webster reported by telephone after one of the local football games that he is attending the Air War College at Maxwell Field where Kingfish Kelly is the Chief of Staff. He also stated that Charley Thayer had just given a lecture to the student body as a representative of the State Department. Speaking of Charley Thayer, the following extract of a New York newspaper is quoted: "Mrs. Cynthia Dunn Cochrane, daughter of James Clement Dunn, Ambassador to Italy, and Mrs. Dunn, will be married on November 19 at the American Embassy in Rome to Charles Wheeler Thayer of Philadelphia, director of 'Voice of America', and chief of the State Department International Broadcasting Division. After the wedding Mr. Thayer and his bride will return to this country and will make their home in Washington * * *" A later newspaper release reported the fact that the anticipated wedding had to be postponed due to Charley being summoned to Washington for an emergency conference a few days prior to the proposed date. However, it is assumed that by now the wedding bells have pealed forth and that congratulations are in order.

Congratulations are also in order to Harlow Miles and Red White, both of whom recently became proud fathers of baby boys. For the Miles' it was their first boy, and for the Whites' their second.

The list of students for the forthcoming class at the Armed Forces Staff College, starting soon after the first of the year, finds '33 well represented. Bob Douglass, Allen Chapman and Jim Boswell, all presently stationed in Washington, Lyle Bernard and Stan Lonning, from Benning, Tony Kleitz, from Fort Knox, Amaury Gandia, Governors Island, and Dick Agnew, ex-'33 from Fort Meade, Md., appear on the roster.

Dave Gray reported bumping into Hank Sebastian after the Navy game. Hank is the senior air instructor for the Air National Guard of Pennsylvania and his present address is Route 2, Anville, Pa. A change of address card arrived recently indicating that Charley Lydecker is now dusting off his name plate at No. 2 Park Avenue, New York City, where he is on the Military Staff Committee to the United Nations. Until recently, Charley was stationed with the United States Military Mission at Quito, Ecuador. Eh Ehlen took sufficient time out from his arduous studies at the Industrial College to report in by letter that he, Pete Bellican and Jake Messersmith are all on the honor roll of that institution. Bill Given has been ordered from Washington to the Signal Center at Fort Monmouth, N. J., and Hadley Richardson, back from a brief tour in Iran, has gone to the Second Division at Fort Lewis, Wash. There he will join Jack Rudolph who was recently complaining of the lack of classmates in that vicinity. Other orders indicate Joe O'Malley is vacating the halls of The Pentagon for troop duty with the 3rd Armored Cavalry Group at Fort Meade, Md. Walt Jensen reported in with an early Christmas card from Athens, Greece, where he has been on duty with the Army Advisory Group for the past two years. Walt indicated that he was due to leave in the near future but that he hoped for another assignment in Europe in connection with the military aid program. Paul La Due has recently been transferred from the St. Louis Engineer District to Hq., 6th Army in Chicago. Anyone in the vicinity of San Antonio will find Mac McClelland living at 311 Carlton Court and working with the Caterpillar Co. as District Area Manager in that area. Mac retired for physical disability a

couple of years back and has been with Caterpillar since that time.

In the last issue, it was reported that Doug Davis was in Fitzsimons General Hospital as a result of having been stricken by polio. No further word has been heard as to Doug's condition. We now find that polio struck another class of '33 family in that Doug Gilbert's son, Randy, is hospitalized in New Jersey with a severe case contacted last summer. Doug is presently stationed at the Armed Forces Staff College and it is hoped that he will be able to obtain an assignment nearby upon completion of the course. The best wishes of the class are extended to Doug and his family and we hope that the recovery will be rapid.

Perhaps some other news of class children might be of interest. Here at West Point we have King Henderson's step-son, Walter, a member of the Plebe class and apparently doing very well. Also, Harpo Chase's daughter, Arden, won a scholarship as an honor graduate of Columbus High School and is now an honor student at Mount Holyoke College. Time marches on!

A last minute flash from George Beeler, which was obtained under duress, gives fragmentary evidence of activities in the vicinity of The Pentagon. Extracts of George's brief but welcome epistle follow: "George Carver was visiting The Pentagon the first week in December digging out information to be used in connection with instructions at Leavenworth. Jack Matheson is absorbing mathematics at George Washington University this year, in preparation for an assignment with the Department of Mathematics at West Point next year. Early this fall a group of the class, including Buz Evans, Hallock, Maddux, Tieman, Henley, Beeler and assorted families, converged on the Rev. Shinberger at his chapel in Purcellville, Va. The group was received with open arms by the preacher who announced that, among other things, that particular Sunday would be considered as the Class of 1933 Day. The sermon was well received by all the visitors and was followed by a picnic on the grounds of the Shinberger mansion during the afternoon.

Television cut down on the attendance of class members from Washington at the Army-Navy game. Vic Maston arranged for a car on the MDW train. Boswell, Mike Smith, Hoebeke, and Beeler went up from Washington, together with assorted families. Guy Lothrop and Gerry Chapman and their families from the A.F.S.C. at Norfolk were also on the train. Cahill missed the train and was placed aboard a Navy train enroute to Philadelphia. As a consequence, he more or less sailed back aboard the class car on the return trip and acted as the initial choir leader for the return trip. The annual pool on the football game was won by a nephew of Beeler's.

The Class functions got underway this year with a dinner arranged by Rosy Grubbs and several other Air Force members out at Andrews Field early this fall. Aside from most of the classmates getting lost trying to find the Officers' Club out there, the party was very well attended and was considered a huge success. A dinner dance is planned at the Army-Navy Country Club sometime in January, and a class picnic on Sunday afternoon late in May. We hope to put announcements in the Army-Navy Journal and the Army-Navy Register several weeks prior to the functions, to serve as an invitation to all classmates from other areas to attend these functions. Several class luncheons are also planned during the year.

The needle has worn itself out for this issue. All are reminded that the next deadline for letters and info from afar is March 1, 1950, so how about some informal news. In the meantime a Happy New Year to all.

—O. E. H.

Now that the football season is over and we are all calming down a bit from the excitement and satisfaction of one of the most successful seasons in Army's history, it's time again to disseminate a bit of class news. Apparently most of our members were so busy listening to football games, watching telecasts, or attending games in person that they didn't have much time to send in class information. We've managed to glean a few odds and ends, though, from those who were seen at games and from the few faithful reporters who did write (A special bouquet to Jack Seaman for his regular reports from Fort Leavenworth), and we pass the dope on herewith. With the long, dull winter months ahead, everybody is urged to sit down and drop a line or two to U.S.M.A., just to bring us up to date on your situation.

To start the ball rolling with affairs right here at home, Travis and Margery Brown became the proud parents, on October 21, of Melissa Leen, their fifth daughter! We're sure that this establishes some kind of record, and we hereby propose the setting up of a new kind of class cup to take care of such cases! Whether they get the cup or not, though, we feel that they have special commendations and congratulations coming, so here they are, on behalf of the class! And while we're in the large family department, Helen and Yale Wolfe, with their three sons and one daughter, are due to head for the A.F.S.C. at Norfolk in February. That will break up a '34 tradition in the Tactical Department, where Tom O'Neil and Yale have, in turn, held down the job of Brigade S-4 for the last four years. Incidentally, Tom, who is now assigned to the 7th Infantry at Fort Devens, was an observer at the joint landing exercise held in Hawaii in November. To get back to the A.F.S.C., though, we have also seen orders to the student detachment there for Gooch, Hubbard, Davall, Heyne, Gilman, and Chatfield.

Seen at West Point on some of the home-game weekends were Bill and Peggy Craig, Jack and Janey Stark, Charlie and Emily White, and Craig Smyser and wife, all presently of Washington. A somewhat more hit-and-run visitor was Perry Griffith, who flew up from the Air War College to take in the game with Penn State on October 1. As far as we could see, the only difference between the Perry of today and the one of 1934 is the brush which now partially conceals his upper lip. Bob MacDonnall reports seeing Bob Kyser at the Harvard game at Cambridge. The latter Bob says his course at Harvard Business School is tough but interesting.

Unfortunately, the local classmates who attended the Navy game didn't keep a record of those classmates whom they saw, and memories of the event are already hazy (Maybe they were hazy at the time!) Anyhow, a few of those reported to have been seen at the game are: Bill and Ruth Gross, from Langley A.F.B.; Jabo, up from Camp Campbell; Hi Turner and wife, who normally live on Cape Cod but are spending the winter in Florida; Bucknams; Anderson; Mullen; O'Connell; Miller, R. B.; Gilman and Davall. If you were there and aren't mentioned here, please forgive us and blame it on the haziness.

The December issue of the Infantry Journal contains an excellent article by Charlie Brown on the principles of Human Relations as applied to the Armed Forces. Charlie is a veteran armored man, former member of the 6th Armored Division, and holder of a master's degree in journalism which he won at the University of Missouri since the war.

John Anderson appears to have become the organizer for the Washington chapter

of '34. At any rate we have recently seen a couple of poopsheets distributed by him to the gang there, one of which announces a class dinner dance to be held at the Gravelly Point Officers' Club on Friday, December 16, under the auspices of that well-known party-getter-upper, Rip Winkle. (We don't mean he's paying for it!) Since we have to go to press before that date, we have no report on the outcome of the shindig.

On November 25 Jack Smoller wrote from The Hague, Netherlands: "I have been here for just over a year now. Since I last saw you I have married and even had a young son. Consequently we have a rather full household with two children and a dog to rumple things up. Nancy is in a French school here and I am having a difficult time working arithmetic problems in French. I am now a Dutch student and have reached the advanced point of being able to argue in the language providing I can wave my arms. . . Haven't seen a classmate in Holland since I've been here. I would appreciate it if you would broadcast an appeal for some of them to drop in on us here. It is a fine, but very quiet, place". Jack can be reached at the American Embassy, The Hague.

Since the last issue of *Assembly* we received the news, now very stale, that Catherine and Fred Cook became parents of a daughter, Ellen Elizabeth, in Tokyo on July 28, 1949. . . The Joe Millers also have a baby daughter, Lucinda Margaret, born August 20, 1949. Millers live at 115 Fairlawn Drive, Berkeley 8, California, and, if previous information still holds true, Joe is a physicist at the University of California.

John Kromer writes that he is moving on January 1st from Gardner, Mass. to Meriden, Connecticut, where he will be the rector of St. Andrew's Church and will reside at 26 Pleasant Street. He adds that one of the families long active in his new parish is that of Staunton Brown. . . Word recently received from Joe Barzynski brings us up to date on himself and family: He was married October 5, 1947 on Okinawa to Mary Evangeline Schooles. They have a daughter, Terry Jo-Lyn, born June 21, 1949 at Westover A.F.B., where Joe is presently C.O. of the Base and of the 1600th Air Transport Wing. Another recent report, very brief, indicates that Travis Petty received an M.S. degree from Harvard on June 23, 1949.

We relay the sad news, received from Washington, that Joe Surratt's wife, Sidenia, died unexpectedly on September 9. Funeral services were held in Tipton, Indiana, on September 14. Belated but sincere sympathy from all the class, Joe.

Don Durfee wrote from Brazil, on December 1: "I am now alone on the job down here, the Army Attache Office having been cut to one officer, and I'm 'it'—but only 'acting' until my replacement arrives. He should be here in April, and we'll be home in May—maybe sooner. I like the job, and Rio, very much. . . Since Bob Miller left last May, I have been the only member of '34 in these parts. Bob went from the Joint Brazil-United States Military Commission to Fort Monmouth and is probably still there. Davis, J. J. and his wife, Jiggs, paid us a visit last month. He is stationed at Cochabamba, Bolivia with the mission there. He is the sub-chief of the mission and head of the 'Escuela de Armas'. He tells me that 'Slug' McHugh is his boss. . ." Don's address: Office Army Attache, A.P.O. 676, c/o Postmaster, New York.

Jack Seaman wrote from Leavenworth on November 30: "About the only news I have to pass on from Fort Leavenworth is that Kenny Cunin has completely recovered. He and Dorothy invited the class to luncheon last Saturday and to hear the Army-Navy game. Among those present were the Tysons, Manloves, Up Williams', the Dick Webbers, Kopcsaks, and the Richardsons. Herb and Jane Andrae were unable to attend be-

cause Herb took three of his fine hunting dogs down to Arkansas for some field trials. We had a delicious luncheon, and I am sure we were a lot more comfortable than those of you who went to Philadelphia"

The Killians had their fifth child, Edward James, in November. (Browns take note!) He was born at the Sandia Base. Joe is district engineer of the Albuquerque District but expects to be transferred early in 1950. . . Chick Andrews' new address is: 76th A.A.A. A.W. Bn., A.P.O. 713, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco. Harriet and the children are staying in Highland Falls until they can join Chick.

Susie Telford and Tammy Weber attended the dedication ceremony of the Memorial Plaque here at West Point on October 6. Tammy's new name is Mrs. Helen Purcell, and she lives at 54 Park Slope, Ridgewood, N. J. Susie is living in Derby Line, Vermont, Sid's home town, where she has been impressed into teaching school the last two years. Both Sid Jr. and Tommy Weber are very anxious to maintain the family tradition and become U.S.M.A. cadets. . . You might be interested to know that, in a display of class rings on exhibition at the U.S.M.A. library, 1934 is represented by Hudson Upham's ring. We can't think of anybody more suitable or worthy to represent the class.

Yale Wolfe, in his last act as treasurer of the class, urges that anybody so minded who has not yet sent in his dollar for the regular Memorial Plaque should do so as soon as possible. The class has not yet collected its quota of \$150. As for an additional memorial, no definite decision has yet been reached.

Yours for bigger and better news. You get it; we'll spread it.

—W. J. R.

1935

SAD BUT TRUE:

In and around Washington lurk 68 of the gang: Ashman, Bassitt, Beall, Berquist, Bernier, Bidgood, Boyle, Bowyer, J. K. Brown, Bryde, Coburn, N. M. Cox, Culver, Curtis, Dalton, N. B. Edwards, G. S. Edwards, W. S. Everett, L. D. Farnsworth, Ferris, Fickel, Foreman, Frye, Gee, Gibson, E. M. Harris, R. L. Hawkins, Haines, G. P. Hill, Isham, Ingram, Jeffus, G. M. Jones, Kimbrough, J. D. Lang, Lapsley, Lashley, Lemley, McGehee, Matyas, C. W. Miller, Mock, Murdock, Musgrave, Niles, O'Neal, Pickard, Pillewant, Reynolds, J. Roberts, C. A. Rogers, Rynearson, St. John, D. B. Stone, Simpson, Stanton, Stancook, Stapleton, Twitchell, Van Roo, D. C. Wallace, Walsh, G. E. White, J. Williamson, E. H. Walker, Worthington, B. M. Kelly, Van Ormer.

Bristor writes from U.S. Lake Survey, 630 Federal Building, Detroit 26, Michigan, that he met Breakefield who is taking a course at the University of Michigan, and Pat Mente at the Army-Michigan game, and that Riemenschneider had also been seen around Detroit where he is working with the Detroit National Guard.

Had a long blurb from Alfrey, A.P.O. 503, San Francisco—who would change jobs with anyone at West Point whose only duty was to send out questionnaires to classmates.

Autrey Maroun writing from EUCOM informs all that Gene Orth has a Constabulary Squadron in Hershfield; that Butch Morgan and Hugh Exton have reported to EUCOM for assignment; and that Hale, Horstman, and Firehock are still in Europe.

George Jones and Tom Musgrave at National War College. Tom Gent at Eglin Field, Florida, guiding missiles. Milt Taylor newly arrived at Fort Benning. Russ

Nicholls, retired, living at 87 E. Shore Drive, Massapequa, N. Y.; is personnel director Piels Beer in Brooklyn—prost!! Hinkle is Special Services Officer, Headquarters, Yokohama Command, A.P.O. 503, San Francisco.

Kenny Curtis just in love with his new job at Army Headquarters, Ottawa, Canada. Waterman on his second year at Harvard Business—117 Watson Road, Belmont, Mass. Walsh, another student at National War College.

Had long, and as always interesting, letter from George Eckhardt who is amassing enough knowledge of French to fool the Belgians, to whom he'll be Asst. Military Attache come 1950, all authorities willing.

—Proctor.

1936

In September Betty and Rudy Ganns turned over the column to the two of us—newcomers from Austria. Between the Ganns and the McElhenys there has been such a high standard set that it will be difficult to equal. As you remember in the January '49 issue the Memorial Plaque for all those killed in action in World War II was mentioned. The dedication, held on October 6, 1949, was attended by relatives of Phelan, Baehr, McGoldrick and Crowder of our class. It was a very lovely ceremony and everyone present was deeply impressed.

Mail was scarce but here is some dope we have gleaned from several sources, the Besses report from Stuttgart: "Jack Kelly is in G-3 in Heidelberg he is suffering only from EUCOM Headquarters nerves. Last time I saw him he was in charge of a bunch of visiting dignitaries. . . Abrams arrived here about the same time as we did and is stationed near Heidelberg. . . Sievers is with the Finance in Heidelberg. . . Also Bobby Quinn is with the A.F. in Wiesbaden" The Mohlers from Nurnberg where they are now very happy in a beautiful big house send their best to all classmates. Nancy and children had a long wait in Bad Kissingen before quarters were available. Doc is the Ordnance Officer for the Military Post. Bill Prince reports that Edwards, Gooding, Griffith, Lind, Laurion, Safford and Willis are all boning the good word at Leavenworth.

A note from Tiffany enclosed an announcement of the arrival of Pamela Rae in September. . . He and Rosemary are now at Camp Lee and bemoan the fact that they don't see many classmates. Along with Tiffany several others are carrying on the old '36 tradition, Dickens, Dunn and Grohs presented the Academy with possible prospects and Haywood, Kessler and Michaelis furnished these future Kaydets with their drags. Heartiest congratulations to all.

Orders are out for the following: Ben Evans to Bremerhaven; Inch Williams to Austria; Andy Chaffin to A.F.S.C., Norfolk; Al Peck to the Air University.

Football has drawn to a close with the season seeing many classmates at the games. Barbara and Tom Davis stopped by for the Davidson fray on their way back to St. Louis where Tom is with the National Guard and Ethel and Wirt Crockett, Jim Billy Leer and Howie Snyder dropped in for Army's victory over Penn State, saw Mary Brimmer here at the Columbia game—looking like a million. Tyler took a quick trip up from Mitchel Field for the same contest. The Navy game saw many of the class in the stands at Philly. Lampert, Gunn, Lipscomb, Layne, Tyler, Cordes, Crawford, Kramer, Leer, Tetley, O'Brien, Kieffer, Necrason, Naz-zaro, Spann, Hiester, Holton and Sutherland were all present to support the Big Team.

The McElhenys and Katzes were wonderful hosts at Stewart Field for the rest of us

here who had to be satisfied with viewing the game via television. The Ganns, Heintgeses, Holtermans and the undersigned enjoyed a good steak. Sorry that Martha Mikkelson and Jane-Ellen Dunn were baby-sitting and had to miss the fun even though their hubbies were on hand. One resolution was made by all—we would immediately start a family fund so by next year we will have the mazuma to attend the game in Philly.

Changes in addresses since the last column are not too numerous but here are a few we have picked up. Chuck Billingslea has reported for duty in the Department of Logistics at Leavenworth; Jack Jackson is in the American Zone in Austria; Jones, W. W. is at Andrews Field; Ken Madsen is with the 7th Engineer Brigade at Camp Gordon, Georgia; Nip Page is in North Dakota with the Missouri Division; Frank Shea can be reached at Wels, Austria; Bobby Trout is the Fiscal Officer for the U.S. Forces in Austria—Hope you still like Salzburg, Bob.

Just a few passing notes, Grubbs is still golfing in his same old style. Congratulations, Elmer, on your newest trophy at Aberdeen. A note in from Nancy and Roy Cole in Stockholm states: "Hearty welcome to any of the class visiting Scandinavia to visit us at Odinvagin 16, Djursholm". Dave Hiestler came back from Washington about the middle of November with the news that Jim Billy Leer will soon be leaving for Java. We noted in the October 1 A.&N. Journal a farewell party at Fort Bundy, Puerto Rico for Bob and Mildred Burnett—where are you now, Bob! Here at West Point we were all most unhappy to bid farewell to Bob and Ludmila McCabe. Bob has been sent to the 3rd Armored Regiment at Ft. Meade and it is a big loss to the contingent of '36 here on the Hudson.

Keeping abreast of the many changes that occur to each of you is a very difficult job and we would appreciate very much if you could contact your local class representatives who are: Chuck Prosser in Washington; Hank Lind at Leavenworth; Bill Connor at Sill; Bernie Bess in Germany; Jack Chiles in Japan; Monty Monteith at the Air University. We are still looking for several missing files. The last information that we have is that Benson, H. K. was paratrooping at Benning this past summer, Frost, R. F. was leaving the University of Illinois in June and Bill Haneke was to complete Harvard Business School last June—where are you all now???

Until spring when we hope we will have had mail from many of you, all of us here at the Point join in wishing all of '36 a very happy and successful New Year!

—Dutch and Dud Hartman.

1937

One of the signal events of the last few months at West Point was the dedication, on October 6, 1949, of the large bronze plaque memorializing the Battle Dead of World War II. The 1937 portion of the plaque is just to the left of the entrance to Cullum Hall ballroom, and it includes the names of 25 of our class: Perry Baldwin, Charles Browne, Jack Caldwell, Bill Crawford, Bill Dunmeyer, Jim Faber, Wilson Farrell, Richard Hill, Charlie Hoyt, Woody Joerg, Colin Kelly, Phil Lauman, Gordon Leland, Pat Little, Al Maybach, Joe Miller, Dick Nelson, Slugger Pell, Rudy Quillian, Al Rutherford, Cam Snyder, Bud Sprague, Bill Traeger, Tommy Truxton, and Bish Wynkoop. Cullum Hall was crowded for the simple and impressive ceremony. The 1937 representation included Mrs. W. O. Pell and Mrs. C. S. Hoyt, the mothers of Slugger Pell and Charlie Hoyt, as well as the wives of

Perry Baldwin, Bill Dunmeyer, and Colin Kelly.

Army's successful football campaign has served to bring out the alumni supporters of the team, and several hithertofore strangers have shown up at the Saturday afternoon conflicts. Among those noted at home games were Harry Van Leuven, over from Storrs, Conn.; Buck Forney up from Summit, N. J.; Red Minor and Paul Cullen from New York City; Fred and Sunny Campbell, Tom and Lois Compton from Washington. The class was so split up in Municipal Stadium that no one person could get around to them all, but among those reported as present were Bill Hipps from Maxwell Field; Marty and Kitty Green from the Armed Forces Staff College at Norfolk; the Charles Clagetts from Frankford Arsenal; Jim Peale, Phil Sterling, George McDowell, Bill Cain, and the Stegmaiers, from Washington; Comptons, now at Aberdeen; Cullen and Van Leuven again; and the Horace Davissions from Picatinny, where Dave has been chief of the Industrial Division since August.

New replacements reported for the class of 1937 were very scarce this quarter, but Tom and Lois Compton advise that their third attraction, red-headed Madeline, reported on May 15 to keep her brother and sister proper company. Caryn Louise Curtis joined the Coy Curtises at Tempe, Ariz.; on October 10. Coy reports that all is going well.

Several new changes of station have transpired or are anticipated: Freddy Clarke writes that he is enroute to Okinawa, A.P.O. 331, San Francisco. Isabel and the children are staying in Albuquerque until they can join Freddy. Freddy and Sunny Campbell are awaiting the February class at Norfolk, while Walt Conway and Marty Green are expecting orders for the Far East upon completion of the present Norfolk Class. Jim Brierley has obtained his Doctor's Degree from M.I.T. and now is with the Ballistics Research Lab at Aberdeen. Kirsten has left Frankford Arsenal for Army Field Forces Board No. 4 at Bliss; Kimbrells now are in Germany, passing through West Point on their way over; and Standbergs now are in Italy with the Battle Monument Commission. Harry Wilson is with the 11th Airborne at Camp Campbell and participated in Armistice Day Parades with his outfit at Nashville. Whitey Mauldin received his Master's Degree in Business Administration at Harvard this last summer.

