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

As expected, celebrations of West Point's 148th Anniversary by our various West Point Societies in the United States, and by many other groups of our alumni at home and abroad, exceeded all previous celebrations of the Academy's birthday—both in the quality of the programs presented and in the numbers of loyal West Pointers attending. Many messages of greeting and felicitation appropriate to the occasion were received at West Point from all over the world and exchanged between celebrating groups of those who have worn the Cadet Gray.

This year, commemorating this occasion, the Superintendent's personal report on the Academy, made by him orally to the Anniversary dinner meeting of the West Point Society of New York at the Hotel Astor on 16 March, was also published and made available in advance to the many other similar meetings held in honor of our Alma Mater. Because this report of the Superintendent is always of intense interest to all West Pointers everywhere, and because it has become one of the essential features of this annual celebration, it is here published again, for the record and for the benefit of those who could not attend one of the many meetings where it was originally presented. "West Point Alumni celebrating 148th Anniversary, United States Military Academy — Gentlemen:

I have been wondering what I could provide in the way of information to give you some idea of what West Point is like at the present time. Perhaps the best way to begin would be to say a word about the present First Class.

The Corps of Cadets is so large today that the attitude and spirit and leadership of the First Class is of more importance than ever before. Everything that is really unique and fine about West Point is, as you know, imposed by the Cadets themselves—and especially by the First Class. When you have a Corps of 2,500 Cadets, the importance of the First Class is readily apparent. The First Class sets the standards throughout. It establishes the general attitude and the spirit of the entire Corps; and the individuals of the First Class are good, or bad, as they contribute to the high morale and spirit of our great institution.

Most of us feel that the present First Class at West Point is genuinely outstanding. It has more responsibility than First Classes have had in days gone by, and it actually 'runs the Corps'—more so than you might think if you haven't recently looked into things at West Point. We are much pleased with the way that it has taken hold of its tasks, with the excellent attitude and fine spirit that it has demonstrated, with the mature and grown-up way in which it goes about its great mission of *being West Point*, and with the affirmative and positive attitude of this splendid body. The characteristics of the First Class are, of course, reflected in the attitude and spirit of the most obscure Plebe.

The Honor System, under the direct control and supervision of the First Class, is in most excellent hands. Consider the fact that the Corps is several times as large as you remember it. Therefore, the administration of the Honor System calls for con-

siderable organization and supervision. The care and effectiveness with which the First Class administers this vital phase of West Point life is most praiseworthy.

The First Class likewise administers a new feature called the Duty System. The organization of the Duty Committee parallels that of the Honor System—namely, the Committee comprises a Cadet representative from each of the 24 companies. It endeavors to enhance the word 'Duty' in the West Point motto, in much the same way that West Point has glorified the word, 'Honor'. Honor remains of primary importance, of course, for the conceptions of



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Superintendent, United States Military Academy.

Duty are rather more vague than the necessarily undeviating attitude towards lying, cheating, stealing, equivocation and evasion that belongs to the Honor code. Nevertheless, the First Class Duty Committee has done a good deal to instill in the Corps mature and sensible conceptions of the word 'Duty'.

The affirmative attitude of the present First Class is perhaps its outstanding characteristic. Visiting educators have spoken about its 'amazing morale'. Every VIP that comes to West Point these days interviews a group of Cadets. We have found that exhibiting our product is about all we need to do to convince outsiders that West Point is all that we say it is. I think you would be pleased and reassured if you could have some more or less intimate dealings with the Class of 1950.

You are all well aware of the fact that West Point has to be run on a qualitative basis; a mere increase in numbers, if accompanied with any loss in quality, would do the institution more harm than good. West Pointers are greatly outnumbered in the Army today. To preserve the traditional West Point influence, each First Class must be slightly better than the preceding one.

Next, you will all be interested in the report of the Service Academy Board, which has been published by the Secretary of Defense's Office, and which is now available. You will remember that a high-ranking commission of higher educators, Presidents of Universities—among them General Eisenhower—was directed to inquire into undergraduate Service education, and to arrive at findings as to the place of West Point and Annapolis—and, incidentally, the new Air Academy—in our National Defense. The result was perhaps the most searching examination of West Point that has ever been made.

The commission appointed Panels of higher educators interested in various academic subjects, who came to West Point and looked into things with thoroughness. The upshot of the entire investigation was that West Point emerged triumphant, which is what you would expect, of course, but which was perhaps not expected by influential elements in the civilian body who have never had a chance to look into the U. S. Military Academy. I commend to your attention this document, 'A Report and Recommendation to the Secretary of Defense by the Service Academy Board'. It is a most valuable and important document, and will set the tone of public information about West Point for years to come. Copies ought to be available from the Department of the Army. We have a hundred or so copies at West Point which are in the hands of Professors and other interested people.

Finally, I should like to say a word about our Sesqui-Centennial Celebration which will take place in 1952. We have had considerable encouragement from the Department of the Army to go ahead with this important project. We are to be allowed a little money for necessary expenses, and we are perfecting an organization for the Sesqui-Centennial which is already at work. Colonel William E. Crist has been sent to West Point as the Sesqui-Centennial Director. We have a fairly ambitious plan involving convocations of educators, both military and civilian, foreign and domestic; we plan for a jubilee and procession in May of that year; and there will be a historical meeting covering Hudson Valley history. A book written by Colonel R. Ernest Dupuy, which is about ready now, will be published; and, generally, many things will be done to present West Point to the people of the Nation in a convincing and proper manner.

This celebration will mean a great deal to your Alma Mater. It will provide us at the Mid-Century with a most timely opportunity to inform our immense population of the little-known national institution on the banks of the Hudson River, that has had such an important influence on the history of the Nation.

The Centennial Celebration in 1902 led to the new building program that resulted in the West Point that you all know today; we fervently hope that the Sesqui-Centennial of 1952 will furnish the impetus for a new building program that is clearly needed. We are outgrowing the room space in barracks, the academic buildings, the assembly halls, etc.

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A REVIEW OF THE Report of the Service Academy Board

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ON 14 March, 1949 the late Secretary James Forrestal appointed the Service Academy Board and assigned to it the general task "to recommend the manner in which officer candidates should receive their basic education for a career in the armed services . . . that general system of basic education which it believes is best adapted to provide all three Services with a sufficient number of young men qualified to meet the needs of the regular armed services".

The final report of the Board was submitted to the Secretary of Defense in January of this year, and was released to the Press late in February.

It is the purpose of this article to acquaint the members of the Association of Graduates with the principal deliberations, conclusions and recommendations of the Board, and to show how these affect the current system of education and training at West Point.

The members comprising the Service Academy Board were:

Chairman—Dr. Robert L. Stearns, President of the University of Colorado.

Vice Chairman—General Dwight D. Eisenhower, President of Columbia University.

Civilian Members—Dr. James P. Baxter, III, President of Williams College.

Dr. Frederick A. Middlebush, President of the University of Missouri.

Dr. George D. Stoddard, President of the University of Illinois.

Dr. Edward L. Moreland, Executive Vice President, Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Service Members—Major General Bryant E. Moore, Superintendent of the United States Military Academy.

Rear Admiral James L. Holloway, Jr., Superintendent of the U. S. Naval Academy.

Major General David M. Schlatter, U. S. Air Force.

To conduct detailed surveys in the specialized areas of the over-all problem the Board constituted a number of Advisory Panels made up of prominent educators. The Panels covered the fields of Social Science, Science and Engineering, Language and Area Studies, Teaching and Testing Methods, Physical Education and Military Education.

The survey of the Board and its Advisory Panels consumed almost a year, during which West Point underwent one of the most searching and comprehensive examinations in its history. The Military Academy was visited several times for on-the-ground examination of programs of training, techniques, objectives and end results. In addition the Advisory Panels closeted themselves with representative groups of cadets to ascertain their reactions to the processes set up for their development as future officers.

In its studies the Board took into account the following:

"a. The moral qualities, mental abilities, and physical abilities which basic education for a career in the armed services should develop in our future officers;

"b. The general fields of academic instruction which should be included in the basic education of all officers for careers in the armed services;

"c. The extent to which it is desirable and practicable for officer candidates to receive specialized military education;



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"d. With respect to basic education:

- (1) The role of the three Government Academies and the relationship which should exist among them;
- (2) The manner in which those officers not trained in Government Academies should receive their basic military education;
- (3) The desirable percentage of Government Academy graduates in the Regular officer corps of the Department of Defense.

"e. The manner in which candidates should be selected for training, whether in Government Academies or by other means."

(Note: All quotations in this article, unless otherwise indicated, are from the Report of the Service Academy Board.)

The Board and its Panels were guided in their studies by the requisites of future officers as set forth by Mr. Forrestal. These are:

"a. That the future Regular officers of the three Services should possess abili-

ties in leadership, and a basic knowledge of the techniques of modern warfare.

"b. In addition, they must have many other qualities and talents if they are to provide the wise, balanced and experienced direction which is required at all levels in the military forces under present-day conditions.

"c. They should have a background of general knowledge comparable to that possessed by graduates of our leading universities.

"d. They must have a firm grasp of the particular role of a military establishment within the framework of our Government and in a democratic society.

"e. They must be aware of the major problems of the Nation which they are dedicated to serve, and understand the relationship between military preparedness and all the other elements which are also part of the fabric of national security.

"f. They should be imbued from the outset of their careers with an understanding of the concept of the Department of Defense as a single integrated instrument, and with the sense of teamwork which must exist among the Services if they are to complement each other effectively in carrying out their joint and separate missions."

The first considerations of the Board concerned the need for Service Academies, the mission of the Service Academies and the number and character of Service Academies. Its conclusions and recommendations in these matters are summed up below.

THE NEED FOR SERVICE ACADEMIES

American military policy has been, traditionally, the maintenance in times of peace of armed forces trained to high professional standards, ready and competent to train the large numbers of civilians required in any crisis threatening the existence of the Nation. This policy requires "at all times a nucleus of Regular officers educated and trained from youth in the principles of leadership and in the art of war, and dedicated to a lifetime of service to the Nation. The maintenance of Service Academies has long been a recognized means of accomplishing this purpose. Since their establishment the U. S. Military Academy and the U. S. Naval Academy have successfully executed such responsibilities".

The Board concludes "that a substantial proportion of the officers of the Department of Defense should be educated in Service Academies, for they set a special pattern for reaching and maintaining the highest professional standards . . . the career personnel thus furnished to the Services make an invaluable contribution to the development of the armed forces. The Service Academy is unique among colleges in securing an early devotion to a military career. Moreover, it seems unlikely that the excellence achieved in the Reserve Officers Training Corps program could be maintained without this bench mark of comparison. The Board is, therefore, convinced that there is

a definite need for Service Academies whose over-all objective should be to furnish the Department of Defense a nucleus of Regular officers".

MISSION OF THE SERVICE ACADEMIES

In arriving at a statement of the mission of the Service Academies the Board considered at length the qualities, abilities and attributes essential in a career officer. It emphasizes that in the field of moral qualities the Service Academies should instill a high sense of duty, of self-reliance and of individual responsibility; that the student should develop a deep sense of honor, truthfulness and self-respect, and the power of decision accompanied by the ability to make his ideas and decisions understood by other men. "Students should be imbued with a high sense of professional loyalty alike to their leaders and to their subordinates. Loyalty to their country and to the cause to which it is committed must be unquestioned."

"The Service Academies should develop in the student a high degree of mental alertness—the capacity for clear analytical thought and of carrying it to a logical conclusion. The need is for initiative and, above all, for judgment and common sense. The complexity of the arts and techniques of modern war and the degree to which the conditions to be met are unforeseeable all emphasize the necessity for such qualities in a leader."

The Board considers important the development of physical attributes in the student—health, stamina, endurance, coordination, agility and military bearing. In addition to developing these attributes the Service Academies should teach the student to train and develop physical abilities in his subordinates.

The problems of modern war require more than professional military knowledge. Officers often become engaged in pursuits other than purely military and large numbers undertake postgraduate studies. "The Board, therefore, considers it essential that a graduate of a Service Academy should have a background of knowledge comparable to that possessed by graduates of our leading universities. His field of knowledge, therefore, should include the arts and sciences in addition to professional military subjects."

The period of undergraduate education is considered as the period when young men are most receptive to training, to motivation, and to learning and developing qualities of leadership and service. The Board stresses here and on several occasions elsewhere in the report that academic instruction in the Academies should be at the undergraduate level.

It points out also that a large number of entrants to Service Academies are motivated by desires other than for a professional career as an officer of the armed forces. "It becomes a primary task of the Service Academies to develop and strengthen in each student a desire for a life of service to the Nation as a professional officer in the armed forces."

The Board sums up its views on the mission of Service Academies as follows:

"The Service Academies should educate and train the young man so that he will be able to take his place first as a junior officer in the armed forces. Specialization, experience, and the further education needed for the assumption of responsibilities of the highest order in the Department of Defense will be functions of his progressive development throughout his career. It is important that the Service Academies provide a sound basis for such growth. Accordingly, the Board reaffirms that the mission of the Service Academies is to provide undergraduate instruction, experience, and motivation to each student so that he will graduate with the knowledge, character and the qualities of leadership required of

a junior officer. This program should provide a basis for continued development throughout a lifetime of service to the Nation and a readiness for military responsibilities of the highest order."

The current mission of the U. S. Military Academy as stated in AR 350-5, dated 12 September, 1946 is: "to instruct the Corps of Cadets so that each graduate will have the qualities and attributes essential to his progressive and continued development throughout a lifetime career as an officer of the Regular Army" West Point has constantly reviewed its assigned mission. It has of its own initiative progressively introduced measures to foster an understanding of the interrelationship of the Services, and has augmented its courses to broaden the cadet's horizon with respect to the major problems of the Nation arising out of the past war. The Board recognized these advances when, in referring to the mission it recommends, it states: "The Board is impressed by the extent to which the existing academies are achieving the objectives of this mission, particularly in the field of character and leadership development"

THE NUMBER AND CHARACTER OF SERVICE ACADEMIES

It is believed that members of the Association will be particularly interested in the detailed views of the Board on this subject. Accordingly, the pertinent paragraphs of the report are reproduced below.

"a. The Board has given careful study to the various suggestions that have been made regarding the role of Government Academies in our system of military education. These have ranged from a proposal to establish a third academy (to provide officers for the Air Force only), to a proposal that there be a single "university" comprised of West Point, Annapolis, and the third academy which would supply the needs of all the services for Academy graduates.

"The Board also considered a plan whereby our future officers would receive a common basic education at a single institution, as distinguished from the present system whereby officers of the Services receive their education at separate institutions. It studied the suggestions that all students at Government Academies first receive a common basic education at the same institution for a period of years, followed by specialization at a separate institution in one of the three Services, or in an area of common interest to the three Services, such as procurement, intelligence or industrial mobilization.

"b. The Board sees disadvantages without commensurate gain in the suggestion that there be a single "university" of which West Point, Annapolis and the third academy would become integral parts, with a rotating student body and having a common curriculum for the first two years.

"(1) The first objection to this system is that upon graduation the new officer is not likely to feel confident in his abilities to assume the role of a junior officer in his particular Service.

He would require further education in Service and branch matters immediately after being commissioned as an officer, before he would be able to perform his duties. The basic educational period necessary to prepare for the assumption of the duties of a junior officer would be unduly lengthened. Although under the present Academy system the graduate possesses only

the minimum requirements, he is, nevertheless, prepared to assume the duties of a junior officer.

"(2) It is doubtful that Service Academies training students for the armed forces as a whole would appeal to young men as strongly as specialized Service Academies. The young man does not enter military life as a whole. He chooses West Point because he likes the military life; he chooses Annapolis because he is attracted by life on the sea; he will want to enter an Air Force Academy because of his interest in flying. An institution which by its nature renders the attainment of the student's ultimate desire problematical could not offer similar forceful attractions. It is doubtful that an Academy which did not carry its students through four years in a particular service would appeal to young men as strongly as specialized Service Academies. We are dealing with very young persons. They need objectives appropriate to their interest and maturity levels.

"c. The Board considered a plan whereby each academy would provide both the basic and the specialized curricula required by the three Services, respectively, so that a proportionate share of graduates would be qualified for a commission in each Service. This means that the three Service Academies would be combined into one or more comprehensive Academies, each offering the full four-year curriculum in each of the Services, to be served by a joint faculty as is done in the various four-year engineering curricula of American colleges. Under such a plan the first year would be common for all three Services, with specialization beginning in the second year and continuing through the third and fourth years. Students of all three Services at each academy would be housed and messed together for the four years.

"The Board reached the conclusion that plant requirements alone render such a system inadvisable. Facilities at the present Service Academies cannot be modified to meet the varying needs for Army, Navy and Air Force training. New sites and duplications in equipment and facilities would be required, along with the abandonment of West Point and Annapolis, and the consequent loss of the proved values deriving from these institutions and their traditions.

"Furthermore, such a system would be at variance with the Board's concept of the fundamental mission of a Service Academy, which is to promote enthusiasm and a drive for expertness commensurate with the age and maturity of the student.

"d. The Board does not favor a common basic education at one institution for a period of years, followed by specialization in the field of one of the three Services.

"(1) The Board is convinced that the career officer needs a basic education collegiate in scope, as required by the age of the students and the nature of the educational and character-building programs. The development of these programs requires a full four-year integrated curriculum. A four-year pattern appears traditional only because ex-

perience in the academies, as in American colleges generally, leads to the conviction that this period of time in the formative age bracket from the late teens to the early twenties establishes a sound broad base for advancement in a field and for cooperative work at higher levels.

"(2) Under the system of separate Service Academies advantage is taken of the ability to point problems and exercises, even in such basic subjects as Mathematics and English, toward a particular Service and to show their relation to the duties expected in that Service. This gives the academies a maximum opportunity to develop in the undergraduate a sense of mission and to stimulate a desire for a lifetime career in a Service.

"(3) The mission of the Service Academies places major emphasis on the development of the character and qualities of leadership required of a junior officer. These attributes are in large part nurtured within the undergraduate organization in a system of gradually increasing responsibility under student supervision. The Fourth Class system at the academies provides the incoming undergraduate through the medium of instruction by upperclassmen initial indoctrination in the requisite standards. This leadership is furnished by members of the Senior Class as illustrated by emphasis on a moral code and upon honor as the keystone in the development of character. We believe that anything which disturbs the continuity of the student's experience and growth of responsibility from year to year through the full four years would be detrimental to the mission of the academies.

"(4) An important function of the Service Academies is to motivate undergraduates for a lifetime career in the Services. This motivation would be rendered less effective by a change in schools during the undergraduate years. Interest in a career as an officer is aroused in undergraduates through association with their classmates and is heightened by increasing individual responsibility as he moves from class to class. It is also stimulated by the increasing individual responsibility which is an element in the present academy system.

"d. The disadvantages noted immediately above apply with equal force to the suggestion that students enter a specialized field of common interest to the Services, such as procurement and industrial mobilization, after a period of years of common basic education at a single institution. Experience in the Services has shown that work in specialized fields of common interest to the Services requires a broad background of experience in military problems and maturity in the participating

officer. The officer will require considerable Service training and experience before he can be equipped to resolve the problems of these specialties.

"e. The suggestion for an initial common institution followed by specialization at separate Academies requires the establishment of a plant and provision of administration personnel and facilities sufficient for a student body of about 5,000. Since the plan would not be advantageous in developing the mission of the academies, it is the judgment of the Board that the additional expenditure of money and personnel would be unwarranted.

"f. The Board is convinced that the over-all needs of the Services are sufficiently distinct to warrant the establishment and maintenance of separate Service Academies. It concludes that the furtherance of unification, to the degree practicable at the Service Academy level, can be effected by internal adjustments and cooperative programs.

"g. The Board confirms the views expressed in its First Report of 4 April 1949 to the Secretary of Defense that an Air Force Academy should be established without delay and that appropriate legislation to accomplish this purpose, including the authorization of interim plans, should be obtained.

"This Air Force Academy should be under the aegis of the Secretary of the Air Force, and should provide officers for the Air Force in accordance with the general mission of the Service Academies."

As a result of the deliberations summarized so far the Board makes the following specific recommendations with respect to Service Academies as institutions:

- "1. *That the integrity and the Service identity of the two existing academies be maintained.*
- "2. *That an Air Force Academy be established that will parallel the existing academies of the other two Services.*
- "3. *That upon authorization of an Air Force Academy, an interim academy at either a temporary site or at the location of the permanent academy be established.*
- "4. *That the Army and the Navy assist the Air Force in establishing its academy by the voluntary transfer of cadets and midshipmen from the existing academies in such numbers and from such classes as mutually agreed upon by the Services.*
- "5. *That the program of instruction at all three academies be of four years duration, undergraduate in character, and that it lead to a baccalaureate degree.*
- "6. *That in time of peace not less than fifty per cent (50%) of the planned annual procurement of regular officers for each Service should be academy graduates. At all times there should be opportunity for some non-academy graduates such as ROTC and others to become regular officers."*

The Board devoted a section of its report to a study of cross-education and indoctrination in unification in the system of military education. Several of the proposals for revising the system of Academies are based on a premise that Service differences originate at the Academy level and that in the interests of unification a change in basic structure is necessary. The Board sums up its views in this regard as follows:

"All instances of Service controversy that have come to the attention of the Board have

occurred at, or have been directly derived from, higher levels of command. They appear to have arisen from conflicting views in the realms of roles and missions, command, areas of responsibility, manpower allocations and budgetary considerations. It is notable that the higher echelons of the Services have in many instances not had the benefit of the joint education and joint command experience now being provided in the Department of Defense. Issues in these fields are far removed from the undergraduate's busy daily life and are, in the main, beyond his immediate comprehension. The Board has found no evidence of a spirit of inter-service friction and jealousy among students or instructors in any academy.

"The Board has found a pervasive willingness for friendly cooperation in order to achieve a unification based on understanding. This does not preclude 'school rivalry' common among young Americans and generally regarded as natural and desirable."

The following paragraphs contain the Board's views on the role of Service Academies in unification of the armed forces.

"The basic necessities are to insure that members of our Regular officer corps become imbued at the outset of their careers with a concept of the Department of Defense as a single integrated instrument and to instill in the graduates of Service Academies an understanding of the roles of the components of an integrated Department of Defense to which their careers will be dedicated.

"It is better to achieve the desired objective in unification within the framework and organization of separate Service Academies. The manner in which the academies discharge their responsibility of producing graduates possessing to a high degree a sense of their obligations as officers and citizens has elicited our sincere admiration. These important contributions of the academies should not be lost.

"The Board agrees that one of the primary objectives of military education is the inculcation of the spirit of teamwork. This teamwork is the solid foundation for true unification throughout the Services. In this sense, concepts of unification must be taught from the first day a man enters the Service Academies and continue with him until he retires. The Board believes that more than ever before this concept is the duty and responsibility of all academies and of all other military educational institutions.

"The Board recognizes that the education of an officer leading to fuller concepts of unification of the armed services is a progressive function throughout his career. The part the Service Academies should play in this education is to instill in the undergraduate a basic indoctrination and to provide him with a sound framework of fundamental knowledge upon which he can build in the future."

The specific recommendations of the Board concerning cross-education and indoctrination in unification at the Service Academies are:

1. *"That the course of instruction at each of the academies be designed with the purpose of equipping the student for a career in his chosen Service and at the same time to familiarize him with the concept of total defense and national security; with the interdependence of the land, sea and air forces; and with the foundations of our national life."*

The Board states that the fundamental purpose of Service Academies is to develop officers qualified to enter upon military duties in a particular Service, but at the same time the Service Academies should provide the undergraduate with a basic indoctrination in unification and a sound framework of fundamental knowledge of national security matters upon which he can build in the future as he progresses through the

higher service schools and more responsible assignments.

The article immediately following in this issue of *Assembly* deals in detail with what is being done at West Point to familiarize the cadet "with the concept of total defense and national security; with the interdependence of the land, sea and air forces; and with the foundations of our national life".

2. "That the summer training programs at the service academies be arranged so that every student shall spend a minimum of six weeks in joint training with corresponding groups from the other two academies, participating in practice maneuvers employing the strategies, tactics and weapons of all three services."

West Point and Annapolis initiated a program of joint summer training in 1946. Under this program Second-Classmen from both Academies participate in joint training for a period of two weeks. Cadets of the Second Class also undergo a two-week period of air and airborne training. The Board believes that this training, on an expanded scale, will "aid materially in acquainting students at the Academies with the duties and responsibilities of all the Services and that it will accustom the student to work with members of the other Services."

3. "That the system of exchange visits for periods of temporary duty by groups of students of each Academy at the other academies be continued."

The Board believes this system to be advantageous in that students of the Academies not only learn to work together but spend their leisure time together. For several years Second-Classmen at each Academy have spent a "long" week-end at the other Academy during which cadets and midshipmen live, and attend classes, formations, and social events together.

4. "That the faculty of each Academy include officers of the other two Services."

The Board believes that the inclusion of qualified members of other services in the faculty of an Academy would assist in the development of an Armed Forces viewpoint in the presentation of instructional matter. Naval officers have served on the West Point faculty for some time. Currently, there are two Naval officers and one Marine Corps officer on duty at West Point. About twenty-five per cent of the officers in the academic and tactical departments are Air Force officers.

5. "That it be possible for an officer candidate to request a commission in whatever Service he may choose and that his request shall be granted if the Secretaries of the Services concerned concur. It should be possible also for officers with any length of service to transfer to other services under similar conditions."

The Board believes that allowance of these voluntary transfers would be in the interests of unification. It will be necessary to enact legislation in order to effectuate this recommendation.

6. "That a consulting board, with rotating membership, be established in the Department of Defense to report on the programs of the academies and to continue the study of the educational requirements of the Services. This Board should be composed of three civilian educators, one of whom shall be designated as Chairman, and at least one of whom shall be a scientist or engineer, and the three Superintendents of the Service Academies."

The Board believes "that the advice resulting from the studies and periodic meetings of such a Board would be valuable to the academy authorities, and that this Board would provide a medium for the promotion of the concept of unification at the academies"

7. "That the Joint Chiefs of Staff study the practicability of introducing into the system of joint education an additional stop between the Service Academy level and the first joint schools."

The Board is of the opinion that the time interval between graduation from the Academies and first attendance in a joint school may be too long, and that some joint training might be profitable after the academy graduate completes his first tour of duty. In view of the practical difficulties involved in such a program, the Board believes that its feasibility should be determined by the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

This last recommendation stemmed from the Board's inquiry into the system of post-graduate military education. The Board was instructed in its terms of reference to familiarize itself with this system and to submit a recommendation as to the desirability of additional detailed studies in this field. The Board was very favorably impressed with the current system of post-graduate military education. It says:

"A survey by the Board has revealed a significant development in the effectiveness of postgraduate military education since the War. This development is apparent in the dramatic reorganization of the various units into a comprehensive whole.

"The Board is impressed with these long steps toward unification that have been made since the War. It feels that too little of this program is known to the general public. The inauguration of such promising advances toward inter-service education throughout the higher levels of our military system indicates that our military leaders have shown an awareness of this crucial problem. The Board believes that this expanded yet integrated joint educational system is an effective method of reaching the objectives of unification.

"In view of the substantial progress that the Board observes in the development, coordination and execution of programs at the postgraduate level, the Board believes that further inquiry into this matter through a Board is not indicated at this time. What is needed most is the opportunity for the administrative development of the post-graduate programs already established."

A section of the report of the Board is devoted to administration at Service Academies. The Board endorses and recommends for adoption at all Academies the recitation system and sectioning according to ability, with opportunity for advanced study for those with marked ability, which are fundamentals of the West Point system, and the program of rating students in military aptitude inaugurated at West Point during the War and developed since to a highly satisfactory degree. To coordinate the additional joint summer training it considers necessary the Board recommends that the academic year at all Academies begin and end on the same dates. In consonance with the views previously expressed it recommends (1) that the age of entrants should be between the seventeenth and twenty-second birthday (2) continued effort to develop the student physically and to prepare him to administer a physical education program. The Board took note of over-crowding in academic, laboratory, living and recreational facilities at the existing Academies and recommends that every effort be made to relieve these conditions. The solution to these problems, of course, lies in budgetary considerations. West Point has had for some time a detailed expansion program.

In the teaching of the sciences at the Academies the Board recommends that emphasis be placed on individual problems and the initiative of the student in approaching these problems.

The Board made several recommendations pertaining to requirements and procedures for entrance into the Service Academies. One concerns educational requirements and states that these should be essentially the same for all Academies. Another prescribes that the final selection of candidates be made by the respective Academies. This is a departure from the present system whereby Academy authorities select qualified candidates only under certain limited conditions. The Board's views in this regard are: "Scholastic preparation alone is not a sufficient basis upon which to evaluate applicants as prospective officer material. Personality, intelligence and physical characteristics are more important factors. The Board believes that the Academy authorities are in the best position to determine the over-all suitability of applicants, and that they should be authorized to choose the best qualified candidates among those designated who meet the necessary minimum requirements". The third recommendation advocates adoption for all Academies of the plan for the Congressional system of nomination of candidates proposed for the Air Force Academy whereby for each vacancy not less than four nor more than ten candidates may be nominated, all of whom would undergo examination and selection by the Academy authorities.

Another section of the report of the Board is devoted to recommendations concerning the faculty at the Service Academies. Several of these pertain to the appointment of civilian instructors and permanent professors and are designed to make permissive the employment of procedures of one Academy to all Academies. For example, Heads of Departments at West Point are permanent appointments, at Annapolis they are not; West Point commissions permanent professors from civilian life with appropriate military rank, Annapolis does not. These differences exist under current legislation. Concerning civilian faculty members, the Board insists that their appointment should not be restricted by Civil Service procedures which it considers cannot be reconciled with the hours of work at the Academies and the traditional academic year.

Regarding the quality of the faculty the Board states: "The students at the academies must receive the best of instruction. This requires a very high quality of faculty personnel. It is of fundamental importance that those responsible for the personnel administration of the Services give the Superintendents a high priority in choosing their faculties". It also recommends that graduates scheduled to become faculty members should be given additional education at civilian institutions and that Academy faculties should contain a substantial proportion of men holding degrees from other institutions. These are current practices at West Point. The great majority of the present academic staff hold degrees from civilian institutions.

The Board recommends greater effort on the part of Academy faculties to maintain contact with civilian institutions and learned societies. The extent to which the West Point faculty has done this in the past has been limited by availability of funds, a condition which the Board feels should be remedied. The three specific recommendations and comments of the Board on this subject are as follows:

1. "That exchange professorships with civilian institutions be developed with appropriate provision for expenses that may be incurred, and that provision be made for sabbatical or other leave with pay for purposes of study.

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Program of Studies, U. S. M. A.

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Department of Social Sciences

The Secretary of Defense's directive to the Service Academy Board* was explicit in specifying the training and education deemed necessary for the candidate officer in the complicated realities of the U.S. national security problem. Both the need for a sense of teamwork among the armed services and the need for a consciousness and understanding of the entire governmental structure and all elements of the national life affecting national security, were stressed in this directive.

The principal method recommended by the Board for achieving the desired objectives in education in national security and unification is set forth in the following extract from the Board report:

"The Board concludes that there should be established at the Service Academies a program of instruction and indoctrination that will increase the understanding of the undergraduate officer candidate with respect to:

- (1) An awareness of the major problems affecting the security of the Nation.
- (2) An understanding of the relation between the military and all other elements such as labor, industry, management and agriculture, which combine to maintain a total national security.
- (3) A consciousness of the crucial significance in terms of security of a healthy national economy upon which modern defense measures impose a heavy burden.
- (4) An understanding of the role of the Department of Defense in our Government.

*The final report of the Service Academy Board is discussed in the preceding article.

The Board believes that in addition to this program of instruction and indoctrination, other measures can be taken at the academy level to further an understanding of unification, such as: exchange visits, joint summer training programs, interchange of Academy faculties, and a consulting board in the Department of Defense. These are contained in the detailed recommendations of the Board.

The Board believes that the Service Academies have already taken major steps in the direction of the objectives and recommendations in this report."

Noting that education in unification is a progressive function throughout the officers' career, the Board asserted its belief that the Service Academies mission is one of basic indoctrination and fundamental knowledge; and concluded that the program of studies described above is the best method and direction for achieving these fundamentals.

The approximate dimensions of the education and training believed desirable in national security were readily apparent from the directive of the Secretary of Defense to the Service Academy Board issued on 8 February 1949. Clearly it was time for action, the more so since the Board's objective was already encompassed in considerable measure by the USMA curriculum. Accordingly, all educational and training features of the West Point program were closely scrutinized to discover how far the basic directive was already being carried out, and to determine what remained to be done in that direction.

It is worth noting at this point that the last previous survey of the curriculum, made in 1945 by a Board of Consultants headed by Dr. Karl T. Compton, President of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, left untouched the question of armed services unification. Moreover, it was not until 1947, two years after this Board had completed its work, that Congress passed the National

Security Act. Lastly, the official mission of the Military Academy, unchanged from pre-war days makes no mention of unification. In these circumstances, there is real significance in the fact that normal evolutionary processes in the progressive development of the curriculum had made considerable progress by 1949 toward the objectives sought by the Office of the Secretary of Defense in the sphere of national security.

The reasons for those timely advances were varied. The mission of USMA, including the provision for education essential to "progressive and continual development throughout a lifetime career as an officer of the armed forces", had been interpreted in light of the obvious diverse responsibilities of officers during their service. World War II demonstrated that these responsibilities include teamwork with other services. Moreover, since 1947 USMA has been a joint Army and Air undergraduate school of higher education, insofar as the composition of its faculty and the utilization of its graduates are concerned. The long-time emphasis on a broad general education, coupled with the fundamentals of training for a military career, resulted in the inclusion in the curriculum of many items having a direct impact on the objectives clearly indicated by the post-World War II security situation and the U.S. Organization for National Security (Chart I) and now clearly indicated as desired by the Secretary of Defense's directive to his Board.

Specific examples of measures already in effect to achieve the objectives of the Secretary of Defense include a considerable amount of ground school air indoctrination training, a third of the faculty are air officers; USMA and USNA exchange instructors, cadets and midshipmen engage in a two weeks amphibious joint maneuver, including considerable indoctrination in other than amphibious landings; cadets and midshipmen exchange week-end visits; and each squad at Camp Buckner is host to a midshipman during two weeks of summer

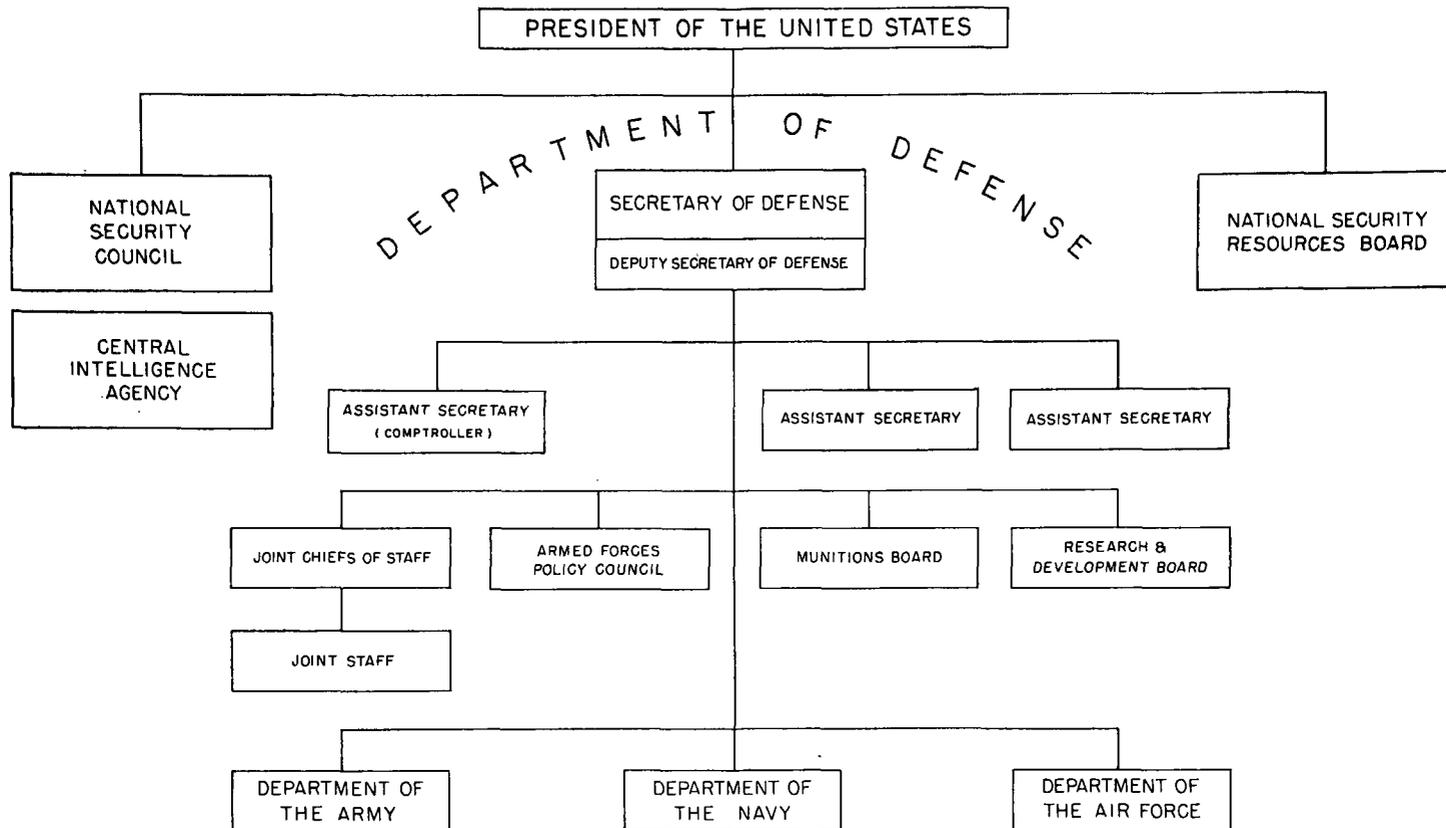


Cadet Class in Military Art. . . .