A few more letters came in this time: George McDowell sent an up-to-date list of addresses from the Washington area and included therein such additions as Abercrombie at Fort Belvoir and the Dan Russells, Borkos, and Stegmaiers, in Washington. George gave some very interesting statistical information on class activity around Washington—51.2% normally attend all class luncheons, which take place every other month. Phil Sterling writes from Silver Springs, Maryland that he still is teaching Math at Bullis School and coaching their J.V. Football Squad; will coach rifle during the winter. Perry Eubank writes in from Pasadena that he has finished (in 1948) a two year graduate course in jet propulsion and rockets at Cal Tech and has since been assigned as Army Field Forces Liaison Officer with the Cal Tech Propulsion Lab. The Eubanks have their own home in Pasadena and therefore especially like the detail. They have about the class average in children: a girl seven, boy three, and boy 21 months old. Perry saw Barksdale's at Leavenworth last summer but few other classmates in his peregrinations of the summer.

Johnson, C. L. has been quite active, in an intellectual way, this quarter—he and Gas-House Martin participated in a debate with a couple of First Classmen (and lost, by acclamation?, of the Cadets) on the sub-

ject: "Resolved: The Class of 1937 had the last REAL PLEBE YEAR". More recently Johnny has been most active as one of the guiding hands and moderators in the current U.S.M.A. Student Conference on United States Affairs. This conference was set up under the auspices of the Social Sciences Department, and it included representatives from about 50 eastern universities. Bill Lewis has been in the limelight with the Cross-Country Team which won the IC4A meet in New York and placed 5th in the National Intercollegiate meet out at Michigan State the Monday after the Navy Game. Bill is O.C. of Cross-Country.

The social activity of the class at West Point was highlighted by a supper at Round Pond the night of the Harvard Game. Lewises, Hineses and Johnsons served as the host committee. All the West Point contingent, except a couple watching the game, attended; and Debills and Minors came up from New York. Scotty Hall writes of the continued gatherings down at Maxwell and the Air War College. Told us that Charlie Stark is in the present War College class, in addition to many others, most of whom have been previously reported. Thanks again for your information each issue, Scotty.

—Giles Evans.

1938

Although this may be a little late we hope you all had a Merry Christmas and will have a Happy New Year. You learned from your last *Assembly* that I was to meet the deadline for this edition. My qualifications for the job of secretary and editor are indeed outstanding—I happened to miss a class meeting and my nomination was approved by a unanimous vote. Just for your information, Sternberg will write the Class Notes for the next edition so send any information you have to Ben, c/o Dept. of Tactics. Incidentally, he missed a class meeting held at Ed Bailey's on November 29 and was nominated for the job by the same democratic procedure.

By this time all of you that were lucky enough to see the Army-Navy game have thawed from without and have no doubt recovered from the attempts to keep warm within. Army fielded a superb team this year and for those of you that did not see the Big Rabble in other games—you saw them at their very best in the Navy game. They were superb all year and though Penn as always gave us a tough time Army was never better than against Navy. Incidentally, the plebe team as well as "B" squad was undefeated so prospects for future football seasons are bright.

After the Columbia game the West Point Chapter had a get together at Round Pond. After dinner Nev Howell displayed new talents, he set aside his accordion to put on a few skits written, directed, recorded, and produced by Nevin. Among the visitors were the McHaney's, the Kelly's, the Sims', and Brownlow's.

From newspaper clippings: Art Smith was appointed as Director of Placement for the American Institute for Foreign Trade. Pitchford is the Dean of the new College of Air Science and Tactics at Maryland University. That is a high sounding title and Cozy is well pleased with the assignment.

A letter was received from Tokyo signed "P. Clabberhead Funnel" stating that Mike Hayes, Erlenbusch, and Birdboy Young are in Tokyo. It is believed that the originator of the letter was Corbett, W. H. Thanks for the information Willy—it brings us up to date on a few of those we have not heard from. A letter from Bassett provided a line-

up on those on duty at the C.&G.S.C.: Sibley, Denholm, Henderson and Bassett are instructors. Teich is aide to the Commandant. Bixby, Crocker, Brennan, Carusone, Duncan, J. G., Haley, Tracy Harrington, Learman, Lynn, McKee, Max Murray, and Frank Norris are all students. Jim suggested that an annual paper of some sort giving biographical sketches of the class would be a good idea. We'd appreciate any recommendation from those having any ideas as to how practical this would be and more important how the information would be obtained and disseminated. Jim further recommended that we consider a plan to give a cup to the sons of the members of the class who graduate from West Point. The plan was taken up at the Fall meeting of those members of the class stationed at West Point and the consensus of opinion was that the plan was a little premature and that we should wait.

After the Army-Navy game, Frank Glace made arrangements for a class get-together at the Ben Franklin Hotel and before we go any further it would be well to express to him the thanks of those who attended. With the uncertainty of reservations an affair like that is very difficult to arrange in a big hotel. As an example, although only forty (40) people were able to state definitely that they would come; there were forty-six (46) in attendance plus another half dozen who couldn't squeeze in at the class table. The following members of the class were there: Johnny and Kitty Johnson—Johnny tried to tell Amick how the seats on the 50-yard line should be allotted to the Class of '38. Mick informed him that as long as there was a Corps of Cadets and he did not have 30-years service he could expect to be between the goal post and the 3-yard line. Bob and Cornelia Love were present. He is the engineer officer at the Chambersburg Ordnance Depot. Irish and Hope O'Connor, Art and Nim Collins, Jack and Eleanor Norris, Mick and Muriel Amick, Jeff and Bobbie Irvin, Nev and Mimi Howell, Frank and Peggy Miller, Hank and Jean Crouch, all stationed at West Point were at the dinner. Ken and Evelyn Skaer were there and if anyone wants to get some information on investments and the value of a dollar it is recommended they contact the professor of economics, Skaer. Frank and Marianne Glace, Dobby and Jane Clark, Hal and Mary Kelly, Dick and Alice Stilwell, John and Jo Boyd, Jack and Jane Brownlow, Freddie Dean, all from Washington, were present. Bill Strand and his wife were there from Maxwell Field. Bill is an instructor at the Air Command and Staff School. Unfortunately, they arrived late and were not able to get at the class table, which by that time was overflowing onto the dance floor, but sat with the Crouch's for dinner. "Stuffy" Orr and guests weren't able to squeeze in either but it was good to see them.

Because we are so close to the source of the news, I think you often hear of the members of the class here at West Point so except for the new arrivals we will skip their names. Frank Miller and Jeff Irvin are new arrivals in the Tac Department. Frank will attend the January course at A.F.S.C. Frank Jenkins is a new arrival in the Math Department.

Bobs and Jess Thomas dropped us a note from Las Alamos, N. M. Jess is A.S.W.P. representative there and both are active in Little Theater work with Jess playing in "Night Must Fall". It is about time someone provided competition for Bill Neff. Most of you probably saw Bill in the picture, "I Was a Male War Bride". From the grapevine (the Thomas') have learned that Don Williams is at Sandia Base and Bill Latta is at Harvard. Thanks for your note Bobs as you can plainly see it did help the column.

A letter from J. L. Lewis' mother was very helpful. J. L. is at Harvard, is a Lt.

Colonel, has a very lovely wife and two children. Thank you Mrs. Lewis, since Jim won't tell us about himself we surely appreciate the information you sent us. Don Matheson is a civilian studying Fine Arts at the University of Michigan.

I am certain that you have read the same plea over and over again but we would appreciate it if you would occasionally drop us a line telling us where you are and all you know about the members of the class. Whoever is writing the column would find it much easier to write and it would be much more interesting to you. In particular we haven't heard news of classmates listed below. Write to Art Collins at West Point if you know of their whereabouts.

J. H. Isbell, H. K. Holman, F. E. Hartman, W. T. Hannum, W. H. Frederick, Jr., W. C. Fite, J. C. Connell, G. C. Coleman, F. J. Chesarek, A. P. Chanco, B. R. Brown, G. A. Bosch, R. M. Batterson, Jr., J. R. Bailey, Jr., A. J. Weinnig, M. L. Webb, W. G. Walsh, J. F. Thomas, D. W. Thackeray, E. Stephenson, P. M. Spicer, M. F. Smith, A. P. Sights, Jr., D. C. Polhemus, J. B. Pattison, E. S. McKee, T. L. McCrary, W. B. Latta, V. Keator, R. B. Anderson, O. E. Knox, M. L. Webb, G. H. L. Dillard, W. H. Jaynes, W. A. Johnson, M. R. Lemon, A. B. Packard, S. R. Sinnreich, J. B. Wells, J. W. White.

Bill and Dottie Wansboro are the proud parents of Bill, Jr. From now on it will be impossible to hold that Irishman.

—Collins.

1939

When you read this issue of *Assembly* we at West Point will probably be well snowed-in. Old Man Winter staged an early arrival here this year—there was snow on the ground the morning following the Navy game, and it's been with us most of the time since. Some of the stalwarts here, (we mean Rocky Crawford) returning from Philie on the Sunday after the Navy game, had to leave their cars on the wrong side of ice-covered Bear Mountain Park and hurry to West Point via the West Shore R.R. in order to make Monday morning classes. As this goes to press E. P. Smith is still moaning over an expensive Buick fender which went "crunch" when he skidded into another car while returning from church the other morning. From here the tropical stations look good!

A very cold but very satisfying Navy game was a fitting climax to a very good football season. With the class somewhat dispersed at Municipal Stadium it was difficult for our reporters to come back with anything like a near-complete list of just who was there. However, the class was well represented. (Any comments about seat locations should be addressed to the Army Athletic Assn., NOT the class representative.)

There were some fine games at Michie Stadium this year and many of the class stationed nearby made one or more of these games. Among those spotted at least once were Ben Miller, Krisman, Coyne, Boughton, Crandall, Dzluban, Jumper, Billups, Batson, Joe Perry and Ed Schmid. The weather was enjoyable at all but the Fordham game. The locals had good seats and most of the visitors were able to sit with the class. Jap Wilson did our group proud by designing and building a portable padded backrest for himself and wife which he attached to their seats. The gadget was the envy of all those in the area and the rest of the class basked smugly in the Wilsons' reflected glory.

In September Spec Fraser, Resident Secretary, called the usual organization meeting of the local classmates to plan the group's social activities for the coming year. There was the usual confusion with the floor going to those who could shout loudest

and longest, but at the conclusion of the meeting it appeared that we will have a skating party and a toboggan party (maybe both), and possibly a dinner dance and another cocktail party. (The cocktail party following the Davidson game was a very enjoyable success.) At one exciting point in the meeting, several brave souls led by Jap Wilson pushed through a successful "temporary" vote for the inclusion of a "stag party" in the social calendar. The exact nature of such a party was never made very clear, and at this writing the wives' votes have not yet been cast! At the same meeting the annual class round-robin bridge tournament, a feature of the past few winters, was voted out because of the lack of sufficient interested couples. Plans were made for a Christmas party for the class "brats", with John Watt again scheduled to play the part of the red-suited gentleman with the long white beard.

On November 28, members of the class stationed here and their wives attended funeral services in the Old Cadet Chapel for Barbara, wife of George Howard. Barbara's death, following a prolonged illness, was a profound shock to all of us. She is sorely missed by all who knew her.

News from the outlying posts is still rather scarce. It seems like no one here will admit that he ever corresponds with anyone, and those to whom we struggle to write for information don't seem to get around to answering until after the current issue goes to press. Here is the promised dope on the Leavenworth group. Boles, Dannemiller, Dobson, Dolvin, Gibbons, Gilbert, Grant, R. J. Hill, S. T. Martin, E. T. McConnell, Mulcahy, Nolan, Preston, Reynolds, Rippert, Shepherd, Spragins, L. N. Taylor, Wisdom, Yarnall and Wickholdt are students in the 1949-1950 Class. Minahan, Showalter, Hall, Kerwin and Ken Collins are on the faculty.

From EUCOM comes a brief note detailing the activities of class members in the recent "HARVEST" maneuvers. Benny Chapla of the EUCOM Intelligence School is said to have made a name for himself as "Col. Chapulski", the Aggressor Intelligence Officer. Jack Meyer and Jimmy Rogers were on duty in maneuver headquarters, as was Speedy Hull, temporarily on loan from his regular assignment as director of the EUCOM Athletic Program. Al Robinette was there as head of the Constabulary liaison plane section. Art Allen and Wallach were with the Constabulary and Aggressor headquarters, respectively, and Dick White was on his job of running a Q.M. Supply Depot.

A short note from Bill Martin at the Air University tells of a September gathering of the class at a beer social. Roger Phelan, Curly Edwards, Joe Dickman and Curly Walton are staff and faculty members there; Red McGowan, Bill Martin and Bunny Adams are in the Air War College class, while Harry Kinnard, John Watt (G Co.), Orin Rigley, John McCoy and George Higginson are students in the Command and Staff class graduating in December.

George Jumper and George Pickett in the Pentagon came through with a list of those struggling for degrees at various civilian colleges and universities. Jim Sykes Billups (still a bachelor, by the way) is taking International Relations at Columbia; Bradley is at Illinois in Engineering; Goodpaster at Princeton finishes this summer with a Ph.D. in Foreign Relations and will probably come to the Dept. of Social Sciences at West Point. Andy was here in December as a discussion leader for the Student Conference on U.S. Affairs mentioned elsewhere in this *Assembly*. Dzluban at Columbia in International Affairs will also Ph.D. this summer. The following are studying Law at the schools indicated: Holt, Columbia; Kurth, Harvard; Lennhoff, Harvard; R. M. Williams, Virginia; Cleverly, Yale; Wendorf, Yale; Florance is at Michigan study-

ing Business Administration (sat on the Army side at the Michigan game). Norm Farrell and McDavid, who are taking Communications Engineering at Illinois, were also present at the Michigan game. Hal Crawford and Al Rollins are studying guided missiles at Southern Cal.; Dietz is at U.C. L.A. in meteorology; Shanley and Beckedorf are looking into nuclear physics at Princeton. F. K. Newcomer, Brinker and Coyne are taking Business Administration. Newcomer is at Stanford, Brinker and Coyne at Harvard. Coyne is scheduled to have deserted the ranks of the bachelors on December 17. His bride will be Miss Pamela Hudson Clark of Amagansett, Long Island. Lane is at Columbia taking Geography, O. E. Wood is in Public Administration at Syracuse. Jack Norris is at Georgetown and Jim Collins at Virginia, both in International Relations. The number of current students, plus those who have completed courses indicate a good proportion of the class has received or is receiving post-graduate education.

Here is a partial list of those who received degrees during 1949: Reardon, an M.B.A. from Harvard; D. J. Rogers, also an M.B.A. from Harvard; Joe Bowman a Master in Public Administration from Harvard; Louie Kunzig, Master in Public Administration from Harvard; Haffa a Bachelor of Laws from Harvard; Heinz Weiseman, a Master of Civil Engineering from University of Louisville, Ky.

Department of odds and ends of information pried out of those locals who get around or who receive letters: Jim Keller made it to Tokyo, where he is in G-3 section of F.E.C.—looks like a fine place to him and expects his family to join him in February. Charles Mount is also supposed to be in Japan, but no word on him. Del Rogers of the Air Comptroller's Office, The Pentagon, has just moved into a 3-bedroom house in Arlington which he designed himself. As of September 26, Del is a first-time papa of a boy. The W. T. (Slump) Smiths of Air Legislative and Liaison also had a baby boy on November 16. Here at West Point the John Watts had a baby girl, as did the Winegars. (Feminine element demands more complete baby coverage, so give out with news of the blessed events, please.) Wald has come down from the Newburgh hills and is now appropriately housed on the Post. Tatum reports Johnny Carpenter is in Hq. 13th Air Force at Manila. Bob Matter is believed still at Camp Chaffee. Chuck Walton is rumored back in the States from a South American detail, but his exact whereabouts are unknown. George Zethren and Ed Schmid will be leaving Armed Forces Staff College by the time you read this. Tex Miller is with a military mission in Iran. Dick Wolfe is reported to be in San Francisco at work on a joint project with the Navy.

The latest list from the Pentagon shows several arrivals in the Washington area during the past year. Among them are the following who do not appear to have been mentioned in recent issues: Brombach is in Air Force Materiel; T. W. Davis works for the Chief of Ordnance; Bob Camp is doing staff I.&E. work for the Office of the Chief of Staff, Army; Bob Greer is in the Air Force Atomic Energy Office; Ralph Hanchin is with the Munitions Board; Bill George is in the Army I.G.'s Office. Hillhouse (another bachelor, according to the list) is in Air Force Plans and Operations; McFarland is with the Joint Staff; Jack Meals is back from Stanford and assigned to the Atomic Energy Commission; Frank Mildren is in Army Plans and Operations; Bill Lerette is at the Strategic Intelligence School; Page is working in Army Operations and Training; Joe Perry is in Air Force Research and Development; Jim Reardon is in Air Force Materiel; Jack Samuel (late of West Point) is in Air Force Plans; Urban

is in the Logistics Division along with Walt Vann; R. C. Williams is in Army Plans and Operations. The Washington gang still are having their monthly luncheon get-together, to which all visiting firemen are invited (pay your own check). They also throw an occasional cocktail party to which they bring their better halves. The last such party was on the evening preceding the Army-Navy game, at the Army-Navy Country Club, when some twenty-odd couples apparently had a whee of an evening.

That about exhausts our current fund of information. As you can see, news from places where only one or a few class members are stationed just doesn't get in here. Louie Kunzig will write the next issue and it is planned to catch up with those members whose names haven't appeared in an *Assembly* for a year or more. So if you haven't been mentioned lately (or even if you have) please drop the Resident Secretary, Class 1939, c/o Association of Graduates, West Point, New York, a card telling him your location and any news concerning yourself and others which will be of interest to your class. Do it right away and save us the time, effort and money involved in trying to find you and asking for the dope.

—E. J. L.

1940

The C.P. is Quarters 12 West Point, New York. The statistician is Len Haseman. The event is the Tenth Reunion at U.S.M.A. in June. If you haven't been paged, write to Haseman and tell him whether or not you can come. School, Babies, and orders to faraway places are the only authorized excuses. The returns are coming in slowly and if you need bait, cast an eye over the worthies below who say that they will be there:

Jim Loewus is coming all the way from Rome for the event, Len Orman will study extra hard in his electronics course at Pennsylvania in order to be present, Art Frontczak will fly in from Great Falls A.F.B., Montana, Bob Dice and Dookie will be back in time from F.E.C., Harry Simpson coming up from Portsmouth, Virginia, Johnnie Aber to scoot up 9-W from Governors Island, Ray Downey coming in from Japan, George England will come up from Bragg, and Bertie Lane, the great Bear of Tokyo, will be home. That ought to bring John Coontz into the open. Erspamer expects to come in from Knox, Willy Buck can get away from Wright-Patterson A.F. Base, Bengston coming down from Schenectady, Larry Legere to be present, and in sotto voce I must report the attendance of one Donovan Yeuell, Dick and Annette Cassidy are coming from Florida, Shagrin will make it from Cornell, O'Bryan sure that he'll make it, while Rick Ferrill puts the bite on Woodward for a bed. Wetzel will be here from Washington and Lanny Witt hopes to come from El Paso. Otis Ulm says yes, as do Strauss and Shaunese. Others who plan to be present are: Sattem, Rooney, Jake Roberts, Norvell, McKenzie, Leahy, Archie Knight, Gideon, Larry Fuller, Chuck Esau, Dill Ellis, Dyke, deLaTour, Joe Couch, Bob Brewer, Don Bierman, Charlie Banks, Art Barry, Dick Abbey and Bill Mullin.

In case the memorandum concerning the tenth reunion has not reached you here it is:

"The purpose of this memo is to acquaint members of the class with the plans thus far formulated for our tenth reunion. Experience of older classes has shown that the success of a class reunion depends largely on detailed advance planning and hard work by members of the class stationed at West Point. With our biggest reunion now less than a year away it is essential that

action be started to work out plans for the reunion.

"With this need in mind your class officers have appointed certain necessary committees and chairmen, as follows: June Week Chairman—Harnett; Correspondence Committee Clapsaddle, Addington, Haseman, Elliott, Fellenz, Graf, Krauss, Podufaly and Woodward. Housing Committee: Mayo, Parker, Light, Milner, Bennett, Kasper. Entertainment Committee: Holm, Hobson, Crown, Kramer, Schmaltz and Yeager. Other members of the class not tapped for one of the committees may be called for special assistance. All those having comments or suggestions for the reunion program or the planning for it are required to pass them to Harnett".

Jim Rat Moore has gone and done it. On Saturday 29th of October in Phoenix, Arizona, he was married to Victoria Belling Weidinger. At home at 102 Bonita Avenue, Long Beach, California. Bill Porte writes that he will soon be in his new home at 6406 Oakridge Avenue, Chevy Chase, Maryland. Bill is retired, and in the insurance business. Smart too, with a degree from George Washington University. He reports that MacLean and Wing Jung are new arrivals in Washington. Saw them at the class dance which Jerry Brown was supposed to tell me about. Thirty couples present.

They put on the dog at Fort Sill lately. Read this: Officers now at Fort Sill who are West Point Graduates in the class of 1940 and their ladies met at the Club Saturday for dinner and dancing. The Corblis, the Hacketts and the Kennys made arrangements for the party. Present were the Luther Arnolds, the Aubreys, the Bayerles, the Cibottis, the Cullens, the Ford Fullers, the Miners, the P. J. Moores, the Pattens, the Richards, the Silvaseys, the Stellas, the Williamses, the Wendts, the Philippses, the Millicans, the Rizzas, the Coateses, and Mrs. Bill Farthing who is waiting to join Bill in Japan. Woody Saunders and Jenks Floyd were absent.

Page Smith and Helen and girls on way to Camp Campbell, Ky. Page complains that Coontz and Lotozo neglected to make a FORMAL ten minute call upon him when the latter two worthies arrived at Bliss. Jimmie Wendt had some T.D.Y. in Hawaii from Sill according to my report from Hackett. Bert Lane who has been a true blue correspondent from the Far East Command states that the class is thinning out in Tokyo. Obviously not referring to himself. Pillsbury assigned to Engineering Section G.H.Q. F.E.C. after attending Princeton. Case, Cassibry and Roy Nelson should be back in the States by now. Jack Beiser at Camp Drake just outside of Tokyo and Briggs is still in Yokohama. Al Bethune with A.F. in Nagoya and "Moss Head" Parker is at Ashiya A.F. Base in Kyushu. Manzollilo came through Tokyo in August and is assigned somewhere in the Eighth Army. Bert expects to leave in May 1950.

Howard Wright, married in August, should be on West Coast by now. Expected transfer in November. Marvin Jacobs well pleased with life in the Canal Zone (on Governor's Staff). Booker Coleman, Wilbraham, and Couch are in charge of class luncheons at Army and Navy Club. Reports; Ray Renola at Harvard, Tom Muller back from Germany, Rod Wetherill in Hawaii and Rimmer well married. Mullin at Texas A.&M. Sullivan out from behind the "bamboo curtain" and at Belvoir. Glad to be home. Have striking picture of Renola taken for Harvard Year Book. It's his own fault that he's a bachelor. He blames it on a balding pate. He has seen Jim Strauss and Bob Norris who are enrolled in the Public Administration Course. Delaney at Fort Leavenworth after a tour in Japan. Ed Kyle is in Information Section Headquarters First Army, 90 Church Street, New York City. At

least he uses their writing paper. Bill Heinemann writes welcome letter from Colombia. His address, Apartada Aereo, 1204 Medellin, Colombia. John Ross East III born November 14 and Robert Christian Borden born September 4.

Mary and Joe Hardin, with Lou and Harry French, dropped me Thanksgiving greetings from Stanford University. They mourn the fact that the bachelorhood of Zahrobsky still exists. Perrys leave for New York and the Biswangers for Boston in December. Means they are there now. Art Nelson still with Oakland Purchasing Office. Vic Conley home from a long tour overseas. Stationed at Fort Totten. Reports that Freddie White is on way to Austria. Goat White will join Goat Devlin in the Austrian Alps. Jack Wright closing up shop in Paraguay and should be back in the States soon. Helene was flown back from Asuncion to Letterman hospital after fall from horse. Jack to be assigned to Benning. England, S. P., ordered to Panama City, Florida. Larry Legere and Sid Fisher got degrees from Harvard last June.

I am in receipt of another incoherent report from Fort Leavenworth. Get one of these a year. It seems everyone sits down at a table and a piece of blank paper is passed around, written on as the evening progresses, hidden from the authorities, and then mailed to me for deciphering. There always seem to be splotches of liquid on the manuscript. Tears, no doubt. Well here goes: A poem by Kintner in which he attempts to rhyme derided and decried. Need I say more? Bill and Ann Shanahan report three children which keep Bill from studying. Hank Daniels waves a flag for the goats and announces a boy and a girl and a wife named Jacqueline. John and Pat Norvell came down from S.A.C. Omaha for the party. Report girl named Katherine. Sam Goodwin married in July 1949 has this message: Bachelors grope in a vacuum, devoid of light. Ho Hum! Dave Crocker who groped in a vacuum devoid of light reports three children. He has lost files, hair, and drinks, he says. Delaney writes not too clearly but enough for me to note that there is Karin and two children, Carol and Jerry.

Dean Benson, who makes his living teaching Crocker and Byrne, is so carried away with that tremendous responsibility that his words cannot be deciphered. Hank Adams reports his presence along with wife Marge and young one named Douglas. Judy and Roy Shoemaker have three children. Ginny and Alan Baker say two boys. You can see how the party grows. Mike Paulick says he and Gladys are expecting their fifth child. Hank and Kay Arnold report a boy and a girl. Dave Byrne reports Suzy Senior, Suzy Junior and Karen. Munson reports with mouthorgan. Fat Donovan Yeuell, ex Horse Artillery, acts as class sponsor at Leavenworth.

Seen in the stadium: Ed Hendrickson, Hough, LaRose, Loofbourrow, Swank, Schmaltz accompanied by No Parking sign, Lavell, and Floryan. Dinner at Ormans with Bates, and Epley all pursuing the electronics course at University of Pennsylvania. Conversation was brought down to my level.

Report on class book: Not enough takers. Who wants their money back? If not I'll leave it in class fund. Total at present is \$653.25. Share of the Class of 1940 in the Memorial Plaque at West Point paid in full.

News concerning some of our classmates—Addington: A girl, the second child, named Leslie Kaye, born Station Hospital, West Point, October 2, 1949. Bates: Now attending University of Pennsylvania taking communications. Reports that Epley and Orman are in same school. Bell, O. L.: Now with Signal Corps at Baltimore, moving soon to Philadelphia. Scheduled to attend C.&G.S. next summer. Willy Buck: At Wright-Pat-

erson A.F.B., Civilian Personnel Chief. Coleman, W. F.: C.I.A., Washington, D. C.: after five years is beginning to like Washington. Cook, J. A.: Army-Navy Journal reports ordered to Fort Richardson, Alaska. Cunningham and Bengston still stationed with General Electric at Schenectady, N. Y. Will be there until next June, if not longer. Bengston very proud of his two children. Guy: Still in Washington, D. C.—liaison with Naval Research Labs. Larkin: On detail with I.G. at Governors Island. Wife's name Ruth. Both seen at a dance at Fort Wadsworth, Friday before Penn game. Holm: A son born 15 September—William Norman, Jr. Bidwell Moore: In U.S. for reassignment after completion of Military Attache duty in Switzerland. (October, 1949). Mickie Fellenz has returned to his post as a U.S.M.A. military history instructor after three weeks of recuperation from a blow in the eye; the weapon—a squash ball off the racquet of classmate Phil Elliott.

Report from Fort Bliss area, as of October, 1949. Sam Patten, Harry Stella, Luther Arnold, Ford Fuller, and several others, are at Fort Sill for the Advanced Artillery course. They visited Fort Bliss for two months (August-September) for the A.A.A. portion of their course. Mike Kuziv just arrived at Bliss for station. Howard Penney back from Japan for duty in charge of Fort Bliss sub-office at the Albuquerque District Engineers. Jim Lotozo and Pidgeon completed the Guided Missiles Course at Bliss August 31. Lotozo is now with the 1st G.M. Regiment, Bliss. Others at Bliss: Page Smith, C.O. of newly activated 88th A.A.A. Bn., Airborne, which will join 11th Airborne Division on completion of training. Lanny Witt, Ralph Ross, John Coontz with troops at Bliss. Ted Hoffman and George Carnahan (newly assigned) with A.F.F. Board No. 4, Bliss. Ronald Kolda, Mark Klunk, Richards instructing in A.A.A. and G.M. School. Chet Britt, Ord. Dept., still S-4 of the Research and Development Division, Sub-Office, Rocket, of the Chief of Ordnance, Ft. Bliss.

Eb Swift: Now has 2nd Bn. 18th Inf. 1st Div. A.P.O. 162 N.Y. Both Georgina and Eb are recovering from injuries received in automobile accident this Fall. Doing O.K. Smith, W. M.: A boy, adopted, Michael Woodrow, now one year old. Jack DeWitt: Reported to Eglin A.F.B., Florida after completing Guided Missiles course at University of Michigan. Earl MacFarland: At Holloman A.F.B., Alamogordo, New Mexico. Transferred to A.F. Johnnie Wohnner: Still in Rio on his Military Mission assignment, tour is over next summer. Ira (wife) has been sick. (October, 1949). Jack Wright: Closing out his military attache office in Bolivia (?). Wife, Helene, had serious accident in a fall from a horse and was flown to U.S. for hospitalization. Jack's brother, naval officer, was last reported (October '49) in Walter Reed after his escape from a sub which sank off Norway. Perry and Biswanger: Coming east to be purchasing agents in Boston and New York. Watrous: Transferred to Air Force. Woodward: Son, Charles Hensley Woodward, Born September 2, 1949.

Keep information coming to me.

—Hank Brewerton.

1941

Greetings! Did everybody like the news in the last issue? If you did not, why not tell us: We aspire to do our best and have regrouped our forces, reallocated our functions, reassigned our personnel, reaugmented our manning table, and reorganized the News Gleaners Unit. With this set up we hope to do better by the reams of enlightened

writings which come pouring in from you good people.

Before beginning with the B.S. and gossip, let me remind you that there are only five hundred and forty-seven days until Operation REUNION. The mission of this operation is, "To remind those who inhabit these hallowed rocks plus any of their friends who dare to stick around, that exactly ten fateful years ago the Black Class of '41 was unleashed to roam the land, sea, and air". The local brethren have foregathered and appointed committees, panels, councils, and syndicates (all ad hoc) to plan, plot, scheme, and design this reunion. The finale at the Fifth Reunion featured the planning of a Class Tree in the center of the Plain at 0300 hours; do I hear a motion that we take up where we left off?

Under the heading of New Business we have two items. First, from the records of the Association of Graduates, I find that twenty-five of our deceased members have had no obituary written. I have indicated (asterisk) on the list which follows, those who have not been taken care of; in addition there are (fatal accidents), Marsh Carney, Dan Eaton, Moon Mullins, and John Sands. When you write in, please indicate which one you will do, and we will keep the thing coordinated. Those who are here feel, as I am sure you do, that we should shoot for a target date of June '51. Second, there is the proposition of a Reunion or Anniversary Pamphlet. Many classes have made them in varying degrees of elaborateness; they usually are made up of some pictures of the individual and/or his family together with some biographical news covering his social and official activities during the last ten years. We can work out the details later. For now, do you want to do it and what should be included? Old business: there are still a few who have not sent in their dollar seventy-five for the Memorial Plaques in Cullum.

Now for the news from Posts, Camps, Stations, and Air Force Bases.

Washington and Vicinity: Bob Tarbox sent the latest morning report which shows thirty-two blackguards in and around the Pentagon. G.S.U.S.A. has Jack Norton in P.&O., Wally Lauterbach in Sig. P.&O., John Barney, Curt Chapman, and Ernie Whitaker in Logistics; Bill Purdy in P.&A., and Tom Sharkey in I.D. Hq. U.S.A.F. has Ham Avery, Bob Tuttle, Bill Brier, John Richards (recent father of male child number three) and Bill Seawell in Opls.; John Easton and John Locke in Personnel. Cliff Cole and Pete Crow are Boarding Munitions. Bob Borman (recent M.S. from Stanford), Danny Danforth and Duck Deyo are in O.Q.M.G., Jack Camp in Hq. Army Security Agency, Harry Besancon in O.C.E., Andy Evans in J.C.S., Phip Seneff is in the attache school preparing for his assignment to London. Those toiling in the environs include Butch Berger at Andrews, George Wells at the Chemical Center (instructing), John Manley at Meade, Jack Millikin at McNair, and Hugh Foster teaching at U.S.N.A. The Belvoir contingent includes Dunk Brown and Dennis Grace in the fourth Adv. Engr. Off. Course, T'box heads the Dept. of Ext. Instr., and Jog Green is in the Engr. Research and Dev. Lab (still in F.A.) Joe Reed is somewhere in the Pentagon, and Johnny Zott just arrived wearing a burnoose from his two-year sojourn in the Saudi Arabian oil fields.

Fort Sill: Thanks to Jim McElroy and a borrowed letter from Carmen Knowles, we learn that those taking the Advanced Course with Jim and Wendy include Roy Atteberry, Ben Howze, Jim King (recently of Montevideo, Uruguay), Jim Stigers, Jake Towers, and Ben Spiller (still seeking that elusive and unreliable bugler). Paul Gray is in the Gunnery Dept. and Mort Birdseye is in Obsn. Other Sillers are Goober O'Connell,

Paul Pigue, Joe Knowlton, Jack Robinson, Bill Clifford, Ben Kercheval, Jim Lannigan, Tuck Brown (recent M.S. in Comm. Eng. from Ill.) and Magruder.

Leavenworth: Frank Linnell reports (on the back of an old map) that the Black Napoleons in the current class with him are Butch Rising, Bob Salisbury, Larry Greene, Paul Root, Charlie Cannon, H. H. Ellis, Ripper Collins, and Jim Laney.

Wright-Patterson: Fred Ascani is test hopping everything from B-36's to F-86's. Sam Parks, Mickey Moore, Floyd Cofer, Chuck Willis, Joe Silk and that singer of bawdy ballads, Pooge Curtis, round out the crew of Black Buck Rogers.

Fort Bliss: Dolly McMillan reports that he is on the A.F.F. Board and that the other flat landers are Fred Stanford, Dave Cooper and Bill Roton.

Maxwell: Taking the Staff and Command course are Jonat Atkinson (being retained at A.C.&S.S. as an instructor, having become an expert in Logistics), Tommy Thompson (next stop, Japan), Roy Watson, Jerry LaRocca, Ben West, Dick Aldrich, Jack Kelsey, George Stalnaker, Ted Sliney, Ike Winfree and that old Hoss Soldier, Francis Cornelius Fitzpatrick (exchange student). Johnny Brooks is taking the War College course, Harry Harvey is instructing at the Special Staff School, Irv Perkin and Jack Bentley are with the Air Univ. Hq.

Benning: Thanks to the prompt answer by Jock Adams to my last minute request, we have the following information: Advanced Course—Red Adams, Claire Armstrong, John Callaway, Harley Marsh, Ernie Poff, and Willie the Vaughan. Instructing—Lyman Faulkner, Hack Liles, Moose Male, Bucky Miller, George Pickett, Jim Strain, Baron VonSchritztz, and Arnold Hoebeke, (who is also dominating the Golf Dept.). In the Airborne Dept. with Jock are, Joe Myers and Vic Campana, who have checked out Felix Gerace, Marritt Hewitt, and Paul Skowronek in the past few months. Gib Niles and George Adjemian are with the Army Ext. Course and Babe Hendrikson is with the Third Div. Martin Shaddy came down with polio (of the arm) while taking the jump course. He is now in Oliver Gen. Hosp., Atlanta, where he is awaiting news and mail from the Gang. Recent visitor was Burnside Huffman, home on leave in Columbus. Al Dalby is rumored to be on the road.

Fort Knox: Pat Tansey says that J. C. H. Lee, Charlie Fletcher, Ralph Kuzell, Mac Jones, Win Curley, Garf Gurfein, Steve Plume, Dave Gauvreau, Graham Waitt, Jim Sykes, Spec Powell and Joe McCulloch (who is rumored to be sporting a red version of Custer's mustache), are all guarding the Gold Vault.

Sandia Base: Nobody knows what they are doing, but the following future Oppenheimers are in the desert. Clint Ball, Fox Rhynard, Biggie Seamans, Tom Collison, Potter Campbell, Mole Molesky, and Heister Drum. Bill Gribble is at Los Alamos.

Panama and Points South: Bob Coakley (3rd child and 2nd son, Christopher Justin, arrived via Panamanian Pellican August 16), Howdy Clark, Jim McKinley, Guy Goddard, Moody Layfield, and Eric deJonckhere are in C. Z. Van VanHoy is with I.A.G.S. in Rio and Jess Unger is with the Mission to Ecuador in Quito.

Hawaii and Far East: John Henschke still fighting the ladies, is a planner in the Hq. Pac. Div. M.A.T.S., and Bill Hershenow is P.M.S.&T. of U. of Hawaii. Dick Delaney is a Malibini. Wray White writes that he and Ralph Freese are in Hq. F.E.A.F. George McIntyre, John Oswalt, Lou Gerig and Al Snyder all punch the same time clock. Ben Mayo traded in the U.S.M.A. Public Information Press Pass for a Night Fighter Squadron. Vince Carlson is running a Honshu version of Belvoir; Tom McDaniel, Moose

Longing, Bob Elsberry, and Ed Rowney are also eating their rice with pointed chopsticks.

Institutions of Higher Learning: Thanks to Jim Carroll, I have the latest from the erudite '41ers in the Boston Area. "Dorothy and Jack Murray (law student at Harv.) gave a cocktail party at which the following assembled: Lois and Gordon Gould (E.E. at M.I.T.), Marj and John Redmon (Eng. at M.I.T.), Muriel and Jack Christensen, Pat and Al Laudani, Betty and Ralph Upton, and Helen and Andy Anderson (all taking Bus. at Harvard), Lee Ledford (Harv. Law), Midge and Walt Mather, and Lou and Jim Carroll (Soil Mech. at Harv.). Nearby but unable to attend were Mary and Bill Starr (Bus. at Harv.) and Charlie Busbee and Tom Cleary at Devens. Others who are leaving the ranks of those who boast a B.S. in Science are, the King of Goats, Pete Tanous (Bus. at N.Y.U.)—Ed McGrane, Tom Fisher, and Jim Healey at U. of Penn—Jack Harris, Arnie Phillips, Lou Elder, and John Deane at U. of Mich.—Buck Buchanan, U. of Alabama—Bill Gleason at U. of S. Dakota—Bob Johnson, Mike Greene, and Earl V. Brown, at U. of Va.—Malc Johnson at Mercer U., Macon, Ga.—Don Heaton at Rensselaer—R. E. Clark at Purdue—Stan Ramey and K. O. Dessert at Stanford—George Thiesen at U. of Chi.—Herb Clendenning at Cal. Tech.—Arnold Thomas at U. of Cal., Bkly—Ren Keleher, Journalism at U. of Wis.—Just out of Harvard is Ed Gelderman and recently released from N.Y.U. is Al Hayduck—Ted deSaussure in his second year at Johns Hopkins (turned back), Hunter Woodward studying guided missiles somewhere near where LeMoyne Michels is doing road contracting—Max Tyler, Max Hall, and Dave Woods are at the U. of Ill.—Elmer Yates at Cornell—Ace Moody at Yale—Cocky Cochran at Tex. A.&M.

T.D.Y. at Municipal Stadium, Phila., Pa., November 26, '49: Jack McClure, Riley King, Milo Moucha, Don Driscoll, Barney Woodruff; didn't say where they were working.

Small Detachments and Outposts: John "Hose Nose" Russell at Camp Carson—George Brown, Billy Mitchel, Boots Gilbert, and Johnny Meador at Mitchel—G. A. Lee in A.G.R.S. at Nichols A.F.B., P. I.—Tom Corbin at Barksdale (sweating out the R.A.F. Staff College with concurrent travel—Bill Hoge somewhere in Germany—Al Jensen in Manila—Walt Mullane at Pueblo Ord Depot gunning for a mission in Peru—Jim Forsythe and Charlie Flanders at Grafenwohr, Germany, A.P.O. 139—Rod O'Connor returning from Chile (where he was practically running the place) to A.C.&S.S.—George Hicks at Langley—Gregg McKee R.O.T.C. at Okla. A.&M.—Edwin Forrest Harding, Jr. Comptroller of the 15th Air Force and first father to the fourth degree in '41, is moving from Colorado Springs to March—Butch Kaiser at Riley—Tony Chavez doing a bang up job in the P.I.—Scott Peddie, sending his mail home in the diplomatic pouch from Cairo—"Doctor" Schnittke at Aberdeen—Mike Aliotta, R.O.T.C., U. of Minn.—Herb Stern at Monroe—George Pittman at Fairfield-Suisan—Paul Ramee in Okinawa—Moe Schremp in Hq. EUCOM—Ace Bailey R.O. T.C. at V.M.I.—Mal Troup (put on a swell party after the Navy scrimmage) at the Phila. Q.M. Depot with: Walt Woolwine and Joe Ahern—Mike Cochran, who has a fine fat bouncing son, is at Offutt in charge of all the Electrons for Strategic Air Command, Ken Kennedy is with him.—Dick Travis at Borinquen—Joe Grygiel, Asst. to Dist. Engr., Seattle—Bud Thompson enroute from Carlisle to Eglin—Lynn Lee, Asst. to Dist. Engr. N.Y.C.—Kerry Walters, attache in Moscow receiving his mail via Yak Pack—Despo D'Esposito in Pine Camp—Ed Poole Marshalling the Provost at Davis-Monahan with Dick "Round the World" Kline—Bert Rosenbaum at Harmon, Newfoundland, living on lobsters and tax-free

grog—Tom Hume and Chuck Maynard at Ft. Lewis—Boaty Boatwright and Paul Day at Bragg—Bob Keagy at Campbell—Dave Kunkle at A.F.S.S., Norfolk—Bob Kramer R.O.T.C. Citadel—Harry Trimble at MacDill—John McIntyre at Baltimore Sig. Depot—John Osgood at Yellow Springs, Ohio, doing whatever one does in Yellow Springs—Jim Roy in Intelligence EUCOM—Fred Baker at Greenville A.F.B.—Charlie Schilling with the 7390 A.F. Engr. Gp., A.P.O. 57—Bill Linton at A.P.O. 206, Salonika, Greece—John Michel at Grand Forks, N. D.—T. K. White at Ft. Mason—and last and necessarily least Ben McCaffery, N.G. Instr., Wilmington, Del., who addressed a letter to the "Class Representative '41" which said, "Saw Burt Andrus at the Navy Game; he looked kinda skinny in those A.F. blues, I thought he was a bus driver".

At West Point: Fewer in number than in previous years, the local chapter of the Black Fraternity is doing what it can, with only nineteen members, to keep the Corps from slipping. Everything has changed—even the Cadet Prayer. Silver napkin rings and the old style (roll collar) Black Sweaters are back; on the other hand, there is no reveille and an optional breakfast on Sunday morning. In the Academic Department Bob Dixon, Biz Moore, Dick Scott, and Brad Smith teach the Cadets to rub elbows with Percy Bysshe Shelley, meanwhile Herb Richardson, Tony Tonetti, and Ellis quill cadets for "failing to rub elbows properly with Pythagoras"—Curt Betts teaches the language we all chose as our two-year elective, but Steve Kosiorek teaches the one we may be learning—Dick Rastetter and Zeke Edger dabble with supersonic ballistics—Roy Kelly is in the Great Captains business, and Ted Brown toys with static machines, pulleys, and inclined planes—Rog Neumeister makes with the right hand rule, and Tom Maxwell peers over shoulders on the sixth floor of Washington Hall. I told you everything had changed, but you'll realize I ain' kiddin' when I tell you that Woody Garrett and I are Tacs. George Cooper, as most of you know, is Asst. S-1. On the post, we have Felix Gerace, now known as the Jumpmaster Quartermaster, and Hank Boswell who has the colossal and thankless job of running the slum and gravy factory. Charlie Canella, Tom Fisher and Johnny Richards will be here next E.D.C.M.R.

In answer to the many requests, the following is a list of the names of our class which appear on the plaque in Cullum:

Howard F. Adams, Emory A. Austin, Jr., Henry N. Blanchard, Jr.,* Edgar C. Boggs, Ira B. Cheaney, Jr.,* Wadsworth P. Clapp,* Lanham C. Connally,* Thomas R. Cramer,* Robert L. Cummings,* James H. Dienelt,* Paul D. Duke, Ernest Durr, Jr.,* Horace G. Foster, Elkin L. Franklin,* William Gardner, William G. Gillis, Ralph R. Hetherington, Harry L. Jarvis, Jr., Charles E. Jones,* Perry T. Jones,* William A. Kromer, Paul R. Larson, Clarence J. Lokker, Alexander R. Nininger, Jr., Paul J. O'Brien, Charles L. Peirce,* Robert P. Pierpont,* Hector J. Polla, Thomas E. Regan,* Robert H. Rosen, Maxwell W. Sullivan,* David B. Taggart,* Joseph S. Tate, Jr.,* Richard G. Tindall, Jr., Francis J. Troy,* James P. Walker, Joseph H. Ward.

Gotta run; I'm late for my deadline. Pour in the news and start boning REUNION!

—Burt Andrus.

1942

Compared to the more recent news to be found in the current class letter most of the stuff below which has been accumulating here for the past few months seems rather stale, but here goes anyway:

The following received Master's degrees at Harvard in June: Raymond, Schmidt, Rice and Weeks.

A clipping received from the New York Sun describes in romantic detail the marriage of Tabb and the "Voice on the telephone". Apparently Peyton jumped off the dock on a foggy night in London.

Hottenroth and Vivian are reported to be at Cal. Tech studying for M.S. in Engineering. Orme's better half recently presented him with a second child prior to his departure for Fort Churchill. Hanst who seems to get around quite a bit has been to several luncheons with Navy 42 in Washington at the Naval Gun Factory. Two class parties to report: Wachendorfs hosts at Belvoir, Shedd's at Knox. (Kenny, the faithful, made both).

At West Point the first class get-together of the year will take place at Round Pond on December 10.

Crowley has been busy selling a new method of learning to play the piano—the "color method" as he terms it. Anyone interested should contact him at West Point. Fat Jack is hard at work turning out plebes in French at the Alma Mater.

It will come as a distinct shock to many to hear that Hank Harmeling is now tac of M-2 Co. However, Hank has solemnly promised to uphold all the fine traditions established by Chuck King.

—W. R. K.

January, 1943

Some months back, those of us here at W.P. wearing the January '43 tartan got together for a short bull session during which new class officers were elected for the forthcoming year. Thought it somewhat presumptuous for such a small quorum of classmates as 21 (Bob Maloney was present at this election . . . having won in a walk the chairmanship of the June Week Housing Committee while in absentia the year before) to blandly shoulder the destinies of our august clan. Learned immediately, however, that said procedure was customary so as to provide each class with proper representation in any official matters such as watering the class tree, etc. Having been thus enlightened, I watched with awe as Chuck Lenfest, with an audible sigh of relief, handed the presidential gavel to Johnny Kerig, said awe turning into chagrin as Sam Karrick gleefully handed me a collection of dusty files, a gilt badge marked "Secretary", and an old pen marked "U.S. Post Office". Doug Blue relinquished the class funds consisting of \$2.38 and an IRT token to Lowell Fisher who smilingly accepted the cash box, slunk furtively, from the room, and hasn't been seen since. As I staggered off with the files on my back, Karrick administered the coup de grâce—"You also get to write the *Assembly Poop*," sez he. The sadistic laughter of fun-loving classmates still rings in my ears as I sit here chewing my pencil up to my elbow while I endeavor to assemble the following column.

Doug Blue received a letter from Jimmy Changaris who is a "Tac", P.M.S.&T., and head wrestling coach at The Citadel. The Changaris' now have two youngsters, boy and girl. Jimmy wants to know if there's a class cup for productivity. If there is, I think Bill and Marian Stewart would win it hands down. Rumor has it that at the last census they had four. The Stewarts are stationed at Wright Field as are Shifty Shaffer and Charlie Glasgow who has a good job as Administrative Officer in the C.G.'s office. Also stationed at Wright until recently was Bob Walling. Bob was Project Officer for the B-36 and was building his own house when he was suddenly transferred to Ft.