Cadets and Midshipmen on a joint maneuver during summer training. . . .

CHART I ORGANIZATION FOR NATIONAL SECURITY



training. All these items are in the area of practical experience in cross-service indoctrination and teamwork among the armed services.

Instruction in military art has always been directed at driving home the principles of war and of leadership through the medium of military history. Hence, it has devoted considerable attention to naval and air as well as land power.

The directive of the Secretary of Defense, and the subsequent conclusions of the Board particularly stressed the need for instruction and indoctrination in areas of national security beyond the operational teamwork, referred to in the two preceding paragraphs. In the following extract from a speech before the American Political Science Association by Mr. F. Eberstadt, Chairman of the National Security Committee of the Hoover Commission, is an informative exposition of this aspect of the educational problem:

"Up to this point I have dealt with certain of the military aspects of unification because they have been in the forefront of discussion. But military unification is only a means to an end. It is but one facet of the far larger and far more important problems of national security. If we are to achieve the maximum toward national security there are other fields in which unification in my opinion, is of even greater importance than in the military establishment. They concern unification of our foreign and military policies based upon reliable unified intelligence; unification of our foreign and military policies with our economic strength; uni-

fication of our civilian, industrial and economic planning with our war plans; unification of scientific development with our strategic plans; unification for civilian defense of the civilian administrative organizations of our cities and states and other local units; and finally, unification of economic and psychological warfare programs with our basic political and military objectives.

Americans have been accustomed in the past to think of national security too largely in purely military terms. Today it is obvious that valid national strategy must embrace all our national resources of every kind—human, material, industrial, scientific, political, and spiritual. The armed forces are simply the cutting edge—a deterrent to hostile action in ordinary times but when used in war, a last and desperate resort. Military policy and preparation are vital, but they are only one part of national security policy as a whole, which, if it is to succeed, must continuously integrate political objectives, military plans, economic strength, and civilian organization into a comprehensive and carefully formulated national policy and purpose.

The National Security Act of 1947 recognized these fundamental conditions. Its purpose was to provide, upon a permanent and continuing basis, 'a comprehensive program for the future security of the United States'. Its object was not merely to create a technically efficient military establishment, but to bridge the gaps between all of the various departments and govern-

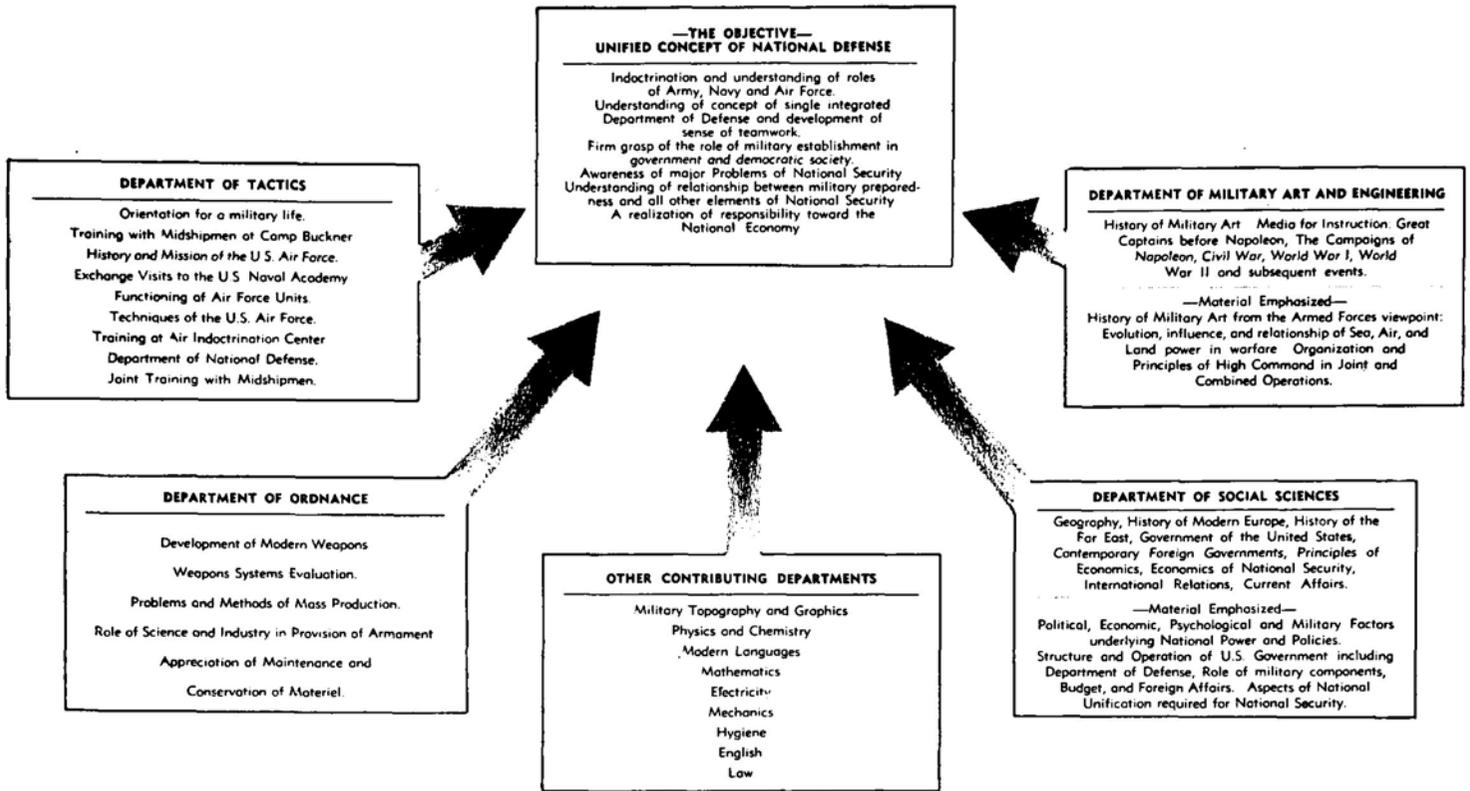
mental agencies concerned with the national security and to bring them together as an organic whole, so as to produce unified policies and action along the entire security front in time of peace as well as in time of war."

West Point had already made progress, beginning in the early '30's, with embryonic sub-courses in such fields as comparative government, industrial mobilization, military government, international relations and current problems. Difficulties, some of them serious, were encountered in the initiation of these courses, among them the virtual non-existence of standard textbooks, and the paucity of instruction in the broader fields of national security available in graduate schools, military as well as civilian, to officers destined for instructor duty at West Point. During the struggle with various makeshifts it became progressively apparent that instruction materials had to be produced at USMA—an old story at West Point.

In summary, a survey of programs already in existence showed that, on a piecemeal basis, many steps had been taken or were in the planning stage toward the desired objectives. However, it appeared that the scope of the problem transcended any one course or the responsibilities of any one academic department. There was an obvious need for coordination and integration of the elements of standard courses and for planning their evolution into a comprehensive program. The subject matter requiring actual classroom instruction and field training fell in great part within the purview of four departments—Tactics, Military Art

CHART II

U.S.M.A. PROGRAM OF STUDIES IN NATIONAL SECURITY OF THE U.S.



and Engineering, Social Sciences and Ordnance.

Inculcation of a spirit of interservice teamwork was recognized as a matter extending beyond the limits of recitations and drills—although these attendances would further the understanding. The task includes an infinity of detailed actions and thoughts in USMA contacts with the Academy's end-product—the graduated cadet. Outstanding examples of such details are: the precise use of the terms "armed forces" and "Department of Defense" in speaking of broad military matters rather than narrowing the cadet's view to the "Army"; the use of examples drawn from Navy and Air as well

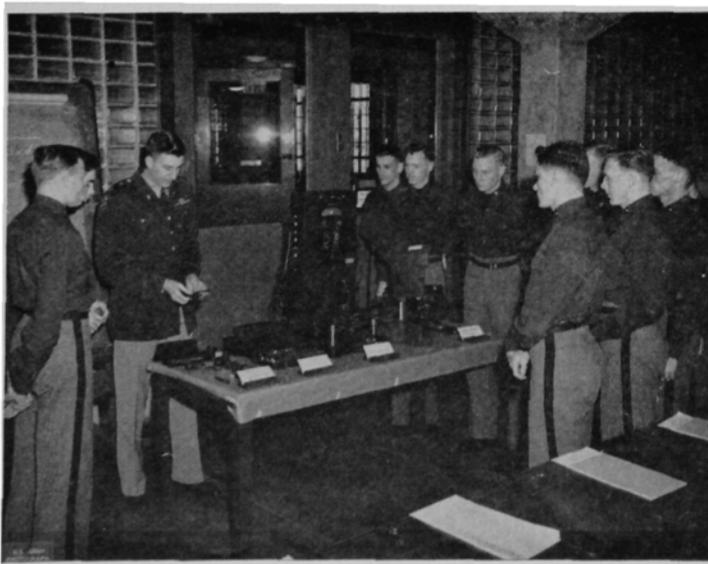
as Army experiences in all courses of instruction; and a general climate of service understanding and teamwork in the instructional staff.

In the light of the foregoing the Superintendent, on the recommendation of the Academic Board, directed on 28 September 1949 that a program of studies in National Security be instituted at West Point (Chart II). The program is under the direct supervision of a committee of the Academic Board consisting of the heads of the Departments of Social Sciences, Military Art and Engineering, Ordnance and Tactics. It is somewhat comparable on the undergraduate level, to "Institutes" in various fields of study now

existent at some civilian universities.

All departments of USMA emphasize unification and teamwork among the three armed services by climate in the classroom and by deliberate use of references and examples falling within the scope of the subject matter taught as the primary mission of the department. The courses and training provided by the four departments shown on Chart II, as primarily charged with achieving the objectives enunciated by the Board, will be described in detail in succeeding articles in *Assembly* dealing with each of them.

The entire program contains at this stage
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Gaging—a key to mass production in American industry. . . .



International Relations and National Security. . . .

NEWS OF WEST POINT SOCIETIES

(Editor's Note: With this issue of Assembly we inaugurate an additional feature—News of West Point Societies—and we welcome suitable copy from all of our Societies. As available space is limited, items submitted should be as concise as possible. To insure quarterly publication, copy must be received by the Association of Graduates at West Point on or before 15 June, 10 September, 10 December and 20 March of each year. All material printed in Assembly is, of course, subject to editing at West Point before publication.)

The West Point Society of Chicago

The only item of interest at the time of this writing is the Hop held at the Naval Reserve Armory for cadets and midshipmen on Christmas leave on December 27, at which four cadets and their girl friends appeared out of a total of seven home in the area. The midshipmen did much better in attendance but the affair was voted a success and may well be repeated this year.

We also held enjoyable meetings with the University of Pennsylvania alumni and the Naval Academy alumni for telecasts of the Army-Penn and Army-Navy games.

We are all looking forward to the annual dinner which will be held in Chicago on March 17 at the University Club where we anticipate a turnout of at least 125 members.

—Colonel James C. Short, '23,
Vice-President.

The West Point Society of Columbus

A business meeting of the Society on the 21st of October, 1949, resulted in our efficient former President, Colonel Otto L. Brunzell, '04, and Secretary and Treasurer, Major Charles W. Watson, '38, turning over their responsibilities to the new officials Colonel James G. McIlroy, '04, and Captain Wendell G. Van Auken, June, '43.

A pleasant social afternoon was spent by the members and their families at the Officers Club at Fort Hayes, where they enjoyed a good lunch and then watched *The Game* in a good television set.

Our new President has just learned of the arrival in Algiers of his second grandchild. Our new Secretary is strutting over the addition to his household of his second son.

Our list of members now contains forty-three names.

—James G. McIlroy, '04,
Colonel, U.S.A., Ret'd, President.

The West Point Society of Los Angeles

The Los Angeles Society has about 225 members whose homes are widely scattered in Southern California from Santa Barbara to San Diego, and from Riverside to the Coast.

Luncheons are held the first Thursday of each month at the United Service's Club, 2600 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles. The Los Angeles Society welcomes visitors from other Societies, who happen to be in this area. An interesting speaker is engaged for

each meeting, and the attendance has been good.

On November 26, 1949, the Chapter was invited by the Naval Academy Association of Graduates to a joint luncheon and football rally at the Officers' Club of the Long Beach Naval Station. Many of our members and their families enjoyed the broadcast of the Army-Navy Game.

The Los Angeles Society has the following Committees in operation: Public Relations, Liaison and Education, and Employment.

The Annual Dinner was held March 17, 1950 in the El Morocco Room of the Chapman Park Hotel in Los Angeles. An interesting program included the annual election of officers, the adoption of a constitution and by-laws, songs, and the showing of West Point football pictures. Lt. General Harold L. George, U.S. Air Force, Retired, talked on "Developments in Airplanes, Radar, and Missiles since World War II.

John Kimball Brown, '08,
President.

The West Point Society of Michigan

Thirty-five members of the West Point Society of Michigan, classes from '98 to '47, celebrated the 148th anniversary of the founding of their Alma Mater at a dinner held in the Officers' Club at Old Fort Wayne in Detroit. Major General Stanley E. Reinhart, Retired, '16, served as toastmaster and read a message from the Superintendent, U.S.M.A. Colonel Joseph F. Gohn, Ret'd., '98, and Lieut James R. Lilley, U.S. Air Force, '47, as the oldest and youngest graduates present, gave toasts, and Brigadier General Louis A. Kunzig, Ret'd., '05, gave the principal address of the evening. Movies of West Point and of the Army football season of 1949 were shown. Those present were unanimous in expressing their enjoyment and most of them stayed on, reminiscing, long after the prepared program was finished. General Kunzig was elected president; Frederick C. Pyne, '24, vice-president; John D. Crary, '29, secretary; and Robert Hanna, '43, treasurer. Most of the credit for the success of the evening was due to Carrol F. Sullivan, '21, the retiring secretary, who made most of the arrangements for the meeting.

A joint meeting with the Naval Academy Society is proposed for late April or early May. A similar joint meeting two years ago was a great success, and if present plans can be successfully carried out this one promises to be even better.

—S. E. Reinhart, '16,
Major General, U.S. Army, Ret'd.

The West Point Society of Monterey Peninsula

Our Society was formed and operates in a casual manner common to life in this region.

About sixty West Pointers assembled at Fort Ord, decided to form a society, primarily for the purpose of arranging the annual dinners, elected three officers to do the work, and adjourned sine die.

One of the three, W. McC. Chapman (Aug. '17) is also Mayor of Pacific Grove.

Our dinners are held in the Officers' Club, Fort Ord. We have received generous and whole hearted aid from the Fort Ord personnel, under the leadership of Maj. Gen. Jens Doe, '14, where the Society was formed,

and now under that of Maj. Gen. Robert Frederic, '28.

—Pratt, '01.

The West Point Society of New York

The Anniversary Dinner on 16 March at the Hotel Astor was most successful. Nearly 300 enthusiastic alumni were in attendance and greatly enjoyed the inspiring address of General Lucius Clay, June '18, and the Superintendent's Report on the Academy, made by Major General Bryant E. Moore, August '17, in person. Lieutenant General Willis D. Crittenger, '13, did a fine job as toastmaster.

The present officers of the Society are:
President: Major General R. L. Maxwell, '12,
Vice President: Colonel W. H. Kyle, '22,
Vice President: Major General T. A. Terry, '08,
Secretary: Colonel George DeGraaf, '20,
Treasurer: Lt. Colonel Ivan Sattem, '40.

Normally meetings are held each month except June, July and August. Notice of these meetings is mailed to each member. West Pointers in the metropolitan area of New York who are not already members of the Society are cordially invited to apply for membership to the Secretary. His address is: The Sperry Corporation, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York 20, N. Y.

The West Point Society of Philadelphia

We had one of the most successful dinners of our Society on Saturday, 18 March thanks to the presence of Generals Fenton and Danford. Over 80 turned out, full of enthusiasm and loyalty to our Alma Mater.

Following is the list of Officers of the Society for the ensuing year:

President: Norman D. Cota, '17,
Treasurer: Herbert M. Cady, '36,
Secretary: Samuel Edelman, ex '10,
Asst. Secretary: Hobart A. Murphy, '24.

The next meeting of our Society will be a luncheon on Tuesday, 4 April 1950, at 12:30 at the Sylvania Hotel, Locust Street east of Broad. The May meeting will be in the form of a joint dinner dance with the Naval Academy Alumni at the Navy Yard, on 12 May 1950.

—S. Edelman, ex '10,
Secretary.

The West Point Society of the San Francisco Bay Area

The West Point Society of the San Francisco Bay Area has in its area some 360 West Pointers, active, retired or in civil life. It has three committees: Liaison and Education, Public Relations, and Candidate, of which the purpose is to assist West Point and West Pointers. The Board of Governors is now organizing a Placement Committee to aid West Pointers who may be seeking civilian employment.

Quarterly dinners, including a dinner-dance in December, were held during the past year. Attendance has averaged over 150. West Pointers visiting or arriving in the Bay Area are urged to get in touch with the Society.

—H. F. Nichols, '11
Brig. Gen., U.S.A., Ret'd, President.

DOWN THE FIELD

By Joe Cahill

The pattern was established on the turf of Municipal Stadium last November. That 38-0 count apparently provided the impetus. For now at the half-way mark, our Howitzers have Navy's athletic schooners listing badly under the impact of seven direct hits in nine skirmishes.

Army victories have been recorded in football (38-0), cross-country (15-50), basketball (50-46), swimming (61-14), gymnastics (52-44), squash (7-2), and rifle (1425-1421). By the margin of a single point, Navy escaped in soccer (1-0) and fencing (14-13).

While there was no indoor competition in track and field, the performance of the Cadets, as compared to the Midshipmen in the Heptagonal and IC4A championships, was superior.

Under the tutelage of Jess Mortensen, who came here from the University of Denver in January to succeed Leo Novak at the track and cross-country helm, the Cadets continued to maintain a clean slate in dual and triangular competition in the Field House. They are undefeated over a period of eight years and fourteen meets.

Although defeated in the Heptagonal Games for the first time in three years when they were edged out by Yale, the Cadets nevertheless enjoyed a successful season. Individual champions include Winfield Scott, Dick Shea, Hal Shultz, and Dick Bastar. Scott added the indoor broad jump title to his outdoor diadem with a leap of 23 feet, 4½ inches. Dick Shea, a yearling who at this stage looks like the finest middle distance runner ever to wear the gray added the 2 mile crown to his growing collection, which already includes both the IC4-A and Heptagonal cross-country championships. Earlier in the season Shea erased all existing Academy records for two miles when he was clocked in 9:21.7. Bastar, being constantly pushed by Warren Eisenhart, again tied for the pole vault title, clearing 13 feet with Yale's Neil King. Yearling Eisenhart is being tabbed as one of the vaulters of tomorrow in view of his indoor Academy record shattering effort of 13 feet, 6¾ inches. Shultz, one of Blaik's clever backs, won the 45 yard high hurdles title for the first time.

Wallowing through an in-and-out season that seemed doomed to complete failure at the mid-way mark, the basketball squad extricated itself and capped a mediocre season with a stunning 50 to 46 win over heavily-favored Navy. Battling extreme odds and baffling the experts, this team must be accorded the distinction of having turned in one of the most inspiring victories in the entire history of Army basketball. Navy entered the game with an impressive 16-4 mark for the season in addition to representing the East in the annual Cotton Bowl tournament. Army, on the other hand, had only an even .500 for the season with 8 and 8. Gus Dielens, Tom Boydston and Arnold Galiffa, playing their last game as cadets, were superb. Dielens replaced Ed Tixier, the ailing center, and the consensus of opinion is that Dielens was the difference. He pirouetted about the pivot like a veteran and his six straight points near the end were decisive. Boydston led the team in scoring all season and his 17 against the Middies was again the top figure. Galiffa has made it a habit of trimming Navy of late and his spirited bid fired the team for the clincher.

Hockey enthusiasts had little to cheer about. The losses by graduation proved too great a handicap. Bob Blaik and Charlie Kuyk, won and lost records to the contrary, could have made any of the teams that played at Smith Rink this year. Despite the fact that victories were recorded in only three of eleven games prior to the trip to Kingston, Ontario, for the important test with Royal Military Academy, the Cadets played the Canadians virtually to a standstill before succumbing 6 to 4. Army goals were tallied by Blaik, Kuyk, Roger Lind and Bill Depew, captain-elect of the '51 sextet.

Confronted with the most difficult schedule in the Nation this winter, the aquatic team proved its mettle by turning in a remarkably successful season. Only Ohio State, defending National Champions; Yale, perennial power of the Ivy circuit; and Dartmouth were able to stop Coach Gordon Chalmers' well-balanced aggregation. In the season's highlight, Navy was dunked by the widest margin in the series, 61 to 14. During the season the Cadets virtually re-wrote the Academy pool record book, setting new standards in seven of the nine events. Only the breast and back stroke marks eluded them. Jack Craigie, former Junior National Long Distance and 400 Meter champion, was credited with two of the new marks when he negotiated the 220 in 2:13.9 and the 440 in 4:55.2. Jim Smyly, team captain and potential champion in the Eastern Intercollegiate, shaved the 100 yard standard to a new low of :51.5. It is interesting to note that on the basis of comparative times, this year's team could have defeated a picked squad of the best swimmers ever to have competed for Army since the sport was adopted here in 1921. With few exceptions, the squad will graduate en masse. Their 30 victories in 37 meets the past three years will not be forgotten.

Tom Maloney continues to perform near-miracles with the gymnastic squad. This year the team tied with Syracuse for the Eastern Intercollegiate team championship. Seven victories and a tie with the Orange gave Army its seventh undefeated season and its first clean slate since 1945.

In the Eastern Intercollegiate, Carl Brunson won on the Parallel Bar and Bob Williams on the flying rings. The National Collegiate A.A. championships were staged here for the first time on April 1st. As we go to press, more than 15 leading colleges and universities from coast-to-coast were expected to compete.

Army had another individual champion in Pete Monfore, who repeated his domination of the 175 pound Eastern Intercollegiate boxing class. Pete won the title in 1949 and encountered little difficulty in retaining the crown this year. Bill Kellum, our heralded heavyweight, lost a close decision in the semi-finals to Jack Crandell, of Syracuse, the NCAA champion. Lon Morin, a 165 pound yearling, was the only other cadet to reach the finals.

The facilities of the Field House have been transformed into spring training grounds for baseball, track, lacrosse, and football. There is nothing to report on these fronts as yet. Baseball prospects are not good. Pitching, as usual, appears to be Paul Amen's principal concern. Jack Mackmull and Ted Greisinger, a pair of sore-armed veterans could remedy the situation.

Track, of course, will have much the same group that competed indoors. The Penn Relays and Heptagonal Games feature the cinder season. Lacrosse was hit hard by graduation with seven of the starting ten gone. Most difficult to replace is Jim Hartinger, two-time all-American at midfield.

Vacancies in at least ten starting positions were listed by Earl H. (Red) Blaik as Army opened its spring football drills. Replacements are being sought for four linemen and a back on the offensive platoon, and three linemen and two backs for starting roles on defense.

Of course, the greatest individual loss to the squad is Arnold Galiffa, all-America quarterback and key figure in the smooth-functioning offense that struck for 354 points in a perfect season.

However, there is considerable apprehension concerning adequate replacements up front, where all but two men will be lost by graduation. Only Captain-elect Dan Foldberg and Bob Haas, end and tackle on the left side, are back. This means new faces will be identified in the jobs vacated by Bill Kellum, Bennie Davis, Jim Irons, Ray Maladowitz and Bob Lunn, who comprised the offensive line from right end to left guard in that order. Although a regular at tackle, Haas is being tried at center during the spring drills.

Leading contenders for the jobs up front appear to be as follows: Ends, Dick Roberts and Ed Tixier, who played behind Foldberg and Kellum; tackles, Bruce Elmsblad, a starter on the left side throughout most of last season; guards, Lew Ziegler and Jim Cox, neither of whom lettered. Bob Orders, Plebe center, is also being groomed as a possible replacement for Maladowitz in the middle. Other Plebes likely to be of help are Ray Malavasi of Clifton, N. J. and Jim Guardino of Watertown, N. Y., both of whom show promise as guards. Also, Bob Volonino of Passaic, N. J. and Jack Erickson of Geneva, Illinois, who manned the Plebe tackle berths, are considered good prospects.

The return of Gil Stephenson, fullback, and Frank Fischl and Jim Cain gives the Cadets both speed and experience on the attack. This trio was virtually unstoppable in winning the Lambert Trophy for the second successive year. The future success of this backfield hinges heavily on the rapid and complete recovery of Cain, the fastest man on the squad, plus the ability of Bob Blaik to assume the duties of a full time quarterback. Cain suffered a broken leg in a relay race at Madison Square Garden this winter and it remains to be seen whether or not his speed will have been affected.

Other lettermen who figure prominently in Blaik's plans for backfield duty are Herb Johnson, fast, slippery halfback from Sandy, Oregon; Jack Martin, who spelled Fisch most of the time at right half, and Vic Pollock, who was a capable understudy for Cain in 1949.

Two performers from the undefeated Plebe squad, who appear to be sure-fire varsity material are Al Pollard, a powerful running fullback from Los Angeles, and Gil Reich, a better-than-average all-around athlete from Steelton, Pa. Reich impressed as a quarterback in first year of T-ball.

On defense the strain does not appear to be as great. John Trent, outgoing cap-



1949-50 ARMY BASKETBALL SQUAD

First Row (Left to right): Charles Means, Vince Bailey, Arnold Galiffa, Hersch Chapman, Frank Fischl, Tom Brodzinski.

Second Row: Coach J. W. Mauer, John Shelley, James Michel, Ted Griesinger, Ed Tixier, Tom Boydston, Sam Wetzel, Lt. Col. J. R. Jannarone (Officer-in-Charge).

Third Row: Doug Poage (Manager), Bill Yeoman, George Harman, Gus Dielens, Dan Foldberg.

tain, will be missed, but a worthy replacement is forthcoming in Hardy Stone, who played in all nine games last year. Harold Loehlein has the inside track on the other end position in view of his play there last fall.

The tackles seem to be up to par with starters Charles Shira and J. D. Kimmel, both back. Depth, however, is noticeably lacking as far as experience is concerned. For help at the tackles, Blaik is relying on Gerald Hart, a 200 pounder from Brooklyn, and Phil Shockey, a fair prospect from Cumber-

land, Md. Both played with the Plebes in '49.

Lynn Galloway, although he does not graduate until a year hence, nevertheless has used up his eligibility, leaving a hole in the right guard slot. Al Thieme and Ben Brian, who saw limited action last fall, are contenders for the job along with Bill Flick, a Plebe from Bridgeport. Bruce Ackerson, who has started alternately at tackle and guard is certain to maintain his starting status in the latter position. Ralph Kaseman, an aggressive and steady performer, will be missed.

Returning in the backfield are Don Beck and Elmer Stout, capable linebackers, and Hal Shultz the Heptagonal high hurdles champion. At safety, the loss of Bobby Vinson will be hard felt as will Bob Ableman at halfback.

Battling it out for the two vacancies are Gene Gribble, who saw some game experience last year; Vince Vergara, Don Fuqua, Howard Baldwin, Bill Rowecamp and Bill McGuire, each of whom held starting berths on the Plebe eleven in 1949.

BULLETIN BOARD

REMARKS BY SECRETARY OF THE ARMY GORDON GRAY

To The National Security Industrial Association At West Point, New York, Friday, 27 January 1950.

Mr. Folsom, General Moore, and Gentlemen:

I am grateful for this opportunity to come to West Point during the visit of this group representing the National Security Industrial Association. I hope that all of you, here today, enjoyed seeing West Point and the activities of the Corps of Cadets, as much as I have.

As a Southerner, I was most interested in the Superintendent's reference, while we were in Cullum Hall this morning, to the absence of portraits at West Point of Confederate officers in their Confederate uniforms. I know, in the mess hall, there are portraits of General Lee, and of General Beauregard; I am sure you noticed, as I did, that these portraits depicted those individuals during their incumbencies as Superintendent of the Military Academy, and that, in each case, the uniforms they wore were the traditional "Army Blue", later to become associated with the troops of the Union. I thus think it is fair to say to you that General Moore, a native of Maine, and I, a native of North Carolina, have engaged in what might be called a conspiracy, to end the "Civil War", at this institution; this we hope to do during the forthcoming sequicentennial of the founding of the Military Academy, to be celebrated in the year 1952; and plans for which are now in the making. If these plans work out as we hope—and I am sure they will—the ghost of that most unhappy period of our national life, our Civil War, will be laid, once and for all. In this day of joint effort, and of unification, not only of our military strength but of its integration with our industrial might, I believe you will agree with me that the nation has a right to expect all regional rivalries to be erased in this Corps of Cadets, drawn as it is from every section of our great land; the deep seated animosities, rooted in the fabric of our tradition, must give way to today's requirement for common efforts to achieve our national goals.

Incidentally, I do not mean to imply that all was sweet harmony, even amongst the Confederates themselves. No doubt you have heard Arthur Krock's story of the young Southern girl, of a few generations ago, who was extolling the virtues of General Beauregard. According to her, he was the Beau Sabreur of the Confederate Army, the most talented swordsman, the most graceful equestrian, the officer with the greatest amount of courage, charm, and wit. When someone asked her how she felt about General Lee, she replied that she had "heard General Beauregard speak very highly of General Lee!"

While I realize that many of you have a long association with the Military Academy, and several of you are numbered among its graduates, I believe even those of you for whom this is a first visit will understand through this visit why my own devotion to the principles for which this institution stands, and to the Army at large, is so great. A keystone in the broad foundation of our Army Educational System, West Point

furnishes that small but hard core of career officers, upon whom the nation depends to set and maintain those standards of duty, honor, and loyalty required of officers of the Army. It is an understatement, in reality, for me to say that I am constantly amazed by West Point's scholastic excellence, which is maintained within a rigid military code of efficiency and discipline, all of which is so cheerfully accepted, and in large measure maintained, by the Corps of Cadets itself; and which produces men of such strong character and high integrity, of such fine idealism and great moral courage.

Although our plans currently contemplate that, for the foreseeable future, only one-fourth of the young officers entering upon active duty will be West Pointers, that small group is nevertheless absolutely indispensable to the maintenance of an officer corps of the Army, of a caliber which our people demand and which our nation deserves.

I keenly regret that more isn't generally known about the Military Academy by our own people. It therefore means a great deal to have such a representative group as yours visit West Point, and for the Cadets to have an opportunity to meet you, and for you to meet them. I am encouraged by the results of such visits, and I share with General Moore the hope that yours and other representative groups will visit West Point much more frequently in the future than has been possible in the past. Only by such visits can West Point become known to you, and can you become known to West Point. In the Army, we realize in ever increasing degree that the great industrial might of this nation has been a decisive factor in enabling the nation to emerge victorious from the wars in which we have been forced to engage. All of us, in the National Military establishment, are deeply grateful for your continued interest, and for your vital assistance in the preparations we must make for any eventuality.

Lastly, and especially because of the difficulties I have had in attending previous meetings of the National Security Industrial Association, let me reiterate my deep personal pleasure in being here today to meet with you at West Point.

INVESTMENT IN WEST POINT

In January 1950 a letter explaining the needs of our Association was sent to all of our Alumni, the object being to give us all an opportunity to invest in our Alma Mater. This is simply a reminder to those who wish to respond but have not yet taken action.



—C. L. FENTON, '04,
Chairman, Fund Raising Committee.

OUR OLDEST LIVING GRADUATE

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

DID YOU KNOW THAT?

The Department of Mechanics is one of the three oldest departments at West Point? The department was created by an Act of Congress in 1812 as the Department of "Natural and Experimental Philosophy". The name was changed to "Mechanics" in 1942, to conform with modern college nomenclature.

Many major changes have been made in the context of instruction to keep abreast of the tremendous advances in the scientific field during the 138 years of the Department's existence. For example, chemistry and electricity, once embraced by the Phil course, are now taught by two separate departments. Astronomy, which used to occupy a prominent part of the instruction, has practically disappeared from the West Point curriculum. The revolutionary development of military equipment during this span has made a knowledge of mechanics an essential element in the training of every young officer, regardless of his prospective branch.

The Department of Mechanics is headed by Colonel O. J. Gatchell, who has held this position for the past ten years. Under his supervision, the instruction in Mechanics has been divided into two distinct subcourses, namely Mechanics of Solids and Mechanics of Fluids. The former, known to the cadets as "Dry Mech", embraces the subjects of analytical mechanics and strength of materials. The other course, termed "Wet Mech" by the cadets, covers the complicated field of thermodynamics as well as the fundamental subject of fluid mechanics. Cadets attend Mechanics daily throughout their Second Class year, alternating between the Solid and Fluid subcourses.

To assist in instruction, the Department has built up an extensive laboratory which includes gasoline, diesel, and steam engines, air compressors, refrigeration machines, air conditioning equipment, a wind tunnel, pumps, turbines, weirs, valves, and other essential pieces of hydraulic laboratory apparatus. The cadets actually operate all of this equipment, and record such observations as fuel consumption, output, efficiencies, etc.

A recent appraisal of the property of the Department of Mechanics revealed that the replacement value of its equipment is over \$360,000. This is a far cry from 1817 when, according to a document of that time, the Department property was listed as: one field transit and one clock!

BOOK REVIEW

WEST POINT: A History of the United States Military Academy by Sidney Forman. 256 p. Illustrated. New York: Columbia University Press. \$3.75.

Reviewed by
W. J. MORTON, '23,
Librarian, U.S.M.A.

This work by the Archivist and Historian, U.S.M.A. Library, is the first authoritative book-length history of West Point and the Military Academy to appear since Boynton published his volume in 1863. It is both

scholarly and up to date, containing the only post-World War II treatment of the subject.

Dr. Forman has resisted the temptation to give a "warmed-over" version of the earlier accounts by Boynton, Cullum and others. Instead, he has devoted six years to an exhaustive examination of original sources. Much of his material was not available to earlier writers; consequently, graduates will find his account at variance with them in some respects. They will also find some difference in the importance and space assigned to certain episodes. For instance, Dr. Forman takes a much more dispassionate view of Captain Partridge's insubordination and subsequent enmity towards Sylvanus Thayer and the Military Academy than could General Cullum.

Another interesting feature is the story of Jonathan Williams' Military Philosophical Society, wholly neglected by previous writers. It goes far to explain how the graduates before Thayer's time were able to distinguish themselves both as engineers and professional soldiers—an achievement that would have been impossible had the Academy been in reality the "orphan in the wilderness", without teachers or system, as it has become customary to describe it.

Dr. Forman has also resisted the temptation to stray afield with the graduates and lose his way fighting their campaigns or chasing Indians in the West. His story is West Point, and he sticks to the home grounds, venturing forth only when the excursion is pertinent to his subject. Since 1865, most writers have found it easier to follow Custer to the massacre, fight the Moros, and dig the Panama Canal, than perform the painstaking research necessary to establish what was happening at the Academy. Dr. Forman has not shunned the work; and his findings are significant.

His story of the Academy divides itself naturally into three phases: the period of development and flowering (1802-65), the period of complacency (1865-1902), and the period of the reawakening and "The New West Point" (1902 to the present). Graduates who remember most of the third period will find Dr. Forman's account of it absorbingly interesting. Some will doubtless be moved to take issue with him on details, but they should be warned that he has extensive documentation for his opinions.

The story of the Military Academy as America's first engineering and technological school has been told before. Dr. Forman brings out its significance in our national life with admirable clarity. Less well known is the transition from the dual military-engineering mission to the purely military one, which began in 1866 and became complete after World War I. Dr. Forman goes into it with thoroughness, and comprehension. Throughout his book he emphasizes the responsiveness of the Academy to national needs and points out the identity of its ideals with those of the American people.

One of the most interesting features of this book is the chapter of excerpts from cadet letters prior to the Civil War, depicting the four years from entrance to graduation. It is amazing to see how closely the spirit and customs of contemporary cadet life conform to the pattern set a century ago. We find the new plebe trying to master his awkwardness at drill, doggedly determined like Mark Tapley "to be cheerful under creditable circumstances", but confessing that he "would like to see Mecklenburg—and a field of corn" again. All through the course he seems very familiar to us—in his trials and triumphs, military and academic, in his pranks and extra-curricular activities, some of which are unauthorized. When as a first classman his thoughts turn to the choice of a branch, the high cost of uniforms, matrimony and his first post, he

scarcely seems farther removed from us than our own cadet days.