Worth. According to reports received from Jim (Big Hooch) McKinney, who has recovered from a couple of operations and is now studying Business Administration at the Univ. of Texas, it's a good thing Bob was transferred—as a cadet Bob interpreted Ben Franklin's saying about a penny saved so well that when he graduated the Treasurer had to give him a first mortgage on Washington Hall. Anyway, says Jim, everytime Bob had to countersign one of those million dollar checks, he lost another ill-spaced ten pounds.

Incidentally, there are a number of others now taking post graduate work at civilian schools: Dana Stewart is studying Electronics for his M.S. at University of Penna. Also at Penn is Glenn Turner who will be with Social Sciences Dept. at U.S.M.A. next year. Bill Brady is attending Ohio State, and Foote, Brittingham, Paul Ellis, and McDermott are pursuing the muses at Harvard. Bart Yount taking Law at Georgetown. Among those attending service schools are Ted Seith, Air Tactical School, Tyndall Field, Florida; Russ Herrington and Ollie DeGruchy at the Air University; and Johnny Linton at the Air Command and Staff School where Jimmy Lane is starting in January. A recent graduate of the Air Institute of Technology is Jack Daye.

Tom Mesereau presently with the A.A.A. here at W.P. is slated for the Advanced Course at Benning. Tom recently gave up poker for married bliss. His charming wife is the former Louisa Leone of New York.

Recently assigned overseas are: Terry Ellis and Jim Rippin to the Pacific—Jim to Japan. T. Q. Donaldson who is S-2 of the 6th Armored Cavalry in Straubing, Germany. Dick Broach just left Washington for a jet group in Germany.

Of those known to be in Washington are: Ed McGough, Johnny Baer, Hank Mazur, Bill Kyle, George Prior, Tommy Farnsworth, Kaye Berry, Duke Kane, Britt May, Jim Hackler, Jim Dempsey, Bob Fishel, Wendell Bevan, Jimmy Moore, Dick Schlosberg and Joe Gatewood.

Hodge Kirby, recently a father, is stationed at Selfridge Field with the 56th Ftr. Group where Bob Lacy was recently assigned. George Weart is at Mitchel with CONAC. Tommy Harrison has a training squadron at Williams and is busy checking out aviation cadets in the F-80. Tom Beeson has a jet fighter squadron at Moses Lake, Washington. Hank Saylor assigned to the 1st Guided Missile Sq. at Eglin A.F.B., Florida. Also at Eglin are Cherbak, Butcher, and Frakes who is back from Panama and out of Walter Reed. Doyle has been reassigned from the National Guard (Kentucky) to Special Investigation duty with the I.G. and is attached to Bolling Field.

Here at West Point the Karricks report an addition in the person of Betty Katherine, born September 17. The Bargas are the proud parents of a baby girl, Ann, born November 22. Also the Blues are proud parents of a baby girl born on November 2.

Seen at some of the recent football games were Andy and Audrey Andrepont, Andy is out of the Army and living in N.Y.C.; Dopey Dulaney, also out and working in N.Y. and Washington; Emmett Reynolds, stationed at Fort Monmouth; Clark Hain, working as an engineer with the Airborne Instrument Lab. on Long Island; Paul Ellis; Russ Herrington; Ollie DeGruchy; Jimmy Lane; Britt May; Joe Dover and Keith Lindell, both instructing at Annapolis; Jimmy Cobb; George Prior; Roger Fisher; Glenn Turner; George Porter; Bill Hume; Vlcek; George Weart; Ed McGough; Rabbit Brook.

From the Clipping Service: Ted Lutrey is adjutant of the 18th Ftr. Grp. at Clark Field. Bill Hensel, presently R.O.T.C. instructor at the University of Kansas, married Miss Virginia Allen of Lawrence, Kansas in August.

Received word via the grapevine that Hugh and Phyllis Mease had a son, Gregory Hugh, born September 7 in Tokyo. Hugh is in the G-2 Section, G.H.Q., F.E.C., and expects to return Stateside next May. Also via the grapevine: Bill Cook is at Carswell A.F.B. in the B-36 Wing Hqs., A-1 Section; Don Thompson stationed at Offutt A.F.B., Neb., with S.A.C. Hqs.; Jack J. Jones recently retired, address 5902 Hayler Ave., Bellflower, Calif. Rod Wriston kicked over the traces and resigned last February. Rod is attending law school and is an investment agent. He specializes in estate planning and has some good news along those lines for any and all who are interested. His address is 305 New Moore Bldg., San Antonio, Texas.

Received a letter from Robin and Stanley James, stationed in Trieste where they have recently had their third daughter; also one from T. Q. Donaldson who reports that the D's are now comfortably settled overseas. Russell Smith writes that he is operations officer of the 63rd Sq., 43rd Gp. at Davis-Monthan A.F.B. The Smiths had a son, Russell Alan, born June 28. That makes two girls and a boy in the Smith tribe. Also received the following letter from J. S. Wood:

"Just back from protracted 67 month uninterrupted tour in E.T.O. Was with O.S.S. (French Resistance) during war and since then have been in Paris as Asst. Military Attachè there. Am presently at Sill attending Advanced Artillery Course. Was married, in Paris, in September 1945, and my wife, Georgette, presented me with a son on October 28, 1948. We are all at Sill, or will be from November 1, 1949, on, until the end of the course in June, 1950. After that—Quien Sabe?

"Best regards to all"

Woody.

Well, that's the news as it looks from here. But before I lay down my post office pen, I'd like to suggest that any of you with any news which might be included in the next issue of *Assembly*, sit down and dash off a line to Class Notes, January '43, and send it to the Association of Graduates, c/o Editor, *Assembly*.

—Hehn.

June, 1943

Love that fan mail folks, let's have more of it. Ripper Collins, as assistant P.S.M.&T. at Wentworth M. A., Lexington, Missouri, reports the cupboard and cabinet well-stocked. He gives this change on Jake Wade's address: c/o Continental Airlines, Denver.

Caleb Cole states that a November moonlight howl brought out George Newman, Alan Jones, Fletcher Veach, Joe Boyle, Clarence Westfall, Del Perkins, Hank Morgan, and Harvey Short, all Benning Advanced Course students. Caleb is adjutant, 1st Bn., 30th Inf. Joe Boyle is jack-potting the class with four bambinos but the competition is pretty stiff. Among other reps our class is rapidly getting one for self-reproducing. Others at the frolic were Stuky Stevens (Automotive Sec., T.I.S.) and Dale McGee (Weapons Sec., T.I.S.). Wives were in attendance to set the budding tacticians straight. Present, not for duty, were Advanced Course regulars Harry Reeder, Jim Darden and Roule Mazingo. Also absent was Tommy Tomlinson (39th F.A. Bn) who expects to join Caleb in some winter resort maneuvers in Puerto Rico.

National Guardsman Staszak can be reached at 500 Rahway Ave., Westfield, N. J., while on similar duty in Anoka, Minnesota, is our own Wild Bill Malone. Bill attended Bump Gillis' reburial services at

Fort Snelling, Minnesota. Dick Meyer is in line for congrats for the M.S. he snagged at Harvard's June commencement services.

Typewriter Tickler Walt Mitchell says that the Armored School is beating it into the following Advanced Coursers: George Moe, Gus Brill, Frank Jones, Hal Dunwoody, John Cobb and Jim Bibby. Mitch says Rocky Rhoads is testing the frigid digit theory in Alaska as a member of Field Forces Board No. 2. Mitch himself departed in November for a winter among the Puerto Ricans.

Zoo Gorelangton reads his mail at Box 955, O.M.S., Lowry A.F.B., Denver, Colorado. He is being held back by flying hours from rolling around heaven all day in the controversial B-36. In addition to his other duties, Zoo helped coach a 6-3-0 win record into the Base team. Zoo's looking for an inter-sectional clash with Ralph Hill's Fort Sill Red Raiders. Thanks for the dope that Dick Allen, ex-classmate, is now permanent Capt., U.S.A.F., with address at 231 17th Street, Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

Cotton Warburton says he and his frau are holding up the working end of the Lowry A.F.B. hospital. His shanty sign reads 725 Grant Street, Denver.

Seen in the fashionable "Behind the Goalposts Section" at the recent vivisection of the Navy Goat were some or all of the following: Bill Glasgow, Jack Rawlings, George Thompson, Gordon Smith, Charley Waller, Van Schoick, Konnie Nesselbush, Quint Atkinson, Sonstelies, Staszak, Lloyd, Cover, Clyde Earnest, Jim Keck, Norm Williams, Zuppann, Leo Hayes, Pat Hurley, Easley, Frank Saul, Dick Shafer, Sam Pinnell, Dutch Ingwerson, Jack Elliott, Orlian, Heintzelman, and Suatengco. There may have been others but they have either gained weight, or changed their faces, at the moment I scanned the Sardine Bowl. Ed- rington was there dragging an Admiral-style yard-engine.

Many faces were seen around this spot during the late pigskin season. Some of the more prominent were Robin Olds (now at March Field), Roger Kullman, Paul Steinle, Zuppann, Lloyd, Steve Sherrill, Gullion, Heintzelman, Staszak, Sonsteli, Orlian, Ed- rington, Reinhalter and many others whose tags have slipped my mind during this writing. Zack Richardson's short visit coincided with that of the Shah of Iran, but his mission was that of obtaining A.&N. tickets for some of the more olympian characters at Mitchel A.F.B.

Infant Distribution: Jill Hamblen, born October 8, to the Arch Hamblens. John Junior to the J. P. Schatz's on September 3. James Townsend to the Ralph Hill's on September 23. Michelle joined the Sonstelies on September 17, while Elizabeth Jane has been seen around the Q. C. Atkinson's at Fort Meade. Wendy Jean arrived at the Rooker's at 29-2 Garden Circle, Waltham, Mass. In a flying suit Richard Daniel made a three-point landing at the Dave Schwartz's in Tachikawa, Japan. At West Point on November 22, James Joseph made the acquaintance of the Jim Christy's.

Flash. Lee Hogan carries the British equivalent of a Form 1 for an R.A.F. cadet squadron as additional duties to a very interesting academic job. He says Johnny Davis is finishing up a course at the Empire Test Pilot School and just across the field Al Shiely is in an electronic seventh heaven at the Royal Aircraft Establishment. The B. Rogers recently spent a week-end at the Hogan's 17th century manor place. Had a cup of tea, no doubt.

Some of you people make ghostly visits to this place without letting the local gentry know you're in town. Oftentimes there is a hot potato roast or a hymn-singing scheduled for after dark and the transient is always welcome. Bring your own hymn-book or hot potato and you're in.

You know it only takes a penny postcard to tell us of your job, your wife and kiddies, and current address. Try it sometime.

—Cullinane and Cover.

1944

The largest group of the class seems to have migrated toward Washington. Anyone in that vicinity who wants to get the most up to date info on the more than thirty members of the class there should contact Dusty Rivers at extension 6345 in the Air Force Comptroller or Pat Neilond at 3178 in Army Intelligence. They were "elected" as joint chairmen at a cocktail party in October to keep tabs on people and to organize various social activities.

Among the others in Washington are Hal and Lee Beukema in Air Force Operations; George and Beth Blanchard in Army Comptroller; Charlie and Charlotte Bootz (with three children) Ordnance; Doc and Lucy Boutwell in Armed Forces I.&E.; Bill and Paulee Bradley in Air Force Procurement; Gene and Marjorie Callaghan in Air Force Personnel; Frenchy Cyr still unmarried and still with A.F.S.W.P.; Jim and Jeanne Douglas in Troop I.&E., one very active young child; Ray and Bertha Dunn at Maryland with R.O.T.C.; Frank and Elaine Forthoffer, now Air Force, assigned to the National Guard Bureau; Hank Francis, P.I.O.; Spike and Betty Getz still at Bolling; Doc and Betty Greaves in Intelligence Division; Jack and Meg Johnson in Air Force Personnel; Johnny and Marie King with a new child; Tommy Lynn back in Air Force Training and Requirements after a tour at the Air Tac School, still a bachelor; Bill and Peggy MacGlothlin at Andrews Field with son Kit; Frank and Susie Mahin still with Historical Division, son Gregory born last summer; Steve and Jo Mulkey assigned to Office of J.C.S. as aide to General Bradley, one son Steve III (Duke); Ed and Polly Murphy in Air Force Personnel; Van and Rene Nealon studying at Georgetown; Freddy and Joan Porter from Mitchel Field to Georgetown; Robbie and Wanda Robbins in Army Security Agency; Bob and Rusty Shoemaker in Air Force Comptroller, daughter three years old; Lee and Audrey Smith Air Attache Branch of Intelligence; Jug and Lynn Weir in P.&O. Division, U.S.A.F., two children, Beverly (3) and John Merle (3 months); Jug and Jean Williams also at Georgetown.

Info from the Washington group also locates the following: Phil Toon at Fort Sill, daughter Phyllis born in June; Grady White instructing at Fort Bliss; Fred Black and Tom Lawrence still on S.&F. at Fort Benning; Emmet Maxon married in Texas in October; Ed O'Donnell and Wally Guild at the Advanced Course at Belvoir; John Cleveland also at Belvoir; Jim Scoggins now at school at Johns Hopkins.

Charlie Daniels is aide to Gen. Gillem and Larkin Tully aide to Gen. Mueller at Fort McPherson, Georgia. Tom Tarpley, aide to Gen. Chamberlin in Chicago, with Dunk Palmer stationed nearby. At Fort Benning are Les Halstead, Lou Howe (recent father of twins) and Jack Brady taking the Advanced Course. In the Academic Department are Ed Millington, J. J. Hennessy, Dave Silver, Art Hyman, White, Black, Wear and Strecker. Mollie Molloy with the 30th Infantry of the Third Division there. Buzz Gordon recently departed for Panama. Partridges and Carl Petersons with a boy born in September are in Fort Riley.

Jim Patterson after resigning last June spent a few months in Europe before joining the staff of the New York News as a reporter; his duties this fall have been light enough to enable him to get up to most of

the home games at the Point. Other visitors here during the football season: the McAuliffes and the Mickles from the U. of Penn, C. C. Martin from the West Coast, the Blakes, Hugh and Dot Snelling from the Russian Institute at Columbia, the Beukemas, and the Blanchards. At other games were Jack Cushman, and John and Betty Desmond, all at Harvard, Jim and Mary Gene Giles from Springfield where Jim has been elected Class President, and Howie Tanner.

The Navy game, of course, brought out the largest showing: Jimmy and Vicki Stewart, Ed and Pat O'Donnell, Tom Tarpley, Fred Smith, Joe and Mary Grace Cutrona, Don and Jeanne MacWilliams, Hal and Bonnie Wilhite, Red Morrison, Jerry Mickle, Hal DeArment, Hi Ely, Alec Maish, Jack Geyer, Al Bethel, George Hoffman, Ted Bartz, Ben Ragland, Jim Campbell, Jim Dunham, Walt Harris, Joe Shelton, Pat Neilond, Bob Dart, Art Nelson, Frank Forthoffer, Jug Weir, Al Wald, Jerry Hall, Bruce Deakin, Shady Lamp, C. C. Martin, Ray Dunn, McGlothlin, Jim Blandford, Johnny Eisenhower, Kirk Heiss, Bob Faas, Bob Algermissen, Jack Pollin, and Dan Wallis.

Dave and Madeleine Zillmer are enjoying a pleasant year in Heidelberg, Germany, where Dave is climbing mountains and studying in preparation for an assignment with the Foreign Language Department of the Academy. Boodler and Marj Richards are now proud parents in Japan, expecting to return Stateside this spring. Bob Drake is also still in Japan commanding the only tank company north of Tokyo. He spends his time skiing, hunting, and fishing. He also expects to return to the States this Spring, possibly to West Point. Ollie Becker is in Sendai. He added a son Stephen John last February to make the score one and one.

Other recent births: Susan Wesley Lerch at Brooks General, Andrea Wightman at Sandia Base, Donna Louise Bahls, John Nicholas Robinson III, a girl to Joe and Anne Phillips, and a boy to George and Becky Tuttle, all at West Point.

Although this announcement comes several months late, Al Brooks and Frank Moon both received their Master of Science degrees last June. Another delayed notice is that from Hop Symons; he finished the Russian Course at the Army Language School in Monterey last June and was scheduled to report to Grenier A.F.B. in Manchester, N. H. after a summer vacation in Florida.

An error from the July issue is hereby corrected. Knobby Knoll and Otto Steinhart were at the University of Iowa instead of Iowa State last year. Knobby received his M.S. in Civil Engineering in June and then went to Quito, Ecuador, with a two month stopover in Panama. He seems to have a fine job as Officer in Charge at the Ecuador Survey Project of the Inter American Geodetic Survey. He also reports that Wells was transferred from Puerto Rico to Panama last August.

Bud Gregory writes that he and Bob Hurst used to get together frequently in Wiesbaden. Bob was scheduled to be transferred to Degendorf in October. Bud seems to be travelling all over Europe and meeting classmates wherever he goes. Ollie Patton and Willie Burr with C.I.C. in Frankfurt. Dean Bressler commanding an Engineer Company in Stuttgart with Otto Steinhart scheduled to arrive there last August. Myslinski and Sellers still at Furstenfeldbruck with Cas still playing football despite intentions to stick to coaching. Ed Decker with Engineers in Ankara, Turkey. Bob Murphy in London with the Western Union. Bill Gerhard hitch-hiking around Europe last summer on leave from the States.

George Ingersoll lists those now at the University of Michigan besides himself: A.

J. McLean, L. S. Norman, and T. E. Mahoney. Tom has an upstairs apartment over George at 224 8th Street, Ann Arbor. Fred Smith now at W.P. is journeying down to Baltimore during Christmas leave to get married to Kit Egerton. The event should have taken place by time of publication.

In connection with publication dates it would be helpful to keep us from printing stale news if we could get letters just before the first of March, June, September, and December. The above is for those few people who have written from time to time in the past. From those of you who have written only once or never we will be happy to receive a letter at any time.

—Bob Ginsburgh.

1945

From Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio we have word of a large number of the class. Attending the U.S.A.F. Institute of Technology, there are: Fred Hartwig, H. L. Cummings, W. R. Jarrell, Bob Eckert, Martin, Nathan Chase, Bob Bacon, Shelby Spear, C. B. Vandevanter, Martin Brewer, Jesse Johnson, Jim Wayne, Dan Perry, Buzz Trustin, C. L. Linton, Glen Childs, Joe Ledford, Charley Daubert, Ken Jackson, and Bob Horner; while in the Flight Test Division at W.P. A.F.B. are: C. G. Whitney, Hal Fitzpatrick, Bob Hippert, and Bob Breene. Buzz and Alice Trustin were blessed with a girl in November, while boys came to Shelby and Nora Spear, in November, and to Jesse and Junice Johnson, in June.

Word from W. H. Holcombe tells us that he and A. L. Doyle are at White Sands Proving Grounds. Due for assignment there are J. W. Stucky, Neil O'Donnell, and C. W. Wakefield. Assigned as instructors at the Artillery School, Ft. Bliss, are J. P. Tyler, Jim Christiansen, T. E. Fitzpatrick, and Bob Lutz. Also at Ft. Bliss with the 2nd Bn, 1st Guided Missile Regt. are J. T. Hayden and J. T. Adams. With separate detachments of the same regiment are R. W. Griffith (at Inyokim, Calif.) and K. C. Nusbaum (at Point Magu, Calif.).

J. M. Shilstone writes from Ft. Sam Houston:

"Henry Hutcheson '45 is now here at Ft. Sam Houston serving as aide to Maj. Gen. Bruce, Deputy Army Commander. He along with me retains the rating of bachelor. Worthington came through here in June on his way to the Seattle District Engineer's office after completing training at Texas A.&M. Kay Stewart, well married with his first child born in June, left after serving as aide to Gen. Bruce to attend parachute school. Heyman is adjutant of the 17th Armored Engineer Battalion at Camp Hood. Brownell is a company exec in the 73rd Engineer Combat Battalion also at Hood. Jim Gilland recently transferred from Artillery is executive of Co. 'A', 79th Engineer Construction Battalion. On a trip to Ft. Sill last week I saw and heard of quite a few of the class of '45 around there. Ken Scurr is an instructor at the light aviation school. He sprouted wings last summer. He has an apartment in the B.O.Q. there with Starkey who was off at Air Transportability School along with Ed Gudelg and George Benson. Gabby Shumard is Asst. S-3 of the 2nd F.A. Bn. Willie Zook is there with the 43rd Armored Infantry Battalion. 'The Gas Mask' Smith with wife and child left after volunteering for overseas duty. Cunningham went through the light aviation school and is with the 11th Airborne. Burt Bailey, married last spring, is going through the course now. I was at Keesler Field last April to take a course in Radiological Defense and found that J. C. Gatlin had been through the previous class. I am at present, after transferring last year from the Artillery, in the Engineer Section, Fourth Army

Headquarters as Asst. Chief of the Troop Training and Operation Subsection. Last heard from Tom Catron was from a bar in Shreveport, La. I forget who told me that he had seen Catron there.

"Before graduation the boys of H-2 asked me to be the contact man for the company. I would like to hear from them and get as much information as I can to send out. Please ask that they write me."

Rachel McDaniel has written that she and Bob were awarded with a daughter on October 1 at Camp Campbell, Ky., where Bob is serving with the 511th Airborne Inf. Regt. J. B. Townsend, now at Langley A.F.B., writes that he saw K. M. Davidson at Shaw Field, C. S. Davidson had just completed an atomic course at Keesler A.F.B. and was awaiting orders to go to Sandia. Sauer and Henry Warren have also just completed the same course and are headed for Sandia. J. B. continues: "Chet Braun came back here to Langley a short time back and yesterday took off for Bermuda with a brand new bride, Jane Riggis, a local girl. Nat King is here with the 4th Fighter Group. Saw Bissell at Wright Field, attending U.S. A.F. Inst. of Technology. Ditto Glen Childs and Nick Chase. Ed Bailey resigned to go into business. Bill Hanes resigned at Valley Forge G.H.—medical reasons. And of course you know Brockles resigned"

Several familiar names have appeared on orders: John Powers, from Ft. Jackson, S. C., to Ft. Devens, Mass.; Joe Hadzima, recently become engaged to Miss Catherine O'Mara, from Sacramento District Engineers to the Pine Flat Dam in Fresno County, California; M. C. Mabry from Sacramento to Farmington Dam in San Joaquin County, Calif.; Howie Bealmear from Camp Chaffee, Ark., to Ft. Riley, Kansas; Jim O'Brien from the Univ. of Missouri to Hq. Fourth Army at Ft. Sam Houston, Tex.; H. A. Macintire from Camp Carson, Colorado, to Jump School and then to the 82nd Div. at Fort Bragg, N. C.; Bill Sibert from Ft. Bragg to U.S. Army Mission for Aid to Greece; Herman Napier from Camp Chaffee to Camp Campbell, Ky.; R. J. McCarrell from Ft. Myer, Va., to Ft. McNair, Wash., D. C.

Other sources locate Ed Gilmore at the C.I.C. Center, Camp Holabird, Md.; Harvey Boyd at Ft. Monmouth, N. J.; Bill McGuinness at Syracuse, N. Y. with the Great Lakes Division Engineers; John Fehro at the Pentagon.

In listing those of the class at West Point, I omitted H. H. Price, who is here as Post Property Officer.

Jim and Ann Holcomb have just recently returned to West Point after their honeymoon. They were married in Detroit, Mich., Ann's home, on November 26. Jim, in addition to his work as instructor in the Department of M.T.&G., is the West Point Club Officer.

Recently a few more of the class have left the service for civilian life. The most recent of these are W. J. Ryan, Jose Carrien, J. D. Caldwell, Donald Crowe, R. G. Patton, E. F. Deacon, Bill Bowen, M. W. Trotti, Harry Hause, George Kahlert, Bill Hanes, B. A. Brockles, John Wirres, Bill Bess, and E. H. Bailey. Louis Gingras who is in civilian life dropped a line about himself and his wife, Carol. The statistics: 2 sons and one daughter. He is currently with the First Investors Corporation in New York. Jim Donovan, late of the 11th A.B. Div. who resigned a while ago, has been endorsed as a candidate for city council in Quincy, Mass. He is now an engineer in civilian life.

It came as a shock to learn of the death of one of the most popular men of the class, Charlie Cross. Charlie was killed in a C-47 crash near Asheville, N. C., and is survived by his wife, Evelyn, and a daughter, Candace.

The engagement of Frank DeKay to Miss Jacquelyn Porter was recently announced. Frank is stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas. Another engagement: Ed Saxby to Miss Shirley Schuyler, daughter of Brig. Gen. and Mrs. Schuyler of Fort Myer. Ed is stationed at Fort Myer. However, by the time this column is published, both of these couples will be happily married.

It is opportune to mention at this time, that this coming June Week will be our fifth anniversary. In an effort to plan well ahead, we would like to know what attendance can be expected. Any response—or suggestions—will be appreciated.

—W. D. C.

1946

With the very successful football season of '49 behind us, I want to mention some of the lucky men that saw the two outstanding games of the year—Michigan and Navy. As coaches there were Jack Green and Johnny Sauer; as spectators there were Hank Bolz, Jack Cairns, Bob Case, Louie Creveling, and Sam France. Others who have seen either or both games are Marty Colladay, Bert David, Joe Flores, Larry Gordon, Ed Houseworth, Dick Kinney, Bud Leve, Ted Montague, Pud Patterson, and Roscoe Patton. There were many others, but not within my range of identification.

The "Master in Business Administration" Degree was received by both Harlan Tucker and Bob Allen from Harvard University at Commencement Exercises, June 23, 1949. John C. Burney and his fiancée announced their engagement October 24, '49. She is Mary Anika McConnell of Jackson Heights, Long Island. On September 25, 1949, Miss Virginia Lane Barr's engagement to J. R. Cavanaugh was announced by Maj. Gen. and Mrs. David Barr. Cavanaugh is presently stationed with the 7th Inf. Div. at Sapporo, Japan. Col. and Mrs. P. L. Moore of Camp Lee, Va., announced the engagement of their daughter Catherine Carol, to DeBow Freed. That was in August, and the wedding was planned for this past September 10. Congratulations to all previously mentioned and to be mentioned engaged and married couples.

Recently received a very informative letter from my ex-wife Joe Buzhardt and his wife Gene. They are in Japan and Gene compiled a very nice list of people over there which I will pass on to our readers. Yakota A.F.B.—Bob and Ruth Wilson and daughter Erica; Bob and Louise Lowry and son Bob; Wes and Ellen Brothers and son Little Throck; Roy and Jean Hudspeth, daughter Sally born November 3; Bix and Barbara Bradburn, daughter Carol; Kent and Ginny Berge; Whitey and Agnes Yeoman, son Allan; Harrison and Pat Lobdell, son Corky; Bert and Elizabeth Stringer; Frank and Sarah Hagan; Rojo Williams and his mother; Dotty and Fred Rountree, 2 sons Fred, Jr. and James Carnright born in November. Also Bruce Shawe, Lloyd Dunlap, Wally Berry, Bryce Poe, and Bob Wright. Nagoya, Japan—Slats and Janet Stees and son Charlie, plus Betty and Bill Evans and their twins Betsy and Bill. Itazuke A.F.B.—Kitty and Bob Walsh and son; Bob and Betty Hughes; Jeannette and Randy Adams and son; Janet and Ransom McBride, 2 sons Douglas and James Burley; Jack Martin and his wife; Bob and Penny Wayne and their two daughters. Johnson A.F.B.—The Griffins, Betsy, Bill, and daughter Libby; Rick Lamp; The Buzhardts, Joe, Gene, and Linda. Recently departed for U.S.—The Greers, Sam, Brooke, and son; The Nichols, Henrietta, Wayne, and son Jay. Tachikawa A.F.B.—Wynn and Paul Norris; Pris and Johnny Doolittle and daughter Jody. Misawa A.F.B.—Jack and Mary Ann

Jackson and daughter Nancy Ann; Jesse Green, wife and son; Frank Doyle; Guy Hairston and his mother; Reginald Shaw and his wife; Tom Langstaff; Tom Gee and wife; Phil Safford and his wife.

Many of you already know from your October issue of *Assembly* that Jim Hurley, Eddie Van Deusen, and Paul Ward have joined the long gray line of honored dead. Walter Burnside is the most recent classmate to join the Last Roll Call. Wally was killed when his F-51's engine quit and he tried to make a dead-stick landing. This was in October 1949 at Wright Field. For the entire class may I extend our mutual sympathy to their friends, relatives, and dear ones. To Jeanne Hurley (now at Tacoma, Washington) and her son James Patrick, born in early November 1949, may I further extend the class' regrets over the loss of her husband Jim. And the same for Ruth Burnside who is at home in Floral Park, Long Island.

For brighter news, George Devens and his wife Mary are the proud parents of a son W. G. Devens III, born September 5, '49. George is stationed with the 79th Eng. Const. Batt. at Fort Sill, Okla., as the Ass't S-3. Bill Wray was married October 2 in Augusta, Ga. He is an Ass't S-3, 7th Eng. Brigade, Camp Gordon, Ga. At the last word, George Fink was with an Eng. Avn. Bn. at McDill Field, Fla., and was nominated to go to Peru. Let's hope he made it.

Jerry Epstein wrote of his marriage on May 11, 1949, in Osaka, Japan, to Miss Mary Griffin. In July he left Japan for his return to the U.S.A. and the Univ. of Illinois. Jerry expects to be there for two years getting his master's degree in Electrical Engineering (communications). With him are Murray Putzer, Alex Perwich, Bob Myers, Amos Shattuck, Jim Dorney, and Alex Gerardo. These men are all Signal Corps taking the same course as Jerry. Dick Day is also at Illinois working for his master's in Civil Engineering. Epstein says to all going near the Univ. of Illinois—Come on over and say, Hello! Bob Bryan and his wife Dot have returned from Yokohama. Jack Grady, back from Japan, is in Washington, D. C.

From Clint Friend, I received a letter giving me his history since graduation. Married Leigh Bieser March 29, '47; overseas May 29, '47; stationed at Heidelberg. Then in Training at Grafenwohr, that was May '48. In November '48 Clint got his hobby amateur radio going so well he was able to converse with people in the States and many far off places. July 1949 saw Clint in his present assignment as Aide-de-Camp to Brig. Gen. George W. Smythe, Ass't Div. Comdr. 1st Div. On August 6, '49 a daughter, Leslie DeRonde, was born at the 98th General Hospital in Munich.

John Gayle, formerly with the 7th Inf. Div. has lots to say. At the time of his departure from Japan, there were only a few members left. Joe Finley stationed at Hacinoe, Japan. Ginny and Becky are there with him. Up in Sapporo are the following people: Dick Ruble and family, Bill Bowley and family, and Rollo Skilton. All of these were with the Division in Korea and elected to remain in Japan. Down at Sendai were Ned Mewborn with his bride, the former Ellenor Downs, Sam Walker and family (son Walton H., II), Bill Stone and bride, Dick Gruenther still a bachelor, and Dave Brillhart and family. At Jinmachi with the artillery, Huddelston, Hoar, Vester, and others are located. Tom Constant is in Tokyo with the Foreign Liaison Section, G.H.Q. His family have joined him there. Gayle is now at the Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, as an Aide-de-Camp. Jack Barth was there visiting his family and Harold Lacouture spent a weekend here prior to going to Randolph Field for Air Forces training. May I quote

Gayle on the following good idea: "I have noticed from several classes that a small booklet has been published at the end of every five year period after graduation. I don't know whether our class committee has given any thought to the matter, but I believe it would be a fine thing and would certainly bring everyone up to date periodically. Perhaps you can put it up to the class through your column in the *Assembly* magazine" Anyone with more ideas send me a line at 555 7th St., Niagara Falls. The first such book would be due June 1951.

Stationed at Kirtland Field, Albuquerque, N. M. are John and Patty Castle, who just had a son named John; Mose and Caroline Gordon, who likewise just had a son named Bill; and Hoby Gay whose wife also recently presented him a son named Hobart. The perennial bachelor Tad Skladzien, also at Kirtland, can't continue this record. This group, including Stan Welsh and Wally Burnside, had been together since graduation until their return to the States. At that time Welsh went to the Univ. of Michigan and Wally to Wright Field, where he met his untimely death. Gay and group now fly F-86's instead of the F-47's they used in Hawaii.

Milt Hamilton and his wife Martha are at Reg'l Hqs. Co., 350th Inf., A.P.O. 174, N. Y. Men who are scheduled for return to U.S.A. are Tom Campbell, Aide to General Almond, c/s G.H.Q., F.E.C.; Pat Crizer, Aide to General Maris, G-3, F.E.C.; and Tom Hirschberg, General MacArthur's Honor Guard Company.

More "Joe College" men at the U. of Minnesota. George Hagedon and his wife Jean Louise (1007 Cromwell Ave., Saint Paul, Minnesota) along with other C.E. men, Ted Braun, 3 men of '45, and Major Harrison '41, an economics instructor during our stay at the Academy. They are working on a Civil Engineering Master's Degree studying such items as: soils, hydraulics, structures, highways, sewerage, and water supply. George was married June 22, '46 to Jean Louise Klingbeid of Toledo, Ohio, and his son Gregory was born May 20, '47. - It is requested that Murray Putzer and Bill Fuller write Hagedon at address in Saint Paul.

Your reporter has been travelling a bit lately. Ethel and I took off for Thanksgiving and the Navy game on snow and ice packed roads, after 250 miles we finally found dry pavement. Thanksgiving Day we spent at her parents home in New Rochelle, N. Y. and then went to the game that Sat. After the game I left for Cincinnati, Ohio, by car. I was there a week exploring the city for my company before returning to Niagara Falls.

Attending regular 3 year Law course at the Univ. of Virginia is Tom McBryde. Tom and his wife Babs are living at 1600 Gentry Rd., Charlottesville, Va., with daughter Elise, 2, and son Wm. Henry, born June 4, '49. Also at Virginia are Bob Duncan and his wife Lucy. Bob is there for a one year course in Geo-politics.

From Fort Lewis, Washington, Johnny McDonough (Hq. 38th F.A. Bn.) tells me the following are there with him: Boudinot, Becker, Malcolm MacDonald, Johnny Nance with spouse Pat, Evans, and Jean Joyce. All but Joyce and McDonough are in the Inf. Regiments expecting to take part in forthcoming maneuvers in Hawaii. McDonough reports his marriage to Barbara Haheb in Flushing, N. Y. on July 18, '48 and the birth of a daughter, Kathleen Laurie on August 17, '49.

With the 18th Inf. Regt., A.P.O. 162, c/o P.M., N. Y.: Bob Patterson—Regimental Counterfire Officer, Alvin Hadley—Public Information Officer and Ass't S-1 for Regt., Jim Egan—Executive and Reconnaissance Officer Heavy Mortar Co., Al Wedemeyer—Platoon Leader, Heavy Mortar Co., Granville Rouillard—Ass't Regt'l S-3, Bob Shoemaker

—Commanding Co. "G", Carle C. Clifford—Commo Officer—1st Bn., Alex McBirney—S-1, 1st Bn. Bob Patterson was at the Air Transportability School in England with Gigante in June '49 and met Jack Donahue (B-29's) and Wes Posvar (Oxford). Phil Fryberger is at Fuestenfeldbruck, a jet base. "Chops" Parke is with the Q.M. in Heidelberg.

Stationed with the "Old Guard of the Army" the 3d Inf. Regt., at Ft. Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D. C.: Al Wood, Dick Mealor, and Bob Lamb. Dick White was married September 11, '48 in Phila. to Miss Ann Elizabeth Valentine, and is now in Alaska. Also with him are Jack Bodie who married July 3, '49 at Pine Bluff, Arkansas, and Andy Atkinson. Andy's wife Shirley and son Randy are there too. John Munkres was married to Miss Alper Claudia Vestal on September 17, '49. The wedding was held in the Itazuke A.F.B. Chapel, Fukuoka, Japan, best man was Bob Wright. Norm Weiss with the 7851st Q.M. Depot Gp., A.P.O. 407, c/o P.M., N. Y. announced the birth of a son, James Robert Weiss, born October 27, '49 in Munich, Germany.

Many classmates said hello at a big Command Performance held at Straubing, Germany. Guy Troy is still a bachelor, but was present with a date. From Deggerndorf, came Rus and Mary Burn. From Lanshut, came Andy and Jule LaMar. Andy has a 4 months old daughter. Steve Henry and his wife were present. Minter Wilson and his wife were at the party. The Straubing contingent includes: Dick and Donna Beckner, Steve Edwards, Mac McMaster (a bachelor), Joe Rogers (also a bachelor), Bob Rheault and his wife Nan who gave birth to a daughter Susanne near the beginning of 1949. Norman Stanfield recently returned after 6 months teaching tank school in Vilseck (Germany's little Siberia). Frank Conant and his wife Joy have a second daughter born in late September '49.

Down Tucson, Arizona, way comes a letter from Skipper Strain. His family now totals 5 with the addition of his 3rd child, a boy, Glenn Christopher born July 8, '49. This is the first boy for Bailey and his wife Luzella (Irish) and they seem quite happy about it. Strain is flying B-50's with the 64th Bomb Sq. Bailey's outfit has recently been augmented by many new pilots, most of them Class of 1949 Pointers.

Let us hope that the Decade of Opportunity will not be like the Flaming 40's. We will have our first two 5 year reunions during the 50's so here's to some wonderful times yet to come.

—S. E. H. F.

1947

Either our class is beginning to settle down and want news of classmates or these last three months have found you with more letter writing time than usual, for I received a total of ten letters—twice the normal number.

The list of bachelors continues to diminish rapidly. Marriages I have learned of since September are: A. A. Van Petten and Elizabeth Kirn at the post Chapel at Schofield Barracks on October 8th; S. G. Force and Ann Parker (do not know date or place) and Shelton Biles and Louise Hyde. Those who have become engaged since the last issue include Al Cretella and Joan Turner; W. W. Nairn and Janice Mae Lawton; and John Fox Kauffman (ex-'47) and Mary Katherine Fielder.

A note from K. C. Kaericher states that he and his family (including K. C. II who was born last January 7th) have just been transferred from Greeneville, S. C. to Smyrna A.F.B., Tennessee.

Wally Veaudry writes from Hawaii to give the following news on men in that area. "Duke" Duquemin married Pat Jones in Japan and is now in Hawaii; also there are Stan and Betty Crosby, Jug Head Williams, (still an eligible bachelor), Hank Emerson (also a bachelor), Wayne Hauck, Bill Brown, Bill Conger, Bill Cooper and Krause. When we left Japan, George Maloney, Ray McCullough and Harry Ball stayed behind with the Korean Military Advisory Group."

Al Cretella writes that he expects to graduate from Connecticut Law School and then take the Connecticut bar exams. He was best man at the marriage of Ken Hatch and Altha Mendenhall on November 12th in Summit, N. J. Ken and his bride are off to Honolulu for their first post together. Al's marriage is scheduled for next September 1st.

An interesting letter from Norm Rosen tells of his peregrinations since last Spring. "In May I left Guam for Tokyo on a P.C.S. After a month and a half in the big city I was assigned here in Kyushu. While in Tokyo I attended Counter Intelligence School and am now with C.I.C. I am now in Kokura, the little Pittsburgh of Japan. The work I am doing is interesting. It's a long way from troop duty but that has its advantages as well as disadvantages. Since I have been here I have visited with quite a few of our classmates the Webbs, Andersons; Burners, and Allen and Becker in Tokyo; the Christines, Jacobsons and Levenbacks in Kokura; the Starobins, Perrys and McAdoos in Osaka. Also saw the Snyders, Taylors and several others while traveling around Japan. The basic branches have caught up with quite a few of the boys. George Levenback is with the 2d Medium Port in Yokohama and Dick Allen with the R.T.O. at Sendai. Dick Steinborn and P. J. Curry are still holding down the fort on Guam. I am still a bachelor with no prospects of a change soon. Al Geraci was married last weekend and Bill Carpenter a few weeks before that."

Willy Munroe writes happily that he's back in this country at Bolling A.F.B. after a tour of duty on Okinawa. Willy couldn't get into Intelligence—no openings—but says he has a very interesting job in Public Information. He ran into Johnny Kennedy a short time ago shortly after Kennedy had completed a 9 months course in photo interpretation which nearly drove him crazy. Says it's like a nightmarish M.T.&G. course. Kennedy also has recently married. Munroe was one of the lucky ones able to see the Navy game this year—that must have been a joy to see. The others he saw there were Senator Sharpe and Pete Gillam (flying F-84's in California), Herbie Smith, and Brent Scowcroft who is in the hospital and says he will be there for some time. How about a letter, Brent?

Bob Mahowald's address is: Otsu, Honshu, Japan. With him are Lee Majeske and Don Burton. All of them started as platoon leaders but all have since moved up. Burton is Special Service Officer and P.I.O., Majeske is a Staff Officer and Woody a Company Commander. They are operating a very heavy training schedule and are busy but are enjoying the work.

The Air Force silence has been broken by Wally Griffith, who is at Kelly A.F.B., Texas. He's flying with the Military Air Transport Service but says he doesn't often fly outside the States. Jim Heironimus is with M.A.T.S. at Patterson A.F.B., Dayton, Ohio. Also at Patterson are Dave Odell, Ralph Murrin, Eberle and Jim Coolbaugh, all attached to Air Material Command. John and Ellen Lowry and son Joseph Burgess are at Albuquerque, N. M., along with Jake Lerohl, Frank Perry and Bob Kettner. Lee Schlegel has also just arrived there. At March A.F.B. are Jay Johnson and Jack Frost.

Herb Pinkerton and Willie Gray are at Langley A.F.B., Va. Doc Blanchard is at Shaw A.F.B. and has recently become a father. Ted Gregory is flying out of Randolph A.F.B. Alan Gould, Ted Garrabrants, Dave Newcomb and Red Herrick are now at Barksdale A.F.B., La. Gordon Dicker and Al Learmonth are at Biggs A.F.B., El Paso, Texas, and both have been married within the past two months. Perry Gainey is at Lackland A.F.B., and was also recently married. Wally also ran across Don Helling who is attending the University of Chicago Law School. While in Chicago he ran into Les Stevens, another recent bridegroom. Bob Griffith is now at Patterson A.F.B. enrolled in the Institute of Technology there. Bill Kuykendall is stationed at Tinker A.F.B. in Oklahoma City, and was married several months ago. Mike Dunham is flying with A.M.C. at the same base. Griffith has also seen Tex and Lois Hightower in Austin, Texas. Tex is studying business management at the University of Texas. J. J. and Betty Anderson are in Austin too, J. J. stationed at Bergstrom. While in Fort Riley, Wally saw Bernie and Marcia Gardner. Bernie received his Master's Degree from Cornell and is taking a course at Fort Riley. Cecil Fuchs went through Kelly several weeks ago. He's flying jet fighters from a base in New Hampshire. Bob Moore is at McCord A.F.B., Washington. Beckelman and Hudgins are at Albuquerque.

A note from Satch Sattem says that only four U.S.A.F. men from 1947 were in Germany as of October 1, '49: Bob Ehrlich, George Harrington, Sattem and Bill Woldenberg. George is the Classification and Assignment Officer at Erding, Bob is the Adjutant at Rhine-Main A.B.; Satch is the Procurement and Assignment Officer in Hq. U.S.A.F.E.; and Bill is the Legal Administrative Assistant at Rhine-Main A.B. Bill Smith's address is 7842 Ord. Rebuild. Det., A.P.O. 807, c/o P.M., N. Y. Bill writes that those who took Ordnance and went to Europe went to the Constabulary. Now back with Ordnance, Bill is a Detachment Commander at a Tank, Artillery, Small Arms, and eventually Optical Rebuild Instruments Shop. Hal Richardson went to Esslingen; Lou Rachmeyer went to Mannheim Ordnance Depot; and Dick Sforzini, Willie Clark, Hal Paul, and Don Schnepf are in Ordnance units nearby. Smith lives in Butzbach and has seen Bob Ozier, John Miller and Hal Tavzel.

A letter from Wells Lange, who is in Puerto Rico, says that he is having a terrible time trying to make the Puerto Rican Army understand his Spanish. Mike Maloney is at the same place. Mike and his wife had a son on the second of June. Lukens and Naill are at Gulick, C. Z. Wells says that the place seems very much disorganized compared to places like Riley and Benning, but he's enjoying his tour there.

Al Geraci married Barbara P. McCarthy in Osaka in mid-November. Before his marriage Al was on the Far East Command and the All-Army Tennis Teams and spent several months in the States, competing against other Army teams.

It is my very unpleasant duty to inform you that William Jennings Sharpe was killed in an F-84 crash in California, on Friday, December 9th. I know I speak for all of us in offering our deep sympathy to Bill's family. All of us will miss him.

—D. L. T.

place sometime in 1950. No doubt there are others by this time but I have not heard of them. In the marriage department we find Kenny Barber and Carolyn Row married November 18 in San Antonio, Mort Mumma and Babs Joseph married in December, Bill McGinness and Cathy Richardson, October 6, in Arlington, Virginia, with reception at Army-Navy Club in Washington, and Hank Stelling and Lucille Treat married about the 1st of October. One late article (it shows you how my news agency works) is that a belated letter from Rosie Rosencrans tells me that he married a very lovely girl, Martha McComas, last February.

In the baby sitting department, Fran and Nancy Schless have joined the ranks with a baby girl born on October 27, Charlie and Dot Wurster have a boy, Bill and Carol Dougherty have a boy, Otis and Annelle Moore have a girl, Don and Frankie Swenholt have a girl and Don declares to the high heavens it is the prettiest baby ever born, the Heikkinen's have a boy and Lou and Jonnie Schalk have a girl.

There have been several letters from the gang this time telling about your different stations and places of assignment. It is interesting to get those reports from all over the world and pass the information on to you. First from Okinawa or "The Rock" comes word that the boys there are having a little difficulty keeping out of the way of "Patricia", "Gloria" and others. Those are the names of the hurricanes that seem to have an affinity for that area. At this time on Okinawa are Robert Taylor, Dick Warren, Holliday, McGraw, Ross, Blakeslee, Brennan (the Bear), Bradshaw, Burns and Borg.

Letter from Punch Hartnell gives the dope on some of the boys in Tokyo, with him there are Bob Petersen, Larry Hoyt, Tom Hazard, Bill Travis, Jack Osteen, John Wadsworth, Charlie McGee, Tom Hoffman, Ed White, Fran Schless, Harry Buckley, Stub Clarke, Sid Berry, and Marty Nelson. Lots of the boys are assigned to special duty on football and other teams and have the life of Riley.

A little way from Tokyo on Kyushu, Rube Hyman tells me his tale of woe. He is playing football on the regimental team and has nothing much to do. With him are Bill Caldwell and Al Alfonso. Finnegan, Chandler, and Resnick are at Camp Hakata, Chitty is around there somewhere, and Doodly is at Kumamoto. Ray Drury is in Kokura. Alfonso is chief wheel on the "Black Island of Tzushima" having been assigned detachment commander there.

Over in that section somewhere in the Philippines are Bill Whitson, Joe Aron, Denny Patterson, Norm Lovejoy and Bob Graf. Their work consists of M.T.G. on a grandiose scale. Level your bubbles boys!

To take a jump of a few thousand miles we find a bunch of the gang in Europe. Les Carter has finally come through with a letter from Vienna. He is the only one there since Gene Forrester was moved to Camp McCauley in the U.S. zone of Austria. Also at McCauley are Dave Mallett, Walt Meitzen, Jim Fry, Roger Conover, Joe Bratton, Tom Cormack, and Jug Haskell. Fred Tibbetts is in Bamberg, Germany. From Darmstadt, Germany, comes a report from Joe Dorsey where Jack Waggener, Joe Kiernan and Joe are stationed. At Grafenwohr are stationed Ashby Foote, Charlie Crouch, Jim Walk, and Steve Griffith. Also Jack Hughs, Arnie Sargeant, Tom Tyree, Ennis Whitehead and Ken Pressman. Nearby are Jim McCray, Chloe Swearingen, Wille Bertram, Tiger Adkins, Ed Nelson, John Bellinger, Squeak Weber, Ferdie Tibbetts, Wally Williams, Bob Ward, and Tom Ware. Others at Grafenwohr were Joe Myers, and W. W. Scott. At Weiden, we find Tom Bowen, Lee Doyle, Al Cerow, Chuck Sunder, Ed McCuen and Hank Perry. Also right around in the area are Johnny Egbert, Parry Sykes,

To start things off this time boys and girls we look into the engagement column and find only one. Robert Taylor and Jane Bamford of Patterson, New Jersey, announce their intentions—wedding to take

Robertson, Al Whitley, Kaula, and Kochitsky. No one has been able to locate Kochitsky as yet so I guess he is up to his old stunts.