It is regrettable that Dr. Forman did not make fuller use of anecdotal material in other chapters; but then, he had a lot of ground to cover; and as this was his doctoral dissertation at Columbia University, he had to keep within the limits set by his preceptors. None the less, this is an interesting and valuable book. Graduates who want to know about West Point, past and present, can't afford to be without it. Any who write about the Military Academy will thank their stars for the excellent and comprehensive bibliography in the appendix. Incidentally, copies should be ordered direct from the publisher, 2960 Broadway, New York 27, not from the Association of Graduates. The publication date is June 1st.

CADET ESSAY CONTEST

On March 15th, at a ceremony held in Washington Hall during the evening meal, Brigadier General Chauncey L. Fenton, Retired, President of the Association of Graduates, presented checks of fifty dollars each to Cadets Richard M. Strohm, First Class, John R. Byers, Second Class, and David E. Rogers, Second Class. This presentation was the culmination of an essay contest sponsored by the Association of Graduates with the purpose of stimulating cadet interest in the achievements of West Point graduates and of emphasizing the extent to which such achievements are attributable to the West Point education and the ideals inculcated in West Pointers by their Alma Mater. The Superintendent, Major General Bryant E. Moore, was present at the ceremony and personally congratulated the winners.

In October 1949 General Fenton wrote to the Editor of the *Pointer*, asking the assistance of that publication in supporting and publicizing an essay contest open to all cadets, to be governed by the following rules:

- Each article to be a character sketch of a deceased graduate who became famous for exploits which occurred prior to World War II.
- Each article to be between 1,500 and 2,500 words in length.
- The articles to be judged on the basis of three factors: (1) reader interest; (2) extent to which the subject's success in his career is shown to stem from elements of character and education stressed at U.S.M.A.; and (3) historical soundness.



Left to right: Brigadier General Chauncey L. Fenton, President, Association of Graduates, U.S.M.A.; Cadet David E. Rogers, Class of 1951; Cadet John Byers, Class of 1951; Cadet Richard M. Strohm, Class of 1950; and Major General Bryant E. Moore, Superintendent, U.S.M.A.

General Fenton further stated that competitors should be free to seek suggestions as to subject matter and sources from officers on duty at U.S.M.A. and might take advantage of any preliminary criticism of their drafts by officers or other cadets. Three articles were to be chosen as "winning articles", each of the three authors receiving a fifty-dollar award. It was agreed between General Fenton and Cadet Gorman, *Pointer* editor, that the three winning articles would be published in the *Pointer*.

The contest was announced in the 21 October 1949 issue of the *Pointer*, which also contained a prototype article entitled *Stonewall Jackson*, written by Colonel Charles P. Nichols, Professor of Mathematics. The closing date for the submission of contest entries was set for 1 February 1950.

Twenty-three cadets, representing all four classes, submitted articles in the contest. Judges were Brig. General Fenton, Colonel Nicholas, Cadet Gorman, Lt. Col. G. P. Winton, Jr., of the Department of Military Art and Engineering, and Lt. Col. P. R. Moody of the Department of English.

The winning articles were selected as the three most outstanding of all the entries, and no attempt was made to determine a definite order of merit among the three winners. Cadet Strohm, whose home is in Montclair, New Jersey, submitted an article entitled *The Forgotten General—A Character Sketch of Major General George H. Thomas*. Cadet Byers, the son of Colonel George Byers, F.A., Retired, of Lafayette, Indiana, wrote on the subject *Jefferson Davis*, and Cadet Rogers' composition was entitled *But They Called Him Black Jack*. Cadet Rogers is from Longview, Texas. The interest shown by cadets and the diversity of subjects selected by them are apparent from the following list of the titles of other papers entered in the contest: *Number 1022: William Tecumseh Sherman; Jeb Stuart; The Mobile Wall—Jackson; Philip Henry Sheridan; Forward Ho!—George A. Custer; George Washington Goethals; A Portrait of True Greatness—Robert E. Lee; Sheridan; Abner Doubleday; Immortal Captain—Stonewall Jackson; Lost Brigadier—The Story of Charles S. Winder; Major General George Brinton McClellan; John J. Pershing; The Loyal Virginian—Major General George H. Thomas*. The cadet authors were distributed among classes as follows: First Class—13; Second Class—5; Third Class—4; Fourth Class—1. Seventeen of the 24 cadet companies were represented, with Company I-2 accounting for four contestants.

The three winning articles will be published in April and May issues of the *Pointer*.

—Lt. Col. Walter J. Renfroe, Jr.,
Professor of Foreign Languages, U.S.M.A.

NEW PROFESSOR, U.S.M.A.

Colonel Elvin Ragnvald Heiberg has recently been appointed Professor of Mechanics, United States Military Academy, to fill the vacancy created by the relief of Major General K. D. Nichols.

Colonel Heiberg was graduated from West Point in 1926 and was commissioned in the Corps of Engineers. He received a C.E. Degree from Cornell University in 1929, and has served in various capacities in both civil and military engineering work. He was an instructor at the West Point Preparatory School in Hawaii from 1932 to 1933, and taught in the Department of Engineering at West Point from 1936 to 1938.

During the summer of 1941, Colonel Heiberg commanded an aerial survey in Green-

land. He returned in early fall and organized the 808th Engineer Aviation Battalion with which he was shipped to the Southwest Pacific Area a month after the outbreak of war. In that theater, he served as Executive to the Chief Engineer of GHQ, and as Senior Engineer of the Army Service Command, OLYMPIC. Colonel Heiberg came to his new assignment at West Point after a tour of duty as an instructor at the Command and General Staff College.

The Late Bishop Shipman Honored at West Point

The memory of the late Bishop Herbert Shipman, Chaplain of the United States Military Academy from 1896 to 1905 and author of the immortal West Point anthem, "The Corps", has recently been honored by the erection of a bronze plaque in the Area of Central Cadet Barracks at West Point. The plaque carries the words of "The Corps", Bishop Shipman's name, and the years during which he served as Chaplain at West Point.

Herbert Shipman was born in Lexington, Kentucky, August 3, 1869. When he was eight years old, he and his family moved to New York City, where his father became rector of Christ Church. In 1890 Herbert Shipman graduated from Columbia University and in 1894 from the General Theological Seminary in New York, where he took the highest honors in his class. In 1896, after having served as assistant to his father at Christ Church, he was appointed Chaplain of the Military Academy by President Cleveland.

Chaplain Shipman was a man of great intellect, strong character, and deep religious faith. Without these he could never have exercised the great influence he did over his friends and parishioners, officers, cadets, and enlisted men. But they remember him fully as well for his intensely human qualities, his whimsical humor, his understanding and sympathy, his love for all of God's creatures. A book of his verses*, published in 1931 after his death, reveals much of the great breadth and depth of the soul of Herbert Shipman, who served his God so well by serving his fellow man.

He wrote "The Corps" in 1902, but it was not until 1910, when the words were set to music by Frank Harling, then organist and choirmaster at West Point, that the great anthem attained full recognition. Since then it has been sung by the Corps of Cadets on solemn occasions with a reverence surpassed only by that accorded to the National Anthem.

In 1905 Herbert Shipman resigned his Chaplaincy to accept appointment as assistant rector, with the right to succession, at the Church of the Heavenly Rest, New York City. Two years later he became full rector of the Church. His patriotism and love of soldiers impelled him to serve as Chaplain to two National Guard Units successively, Squadron A and the old 7th Regiment. Then in 1916, he went to the Mexican Border with the 104th Field Artillery. In spite of a troublesome heart and defective vision, he accompanied his regiment to France in 1917. He was a true friend and counselor to officers, but his greatest work was with the enlisted men whom he loved so well and who returned his affection in full measure. When General Pershing appointed Herbert Shipman senior Chaplain of the First Army, the 104th Field Artillery attended en masse his last services as regimental Chaplain and delivered to him a letter signed by nine hundred enlisted men. The letter said:

"You have always helped us to be happy, and kind, and brave and clean and true. You have always kept alive in us our loyalty to our homes, to our country, and to our God. You have always been, and you will always be, our friend. For all this and more, we thank you; and we wish you luck wherever you may go."

In France Chaplain Shipman was gassed and lost the sight of one eye. But in spite of his ills, he never once lost his faith, his courage, or his determination to serve his fellow men. His reward, an opportunity to work even harder in a wider field, came in 1921, when he was consecrated as one of the two suffragan bishops of New York. On the day of his death in 1930, he had confirmed 145 persons, had preached a sermon, and had then insisted on shaking the hand of each one of those whom he had admitted to the Christian sacrament. And then he was suddenly stricken, passing from his vigorous life of action to the hereafter in a few short minutes. It was like a soldier's death, just such an end as Herbert Shipman would have sought, and he was buried among soldiers in the West Point cemetery.

In the summer of 1944, following a proposal made by Lieutenant General Robert C. Richardson, Jr., Class of 1904, U.S.M.A., a plan to erect a bronze tablet to Bishop Shipman's memory was announced in *Assembly*, and contributions to a fund for that purpose were invited. Although the response to the call was immediate, war-time restrictions on the use of bronze forced postponement of the project.

The plaque is affixed to the wall of Central Barracks on the east side of the North Sullyport, inside the Area. In that position it balances another bronze tablet, erected many years ago, which carries a message delivered to the Corps of Cadets in 1879 by Major General (later Lieutenant General) John M. Schofield, Commanding General of the Army from 1888 to 1895. It is especially fitting that the words of Bishop Shipman, who first set down in immortal verse the veneration of West Point's "sons of today" for her "sons of an earlier day", should stand beside General Schofield's sage advice on the exercise of leadership over soldiers of a free country.

*Verses by Herbert Shipman. D. Appleton & Company, 1931.

General McNair's Portrait Unveiled at West Point

An oil portrait of the late Lieutenant General Lesley J. McNair, wartime commander of Army Ground Forces killed during an inspection of the frontlines in Europe, in 1944, was unveiled at the United States Military Academy at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 13. The picture was painted by Mr. John C. Johansen of New York, member of the National Academy of Design.

The portrait will become a part of the West Point collection which now numbers more than 200 paintings of statesmen and military men connected with the history of the Academy. The collection was started in 1815, with the first of ten famous portraits painted by Thomas Sully. Many of the most renowned American artists of each period are represented in the collection.

Mrs. Lesley J. McNair of Washington, D. C., attended the unveiling of her late husband's portrait. Also in attendance at the ceremony, which was held in Cullum

Memorial Hall, were: The Superintendent and Mrs. Bryant E. Moore; Major General and Mrs. Robert M. Danford; Brigadier General Chauncey L. Fenton; Colonel and Mrs. H. M. Scarborough of Cornwall-on-Hudson; Mr. and Mrs. John C. Johansen; and ranking members of the Staff and Faculty of the Military Academy. General McNair, '04, was a classmate of Generals Danford and Fenton.

MIDSHIPMEN VISIT WEST POINT

The fifth in a series of six Academic Exchange Visits held this year between Cadets of the United States Military Academy and Midshipmen of the United States Naval Academy took place during the weekend, April 13th to 16th, with the final visit in the current series scheduled for the weekend of April 20th to 23rd. These visits involve members of the Second Classes at both Academies. Approximately eighty Cadets travel to Annapolis while approximately one hundred twenty Midshipmen visit West Point. These trips are designed to familiarize the students of each Academy with the studies and duties of undergraduates at the other Academy.

The Midshipmen visiting West Point arrive about 8:00 P.M. on Thursday evening and are met at Grant Hall (Cadet Reception Hall) by their Cadet escorts. The Midshipmen live in Cadet Barracks with their hosts and accompany the Cadets to all classes and formations, as well as to extra-curricular and social activities during the weekend. Included in the itinerary for their visits is an orientation on the history, development and curriculum of the Military Academy, attendance at tactics instruction, and a tour of the Academy grounds. On Friday evening the Midshipmen are accorded a special privilege not usually granted to Cadets of comparative position. On that evening they are permitted to attend the movie in the Army Theater—a privilege recently given to Cadets of the First Class for the remainder of the academic year.

On Saturday morning, the Midshipmen attend an orientation in modern military armament and weapons. This orientation is conducted by the 1802nd Special Regiment, the unit which conducts tactical demonstrations and provides enlisted instructors for Cadets. After this orientation the Midshipmen attend classes with their respective escorts.

Saturday afternoon the guests observe the Cadets passing in review and being inspected by their tactical officers. The remainder of the day is free for the Midshipmen to observe Cadet athletic events and social life, and to attend the movies and cadet hop in the evening.

On Sunday morning, the Cadet escorts and Midshipmen guests attend religious services. If there is a difference in faith between the guest and escort, the escort makes arrangements for another Cadet to act as host at the service of the Midshipman's choice. After an early dinner the Midshipmen depart at 12:40.

The Cadets visiting the Naval Academy follow a similar schedule. In both cases, the regulations of the Academy visited are followed by the visiting groups. The visits are arranged for the purpose of encouraging a closer understanding among the embryo officers of the services—both Academies train prospective Air Force officers in addition to Army and Navy officers—which will carry over into their professional careers.

CHINAWARE

The Association of Graduates has on hand a very limited number of dozens of West Point Commemorative plates in blue. More of these plates in both colors, pink and blue, are expected shortly. Likewise the regular size cups and saucers, bread and butter plates and platters, in both colors to match the plates, have been ordered from the Wedgwood Factory and are expected shortly. Orders may be placed and when available notifications will be sent to the interested customer. No obligation is incurred until notification is received and the amount is forwarded in payment for the items desired.

Orders will now be taken for the Commemorative plates in lots of 6 but not by specified scenes.

Lot 1 consists of the following scenes;

- North Cadet Barracks,
- West Point 1831,
- Grant Hall (Old Mess Hall),
- Eastern View of West Point from the Hudson,
- The River, North from Trophy Point,
- Cadet Chapel.

Lot 2 consists of the following scenes;

- Library and Academic Building,
- Old Cadet Chapel,
- Superintendent's Quarters (Built in 1820),
- Administration Building,

New Mess Hall (Washington Hall),
Dress Parade on the Plain.

The price per lot of 6 as indicated is \$13, FOB, Boston.

The scenes per lot will remain as indicated. Consequently all twelve scenes may be had by ordering both lots, even at different times.

GLASSWARE

The Association of Graduates, West Point, N. Y., has available for immediate delivery, FOB, Boston, the following items of glassware made by the Heisey Glassware Factory, Newark, Ohio;

Old Fashioned Glass, price \$15 per dozen
Hiball glass, 12 oz., price \$15 per dozen

Each glass contains a plain etching (as distinguished from color) of the Military Academy shield and may be ordered by the dozen or by the half-dozen.

The following additional types of glasses, also made by the Heisey Glassware Factory, will be made available by the Association of Graduates if sufficient orders justify their handling;

Cocktail glass, Sherbet glass and Goblet, with Stem, either conical in shape or bell shaped. Price FOB Boston, per dozen \$21 (bell shape) and \$27 (cone shape). These glasses contain an etching of the Academy

shield which is identical to that on the Old Fashioned and Hiball glass.

When ordering for immediate delivery (applicable to only the Old Fashioned and Hiball) please inclose the amount indicated above. For other types of glasses, please do not remit the cost but merely indicate the terms desired.

WEST POINT ORGAN FUND

The Cadet Chapel Board announces the arrival in the Chapel on 21 March of the New Console for the organ. Installation of the console is proceeding rapidly. The console itself is the gift of Colonel Edgar W. Garbisch, '25. Unfortunately there are not sufficient funds on hand to complete the necessary accessory mechanism, which will be located in the Chapel basement. The new Coupler Relay, all-electric, has been financed and installed and is ready for wiring to the new console. And while a contract has been let for a part of the Adjustable Combinations, controlled by the Organist at the Console, a further sum estimated at \$6,000, is still needed to complete these Combinations. It will not be possible to hold public organ recitals until these are fully installed, thus rounding out the plan for complete and exceptional flexibility for the tonal resources of this magnificent organ. Further contributions are cordially invited, and may be sent to The Chaplain, U.S.M.A., West Point, N. Y.

SPRING SPORTS SCHEDULE - 1950

(ALL CONTESTS AT WEST POINT UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED)

BASEBALL

- April 5—Hofstra College
 - 10—University of Vermont
 - 12—Syracuse University
 - 13—Lehigh University
 - 15—Swarthmore College
 - 17—New York Giants—At 3:15 P. M.
 - 19—Manhattan College
 - 22—New York University
 - 24—Rutgers University
 - 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 College
 - 12—Yale University—At New Haven
 - 13—Dartmouth College—At Hanover
 - 17—Colgate University
 - 20—Harvard University
 - 22—Cornell University
 - 27—Navy—At Annapolis
 - June 3—Fordham University—
At 3:15 P.M.
- Saturday games at 2:30 P.M., except 3 June.
Other games at 4:00 P.M., except 17 April.

- 29—Princeton—At Princeton
- May 5-6—Eastern Intercollegiate Golf Championships—At West Point
- 10—Colgate University—At 2:45 P.M.
- 20—University of Pittsburgh
- 27—Navy—At Annapolis
- At 1:30 P.M., except April 24; May 5-6 and May 10.

LACROSSE

- March 25—Williams College
 - April 8—Mt. Washington Club—
At Baltimore
 - 15—Swarthmore College
 - 22—Cornell University
 - 29—Johns Hopkins University
 - May 6—University of Maryland—
At College Park
 - 10—Syracuse University—
At 3:45 P.M.
 - 13—Rutgers University
 - 20—Princeton University—
At Princeton
 - 27—Navy
 - June 3—Mt. Washington Club
- Saturday games at 2:30 P.M.

- 15—Swarthmore College
 - 22—University of Pennsylvania—
At Philadelphia
 - 29—Dartmouth College
 - May 1—Cornell University
 - 6—Yale University—At New Haven
 - 10—Colgate University
 - 13—Princeton University—
At Princeton
 - 17—Williams College
 - 20—Columbia University—
At New York
 - 22—Lehigh University
 - 27—Navy
 - June 3—Forham University—At 2:00 P.M.
- Saturday matches at 2:30 P.M., except 3 June.
Other matches at 3:15 P.M.

TRACK

- April 29—Penn Relays
& 30 —At Philadelphia
 - May 3—New York University
 - 6—Columbia University
 - 10—Manhattan College
 - 13—Villanova College
 - 20—Heptagonal—At New Haven
 - 27—Navy—At Annapolis
- Saturday meets at 2:00 P.M.
Wednesday meets at 3:30 P.M.
(Field events ½ hour earlier.)

GOLF

- April 15—Swarthmore College
- 22—Fordham University
- 24—North Texas State—At 2:45 P.M.

TENNIS

- April 8—Harvard University
- 12—New York University

JUNE WEEK PROGRAM - 1950

FRIDAY, 2 JUNE

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| Retreat Review and Presentation of Drill Streamers** | 5:30 P.M. |
| Motion Picture, <i>Army Theater</i> | 7:15 P.M. & 9:15 P.M. |
| Cadet Hop, First Class, <i>Cullum Hall</i> | 9:00 P.M. to 12:00 P.M. |
| Second and Third Classes, <i>East Gymnasium</i> | 9:00 P.M. to 12:00 P.M. |

SATURDAY, 3 JUNE

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| Review and Presentation of Athletic Awards, <i>The Plain*</i> | 10:30 A.M. |
| Lacrosse—Army vs. Mt. Washington Club | 2:00 P.M. |
| Tennis—Army vs. Fordham | 2:00 P.M. |
| Baseball—Army vs. Fordham | 3:15 P.M. |
| Motion Picture, <i>Army Theater</i> | 7:15 P.M. & 9:15 P.M. |
| Cadet Hop, First Class, <i>Cullum Hall</i> | 9:00 P.M. to 12:00 P.M. |
| Second and Third Classes, <i>East Gymnasium</i> | 9:00 P.M. to 12:00 P.M. |

In event the athletic contests scheduled for the afternoon are cancelled a motion picture will be shown in the Army Theater at 2:30 P.M.

SUNDAY, 4 JUNE

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| Religious Services: | |
| Battle Monument Service for Second, Third and Fourth Classes* | 8:30 A.M. |
| Cadet Chapel: | |
| Baccalaureate Services and Dedication of Memorial Windows: | |
| First Regiment | 9:00 A.M. |
| Second Regiment | 11:00 A.M. |
| Catholic Chapel: | |
| Military Mass and Baccalaureate Service | 8:00 A.M. |
| Masses | 9:30 A.M. & 11:00 A.M. |

Old Cadet Chapel:

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| Jewish Cadets' Baccalaureate Service | 11:00 A.M. |
| Superintendent's Reception for Graduating Class and Alumni* | 3:00 P.M. |
| Retreat Review and Presentation of Military and Academic Awards to First Class, <i>The Plain*</i> | 5:30 P.M. |
| Concert, Cadet Glee Club, <i>Army Theater</i> | 8:15 P.M. |

MONDAY, 5 JUNE

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| Alumni Memorial Services: | |
| Catholic Chapel: Requiem Mass | 8:00 A.M. |
| Cadet Chapel | 9:00 A.M. |
| Organ Recital, <i>Cadet Chapel</i> | 9:30 A.M. to 10:15 A.M. |
| Alumni Exercises, <i>Thayer Monument</i> | 11:00 A.M. |
| Review of Corps by Alumni, <i>The Plain**</i> | 11:30 A.M. |
| Luncheon and Annual Meeting of Association of Graduates, <i>Washington Hall</i> | 12:15 P.M. |
| Laboratories Open to Visitors | 3:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. |
| Inspection Trips for Alumni to Camp Buckner | 5:00 P.M. |
| Concert, USMA Band, <i>The Plain**</i> | 3:30 P.M. |
| Graduation Parade, <i>The Plain</i> | 5:00 P.M. |
| Graduation Supper, First Class, <i>Washington Hall</i> | 8:30 P.M. |
| Graduation Hop: | |
| First Class, <i>Army Theater</i> | 10:00 P.M. to 1:00 A.M. |
| Second and Third Classes, <i>Cullum Hall</i> | 9:00 P.M. to 1:00 A.M. |

TUESDAY, 6 JUNE

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

PROGRAM OF STUDIES

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of its development over 500 hours of classroom instruction and the equivalent of perhaps 100 training days directed primarily to joint indoctrination quite aside from the time devoted to general basic orientation for a career in the armed services. It includes orientation in all the services, indoctrination in teamwork required, and a general "armed services" approach to those military matters transcending more than one service. A particular effort is made to inculcate an understanding of the concept of total defense and national security today and of the career officer's broad responsibilities as envisaged in the exposition of Mr. Eberstadt quoted above. Progress is being made in the provision of suitable textbook material as the basis for classroom instruction. The latest West Point publications having a direct impact on the program objectives are *Economics of National Security*, *Notes on Airpower*, and other pamphlets of the military art series.

No illusions are entertained as to the development of the cadet beyond the goal that may be expected of any young graduate. This objective is conceived to be the knowledge and understanding which makes him an officer in the Armed Forces, not merely in his specific service. Each graduating cadet has ahead of him many years of practical experience and of postgraduate military schooling. The Program of Studies in National Security will be successful if it provides an acceptance of the interservice teamwork required in U.S. defense today as well as a fundamental knowledge and appreciation of the Department of Defense and of the relation between military and all other

elements constituting the national security of the United States.

The great part of the pertinent studies and programs required are already in being or in the planning stage. These elements must, of necessity, be expanded, adjusted, and coordinated so as to focus with force and definition on the objective of teaching the present-day problem of national security and generating an understanding of the teamwork and unification required. The art and science of maintaining U.S. security is no longer a static matter. The program must obviously be evolutionary and dynamic.

The institution of this program is not inconsistent with a somewhat similar trend in the field of civilian higher education. There exists some feeling that the education of college undergraduates—the leaders of tomorrow—in their responsibility for citizenship should be improved. Much of the program shown on the chart is similar in many ways to components of a college course in the inculcation of responsibility for citizenship. The West Point cadet is being prepared for a lifetime of leadership in the Armed Services. He will, during the next 30 years, have a dual responsibility: as a U.S. citizen and as an officer professionally charged with preserving the security of the United States.

West Point now is only in the inaugural phases of this new program. It would be presumptuous to prophesy the details of its development in the future or the degree of success in attaining the objectives. It is to be expected that the progressive development of the courses will produce increasingly better results. Continual effort to this end will be necessary. But the objectives are clearly defined in the Service Academy Board report. The method and the direction of the program are firmly formulated. The actual execution is a matter of a multiplicity of de-

tails of instruction and indoctrination. Time will test the validity of the basic concept, the soundness of its execution and the end-results in terms of contribution to the nation's security.

148th ANNIVERSARY

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You are invited to write to the Director of the Sesqui-Centennial Celebration, West Point, N. Y., for any information that you would like to have; and you are all urged to get behind our Sesqui-Centennial Celebration.

Well, that's about all I have to tell you about in this brief space—namely, a little about the present First Class, the Report of the Service Academy Board, and our approaching Sesqui-Centennial.

I am hardly in a position to suggest that all is at an astonishing—or at any rate, unusual—peak of efficiency and high morale at West Point, but I cordially invite you to pay us a visit and see for yourselves what is going on."

REPORT OF SERVICE ACADEMY BOARD

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"The academies are not and cannot be research institutions. To overcome this handicap and to keep the professional staff abreast of developments in their fields it is desirable

that they maintain close contact with the leading civilian educational institutions.

2. *"That the faculty members of the academies be encouraged to maintain close contact with learned societies and to participate in the activities of these organizations. The Superintendents should be provided with sufficient funds to meet the expenses incurred.*

"The public, and even the educators of this country, are too little aware of the high standards of academic excellence maintained at the Service Academies. Association with learned societies would have the effect of keeping the academy faculties abreast of current developments in respective fields and the true excellence of the academies as educational institutions will become better known.

3. *"That the faculties of the academies be encouraged to utilize training devices and to maintain contact with centers of research.*

"The trend in education is toward increased employment of synthetic training devices. Scientific developments are profoundly affecting the art of war. We believe that faculties of the academies should keep abreast of these developments."

Finally, the Board devoted one section to its study of the Reserve Officer Training Corps Program. Space does not permit a detailed consideration of this section. In general, the Board recommends continuation of three separate ROTC programs for the Army, Navy and Air Force, and suggests certain modifications in student categories, allowances, educational programs and administrative procedures.

The report of the Service Academy Board is currently under study in the Department of Defense. Pending instructions from higher authority the staff at West Point is studying carefully the detailed suggestions and comments of the Board and its Advisory Panels,

in order to derive the maximum of benefit from the views and experience of these prominent educators.

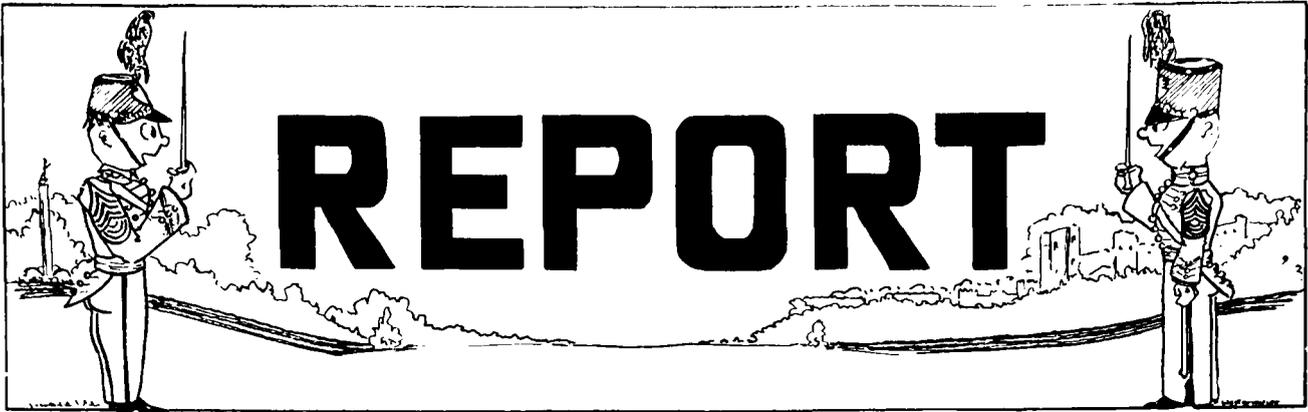
Their visits to West Point proved to be pleasant experiences for the Academy personnel. We admired their analytical approach and objectivity in the conduct of their studies. The many long informal discussions between faculty and visitors were, we feel, mutually advantageous. Our staff was apprised of the reactions and views of the Board as they developed, and several suggestions which proved to be desirable and practicable were adopted before the final report of the Board was formulated.

We believe that the Board and its Panel members were very favorably impressed on the whole with the West Point system and with the manner in which the Departments at the Academy have kept abreast of the times. They state: "The Board believes that the Service Academies have already taken major steps in the direction of the objectives and recommendations in this report".

LAST ROLL CALL

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

| Name | Class | Date of Death | Place of Death |
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| Benjamin M. Niven | Ex-1884 | May 7, 1948 | Alexandria, Va. |
| Beaumont B. Buck | 1885 | February 10, 1950 | San Antonio, Tex. |
| George B. Duncan | 1886 | March 15, 1950 | Lexington, Ky. |
| Clare R. Whittemore | Ex-1891 | March 7, 1950 | Houston, Tex. |
| Albert E. Saxton | 1894 | October 25, 1949 | St. Petersburg, Fla. |
| Frank L. Wells | 1894 | January 27, 1950 | Washington, D. C. |
| Dickinson P. Hall | Ex-1896 | October 15, 1949 | San Francisco, Calif. |
| Harold E. Cloke | 1897 | December 2, 1949 | San Francisco, Calif. |
| Lambert W. Jordan, Jr. | 1898 | November 22, 1949 | Los Angeles, Calif. |
| Ephraim G. Peyton | 1899 | January 1, 1950 | Atlanta, Ga. |
| Charles A. Romeyn | 1899 | January 31, 1950 | Washington, D. C. |
| Gustave R. Lukesh | 1900 | November 7, 1949 | Pasadena, Calif. |
| Creed F. Cox | 1901 | January 15, 1950 | Union, S. C. |
| Kerr T. Riggs | 1901 | September 24, 1949 | Athens, Ga. |
| Ned B. Rehkopf | 1902 | January 11, 1950 | Falls Church, Va. |
| John C. French | Ex-1903 | November 14, 1949 | Long Beach, Calif. |
| Hugh L. Walthall | 1904 | February 20, 1950 | Long Beach, Calif. |
| Sidney H. Guthrie | 1905 | December 31, 1949 | Minneapolis, Minn. |
| Louis H. McKinlay | 1905 | December 19, 1949 | Wilmington, Del. |
| Lloyd P. Horsfall | 1906 | December 25, 1949 | Hartford, Conn. |
| Alexander G. Pendleton | 1906 | March 25, 1950 | New York, N. Y. |
| William W. Rose | 1906 | February 20, 1950 | Baltimore, Md. |
| Henry H. Arnold | 1907 | January 15, 1950 | Sonoma, Calif. |
| Philip Hayes | 1909 | November 25, 1949 | Washington, D. C. |
| Duncan G. Richart | 1910 | January 11, 1950 | Denver, Colo. |
| John P. Lucas | 1911 | December 24, 1949 | Chicago, Ill. |
| Roy S. Brown | Ex-1912 | March 4, 1949 | Tuscaloosa, Ala. |
| Clinton W. Howard | 1915 | September 22, 1949 | Sacramento, Calif. |
| Charles A. Bayler, Jr. | 1916 | November 16, 1949 | Richmond, Va. |
| Homer C. Brown | April, 1917 | February 18, 1950 | Fort Sam Houston, Tex. |
| John C. Hamilton | November, 1918 | January 12, 1950 | Fayetteville, Ark. |
| DeWitt Hicks | November, 1918 | January 26, 1950 | Lake Swan, Melrose, Fla. |
| Lawrence V. Castner | 1923 | December 6, 1949 | Oakland, Calif. |
| Oliver M. Barton | 1924 | September 29, 1949 | Fort Jay, N. Y. |
| Allan Dawson | 1924 | October 15, 1949 | Santiago, Chile |
| John F. Gamber | 1925 | December 26, 1949 | Chevy Chase, Md. |
| John J. Luther, Jr. | January, 1943 | February 11, 1950 | near Fort Leavenworth, Kans. |
| George H. Ingham | June, 1943 | October 13, 1949 | Isleham, Cambridgeshire, England |
| Harold W. Woodson | June, 1943 | January 31, 1950 | La Tinta, Guatemala |
| Clark W. Burton | 1945 | September 16, 1949 | Cottonwood Falls, Kans. |
| Charles W. Cross | 1945 | October 5, 1949 | Mt. Mitchell, N. C. |
| Richard W. Williver | 1945 | November 1, 1949 | Pensacola, Fla. |
| Walter Burnside, Jr. | 1946 | October 18, 1949 | Toledo, Ohio |
| Robert L. Eyman | 1946 | December 15, 1949 | near Walker AFB, N. M. |
| George W. Hirsch, Jr. | 1946 | February 23, 1950 | near Misawa AFB, Japan |
| William C. Ocker | 1948 | November 26, 1949 | near San Francisco, Calif. |
| James E. Milligan | 1949 | October 6, 1949 | Randolph Field, Tex. |



New Members

We welcome to our membership the following graduates and former cadets who have joined the Association since the publication of the January, 1950 issue of *Assembly*.

Jan A. Nadal, Ex-'32 Leonard Kaplan, '39 Charles F. Shutrump, '42 Robert R. Collier, '46 James C. Sunderland, Ex-'49

DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE JUNE 15, 1950

1888

We are proud to present the following congratulatory communications, which were among the many similar greetings received by General Peyton C. March on his 85th birthday, December 27, 1949:

From the Honorable Gordon Gray, Secretary of the Army:

"May I extend heartiest congratulations and best wishes to you on the occasion of your 85th birthday, both personally and on behalf of the Department of the Army.

"Hardly a day passes that we in the Army today are not reminded, in some way, of the great contributions you made during your long and distinguished service. We rejoice in the many full years you have enjoyed since retirement, and we wish you many more."

From General J. Lawton Collins, Chief of Staff, United States Army:

"Permit me on the occasion of your 85th birthday to extend the good wishes of the men and women of the Army, as well as my own cordial greetings.

"May the day be a most pleasant one and may the New Year be generous to you in contentment and well-being."

From General Hoyt S. Vandenberg, Chief of Staff, United States Air Force:

"Personnel of the United States Air Force join me in extending to you greetings on your birthday. Please accept our best wishes for good health and happiness in the coming year."
—P. C. Harris.

1890

The Class of 1890 will hold a reunion on Alumni Day in June and will be pleased to meet all who served with them especially those who were members of the Corps of Cadets during the years 1886-1890. An invitation will be sent to all members of the class, both retired officers and civilians, to take part in a dinner, at the West Point

Officers' Mess, commemorating the 60th anniversary of the graduation of the Class of 1890.
—J. A. K.

1893

Reports received from Ames, Bash, Carpenter, Cocheu, Edwards, Jamerson, Kutz, Mathews, McManus, Pattison, Rogers, Vidmer, Walker, Whitworth, Wolfe. All seem to be pretty well. Kutz became a great-grandfather last September. Laubach, who is in Walter Reed Hospital, appeared somewhat improved and very cheerful when seen late in February.
—L. F. K.

1894

Once more it is necessary to chronicle the death of a member of 1894. Paddy Wells, the oldest living member of the class, passed away at Walter Reed Hospital on January 27th, at the age of 81. Funeral services were held in the Fort Myer chapel on January 31st, with burial in Arlington. Five of his classmates—Barden, Bell, Cocheu, Ladue and Rosenbaum, were among the honorary pallbearers. The usual floral tribute from the class was sent. Paddy leaves two sons, Lieut. Col. Francis P. Wells, Retired, of Washington, D. C., and Lieut. Col. James B. Wells, who is head of the military department of Wentworth Military Academy in Lexington, Missouri.

After Mrs. Vidmer's death last September, George Vidmer traveled a bit, and then settled down in the Marine Hotel, Hastings, Barbados, B. W. I., to begin a new life. He has found Barbados a restful and soothing spot, and expects to stay there for at least a year. If he then likes it as well as he does now, he will probably make his home there.

Ham Hawkins has been under the doctor's care since last October, and is confined to his home in Washington.

Sep Cocheu has returned from a three weeks auto trip to Florida.
—W. B. L.

1895

Yea, Reunion, '95—Operation 55. It's "On to West Point" for us now—whence as a Class we came fifty-five years ago, and there to return these many years later, with cherished memories; in a true spirit of all due appreciation and holiday anticipation. In order that we may make a creditable showing on this Anniversary: "Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of the party"; and our 60th Reunion is five years off, or quite too long to regret having missed our 55th. Incidentally, one of our members, his mind having turned to statistics, logistics or the age of man, finds that some five of us qualify as octogenarians for this Home-coming Rally. Well, that's still under 95, with fifteen years to go.