Other bits of information will have to be scrambled. Jim Hall, Bayer and Wally Hubbard are at Erlanger, Bobby Marshall at Munsinger, Rudd and Buckner at Grafenwohr and Bob Cushing at Vilseck.

Here in the States with the Air Corps boys—A letter from C. C. Elebash in advanced training at Van A.F.B. in Oklahoma tells me that he is the only one of us there. Harry Bettis, Tom Phillips, Johnny Withers are at Roswell, New Mexico; Rich Berry, Blaine Butler, Danny Long, Otis Moore, Don Swenholt, Bob Davis, Joe Gorrrell, Warren Graves, Wilho Heikkinen, Lou LoConte, Dick Miner, Curley Mounger, and Jim Sandman are at Tucson; Jug Muehlenweg is at Lubbock, Texas; and Scotty Scott is at San Antonio as an instructor. George LaPointe is now in Waco, Texas; Kipfer and Peppers at San Angelo, Texas; Andy Anderson, Dick Skinner, Stew Young in Tacoma, Washington; Bob Van Arsdall at Westover A.F.B., Mass.; John Pickering with H.Q., F.E.A.F., Japan; Bill Hayden in the Philippines; Okie O'Connell in Japan; Bill McGuinness and Bob Pomeroy with the Air Force on Guam, and Jim Van Fleet in Athens, Greece. R. O. Barton is in Greenville, South Carolina, along with Frank Dent. Pat Gilliam and Charlie Coons are supposed to be in Hamilton A.F.B., California but there is a conflict about whether Gilliam is there or at Shaw Field in Columbia, South Carolina. Sequin and Leitner are at Kirtland A.F.B., Albuquerque, New Mexico, Ronnie Morgan is at Turner Field, Albany, Georgia; Rod Saville and DiLoreto are at Otis A.F.B. in Falmouth, Mass. Ken Barber and Jim Allen are assigned to the Philippines.

This about winds up the column for another *Assembly* so please keep the letters coming. I can't find out anything about Murphy or would have told you about him. As for myself I'm still living.

—C. D. Nash.

1949

Ft. Riley news came in this time from Buckingham, Connell, Hodes, Orton, Schulz and Kuhlman. Buck, finding Baylor University a pleasant weekend haunt (couldn't be one of two beautiful twins could it?) reports that Al Kendree caught a ride to the Army-Michigan game at Ann Arbor where he saw Gary Van Westenbrugge. Connell takes the big step December 26th at Taunton, Mass.; with Tow, Trubin, Luebbert, Stemple, Greenbaum, Goering, Griffith, Giddings and others to back him up. Among Betsy's bridesmaids will be Mrs. Nancy Connell Leubbert, one of our Graduation Day brides.

Via "Hods" comes a slant on the contribution of our class to the gridiron exploits of the Riley "Centaurians". Seems that Hoffmaster, Moses, Lindeman, Gerometta, Feir, Howell, Toomey, Schwarz, Cox, Rowan, Bryant and Steffy have done a fine job of putting teeth into what now is considered one of the finest teams in the service. Hoffmaster has sparkled at quarterback while Lindeman, Bryant, Feir and Howell have been standouts in a line which through seven games (as this went to press) had yet to yield a touchdown overland. Injuries kept both Rowan and Steffy out of action.

Ed Ross and B. J. Rountree were cut up a bit in a Junction City accident and Bill Cummings, minus one each car in good condition, borrows Ed Hindman's when Kansas City bound. Fred Deem broke his foot skiing in Denver over the Armistice holiday. Don Gower was married in October. He and Libby live in Junction City. Ted Swett broke his ankle and Tut Hendricks underwent a leg operation in Battle Creek, re-

turning then to Riley. Jack Rust had a party for his "F-2" gang. Marfuggi did likewise for "D-2" with all present except the flyboys Cronin, Martin, Howard, Rumney, Butler and Helfrick. Dick Bundy marries Weizie Raguze in Washington, D. C. this December. No glee is felt over spending three years in grade before promotion.

August 16th wedding bells rang for George Orton and Joanna Hodgkinson in the Post Chapel at Ft. Riley. Joan passed on welcome information—the marriage of Joe Pingatore in October plus Christmas weddings for Joe Toomey, Bob Nelson, Murray Williams and Tom Byrd. Jim Scholtz was called to Schenectady in early November to receive a trophy for athletic achievement—special recognition for his hammer-hurling record. Johnny Sutton married Dana Wendelburg in Independence, Mo., November 12th. Among the ushers were Duane Smith, Al Kendree, Jerry Schulz and Marty Colliday ('46). John Vogel was also married in early November. Jerry Schulz in Dallas over Thanksgiving, saw Freddie Westfall, Bill Armstrong and Paul Dow at Sherman. Someone was "burning up the airways"—couldn't guess who. Duane Smith and Jean Sommerville are engaged to be married in April. Heirs are expected by the P. J. Donohoes, Bob Lynchs, Bill Kempens, and Pat Kimballs. The approaching end of O.B.C. at Riley finds all itching for new fields to conquer—angxious for the change—wondering what assignments lie ahead—thinking some troop duty would be good before more schooling. For many it will be The Infantry School, Ft. Benning, Ga.

Thanks to Kelso Jones, Pursley and Stender for the Tyndall news. All are due for re-assignment December 16th. Kelly marries Dorothy Batson in San Diego December 17th. The Air Tactical School at Tyndall prepares students for duties of squadron commander or staff member at same level. It's divisions are Military Management (law, staff and organization, leadership); New Developments (guided missiles, atomic warfare etc.); Supply and Maintenance, Seminar and Tactics. Staff studies, lectures, discussions and impromptu talks on assigned topics are required of each student. With three or four classes a day plenty of time is left for the Officers' Club, beach, theater and gym. Reports say the "Land of Sunshine" abounds with sand, heat, rain, scrub-pines, burrs and sand fleas. The pleasant atmosphere of the school makes up for this in large measure. The Air Tactical School is the first school in the Air University system which an Air Force officer may attend during his career. It is located at Tyndall A.F.B. 12 miles southeast of Panama City, Florida, on the Gulf of Mexico. Stender's itinerary after graduation included Bill Gorog's wedding, two weeks of checking outdoor advertising signs (for location and needed repair) with the Wisconsin State Dept. of Agriculture two more weeks as an engineer for the State Highway Commission ("I thought I'd never see the day," says Bob) then a ten day vacation in Jacksonville before reporting to Tyndall. Re-assignment, he thinks, will be to New York, Pennsylvania or Massachusetts.

The group at Perrin A.F.B. in Sherman, Texas, finds the base friendly, informal, and in a very good location (especially for those like Bill Armstrong who live in nearby parts of Texas). Visitors from Randolph Field (Westfall, Hilton, Cheever, etc.) report plenty of parades and inspections—making the Perrin pilots pleased with their choice of base. Seems they've had about three parades and no S.I.s since reporting. Some of the gang have not been allowed to continue flight training in the contracting Air Force plans and are in navigator school in Houston. Bill Lake had some bad luck with an ear infection and may have to drop back a class. Most of them had 85 to 95 hours

by the first of December and were working on instruments, acrobatics, graded stages and cross-country navigation flights, according to Bill Armstrong. Preference seems to be for multi-engine duty rather than jet or P-51 and present plans say they'll be at Perrin until March 15th. Johnny Hawn and Howie Seney went to New York over the holidays while Bill Lake, Dick Henry, Ed Kostyniak and Marty Applebaum drove to Chicago. No flying is allowed other than regular training or commercial. Reports are that many bachelors are destined to fall by the wayside by Christmas. Miers Johnson marries Imogene Cole on December 15th. Seney and Henry make the big move at Christmas while Tom Crawford marries Sandra McAllister in California on December 24th. Paul Dow, John Ike, Johnny Hawn and Bill Terrell are planning on next August after getting their wings. "It'll never happen to me" Terrell fell with unexpected swiftness. One night she was his blind date—two weeks later his fiancée (Jo Ann Ruth, belle at T.S.C.W.). So it goes. Bill Armstrong's home in Dallas is a get-together spot for some of the gang from Randolph, Perrin and San Angelo (Ted Wagner and Don McLean). Mosny, Armstrong and Hawn play on the post basketball team—Mosny's still scorching the hoop. No P.T. formations—just a poop sheet saying you've had your three hours of exercise—bowling, golf, etc.

Ray Drummond worked in Denver as an engineer for the city and county until September when the Civil Service job he wanted opened up in Washington. He saw Herb Turner and Fred Johnson at the Penn game. Herb is attending the Art Students League in New York City and Fred is working for Armour & Co. in New Jersey. Chuck Wason is believed to be with the State Department but no definite word has been received. Ray saw the Navy game where he ran into a number of our class. He said roughly 20% of those taking flying had been re-assigned. Ray is married—let us know her name, Ray, so we can give her an official welcome.

From Randolph Field, Ray Klemmer writes that all those left in the program have soloed. They had just had night flying ("mechanized blind man's buff"). A large number had been re-assigned to Ellington or Tyndall. Triner, Saxon and Paulson were pushed through in a hurry and were already in advanced. Bill Bumpus and Charlie Brown had resigned. Life at Randolph was reported "casual and pleasant—a good set up for the married and enough ladies to keep the bachelors happy".

A note from George Crall mentions that he and Arganbright were graduated June 24th but declined the honor of commissions. He invites anyone staging for the Orient to stop in at 68 Broadway, Los Gatos, California. Your Ed happily reports the capture in Oklahoma City of the ex-convict who cleaned him out on Labor Day. The F.B.I. trailed him across six states by forged checks and stolen cars. Nice to be in clothes again.

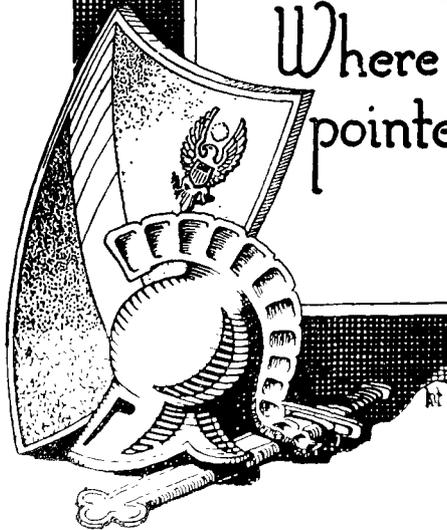
To the contributors of this issue go many thanks from the rest of your class. Your reporting was excellent making possible this picture of our class today. Keep up the good work. Don't just think about it. Write a card. Box 325 Y.M.C.A., Cedar Rapids, Iowa. If you have any ideas or suggestions for improvement of this column be sure to send them in—they'll be most welcome.

News service clippings just arrived tell of more marriages: Lewis Moore to Sara Adcock, Eugene Marder to Margaret Davies (attended by W. F. McMurry and wife of San Angelo), and Jack Forrest to Patricia Smith. Scheduled for December weddings are Jim Hendricks to Dorothy Bremicker and Jim Coghlan to Sarah Anne Evans. Engagements were announced for Jack Wogan to Katrina Himes, Carl Fitz to Virginia White, Joe May to Rosemary Ablett and Ted Marley to Joyce Greweling.

—Mac.

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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Charles Higbee Bridges

NO. 3807 CLASS OF 1897

DIED SEPTEMBER 11, 1948, AT SANDWICH,
MASSACHUSETTS, AGED 75 YEARS.

MAJOR GENERAL CHARLES HIGBEE BRIDGES (“Duke” to his contemporaries in the Corps and to his intimates in the Army), Class of ’97, passed away suddenly on September 11, 1948 at Sandwich, Massachusetts on Cape Cod, where Mrs. Bridges and he were residing for the summer. He is buried in Arlington National Cemetery across the Potomac from Washington, (his home), following his retirement from active duty at his own request, after more than forty years of active service. At the time of his death, he had been on the retired list for nearly fifteen years.

He was born at White Hall, Illinois on March 1, 1873 and entered the United States Military Academy from that State on June 21, 1893. White Hall is in Greene County about forty miles west and south of the State Capital, Springfield. He came from pioneer stock, both parents, Josephus and Annette Higbee Bridges, being natives of Greene County.

Following his graduation from high school, he visited the far west in company with an uncle. His impressions of that trip, includ-

ing those of a Nevada mining camp in the early nineties, gave him a desire for further education. Upon his return home, he prepared himself for entrance to the Academy. He was twenty years of age when he reported at West Point on June 21, 1893.

Duke was popular with his classmates, as well as with the cadets of preceding and succeeding classes with him at West Point. The perfect poise and good humor which he had as a plebe remained with him always. His fairness and courteous attitude are attested by the plebes of the classes immediately following 1897, and this at a time when hazing is alleged to have reached an all time high.

While at West Point, as in later years, it was his practice to keep his own counsel. He was essentially generous both in a personal way and in his actions. Once his confidence was secured, he gave freely and unselfishly in friendship. Deep devotion to his family was inherent to his nature. His casual manner and capacity for enjoyment covered a wealth of human understanding, soldierly competency and executive skill which carried him readily to high position in the fierce competition for preferment and advancement which characterized commissioned service in the Army of his time. He was a realist, courteous in manner, wise in counsel and effective in action. He had a serene smile and an easy way of accomplishing much without apparent effort.

Upon graduation, he was commissioned as

an additional Second Lieutenant of the Sixth Infantry then stationed at Fort Thomas, Kentucky. In less than a year, he became a Second Lieutenant of the Twenty-second Infantry. Except for the periods he served in the Adjutant General’s Department and the Inspector General’s Department, all his active service was with the Infantry. He belonged successively to the Sixth, the Twenty-second, the Fifteenth and Thirtieth Regiments of Infantry.

The sinking of the Maine in Havana Harbor began the Spanish American War. Available troops were concentrated at Mobile, Alabama and at Tampa, Florida, enroute to Cuba. Lieutenant Bridges reached Cuba on duty with his regiment on June 14, 1898. He served with distinction in the Santiago Campaign, in the El Caney and San Juan fights as well as in the siege of Santiago.

After the surrender he was incapacitated by malarial fever for an extended period, but returned to the United States with the regiment in July, 1898, disembarking at Montauk Point for duty at Camp Wikoff where the Twenty-second was held until the middle of September. It then moved to Fort Crook, Nebraska. Four months later, the Twenty-second was again on the move, this time to the Philippines. Lieutenant Bridges accompanied it, and upon promotion to the grade of First Lieutenant enroute, was reassigned to it. The Twenty-second participated in General Wheaton’s campaign up the Pasig

River and later in the advance on Mololos. On April 6, 1899, Lieutenant Bridges was commended by Captain W. A. Kell, Commanding 3rd Battalion, Twenty-second Infantry, in the attack on Mololos.

From June, 1899 until February, 1900, he commanded an armored train operating between Ulololas and San Fernando on the Manila and Dagupan Railroad. While on this duty, he was recommended for brevet for gallant and meritorious conduct in action in front of Angeles. Following this, he was assigned to command the town of Gien on the Pampanga River and later moved with his company to Cabio in Nueva Ecua Province. Here he was closely associated with General Funston, who commanded the area. The mutual esteem occasioned by this association endured through the years.

His next assignment of importance was as custodian of General Aguinaldo who was held as a military prisoner in Manila. It was a particularly delicate mission for which he was selected by the Commanding General, General Arthur MacArthur, as his personal representative. Here, as on many occasions, Duke evidenced that keen insight into the intricacies of human behavior, which he possessed to a remarkable extent.

Instead of being placed in close confinement as he had anticipated, General Aguinaldo was assigned to quarters in a comfortable house where he was permitted to live with only the restraint imposed by the companionship of his agreeable custodian. General Aguinaldo as well as his people were deeply impressed with the humane treatment he received. The games of chess he played with Lieutenant Bridges were among the happiest recollections of his confinement, which General Aguinaldo frequently recalled with pleasure after his release.

The sympathetic understanding and common sense attitudes which Lieutenant Bridges and his seniors evidenced in this instance, were all the more remarkable when the times and circumstances are remembered. The high regard which General Douglas MacArthur and General Bridges had for each other in later years when they served together, stemmed at least in part, from this early association with General MacArthur's father.

Lieutenant Bridges returned to the United States with the Twenty-second in 1902 again with station at Fort Crook, Nebraska, and remained there until he was promoted to the grade of Captain on June 28, 1902 and assigned to the Fifteenth Infantry at Monterey, California.

He returned to the Philippines with that regiment in November, 1905, and was stationed at Camp Keithley, Mindanao, until June, 1907, when he was returned to the United States to attend the School of the Line at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, graduating on August 19, 1908. He then attended the Army Signal School at Fort Leavenworth until August 15, 1909, and after graduation rejoined the Fifteenth Infantry at Fort Douglas, Utah.

He accompanied the Fifteenth on its return to the Philippines in November 1911 and served with it at Fort McKinley to March 9, 1912, when it was ordered to Tientsin, China, to guard the railroad and remained there until December, 1913. Upon his return to Manila, he was detailed as aide to Major General J. Franklin Bell, remaining on that duty until August 22, 1916. Upon his promotion to the grade of Major on July 10, 1916, he was assigned to command a battalion of the Thirtieth Infantry, and served in that capacity until returned to the United States in April, 1917.

In succession, he was in charge of Training Camps Eastern Department at Governors Island, New York and Assistant Inspector General at the same Headquarters to November 11, 1917. At that time, he became Inspector General of the Second Division and sailed for France. He was promoted to the grade of Lieutenant Colonel of Infantry

(temporary) on August 5, 1917, and to Colonel of Infantry (temporary) on February 6, 1918.

Colonel Bridges remained as Inspector General of the Second Division until February 14, 1918, at which time he was detailed to the General Staff, American Expeditionary Forces, and assigned as G-1, Second Division, remaining in that capacity until July 25, 1918. He participated in the occupation of the Toulon, Rupt and Troyon Sectors; in the Aisne operation; in the occupation of the Chateau Thierry Sector; and in the Aisne Marne operation.

On July 26, 1918, he became Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1, Sixth Army Corps, and participated in the St. Mihiel operation and the occupation of the Marbache Sector. He remained on that duty until April 11, 1919, when he was returned to the United States for duty in the Inspector General's office, Washington, D. C. He was commended by the Chief of Staff, Sixth Army Corps, for the outstanding service he rendered while serving with that command, and was made Officer of the Legion of Honor (French).

On July 5, 1919, he was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal by the Command-



ing General, American Expeditionary Forces, with the following citation:—

"Charles H. Bridges, Colonel, Infantry, U.S.A.—for exceptionally meritorious and distinguished services as Assistant Chief of Staff, first section of the 2nd Division, and later as Assistant Chief of Staff, first section of the 6th Army Corps, he performed creditably duties of great importance in connection with the services of supply, communication, and the movements of troops of his units, rendering services of value to the American Expeditionary Forces"

In September, 1919 he was returned to the permanent grade of Major and detailed as a student at the Army War College, Washington, D. C., from which he graduated in July, 1920. At that time, he was promoted to the grade of Colonel, Regular Army. He was at Camp Gordon, Georgia, as Inspector General, Fifth Division, to August 27, 1920, when he was transferred to Headquarters, Fifth Corps Area, Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana. He served as Corps Area Inspector, Assistant Chief of Staff for Personnel, Assistant Chief of Staff for Supply and finally as Chief of Staff, Fifth Corps Area, with station at Columbus Barracks, Ohio, until November, 1922. At that time, he was transferred to the Adjutant General's Department with station in Washington, D. C. and assigned to duty in the War Department as Division Chief in the Office of the Adjutant General where he remained until the middle of October, 1926.

Colonel Bridges was then assigned to duty as Adjutant General of the Third Corps

Area at Baltimore, Maryland, until June 17, 1927, when he was returned to Washington for duty as Assistant, The Adjutant General with the rank of Brigadier General. He was promoted to Major General, The Adjutant General on February 2, 1929, and served in that capacity until February 1, 1933. He retired on October 31, 1933.

On September 7, 1914, Captain Bridges was married to Mrs. Sadie Awl, who survives him.

The West Point Class of 1897 and the classes immediately preceding or following it were fortunate in receiving rapid promotion particularly as lieutenants and in the field officer and general officer grades. This is equally true of other classes graduating just prior to war. Doubtlessly, the emergencies of war tend to prepare officers for advanced rank and high command much more quickly than do the peace time activities of the Army.

General Bridges was a captain within five years of his graduation. He remained in the grade of captain fourteen years and passed through the grades of major and lieutenant colonel in four years. As a lieutenant of Infantry and later as a colonel of the Inspector General's Department and of the General Staff, he had extended experience in combat in Cuba, the Philippines and France. His record as a fighting soldier is as creditable and notable as is his well known outstanding performance of staff duty.

His understanding of human nature was intuitive—a trait not always found in military men of his time. He was a graduate of the principal service schools for which he was eligible and served with distinction on the General Staff in peace and in war. He was a member of the personal as well as of the official staffs of a number of outstanding general officers and performed these exacting duties to the entire satisfaction of each of them, retaining full measure of their confidence and regard throughout the years: And finally as a general officer, he became, in succession, Assistant to The Adjutant General and The Adjutant General.

Of this last service, the present incumbent of that key position, Major General Edward F. Witsell, The Adjutant General writes:—"With such men achievements frequently speak for themselves and are reflected in the pattern they set to guide their successors. By all who knew him, in addition to his many splendid personal qualities, he will always be remembered as one of the best in a long line of Adjutant Generals"

Duke changed but little with the years, retaining his keen sense of humor and fine appreciation of friendship to the end. Always attentive to his military duties, he did not allow them to absorb him to the exclusion of outside interests. Quick to lend a helping hand when needed in a worthy cause or for a deserving friend, he was neither a self seeker nor a champion of self glorification. The medals he wore came the hard way.

Quiet, unobtrusive and clever, he devoted himself to the solving of problems rather than to the winning of arguments. He was prudent of speech and exemplary in self control. He knew people instinctively and how to work through them. One has only to understand the esteem to which he was held by such outstanding military leaders as Funston, Arthur MacArthur, J. Franklin Bell, Preston Brown, Robert C. Davis, Douglas MacArthur and Frank McCoy to appraise his true worth as a soldier and a man, and when he had reached his goal, he voluntarily withdrew from public life to devote the remainder of his life to his family and the pursuit of happiness.

For these and his many other endearing qualities of mind and character, fond recollections of Duke Bridges will long be devoutly cherished by the Class of '97 and by hosts of admiring friends everywhere, whether in or out of the Service.

—I. J. P.

Harry Birdwhistell Jordan

NO. 4014 CLASS OF 1901

DIED SEPTEMBER 13, 1949, AT NORFOLK,
VIRGINIA. AGED 73 YEARS.

ON September 13, 1949, another West Pointer left behind him a part of the tradition that will always make the motto of the United States Military Academy so full of meaning. It was on that date that Colonel Harry Birdwhistell Jordan of the Class of 1901, U.S.M.A. died at Norfolk, Virginia.

It is hard to find a graduate of the Academy who had a deeper feeling of the importance and high levels of the objects of the Academy than did Harry Jordan. The reunion at West Point each year is one of the Academy activities that he considered did much to make a living thing of the best traditions of West Point. The ceremony at the Thayer Monument to him was a most solemn occasion that symbolizes the healthy roots that nourish the Spirit of West Point. He believed this ceremony could not be made too impressive and by his suggestions improvements in the ceremony were made, such as the placing of a floral design at the base of the monument by a member of the graduating class or by a distinguished graduate. He put his heart and soul into the effort to have General Sylvanus Thayer elected to the Hall of Fame as an Educator. He gave the original impetus to the nomination of General Thayer which was followed up by such prominent men as General Pershing, General Summerall, General Bullard, General MacArthur, General William D. Connor and General Dennis E. Nolan. He felt so proud of being a graduate of the Academy and a member of his Class that he requested that his Class Ring be buried with him. His request was heeded.

His contribution to the solidarity and good fellowship of the members of 1901 was unique in class history. He was the guiding spirit in instituting a weekly luncheon of the Class at the Army and Navy Club, Washington, D. C., for those members on duty and living in that city and vicinity. This luncheon has occurred, without interruption, for over twenty years, and has been the cause of more 1901 men meeting each other since leaving the Academy than any other event. Harry Jordan, known to every member of the Class, by his constant personal endeavors kept the luncheon alive until it became a fixed affair. The Class will always remember him with real affection for this contribution to the fine feeling that exists among its members. He will be missed at the gatherings he loved so much.

Jordan entered the Academy from the State of Washington, and as a cadet was appointed a Corporal in 1898 and advanced without interruption to Sergeant, Lieutenant and Captain. He graduated a Cadet Captain in the Class of 1901, was commissioned in the Cavalry, and assigned to the Fourteenth Cavalry with station at Fort Wingate, New Mexico, 1901-1903. He later served in the Eighth Cavalry at Fort Washakie, Wyoming, 1907-1908, and in the same regiment at Camp Overton, Mindanao, P. I., 1912-1913. He held commissions in the Cavalry through all grades to include Lieutenant Colonel, in which grade he transferred to the Ordnance Department.

He was one of a large number of young officers from different arms of the service to take the first examination for detail in the Ordnance Department and was one of the three officers who made the required grade for detail. In 1903 he was detailed in the Ordnance Department as a First Lieutenant of Ordnance and served in that Department until his retirement, with the exceptions noted as service in the Cavalry and while a General Staff Officer.

His early assignments in the Ordnance Department took him to Sandy Hook Proving Ground, Frankford Arsenal, Springfield Arsenal and Watertown Arsenal. These assignments were carried out in such a loyal and efficient manner that he was the first detailed officer to command a station. That station was the San Antonio Arsenal, San Antonio, Texas, a very important assignment effecting our Army in World War I. This command he held as a young Captain of Ordnance in 1914-1917. While on this duty he served also as Ordnance Officer on the Staff of General Frederick Funston and that of General Pershing.

He was in command of the San Antonio Arsenal during the Mexican Border trouble in 1916-1917, which duty placed upon his shoulders a very difficult task which he performed with credit to the Army and to himself. During this trouble a plot developed to blow up the Arsenal. As a Major of Ordnance and the Commanding Officer he took prompt steps to meet the situation. The towered Arsenal wall was protected by machine guns and brilliantly lighted at night by specially placed electric lights. A regiment of infantry and the cavalry from near-



by Fort Sam Houston was quartered in the Arsenal as a guard. Through the Chamber of Commerce of San Antonio and with military aid, he installed a spur of the railroad through the Arsenal to keep secret and expedite the shipment of the ammunition that was for the troops in the Mexican Expedition. To many young officers who had yet to see action on the battlefield those were momentous times, not only for the officers but for their families that were close to the danger spots. Mrs. Jordan remained with her husband in the Arsenal while all their servants were sent to places out of possible danger.

He was destined to take a very active part in World War I. Early in 1917, he was detailed to select Ordnance sites for Munition Depots in France and attended an English ordnance school to study English methods. While in the A.E.F. in France he served in the following assignments vital to the success of our forces: Chief Ordnance Officer, Line of Communications; Special Inspector representing the Chief Ordnance Officer A.E.F., General Clarence C. Williams; Deputy Chief Ordnance Officer, A.E.F.; Acting Chief Ordnance Officer A.E.F. during the absence in the States of General Williams, and, Chief Ordnance Officer on the Staff of the Chief of Artillery, First Army. During his war service he held commissions in the National Army of Lieutenant Colonel and Colonel. For his extraordinary efficient serv-

ice during World War I he received a Meritorious Service Citation.

Early in November 1918, Jordan was sent to the States on a special mission, to personally supervise and expedite a much needed supply of Springfield Rifles and to return to France with the shipment. He arrived in the States two days after the Armistice was signed and therefore did not return to France. His next assignment was in the Office of the Chief of Ordnance as Special Assistant in Charge of the Artillery Division. His fortunes changed suddenly, due to the death of the Commanding Officer of Rock Island Arsenal, he was rushed to that station as Commanding Officer. Rock Island Arsenal at that time was the largest arsenal in the United States and during his command, because of its importance, became the Mecca of many distinguished visitors, official, civilian and foreign, who wished to see and inspect what was probably the largest arsenal in the world at that time. He commanded this Arsenal for about three years. He was again sent overseas as Ordnance Officer, American Forces in Germany, 1921-1922 under General Henry Allen. Upon his return to the States he was assigned as Commanding Officer, Augusta Arsenal, Georgia, 1922-1924.

He graduated from the Army War College, 1925; the Army Industrial College, 1926; The Command and General Staff School, 1927 and the Artillery School at Fort Monroe, Virginia.

Colonel Jordan served on the War Department General Staff in the G-4 Division as Assistant in Charge of the Supply Branch and the Construction Branch, 1928-1931. His next service was as Corps Area Ordnance Officer at Baltimore, Md., on the Staff of General Paul B. Malone, 1931-1934. He was promoted to Colonel of Ordnance while on this duty.

His previous efficient service was rewarded by his assignment, for four years, as Director of the Army Industrial College, one of the two highest educational institutions in the Army at that time. He performed this duty in such a superior manner that the Assistant Secretary of War sent him the following commendatory letter upon his retirement:

"Dear Col. Jordan:

"As the Assistant Secretary of War, I could not permit your retirement from active service to go unnoticed without taking an opportunity to express to you my grateful appreciation of your valuable contribution to national defense.

"As director of the Army Industrial College for four critical years, your brilliant and untiring efforts raised the institution to a position unique, not only in this country, but in the entire world.

"The lessons in cooperation under your direction by officers of the Army and the Navy, while students at the Army Industrial College, they carried into their daily work. The principles of industrial mobilization predicated upon cooperation between industry and the armed services, which you inculcated into the curriculum of that institution, now permeate the entire field of procurement.

"I feel certain that your achievements as head of the Army Industrial College are indicative of your entire career. After nearly 43 years in the service of your country you may well relinquish your load with the comforting knowledge of a job well done.

"May the future years bring the happiness and contentment you have so richly deserved."

After Colonel Jordan's tour as Director of the Army Industrial College, he was offered the command of Aberdeen and the Ordnance Depot at Governors Island but requested and accepted the command of Nansmond Ordnance Depot as he wished to spend his last year of service, before retiring, in Virginia. Having reached the age of sixty-four he was

retired on February 29, 1940 by operation of law.

Jordan was one of the few members of the Class of 1901 who have been honored by the award of the Purple Heart. In addition to the Purple Heart, he earned, by his service to wear the following medals: Spanish War Service; Mexican Border Service; Army of Occupation of Germany, 1918-1923 and the American Defense Service, 1939-1941. He also received the Confederate Cross, conferred on the sons of Confederate Soldiers, who served in the World War.

Colonel Jordan was born in Louisville, Kentucky, February 26, 1876. His parents were the late Captain Thomas Rowe Jordan of the Confederate Army, and Mrs. Catherine D. Birdwhistell Jordan. He was a scion of Virginia, Maryland and Tennessee families of illustrious descent, distinguished in Colonial Wars and the House of Burgesses, descended from the Lightfoots, Pendletons, Gaines, Smiths, Wallers, Thomas' and Birdwhistells of Maryland and Tennessee. He was a member of the Society of Cincinnati of Virginia, through Captain John Jordan, who was an original member.

He was a graduate of Washington College, Tacoma, Washington in 1894. Upon graduation he was awarded several gold medals for proficiency in Latin, Algebra and English and received the "Bishop's Medal" for having graduated the highest at the College. It was at this college and at West Point, he had as a classmate, Edward Neele Johnston, who was also his roommate for two years at the Academy. Jordan was appointed to the Military Academy from Washington.

Jordan's religious faith was Episcopalian. He was confirmed by Bishop John A. Paddock at St. Luke's Church, known as the Bishop's Church of Tacoma, Washington. He became a member of the Episcopal Church of the community at many of the stations where duty called him.

His character and habits were undoubtedly formed through his knowledge of his ancestry for he was a devoted student of genealogy. He had every reason by heredity to become a soldier as shown by the short sketches of some of his ancestors that follow:

He was the great-grandson of Colonel Goodrich Lightfoot of the Virginia Militia, 1670.—Goodrich Lightfoot II was born in Virginia, he was Captain of Militia and Vestryman of St. Mark's Church.

Thomas Goodrich was born in England. He resided in Virginia from early 1700 to 1769. Lieutenant Governor of Virginia, 1776. Major General under Nathaniel Bacon and had charge of troops on the Rappahannock and Potomac lines.

Lawrence Smith was born in Virginia. He was commander against the Indians as a Major in 1675-1676; Member of the House of Burgesses, 1691-1692. He was owner of "Temple House" now known as the "Moore House", where Cornwallis signed his surrender papers. He laid out Yorktown.

Although he chose the Army as his career, Jordan was very active in civil affairs. He was a member of the National Rotary Association, Past President of the Rotary Club of Rock Island, Ill., an honorary member of that club and also of the Rotary Club of Augusta, Ga. He was a 32nd Degree Mason and organized a Masonic Lodge among the American Officers in Germany and on his departure for the States they presented him with a loving cup in recognition of his outstanding work. He later presented the cup to the Army and Navy Lodge No. 306, Fort Monroe, Va., of which he was a member. He was also a member of the Kaba Temple, A.A.O.N.S., of Davenport, Iowa, and of the Freeport Consistory, A.A.S.R., of Freeport, Ill. He was a member of the Virginia, Kentucky and Tennessee Historical Societies. Just prior to his retirement he organized Troop 217 of the Boy Scouts of America in Portsmouth, Va.

Colonel Jordan was a member of the Necromen Society of England, the Army Ordnance Association, Order of the Caraboa, the Army and Navy Club, Washington, D. C., the Chevy Chase Club, Maryland, the Naval Mess Club, Norfolk, and the Navy Club, Norfolk Navy Yard, and a number of country clubs at localities where he was stationed.

Harry Jordan was serious minded due principally to his earnestness and deep respect for his fellowman. Toward his classmates and closest friends his feelings were often characterized by emotion. He had a keen sense of humor that showed often in his expressive eyes and good natured chuckle—a fine companion and a loyal friend who earned the sincere affection and respect of his classmates and those who had the good fortune to know him well. His conception of life was much the same as that he had of the Military Academy. Both were on a high plane. His family life as well as his social and professional life exemplified strongly this fine mental characteristic.

He married Adelita Burruss, daughter of the late Captain Nathaniel Burruss of the Confederate Army and Margaret Walters Dey Burruss of Norfolk, Virginia. A son, Burruss Birdwhistell Jordan, was born to them in Norfolk and died at a cavalry post, old Fort Washakie, Wyoming. A handsome memorial, a golden flagon, was consecrated to the son's memory at Christ and St. Luke's Church, Norfolk, Virginia.

Colonel and Mrs. Jordan traveled extensively after selling their home in Georgetown, and after his retirement. They had no permanent home, only coming to Norfolk for an occasional visit. Mrs. Jordan resides at present at the Ghent Hotel, 641 Redgate Avenue, Norfolk, Virginia.

Besides his widow, Colonel Jordan is survived by one brother, Sterling Buckner Jordan, of White Plains, N. Y.; one sister, Mrs. Harry Van Kirk, widow of Colonel Harry H. Van Kirk, Delaware, Ohio; a nephew, Harry H. Van Kirk, Jr., and two great nephews of Troy, Ohio.

Funeral services were conducted on the 15th of September at noon at Seldon Chapel, Christ and St. Luke's Church by the Rt. Rev. William A. Brown, D.D., Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia, and the Rev. Taylor Willis, D.D., rector of Christ and St. Luke's Church, officiating. The flag draped casket was borne by an escort of soldiers sent by the Commanding General from Fort Monroe, Va. Burial was in Elmwood Cemetery, Norfolk, Virginia with military and Masonic honors. A volley was fired by a firing squad and a bugler sounded "taps" at the grave. He well earned these solemn respects for he served his country loyally as a soldier, citizen and christian, which was his unselfish object in life.

—R. M. B., Jr.

Robert Emlen Boyers

NO. 4197 CLASS OF 1903

DIED AUGUST 4, 1949, ON STATEN ISLAND, NEW YORK, AGED 72 YEARS.

ROBERT EMLEN BOYERS died in the Halloran General Hospital, Staten Island, New York, on August 4th, 1949. We who were in the Corps with him always called him "King" and always will think of him by that name.

He was born in 1876 in Bellaire, Ohio, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank T. Boyers. After an exceptional career in athletics as a cadet he graduated in the Class of 1903, and soon thereafter was sent for station to Monterey, California. Then he was ordered to the Philippine Islands, where he served in 1906 and 1907. Upon his return to this country he served with the 15th Infantry and from 1908 to 1912 he was on duty as headmaster

and instructor in military science and tactics in the old Riverview Military Academy, Poughkeepsie, New York, and thereafter for about two years at Plattsburg Barracks. From 1914 to 1917 he was with the 5th Infantry in the Canal Zone.

Soon after our entry in the First World War, he was ordered abroad, and early in 1918 went to the Italian front with a regiment of especially selected personnel. He was seriously wounded in battle against the Austrians; and, since his wounds made necessary the amputation of a leg, he was retired from active service in 1919.

After the war Boyers spent a year as commandant of the Kentucky Military Institute. Recalled to active duty, he served as head of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps in Connecticut State College until the year 1921. Then, again on the retired list, he was for four years commandant and teacher in the Peekskill Military Academy, Peekskill, New York; and then for four years commandant and teacher in the South Jacksonville Military Academy, Florida.

Beginning with 1933, Colonel and Mrs. Boyers made their home in Poughkeepsie, New York. It was there he suffered for a



long period of time from the illness of which he died. He was for a brief period a patient in the Vassar Hospital, and then for a few days in the hospital at West Point. He was beyond medical aid when he entered Halloran General Hospital on Staten Island, where he died. He was buried in the cemetery of the United States Military Academy on August 6th, 1949, with full military honors.

King Boyers was captain of and played center on the 1902 Army football team, and in that year won the second-team nomination as center for Walter Camp's All-American eleven and first team nomination as center on Casper Whitney's All-American eleven. He was the second center in Army football history to be so honored. Later he became head football coach at the Military Academy during the years 1904 and 1905 and under his leadership West Point won eleven games, lost six and tied one game. He was also line coach in 1912 and 1913.

Those who knew him well will not be surprised to learn that he chose a residence in Poughkeepsie after he had finally withdrawn from active duty and all other employment. It was within easy reach of the Adirondacks where he was passionately fond of hunting and fishing, always having ready for use a fine gun or two and superfine flyrods.

His formal air of dignity did not deceive his intimate friends. That was only a mask. He delighted in play, and was always ready to give and take in humorous exchange, and

quick with retort. Above all he was tolerant—intolerant only of sham. He always enjoyed making fun of his long stay at West Point, where he was successively a member of the Classes of 1901, 1902 and 1903. Many may still recall his speech on New Year's Day in the Mess Hall, which he made the year he was captain of the football team. As he rose to respond to the toast to "The Team" he was the personification of a dignified first classman and a football hero. He looked about him in scowling silence and then he began, "When I entered the United States Military Academy as a plebe, before any of you were born . . ." The roar that went up could have been heard in Garrison, across the river. That was King Boyers as we knew him and as we shall affectionately remember him.

Colonel Boyers is survived by his wife, Edith Upham Boyers, a sister of Colonel John Southworth Upham of the Class of 1903. She is at present residing with the Uphams at 4736 Oakwood Avenue, Los Angeles 4, California. —A Classmate.

Harry James Keeley

NO. 4956 CLASS OF 1911

DIED AUGUST 6, 1948 AT TOKYO, JAPAN,
AGED 58 YEARS.

No effort will be made to reveal all of the important incidents in the life of Harry James Keeley, with so many of which most of his friends are in any event highly familiar. To pleasantly reminisce upon but relatively few of the high lights in the life of this dauntless fighter and fine soldier shall be the object of what follows. It is believed that he would choose to have it so.

Few create the surprise in departing from this life as did Harry. Affectionately known as "Cupid" since his Cadet days and still retaining much of the cherubic and youthful countenance that brought him his nickname it seemed natural to assume that he would always be with us.

Like his mother and father before him Harry was born in Wisconsin, on the first of April 1890. After living in Beaver Dam his first five years, his lawyer father moved the family to Chicago. There Harry provided the first concrete evidence of a brilliant mind by graduating from the Hyde Park High School when barely seventeen and immediately thereafter entering West Point.

Third youngest among his classmate graduates—within a month of the ages of two other younger ones—he again demonstrated his agile mental capacity by standing twenty-one in a class of eighty-two, and this with little apparent effort. Blessed with a fine sense of humor Harry loved comradeship. Had he cherished and practiced friendly association less he might well have graduated even higher in his class and ended up as one of our brainy Engineers instead of one of our scrapping Doughboys. It is doubtful however that he would have been as happy in such a role.

His first three years as an officer were spent with the Third Infantry in the Philippines, where he was actively engaged in quelling an uprising of the Moros. In recognition of his splendid intellect he was then ordered back to his Alma Mater where he served for four years as an instructor in the Department of Natural and Experimental Philosophy. In our early participation in World War I he was chosen to assist that eminent physical director and swordsman, Colonel Herman J. Koehler, as a special instructor in physical exercises and bayonet work at Fort Sheridan, Ill. and Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind. At the age of twenty-eight we find him, first at Camp Greene, N. C. and then overseas, as a young major commanding a battalion of the 38th Infantry in

that famous Third Division, the "Rock of the Marne". Harry made his contribution to the stellar performance of that renowned Division and for his gallantry in action he was awarded the Silver Star and the Oak Leaf Cluster. He saw action in the Alsne, Champagne-Marne, Saint Mihiel, and Meuse-Argonne offensives and on a Defensive Sector. In apparent recognition of the fighting qualities he revealed in actual combat, the year 1919 saw him again at West Point, this time as a Tactical Officer in the Department of Tactics. Subsequent years found him with troops, the type of duty he loved, at Fort McClellan, Ala.; Fort McPherson, Ga.; Fort Des Moines, Iowa; Fort Snelling, Minn.; and in Panama. Then in May 1941 he was returned to Fort Snelling to command that Post for the duration of World War II and until its demise as an Army Post in 1946.

Wherever he served the welfare of his subordinates and an interest in their problems was his first concern. Assistance and sympathy in personal matters and improvements in recreational facilities, to include better theaters and service clubs, were regarded by Harry as essential duties and not



merely as extra-curricula activities. His reputed popularity with the Cadets at West Point and with the Enlisted personnel at his many stations provide evidence of his success in these endeavors.

Harry's last duty was with War Crimes Commission in the Far East. Initially this duty took him to Manila in the Philippines the latter part of 1946 but when this activity was taken over there by the Philippine Government in March 1947 he continued on such duty with Headquarters Eighth Army in Yokohama, Japan. He had been on this type of duty for some twenty-one months. Available information indicates that he worried over having to sentence men to death by hanging and in this those who knew him well will recognize his tolerant and forgiving nature. It has been reported that doctors wanted him to come home, feeling that he had been on War Crimes work too long. Evidently the end was a great surprise to Harry too for it was written of him that, before his last three hours, "He never looked or felt better in his life". There is comfort in the knowledge that he suffered little, if at all, when cerebral hemorrhage so suddenly took him from us and made of him as much a combat casualty as though he had been mortally wounded in battle.

In part the Commanding General Eighth Army stated in General Orders "The death of Colonel Harry James Keeley, Infantry, U.S. Army, which occurred at the 49th General Hospital, on 6 August 1948, is announced with deep regret. His thirty-seven years of distinguished and honorable service, from

1911 to the date of his death, earned for him the tribute of his commanders and the respect of the officers and men who served under his guiding leadership".

Harry has asserted before and would, if he could, undoubtedly repeat today that his greatest good fortune came to him when he married Elizabeth Ann Gaines at Camp McClellan, Ala., on July 15, 1925. The mutual affection of these two was always a delight to their friends. Harry came to call Elizabeth his "Little Soldier" and those who knew her will verify how perfectly she lived up to such an appropriate title. Unfortunately the housing situation in the Far East kept them apart the first fourteen months of his last assignment. But after January 13, 1948, when he met her at the ship in Yokohama with a rare orchid, they were again blissfully happy together for the next seven months. Devotedly and illustratively of how she merits the title of "Little Soldier" which he had given her, Elizabeth insisted that she be his escort for his return to the United States and Fort Snelling. This last trek home was initiated by a rosary service and two days later by a high mass and formal funeral service in the Yokohama Chapel with flowers in abundance and the chapel filled with friends. Radio announcements in Minneapolis of the services to be held at Fort Snelling again filled the chapel with friends and with more flowers than could be used therein. Thoughtfully and generously Elizabeth sent all the flowers, except the wreaths, to the Veteran's Hospital, as she felt Harry would have wished it.

The foregoing is indicative of the deep devotion of many, many friends but the story would be incomplete without relating how Father Troy, who had been one of the Chaplains at Fort Snelling when Harry last commanded that Post, voluntarily flew all the way back from Ireland to be able to officiate at the services. In doing this Father Troy surrendered two months of vacation for the commanding officer he had grown so fond of and had come to love at Fort Snelling. He came without request of Elizabeth, who surmises that this gracious act was of his own initiative following information received from his housekeeper.

To have been laid to rest in the beautiful cemetery at Fort Snelling was most appropriate since it was at that Post that Harry spent some ten years of his commissioned service, five years as Post Executive and another five as Post Commander, and where he had done so much for the Post and the general locality.

Informed by General Crump Garvin that West Point did not have in its display of Class rings one from 1911, Elizabeth, again generously and promptly, dispatched Harry's ring back to his Alma Mater. An act bound to invoke the praise of Harry and for which his remaining classmates are deeply grateful.

Harry and Elizabeth had decided to live in Florida after retirement. Although she has not yet selected a permanent home she has recently spent most of her time in that State. Temporarily her address is the same as that of her sister Mary, c/o Col. C. S. Caffery, 1019 Jungle Ave., St. Petersburg, Fla.

Surviving Harry also are his sister, Pearl W. Keeley at 5501 Hyde Park Blvd., Chicago and a brother Wm. E. Keeley, Jr., at 5428 University Ave., Chicago. —Classmate.

Vernon Edwin Prichard

NO. 5446 CLASS OF 1915

DIED JULY 10, 1949, AT WASHINGTON, D. C.,
AGED 57 YEARS.

It is almost impossible to find words which will adequately enshrine the memory of Vernon Prichard. So many people loved him in so many ways for so many reasons.

And each of them recalls a different "Prich".

There was the slender-limbed quarter-back, biting his lip thoughtfully, studying the charging enemy linesmen, as he danced away—ere he sent the pig-skin soaring down the field into the waiting arms of Merrillat, while the mass of gray-clad rooters roared their affection for him until Fort Put bounced the echoes back across the Plain. West Point has produced many a football hero before and since, but his classmates and his corps-mates loved Cadet Prichard in a very special way.

There was the slim-waisted "Tac", sitting alone in his orderly-room, late at night, picking out with one patient finger a poorly-typed letter that would bring comfort and inspiration to one of "his boys", who had just been found; the kind of letter that could revive the courage of a broken-hearted youngster (and would some day come to rest in a bank vault, along with the rest of its owner's most precious possessions). West Point has produced many a popular Tactical Officer before and since, but the men in "his company" loved Major Prichard in their own special way.

There was the trim, snappy, division commander, stopping his car at the cantonment's main gate, to go back and correct a couple of raw recruits, who had deliberately looked the other way to avoid a salute. West Point has produced many a careful officer before and since; men that would do and have done the same thing—but the enlisted men who served under him learned to love General Prichard in their own special way. They did so because he administered his correction in his own special way. And perhaps that incident provides the key.