Miles, in continuing his West Coast trip, wrote from San Francisco, February 4, of having seen Hawkins, in San Antonio; and Conrad, Pearce, Bolles, Bell, O. W., Krueger, Preston, and Humphrey, C. B., at Fort Sam Houston; Pritchard at Corona Del Mar, in California; Schulz in Letterman but since returned to his Berkeley home; and Herron, by phone, in Long Beach; with a drive to Palo Alto in prospect, to the Bash home. Thank you, Perry, for a fine job in Class reporting, and be sure to return in good time for June Week.
—F. B. W.

1899

The news for the Class is not good this month. Since the last writing, Time has taken two of our best—Romeyn and Peyton. Romeyn passed away in Walter Reed Hospital on January 30th of a heart ailment, aged 75, while Peyton came to the end of his earthly road in Atlanta, Ga., on New

Year's Day and within a few days of his 75th birthday. Both were buried in Arlington. Romeyn's wife and sister are staying on at 2480-16th Street, N.W. in Washington, while Betty Peyton will continue for the immediate future in their house at 147 E. 17th St., Atlanta. The three express their gratitude for the flowers from the Class and for the aid and assistance of its members.

No one has sent in any news of himself lately, except Moseley, who has been actively assisting the National Defense Committee of the D.A.R. in its work with state legislatures. As usual, he is laying on lustily, giving no quarter and expecting none! Embick is sojourning in the southwest and will be back in Washington in April.

It was agreed at the last reunion that from now on formal reunions would be difficult and that the best way to go back to the Academy would be in twos and threes and by mutual arrangement. The day of the Alumni Luncheon and Graduation Parade is the preferred day. Carter and Herron already have strong intentions.

—C. D. H.

1900

As the end of the first half century since graduation approaches, the Class of 1900 looks forward with enthusiasm to its 50th Reunion. About half of our original CXVI are still living. Of these, 27 have thus far "signed up" to attend Reunion. That is more than attended our 45th. There are several who have not responded to Reunion Bulletins, and headquarters is pursuing them with personal letters, trying to boost attendance to 30. Our Reunion Banquet will be held at the Officers' Club at West Point, at 8 P.M., June 5th next.

The following notes are culled from various sources, mostly letters. Those who are omitted are the ones who have not to date answered our bulletins. We hope to round up several of these later for the roll call.

Baer. Joe works hard and enjoys life on his attractive estate in Greenwich, Conn.

Benjamin. Julian lives in New York, where he is in business, and divides his spare time between the University Club in N. Y., and his estate on the Hudson opposite West Point. He wishes all classmates to know that it is his intention to have the usual reception during the Reunion, probably June 5th. So be sure to come.

Birnie. Since his retirement from the office of Chief of Field Artillery, Upton has spent his winters in Washington, and the hot weather at Blue Ridge Summit, in the Monterey Gap of South Mountain. This was a place of much historic interest, even before the Birnies took up their residence there. They devote themselves to the most sensible and wholesome of all occupations—taking life easy, doing a little gardening and "watching the birds and bees". Their two daughters, Sue Brady and Margaret Capron, mother seven grandchildren, echeloned from nineteen to three years. This family, says Upton, make Christmas and New Year's pleasant and the future promising.

Bond. Stanley and Katharine, still living in Washington, find their chief activity in travel. After two summers spent in the West, they made an interesting trip through Mexico by air and motor in 1949, and will follow this with one to Alaska in 1950.

Brown. Frank Brown reports that his health is better since the last time we heard from him, and he is now able to get around. Carry on, Frank.

Callison. Frank writes from Helena, Mont., that he is pretty well and thinks of us often.

Carson. Cosine lives so quietly at Mt. Dora, Fla. that no echo of his activities is

heard up North. We have tried to induce him to attend Reunion.

Davis. Frank and his wife pass their time happily between their apartment in Baltimore and summer place in Nantucket. He occasionally joins the Class at their monthly luncheon at the Army and Navy Club in Washington.

Glynn. Henry writes that "the lessons of patience and humility" learned in "Beast Barracks" have been of great value to him in dealing with the labor unions. As usual he will attend Reunion, and will be allowed to make a speech.

Godfrey. A notably distinguished career in public health service came to its climax in 1947 when Dr. Ted Godfrey retired from his office as Commissioner of Health of the State of New York. Following his preliminary service as Health Officer in Arizona, Illinois, and New York, he was appointed Commissioner of Health of the Empire State by Gov. Lehman in 1936, and as he was above politics, was successively appointed by Gov. Dewey when the latter came into office. Thus our distinguished classmate served in the health department of New York for almost 30 years, and brought that department to a level of efficiency, "unrivaled throughout the Nation" as Gov. Dewey said in accepting Dr. Godfrey's retirement. The Class is proud of Ted, and we shall see him next June, as he never misses a Reunion. Ted's two sons served with distinction in the late war. McDonald, the younger, a fighter pilot, was shot down and captured by the Germans. Reported "missing in action" he eventually turned up whole.

Graham. Bill at present resides and has his business in Salisbury, Md. He has two sons in the Army, one retired.

Grant. Walter, our well-beloved all-time president, is still the focus of the "The Spirit of 1900". If you haven't yet "signed up" for the next Reunion, please write to him at once that you will be there. Perhaps Walter will make a speech if the attendance is sufficiently inspiring.

Hackenberg. Following his retirement as General Supt. of the Pennsylvania Lines in New Jersey, Hack resided in New Jersey, where he suffered a long siege of illness. He then moved to California, where he has made good progress in recovering his health. At latest report he is again back in Ventnor, N. J.—an effete Easterner. Carry on, Hack, and come to Reunion.

Harvey. Our most cheerful Goat assures us he will be present at Reunion, traveling from the West Coast via the Panama Canal. After Reunion at the U.S.M.A., he and Grace proceed to Boston to attend her Reunion at Radcliffe, and thence to Washington to visit their daughter and grandchildren.

Hopkins. Paul continues to reside in Cassopolis, Mich., where he is President of the Bank and stoutest pillar of local society. His chief relaxation from duty is attending the Army football games; with occasional chess, golf, and fishing.

Hunter. Tommy lives in Baltimore, and devotedly cares for his wife, whose health is not of the best. Tommy himself is well, and has been seen at luncheon in Washington.

Jackson. Bob retired from active life in 1937, and now lives in Litchfield, Conn., spending his summers at Cooperstown, N. Y.

Kershaw. George, like most of us, has retired from active life as a civil engineer in the U.S.E.D. after 20 years service, and is now living, very comfortably with his youngest daughter, Alice, in Huntington, West Va. George has to his credit 9 grandchildren, and one great grandson, the first reported to class headquarters. Congratulations, George.

McIntyre. One has to stop and think of Villain's official first name. Since retiring for the second time in 1945, loaded with honors, he has resided in San Antonio, still active enough to ride and play golf. There is a chapter of the AOKD in San Antonio.

McVicker. Mac resides at Iowa City where he practices law. Of late years he

has served also as Professor of Law and Business Administration in several colleges. He is one of the leaders in the grandfathers' race with 5 children and 14 grandchildren. He expects to attend Reunion, when he can compare notes with Bob Wood.

Mitchell. Mitchell resides and conducts his business activities in Long Beach, Calif. He writes that, as he will be unable to attend Reunion, his son Donald, oldest living son of the Class, will do the honors for the family at his own 25th Reunion of the Class of 1925, U.S.M.A.

Perkins. After some lonely wanderings about, following the death of his wife, George has married a charming lady, widow of a former associate, Col. Wm. H. Tobin, Q.M.C. "I always like an apartment along with a bride," says George, so he has moved in with the lady at 2969 Jackson St., San Francisco 5, California.

Pillow. Jerry writes that he feels as young and gay as he did a quarter of a century ago. He is busy as bank president in Atchison, and spends his spare time rolling around the country. Roll east this summer, Jerry, and attend Reunion. We want to see you.

Pillsbury. George retired in 1937 and after a year of "circumnavigating the then peaceful universe," settled in Ross, Marin County, Calif., on a "little place" (with gardens, swimming pools, etc.) where he has since been enjoying life. All of his children and (5) grandchildren live in the same locality.

Pope. Pope, with somewhat relaxed dignity, spends his winters in Washington, and his summers doing genealogical research in New England. He writes that only interment (interment) in Walter Reed (or Arlington) will prevent his attendance at Reunion.

Robinson. Robby, like many other patriots in like situation, engages chiefly in taking life easy. He spends the warm weather in South Egremont, Mass. At present he and his wife are keeping comfortably warm in Pass Christian, Miss.

Rockwell. Rockwell lives happily in the bosom of an interesting family (several houses full) at Smithtown Branch, Long Island. His eldest son, Lawrence, served in World War II.

Simmons. Pelly will attend the 50th Reunion accompanied by his handsome young son, Col. W. P., Jr., who served with distinction as Quartermaster of the 28th Div. at the Battle of the Bulge in World War II. "He is a better soldier than I was," says Pelly.

Sunderland. Since his retirement as Chief of Coast Artillery Arch has lived quietly (for him) at Hampton, Va., "subject" he says "to occasional evictions". His son is in the Navy and his daughter in the Army, and visiting them at various stations involves much pleasant travel. Outside of this "nothing ahead but Arlington" says Arch. But he had overlooked Reunion—a gay time.

Tidball. Billy has finally entered retired life, his last active assignment being on the faculty of the Univ. of Pennsylvania. He now lives (quietly?) in Wallingford, Pa. He plans to attend the 50th and also the 55th Reunions of the Class.

Wesson. Following notable service as Chief of Ordnance during World War II, the Bull, looking as hearty as he did 30 years ago, plans to attend Reunion. His grandson, Richard M. Wells, is a member of the Class of '51.

Westervelt. Tex refuses to retire from his very active life. His youngest son, Dirck, is the youngest son of the Class to graduate from the U.S.M.A. (1945), as Donald Mitchell (1925) is the oldest.

Wilson. Windy (to use his old official title) writes that he is now known to his intimates as "Zephyr"—"a soft, gentle, poetic wind". He reports two great-grandchildren, which makes him the champion great-grandfather, according to any advices received.

This is pro-tempore only, as the great-grandfather race is just getting fairly started and will continue for a long time. Class headquarters wishes to be kept informed as to the score. Great-grandchildren are an achievement in which any man, and all his classmates, may take just pride.

Wood. Bob continues to be the incarnation of perpetual youth. Although he has recently passed the so-called "allotted span" he continues, as he has for 25 years, to be the active head and dynamic power behind the phenomenal growth of his firm, Sears, Roebuck & Co. His "relaxation" includes hunting, fishing and horse-back riding. During World War II our active classmate served in a civilian capacity for the Army Ordnance Dept. and Army Air Corps, during which service he traveled some 200,000 miles by air (his favorite mode). For this service he was awarded the Legion of Merit. On June 4, next, at our Reunion Banquet, he will be our host for *comestibles debidos*—an inexhaustible supply. We shall drink a health to us all with pride and pleasure. Not the least of Bob's achievements is that of champion grandfather of the Class, with 15 grandchildren—what a race he will make in the great-grandfather derby.

Youngberg. Sperger is one of our still active members. Since retiring from the Army in 1926, he has been continuously busy as consulting and supervising engineer in Jacksonville, Fla. He has prepared many economic reports for the U.S. Engineer Dept. and for Congress, relative to the improvement of waterways of Florida and adjacent states. His chief responsibility is the old Florida East Coast Canal, now become a federal project as the Intracoastal Waterway from Jacksonville to Miami. He is the "right-of-way man" for the Florida Inland Navigation District, a political subdivision of the state, empowered to furnish right of way and spoil areas for the federal project. Since retirement he has been promoted to the grade of Brigadier General in recognition of his war service. Gilbert writes that he is in excellent health, and boasts two grandsons and a granddaughter. Long life and continued health and happiness to our good old "First Captain" of Cadet days.

NECROLOGY

We report in sorrow that since our 1945 Reunion the following classmates have passed the divide. Some had gone earlier, but we had only lately heard of them: Barco, Bowen, Cummings, Deems, Frohwitter, Gillmore, Lukesh, Martin, Morey, Root, Thompson, A. C., Thompson, F. A., Yonge. A heavy toll. Of the original 116 men who were at one time in the class, 48 (41.4%) are (so far as we know) still living. Another painful loss was one of our most charming widows, Elizabeth Bradley Slattery, widow of Dolph Slattery.

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—P. S. Bond.

1901

The Round Table—Wednesday 1901 Luncheon—The latest news of President Reese Bettison is that he is at his Florida home for the winter. Hope he joins us on his return.

Mary Lahm and Mrs. Lahm were in Washington attending the funeral of Hap Arnold. We missed them at the Club. We wish to remind them that 1901 has a luncheon every Wednesday at the Army and Navy Club. They move around rapidly but the best news we have is that they are at present in Hollywood.

Jimmy Lynch has been in a hospital; our sincere wish for him is a speedy recovery.

Beverly Browne and Louise went to Florida this winter. We guess that he is figuring on receiving increased pay in the near future.

Elliott Dent and Mrs. Dent also spent their winter holidays in Florida—cold Washington Winter seems to be the cause.

Paul Dinsmore has retired from active business and we hope that he and Mrs. Dinsmore will come East often.

Mrs. Louise Clark, widow of F. W., and daughter have leased their home in Monterey and are at present in Italy—address: American Express, Florence.

Guy Kent heard Bill Ennis' voice over long distance the other day, so we know he is still alive and *kicking*—habitat, Vineyard Haven.

Any one of 1901 desiring to put news in *Assembly* can write any habitué of the Round Table: Smith, W. D. (a "Vet" taking French lessons; dreams of visiting Paris), Richard Jordan, Elliott Dent, Guy Kent, Bobby Beck and, if you want to take a gamble, Gene West or Beverly Browne.

—R. M. B., Jr.

1903

The 1903 sick book has recently been filling up. Dutch Hoffman has been in Walter Reed Hospital with a stubborn ailment that has kept him on sick report since early spring of last year.

Julian Schley has been working like a dog moving from Baltimore to Washington and did something to his leg which sent him to Walter Reed recently. Pat Lynch and his wife came north from Florida and his wife, Gladys, entered Walter Reed for a check-up. Sep Winfree's wife is another reported on sick report. They were both in Washington recently.

To most of us it is doubtful if the excuses for our own illnesses can rest on the fact that we are older. The ladies do not get older. This seems to prove that age has nothing to do with it.

Pope visited Los Angeles for a day or two in February and talked to Upham, who was temporarily laid up with a cold so that he could not be seen. King Boyers' widow, Johnnie's sister, has an apartment near the Uphams.

Pope reports that as New York has only one automobile license plate, in the rear, he is thinking of driving his car backwards so that all may see his number, it is W. P. 1903.

Fred Smith and his wife, Bonnie, made a trip north a short time ago, spending a little of their time with Julian Schley, most of it with their son and his in-laws.

There has been too long a lapse of news from Smith, C. F. Certain facts regarding Smith's career have been recently brought to the attention of the *Register*. Danford has immediately taken steps to have these facts properly recorded on Smith's record. What has not been recorded or known to many of us is that he was a Captain in World War I as of June 13, 1918. He was promoted to Major and transferred to the Eighth Division in September 1918 and was honorably discharged on February 12, 1919 as his services were not longer required. Smith is living with his wife at Post Falls, P. O. Box No. 81, Idaho. He retired for disability in 1945 from the U.S. Civil Service after serving sixteen years as civil engineer for the Army Q.M. Corps and U.S. Engineers. He would like to hear from his classmates.

1904

In February, Nick and Margaret Carter had a fine motor trip from Washington, D. C., to Florida, returning via Williamsburg, Virginia. They stopped overnight at the Court Inn, Camden, South Carolina, and had an unexpected and pleasant visit with Bob and Lois Richardson who are spending the winter there.

Neal has moved from Berkeley to 383 Bon Air St., La Jolla, California, where he and Marion have taken a furnished apartment for a year in order to be near a couple of grandchildren. After that, they intend to get a trailer and set out to look up other grandchildren and classmates scattered between California and New Hampshire.

Sweeny stopped off in Washington recently on his way to France and his brother-in-law, Corbin, had a few of the class for luncheon at the Army and Navy Club to celebrate the occasion.

Another stalwart member of 1904 has gone! Walthall passed away at the U.S. Naval Hospital at Long Beach, California, on 20 February, 1950.

At the close of his previously reported terminal leave from the New York National Guard, Wright was surprised and pleased to be asked to return to duty as Executive Officer and Chief, Planning Section, to the Acting Director of Civil Defense of New York State and now he is busy with this activity. In January, Wright attended a Civil Defense Conference of Representatives of Governors in Washington, D. C., but got away from the city without contacting any classmates there. That's bad and must not happen again!

The Class Secretary, Bryden, is attempting to learn the status and address of each of the sixty-eight men who at one time were members of 1904 but did not graduate with the class. Any help in that work will be much appreciated. —W. B.

1905

During the Christmas holiday season our hearts were saddened by the passing of two classmates, Louis H. McKinley and Sidney H. Guthrie. The former was interred in the Arlington National Cemetery and the class was represented at the services by several classmates who reside in Washington, D. C. Mrs. McKinley continues her residence at 712 Nottingham Road, Wilmington, Delaware.

Deacon Guthrie fought a losing fight against the chemical poisoning from which he suffered for many months and he finally succumbed to pneumonia. He was interred at Dayton, Ohio. Mrs. Guthrie is now at Auburndale, Florida where she expects to remain for some time.

Case, Lowe and Lane were honorary pallbearers at the funeral service at Fort Myer for a former member of '05, William Watts Rose, '06, who recently passed on.

LeRoy Bartlett recently spent ten weeks in Letterman General Hospital and had many X-ray treatments. He went home on Christmas Day. His appetite is good and while his activities are somewhat limited, he expects to stay close at home but his spirits are high.

Dusenbury reports that the plug given to Horry County, South Carolina in the last Class Letter for his long-lived ancestors brought some inquiries from at least one member who was considering settling there.

In preparing the last Class Letter it was interesting to observe that only ten per cent of the members contacted are now residing in the states in which they were born. These are Bain, Dunwoody, Dusenbury, Landry, Motlow, Osborne, and Powell.

Arnold is sold on San Francisco as a place to live and he urges every one to investigate its charms before settling down to wait for the sheriff or the undertaker. Mitchell, Talbot, Walker and Bartlett have addresses in the San Francisco Bay area with Albright, Daly, Dodds, Ridley, Starkey and Ward living on the peninsula in the vicinity of Monterey and Carmel.

Plans are being made for the 45th Anniversary Reunion in June and by the time this reaches you some of the pleasures in store for those able to attend will be made known to you. Get up out of your easy chair, put on your traveling clothes and join the rest of your classmates at West Point for that great occasion.

—N. F. Ramsey.

1906

With a deep sense of the advancing years and of their toll upon our thinning ranks,

I report with sorrow the loss since the last letter of Lloyd Patzlaff Horsfall and William Watts Rose to the long gray line in the shadows. L.P. passed away on Christmas Day last year at Hartford, Conn. He was buried in the cemetery at Mystic, Jim Riley, Cort Parker and Red Hoyle attending. Watts passed on in a hospital at Baltimore after a long period of suffering, confined to his bed in his home at 1665 Crescent Place, Washington, D. C. Earl McFarland assisted Marie and provided the class functions at the Arlington funeral. Both biographies have been written. Horsfall's has been accepted and Rose's has been sent to Marie for correction.

Earl McFarland and Alex Gillespie organized the Washington Section of 1906 and await the arrival of classmates for special luncheons.

McKew Parr is back from a long European trip with news we are all waiting to hear.

Bob White has successfully terminated the strike on the MOPAC and is again whistling down the track. He sent in class contribution and regards to all. Dawson Olmstead and Bess are now at 209 Van Ness Ave., Los Angeles, but Dawson is not in very good health. Tige will have to check up on him. Also Jimmie Loving has sold the big house and the fine garden at Laguna and has moved on down toward San Diego at San Clemente. And Tige and Connie Huntley report the arrival last Fall of Jamie's daughter Deborah to make them the proud grandparents. Charlie Gatewood still at his woodland home outside San Diego too.

Bill and Clara Lane report another granddaughter at Peekskill, named Annabel, 10 months old last Christmas. They are still at Requa St.

Clyde Abraham tells me that Maude has had a very serious brain operation a few months ago and is now confined to their home with her nurses, slowly recovering in the St. Petersburg, Florida climate. Our sympathy and best wishes to them.

John Merrill, Jr., is now a Second Lieut. at Okinawa in the U.S. Infantry and John, Senior, is very proud.

Jim and Gene Riley have been for a month or more with Col. Joe Anderson and daughter Nanie in Mexico City, where Joe is Assistant Military Attache, American Embassy, and where, from the many reports coming here, they are doing a fine job.

Marjorie and Plupy Shute, Rocky Hill Road, Cape Cottage, Maine, wrote in February that the snow banks were high and the thermometer low, but the sap was starting and the fish would be biting soon. A year ago they went to Panama to see their new grandson, Edward Oliver Spaulding, and spent a couple months with daughter Lorraine and her husband, Edward Spaulding. Now the Spauldings are at West Point, getting ready for the family visit at the 45th Reunion. Daughter Anna and her husband, Bill Chase, are now at the Chrysler Plant, Detroit; Bill, an Ordnance Officer studying labor matters. Two children, Martyn McClellan and Patricia Anne. Daughter Marjorie is in Houston, Texas with her husband, who is V.P. and director of the Texas Fund. They have a daughter, Virginia Dykes.

Charlie Rockwell took his family down to Yeamans Hall just outside Charleston, S. C. for part of the cold weather this winter and promises to come farther south next time where we can have a reunion. He says "Kaiser" Wilhelm's wife, Edith, now Mrs. Woodburn Potter, St. Davids, Pa. is very well and happy. She frequently talks of Walter and the classmates.

Joe King reports that all the San Antonio outfit is above ground and lively, some livelier than others.

Forrest and Frederika Williford are proposing a May reunion this year at their Blacksburg home where they have scouted room for six couples and will find more if

more arrive. A grand idea. Hope we can make it.

Hope all have seen the Rating Roll of R. H. Williams, 1910. Roger rates 1906 second among the 135 classes that graduated since Sylvanus Thayer's rating began, our percentage credited being 86.0192, while 1902 the top of the list, has 86.2738. Never suspected our instructors were so generous, or were we smart? Fine job Roger did in sizing up the classes. Have heard that Army efficiency ratings show something similar. I wonder. Anyway it's something to brag about.

Don't forget to stop at Dillard on your way this summer. Hugo and Elsie passed by last year on their way to and from Benning, and we haven't gotten over it.

—“P. D.” Mettler.

1907

It is our sad duty to record the passing of our most distinguished classmate Hap Arnold. There is nothing we can add to the wonderful tributes paid him for his outstanding service to his country, but we of the Class of 1907 will not only take pride in his illustrious record, but will always cherish our memories of the likable, carefree youngster we knew in our Cadet days. Hap was buried in Arlington with an impressive ceremony in the Amphitheater. Classmates attended in a group and were seated in a position of honor near the President's box. At Mrs. Arnold's request, the class sent a memorial to the Air Force Aid Society to assist in the establishment of a scholarship fund.

Paul Larned wrote us at the end of January that he and Cecilia were about to take off on one of their frequent treks which this time would take them to Florida. They plan to visit Cap'n Booth in Roanoke and to stop off with Warren Lott in Blackshear, Georgia. They also expect to visit Paul's brother in St. Petersburg, Florida and while there hope to see Bill Ganoe and Pot Shedd in near-by Sarasota and Bradenton. We will look forward to more details in the next issue.

We wish to correct an error in our January notes regarding Pat Morrissey. It was Paul's letter to Pat which prompted Pat's greetings to the class. Our apologies to Paul and our best wishes to Pat.

Pang Pierson is again spending the winter at 1720 Gurtler Court, Orlando, Florida and will be delighted to see classmates coming that way.

We have been out of touch with Melvin Faris for a long time so asked Jim Gallogly to let us have a report on him as they both live in Miami. Jim wrote that some time after getting our letter he called on Faris at his home at 2645 S.W. 33rd Avenue and had a visit with him. It was the first time Jim had seen him since graduation. He found Faris in fit condition and stated that his interests included duplicate bridge and tennis almost daily. Jim said further as to himself, "my activities in recent years have become most limited. I was discharged for inefficiency as Mrs. Gallogly's yard boy last July and since then my chief duty has been providing a most vexing partner at contract bridge two afternoons a week"

Getting away from Florida, the McNeill's have announced the engagement of their daughter, Mary, to Mr. John H. Hale, a graduate of the Naval Academy class of 1946.

Sunny Jim Martin wrote an interesting article for the Birmingham Post regarding the proposals of the Genocide Commission of the United Nations and their possible effects on our American economic system and form of government if given the force of law through adoption as a treaty. These proposals have given grave concern to the

American Bar Association and Sunny's analysis was most enlightening.

These notes are necessarily brief as our space is limited.

—H. W. W.

1908

Another year has gone by and graduation day was celebrated on February 11, 1950 at the Army and Navy Club, Washington, D. C. The following were present: Bonesteel, Garrison, Sturdevant, Peterson, Ellis, Kennedy, Edgerton, Johnson, Burns, Hall, Hayes, Chaney, Marshall, Parrott, Kelly, Hoble, Schulz, Fletcher, O'Brien, Drennan and Jarman.

Bonesteel arranged for and had shown moving pictures of West Point and high lights of past season football games. These pictures were most interesting. In addition "Red" Reeder of the class of 1926 was present and gave a talk on present day West Point. This innovation was appreciated as many of us know very little of what really goes on up there today. Of course the orators and speech makers present were disappointed at not being called upon for a few remarks.

Letters were received from Desobry, Brown, Grisell, Ricker, T. J. Smith, Cunningham, Ayres, and Crea, all expressing their regrets at not being able to be present.

Jarman and Chaney were designated to pilot the activities of the class for the coming year. We expect to send out a mimeograph shortly giving details with respect to the class.

All of the class are now on the retired list. Everett Hughes recently retired and is now resting in Europe. Rumors are going the rounds that Bonesteel will soon sail for England and Baldy Hartman for Italy.

The class will be sorry to hear that Pendleton's wife died on January 3.

Wilbourn has moved to 304 Harrison Ave., San Antonio 9, Texas.

—Sanderford Jarman.

1909

W. H. Anderson retired last summer as fiscal accountant after twenty years' service, eleven military and nine as a civilian employee of the Air Force at the Wright-Patterson Air Base.—Mathy Beere checked in from Acapulco, Mexico, in February.—The Cliff Bluemels bought a home last fall about three miles from Trenton, N. J. Address: RFD 1, Yardley, Pa.—Eley Denson reports that he is now in the insurance business in Seattle. Eley, Jr., is a senior at Univ. of Washington. Eley's daughter, Mrs. C. H. (Marian) Morhouse, is at Randolph Field and "the grandchildren are fine".—Bob Eichelberger, following his Army retirement, has been on duty at the Pentagon as a consultant on Far Eastern affairs.—Bert Farman has been spending the winter in Southern Europe.—We hear from a reliable source that Phil Gage led the Georgia agencies in writing business for the John Hancock Mutual Life in 1949.—Jim Hill announces a grandson, Jeffery Paul Hill, born at Los Alamos, N. M., last October.—Johnny Johnson, now living in Falls Church, Va., complains that he rarely sees a classmate except at funerals.—Lloyd Jones says that he and his wife drove from their Joliet, Ill., home to California and back last summer.—Ed Marks' younger son Willard (USMA, '49; retired for wounds received in action) is graduating with a Master's degree in Business Administration from Wharton School, Univ. of Pennsylvania, in February of this year.—Frank Mathues is out of the hospital after a hard siege, but is still far from well. Good luck, Frank; we will always remember

you at our 20th Reunion.—Fred Mountford reports that at a party at Garry Ord's last fall, Wen walked off in Ted Chase's overcoat—some party!—Barney Oldfield reports "more snow in Seattle than usual but it is still the best place in the U.S. to live".—Bob Parker has retired from business and is taking life easy at his suburban home in Gladwyne, Pa.—Fordyce Perego is dividing his time between Springfield, Ill., and New Orleans, the latter "because of its mild climate and balmy breezes, and its French quarter".—The Philoons have been wintering in Bradenton, Fla., where the Judge held weighty council with Hermy Meyer and Merl Schillerstrom—Stanley Rumbough reports a new grandson, David Post Rumbough, born to Stanley, Jr., and Nadenia in September, 1949.—Ray Smith and his wife Inga spent "Plebe Christmas" at West Point with their son Nelson H. Turrill, who represents the third generation of Ray's family at the Academy.—"Smoothbore" Van Deusen's son Frederick is also in the Plebe Class at the Point. His older son, Edwin R. (USMA, '46) is now with the U. N. Military Mission in Pakistan and India.—Ying H. Wen returned to this country in January after a short stay in China. He has been in New York, Washington and other places, making plans for the future.

—G. L. V. D.

1910

Our big 40th Reunion is fast approaching and the number of days till June grows fewer. We are planning the biggest and best reunion we have ever held. Here are some of the highlights of the grand time we are going to have:

Class Cocktail Party—Sunday, June 4, 6:30 P.M. (In honor of all our class girls.)

Alumni Exercises—Monday, June 5, 11:00 A.M. (Don't miss these.)

Graduation Parade—Monday, June 5, 5:30 P.M. (You know—"The Dashing White Sergeant" etc.)

Class Banquet—Monday, June 5, 7:30 P.M. (The big event of the Reunion.)

Graduation Exercises—Tuesday, June 6, 10:00 A.M. (End of the party.)

The Official Reunion Bulletin will be received from the Academy very soon now. This will give full particulars as to all events of the Graduation weekend. Enclosed with the Bulletin will be a postcard with which you can apply for a reservation for your stay at West Point. The men will live in barracks, the wives and girl friends at Hub Stanton's School Dormitory at Cornwall only four miles away. Let everybody come and make this a most enjoyable event of our long association.

It is sad indeed to report the death of Duncan Richart on January 11, 1950 at Fitzsimons General Hospital, Colorado. None of us will ever forget the happy and care-free disposition of old Duncan which he carried with him to the end. Surviving him are his widow, Mary McClusky Richart, Savannah Beach, Ga., a daughter, Mrs. John J. Carusone, and a granddaughter, Karin Jean Carusone, both of Fort Leavenworth.

John and Edith Landis recently sailed for Europe to be gone about three months, traveling in France, Belgium, Holland and England. D. S. and Olive Wilson are enjoying a nice auto trip in Florida. Fritz Strong and Marjorie have also gone to Florida for about a month and are staying at Kentucky House, Delray Beach.

Jack Heard and Ella had a fine trip enroute to his winter home at 501 Patterson Avenue, San Antonio. They visited at Fort Jackson, S. C., Fort Knox, Ky., and Fort Riley, Kansas. At the latter place they went to a fine party at the Quarters of Lieut. Col. J. F. Polk, our class godson and son of good old Rim Polk. It was fine to hear

the other day from Warb Beach at his new home at 409 West Club Boulevard, Durham, N. C. He was saddened to learn of Chesty Barnett's death and says that Chesty was a perfect companion during the four years they lived together as cadets. Joe Calvo reports that he is back at 28 Cole Ave., Providence, R. I., after several years in New York. He says he is as well as a hard working old man can expect to be. He and Beatrice are raising a family late in life. They have three children: Catherine Mary 14 years, Virginia Inez 12 years and José Martin, Jr., 9 years.

Snakey Dunlop is sending out another class letter very soon with more news and the very latest on our Reunion.

—R. H. D.

1911

All army area class representatives have accepted their jobs. They are Kimball, Kemble, Larned, Gilbreath, Baxter and Nichols. Franke, like a good executive, having completed the class organization, left on a trip to the Caribbean to be gone until April.

The class sustained a great loss when Lucas died in Chicago the day before Christmas. He took part in action against Villa's raid on Columbus, N. M., in 1916, was wounded in action near Amiens, France, in World War I, and, in World War II, rose to corps command. At the time of his death, he was deputy commander of the Fifth Army. "Well done," John. He was buried with full military honors in Arlington Cemetery. All classmates in Washington at the time attended the funeral.

Kimball, who is personnel manager of the Mohawk Carpet Mills in Amsterdam, N. Y., last year made the presentation of the class graduation gift to Byrne's son.

Hoisington's son, Robert Henry, will graduate from the Academy this June. He served in the 12th Armored Division in France and Germany. Any classmates at West Point in June should look him up.

Crawford says that his present experience, as mathematics professor at the Alabama Polytechnic Institute, has strengthened his conviction of the great merit of the West Point system of small sections, grouping men of relatively equal ability in the same sections and the 80-minute period for teaching scientific subjects.

Hicks, G. R., who retired in 1940, took up an interest in model railroads and wrote articles and made drawings for their trade journal. He instructed in math at three different military prep schools until he suffered a stroke in 1946, which affected his right side and his speech to some extent. He would appreciate hearing from classmates. His address is 332 Magnolia Ave., Frederick, Md.

Gilbreath has completed his house in Austin, Tex., and his lodge "Rimrock", on Lake Travis, where he will spend next summer fishing and resting up for the Fortieth Reunion.

A letter from Baxter, in Chicago, on the letterhead of the Kendall Company, of which he is general manager, expresses his indignation over Franke's claim to the class grandfather championship with seven grandchildren, whereas, he, Baxter, has nine.

Calvert has finished his permanent home three blocks from the gulf in St. Petersburg Beach, Fla., which he says 1911 members can reach by motor, air, or "yacht" He is with Hollis Realty Company.

Christian's twins are well. Young Bill is destined for West Point and Virginia for Vassar, both class of 1970.

Hardy's "Coulee Ranch" in Montana is more productive than ever and he also has a lovely place, "Scarlet Gate", in Arizona, to which he can retreat from the worst of the

winters in Montana, while son, Noel, takes over the management of the "Coulee".

Foster, H. S., is with the Northeast Division of the Corps of Engineers, with present assignment at the Mansfield Hollow Dam Project (flood control) near Williamantic, Conn.

Mehaffey writes that his present job is "head of a group of American engineers and accountants, representing the Koppers Company (of which Somervell is president) in the execution of its contract with the Turkish government to supervise and coordinate a number of large construction contracts, financed with ECA funds, for increasing the production and efficiency of mines and transportation in the principal Turkish coal field".

Shekerjian, representing the American National Committee to Aid Homeless Armenians in Europe, writes that so far two thirds of the 3,500 Armenian refugees from Poland, Russia and other Iron Curtain countries, who were scattered in Austria, Germany and Italy, and who refused to be repatriated, have been resettled in the United States and South America, and that about one quarter more will move in the next six months.

Bagby, who will be retired on the 30th of April, says that he is looking for an ideal \$25,000 home, costing not over \$10,000 and a \$75 a week job, demanding not over \$25 a week worth of work, with a good golf course and a fine climate, not too hot and not too cold.

Rumsey is a rancher at Rancho Sante Fe, Calif., where he raises, and hopes to show, Palomino horses.

Further news of the small fry:

Ballinger's son, Carl, Jr., graduate of Annapolis, class of 1939, is a commander in the Navy. Lawrence's oldest son, Thompson, Jr., is in Hawaii on work for the United States Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine. His youngest son, John Biddle, is a lawyer in Ukiah, Calif. Franklin Kemble, Jr., the class godson, is a lieutenant colonel of Ordnance at Rock Island Arsenal, where he is in charge of manufacturing certain classified material. Nalle's oldest son, Richard, is a graduate of the class of 1944 and a captain of Field Artillery on ROTC duty at the University of Missouri. Beatty's son is practicing law in Portland, Ore. Simpson's son, Charles Lee, a graduate of the class of 1936, is stationed in Washington, D. C. Booton's son, John, is in Amsterdam, N. Y., with Kimball, who says the boy is O.K.

Tickler: It is not too soon to begin to plan to decide to get ready to attend the Fortieth Reunion next year. Holland, "blood pressure notwithstanding", says that he will be there.

—K. S. B.

1912

Our first exclusive is that on 4 February last the matrimonial banner of the Class shifted from Sid Spalding to James Harvey Johnson at Petersburg, Va., where Mrs. Eloise Hinton Parks became the "Bride of 1912". We extend to her a hearty welcome to our fold and best wishes.

The Burfy Browns and the Red McLanes are organizing a 1912 colony in the famous Biltmore Forest near Asheville, N. C. Chen Chynoweth gave us a fine report on his trip to Europe last summer and fall. He keeps very busy with many interests including welfare work in Veterans' hospitals. Our last word from Steve Chamberlin came from his CP in the Yukon in February where, as commander of "Exercise Sweetbriar", a joint Canadian-American Arctic maneuver, he was advocating a 15,000 man Arctic army. Young Steve will graduate in June from MIT. Rachel and Ben Delamater accompanied young Rachel and her two children from

Texas to San Francisco where the latter caught an early February transport to join her husband, Lt. Col. Keller, in Japan. Joe Greenwald's report on his experiences last November and October, running a hunting camp on a 25,000 acre hunting preserve on Devil's River in Texas, would make any Nimrod's mouth water with envy. And more recently we located him in his trailer CP at Gonzales, Texas, where he was very busy checking up on oil leases.

Betty and Heine Hinemon are enjoying having their daughter Betty and her family (the John Grants) stationed at nearby Fort Monmouth. A quite severe case of sciatica delayed their usual trip south in February to escape the rigorous winters of New Jersey. The Christmas card from Big John and Mary, showing them in front of their stately mansion, "Romar Farms", in Maryland, would warm any man's heart. Jack and Cornelia Lewis retreated out of Boulder, Colorado, in late January to escape old man Winter and headed for the west coast of Mexico, thence north along the California coast. Henry McLean returned in December to his home at Tuxedo Park, N. Y., after an extended trip in Europe, and early in February he set out again headed for Texas and "perhaps Mexico".

Maxie Maxwell made a flying trip to the West Coast in January. Phil Faymonville threw a grand party for Maxie in San Francisco. Bill and Charlotte Morrissey sailed from New York in April for Naples. They expect to spend about four months abroad. The Steve MacGregors send glowing accounts of their experiences in Japan where Scotch and Soda is a shilling (14c) and Johnny Walker's hospitality is beyond compare. Mary Riley had a fine visit with Pat Jr during his plebe Christmas at the Point. Schnitz Schneider suffered a quite severe heart attack last fall but he reports a splendid recovery. Fisherman Si Sibert took time out to make the Army-Navy game and then visit with classmates along the way. His son Bill (Lt. Col) is scheduled for foreign service with Yokohama as station, sailing about 1 May.

Gladys and Tommy Thomas report a fine trip to the West Coast to visit their son Booth and his bride in San Francisco. They contacted many classmates along the way, going out and returning to their home in Washington. Marguerite Wood writes: "My lovely daughter-in-law brought young Jackie (P. Wood, II) by to meet his 'Grandmother'. I fell in love with him on sight. He is charming, looks just like Churchill, minus his cigar, and weighs almost as much..." Bill Wilbur reports his new address: 323 Central Ave., Highland Park, Illinois.

Extract from the guest book at Class Headquarters: "Feb. 21st, 1950. Class Grandson Walton H. Walker II, accompanied by his father, Lt. Sam Sims Walker, and his mother, Charlotte, stopped to see us. They were on their way, via Texas, to their new station at Ft. Bragg, N. C., with the 82nd Airborne Division. May more class grandsons follow suit"

We note with pride, in the last issue of *Assembly*, that our classmate, Francis J. McDonnell (Ex-'12), has joined the Association of Graduates, thus pushing 1912 one round higher on the ladder to its goal—100 percent membership in the Association.

—W. H. H. and O. J. G.

1914

Jim Cress was placed on active duty January 1, 1950 as Executive for Reserve and ROTC Affairs, Department of the Army, under his commission as a Major General, Reserves. He is living at 429 North Norwood St., Arlington, Va. Snowden Skinner is working at Fort Belvoir, Va. and living at 1015 8th Street, Belle View, Alexandria,

Va. Ducky Jones has moved away from Montgomery—temporary address, Pauline Star Route, Spartansburg, S. C.

Johnny Carruth retired February 28, 1950 address 239 Allensworth Avenue, San Antonio, Tex. Chauncey Benson expects to retire at the end of March. He has been spending most of his time at Walter Reed lately. Benny Hoge has moved to 228 Belle Haven Road, Alexandria, Va. Young, W. H., is working in the Chicago Regional Office of the VA. His address is 570 Chicago St., Elgin, Ill.

Jack Thompson came over from St. Michaels, Maryland, to join the Washington group for their monthly dinner on March 1st. Others present were Anderson, J. B., Brand, Bull, Hannum, Loomis, Paschal, Stanford, Skinner and Ward. Pink Bull has been elected President of the Army & Navy Club. The Class expects better service at their dinners in the future.

In December Skimp Brand made a trip to California and had nice visits with the Waddells, the Royces in Hollywood and the Wyeths at Santa Barbara.

—F. W. H.

1915

The roll-call for the 35th Reunion has passed the century mark. Tom Hanley lists 43 who assure him they will arrive in double harness and 15 singles. In addition, 10 remain on the fence and 28 have yet to answer the questionnaire distributed by the class secretary. It seems fair to assume that 1915 will muster in the neighborhood of 125 for this last celebration before the dismal word "Ret'd" becomes the tag for the whole class roster.

Here, by the way, is the class line-up, reported by Hanley as of February 1950 (does not include non-grads): On active list, 47; Retired, 59; In civil life, 20; Deceased, 38.

Three parties have been arranged for the Reunion as follows:

Saturday evening, 3 June—Steak Supper at Round Pond.

Sunday evening, 4 June—At Leone Farm, Central Valley.

Monday evening, 5 June—At Bear Mountain Inn.

The class officers will announce in due time arrangements for a short business meeting; also for a brief ceremony to provide for presentation of the class gift to our three graduating godsons: William D. Davis, Paul John Mueller, Jr., and Robert W. Robinson. You will learn later about committees to handle such matters as housing, transportation, entertainment, and finance. Incidentally, the wives, with few exceptions, will be housed at Bear Mountain Inn, where a block of rooms has been reserved.

Tom writes that he is just back from leave in Florida, where he has been looking for a spot in which to take root after his retirement. Leo Walton, comfortably established at Winter Park, played host to the Hanleys, as did John Thompson. On the return trip, a delightful stop was made with Tom and Mrs. Taylor at Chapel Hill.

Doc and Mrs. Ryder retired in February to their permanent home at Vineyard Haven. Joe Swing goes to Leavenworth as Commandant of the newly established Army War College. And Jody Haw, back from Europe, is in the Career Records Analysis Branch, AGO.

That's the grist for this time. If you like to learn what your classmates are doing, don't forget they want to know also what you are up to, along with any gossip you can give on other classmates' doings. A note to Hanley, or to Beukema will do the trick.

—H. B.

1916

The plans for the 1951 reunion are progressing very satisfactorily, and it now looks as though it should be one of the best reunions we have ever held. Every member of the Class can help to make it a bang-up affair, however, by beginning to make plans now to be at West Point in June Week 1951.

Kate and Jack Fraser have been spending the winter in Tucson, Arizona. Dwight Johns, who retired last December 31st, writes that he has established no business connections, but is enjoying leisure and absence of responsibility at his home in Piedmont, California. George Blankenship, who has been living in Atlanta, moved to New York in February. His address is: 10 East Eleventh Street.

Rinearson visited Fort Benning last November and stopped over night with Morris Miller. He also says that he and Pickering and George Blankenship welcomed the New Year at a dinner party at the Pickering's in Atlanta. Riney's son just back from Germany is taking a two-year course in Communication Engineering at Georgia Tech. Stanley Scott was in Washington for a few days this winter in connection with conferences at the Pentagon. He made a weekend trip to West Point to see his son Gilbert and at the same time have a visit with Cramp Jones. C. Square Smith spent the winter in San Antonio trying to establish some new golf records on local courses. Bob Whitson also writes from San Antonio that he has been laid up with illness through most of 1949. He says that he has improved now and is reasonably comfortable. He and George Newgarden apparently are both in the citrus business and meet from time to time to condole with each other. Incidentally, we hear that within the last month George has had a rather serious heart attack.

John Abernathy, who is a Judge in Pulaski, Tennessee, says that his son is taking the exams for West Point this spring. John himself is all set for the 1951 Reunion. Louie Hibbs, as usual, has been spending the winter at Los Fresnos, Texas. After a long battle with health he is coming back into circulation again. He expects to spend the summer at Mirror Lake, New Hampshire. Bob McBride finished three months at Harvard School of Business Administration last fall. He is regularly assigned as Comptroller of the Sixth Army at San Francisco.

Bill Hoge, from Trieste, wrote at Christmas time to say that both of his boys are now on duty in Germany and they were planning to have a complete family reunion during the holiday season. Willie Shipp is still in Bagdad but he expects to return to this country some time this spring or early summer. Dick Levy returned to Washington from Japan in early December. Shortly after reporting for duty in the A.G.O. the medicos picked up a blood pressure condition which now has had him under observation and treatment at Walter Reed Hospital.

Red O'Hare joined the fraternity of "Old Granddads" this winter. His grandson, Joseph J. O'Hare, III, arrived on February 3 at Walter Reed Hospital. Doug Page has been ordered to duty at the Pentagon in Washington, effective April 1. Clyde Altman, retired and living in Silver City, New Mexico, writes that although his health prevents him from moving around much he hopes to make a trip east before long.

An announcement of the engagement of Andrew's daughter reached us from Northfield, Vermont early in February. She will marry Mr. Earl C. Reynolds, Jr., of Corvallis, Oregon sometime this spring. Mr. Reynolds was in the Navy for three years during the war.

It is with sadness that we have to announce two more empty files in the ranks of 1916. Gus Bayler died of a heart attack in

Richmond, Virginia on November 16, 1949 and was buried in Hollywood Cemetery in that city. Gus was back in the service during this last war and returned to Richmond in 1946, and was reestablishing himself in business there. We also learned, late last fall, that George W. Edwards, ex-1916, died at Stepney, Connecticut in the fall of 1939. His son, George W., Jr., is living at 4301 West 153rd Street, Lawndale, Los Angeles County, California.

—E. G. B.

April, 1917

Topping our news items for this issue of *Assembly* are the recent nominations by the President of the following Seventeeners to general officer grades: Cowper Smith, Commanding General, 2d Armored Division, Camp Hood, Texas, to be a permanent major general, Regular Army; Aaron Bradshaw, Chief, Service Group, Logistics Division, Army General Staff, Washington, D. C., to be a temporary major general; Laurence Keiser, Assistant Division Commander, 2d Infantry Division, Fort Lewis, Wash., to be a temporary major general; Pasha Sullivan, now assigned to Mark Clark's Army Field Forces Headquarters, Fort Monroe, Va., to be a permanent brigadier general and a temporary major general; and Joe Holmes, Field Director of Ammunition Plants at Joliet, Ill., to be a temporary brigadier general.

Among the seven senior Army, Navy, and Air Force officers designated by the Secretary of Defense to head Military Assistance Advisory Groups attached to American embassies in Western European countries in the Mutual Defense Assistance Program is Norman Schwarzkopf, Brigadier General, U.S. Army, who has been assigned to Italy.

An eye-catching picture appeared in *The New York Times* of 31 January, showing Joe Collins with the other three top military commanders of the United States—the Joint Chiefs of Staff—boarding a plane for Tokyo to begin their personal survey of Far Eastern defenses.

And an interesting article, titled "Military District of Washington", appeared in the *Army and Navy Journal* of 24 December.

And also from the *Army and Navy Journal* of 4 March we learned of the death of Homer Brown at Brooke General Hospital, San Antonio, Texas, on 18 February 1950, after an illness of eight months. Homer was buried with full military honors in the National Cemetery at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Surviving are his widow, Helen, who resides at 339 Ridgmont Ave., San Antonio, Texas; a daughter, Mrs. Calvin M. Jenkins of Oakland, Calif.; two grandchildren; and his mother, Mrs. Edna C. Brown of Los Angeles, Calif. To each of them goes our deepest sympathy and condolences.

A note received from Lila Hall and Basil Perry informs us that they are nicely settled in Frankfurt, Germany, and their son, Lt. Harrison Perry (USMA 1948) is stationed near them in Munich. The Perrys' address is Frankfurt Military Post, APO 757, c/o PM, New York, N. Y.

On 26 January, Fred Irving, in his capacity of Chief, Career Management Branch, lectured to the members of the First Class in the Army Theater at West Point. His lecture, the subject of which was "Choosing a Branch", was of much interest and value to the cadets.

New assignments: Pasha Sullivan is now with Mark Clark as Quartermaster and General Officer for coordination of service training activities and inspection of the Office, Chief, Army Field Forces, Fort Monroe, Va.; Birdie Eagles has been transferred from San Francisco to the Office of the Secretary of the Army, Washington, D. C.; Bill Harrison has been transferred from TI&ED to duty with the Armed Forces L&ED, Office

of the Chief of Staff, USA, Washington, D. C.; Willis Slaughter, former Deputy Chief of Ordnance, EUCOM, has been appointed Chief of Ordnance, EUCOM; and Arthur Harper, now assigned to the Office of the Military Attache, London, will become Commandant of the Fort Sill, Okla., Artillery Center about April 1st.

Added to the Retired List are two more Seventeeners: Clark Kittrell and Ike Pierce.

A memo from Tupper Cole announcing a class luncheon on February 17 was supplemented by the following much welcomed report from Steve Sherrill: "Members of the Class in the Washington area gathered for luncheon at the Fort McNair War College Club Friday, February 17. Tupper Cole, who commands the Military District of Washington, made all the arrangements, which were perfect. In addition to Tupper, there were present: Percy Black, Aaron Bradshaw, Joe Collins, Ira Crump, Birdie Eagles, who has just reported to Washington for duty, Bill Eley, who read a letter from Love Mullins in Brazil, Sam Smith, Burnett Olmsted, Bob Ransom, Harry Schroeder, Steve Sherrill, and Sterling Wood, who came down from Philadelphia where he is PMS&T at the University of Pennsylvania.

And on 14 February, two Seventeeners made their debut on television when Joe Collins and Mark Clark appeared over the Columbia Broadcasting System in the first of a series of experimental programs designed to test television as a training medium for Reserve Components of the Army. This event brings the Class right up to the minute!!

As I am reverting to retirement on 30 June 1950, this is the last column I shall write and I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has contributed class news items for his much appreciated cooperation.

—T. S. S.

August, 1917

The news for this issue seems to be a mixture of good and bad. Let us take the distressing news first. Eddie and Helen House recently lost their son by accidental drowning at Winter Park, Florida, and 1st Lt. George W. Hirsch, Jr., a fighter pilot, Class of 1946, was killed in an airplane accident in Japan on February 23 of this year. Our deepest sympathy is extended to those who must bear these great losses.

There have been several changes in status of classmates during the past few months: Otto Jank joined the St. Louis group as chief taster for Anheuser Busch, and promises to produce for our next reunion. You fellows in St. Louis are hereby charged to keep Otto in good shape. Norman McNeill retired in February, to a place unknown at present. Bart Harloe is now installed at the University of Hawaii—his first request was for some old West Point Tenth Books. Skinny Sharp has retired again with headquarters at 120 East 75th Street, New York City. Skinny and Ellanor dropped in recently and talked feelingly about the wonderful farewell party given in their honor by Biff and Elizabeth Jones. Our Washington correspondent Dorothe Matlack also wrote to us about it—and by the way it is an inspiration to see the way Dorothe is meeting her challenge. On hand were: Bill Reeder, the Hasbroucks, Huffs, Wagners, Fyes, Eysters, Bellingers, Griffiths, Connors, Days, Janks, Heaveys, Bobrinks, Froggie Reed, George Herbert and Dorothe. What a great convention and we bet that the "Round Pond Chef", Biff Jones the pride of any mess hall, really put out.

Taylor DeCamp writes glowingly about his job as Inspector General in northern Japan. While he travels around in discomfort in a special railway car, Barbara is forced to carry on the drudgery of keeping house,

with three servants. Taylor, please send us some good news. He also informs us that Pat Mahoney is operating and Carlisle Wilson is working in Tokyo.

During the past few months Jack Heavey, Earle and Betty Sarcka, Pete and Gertrude Purvis have been here. Gertrude says she has won the family battle of retirement—they will settle in or around Washington.

The most important Class event at West Point was the unveiling of Bryant Moore's portrait, the latest in an unbroken line of Supe's portraits that extends back to Major Jonathan Williams, 1802. This one of Bryant definitely has our Class group approval, so that makes it official. It very simply, and strongly, presents Bryant as a field-force commander, and that is just what he is. We should take pride in having him join permanently the distinguished company of Superintendents of West Point. On your next visit to the Academy you must be sure to see this portrait. —J. W. C.

June, 1918

Apparently most members of the class have been so busy (working on their income tax returns, we hope) that they have had little time for sending in notes for this issue.

Bit Barth writes from Nara, Japan where he is in command of the Artillery of the 25th Infantry Division (A.P.O. 25, Unit 4, c/o PM, San Francisco, California). On his way from Fort Leavenworth, Kansas to Nara, Japan, Bit saw in San Francisco "Hans and Alice Kramer, Habersham Elliot and Pichel with their attractive wives"; at Okinawa "Harry Sherman who is in charge of Civil Government there"; and in Japan "the only classmate I have unearthed in Japan, Swede Axelsson, who is now on duty in our Division, the 25th, awaiting return to the United States in June. Swede has been over here in charge of a Civil Affairs Team in Kochi prefecture on the Island of Shikokee". Mary and Bit who are enjoying their stay in Japan send their best to all the Class.

On February 26th a dinner was held at the Carlton in Washington to celebrate MacArthur's 70th birthday. Most of the former brass of the southwest Pacific area were present including Pat Casey, Lane Holman, Jim Marshall, Tenney Ross and Sam Sturgis.

We understand that Nonie and Tommy Tompkins are commuting between Great Britain, Vermont and Florida. Their permanent mail address is Northfield, Vermont. We understand also that Harry Sherman expects to return from Okinawa at an early date.

We have another permanent Major General in our class: Bud Miley. Congratulations! Bill Barriger, Bit Barth and Lane Holman are all permanent Brigadier Generals. Again, Congratulations! (And we mean again, since we were apparently somewhat premature in announcing two of these promotions in the October issue.)

Elsie and Clarence Townsley are flying to Bermuda for a short vacation. Mickey and Bill Barriger are planning a class picnic party at Fort Dix this Spring. A belated press account states that Bob Horr has been appointed Commanding Officer of the 1623rd Field Artillery Replacement Training Center, a unit of the Organized Reserve Corps, in the New York-New Jersey Military District.

Lucius Clay did a beautiful job as guest speaker at the annual West Point dinner held at the Astor Hotel on March 16. His talk was of intense interest to every graduate, ex-cadet and guest among the three or four hundred present. The following members of our class attended the dinner: Bill Barriger, Laddie Bellinger, Lucius Clay, Jack

Grant, "Tonto" Murrill, Jim Marshall, Heine Stenzel and Chesty Ward. (It was the first time since 1918 that many of us had seen Murrill.) Clarence Townsley and Bob Horr both being out of town could not attend.

We hear (third or fourth hand) that "J.K." LaMar and his wife are temporarily residing in Key West. Mike Grenata writes from Yokohama, Japan, where he arrived last November. Mike is now heading up the Expediting and Inspection Division of the Procurement Section, Headquarters Eighth Army, which cares for procurement in Japan for the Army of the Occupation. Mike's address is A.P.O. 343, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, California. Connie Jadwin is now General Manager at Rosecroft Raceway, the million dollar harness racing plant at Oxon Hill, Maryland. —J. L. G.

November, 1918

Those members of our class living in and near Washington meet at the Fort McNair Officers' Club at 1230 hours, the second Wednesday in each month and lunch together. Jess Norman is Post Commander at Fort McNair so the drinks and food are good and well served. Our Washington correspondent Elmer Barnes writes: "Usually we have one or two out of town visitors. Conversation frequently reveals news from other out of town classmates. The February meeting had present — Barnes, Hendricks, Holbrook, Lovett, Mickelson, Norman, Smith and Van Voorst, with Heine Bergman from out of town. Heine is still writing and making speeches on the world situation—the highlighted theme being urgency of action before it is too late. His book 'America Next' written in 1940 under the non-de-plume 'Peter Marko' is still selling. Heine is Vice President of Douglas Tool Company, Detroit, and also of Dunne Rubber and Plastic Company, Cleveland. He maintains an office at 80 Broad Street, New York City. The class at large should know they are now eligible contenders for another class cup. We have memorialized Chorpene's recent fatherhood, with him the original holder. The idea is that final possession goes to the 'last' rather than the 'first' class godchild (either son or daughter counts). Already, Fonville, has displaced Chorpene. None born before 'thirty years after' is eligible. We had a lot of fun arriving at a name for the cup. Many suggestions were offered at our January meeting, with levity in control. 'Thirty Years Late'—'Surprise'—'Better Late Than Never'—and 'Miracle', were among the proposals. We are now procuring the cup. Chorp will get his feat recorded under the title and then it goes to Fonville for ditto. The next miracle following Fonville displaces his possession and so on."

Fred and Phillip Butler who have been at Fort Belvoir for several weeks have returned to San Francisco. The family is staying on there until Fred comes back from Eniwetok. Sam and Pansy Walker have not gotten off for Guatemala yet, but at last reports planned to leave around the middle of March, so should be headed south by the time you read this. Baker returns soon to Washington. Bull Kendall, who has just got a permanent (Major General) writes: "Charlie Hixson and Ira Swift are the only members of the group in Austria. Hixson is one of the Deputy High Commissioners and Swift commands Headquarters Command in Vienna. I see them both occasionally. I do not know how many we have in Germany. Do not get up there very often. Being located here in Linz on the Danube with our friends just across the river keeps me tied down quite closely".

Bill Blair is flourishing and "growing food" to feed us at Sterling, Colorado. The good news now comes from Billie Benton

that his doctor, since 1 February, has allowed him to spend half of each day in his office. That sounds fine to me. I am sure Billie is obeying orders. Pinkie Williamson also is reported improving and those who saw his red headed daughter at the Army-Navy Game say she does look like Pinkie but swear enthusiastically that she is a beauty, a knock-out.

Jim Christiansen, who is Chief Engineer, Far Eastern Command, writes, "A number of classmates are here—York, Hastings, Kelley, Keyser, Ericson—with Johnny Hinds in Okinawa. I think all of them are enjoying life, as I continue to do. This is an interesting area right now and I'm glad to be here. Have an interesting job".

Keasler has returned from Guam and been assigned to the Schenectady Depot. Frank Bowman is now at Belvoir. Snow took over the St. Louis Engineer District in December. Dick Groves' picture still decorates the daily papers from time to time, talking to learned societies, explaining the eternal verities to Congressmen or heading drives for institutions of learning.

Charlie Leng writes, "Just back from a delightful ocean voyage (New York to Trieste and return). We sailed both ways on the Pvt. Elden H. Johnson and found both the ship and the personnel A-1. When you reach a retired status you may wish to avail yourself of the present "space available" provisions. So back to our little one-horse village of Downsville where I am trying to eke out early retired pay by helping New York City to build a new dam and reservoir. Via Kingston and Margaretville we are about a three hour drive from West Point when the roads are clear"

Wanamaker, however, is boy in the news these days. He is building a road. It's a road to get out of New York. He is Executive Director of the New Jersey Turnpike Authority.

With a lot of good help from Van Voorst and a few others, we have brought our list of addresses of classmates pretty well-up-to-date. It is not at all easy these days with no "Monthly Army List and Directory" anymore, to even keep track of active duty members. It would help tremendously if each of you would remember to drop a post card, when you move, to:

Bryan Conrad,
Highland Falls, New York.

(The addresses will be passed on to General Danford, the Editor of the *Register of Graduates and Former Cadets* to help him make that annual a valuable, living thing.)

A note from Dorothy Barnes just makes the deadline with: "Did anyone send in to you a few details on the christening of the Chorpene's young daughter last December? If not, here goes:—On Sunday, December 18, a group of thirty friends gathered in the small chapel at Fort Myer to witness the christening of Mary Anne, the Chorpene's baby daughter. Jimmie Hemenway, as the godmother held the baby in her arms, with Frank Bowman beside her as the godfather. After the ceremony a delightful luncheon was held at the Fort Myer Officers Club, though Mary Anne was by then resting from the ordeal at the Dave Ogdens' Quarters on the post"

Everyone will be distressed to hear that Johnny Hamilton died on January 12 at Fayetteville, Arkansas, where he was serving as Professor of History at the University of Arkansas.

It would also add greatly to these "Class Notes" in *Assembly* if each of you would drop a note to Bryan Conrad setting forth news of yourselves and other classmates in your neighborhood. So far our agents have penetrated Washington, Philadelphia and Denver. The rest of the world is a great unknown. My deadline for the next *Assembly* is 10 June 1950.

—R. C.

1919

Pat Echols reports that he, Urban Niblo, Moroney, Rash, Ruth, Parsons and Meyer had a luncheon at the Imperial Hotel, Tokyo, in honor of Al Gruenther during Al's visit to Japan last fall. Horace Speed is Command Quartermaster on Okinawa. His job has been badly complicated by the uncooperative forces of nature in the form of typhoons.

Since my last report Mike Brannon has become the JAG, Willie Palmer a temporary major general, and Benny Hayford a temporary BG. Wyman and Kean are on the recommended list for permanent MG's, and Niblo and Zimmerman for permanent BG's. Logan Shutt's retirement became effective 31 December 1949.

Bunny Burnell has a detail with the Mutual Defense Assistance Program, with address at The American Embassy, The Hague. Rosly McNamee is senior instructor, National Guard, for Maryland, with station at Baltimore. Bill Isaacs is now a resident of Tucson, Arizona. The Stone Sorley's announce the birth of James M. Sorley on 27 December in Tucson. Bunny Bruner is G-2, G-3, and CO of Troops at Ft. Leavenworth.

Luther Hill is General Manager of the Des Moines, Iowa, *Register and Tribune*. A fine write-up of his career recently appeared in "The Editor and Publisher". His son is attending Harvard Law School, and made the *Harvard Law Review*, the top honor there. Luther was, I believe, the only "retread" in the class to make the grade of general officer during the war.

Your scribe recently sent a secret agent to Washington to see what could be uncovered there. The following intelligence report was received, signed by one E.L.S. (it could be Snodgrass):

"The evening of 21 January '50 was the occasion of an assemblage of classmates accompanied by latest female appendages, actual or prospective, duly sponsored by that jovial and picturesque Wes Jervey, ably assisted in all essential respects by Phyllis, his charming clinging vine. Quite contrary to local custom all assembled promptly at the appointed hour save Judge Harbaugh, Jr., now actively the senior member of the Judicial Council, who belatedly made his appearance with the decorum befitting his high office and with his captivating escort, Edith Wolf, clinging snugly to his arm.

The place of the assemblage was the officers' club, an institution better known as "JV's Social Emporium", renovated beyond recognition including a collector of spare change by mechanical means unequalled elsewhere in governmental institutions of similar character. Especially impressed by

the dazzling attire with which he groomed Betty for this occasion, all agreed that "JV" is a smooth operator.

Mike Brannon, newly appointed Judge Advocate General, a picture of sartorial elegance in a new herringbone business suit with tie, was noncommittal on any proposition sounding in law or suggestive of punitive action. He bore his dignity well and accepted congratulations indiscriminately. Conspicuous in the rendition of vocal numbers were Maxine Cranston, Bea Shingler, Betty Cole, Lofty Snodgrass and Roy Green, the latter leading unfortunately. Margie Brannon contributed Mike's share as well as her own to the singing. As a special feature, Flossie Snodgrass rendered a hula dance to vocal tunes supplied by Joe Cranston. Boots Booth made a solo rendition of the class song in a manner which gathered acclaim while clashing sharply against unfamiliar ears. Boots is now associated with the State Department, but he diplomatically refrained from reflecting his views on the Formosan problem or any other matter of current concern. He even spoke guardedly in the presence of his wife.

Don Shingler and his camp follower, Bea, had negotiated a timely evacuation from their post in the flooded areas of St. Louis. Don was adamant in his assurance that effective control of the rampaging waters in his District was safely confided to the wise counsel of understanding engineers and that the lives, property and general safety of the citizenry were perpetually protected by the skilled maintenance of levees. Bea listened with pride and approval. His audiences listened with less skepticism to his proposal to cure the existing deficiency in water supply to New York City. Roy Green, erstwhile warrior and currently an insurance broker of nation-wide affiliation, temporarily suspended his flow of conversation to give ear to Don's analytical expose on the engineering aspects of flood control. Eventually Roy interrupted to observe, with a remarkable sense of business acumen, that the greatest protection to our society lies in the motherly embrace of a sound insurance policy.

Grace and Al Gruenther, the class joy and pride respectively, maintained unbroken their faithful attendances at class gatherings. Al gave all a genuine handshake and a word of hope to those who aspire to higher things.

McGregor, alias Shillock, and wife, recent returnees from the Far East, boasted pridefully of their twin boys, now plebes at West Point. Hope and George Rogers, fresh from duty with friendly allies to our south, and more imposing and matured by such experience, are hanging on for a while, apparently content to vest the fate of the ar-

tillery to the tender care of the younger generation. Les Flory confirmed rumors of his retirement from pursuits wholly military in character and of present engagement in stimulating scientific research at Johns Hopkins. Georgina and Elton Hammond reported their tenure of office in Washington continually perturbed over the welfare of Fort Monmouth, signal affairs there purportedly operating without benefit of their enlightened supervision.

Ham Young, loquacious exponent of the law and militant advocate of deserving promotions, mingled with the gang wholly unaccompanied but with a new interest clearly discernible in his deportment. Taking full advantage of an opportunity to drive a peg for popularity, he hushed the party and proposed a toast to Mike Brannon, whom he freely acknowledged as his new chief, extolling certain virtues and capabilities hitherto unknown even to Margie. With somewhat less gesticular presentation, and without vacating the shadow of his lovely wife, Eddie Starr quietly added a deserving tribute to the sponsors of the party.

Undaunted by financial losses indulging in JV's racket a goodly portion of the gang journeyed to the Mayflower for a midnight repast of steaks, et cetera, as guests of the Greens.

Had Ham Young been present in the final stages of these gay festivities he might well have been moved to acclaim the S.O.'s as God's best gift to humanity."

—B. W. B.

1920

Our 30th Reunion plans are shaping up nicely and your Reunion Committee has taken great pains to lay out a schedule of Class events, next June Week, which promises to make a return visit by classmates, at that time, a most happy and pleasurable occasion. Two circulars have been released by John McNulty, our Class President, concerning the Reunion, one in January and one in early March. The responses to these notices have been very encouraging—out of the first 105 classmates replying, 64 have indicated that they will attend the Reunion. In event you have not received one of these notices, be sure to so advise the Reunion Committee, Class of 1920, P.O. Box 66, West Point, New York.

Lyman Lemnitzer writes that the members of the class in and about Washington, D. C., recently staged a dinner dance, which was held at the Fort McNair Club, Saturday evening, February 25th. This was the first



party of this kind that has been held in Washington since the war. The day happened to be "Red" Sharrar's birthday, so he was duly toasted at the dinner. Also, all present signed a greeting to "Chick" Fowler, who was unable to be present.

Lyman used the occasion to call everyone's attention to the West Point Reunion of the Class next June, and urged all to begin making their plans without delay.

The following classmates attended the dinner: Brady, Byers, Cassidy, Denson, Durst, Hannis, F. M. Harris, Horn, Lemnitzer, Mudge, Reece, Reuter, Romain, Swartz, Tombaugh, VanSickler, T. D. White, McGaw, J. E. Raymond and Sharrar.

Some further news of the class from Washington is all good. "Rex" Corput and "Fatima" Lastayo have recently been promoted to Brigadier Generals. Also, "Duke" Lanahan and Halley Maddox have been made permanent Brigadier Generals.

Incidentally, a press clipping dated December 18, 1949, from the Atlanta, Georgia, "Constitution", announces that Mrs. Madelinn Ehrheart Chace of Atlanta became the bride of Brig. Gen. Halley Maddox, Commanding Officer of Camp Gordon, Augusta, Georgia, at a late afternoon ceremony, solemnized on December 17, 1949, at the Post Chapel at Fort McPherson, Georgia. The Class congratulates the happy couple who will reside at Camp Gordon.

"Bob" Durst arrived in Washington recently with assignment to the Office of the Inspector General. Also, E. C. Johnson and Donald VanSickler are in Washington, assigned to G-1 Division and Adjutant General's Office, respectively.

Lyman Lemnitzer will complete his assignment as Deputy Commandant of the National War College on 25 October 1950, and then will be assigned as Director, Office of Military Assistance, in the Secretary of Defense's Office.

On 24 January, Clovis Byers and Marie drove down to Afton, Virginia, to take to "Chick" Fowler a number of medals which had never been delivered to him. The list of medals consisted of two DSC's, the Silver Star, and three Purple Hearts, which represented such an outstanding display of fortitude on "Chick's" part that Clovis felt that it would have been appropriate to have the Secretary of the Army make the awards in Washington. This, however, could not be done since "Chick" was in too poor a physical condition to make the trip.

So, "Chick" and "Tikie" had a small group of friends in from Charlottesville, and Clovis presented the medals in a little ceremony. "Chick" is not in very good shape. However, his morale, and that of his good wife, is high and if medical science, courage, and loving care have anything to do with the matter, God willing, "Chick" will be with us for a long time.

"Chick's" remark concerning the decorations is characteristic of him. I have taken the liberty in this column to quote it to his classmates. "Chick" said: "I felt a certain humility in accepting the decorations, for my accomplishments were nothing more than any good soldier and West Pointer would have achieved under the circumstances. Courage, is an indefinite thing, and you never know, until the time comes, whether you are going to have the stuff or not."

The two center fellows, front row, in the picture on the opposite page, left to right, are "Sam" Gregory and Frank Oxx. They are shown with a group of engineers and council members at a recent meeting in Omaha. "Sam" represented the Denver Chamber of Commerce while Frank is assistant to the Division Engineer, Missouri River Division, Corps of Engineers, currently stationed in Denver.

In December 1949, Don Burns became District Engineer at Portland, Oregon. "Ray" Bullene was appointed Registrar of Carteret School, West Orange, N. J., December 22,

1949. "Ray" had been formerly at Oakland Academy, Oakland, N. J.

"Hank" Hodes, now at Camp Drake, Tokyo, Japan, writes that other classmates are in his area—Miller with the Transportation Corps, W. L. Mitchell with GHQ, "Crump" Garvin and Claude McQuarrie with the Yokohama Command, Edmonson and Sturman with GHQ, Bill Bartlett G-2, 8th Army, and Joe Harriman, who has an AAA Group.

Be sure to make your plans to attend our 30th Reunion!



Left to right: Lyman Lemnitzer, "Pinky" Gilbert, Alec Sand (during June Week, 1949).

—E. C. Gillette, Jr.

1921 and 1922

Again we are indebted to Charlie Barrett and Perry Smith for much of the news herein. Some of the items are new, some are old—but none has been published in this column before, so we hope many of them will be news to most Orioles.

Spry: Now C.G. Atlantic Division, MATS, at Westover AFB, Mass. Hughes: Post Commander at Karlsruhe (a sub-post of Heidelberg) Germany. Dollie is with him. Taylor, M. D.: Diddy has now returned to Berlin after a recent visit to the U.S., where she witnessed the satisfying Army victory (50-46) over Navy in basketball at West Point on 4 March. Johnson, R. H.: The Johnsons are going to Europe in May for about two months. Johnnie calls it a "golfing" trip. Their itinerary includes England, Scotland, Holland, Germany, Switzerland, Italy and France. The Johnsons also witnessed the Army victory at West Point on 4 March, as guests of the Perry Smiths. Lawton: Now Chief of Staff, Army Field Forces, Fort Monroe, Va. McClenaghan: "Just an old soldier now. Put in my papers and am resting! The five boys are doing O.K. Oldest will be on active duty soon. No. 2 is teaching Political Science at Oregon State. No. 3 is a junior at University of Washington. No. 4 is a senior in high school. No. 5 is in junior high school. We now have a grandson. Gertrude and I are now taking it easy at 7309 Wright Avenue, S.W., Seattle 6, Washington, but we may wind up in Oregon". Pierce (from Iran) "Service in the Middle East is really interesting. I'm sorry I didn't get here earlier rather than in my last years in the Army. We hope to get back for Bob's graduation, whether our tour here is over or not". Dowling (from Hq. 4th Army, Fort Sam Houston, Texas). Jerre sends a snapshot of his lovely wife and charming infant daughter, and signs as "Major, AUS, Lt. Col. ORC and Eagle Col. ACHA (Alabama 'Coon Hunters' Association). Wilhide (from Hawaii) C.O. of Ha-

waiian Ordnance Depot. Won the USARPAC Senior Golf Tournament and was leaving (at the time of his note) to play in the All-Army Golf Tournament at San Antonio, Texas. Glenn, Jr. is in Germany. Anderson: "There are three of us here in Des Moines at present, R. L. Taylor, George Olmsted, and myself. See Bob real often as we travel the State together on inspection trips. Bob, Fritz Lee and myself stopped in a couple of times last Fall to see Russ Hensey at Fort Sheridan and talked with Francis Crary while on the same trips. They are both in the G-4 Section, Fifth Army, with Russ the G-4"

Marcus' son, Charles, and Miss Durand Sawyer were married at West Point in the Cadet Chapel on 26 February. In addition to Morris and Connie Marcus, Orioles at West Point, Barrett, Smith, P. M., Watson, Greene and Branham, with their wives, were in attendance at the wedding and at the reception following at the Thayer Hotel. Morris and Connie left Washington in March to visit their son-in-law and daughter, Lt. Col. and Mrs. J. C. Taylor, in Panama.

Four sons of 1922 will be graduated with the class of 1950 in June—Hughes, Pierce, Douglass, and Smith, C. R.

Incidental intelligence: The Smiths, C. R., now live at 541 Mountain Drive, Santa Barbara, California. Branham was retired 31 January and Spalding was retired 31 March, both for physical disability. Orioles at the 148th Anniversary U.S.M.A. dinner at the Hotel Astor in New York on 16 March: Watson, Kyle, Greene, Smith, P. M., Johnson, R. H., Crandell, Albert, Little, Klein and Branham. —C. N. B.

1923

Our learned Dr. Francis R. Johnson, whom we last saw at West Point in the fall enroute to Harvard, is now reported in England, doing further researches on the history of scientific thought in 16th century England. His family will join him in mid-summer. In the meanwhile, he is slaving away in the library of the British Museum, the Public Record Office, and the libraries of Oxford and Cambridge. He was scheduled to deliver a paper before the February meeting of the London Bibliographical Society, but we haven't received a report of it yet. He will attend the International Conference of Professors of English at Oxford in August, and has been invited to open the discussion at one of the conference sessions. He will also attend the annual Shakespearean Conference at Stratford-on-Avon. His return to Stanford is scheduled in time for the beginning of the fall term.

In a clipping from Lancaster, Pa., we learn that Craigie addressed the Lancaster Branch, American Association for the Advancement of Science, last November 10th. The interesting fact is brought out that he was the first American military pilot to fly a jet-propelled plane. We are glad to note that he and Dave Schlatter are now permanent major generals.

Jim Fry is now Deputy American High Commissioner in Austria. Kenner Hertford is still Deputy Commander at Sandia Base. Hoyt Vandenberg started a trip on March 11th to pay back all the courtesy calls received from the heads of South American air forces. Z. T. Wong has evacuated China, according to Pooper Grove.

The Washington group is continuing its regular schedule of social events. The next is to be held on the night of April 15th. The group is also working on a detailed plan to concentrate the conduct of class affairs in Washington. This has been a fact since the war, but more formal organization and procedures seem desirable. Close liaison is being maintained with Fritz Bredster, who has given the idea his blessing.

Those members of the class who have not yet contributed toward the Swimming Trophy should send their checks to Colonel Stewart Towle, Jr., Northrop Aircraft, Inc., Southern Building, Washington 5, D. C. Ten dollars is the "ratio", but more or less will be acceptable. We are still some \$400 short of attaining our \$2,000 goal.

—W. J. Morton.

1924

The following letter from Bill Triplet was received by Jim Howell, the class president: Dear Jim:—The Sons of '24 are well represented at West Point, as may be seen in the following roster. 1950—Jennings, Allen B., Kessinger, Howard E., Jr., Miller, Robert L., Jr., Parmly, Oliver W., Smithers, Samuel W., Jr., Wilson, Gail F. 1951—Bicher, George A., Jr., Boatner, James G., des Isles, John C. M., Dombrowski, Albert J., Jr., Henney, Frederic A., Jr., Keeley, James A., Macklin, Robert E., Richardson, William L., Jr. 1952—Alderman, Craig, Jr., Claybrook, John H., Duerr, Michael G., Gibbs, Gerald G., Jr., Hains, Peter C., IV, Hastings, Wallace H., Jr., Keiler, Ward B., Smith, John D., Stebbins, Arthur R., Stubblebine, Albert N., Vogel, Herbert D., Jr. 1953—Baker, Russell A., Conley, Samuel G., Jr., Fisher, Samuel H., Jr., Friedersdorf, Louis C., Jr., Glasgow, Robert E., Hutchinson, Cary B., Koch, Ralph A., Jr., Maher, John P., 3d, Massaro, Joseph N., O'Conner, Mortimer L., Smythe, John D., White, Edward H., II, Wilson, Joseph C., Woltersdorf, Karl A., Jr. On Sunday, 4 December, 1949, from 1500 to 1700, the above stout lads were entertained at a Tea at the Thayer Hotel by the local class representatives, Colonel and Mrs. W. S. Triplet, Colonel and Mrs. J. A. McComsey, Lieut. Colonel and Mrs. D. D. Rule, and Colonel and Mrs. H. P. Tasker, (Ret.). Appropriate refreshments were served in the decorated Grill Room. The use of name cards expedited introductions and many "recognitions" of the Class of '53 took place as all hands became acquainted during this commemoration of the glory of the "Thundering Herd" Sgd. Bill Triplet.

Charlie Dasher reports from the American Embassy, Madrid, Spain, where he is Army Attache. "Nothing of particular interest has happened in the Dasher family. We have enjoyed our detail in Spain. Recently the foreign attaches were taken on a tour of Spanish Morocco which lasted a week. In addition to native Regular units, we visited the Spanish Legion. That is an outfit that is really proud of itself and its history, and it is reflected in the face and carriage of every soldier. Not often do I get to see members of the 'Herd'—we are off the beaten track, but last summer I got to see Joe the 'Bub' Burrill, Dave Erskine, Art Trudeau and Sam Conley. Missed Sam Smithers whom I wanted to see after all of these years. Due to come back in November and, after seven years over here with only six months at home, I'm looking forward to it."

George Crosby came forth with a few facts: that he is holding forth in the G-3 Section at Fort Monroe and gets in a lot of golf; that "Steve" Stevens, who heads the Training Publications and Training Aids Division of OCAFF, is still shooting good pictures; that Dick Prather heads the G-1 Section; that Frank Carpenter has just arrived and is in the G-4 Section; that Sammy Samouche has left Monroe and gone to Headquarters, 2d Army; that Tom Allen is with the Deputy Post Commander and Office Commandant.

Reg Dean reports that he and Edna are living in the lap of luxury in quarters at the Ordnance Post of Rock Island Arsenal. Reg is District Engineer of the Rock Island District. Reg, Jr. is a second classman at Citadel and reports that even from a stu-

dent's viewpoint, Williams, J. F. (Shorty), is doing a remarkably fine job as Assistant Commandant. Reg also says that he occasionally runs into Ed Ebersole, ex-24, who is now located in Keokuk, Iowa. Ed is a big shot, being vice president and cashier of the State Central Savings Bank.

De la Rosa took a detail in the QMC about 1940 and transferred in '47. He is now on the Staff and Faculty of the QM School at Camp Lee, Virginia. Jim Kraft, after many months waiting, finally was permitted to go to Budapest as military attache. Howard John, Agnes and their two sons, one born immediately after the reunion last year, are here in Washington preparing to take up the attache job in Greece soon. Clarence Bennett is also here getting oriented to go to Chile as attache. Another on the way soon to an attache job is Wendell Blanchard, seen in these parts last week. While thinking of attaches, Joe Burrill's replacement left here recently, so Joe should be back in Washington soon from Helsinki.

Tom McCulloch and Laurance can be seen on the golf course at Fort McNair almost every weekend. Tom thinks that he will have to go back to work next year, as he is finishing up his third year as instructor at the Industrial College this year. Noah and Thelma Brinson often drop in the McNair Club for the noon dinner on Sundays. Noah retired about a year and a half ago. He represents the President Lines here in Washington. Certainly the 1st Infantry Division should be running smoothly, with George Smythe as Assistant Division Commander and Eddie Hart as the Division Artillery Commander. Congratulations to both of them on their permanent stars. Although a bit late, Duke Arnold is to be congratulated on his permanent star. Clark Bailey is on his way from the IG Section of Third Army to a new job in the Far East Command. John Ramsey is leaving the Senior Instructor's job of the Tennessee National Guard for the 4th Infantry Division at Fort Ord. George Lightcap for some time was living at the A&N Club here in Washington. He is now in the insurance business in Manhattan, Kansas. Polsgrove hits the Pentagon about once every two months to see the younger men about insurance. He reports that all is well with Polly and Emily.

Buck Lanham has just been assigned to the Belgium Luxembourg Military Assistance Group attached to American Embassies in connection with the Mutual Defense Association Program. Dutch Rothgeb is leaving the job of Senior Army Instructor, New Mexico National Guard and heading for the Ryukyus Command, Okinawa. Jim Poore, having finally moved back to the United States after a successful business career in Australia, is now dividing his time between the Carolinas, New York City and Washington, D. C. Charlie Stevenson was one of the principal speakers at the unveiling of a memorial plaque for Mickey Marcus, which was held in Union Temple in Brooklyn, in December. A number of classmates attended the ceremony.

Lowell Limpus was the guest of honor at a dinner given for him by the West Point Society of Florida at the Orlando Country Club on 25 January. He was given quite a send-off by President Fassett, '97—and next day the local paper carried an editorial inviting him to make that city his permanent home, when he retires from the newspaper business in New York, because he has such eminent and nice friends.

George Finnegan and John McComsey (Secretary, Association Graduates) were both elected to the Board of Governors of the West Point Society of New York this year. Two of our departed classmates—Nick Crow and Mickey Marcus—received tributes in Frenchy Grombach's new book on the history of boxing. Bob Cullen writes, "Am now attending law school at St. Mary's University, here in San Antonio. The doc-

tors still won't let me do any physical labor, so I had to have something to do". Dan Healy, former quartermaster in the OCAFF at Fort Monroe has assumed command of the Jeffersonville Quartermaster Depot. Art Trudeau is returning from Germany to be assistant commandant of the Army War College, which opens this Fall at Fort Leavenworth. Stubblebine has just been relieved from duty with the Quartermaster Center, Camp Lee, Virginia, and assigned to Headquarters, Sixth Army.

The Army Navy Air Force Cotillion is one of the very active projects here in Washington sponsored by 1924. The committee, with Helen and Dick Nugent as presidents, Art and Juanita Foote, Carry and Nappie Hutchinson, Robbie and Mary Robinson, Em and Louise Cummings, and Martin Hass, members, has been responsible for the running of three highly successful hops so far this year, with three more to go, the next being 18 March, when the Footes' and Richardsons' will receive. This will be their last appearance with the committee as Rich is to be the commanding general of the Joint Long Range Proving Ground at Banana River, Florida, and Al is going with him. Martin Hass was unable to be present at the last cotillion because childhood diseases are catching up with him. (In Walter Reed Hospital with mumps.)

Bob and Florence Dewey are the proud parents of the youngest bull calf of the Thundering Herd. Donny, 7 pounds, 13 ounces, arrived 12 January 1950.

—Sam Fisher.

1925

This is a last reminder about making your plans for the big reunion this June Week. Circulars describing our plans have been sent out from the Committee in Washington. If you have not given the information requested we urge that you do so right away. Our main events will be a cocktail supper on 3 June, picnic on 4 June and dinner dance on 5 June. We must make firm commitments for attendances at these very soon.

Bruce Clarke sent me a circular describing plans for a EUCOM reunion to be held in the Bavarian or Austrian Alps or in Paris. Daddy Dunn heads a committee to make arrangements so if you expect to be in Europe early in June let him know. His address is Col. F. E. Dunn, G-3, Munich Military Post, APO 407-A, c/o PM, New York. So far they expect to have on hand Black, Clarke, Deery, Van Brunt, Bill Wood, Clay, Dunn, Johnson, E. L., Matteson, Cavelli, Bryte, Heacock, Denniston, Channon, Toms, Steele.

The news from Washington: The largest monthly luncheon took place in January—25 classmates were present. Pettit visiting from Panama reported Bob Howze and Axel Dobak both in that area. Matteson dropped in on TDY from Austria and gave news of some classmates listed above. In addition he mentioned Dwight Harvey as being in Europe. Ike Evans was in for a few days from Leavenworth reporting everything under control at C&GSC. Bill Ritchie has been a patient in Walter Reed since late in September. Although he is in good spirits he is flat on his back. Frank Steer, our Washington correspondent, just left for TDY in England; expects to be back late in March. A joint Army-Navy Classes of 1925 party was held on 3 March at Bethesda Naval Hospital. Shall give any interesting details when I find out what happened.

Art Ruppert sends the following: "After more than four years in sunny southern California, you will note that I have joined the boosters thereof. Have been glad to unearth three classmates who have retired to the same sunny clime: John Dansby, Jack

DePew and Chick Henn. John is living in a beautiful new home in Corona Del Mar and I visit them when I can (they take pity on a bachelor). Jack is living in Riverside and being out of the way a bit, don't see him much. Chick Henn also enjoys the balmy weather of Coronado where I go occasionally on business. How about a few more of the boys retiring and coming out here?"

Dave Bradford is in the insurance business in San Antonio. Sends along a blotter ad with picture. Looks fine and a lot younger than the general run of us, or is that a 1925 picture? Dave says he and Porter Kidwell hope to hitch hike by air for the reunion.

Charlie Saltzman sends in a report on himself. Says: "I resigned from the Government last May and returned to New York where I have gone into business as a partner in Henry Sears & Co. which is in the investment business. The other item is the birth of a daughter, one Cynthus Myrick Saltzman, last July". Charlie offers to help out with our reunion plans and Nick hopped on that one right away.

Johnnie Haskell has made the news several times. Once in connection with entering a high position in the Red Cross and lately regarding a speech before the Hercules Men's Club in Wilmington, Del. Johnnie is Vice President of the New York Stock Exchange. The following thumbnail sketch is quoted from a news clipping: "Col. Haskell served in World War II from 1940 to 1945 when he was retired as a result of wounds sustained in combat near the Rhine, and returned to his duties with the Exchange. While in the Army he served with combat infantry units, the OSS, and on War Department and Combined Allied staffs. He saw service in Washington, the Pacific, North Africa, the Middle East, and Europe. In July, 1948, he served as chief of the ECA Special Mission in Stockholm, administering the European recovery program in Sweden. He returned to this country last September".

I have been promising for some time to get the complete dope on sons of classmates at West Point. Seems to be a difficult thing to ferret out. We believe the following (acquired through the efforts of Hoppie Hopkins and young Lucien Bolduc) to be right. The first sons to graduate did so last year. They were Diz Barnes' oldest boy and Wayne Smith, Jr. This year three are to graduate. They are Bolduc, De Armond, Strickland. There are two in the class of '51: Diz Barnes' youngest boy and Johnny Lewis' boy. Three are in the class of '52: Garver, Grayeb, Smyth. Two in the class of '53: Conder, Haskell.

Don't forget to get in the reunion information requested promptly. If any questions or last minute changes write to Nicholas at West Point.

—V. J. E.

1926

Plans for the first 25th reunion of '26 (that's next year, young fellow) are now being formulated. Vald Heiberg will edit the Reunion Book, and he has his usual good ideas, including that of initially financing the book from our now healthy class fund (contributions from all of us will eventually be needed, so budget accordingly). Among other things, the book will contain personal histories and photos, then and now. To that end, please send Vald (at USMA) two suitable snaps of you: one as a cadet and one taken during the last year (retouching not permissible). Also, the loan to Vald of any collective photos of general interest, such as that of '26 at Aberdeen in '26, sent in by Coke Carter, will be appreciated. The B.O.Q. at Stewart Field has been tentatively lined up for early next June, to accommodate your families. Your

reunion committee is now sitting hard in Washington: Carter (chairman), Ankenbrandt, Ennis, Osborne, Storke. They will be grateful for any ideas from you on 25th reunions.

The slope of the '26 fecundity graph, which had remained constant but firm during the past several reports, has leaped abruptly upward. Two sweet young '26 things will now surely be gracing USMA hops along about 1967. We present: Jennie Crocker Beaumont Elliott (one child only), born at the Fort Belvoir Hospital on 7 February to the Johnny Elliotts, and Cynthia Elisabeth Barnes, born at the Fort George G. Meade Hospital on 14 February to the Wally Barnes. All concerned are doing nicely. Our congratulations. Watch this column closely for recruiting news.

The January list of permanent BGs included the following whom we salute: Chuck Canham (now commanding the Port of Embarkation, European Command, Bremerhaven, Germany). Anky Ankenbrandt (temp MG, AF Communications Officer). Morrie Nelson (temp MG, AF Asst D C/S for Atomic Energy). Ken McNaughton (temp MG, AF Director of Training, Personnel).

Ken March has been ordered from Belle Mead, N. J., to the Signal Corps Training Center, at Camp Gordon, Ga. Bill Creasy is Chief of the Research and Engineering Division (field branch) of the Chemical Corps, at Aberdeen, Md. At the same station is Jimmy James, as Chief of the Inspection Division, (field branch), Office of the Chief, Chemical Corps. Mal Harwell paid a flying visit to Washington on 9 February, chipper and glowing, reporting his family all in good shape. He was on a short leave after having done a superb job as CO of the Harbor Defenses of Boston, at Fort Banks, Mass., (now turning over to the Navy). He was enroute to Alaska, to be J4 of CINCAL. Other quick visitors to Washington included Red Corderman, on 12 December, from his C/S job at CINCAL, and Prof Vald Heiberg, at the January class lunch, just long enough to accept (graciously) the editorship of the 25th Reunion Book.

Doris Jones has remarried to Mr. Lloyd Wade Salisbury, and is now at home at 203 Grant Ave., New Brunswick, N. J. Young Lincoln Jones, III is at the Mt. Hermon School, Mt. Hermon, Mass. Jones or Salisbury, you're still on the '26 roster, Doris. We wish you much happiness. Bill Hawthorne has been ordered from Fort Baker, Cal., to Hdqrs, Sixth Army, The Presidio, San Francisco, Cal.

In an unclassified account of Exercise "Harvest", the September 1949 maneuver of the US Occupation Forces in Germany, we read of an Aggressor armored task force, yclept "Task Force Ryan", which raised hell with the defending forces of democracy, including one foray which nearly "overran the CPs of the 1st Inf Div and the 2nd Air Div". We assumed that that dashing cavalryman Jack Ryan was riding again. Bill Bowen's 14th Regt 1st Bn Combat Team took part in the joint US-Canadian exercise up in the minus-50-degree north in February, rather euphemistically called Exercise "Sweetbriar". Just by way of warming up beforehand, his command survived a very serious fire at its home station, Camp Carson, Colo., in January.

Egon Tausch is in the Pentagon and heading the Training Branch of the Intelligence Division of DOA. We hear that that eminent movie mogul Lyman Munson is about to return to the US from 20th Century-Fox's post in Europe. We also assume that Brook Brady will be leaving Sofia one of these days soon.

The latest word on Admiral Sims (BG, ret'd, AF) is that he is plant manager of the Atomic Energy Commission subsidiary operated by the Fairchild Engine and Airplane Co., which is engaged in research leading ultimately to the propulsion of aircraft by

nuclear energy, which project has, of course, tremendous possibilities for the future of aviation, both civil and military. The last time he visited Washington he looked better than he has in years, and spoke glowingly of the life down there in Oak Ridge, Tenn., and of his work.

Ankenbrandt visited West Point in February as a member of the Pentagon Squash Team. It was a hurry up visit and we hope that he will be back to stay with us for a little while some time. The Booths were guests of the Heibergs over the 4th of March and saw Army take a well deserved basketball victory from Navy.

The Senate has confirmed Vald Heiberg's appointment as a permanent Professor at the Military Academy. He was sworn in to his new job by Bob Nourse on March 13th.

—H. P. S. and R. S. N.

1927

The headquarters for the Class has been established in Washington, D. C., with the members of the Class in that area acting as an Executive Committee for the Class. The duly elected president, vice president, and secretary and treasurer, of the Washington Chapter, are to act as chairman, vice chairman, and secretary and treasurer of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee is at the present time attempting to gather up a complete list of the whereabouts of all members of the Class, which will be circulated as soon as possible. As we have had several inquiries from families of deceased classmates, Dana McGown has accepted the responsibility of answering questions on helping such relatives. His address is:

Colonel D. P. McGown,
3424 South Wakefield Street,
Arlington, Virginia.

Henry Bailey sent in a nice note and a very much appreciated five dollars from his home in Alpine, Texas. He was retired for PD in 1947, and is in the automobile business, owning his own company.

The following is an extract from a letter from John Marion Moore, which is self-explanatory: "You will notice the fancy letterhead. I set up shop about fifteen months ago after casual practice for a couple of years sandwiched in with school teaching in a tin school here. Like it better because I can fit my work to my health which I couldn't do in school work; had to keep dragging when I shouldn't have. Bumped into Maggie Sink in Washington; she and I made the optometrist shop at the same time; caught the devil from her because I couldn't place her immediately with my newly dilated eyes. Did not get a chance to see Bob; had just finished a round at Walter Reed and was anxious to get home. My place is near White Sulphur Springs on the main drag, west. If any of '27 have time, their visit would be most welcome. I have not met any of them, to my memory, since '41 in Panama". His address is: John M. Moore, Major, USA, Retired, Box 763, Lewisburg, West Virginia.

The Washington Chapter still offers a free meal to members of the Class upon arrival in Washington. Bill Verbeck was in from South America, and Freddie Day came up from the Army Field Forces to take advantage of the offer.

—Robert C. Aloe.

1928

The "State of the Union" Class letter mailed in January brought forth quite a bit of mail.

Our Class made a good showing on the General Promotion List in January—Mundy,

Wilson, Todd, Boatner, Brentnall, Everest, Turner, O'Donnell and Kissner are now permanent Brigadier Generals. Kissner also made temp. Major General. In January, Luke Finlay was also nominated for temporary Brigadier General.

On the 2nd February, the '28s in Washington and vicinity had a luncheon at the Pentagon. They number about 60 now. We are represented at the Industrial College by: Sievers, Grinstead, Green, Shute, Middlebrooks and McCutcheon. Wells and Raymond are at the War College.

Some news from the late mail: Out in Yokohama-Tokyo area they have had a stag luncheon and a mixed Sukiyaki party. Jim Lamont and Bernice are the "First Grandpa and Grandma"—a girl born on 9 January. Among those present to help celebrate were the Billingsleys, Cummings, Halffs, McLemores, Mitchells, Sirmeyers, Stritzingers, Wadmans and Wileys.

Frank Bock was retired in January for physical disability and is living in Monterey, California. Jack Sawyer is on his way or has arrived in London for duty with JAMAG.

Brentnall and McLemore spent the Christmas holidays with their plebe sons at U.S.M.A. Parson Howard recently visited West Point for the first time since graduation. The entire '28 delegation turned out to welcome him. We expect to see more of him as he is introducing two daughters to the "Corps"

On the 6th of February everyone at West Point was shocked by the drowning of John and Jean Morrow's five year old daughter, Mary Ann, in Lusk Reservoir. The sincere sympathy of the Class is with them.

—P. D. C.

1929

In our last report we referred to a roster of the class stationed or living in Washington or vicinity showing "slightly more than 256 surviving 1929 graduates". This paradoxical statement apparently went undetected; at least it was not challenged. To correct the record, we hasten to acknowledge that it was entirely our fault that the fraction "one-third" was omitted after the words "slightly more than". A later roster indicates that the strength of the Washington group has risen to 94.

Jupe Lindsey, the purveyor of these rosters, is also the producer—along with John Hammond—of a two-reel film recording the highlights of both the ten and twenty year reunions. Since our last report, the West Point detail (Harkins, Lincoln and Phillips) complete with wives have viewed the film with a great deal of pleasure. Habituated as we are to the spectacle of parades hereabouts we felt that this feature was somewhat over-emphasized in the film. On the other hand we realize that members living away from the Academy probably derive more enjoyment from such shots. We enjoyed thoroughly the sequence showing the out-door luncheon staged by Paul Harkins last June. This shot alone is worth the price of admission. Jupe has indicated that groups of the class who wish to see these films may arrange for their loan from him. Contact him at AFI&E Div., OSD, Rm. 2055, Bldg. T-7, Washington 25, D. C. for further information.

Those members who were pleased with the arrangements made for our reunion last year will be glad to know that the local representatives of '25, '30 and '40 plan to adopt many of the features of our 1949 program.

Word from the Far East comes from Newt Hunter who reports that he and Bill Hamlin, the only two '29ers in the IX Corps, are due to return to the United States this spring upon inactivation of the unit.

George McAneny writes from Europe that he is now stationed at the QM depot at Glessen. He has lately seen Dutch Krauss at Nurnberg on a quick visit from the United States, and Bill Hall. Mac adds that Quill commands the 14th Cavalry, Thompson, W. J., the 7732d FA and Johnnie Walker the EUCOM Ordnance School.

As closing time for these notes arrives we learn that Bill Greear alleges that Johnny Theimer has taken up ornithology.

The brevity of this issue's report indicates the need for more news about the class. All contributions are cheerfully welcomed. If you do not write, we can not publish. If you are too busy to write, have your wife do it.

—J. D. F. P.

1930

Now is the time to check your correspondence file and see if you have returned that self-addressed postcard questionnaire to your class representative at West Point concerning your plans for June Week and our 20th happy reunion.

Ted Bogart and Wiley Ganey have instituted action designed to entice 27 classmates stationed from Alaska to Fort Leavenworth, to do some advance planning and to coordinate their move to and from West Point, via a C-47 plane.

Since the cadet chemistry course ends in April Jack Rothschild has been ordered to report for his next assignment, Chief of Tech Command (Research and Development) at the Army Chemical Center, Edgewood, Maryland, on or about 1 May. Jack, Phyllis and their two descendants will make a coordinated move to Maryland during May, via the Tropical Paradise, Butlins, Grand Bahama Island. The departure of the Rothschilds leaves just three classmates at West Point to carry out our plans for the 20th Reunion.

The Brombergers had to return from Little Saint Simon Island, Georgia, for an operation on Clara. She is doing nicely, and "Brombie" is a new man since his voluntary retirement.

From now on the sons of '30 will join the "Long Gray Line" in ever increasing numbers. Our oldest son, Ed Perrin's boy Noel, has an alternate appointment for this summer and the chances seem good that he will be admitted one way or another.

Your class representative, who was ranked No. 2 in the National Fencing rankings last year, helped the New York Athletic Club win the Metropolitan 3-weapon Team Championship last month.

Honorable classmate Guy Emery has proven himself remarkably adaptable to the climate and other conditions at West Point, in other words the "preponderance of evidence" indicates that he is highly qualified to take over as class representative come June Week. He is also prepared to discuss Section II of an Act of Congress which facilitates getting your son an appointment to USMA.

Yea June Week!

—F. R. W.

1931

Paragraph 2 of Post Daily Bulletin Number 36 states in part "Holiday: Wednesday, 22 February 1950, the 218th Anniversary of the birth of George Washington, will be observed as a holiday within this command. All duties except the necessary guard and police and other essential services etc. etc."—but not for me sir! It's time once again to prepare this column—and what's more important to again state that the Class Fis-

cal Year for 1950 coincides with the calendar year. By that I mean—simply send your yearly dues of one dollar and let me write you off the books. The fund is not reluctant to accepting payment from those who are in arrears for the CFY 1949 either. As long as you have to pay an income tax you might as well reduce yourself to utter poverty and help the class fund—and there are no forms to fill out or any red tape! Be that as it may let's see what we have in the way of news.

Bob Eaton, you doubtless know, has received his first star and should be added to the general's list in the last *Assembly*. My address shows him as on duty with the Office, Secretary of the Air Force. Bob, can you spare a dollar?

Looking over the new cadets to enter in July I find that we have three class sons who are hoping to make the grade. Grove Powell, Dick Jewett and Patsy Hunter have young entries in the field. While this dates us, I am very happy to publish it. Perhaps there are others who will enter this year too—and, if so, I hope you will let me know.

From Powell who is at Watertown Arsenal while attending the Harvard Business School I received word of little "Swede" Carlson—who in addition to having all his hair is Chief of the New England Engineer District. Hi Markham has written from Pine Bluff Arsenal that last year he was a student at the Naval War College with "Budge" Howard and Gunnar Carlson. From the Navy halls of learning he went to Pine Bluff where he is now in command.

Ernie Easterbrook has kept the hockey squad here well informed of the RMC team potential with various clippings from the local papers. Ernie is at the Canadian Army Staff College, located at Fort Frontenac, Kingston, Ontario.

Headquarters Second Army has two of our class as its staff—Passarella and Isbell. Isbell has purchased an old (circa 1750) farmhouse in the vicinity of Gambrills, Maryland, and is doing it over as a retreat, beyond the range of the H-bomb! Perhaps we'd better turn the Class files over to him for safe keeping. J. B. Sullivan is probably now on duty in Washington—having told me recently he was due there in February. John and Ruth Davis sent Christmas greetings from South Africa where they recently went. They are living in Pretoria. Roy K. Kauffman, last at Bliss is now in Fort Custer, Michigan, with his AAA AW Bn. He writes that Candler, Hercz, and Lane live in Chicago—although he has not yet seen them.

Seiss Wagner is reliving the glories of the Civil War at Fork Union Military Academy, in the Valley of Virginia. I believe the Class should know that Seiss desired to make a most generous gift to the Class Fund which I did not feel free to accept in view of the Fund's status and the small yearly dues we collect. To accept Seiss' gift would have been allowing him to carry more than his share. Dick Reidy wrote a long and interesting letter from Colorado just prior to D-Day for exercise "Sweetbriar". He's probably back at Camp Carson now and spending much of his time evaluating the maneuvers as well as thawing out his limbs.

Paul Burns has written frequently and his letters contain items of interest to all. Paul Chappell is in Japan and is a permanent Lieutenant Colonel. Please add his name to the list—an omission of inadvertence on my part as are others which I am sure you will discover. Gordon Cusack is with AFF Board No. 2 at Fort Knox. Bill Hall has recently moved to Fort Scott, Presidio of San Francisco with a Topo Battalion. Johnny McGee is commanding one of the training regiments at Fort Ord—and as you know, Bill Train is also on the West Coast. Paul writes further to say that Jim Pumpelly is under orders to Panama where he will become Commandant of the Latin American

School. He participated in "Miki" and reported that he saw Ed Messinger in Hawaii during a recreation holiday. The Mayos are at the Presidio too and John Malloy will be there by the time you receive this.

Just prior to leaving for the AFSC at Norfolk, Chuck Westpheling sent news and views which I appreciate. Bob Cheal has moved to Fort Dix; Lorry Ayres, for experience, is running an automotive freight line out of Los Angeles; and Chuck goes on to mention those he saw at the Navy game.

Bobo Belshline paid West Point a visit just recently and I had the opportunity to see him for a few minutes. Such visits as his are good not only from a class point of view but also for the service. From Washington comes more news of frequent class parties. The latest was to be 25 February—a dinner dance at the Bolling Field Officers' Club—Dougher, Davis and Hoover are the committee. Added to the Washington scene soon will be lawyer Bob Bard who goes to the Office, Chief of Staff.

Charlie Densford returned from his South American trip and reported great success by his shooters. Full details can be obtained in the American Rifleman. Because of a shortage of time he missed Clyde McBride in Lima. In Argentina however he did meet up with Don Webber and Tex Hightower. On his return trip, at a stop-over in Rio de Janeiro, he ran into Dick Steinbach—who unbeknownst to me is on duty there. These APO addresses are most confusing to a country boy!

Previously it has been reported that Al Greene was South America-bound. This was true until a cut in personnel resulted in a change of orders. He and family are now in Mexico City—their exact address I hope to add to the roster soon.

Almost last but certainly not least must I report that Amby Hughes has developed an envelope which cuts red tape to a mere red thread. It is a most amazing gadget—you pull a little red thread and your letter is open. It saves wear and tear on your fingers—and would expedite opening all the letters I receive from the Class should his envelopener become universal! Incidentally Amby lives in Harrison, New York, and has offered to do all possible to help work up our 20th gathering.

Latest dispatches state that Percy Lash is on his way to Leavenworth—probably as an instructor in the new Army War College. He has been at Devens and of late on "Portrex". John McAleer heads south to Camp Lee, and Jiggs Mahoney heads east to join the Military Advisory Group to Korea. John W. M. Read is under orders to Salzburg, Austria, and Klem Boyd must find his way back to Benning and AFF Board Number 3. Klem never seems to get bored! (Thanks, Percy). Donald Buchwald goes to the 4 RCT at Fort Lewis. Gordon Singles is in Japan and has an island paradise for his realm. Herb Mansfield is Chief of Water Transportation in the 8th Army Transportation Office, while Dick Harrison is in Tokyo—all this thanks to Gordon.

Reidy was mentioned earlier. Another letter arrived just as I was about to close this—March 8. Battling the elements near Whitehorse he saw Hugh Harris and Bob Lee—the latter as much at home on the ground as in the air. Dick is now back at Camp Carson awaiting orders. He told me to thank Hoover for the Washington shindig invitation and say he was about to send an eskimo to represent him.

So that winds up another *Assembly* column—but don't forget—it's a new fiscal year—and I'd like to hear all the news you have. We've class sons entering, who in four years will graduate. Perhaps at that time and for all succeeding class sons we might like to present each with some small gift from the Class of '31. Think it over and be prepared

to discuss it in '51. But in the meantime let's build up our fund.

—John K. Waters.

1932

First things first, so let's start with Ken Zitzman's letter to Tom Harvey, whom Ken naturally thought would be composing this issue's column, not realizing the strength of Tom's character which refuses to give even an inch to the pressure of outright blackmail.

"Dear Tom

For a variety of reasons, mostly fiscal, people seem to have gone into semi-seclusion since Christmas with the result that there is an extensive dearth of news to report this quarter. Fortunately, the cocktail supper at Fort McNair in February drew about 70 fun lovers and produced the usual amount of whimsy.

Table decorations were by Bus Wheeler and consisted of the World War II campaigns of the 63rd Division diagrammed on the table cloth in black pencil. In spite of the club manager's comments, a division in the attack is very striking artistically, although in this case the tactics of the thing were subject to loud criticism by John Keating and your seldom mute scribe.

At either the Freddy Young's or the Bill Smith's New Year's party, both sumptuous affairs, incidentally, heard that Major General Chih Wang was in New York for a few days, but unfortunately did not get down to Washington. Chih, by the way, was A.D.C. to Chiang Kai Shek during the war years and I believe now holds down the same job with the present regent.

January graduates of the Armed Forces Staff College seem to be scattered far and wide. Dwight Beach, Lankenau and Sommer are going to the faculties at Leavenworth, Sill and Bliss respectively, Joe Golden to Ft. Amador in the Canal Zone, Roy Moore to Okinawa, and Biff Braude joins the mob around the flagpole here in Washington. Speaking of schoolboys, Charlie Baer was not only disappointed when he was assigned to the War College group which is scheduled to visit Alaska (his last choice) but is getting slightly tired of applying the strained grin whenever he answers to his new nick-name, Polar.

Sam and Eleanor Russell have just left this mimeo Mecca for London (JAMAG staff) and as a final salute to the Union threw one of their impeccable buffet suppers at the Ft. McNair Club. Other recent losses from the local club were the Pete Allens who went to New York a couple months ago, and Karl Gould who has left the C.I.A. for the 2nd Armored Division at Camp Hood, Tex. A very welcome replacement, however, is Mary Cain, who now lives at 1319 Walter Reed Drive in Arlington and works in the office of The Air Force Special Assistant for Reserve Forces.

Sam Daniel, who retired last year and is now working for the Packaging Service Corp., dropped in at the Pentagon recently and took five of us more penurious classmates to lunch. Sam says he feels fine now, and he certainly looks it. His new address is 20214 John R. St., Detroit 3, Mich.

A Christmas card from Christmas, Fla., featured a picture of Poo Poo Hillsinger with a slick convertible and slicker Poola, looking as though the torts and covenants of Florida jurisprudence were doing very well for them indeed. Having passed the peak of my legal career during the First Class year when I took the losing side of 'The United States vs. 120 Sacks of Flour', I have nothing but honest admiration for the man.

According to 'Time' which has chronicled him under happier circumstances, Bob Scott was in a nasty auto accident near Colum-

bus, Georgia in December. He suffered a broken pelvis and as of that time was scheduled to be hospitalized for four months.

Tuffy Horner almost became a vital statistic too, as the result of a parachute jump. According to Jim McCormack who saw him in the hospital at Augusta, Ga., it took a majority vote of the attending medicos to determine the full extent of the breakage in Tuffy's hip, and for the past six months he has been encased in a plaster cast from the armpits down. A lot of solitaire in anyone's book.

The cover illustration on the Christmas issue of 'Officers' Call', the Department of the Army monthly information pamphlet which gets Army-wide distribution to all officers, was a cozy living room scene in which Kay and Bill Ellery were tastefully arranged. Underneath was the title of the lead article 'Your Personal Conduct'. A diligent reading of the article failed to reveal whether Bill was exemplifying paragons to emulate or pitfalls to avoid, and Kay isn't talking.

In closing, the cigar business boomed as usual with the arrival of the Harvey Fischers' third daughter, Katina; a new gal for the Joe Golden to run the count to three and one on the old ballhawk; and a water corp for Milt and Louise Glatterer. My personal observation is that if more people followed this Golden Rule, it would be a Glatterer world we live in.

Yours,

Ken Zitzman.

P.S.—Don't forget, we're waiting for details of the brick wall that travels around West Point set on automatic pilot."

Alas, Ken, since Tom is not writing this column it will be necessary for me to answer your postscript. Actually the transmission employed was a new fluid drive development of the old Mahomet going to the mountain principle. Tom, I understand, has applied for a patent for the device under the trade name of the "Har-V-matic", and it sells F.O.B. at West Point for in the neighborhood of five hundred dollars. If he can get quantity production I expect he will be able to raise the unit price considerably due to the fact that the United Services Automobile Association is underwriting the project. Please do not pass this intelligence outside the limits of occupied countries, as Tom has a top secret label on it. However, as an indication of his success, I read in the Post Daily Bulletin just today that he was presenting a talk to the West Point forum on "Big Business and the Stock Exchange!"

Can verify your rumor on Chih Wang, Ken, as I saw him up here for a few minutes in mid-January. Arrangements to meet him later fell through when he had to return to New York ahead of schedule, so the only definite dope I have is that he expected to be back in Formosa by now.

Al Gerhardt was also here for an evening a week or so later on a trip back from Germany with Mr. McCloy. Al promised a full report on the occupation duties of '32 in Germany. His report follows:

Well, next issue maybe Al?

One item I picked up in reading assignments from the Staff College not mentioned in Ken's letter is that Johnny Coughlin is going to the 2d Infantry Division at Fort Lewis. How many others did Ken and I miss? Sound off, please.

Tom Hannah reports he was in error reference Henry Britt being in Japan; seems Henry had already left but the correction came too late for the last deadline. Tom was unable to give us any new dope from FECOM for this issue.

Ocky Krueger wants me to publicly apologize for the snide remarks I made about him in the last column reference the seating arrangements for the latest annual Philadelphia spectacle. He has poop sheets to prove that I was sitting next to people who weren't even there. As it's against my principles to apologize to anyone in the class of '31 I bought him another cup of coffee in-

stead, and wondered who had been able to slip me the Micky in that glass of milk I had while lunching with my little ones on the train.

A note from the Association of Graduates encloses a clipping from the Shreveport, La. Times letting us in on the fact that Joe Kelley is doing quite a job with the 301st Bomb Wing at Barksdale Field. Particularly interesting is the remark in the article which reads "The colonel's background is full of interesting assignments, achievements and travel. He is a graduate of West Point, class of '32 * * *". Anyone want to argue?

Since we have space to burn left, would like to report an item from the society section of the "18th Division Sinkoid", a local publication of little or no reputation:

"On January 26th, Lt. Col. and Mrs. Hillberg and Frank Aluminum, of the Stay Fresh Aluminum Company, entertained the members of the Class of 1932 stationed at West Point, together with their attractive young wives. A few attractive young wives of other officers, who were escorted by their husbands, were also present but in the minority. After a delightful number of cocktails and an excellent seated dinner, Frank explained the art of aluminum cookery to the assembled ladies in the living room. Edna explained some other things to the men assembled on the sun porch (who really were much too noisy, Edna!). Throughout the evening Lt. Col. and Mrs. Woolnough were subject to flagrant and insincere flattery on the subject of how good the class column had been in the last issue of *Assembly*—how it was on a par with, or maybe even better than, a whole Zitzman column. Col. Woolnough was heard to mutter to his Chief of Staff as they walked out the door "These characters must think I was behind the door when the brains were passed out." However, it is understood the Colonel will write the class column for the coming issue.

Col. Harvey arrived home from the party without incident."

In order to avoid having to make use of such items as the above in the next issue, how about letting us know what's cooking in your particular part of the world folks? If the gents won't write, you gals can write to Edna Hillberg, whom I am sure will be willing to take over for next time—effective when she reads this. Maybe the first "femmes issue" of *Assembly* would result. Especially those of us here would like to know if any of you dear classmates are planning to make it up for June Week. By that time maybe we will be speaking again and a little extra curricular activity might be arranged.

—Jim Woolnough.

1933

An inspired Army basketball team beats Navy by four points, the 100th Night Show is a howling success entitled, "All's Well That Ends" and the Editor of *Assembly* informs me that the class notes, not to exceed so many words, are due!

Locally, the highlight of the winter season was a recent class gathering, with all hands present, at Fran Gates' quarters for liquid refreshments and conversation, followed by dinner at the club and a test of the Lucky Star's fortunes at the local Bingo gaming tables. As recollected, Bob Neely won a steam iron which he promptly attempted to trade for a reconditioned Toni Set. Indications are that we will suffer a net loss of one classmate here during the next year. Bob Neely, Dick Meyer, Bob Tripp and John Honeycutt are all due to depart this summer. However, Harlow Miles arrives in May to be Fiscal Officer and Johnny Mattheson and Jake Messersmith are also slated as additions.

From Germany, Gerry Roberson again reports that Frank Henry, Aus Miller, Bill Blandford, Ralph Talbott, Cy Letzelter, Fred Coleman, Soapy Waters, Ab Huntsberry, Ted Marshall, Johnny Lane and Bill Fritz are whereabouts and that Pottenger is in Switzerland.

Walt Jensen dispatched a note from Greece inquiring as to his AAA status and noting he was hoping forlornly for an assignment in Denmark rather than return to Z. I. Billy Clarke and Bob Turner have both returned from Athens, the former to Washington where he has spent most of his mature years, and the latter to Fort Bliss. No news as to whether Bob abdicated from the ranks of bachelorhood during his sojourn overseas, so a negative answer is assumed.

From Hq., U.S. Army, Antilles, comes word of Jan Nadal and we quote from his letter. "You will probably be taxed attempting to remember one Jan Nadal, 'K' Co., turn back from '32, who again became a casualty as a direct result of acute PEcholitis yearling June 1931. While you lucky lads were having a Furllo, I emigrated to a Colorado cow college, and during the summer of '31, made up my deficiency in integral, continuing my studies until I obtained my BSCE in 1933. After two years active duty with the C.C.C., I returned to Puerto Rico. Since late 1939, I have been a civil engineer with the Corps of Engineers in the Antilles area. News of the class in this area is nil. Married, two sons, 7 and 3." Jan also inquired as to Dave Jellett's whereabouts, but to date no answer is available.

The remaining news is purely domestic as no other reports were received from overseas. None unless Roulo Hains' lament on the Pacific Northwest can qualify in that category. Roulo reports, "Back in November, I moved my tanks and half-tracks up here to the land-of-the-constant-drizzle. Hoping to console Jack Rudolph in his lonesomeness, I found the firm of Rudolph, Richey, and Richardson. I guess I may get in the act under the monicker of Roulo. Anyhow, the change from dry, warm Texas to this sloppy stuff was pretty great, but the natives insist it is nice in the summer. One of my batteries is at Yakima, so I get some traveling every once in awhile. Wonder what my next station will be—this is my fourth post in less than a year! Well, worry not, the Pacific Northwest is safe in the hands of Rudolph, Richey, Richardson, and Roulo."

On the back of the envelope bearing Hains' letter in bold printing was added, "Hooray for Rosy Grubbs". It should not be news to many by now to hear of Rosy's name adorning the recent list of BG's selected by the Air Force. I think everyone knew it was only a matter of time and I'm sure the class opinion will be unanimous in stating that it couldn't have happened to a nicer guy.

Gracia Davis wrote an interesting letter on Doug's struggle to recover from the polio attack as follows: "I wish I could tell you he is ready for duty, but at this stage of the game progress is slow. He refuses to think of anything but complete recovery and his mental outlook is superb. He swims every day and also is learning to walk. Starting tonight, he will instruct algebra, and possibly geometry classes at Fitzsimons. From all reports, he is a good teacher; at least he does wonders with our girls. Every weekend he gets a three-day pass, so he does come home and gets a break from the hospital. Abe Lincoln has come out to see him frequently and taken him for an inspection trip of the dam he is constructing. Seymour Madison and his wife have been out too. Doug did the seemingly impossible by finding us a house last summer. The Red Cross took him on a litter in an ambulance to look at houses. We now live in a very nice place only four miles from the hospital."

The nine months old son of Lyle and Kay Bernard was buried in the Post Cemetery

here recently. He died very suddenly at Norfolk. Flowers were sent for the Class. I also regret to report the recent death of Mr. J. M. Hawkins, father of Jess; there were many in the Class who knew him.

George Beeler, our Washington correspondent, reports on Rosy Grubbs as follows, "All USAF classmates coming to Washington make sure that your shoes are shined, uniforms neatly pressed and your hats correctly aligned, as Rosy is the chief disciplinarian in these here parts". Continuing in his narrative on the Washington scene, George relates in part, "Butch' Baumer has resigned! He has accepted a position as Assistant to the President of the large pharmaceutical firm, Johnson and Johnson. Presumably, Butch will be dealing in high policy matters for that concern, in particular those involving the future and public relations. Butch and Alice are both happy as larks and are looking ahead to settling in the vicinity of New Brunswick, N. J. John and Lisa Shinnberger, on one of their routine visits to Washington from Purcellville, Va., reported that Shinnny had successfully completed the final series of examinations required before being ordained an Episcopal priest. Shinnny becomes eligible for this title in June. After four long years, Lisa reports that she will never again willingly let Shinnny get involved in taking written examinations. A class dinner-dance is being held at the Army-Navy Country Club on 4 March in order to carry on the usual custom of increasing the inter-personal relations of our class. Dodd Starbird will depart early in April for Pierre, S. D., where he will be in charge of construction of a dam larger than Fort Peck. Alice Hallock and Jane Beeler organized a successful bi-weekly square dance group. Many other classmates have participated, including the Elliotts, Elys, Pritchards, Gibbs, De Garves, and Starbirds. Duncan Hallock is the star male performer. You should see him in his cowboy outfit flitting about the ladies. Cowboy Elliott is departing rather suddenly for the Air Materiel Command at Wright-Patterson Field and is delighted with his new assignment. Ben Harris is back in the office of the JCS after completing the course at the Armed Forces Staff College. Bob 'Slugger' Douglas, the most reliable source of information career-wise in Washington, shipped out quietly on us to attend the present course. This has made writing these notes most difficult. Sim Whipple departed in December for Fort Sam Houston, where he is now on duty with the 4th Army. Buz Evans states that he is about to go to Camp Lee, Va., as Assistant to the Commandant of The Quartermaster School there." George also gave rather complete information of John Conner, which will be covered in the next "Lucky Star". Meantime, anyone who would like to communicate with John is urged to do so. Correspondence should be addressed to Mr. J. S. Conner, P.O. Box 670, Marion, Va.

June Sparrow, taking over for Herb, reports from Benning, "After having greeted each other casually for months at the P.X. and Commissary, the Class members at Benning finally got together for a party on one day's notice and had a 100% turnout (except for Bob Blanchard who had left on Portrex the preceding day). The occasion, a buffet supper at the club, January 18th, was a farewell to Stan and Charlotte Lanning and to Lyle and Kay Bernard who had orders to AFSC. Other members were Clyde and Bea Jones, Harpo and Elizabeth Chase, Joe and Myra Stillwell, Ann Blanchard, and Bert and June Sparrow. It was a good party, and we plan to have another, including the '33ers at Maxwell Field next time. This will be an aloha for Clyde Jones, who is leaving the 39th F.A. for Washington and a job at P.&A.

Pete Carroll writes from Leavenworth, "There are 17 of the gang here. On the faculty are Hill, Fuqua, Merriam, Dolph, Carver, Crawford, Parker, Calhoun, Hartel, Wal-

lace, Carroll. Student class includes Frame, Frentzel, Brindley, Damon, Fuller, Plapp. Have had several gatherings chez Hartel, where the stories are gamey and the bourbon straight. Calhoun and Fuqua have picked up additional income tax deductions during the year—both boys. The Career Management gang are here at the moment and this is the way some of the June orders look: Fran Hill to Fort Lewis, Washington; Frentzel to Fort Sam Houston; Carver to AFSC, Norfolk; Plapp to Pentagon; Fuller and Damon to Staff and Faculty here".

Bruce Scott reports his marriage to Ruth Cunningham on a very clever New Year Greeting, as follows, "Came down here last year to look Miami over and found Ruth, so decided to stay a little longer. I finally landed her on the 25th of July. I am now associated with the University of Miami as Assistant to the Vice-President with duties of organizing a Research Foundation. Wish everyone could be as happy this year as I am".

And now for random items of interest: Buddy Powell visited W.P. recently and reported that he, Joe Remus, Paul Walters, Bill Fletter and Gwinn Porter comprise our representation at Fort Monroe, with George Chapman nearby at Norfolk in capacity of an Instructor. Dave Wagstaff is ordered from 5th Army to EUCOM and the American population in Austria is due for an increase as a result of George Powers' orders there from his present hideout at The Pentagon. Fred Thorlin makes the big move from Aberdeen, Md., to Washington, and Bob Thompson is rumored leaving Atlanta for Fort Bragg. Adrian Hoebeke is cramming grammar of a foreign nature pending "exile" to Peru on a juicy mission deal. Iggy Simpson writes from 338 Buena Vista, Pehin, Ill., for a 15 year book and sends his regards to all. Danny Hine goes to Washington from 4th Army. Jack Kimmel's name appeared under orders from Fort Monmouth to Army Language School at Monterey. This could mean further orders or else Jack is still looking for those tenths he lost in Spanish so many years ago. Recent alertees for Yokohama included a name and initials that were suspicious of Bob Leslie; however this is unconfirmed. From AFSC at Norfolk, Olaf Johnson went to Fort Devens as did Bing Downing; Don Cubbison to the Pentagon, and Guy Lothrop to Carlisle Barracks, Pa. Alston Grimes was recently alerted for Yokohama and Graydon Essman goes from Stanford U. to Student Det., Standard Oil Co., San Francisco (sounds tough!) Not long ago, Billy Harris, F.A. Bn in Japan, received quite a write-up in *Army Times*. Dick Montgomery's PIO reports him as C.O. of 97th M&S Group at Biggs AFB, El Paso. Dick's picture recently adorned the front page of the A.&N. Journal, in connection with a feature article on "Frontier Fighters"

—O. E. H.

1934

Kenny Cunin seems to be one of our most newsworthy subjects of late. Two issues ago he was reported as being ill, the last time we were happy to pass on Jack Seaman's word of Kenny's recovery, and now the latest information is that the Cunins were heading for a new station at the Western Chemical Center, Tooele, Utah, as of 1 March. Other than that, nothing of moment was reported from Leavenworth, except that everybody concerned was hard at work in preparation for the opening of the new Army War College. On 10 January Stilson Smith wrote from the Canal Zone and listed the following classmates stationed in his general section of the globe: Carl Womack at Guatemala City, Guatemala; Jack Benner at Asuncion, Paraguay; "Pop" War-

ner at Lima, Peru; Jack Stanley at Caracas, Venezuela; J. J. Davis at Cochamba, Bolivia; and Stilson himself and "Ace" Brookhart in the Canal Zone. "Ace" is G-4 of the Atlantic Sector and, according to Stilson, is going to town in every golf tournament held in the vicinity. Stilson is Finance Officer of Service Operations and at the time of writing was also acting FO, U.S. Army Caribbean, his own immediate superior. His pastime at the moment was writing letters to himself and then disapproving his own requests. His address: Finance Section, SVC Opns and CGD, USARCARIB, Coroza, C. Z.

News recently received from Francie Stevens locates John and family at Benning, to which post Johnny brought an AAA battalion just before Christmas. At their former station, Fort Bliss, they were with Pirams, Ebels, and Finkenaur. Ebels left for Fort Custer, Michigan (79th AAA Bn), at the same time that the Stevens tribe headed for Georgia. Francie reports the following classmates also at Benning: Simenson, K. L. Davis, Hayes, McPheron, Shaughnessey, Volckmann, and Browning. Mim and Alex Stuart were transferred away just as the Stevens' arrived. Destination—?

At the end of January Paul Turner wrote from Gainesville, Ga. (P.O. Box 406), that he was still hard at work trying to amass the lower half of his first million, a subject which gained him considerable fame at the Reunion last June. Paul had been doing some traveling at the time of writing, having visited Washington and seen most of the "gang" in the Pentagon, as well as having spent New Year's Eve in the questionable company of Perry Griffith, Jack White, and Moon Northam at Maxwell AFB.

On the same day that the above-mentioned characters were carrying on in Alabama, a native of that state, Bill Denson, was in the process of getting himself married at Mountain Lakes, New Jersey. Bill married Countess Constance von Francken-Sierstorpf, formerly of Oehringen, Germany. The newlyweds were seen fleetingly at the New Year's Dance at the Thayer Hotel that night. Bill is with the Atomic Energy Commission in Washington.

A somewhat dog-eared clipping from a last November's copy of the Chicago Sun-Times reads as follows: "Col. George R. Walton of Blue Island will be toastmaster at the first reunion of the 517th Parachute Combat Team meeting Friday and Saturday in the Congress Hotel. Walton, a West Point graduate, is now an executive of Sears, Roebuck, and Co. He was the executive officer of the 517th Regt when it was formed at Toccoa, Ga., in 1943. He was injured on the jump into Southern France. After hospitalization in the U.S., he served as commander of the Parachute School until his retirement from the service"

Jim O'Hara wrote in January that he was then the regimental instructor with the 156th Infantry, Louisiana National Guard, and was spending his time traveling all over Southern Louisiana checking on 20 scattered companies. Until last summer he had a battalion in the Constabulary in Germany. His address is: P.O. Box 792, Lafayette, La.

Charlie Fell wrote recently to announce the birth of his fourth daughter, Henriette, at Walter Reed GH, on 11 February. T. T. Browns, take care! Charlie and P. S. Brown are in Logistics Division, GS USA, where they had been visited by Jerry Higgins.

If plans which were cooking on 3 February materialized, the Washington group had a dinner-dance at the Army-Navy Country Club on 18 February. John Anderson continues to be the organizer, although he gives his official title as "Acting Temporary Secretary Pro Tem". Maybe he hopes to get out of the job some day! His address is: P&O Division, GS USA, Room 3D-516, Pentagon. Incidentally, we've had no report as to what actually happened at the get-together.

Denny McMahon writes from his present station at Marmion Military Academy, Aurora, Illinois, that he has three boys and a baby girl and that Dennis, Jr., now a cadet at Marmion, is a prospective USMA plebe for '54.

We noticed in Army orders about the middle of January that Dick Moorman (RR), was ordered to FEC, Yokohama, as of 17 April. At the same time Dana Johnston was assigned to the Finance Department.

Charlie and Doris Wood spent a few days at West Point about the middle of February, visiting the Travis Browns. Charlie is in charge of an Ordnance procurement district with headquarters in Cincinnati.

Dale Huber wrote on 7 March that he and Madelyn moved into a new home in the latter part of 1949. Address: 3940 Hawthorne Ave., Palos Verdes Estates, Calif. They had a house-warming there on 22 December which was attended by Lee Miller. Dale ran into Lee at the Fort MacArthur commissary as the latter, actually stationed at Fort Dix, was visiting his mother in Sherman Oaks, Calif. Lee's brother is due to enter USMA this July. Dale also had the following to report: "Also ran into Turkey Walsh at the Navy-USC game last September. He is stationed in the District Engineer's Office here, where he replaced Joe Killian. Turkey is living in Killian's house at 2430 Mar Vista Place, Altadena. Walshes have a son about 14 who is the spitting image of the 'Turk'. Have seen Percy Hennigar several times in the past few months. He is taking the graduate business administration course at Stanford and, if everything goes well, will get his MA in June. His address: 1701 Bryant St., Palo Alto. He is now in the QM, by the way, and STILL SINGLE!!"

With that strong remark—emphasis by Huber—we'll leave you until next time.

—W. J. R.

1935

With June approaching rapidly, the Class of '35 here at West Point is working madly on various projects designed to make the 15th Reunion a memorable occasion.

The entertainment schedule has been arranged by Tommy Lang and we are sure that everyone here for June Week will be busy and happy every minute of every day. On Saturday, 3 June, we will all hold Open House for the visiting members of the class. On Sunday, 4 June from 0900 to 1200 we will have a Hudson River boat ride. The Superintendent's Reception will occupy part of the afternoon and Bob Wood will throw a party on his father's private boxcar sometime that afternoon. In the evening we will have a Dinner-Dance at the West Point Army Mess. On Monday, 5 June we have Alumni Exercises in the morning and Graduation Parade in the afternoon. In the evening we have planned a picnic at Round Pond. Graduation Exercises will complete the program on Tuesday, 6 June, and then the period of recuperation begins.

Information concerning the exact number of classmates planning to attend this Reunion is incomplete but Bud Russ submits the following data. The number positively coming: with wife—34; without wife—6. The number probably coming with wife is 26 and without wife is 8. In regard to the probabilities Bud would like to know definitely yes or no immediately so that final arrangements for housing can be completed. As many as possible of the wives will be housed on the Post but some will be housed at Stewart Field, where the accommodations are very good. If anyone has made private arrangements give Bud this information so he can publish a roster showing the location of all members of the class at West Point during the Reunion.

Work on the Fifteen Year Book is progressing as scheduled. We have received information on 180 members of the class as of the 5th of March, and hope to have more information before the book goes to press. As was announced previously the book should be out by the 15th of May and everyone should have his copy before June Week.

Many members of the class have sent in \$2.00 and have stated that they didn't know what it was for; so Bill Proctor prepared the following statement to answer these inquiries: "Project raising initial \$2.00 from each of Class of '35 practically completed; at end of February only 30 had failed to heed the call of Treasurer Proctor for the two lousy bucks, which went into a fund starting our Fifteen Year Book, paying for class share of the memorial plaque in Cullum Hall for our departed brethren, and furnishing flowers for funerals".

Excerpts from letters received have been omitted from this issue of *Assembly* for the obvious reason that we have received so many letters it would be impossible to include them all. Also the Fifteen Year Book will include all up to date information we have received on all classmates.

Until June Week then, and for bigger and better Reunions.

Class of '35 at West Point.

—J. V. G. W.

1936

With gloom period over everyone here is looking forward to spring. There were very few letters but we'll pass on to you the latest info we have.

Big news is that Gordy Austin took the decisive step and married Joyce Tedman of Toronto, Canada in Paris, France in December. Hank Lind follows up that item with a nice note from Leavenworth: "Chuck Billingslea created an item of interest by bringing his wife, Betty, back from Boston, where they were married the middle of December. . . Chuck, you remember, was the last bachelor of class of '36. At that, holding off for 13½ years was not too bad. From our vantage point, his now 'overconsiderate demeanor' shows his ready adjustability from bachelorhood to marital bliss". Many congrats to both Chuck and Gordy, and here is a hearty welcome to Betty and Joyce from all the rest of the clan who are looking forward to meeting you both in the near future. Edie Safford writes from Leavenworth that Chuck and Betty have left there for a four months detail at Benning.

All here met at the Heintgeses one weekend to bid farewell to Ben and Midge Evans who are sailing for Bremerhaven about the time this issue goes to press. Ben brought us the following rumors about some of the gang who graduated with him at AFSC in Norfolk: Ike Smith left in February for Salzburg, Austria; Bob Fisher is due to go to EUCOM; Bob Orth—ex '36—to Washington, D. C. Ben ran into Len Shea and Wort Williams at Eglin Field, Fla. while down there to witness the Air Force demonstration not long ago.

Despite rumors sending them elsewhere the following orders have come out: Ace Miller to Hq. 5th Corps, Ft. Bragg; Finley to North Pacific Division, Portland, Oregon; Dave McCoach to 84th Engineer Coast Bn., Ft. Riley; Gil Dorland to Alaska Engineer District, Anchorage. Four of the class were selected to attend AFSC beginning 8 February: Buynoski, Cato, Chaffin and Milne. Incidentally, Buynoski, wife and their two young fry stopped here on their long trek from Bliss to Norfolk.

Odd and Sundry Notes: We located Granie Gunn as C.O. of the 56th Fighter Wing at Selfridge AFB, Mich.; Ham Morris in the Omaha District Engineer Office; Tetley was up here lately and gave us the happy news

that he might be coming up here to USMAY in the Dept. of Mechanics next year; Jessie Drain is trying out for the team in the National Pistol Competition again this year; Howie Snyder dropped by several times in the last few months—didn't see him—but finally ascertained he is now happily settled in Heidelberg; Inch and Marie Williams were here for one day before sailing for Austria last month.

Now to the ever growing younger generation of '36: Bob and Tuck Partridge happily announce a second son's arrival at Sill; after two girls, a boy to Jack and Lucy Chiles in Tokyo; a second son to Ev and Natalie Hahney in Washington, D. C.; a daughter to Westy and Kitsy Westmoreland at Bragg; a daughter (their 5th!!) to Gil and Lynn Dorland in New Mexico; and late flash—another bundle from heaven to Ace and Jean Miller, our reporter didn't know whether baseballs or dolls are in order.

Cliff and Maxine Cordes came up for a weekend not long ago and we hope they go back to Washington and talk some of the huge contingent there into coming up for June Week. There are six of the twelve of us going in June and so far only two possibles will replace them. Those going are: McElheny, Hiester, Dunn, Mikkelson, Katz and Holterman. As each year goes by the number in the class stationed here is dwindling so make your plans now for June and let us know in time to make arrangements.

Had a nice visit here with Larry Sievers and two children when they stopped for a couple of days to pick up a new car enroute to Ft. Sam Houston to join Bill, who has been a patient in Brooke General since his return several months ago from Heidelberg, Germany. We understand the good word is that he will go to duty there in Texas—probably in the office of the Comptroller, 4th Army. They saw several classmates from time to time before they returned from Germany and located Don and Eve Noake in Frankfurt.

A letter from Bill Haneke brings his whereabouts up to date—"After graduating last June from Harvard Business School I found I wasn't to get away from schools as I'd hoped. I'm on duty as deputy commandant, Army Finance School, in St. Louis. . . . Classmates in this area are non-existent insofar as I can find out but we're hoping that any passing through will stop and see us or at least call". Bill goes on to say "Don't envy you writing class news because I picture it being done without much help from all of us who should be sending in bits of news to you" Hope this is a gentle hint to some of you to dig out pen and paper and drop us a line telling us news that you want the class to read!! Any and all letters are a real blessing to your correspondents. We would particularly like to hear from some of you in the Air Force.

Following is a short list of addresses wanted: Deacon Barlow (Seattle.); Bagby (Osborn, Ohio??); Rod Drake (Terre Haute, Indiana??); Goldenberg (Shalimar, Fla.??); John Jakle (Ft. Sam Houston??); Frank Norman (c/o No. 3 La Delle Apts., Columbus, Ga.??); Yarborough (Carlisle Bks.??); Romlein, Segrist, Vic Wagner????

Special note to Pepple, Blair, Shea (F. E.) and Turner . . . we sure would love to have your new civilian addresses.

The annual West Point Dinners were held in March, so all you kind people please send in all the news from stations both near and far. Here's hoping to see you in June.

—Dutch and Dud Hartman.

1937

First off, muchas gracias, and congratulations on the fine response to our request for funds and for personal information—it was far better than anticipated. A few mis-

addressed letters were returned by the Post Office, but we will continue trying to track down the strays. Our share of the Cullum Memorial Plaque has been paid for; and Oby has begun to accumulate a tangible class fund out of the surplus from your contributions, plus Johnny Zierdt's transfer of the balance remaining in the original fund. The almost unanimous consensus of opinion is favorable to further memorialization, including the names of all World War II Dead, the memorial to be located somewhere on the Plain. Hope to get out a resume of the overall results in the near future and will try to answer your individual letters and inquiries as soon as this back-log is out of the way.

The class poop-sheet proved very fruitful in turning up information as to stations, family statistics, pending transfers, etc. Consequently we now have "fixes" on the current locations of the following individuals:—Cecil Himes and Meyer Edwards are students in the Advance Course, Armored Force School, at Fort Knox; Harry Elkins now is Ex-Off. of the 1st Division Artillery, in EUCOM; Max Tincher at Fort Bliss; W. E. Davis writes that Doug Quandt is student at AFSC, Norfolk; Bob Miller is Ex-Off. of the Inter-American Geodetic Survey, with headquarters on Diablo Heights, Canal Zone; Paul Scheidecker and Don Ostrander are the only '37 members with Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio; Tommy Powell student at Air Staff College, Maxwell Field; Luke Hoska represents '37 in the GS Logistics Division, Dept. of the Army; Joe Chabot has been given the extra-curricular detail of Senior Advisor to the Explorer Scouts at Monroe, but took time out to advise that Pop Metz is in fine fettle at Hqtrs., Army Field Forces, and that Kel Davis left for Austria in December; Bob Besson reports the Benning contingent as Besson and Schermerhorn on Infantry School faculty, Bill Travis on Ground Forces Board No. 3, and Spic Nadal as student in Advance Course Number 2 of the School.

Dan Richards has just become Corps of Engineer Representative, Officer Group No. 1, U.S. Army, with station at Woking, Surrey, England, and has as a nearby contact, Sam Agee, who is on a somewhat similar Air Force assignment, in London; Bill Bailey writes that Lutes, Van Volkenburgh, and Lyons are with him in Tokyo, while Pete Hyser, Stu O'Malley, and Fairbank are around Yokohama; Jim Barko is at Bolling, doing much of the A-4 planning on the proposed Air Force Academy; Bill Chase is on an Ordnance tour with the Chrysler Corporation in Detroit and advises that John Frazier took two weeks off from the Indiana catsup industry for a short tour with the ICAF Field Economic Mobilization course. Don Shive and Tank Hardaway listed '37 at Fort Leavenworth as including Frank Harrison, Jim Norvell, Johnnie Johnson, Battle Barksdale, Jack Browning, Walt Lawson, Tank, Don, and Paul Franson (Ex), among the students; faculty members are Louis Mercado, Monty Montgomery, Bob Stumpf, Hank Spengler, and Bruce Bissell (Ex).

Quite a number of our class are active in the field of international relations. Hank Byroade is on loan to the State Department and is their Director for Occupied Germany-Austria—a position equivalent to an Asst. Secretary of State. There was a rather complete write-up, including photographs, in one of the recent New York Times Sunday Magazine Sections. Bud Zehner is in language training and headed for Venezuela on a Military Mission, while Noel Ellis already is there; Ham Fish is with our Army Mission to Peru, and Stegmaier recently returned thence. Bull Oden is in Turkey with the Military Aid Mission, and Bill Dodds expects to leave the Mission in Greece for the next regular course at Leavenworth, in June. Monk Meyer is a prominent member of the U.S. Army mission to Guatemala,

c/o U.S. Embassy, Guatemala City. He says he and Burge will always be glad to see any visiting "wealthy" classmates.

Current changes of station include: Charlie Register from M.I.T. to Mechanics Department, USMA, in June; Bryan Arnold from Ft. Jackson to EUCOM, in June. From the recent Armed Forces Staff College Class Marty Green to FECOM, Jim Duncan to D/A GS; Ed Postlethwait to Hq. 5th Army, Chicago; Bull Oden to Turkey; Walt Conway enroute to Tokyo. Walt and Doris enjoyed a grueling cross-country trip by having all three of the children come down with the measles, between Texas and Oregon; Doris is planning to stay in Portland until accommodations are available in Japan. Salientes has been on a military mission assignment, at the Philippine Embassy, in Washington. Jack Cone, at the Detroit Ordnance Office, talked to the Thailand Army Chief of Staff last summer, and learned that Knobby Suriya had been an instructor at the Thai Military Academy until 1948 and then became a pilot with a commercial air line. Ernest Laflamme sees a lot of Pete Kreiser and Pat Kennedy around Hq., 3rd Army, at Fort McPherson.

Several interesting items turned up on classmates who are no longer on active duty, or who never graduated. Gil Bell still is practicing the pleasures of retirement in Waycross, Georgia. Pete Hammond is with the Chemical Corps Arsenal at Pine Bluff, Arkansas, his home town. Charles Dannelly has been a petroleum engineer since graduation, is with the Del Rey Petroleum Company, in Eagle Lake, Texas (between San Antonio and Houston), and keeps out the welcome mat for all members of '37 passing that way. W. E. Davis has talked with Robert White (Ex-'37) several times; Bob is assistant editor of the paper in Mexico, Missouri, and continues to evidence a strong interest in current military affairs. Both Charlie Stark and Charlie Mitchim report Roy Mapes as doing a fine job as an Air Force Tech Sergeant in Alaska. John D. Hines (Ex-'37) now has a regular Army Q.M. commission, while Pat Healy has an Air Force commission and may be contacted through Bill Cain, Hq. USAF, Pentagon. Dick Manning, also, has obtained his regular Army commission. Homer Brett is with the CIA in Washington, and sees Trapper Drum and others of our Washington group quite frequently. Dick Fellows writes that Frank Roberts (Ex-'37) is active in the pre-fabricated housing industry in Palo Alto, Calif.

Ed Ingmire has been prowling the Rockies with the 4th F.A. Bn. (Pack) and is just emerging from the huge trouble and turmoil attending the recuperation of Camp Carson from their recent destructive fire. Eddy expects to head overseas this summer and has no idea as to which direction it will be—should be able to handle Alaska quite well by now, no? Eric Dougan is the new Secretary of the Washington group as a result of a political upheaval, or coup d'état (?), which swept into office, Trapper Drum as President, McKinley as Treasurer, and Eric as Secretary; look out below! Eric says that there are about 55 members of '37 around Washington and they turned out about 50% for a 13 January meeting at the Officers Mess of the Naval Gun Factory. Attending were: Agee, Brett, Cain, Calverly, Dorney, Dougan, Drum, Frazier, Gurney, Hodges, Hoska, Leist, Mauldin, McDonald, McElroy, Dave Parker, Peale, Powers, Sollow, Stegmaier, Stevenson, Whitesell, Wilhoyt, and Worcester. We all are glad to learn that Bill McKinley has broken away from his rest and observation tour at Walter Reed and is back in active operations once again and hope we can soon have the same report on Danny Russell. W. E. Davis places himself out on a long limb by stating that he understands he and Doug Quandt are the only remaining bachelors in 1937. Are there any refutations or comments? Was

quite a pleasant surprise to learn that several of our family men already have attained the status of five children, including the Jack Polk's and Noel Snouffer's; among those with only four youngsters are the Jack Powers', Joe Chabot's, Stan Smith's, Bill Bailey's, Vic Sollow's, and Cecl Himes'. The average appears to be about three per family. Curt Low disclaims any pre-planning, but points out with pride that his two sons were born on 24 October, 1938, and 1944!

The West Point group has remained fairly quiet this period, trying to recover from the rigors of the football and Christmas seasons, I suppose. We did have one memorable get-together at the West Point Army Mess on 8 February. The Oberbeck's, Murray's, and Martin's acted as hosts and managed a rousing drinking and singing supper for all who could last out the evening. In direct reply to Bob Griffin's inquiry, I regret to report that Randy Hines not only has not learned to pitch right-handed, but he is just as bad as ever with his left! He has taken up photography as a part-time hobby and his portrait of Marge and the baby won first place among portraits both in the Camera Club and in the Post photography contests. His next step is the First Army contest. Hal Hallock took first place among the landscapes in the Camera Club contest, but threw away his (?) negative before the Post contest started. Meanwhile, the Murray's and the Hines' are the only '37 people here active enough to be among the trainees participating in the weekly square-dance classes held at the Thayer. But maybe more of us should get out and brush off the ragged remnants of our plebe and yearling elephantia.

All '37 joins in extending our deep sympathy to Elmer Blaha who recently lost his father. Mr. Blaha had been residing with Elmer, presently stationed at Smyrna Air Base, Tennessee.

Bureau of Vital Statistics: The tribe of 1937, long may it increase, waxes stronger from day to day. The following new arrivals have reported in:—Edward Kearsley Scherrer joined Joyce and Pony at Stuggart, Germany, on 5 January. Jenifer Elizabeth Denson greeted the Render Denson's at Maxwell Field on 6 January. Kellyn is the new daughter in the Fort Monroe household of the Kelly Lemmon's; another January arrival. Kelly is Asst. Sec. in the C.G.'s Staff at Army Field Forces. Douglas William Travis reported in to Vicky and Bill Trayis at Benning on 12 January. Tracy Keeler Johnson became the second son for Chester and Kay Johnson, at Station Hospital, West Point, on 11 February. Mary Jane Matthews Clark augmented the family of Phyllis and Milt Clark, at Station Hospital, West Point, on 13 February.

Congratulations, and welcome, to one and all!

—Giles.

1938

Congratulations to Art Collins for the interesting and complete reporting job presented in the January issue. With the source of news so limited however, to succeed such an editor is a very difficult job. I'll not miss another class meeting!

At a recent class meeting, sponsored by Hank Crouch, we were all surprised to learn that eleven of our fellow members will be departing West Point this summer—more than half of the number here—and that no more than four will be coming in! This is significant in the lives of all members of the class. It simply means that most of us are too old for service at West Point except in a few high capacities! Pick out that farm in Florida men!

Departing West Point: G. G. O'Connor who

has kept the class ball rolling around here for the past few years. Although he has constructive credit for Leavenworth he hopes to go there and get the real thing. Jack Norris and Ed Bailey to Leavenworth—the Missouri bass and trout will be sorry to hear this! John Tillson to Benning temporarily and then Japan. Jim Durbin and his baseball team, officially rumored, to Europe. Bob York for parts unknown—Air University he hopes. Red Sundin for parts unknown as yet—AFSC he hopes. Johnny Jannarone to California Tech—to improve his mind? Mal Russell, officially rumored, to AFSC. Geep Anderson to Maxwell Field. Bill Vail to the Pentagon.

Incoming to West Point: Ed Machen and Birdsey Learman to the Tactical Department, George Bixby to teach Math. Tracy Harrington may or may not be coming. Peg and Frank Miller just managed to get settled here before he was ordered to AFSC. He's coming back in June, however.

Frank Izenour passed through enroute to Trieste after finishing the course at AFSC. Langford also dropped by on 31 January headed in the other direction for Japan. Bob Kasper is still instructing in the Engineer School at Fort Belvoir, so his brother Bill reports. An unidentified source states that Al Weinnig is on duty in London.

In a letter from Trevor Dupuy he states that he's commanding the 5th FA Bn, 1st Inf. Div.—a great outfit Trev, if your chest isn't already up, pop same! He also reports that Anderson, C. H. has an artillery battalion in the Constabulary and that Nick Chavasse is in Wiesbaden, where he just received the Legion of Merit for his weather work during the Berlin airlift. Good work Nick! Also, Gus Broberg and Dave Byars are running EUCOM headquarters in Heidelberg in case anyone wants anything; and that Jim Mrazek passed through on his way back to Czechoslovakia after a vacation in the American Zone—watch out Jim, no confessions! Finally, he has a new addition to the Dupuy family, Laura N., born 23 October. Congratulations Trevor and thanks for a fine report.

A letter from Tony Chanco tells us that he's now Military Attaché, Philippine Mission to the UN, in New York—he's married, with two children—would like to see us anytime and is located on the 62nd floor of the Empire State Building. A very fine clipping with a handsome photograph attached informs us that Ed Rogner has assumed command of the 301st Bomb Group at Barksdale Field. News from Leavenworth indicates that Greg Lynn will depart for Korea and Frank Norris will remain at Leavenworth to instruct, upon completion of this year's course.

Congratulations to Carl Dapprich for heeding our call for news on lost souls. He writes from Stanford University the following: G. C. Coleman will head a research lab in New England after his graduation from the University of Illinois. Chesarek and W. A. Johnson are going to school at Stanford; Chesarek to go to the Munitions Board upon graduation this April. Thanks Dapp and don't take that book learning so seriously.

Sherwood Buckland is now at AFSC after completing his tour as Air Attaché in Canada. I hear he still has a large supply of Canadian whiskey on hand. Also now has a boy and a girl. Frank Patrick is also now at AFSC after having served in the career management branch of G-1 for the past year and a half. Had a letter from Carter Duncan who's on the air mission in Brazil and he highly recommends it. He said he'll be up here for June Week to see his brother graduate. The Max Murrays have a brand new son; and Sue and Bill Walsen have come through with a baby girl named Robin. It is officially rumored that Bill Wansboro, another proud papa, is headed back to Europe in June. Al Hulse is still on duty

as AMA in Italy and a fine diplomat he is. Jane reports that she loves the assignment.

In view of the fact that this will be the last printing prior to June Week perhaps we should make note of that occasion. As far as we are concerned it's just our Twelfth Anniversary which calls for no particular celebration. However, as we all know it is a festive week, and for those of you who find it convenient to drop in, I'm sure we can find room and board. Amick, Sternberg, and Guletsky are a committee of three to set up a party for Sunday, 4 June, and certainly everyone who can make this affair should do so—just notify Gus Guletsky.

A final word on this column. Very few of you will ever be called upon to write it. I think we all agree that it is worthwhile. But believe me gentlemen when you do get the call and there's no news its discouraging. Last issue we asked for news on thirty to forty lost classmates and got a response on two. That doesn't indicate too good a spirit. I would suggest a resolution to do better, if for nothing else to help Jeff Irvin who will be writing the news next June.

So now, if your name hasn't been in the column since you arrived at your present station drop Jeff a card. If you get orders just send a copy or drop a card—it will be appreciated and we'll know you still care.

—Sternberg.

1939

The class party June Week will be a dinner dance the evening of 5 June 1950, hour and place not yet determined. As soon as you know that you can come, please write Harvey Fraser or John Davis. And don't forget to say whether you are dragging.

Bur Showalter reports from Leavenworth of a party of 39ers at the Hunt Lodge last fall. You will find the picture elsewhere on this page. Here is some dope on the participants, reading from left to right. FRONT ROW: Bur is on the faculty, he and Lucile boast that 8 year old Ned is a sure bet for the big leagues; Jim Shepherd, student, will go to the 82 Abn Div; Livie Taylor, student, expects to be an instructor; Gilbert the same; Wisdom, student, will go to Hq First Army; Dolvin, student, to Austria; Ed McConnell, student, will be PMS&T at Texas Tech, Lubbock, Texas; Kerwin is an instructor; and Boles will become one when he finishes the course. SECOND ROW: Nolan will also stay with the faculty; Pinky Patterson has already reached that high status; Ken Collins the same; Bob Hill expects to go to EUCOM; Mulcahy to Austria; Grant is slated to come here; Rippert, student, will go to the Caribbean; Dannemiller

will move to Knox when he finishes school; Yarnall is wavering between faculty at Leavenworth and the Far East; Krisman is a student; and Minahan is an instructor. BACK ROW: Sid Martin is a student, destination undecided; Dobson, student, will go to Austria; Bill Preston, student, reports after ten years of wedded bliss the arrival of a daughter last October. He will move to AFF at Monroe. Spragins also will go to AFF; Gibbons, student, expects to see the Far East next year; Gifford, no report; Hale, faculty, and just back from two weeks vacation with Operation Portrex, continues to be a rugged bachelor; Reynolds, student, expects to be sent overseas but does not know where.

Early March was the occasion for the local '39 colony to dispel the winter gloom at a stag party. After numerous demands to "Get away from it all", meaning the wives, Jap Wilson finally had his way. The steaks and the company were both good. Mickey Laitman raised the tone of the party by bringing some art films for our appreciation. Needless to say, many of the comments showed a fine sense of the artistic.

Assorted reports from the New York area: Bob Haffa, after finishing at Harvard Law School is now at Ft. Monmouth. Vladimir Paul Yale (Yaletchko), retired in 1947, is living in New Jersey, sells tractor equipment. Jarvis Jordan, retired about a year ago, works for American Machine and Foundry Co. in NYC, lives in New Jersey. Bill Bailey is now taking a communications course for the Air Force with AT&T in NYC. Al Ginder, who works for International Business Machines, is being transferred from NYC to Washington, D. C.

Tom Crawford, who has been with the ROTC at Princeton, married Pat Wadhams of Rochester, N. Y. in the West Point Chapel on 8 February 1950. The bachelor ranks are thinning. Tom and Pat are headed for London.

Norman and Jeannine Farrell came through here during the holidays. Norman is in his second year at the U. of Illinois, studying electronics, after which he expects to go to AFF. Three kids is their score to date.

Bobby Sears has finished a two year electronics course at Illinois and is now in the Pentagon for duty. He has two boys and two girls—is there anyone to challenge that record?

J. D. Richardson reports from Sandia that he can't say anything about his work, but then contradicts himself by saying he has a family of three girls, aged 3, 2, and 1. He serves advance notice that he intends to apply for an assignment at West Point in about ten years when his eldest will be of appropriate dragging age. Rich says that

Johnny and Louise Scroggs are also at Sandia; Willy Atwell left there several months ago.

Hugh Griffith, who arrived in the Philippines from Wright-Patterson Field in December, has recently been appointed Chief of Operations for the 18th Ftr Wing at Clark Field.

Max and Emanette Cochran are on an ROTC assignment at the University of California at Berkeley. They have a son 3 and a daughter 1. The California climate pleases them so that they have bought a lot with the intention of building a house. Max reports that J. P. A. Kelly is an old hand in the large ROTC detail in Berkeley.

From Missoula, Montana, Newt James writes that he is starting a three year tour as P.M.S.&T. at Montana State U. He locates his beat as midway between Yellowstone and Glacier Parks and emphasizes his (happy) isolation by saying that his boss comes to see him for half a day every four months. Newt says the hunting and fishing are fine, and if all goes well there will be a big garden this summer to go with the house that he and Erna have bought and fixed up. They have a daughter in kindergarten and a son several years younger. Incidentally Newt gets the accolade for being the only one this quarter to respond without prompting to the incessant plea for news from the provinces.

From the Red Leg center, Bob Cassidy pierced the fog of a morning after to give a surprisingly clear picture of 39ers at Sill. Frank Forrest, an Infantry pilot, supervises air training. As an expert in Arctic warfare, he couldn't miss the recent maneuvers up north, so his wife sensibly waited for him in California. Johnnie Herstad is buried in papers in the Extension Course Dept. Ted Husbett is in the Gunnery Dept. S. R. Johnson arrived recently to work in Combined Arms. Johnnie Mial is a big time exec trying to keep administrative control over all students. Pappy Myers was last reported on his way to Denver to get married—he also teaches tactics. Bob Pennell is in the Materiel Dept. Tom Smith just returned from six weeks at the Arctic Warfare School in Alaska, glad to be back with Extension Courses. Carl Wohlfel keeps the wires uncrossed in Communications Dept. In the current Advanced Course are: Bob Cassidy, the dashing combination of gunner and pilot. He and Billie have a seven year old daughter. Dick Bowie, an 11th Abn Div graduate; Bill Henry; Dave Nanney, famous locally for riding a bicycle to school all winter, an average distance of ten miles daily; Jim Roosa, just transferred to Signal Corps and due to go to Monmouth at the end of the course; and last the ever-experimenting bachelor Ace Shepard. His prize



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possession is a Cadillac convertible, but he is equally known for having the largest stable on pro drags in the vicinity. Ace is slated to go to the Pentagon in Career Management.

John Bane, currently AFF Liaison Officer with the Bell Telephone Labs at Whippany, N. J. is just back from what he calls a three week TDY southern vacation at White Sands Proving Ground. Since January 1946 he has spent 18 months at Bell, 2 years studying electronics at U. of Pennsylvania, then back to Bell Labs. John's task is to provide Army liaison on current projects. He and Luella have two sons, live at Picatinny Arsenal.

Andy and Dossie Goodpaster were at WP for a Saturday evening's revelry recently. About to finish three years at Princeton, Good-P may go back to Washington this summer. Anybody want to buy a house in Princeton?

As usual we need "poop" for the next *Assembly*. Ray Janowski will be the "scribe" for the July issue.

—Kunzig.

1940

And lo the year is ten and the reunion is upon us. What matter a decade when one reads the letter below:

DEAR CLASSMATE:

The Tenth Reunion of the class of 1940 is now approaching with a rapidity that requires a firming up of our present plans. To do this necessitates a further investigation of individual intentions.

The first letter that was distributed to the entire class drew approximately 90 replies. Of these about 35 are certain of attending and about 25 probably will attend. These figures do not include the 36 stationed at West Point.

Although we are cognizant of the difficulty of drawing up an infallible master plan, we feel that by 1 May individuals should be able to inform us of their intentions. We can then lay on a definite program for housing and entertainment that will be workable and pleasant.

Previous classes seem to have experienced the greatest difficulty on housing. With this in mind, the present plans of the Housing Committee are reproduced, followed by the program for entertainment.

Housing:

Our housing plans are a little hampered by lack of information, but, based on previous experience and on some replies, we expect to put you up as follows:

Bachelors and June Week widowers will be in Cadet Barracks, of course. To get rooms, sign in at the Alumni Headquarters (North sallyport, North Barracks), which will be open after 1600, 2 June.

With the cooperation of the classmates and wives stationed here, we expect that couples can be billeted together in classmates' quarters on the Post. If our present estimate is exceeded materially, it may be necessary to split some couples, placing husbands in barracks and doubling the wives up in quarters. To give us the flexibility to do this at a late date and to equalize the load on the local homemakers, we don't propose to announce bunking assignments now, although we'll be happy to try to place you with particular friends if you'll let us know. (We'll try to keep track of any specific housing invitations you may have received by checking with classmates here.) In any case please make your *first* stop upon arrival at West Point at the north sallyport of North Barracks (Alumni Headquarters), sign in, and we'll have the necessary information there to get you to a bed.

A bed of sorts is about all we're promising. You'll be put up in spare rooms, maids' rooms and living rooms, but we hope you will be reasonably comfortable and that the

glamor of the entertainment will outshine any small domestic worries. Since house-keeping, children and a heavy social schedule are going to keep the wives here thoroughly tied up, home preparation of meals for a gang is going to be out of the question. You can probably expect to find the materials laid out for breakfast (thus eliminating any worry as to how the eggs should be done); the Mess, the hotel and the June Week Cafeteria will be able to take care of the rest of the meals that haven't been arranged by the Entertainment Committee. All our plans, of course, presume that you're leaving the children at home.

If you're made arrangements already to stay off the Post, or with someone here who's not a classmate, will you please let us know with whom or where. This will allow us to make the best arrangements for those of you that will still need a bed, and will help in locating you during the festivities.

Organized Entertainment:

Saturday, 3 June (1730 hours) — Cocktail party at the West Point Army Mess. Buffet will be served. Cost: \$2.50 per person.

Sunday, 4 June (1830 hours)—Dinner-dance at the Stewart Field Officers' Club (Newburgh). Cocktails, steak dinner, corsages and music are included in the fee of \$5.00 per person. Type of dress is optional.

Monday, 5 June (1200 hours)—Luncheon for the ladies at the Cornwall Inn. Cost: \$2.00 per person. At this time officers attend Alumni Luncheon at the Cadet Mess. Tickets for Alumni Luncheon are purchased for \$1.00 at the reception desk in the north sallyport of North Barracks.

Monday, 5 June (1900 hours)—Barbecue at Camp Buckner. Two orchestras, one old, one new. Sport clothes. Cost: \$2.50 per person.

Individuals should sign up for only the functions they definitely plan to attend and will be charged accordingly. In order to meet required advance payments, we request that checks covering entertainment fees (all the above less the Alumni Luncheon) be made payable to Lt. Col. William N. Holm and attached to your reply.

Here's hoping for a 100% return indicating the largest reunion yet.

—The Committee.

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The mail bag, never too fat, reveals the following: Bill Porte, a top-notch field underwriter of the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, in Washington, D. C. He can solve your civilian insurance problems. Edie Noble writes of luncheons in Washington of wives of the class of 1940. Held at the Army and Navy Country Club. Chuck is with the General Staff, after getting his master's degree at M.I.T. Dick Abbey through school and into the Pentagon. Banks in New Mexico, proud of his second daughter, Kathryn Anne. Thank you, Edie.

Abbey announced dinner dance for class of 1940 at Fort Myer. I'm invited but can't go as I'll be on my way to Puerto Rico to look up Robinson, Bennett and Lavell. Sheetz running the Fort Myer affair. Jack and Tee East offer to share their place with us. Again regrets!

Ray Downey reports that the Armed Forces Staff College has taken unto itself Downey, Ray Nelson, Rauk, Ware, Frontczak and Fowler. A test for any institution. Course lasts until 1 July. Crown is Assistant Post Engineer at West Point. I thought either Kuziv or Ferrill had that job. Mike Bavaro announces Michael Francis Bavaro, Jr., who joined up 8 January at Fort Belvoir. Time, 3:45 A.M. Mike is in Career Management Group. He has seen Jack Wright back from Paraguay; Bidwell Moore home from Switzerland and Jake Roberts, who was with New Jersey National Guard.

Skip Fowler writes that Johnny Wohner spent some time with him in Panama. He

was on his way back to Rio to head Infantry Section of the Joint U.S.-Brazilian Commission. Willis F. Lewis, a new papa, is air attache of all Central America except Mexico. Takes pride in Pobrecita, his pet ocelot. Paul Deems is in Trinidad as Executive to the Base Commander at Walker AFB, after closing Beane AFB on Santa Lucia. Deems soon to be ordered to Albrook Field in the Canal Zone. George La Breche has left Panama to be an Air Reserve instructor in New England. Walt Winton, J. T. H. Spengler and Marvin Jacobs still in Panama.

Patten writes his usual welcome letter (he is my most faithful reporter) from Fort Sill. He reports Arnold, L. D., Aubrey, Baylerle, Cibotti, Cullen, Ford Fuller, Miner, Moore, P. J., Patten, Richards, Saunders, Silvasey, Stella and Bob Williams as students. Leading them along the prickly path to knowledge are Coates, Corbly, Kenney, Millican, Rizza, Wendt, and Hackett as instructors. The Rizzas announce a baby son born recently. Phillips is in the station unit. Patten saw Fate, Green, Klunk, Kuziv, Lotozo, Witt, Hennessey, and Mackin. Hess is at Biggs Field in El Paso, and Penney is with the District Engineer in same city. O'Brien, J. A. to Fort Knox as an instructor.

Lanny and Nora Witt were crowned King and Queen of the Mardi Gras for 1950, at Fort Bliss. Coronation for King Landon and Queen Nora at the Officers' Club. Carnahan at White Sands, while Coontz ordered to Fort Lewis. Ross has orders for Knox. Lanny regrets he won't be able to make Tenth Reunion.

Tony Wermuth sends the news from West Point. Lloyd Hough, one of the last of the bachelors, to be married to Miss Lucy Webb Hayes of Fremont, Ohio. Hough is stationed at Belvoir. Jack De Witt, after completing course at University of Michigan, now at Air Staff School. Larry Klar is coming from Tulsa, Oklahoma to the tenth reunion. Ed Verner is an instructor in Air Communications at the Air University. Plans to be present for the reunion. Bob Strong now in Ottawa as Air Attache, is passing about cigars for David Buchanan Strong, now six weeks old. Manley Perry now at New York Purchasing Office in New York City. Frank Watrous transferred to Air Force, is stationed at Mitchel Field. Don Baumer retired for P.D. Schmaltz scheduled for FEC in summer.

Ivan Sattem sends invitation for West Point Society of New York's get-together at the Hotel Astor 16 March. Will have full report on this next issue. Expect to see Aber, Conley, Donnell, Ferrill, Larkin, Maxwell, Oseth, Perry, Shaunesey, Watrous, de Latour, Fairlamb, Kinsell, La Rose, Murphy, Sattem and Thommen.

John Townsend now in the Pentagon plans to attend Reunion, as will Jack Wright. A. J. Russell may be there bringing along Banks, Free and Penney. Look for Hackett who will come on from Sill. There is black crepe at Leavenworth for Hank Arnold, Hank Adams, Hank Daniels, Dave Crocker, Dave Byrne, Pete Peterson, Roy Shoemaker, Al Baker, Bob Delancy, Junior Renwanz, Bill Shanahan, and Sam Goodwin. Can't get staybacks to attend reunion. Paul Reinecke will be up from Benning to look for Burfening. Bryce Denno is coming, but Jim Smelley won't be able to get away from his course in Industrial Management at the University of Texas in time. Wilderman can't make it for he is busy at The Armored School, after a three year hitch in Japan. Robinson Norris will be held up by his academic schedule at Harvard.

Those of the class who are stationed at West Point and will be present at June Week are Addington, Bennet, D. V., Herb Bowlby, Clapsaddle, Clock, Crown, Elliott, Feilenz, Flanders, Forbes, Graf, Gunster, Harnett, Haseman, Hobson, Holm, Kasper, Kramer, Krauss, Light, Marsh, Mayo, Milner, Nosek,

Parker, Pidgeon, Podufaly, Prann, Schmaltz, Schockner, Smith, W. W., Wermuth, Woodward, Wynne, Yates and Yeager.

June is soon.

—Hank Brewerton.

1941

Thanks for all the nice letters in answer to my last effort. When you write in, don't be so bashful—give out with the vital statistics. Your old buddies are interested in how many bambinos you have, what their names are, and how long you've had them. If you have a new wife, introduce us to her; just because she's not your "original issue" is no sign we won't welcome her. If you run into one of the gang, you don't have to tell us he was out with a blonde; let us know where he's stationed, what his job is, and the latest strength report on his family. Don't assume I already have all the news from your area; my previous informant might have been wrong, and besides things change so fast that I'm never up-to-date.

Here are some statistics you might be interested in. We graduated 425, of whom five were not commissioned (Chaves, Humber, Matheisel, Shelton, and Torgerson). Since then we have had six retired (Brinson, Drum, Due, Lawson, T. R., Linderman, and Tyndall) and twenty-two resign (Blalock, Earl W. Brown, Carman, John Clark, Norman Coker, Collieran, Dillard, Edgerton, Irwin, King, Loring, McCool, Michels, Murrain, Petre, Polk, Schultz, Slocum, Singles, Thigpen, Tom Ward, Duval West). We have lost thirty-seven, killed in action (Howard Adams, Austin, Blanchard, Boggs, Cheaney, Clapp, Connally, Cramer, Robert Cummings, Dienelt, Duke, Durr, Horace Foster, Franklin, Gardner, Gillis, Hetherington, Jarvis, Charles Jones, Kromer, Larson, Lokker, Nininger, O'Brien, Peirce, Pierpont, Polla, Reagan, Rosen, Sullivan, Taggart, Tate, Tindall, Troy, Joseph Ward, Walker) and eighteen died in line of duty (Andrews, Barnett, Carney, Eaton, Frawley, Hampton, John Hauser, Home, Locke, McNagny, Mullins, Nankivell, Peabody, Price, Sands, Charles Thomas, Donald Thompson, Lester White). This leaves, according to my goaty calculations, three hundred and thirty-seven present for duty, and three hundred and sixty-five present.

Before I go into the Poop, please give me more criticism (even if it isn't constructive, I'll welcome it). My job is to put out poop the way you want to read it, and I like to have satisfied customers.

WASHINGTON: We read about it and hear about it all the time, never thinking it will happen to us, but the Cliff Coles proved that it can happen in the best of regulated families. After three daughters, Louise was not kidding when, on 19 January, she told Cliff to take her to Walter Reed, but after the long trip through town some Doctor said, "False alarm; take her home". Back in Alexandria, they didn't even get out of the car. The trip across the bridge was a good bit faster this time, and the later afternoon traffic was not helping the situation. Finally at Sixteenth Street, the Stork refusing to be sent around again, came in for a perfect landing, and Clifford Grant Cole was greeted first by his own father to the tune of honking horns and police whistles. Cliff says, "Now you can not only call me 'Papa' but also call me 'Doc'". A class party is scheduled for 5 March at the McNair Officers' Club, having been organized by the Eastons and Millikins, and Julie, who, by the way, is one of the real class spark plugs in D.C., writes to say that the Spec Powells (at Knox) acquired a baby boy in early February which makes three (one girl and two boys). Also Marcie Ramee writes her to say that Paul

is hoping to have family quarters by June on Okinawa.

TOKYO: Wray White, one of the most faithful contributors to *The '41 Poop Sheet* during the War, writes that Ben Mayo has command of an F-32 All-weather Fighter Squadron at Johnson AFB some 25 miles NW of Tokyo. Geo. McIntyre put on a party for Ben and Ed Rowney (G-3 FEC) in November. Graham Waitt (G-4 Engineers, GHQ) was sent home by the medics. Bill Sawyer (ex-language Area Student in Peking) stopped through in November.

YPSILANTI: Mills Hatfield, boning a Master's in Mechanical Engineering (Automotive) writes to say that the Michigan football rooters are really going to be out for blood next fall when they face Army. Dan Salinas will have two Master's degrees by June. He was sent there to get one in Bus. Ad. but he is knocking off one in Latin American Affairs on the side. Mills would like to hear from Stan Hutson if he is listening in.

CAMBRIDGE: Gordon Gould having just completed his MS in EE, was awaiting orders when he wrote to state that Dick Osgood who was up that way recently, is now in charge of the Plans section of the Electronic Sub-division of the Air Materiel Cmd, Wright-Patterson AFB. Jim Cox is at Barksdale. Jim Carroll (of Harvard) wrote in to remonstrate with me for not having received a copy of the last edition. I told him it's his fault for not keeping the Assn. of Grads posted on his latest address.

GONZAGA U, SPOKANE: Ted Celmer, having seen no classmates, reports that he is Asst PMS&T at Gonzaga, is taking Master's work in Education and coaching the Rifle Team. His wife, Martha, is also going to school and their daughter, Jeanne Katherine, age six, is in Kindergarten.

MAXWELL: Johnny Brooks writes from the War College that Ben and Margie West went to Memphis with the Air Reserve. Clyde and Barbara Thompson went to the Fifth Air Force in Japan, Francis and Hilda Fitzpatrick return to Knox after learning how the Air Force does things at AC&SS, Maxwell. Ted Sliney finally got married and went to McChord AFB, Wash. Geo. Stalaker returned to Mitchel and Ike Winfree to Selfridge. Roy Watson went to Hickam. Jerry LaRocca, after graduating number one in the latest AC&SS class, joined the permanent party. Dick Aldridge, John Atkinson, and Jack Kelsey also joined the permanent party. In the new class are Sandy Matheson, Rod O'Connor, Mickey Moore, Mike Cochran, and Geo. Pittman. Jonat and Jeannette Atkinson announced the arrival of Burton Rush, second son and fourth child, on 29 January 1950. At last report he was still ensconced in the hospital; unable to go home to the chickenpox infested home of the remainder of the At Tribe.

EDWARDS (formerly MUROC) AFB: Fred Ascani, in order to insure his getting a chance to pierce the sonic barrier got himself transferred to the place where it is being done. He is deputy commander of the Test Center which is certainly one of the biggest jobs being held down by any '41er.

SILL: Ben Spiller wants it known that his son, Michael L., who was one year old on 12 January is being groomed for Harry Stella's hole in the Army line of '70. He weighed thirty pounds at 10 months and is still going strong. Latest arrival at Sill is John Rossell; Jane and the kids have a delay enroute. Jim McElroy also writes that Paul Gray added a junior partner in January—female. He also mentioned that Mort Birdseye also has a MS in Communications.

RHEIN/MAIN: Chuck Schilling commanding the 862 Engr Avn Bn, writes that having done more construction on his current tour than he did during the fighting (in the same general area) he will be more than

ready to come home when his tour is up in September. He announced that their son arrived 3 July last. They also have a daughter but failed to include any names. He saw Peer DeSilva when they took the Gen Inventory Test for C&GS. Peer was taking an intelligence course at Oberammergau and was then sent to the Munich area. He has also seen Horace Brown who is with the Constab Army near Nurnberg.

SAN FRANCISCO: Bill Gurnee is with QM Industrial Mobilization. Bill, Ruth and their daughter Andree returned from Germany last July, and moved to San Fran. He has run into T. K. White, Tommy Thomas (going to Cal) and Joe Canella. His latest major undertaking was getting Ted Sliney married. Ruth, Bill, T.K. and Charlie officiated in the Chapel at the Presidio. The Sliney's flew to Hawaii for their honeymoon and are now at McChord AFB, Tacoma. "Couldn't have added a lovelier or finer gal to the class than Janie," says Willie.

HOLLYWOOD: Dick Lévy writes that he is an ROTC Instructor for Hollywood High School. He left Germany in October '49 after 37 months as Secretary to the General Staff, Hq EUCOM. He saw Rosenbaum (deputy CO at Harmon). The Levys now boast Richard E.—5, Kathleen O.—3 and Robert L.—2.

ORANGE, N. J.: Bernard Schultz wrote to pin me down on the identification of those whose obituaries have not been written. My former listing was confusing; these are the ones to be written: Clapp, Pierce, Durr, Pierpont, Blanchard, Jones, C. E., Jones, P. T., Franklin, Carney, Connally, Eaton, O'Brien, Cramer, Cheaney, Mullins, Dienelt, Sands, Reagan, Cummings, Taggart, Tate, and Troy. Please, let's get going on these; I know the job is not easy but it has got to be done. Let me know which one you'll take so I can keep the project coordinated.

That is all of the letters, incidentally several of you mentioned that either your copy of the last opus was addressed wrong or that you didn't even get your copy. The reason is that we took advantage of the generous offer of the office of the Association of Graduates who not only let us use their addressograph, but actually ran the envelopes through for us. They keep a plate on every graduate regardless of whether or not he is a member of the Association or subscribes to *Assembly*, therefore, it would behoove you all to keep them posted on your changes of address.

WEST POINT: Most recent arrivals are Bill Brown, fourth child and first son of Ted and Caroline Brown, who arrived in January; and Patrick Cooper, third child and second son of George and Lucy Cooper, on 8 February. Recent visitors include John Easton who was up getting poop for the Air Academy, and Andy Evans who came up with the Pentagon Squash Team. Recent surprise, Army's upset over Navy's basketball team. A fine class party was held (despite a snow storm) at Round Pond two weeks ago.

I'd like to give a little more poop on the Anniversary Pamphlet, and see what you all think of it. So far the consensus is that we should put out something pretty substantial which would be, in effect, a supplement to the Biographies section of the Howitzer. This we can do for about four or five dollars. Other classes have done it, and the best one I've seen was the fifteenth anniversary pamphlet done on the class of '33. Bound in a paper cover 400 books cost approximately \$1,600. (If you have any '33 friends in your vicinity, see for yourself.) We could have an autobiographical section with about ninety to one hundred words giving a summary of the individual's wives, children, stations, and jobs together with a picture section which would consist of any photo the guy would dare to send in. This plus any other poop you all would like included, can be yours for only \$4.98. What do you think?

Sir, there are four hundred and fifty-seven days until REUNION.

—Burt Andrus.

1942

Hats off to Marion Ladd for master-minding and laying on a most enjoyable Class Skating Party at Smith Rink! Many hamburgers, much chili-con-carne, plus lots of a potion called "punch" (to which each added his "own", and thereby turned a "punch" into a "slug") were consumed in a festive atmosphere. The "punch" or "slug" prompted a game of "broomstick hockey" which was hilarious, and rough too. Andy Anderson and Jim McAdam with their M.T.&G. background each brought his own broom (the last straw), carefully shaped for the occasion. However, the youth of Bill Kraft, Sam Koster, Charlie Fishburne, Sam Hayes, and yours truly finally prevailed and our aged adversaries (Andy, Mac, Phil Wyman, Riedel, Jim Hayes, Howe and Hugh Jordan) gave up the hockey game to continue the "slugging" match in the lounge.

Many of the '42 delegation were unable to attend the ice frolics due to previous commitments of long standing—dates at the Station Hospital. During one week sons were born (one each) to the Fureys, Watkins, and Harmelings.

Of sadness to all is the tragedy which took the life of Janet Moody's mother on January 24th, when her Staten Island home burned.

Marshall Waller writes that he and Shurrump attended the Memorial Exercises at Fort Monmouth for Lou Polcari.

Fly Ely was married at Fort Jay in December. Jake Ballard beat Fly by a couple of weeks according to Rip Young, who reports that Jake married Lucy Ault, a beautiful redhead, in Albuquerque.

Howie Slaton is again frequenting Grosvenor House in London along with McCarthy and Tabb. Peyton is about to shake loose from his bachelor status. Howie's address: 46 Lake View, Edgeware, Middlesex, England. Phone: Edgeware 3214.

Ecc Cutler is in Beppu, Kyushu Island, the "garden spot" of Japan, with the 19th Infantry—APO 242. Cannon writes that Bunky Schofield has left Tokyo for Washington. However, Bud Burke, Grimshaw and Barnes are still keeping Joe company.

Dixie Howell is winding up an aide detail to Maj. Gen. Anderson in the Philippines and returning to an ORC job in Lexington, Kentucky.

Hugh "Deep Freeze" Williams has moved to 143 West College Ave., Salisbury, Maryland, where he has opened a new Branch Office. He is also Vice-president of "Shoreland Freezers, Inc." in Salisbury.

Jim Hottenroth and Vivian are winding up their courses at Cal. Tech. Jim and Helen Hottenroth are slated to augment the delegation of '42ers here this summer.

Senor Duffié, after four years of watching bullfighters in Spain, is earmarked for the July Class at the Air Command and Staff College at Maxwell.

John and Nellie Mattina are still up at Fort Richardson, Alaska. We all hope that they and young Johnnie will come to the Point upon completion of their Alaskan tour in June '51. Their address: District Engineer, APO 942, c/o PM, Seattle.

Gerhardt Clementson is presently completing his thesis at MIT. He and Ev Lynn are living with their two daughters at 33 Golden Ave., Arlington, Mass.

New addresses: George Rew, 2011 Octavia St., New Orleans. Fred Holdredge, 29 Patton Ave., Montgomery, Ala. Jerry Snow, Qtrs. 65-A, Fort Belvoir, Virginia. Joe Schmidt, 3365 S. Stafford St., Arlington, Va.

We are all tickled to learn that Bill and

Debble Siefert, still in Colorado Springs, have recently adopted a baby daughter. They will be going to Knox this summer.

1952, in addition to being heralded as the tenth anniversary of "Box '42", will be overwhelmingly publicized concerning the *Sequicentennial Celebration which will take place at West Point. So—make your plans early folks!

*From the old Latin word meaning "150th anniversary", Bill.

—Jack Crowley

January, 1943

I regret to have to lead off this issue's class notes with the sad news that Jack Luther was found shot to death in his automobile in Kansas City, Kansas, on 11 February. At this time no information is available as to who shot him. Police suspect robbery was the motive. Jack was attending C&GSS.

Sweet peas and thanks to all of you who answered my mimeographed poopsheet, and scallions to those of you who didn't. I've got quite a load of poop that was sent to me by various and sundry, so I'll start unloading.

Jim McKinney writes from Austin, Texas, the following pieces of poop. He is going to the University of Texas to get a Master's Degree in Business Administration, majoring in Personnel Management. Bob Walling is Plant Representative at Consolidated Aircraft in Fort Worth testing B-36's. Bill Cook is Chief of the Officers Branch in A-1 of the 8th Air Force Hq. at Ft. Worth. Rod Wriston is at Fort Sam Houston. Jack Lappin is at Randolph Field. Floyd Tobey's widow, Edith Ann, remarried this past year. In case any of Tobey's friends want to keep in touch with her and little Johnny Tobey, her address is Mrs. Russell G. Tallaferrero, 11706 Bombardier Avenue, Norwalk, California. Ed Costello is in the 2nd Bomb Group at either Chatham or Hunter Fields in Savannah, Georgia. Big Mac closes with the fact that he will be through at Texas in June, but does not know where he will be assigned next.

Chet Butcher writes from Eglin AFB, Florida that he is still (his third year) fighter aircraft project officer, running the new fighters through operational suitability tests and determining tactical employment of same. Hank Saylor is there commanding an experimental guided missiles squadron. Vic Cherbak is there too, as service test expediter for all testing done there as far as supply is concerned. Joe Hamilton is assigned to the Guided Missiles Wing at Eglin, and is presently on TDY at Banana River, Florida, helping set up the new Guided Missile base.

George Watson writes from "somewhere in Pennsylvania" that he is with the IG Section in 2nd Army Headquarters, Ft. Meade, Maryland. He says he averages three weeks out of every four on the road inspecting National Guard units, ROTC units, etc., etc., ad infinitum. He even gets back to Meade once in a while to see his wife.

Bill Talbott writes from Philadelphia, not saying what he's doing, but giving the following poop. Bill, Agnes and Billy are living in Ardmore, Pa. Bob Marshall is in Philly with him. He and his wife, Kiki, and his two children live in Riverton, N. J. Jack Upchurch has been put in charge of constructing a large levee near Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Ernie Raulin writes from Camp Gordon, Georgia, that he is Chief, Comcenter Division, The Southeastern Signal School at the Signal Corps training center there. Harry Pritchett dropped by to see Ernie a couple of weeks ago. Harry is in the 82nd Air-

borne Division at Ft. Bragg, North Carolina.

Mitch Goldenthal writes from Washington that "B" Co. members of January '43 had a large party at Nina and Wray Page's on 30 December. Nancy and Dar Kitch, Del and J. R. Dempsey, Alice and George Young, Jane and Bob Davis and Mitch were there. A "formal" initiation of all present into the Royal Order of the Kukladoo's was presided over by the Grand Visor, Dar Kitch. Mitch adds that Roger Bertram lives in Alexandria while attending the Advanced Course at Ft. Belvoir, Va.

Jim Kelleher writes from Princeton, N. J. that he returned from Japan last June and then went to Princeton with the ROTC. He says that things look good. . . even has a full time maid. Let's all visit the Kelleher's The Kelleher clan now number 6 (count 'em) 6; Jim and Mary Jo and four girls, 5½, 3½, 2, and 1. Poppa ches' up, Mister! Jim mentioned that he read recently that Charlie Burr is at Rutgers University as Assistant PMS&T.

Two representatives at Ft. Knox, Kentucky, Bill Knowlton and Merle Carey, contributed the following poop. In the Advanced Course: Ted Ardery, living with his mother in Sootville; Howard Wehrle, with mother and sister Alice, also living in Sootville; Bill, Peggy, Billy and Davis Knowlton all living in Goldville; Ralph, Sally and Billy Hoffman also living in Goldville; and Jimmy Huddleston, batching it in the wartime BOQ. Gray and Caroline Wheelock with their small son also live in Goldville. Gray is on AFF Board No. 2. Flip and Louise Fenili also live nearby with their two kids. Flip is an instructor in the Command and Staff Dept. Louise manages to work in enough projects for any two normal women, including teaching French both at the I&E College courses on the post, and for ladies' groups during the day. Merle and Sally Carey are there —Merle is an instructor in the Command and Staff Dept. Next door to the Knowltons live Hank and Inge Ebrey. Hank is CO of the Student Officer Company. Bob Watson is a Company Commander in the 3rd Armored. John Norris is an editor in TL&R.

Vernon Trinter writes from Philadelphia that he was retired for physical disability in April 1946; worked on guided missiles at Curtiss-Wright Corporation, Columbus, Ohio, for the next 2½ years; then spent a year as a student in the graduate School of Electrical Engineering, at Ohio State; started working 1 February '50 as an engineer in microwave research at