Back to the gate strode the commander, drew to attention before the two startled privates, snapped to a salute and held it until it was perforce returned. Then he spoke, softly and kindly, in that quiet way of his:

"I'm sorry you didn't want to exchange salutes with me. I like to do it, because it is a very special privilege, reserved only for military men. I like to greet other men in uniform and acknowledge them as my fellow soldiers. When I saw you waiting at the gate, I said to myself: 'There's a couple of my fellow soldiers. Maybe they'd like to catch a ride into town with me.' I was all ready to ask you, when I saw that you didn't share my pride in the uniform. I wonder why you don't. Would you men mind telling me?"

Of course he could be tough, when occasion demanded—as he demonstrated when he led his iron cavalry thundering across Northern Italy in a flaming charge that his Corps Commander says will go down in military history—but it was the quick, quiet, humane consideration of the man that made other men love, as well as respect, him.

And they did both—especially those that served under him. Those same two recruits may have been the pair of veteran tankers, who—three years later—almost threw me off a train, because I had made a slighting remark about the commander of the First Armored Division. I made it deliberately, because I wanted to see what the men he commanded really thought of my friend. I found out—and quickly. Like everybody else who knew him, they loved him. His friends in every walk of life were legion.

And now, as one of those friends, I attempt to do him the final service . . . to assume the impossible task of writing the obituary of a man like that:

Vernon Edwin Prichard was born in Smithland, Ia., January 25, 1892, the son of Jacob A. and Emma Grace (Jones) Prichard. A slender, wirey, athletic lad, he grew to manhood in the midwest and entered Morningside College at Sioux City at the age of 16. Three years later he received an appointment to the Military Academy and came to West Point to join that amazing Class of 1915. There he found himself thrown into

intimate contact with an extraordinary group of young men, including as they did, young Dwight Eisenhower, from nearby Kansas, and Omar Bradley, from Missouri. Others, earmarked for later fame, with whom he was intimately associated in those days of small classes were Joseph McNarney, George Stratemeyer, Herman Beukema, Hubert Harmon, Leland Hobbs, Charles Ryder, Joseph Swing, John Wogan and a host of others.

They all knew and loved "Prich", even before he became a great athlete and one of the outstanding men in the Corps. "My friendship with him dates from 1911", wrote General Eisenhower. "At West Point he enjoyed an unusual popularity, born of a winning personality and a flair for leadership. . . As an athlete he was showered with a public acclaim that would have turned the head of anyone less sensible or less sturdy in character. But throughout his life he had the priceless gift of modesty, always untouched by personal honor or recognition. . . Prich was easy to like, to admire, to respect, because he did not know how to feel arrogant, to neglect a duty or to fail a friend. . . He was worthy of his Alma Mater."



Prich's popularity at West Point was proven by the trust reposed in him by his mates. They elected him captain of the football team and the Howitzer gave special credit to his inspired leadership on the gridiron. He was a Hop Manager and a member of the Board of Governors of the First Class Club. And the fact that he did his bit on the area didn't hurt his standing with the Corps, either—any more than the A he acquired in baseball.

Came graduation—on June 12, 1915—and 2d Lieutenant Prichard, who ranked 134 in his class of 164 wound up in the doughboys. His first assignment was to the 17th Infantry, at Eagle Pass, Texas, and it took him right into Mexico with the Punitive Expedition. He remained there from April until August of the following year. That year—1916—was an important one for 2d Lieutenant Prichard. On July 1 he was promoted to 1st Lieutenant, and the next month he was recalled to West Point for a period of temporary duty, which, oddly enough, happened to coincide with the football season. But the greatest event was his marriage, on September 6, to Miss Charlotte Gibbs Blesse. It was the culmination of a Cadet—but the real beginning of a life-long romance. For the rest of his life Charlotte Prichard shared her husband's ups and downs and her charm and consideration proved a real asset to his military career. His devotion to her was a joy to behold. Later their domestic life revolved about their daughter, Carlotta, whom he also worshipped. But there couldn't be

much home life at first. Stormy days were ahead and America had pressing need of her West Point-trained sons.

There was a hasty return to Mexico in December, and two months later his regiment moved to Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., where the outbreak of World War I found him. Promoted to captain on May 15, 1917, he was transferred to the 56th Infantry two months later and in January of 1918 he sailed for France with the 2d Division Trains. After that things happened rapidly. There was service with the 23d Infantry and with Division Headquarters before General Omar Bundy selected him as an aide in May. He remained with Bundy until August, receiving his temporary majority on July 30 and then went to the front with the VI Army Corps, making a good combat record at Verdun and Chateau-Thierry. After the Armistice he went to Germany, where he remained at VII Army Corps headquarters until June, 1919, and then he returned to the United States and Charlotte. On August 20 he reverted to captain, and went back to West Point the following year for a very special assignment.

Captain Prichard was one of the group of able young graduates, whom Brig. Gen. Douglas MacArthur collected to help him salvage the traditions of the Corps, which, it was feared might have been endangered by the rapidity with which classes had been rushed through to early graduation during the war. They served as members of the Beast Detail and tactical officers, and Captain Prichard wound up as "Tac" of B Co., where he doubled as father confessor and hazer-extraordinary to the incoming Plebes. They soon learned to respect and admire him, however, and openly rejoiced when he resprouted the golden oak leaves on his shoulders on July 24, 1920.

Major Prichard transferred to the Field Artillery on March 29, 1923, and that took him off to Fort Sill, Okla., to go to school himself. Graduating from Sill in June of 1924, he was assigned to the 6th Field Artillery at Fort Hoyle, Md., and, after three months, spent mostly in working with the reserves, he went to Yale as P.M.S.&T., in September, 1925.

Prich made an extraordinary record at New Haven, where he became a popular fixture during the next four years. Under his supervision the Yale R.O.T.C. unit acquired great prestige but it was his athletic prowess which really won the hearts of the sons of Eli and made them regard him as one of themselves. The great Army quarterback helped coach the Yale football team, and received a lot of credit when it beat both Harvard and Princeton and annexed the Big Three championship. The grateful Elis awarded him his "Y" and a miniature gold football, the first time such recognition had ever been given to a non-graduate of Yale. They also made him an honorary member of two of their secret societies. The New Haven adventure ended in June of 1929, when he was selected for Leavenworth, and two years later he graduated with a record which won him an instruction detail to the Air Corps Tactical School at Maxwell Field, Ala.

After a four year tour there, the Prichards drew overseas duty—and went to Hawaii, where he joined the 11th Field Artillery at Schofield Barracks, in August, 1935. Eight months later General Hugh A. Drum took him to Fort Shafter as Aide, and the following Christmas the golden oak-leaves on his shoulders turned to silver.

General Drum brought him back to Chicago and the Sixth Corps Area in 1937, and then hung on to his capable Aide, when he transferred to Governors Island and the Second Corps Area the next year. But a new World War was in the offing, and when it broke out in September of 1939, the general released him to go to the Army War College, at Washington, D. C. and prepare for it.

After his graduation, in June, 1940, he was

assigned to command the 27th F.A. Battalion at Fort Knox, Ky.

The German blitz in Poland had focused attention on tanks, and our own Armored Force was just coming into being. Fort Knox was its birth-place, as Major General Adna Chaffee, and, after his death, Major General Jacob L. Devers sought to mould three contentious old branches into a new arm of the service. Thus Lieut. Col. Prichard joined the little group of pioneers engaged in working out new tactics for it—and he soon made a mark for himself. He helped evolve novel theories and test them in the field, working with his usual energy, and within the year, General Devers told a friend that Prichard was already earmarked to command one of the new armored divisions that were contemplated. With that in mind, he was sent to Pine Camp, N. Y., in April of 1941, as chief of staff of the newly created 4th Armored. There, on June 26, he received his eagles—the first of his temporary war-time promotions.

Pearl Harbor merely intensified the training, and the Colonel threw himself into it with all his terrific energy. He worked night and day with his subordinates and on February 16, 1942, was rewarded with his first star and made assistant division commander. After that he worked harder than ever. Devers kept his eye on him and finally gave him the division he had in mind. It proved to be the 14th Armored, and on September 9, 1942, Major General Prichard mounted another star and hurried to Camp Chaffee, Ark., to build his outfit from scratch. He proved a magnificent organizer and he had always been a good instructor. As usual, he worked like a Trojan, and both of the divisions on which he placed his training stamp later proved on the battlefield the value of his instruction.

The months dragged by, as he whipped his division into shape, and, to intimates he confided that he was becoming a little restive as his friends and classmates got into action while he remained on training duty. But he kept his dissatisfaction mostly to himself—and finally he was rewarded with the command of the magnificent First Armored Division, which already had forged its way across North Africa and broken out of Anzio to go clattering down the streets of Rome. He took it over on July 17. It was in command of this veteran outfit that General Prichard was to reach the climax of his military career,—but only after a slow and discouraging start. He took over as the organization was fighting its slow way up the center of the Italian peninsula, in July of 1944. It was a part of the Fifth Army and the mountains didn't offer very good terrain for the kind of dashing tank operations he had studied and practiced so long. Thus it came about that General Prichard found himself most generally directing the combat of his three armored infantry regiments, during a bitter mountain winter, while his beloved tanks waited in the rear for a chance to move up. He wasn't too well pleased with that kind of action, but there was nothing he could do about it then, and he knew that he enjoyed the complete confidence of Lieut. General Willis D. Crittenberger, commanding the IV Corps, to which his division was attached. And next spring General Crittenberger's confidence and patience were to be amply repaid.

The opportunity began to develop in mid-April, when the IV Corps opened a brilliant campaign, which proved so unexpectedly successful that it transformed a holding attack into what became the main effort, which finally broke the German backbone in Italy. The First Armored played its part in the wicked fighting that suddenly wrenched away a whole section of the enemy's defensive line—and then it joined in the rush that carried the entire Corps storming out of the mountains, down through the foothills and into the Po valley. Prichard's division was

in the vanguard, as they sliced across the great river barrier and roared on into the kind of flat country that was a tanker's dream. Prichard was a tank-man, and it was then that the Corps Commander cut him loose for the spectacular armored drive that should enshrine his name in military history. Some of the details weren't noticed at the time, because of the way history was being made simultaneously on other battlefields, but the results speak for themselves. That single, slashing stroke of Prichard's cut off and sealed the doom of an entire army group, which included two bristling and embattled crack German Corps. It slammed the escape door against literally hundreds of thousands of their troops and effectively prevented the Nazi armies of Northern Italy from ever getting the chance to obey their orders to fall back into the famous Bavarian Redoubt. It may have shortened the war by many months.

Crittenberger gave Prich his target and that was all that was necessary. Prichard rode at the head of his columns as they thundered through 150 miles of the German rear areas, in less than two days, repeatedly smashing the resistance of a foe that was completely demoralized by their unexpected appearance so far ahead of schedule. One after another they took Mantua, Brescia, Bergamo, Lecco and Como—thus plugging the entrance to the Redoubt's Alpine bulwarks. It was during this mad rush that Prich won the Purple Heart—seven times over. He raced along with the advance in an open jeep, cheering his men onward, and he was under fire again and again. Seven times he was struck by enemy bullets, but he seemed to have a charmed life that day and none of the wounds proved serious. In fact, they scarcely interrupted his progress. He paused only for first aid treatment and then resumed the wild ride. And thus he earned the Purple Heart. Twice the Germans almost got him, as two bullets tore through the cap for which he had discarded his steel helmet—but he didn't even know it until after his thundering raiders had reached their destination. They roared along so fast that they ran away from their own liaison, and at 8:30 A.M. on April 28, a bewildered Corps staff officer accompanying them radioed his superiors behind him: "DIVISION HEADQUARTERS AT BERGAMO. I DOUBT IF GOD KNOWS WHERE FORWARD ELEMENTS ARE". At any rate, it was certain the Germans didn't. Once the door was slammed shut, they swung southward to cut up the astonished foe—and they kept cutting until he began surrendering en masse. There could have been no finer and more appropriate climax to the military career of a great soldier than this last brilliant and decisive armored offensive across the historic battlefields of Northern Italy and it inspired the following tribute from General Crittenberger:

"In this epic thrust of the First Armored Division, to seal the last remaining enemy escape routes out of Italy, General Prichard's personal leadership of his troops inspired his command to heroic efforts. It was a skillfully executed advance toward final victory, which will go down in history as one of the characteristically decisive uses of American armor in World War II".

The achievement was recognized by the D.S.M., the citation for which reads "For exceptionally meritorious and distinguished service in the performance of duties of great responsibility during the period April 14, 1945 to May 2, 1945" Along with it he received the British Order of the Bath, (the highest decoration a foreigner may receive) the French Legion of Honor (Officer) and Croix-de-Guerre with Palm, the Order of St. Maurice and St. Lazarus (Italy's highest knighthood) and the War Medal from Brazil (a division of whose troops had fought brilliantly beside his own during the breakthrough). He was also awarded the Czechoslovakian War Cross in 1947.

Of course, after the brilliant performance in Northern Italy, everything else was anticlimax. In September of 1945 he was detailed as Deputy, Foreign Liquidation Commission in the European Theatre, where Charlotte and Carlotta joined him—now that the war was over—and on March 31, 1946, he became Deputy G-3 at European Theatre Headquarters, reverting to his now regular rank of colonel and being re-promoted to Brigadier General on the same day. But on July 1, 1946, they reduced him to colonel once more—and this time he continued to wear his eagles for almost two years.

Prich was never rank-conscious, however, and they enjoyed their life in Germany where they lived next door to Colonel and Mrs. Anthony J. Drexel Biddle. The quartet became great friends and Charlotte was god-mother for the Biddles' son.

The colonel got his brigadier's stars back on April 5, 1948—and this time they were permanent. He remained on duty at Headquarters EUCOM until January 7, 1949, when his old class and teammate, Omar Bradley, now Chief of Staff, brought him back to Washington to become Chief of the Army's Public Information Division. General Prichard assumed his new duty on February 1, and once more buckled down to learn a new job. He took hold of it with his usual zeal and made friends rapidly with the Capital press corps—so much so that there was general approval when he was again promoted to major general on March 11. He was generally popular around the Pentagon and the Prichards settled down happily at Fort Myer—but their happiness didn't last long.

Fate intervened. On July 10, 1949, Vernon and Charlotte joined the Biddles who had also returned to America, for a Sunday afternoon cruise aboard a small yacht on the Potomac. There were half a dozen other guests as well. Just as the boat pulled away from the dock there was a sudden, mysterious explosion—a shattering blast, followed by a burst of flames from the engine compartment. Everybody aboard was hurled into the water. The fire spread quickly and the boat went down almost immediately.

Colonel Biddle rescued his wife and Charlotte—and the latter's first thought was of her husband. Looking frantically about among the wreckage, she saw him floating nearby and called to Colonel Biddle. The latter plunged in again and swam to the General. He was dead when Biddle reached him. They said the concussion killed him. (The blast also proved fatal to Captain Wilfred L. Painter, U.S.N.-Ret., and sent four other victims to the hospital.)

Shocked and sorrowing friends and classmates rallied around Charlotte and helped her through the military funeral which followed. His associates paid prompt and glowing tribute to the man they had loved so well.

"I am profoundly shocked to hear of the tragic and untimely death of General Prichard," declared Secretary of the Army Gordon Gray. "The Army and the Nation he served will mourn the loss of his distinguished service."

General of the Army Dwight Eisenhower, now president of Columbia, told the writer: "The passing of no one else from the Class of 1915 could create among remaining classmates a more profound sense of shock and grief—a reflection of our great affection for him and his lovely family. But we still have grateful memories of his qualities as a friend and lasting pride in his record as a battle leader and soldier of our country. We cherish the first and salute the second".

General Omar Bradley, then Chief of Staff, wrote to Charlotte: "Vernon was one of my closest friends when we were Cadets. His leadership and friendliness endeared him to all of us. I know of no one who enjoyed life more". To the columns of *Assembly* he contributed a statement, which concluded, with reference to his new assignment: "He was doing the Army another outstanding

service, as was so typical of his whole career".

Such tributes were echoed by scores and hundreds of those who had served with him—but all of them combined still sound inadequate. How can anyone hope to find words which will adequately enshrine the memory of such a man.

—One of "his Boys"—L. M. L.

James Luke Andrews, Jr.

NO. 15968 CLASS OF 1946

DIED DECEMBER 10, 1948, AT GUAM, MARIANAS, AGED 24 YEARS.

FROM an old Georgia coastal town, Jim Andrews went to West Point in July 1943. He substantiated the age-old tradition of a Southern gentleman, and with his subtle sense of humor, his charming personality and his ease of accomplishment, he made friends at every turn. With sincere determination to serve, he could exchange the carefree outlook upon life, whenever the occasion demanded, for the stubborn fighting spirit to stick with the job and see it through.

After graduating from West Point, Jim seemed to carry away with him all that the Academy had to offer in its finest sense. Trained in military leadership as he was, and endowed with mental and spiritual qualities for future development, just at the threshold of physical maturity, he seemed so ready to be of valuable service to his country. What could be more tragic than the news that he had been stricken so suddenly while on duty, and within twenty minutes had died of a cerebral hemorrhage on December 10, 1948, in Guam. This was almost too great a shock for his family and friends to bear.

James Luke Andrews, Jr., known as Jim to his home town and as Andy to his West Point friends, was born in Brunswick, Ga., June 22, 1924, the youngest of three children and the only son of James Luke and Maude Lott Andrews. His parents had always been prominent in business, social and religious activities. Jim early identified himself with the church, becoming a member of the First Baptist Church. Thus, his happy boyhood years were spent in the midst of pleasant surroundings, with kind and understanding parents who gave him every incentive to grow up to be a worthwhile citizen.

He had the usual interests of the average normal American boy. In company with several of his best friends in the summer of 1937, he attended the Scout Jamboree in Washington, D. C. For twelve years he attended the public school in his home town, and was graduated from Glynn Academy in June of 1942.

Although his body was not suited to the heavy sports in high school, yet he served as manager of the football team and became one of the best players on the golf team. As a good citizen he was interested in all of the school activities, and early displayed a talent for leadership. During his junior year he served as a home room representative of the Student Council, and during his senior year he served as Council President, the top-ranking student officer at Glynn Academy.

In November 1941, Jim was sent as a delegate to the Convention of the Southern Association of Student Governments at Memphis, Tennessee, and served as a group discussion leader. Due to his pleasing personality, this discussion group became one of the most popular.

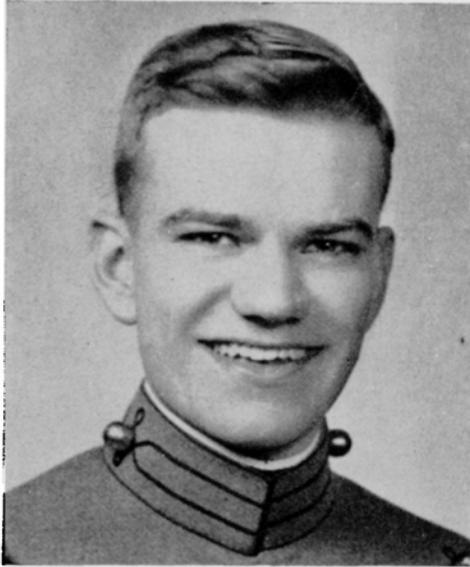
It was at this Memphis meeting that Jim received the inspiration for organizing the Georgia Association of Student Governments. Making this the main Council project of the year, he saw his idea materialize in March 1942, and served as the first president of the Georgia Association.

Possessing a well-rounded talent for leadership, Jim could, with equal ease, be the dignified presiding officer of an assembly program, dominating and controlling his restless contemporaries, or be the gay and clever master of ceremonies of a school dance. His refined instincts, his good manners, and his sense of humor carried him through all situations.

A typical example of Jim's generosity and thoughtfulness as a leader was demonstrated in the incident of the tuxedo. Although he was fortunate enough to own one and to look very handsome in it, yet he never would wear it to a school dance. He said that there were many boys in school who could not afford tuxedos; and therefore, it was not right for their president to wear one when they could not.

Jim was very happy when he was invited to become one of the charter members of the National Honor Society of Glynn Academy, and in June of 1942, was one of the honor graduates.

After a summer session at Georgia Tech in Atlanta, Ga., Jim transferred to the Citadel at Charleston, S. C. for the winter. While there he joined the Reserve Corps, was



drafted in March and was sent for his basic training to Fort Eustis, Virginia. Right at the termination of this, his appointment came through and he entered West Point in July, 1943.

How very much he desired active service at this time is shown later in a letter to his parents during his first class year.

"I enjoyed my life in the army and I wanted overseas service. All during my plebe year I wanted to be out with newly met and newly departed buddies fighting a war. Although I have realized by now what my education would mean to me, still I have been consoling myself that I would more than likely have the opportunity to fight. The atomic bomb ended the war abruptly and for the good of a troubled world, but at the same time inflicting a stinging blow to my desire for combat. That disappointment I have swallowed and have today received my class ring. I have it on now and wish that you could see it."

Jim was graduated from the United States Military Academy on June 4, 1946 and commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Coast Artillery. A week later he was married to Miss Tallulah Mary Deen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Deen of Ocala, Florida.

After a honeymoon of several weeks, the young couple reported to Fort Sill, Oklahoma, where Jim had special training from July until February of 1947. Then, from February until the last of April, they were at Fort Bliss, Texas. On May 28th, Jim sailed for duty in the Pacific.

How vividly the young soldier pictured the new world opening up before him. With keen interest his family and friends followed his experiences in the Pacific. First came the stop in Hawaii, then the assignment on Saipan for three months, and finally the move to Guam.

How eager the young officer was to serve his allotted time so that the government would let him have a house. At last the dream came true, and his wife and baby daughter Diane embarked upon the 9,000 mile journey in August 1947, just in time for baby Diane to celebrate his first birthday while crossing the international date line.

Then, the little family was together for four months. Those four months were full to overflowing with happiness. Letters gave us glimpses of the young father and little daughter getting acquainted with each other, the young couple decorating the nursery and planting grass in the yard, the pleasant round of social activity among the warm circle of friends, many of whom had been classmates at West Point.

It was easy to picture Jim riding in a jeep over the twenty-five miles of jungle road to his work, or to anticipate with them the cooler weather that was sure to come after the recent typhoon. His last letter written just a day before his passing related the little family's plans for their Christmas there and their anticipation of returning to the States within eight months.

Although Jim's stay upon this earth was such a short one, nevertheless, he has left us a store of rich and happy memories of such a beautiful life.

Captain P. Tabor, his immediate superior officer, wrote the following to Jim's wife:—

"I would like to express my deepest sympathy over the recent loss of your husband. First Lieutenant James L. Andrews, Jr., whose death occurred on December 10, 1948, at Guam, Marianas Islands, due to natural causes.

"As a member of this command your husband was liked by all of his associates. He was an excellent soldier, performing all tasks assigned him in a cheerful and efficient manner, thereby winning the commendation of his immediate superiors and the respect of his comrades. News of his death comes as a real shock to all who knew him, and his loss will be felt keenly in the organization.

"I sincerely hope that the knowledge that your husband was an exemplary soldier and died while serving his country will afford you some consolation in your bereavement".

In a letter to Jim's father and mother, Captain Tabor paid him the following tribute:—"Your son was one of the best friends I have ever had in my twenty-one years of service—a perfect gentleman of a soldier".

Lieutenant R. T. Blow, a friend and classmate wrote:—

"The final honors for your son were a fitting tribute to him. As we boarded the U.S.A.T. General Brewster, everyone dock-side and shipside was quiet. A bugle sounded 'Attention'. Your son's Military Police platoon and an Officer's platoon of your son's port also saluted. The American-flag be-decked coffin was lifted slowly.

"Lieutenant James L. Andrews, Jr., was a fine soldier, a real person, and a friend".

Bewildered with grief all during the Christmas season, his family and friends awaited his homecoming, with his wife and baby and a military escort, Lieutenant James C. Inskeep, a former West Point classmate. Finally, on January 5th, he was laid to rest with full military honors. Several of his former comrades at West Point were already awaiting him in the Long Gray Line. "They are not dead! they have but passed Beyond the mists that blind us here Into the new and larger life Of that serener sphere."

—M. J. B. and B. L.

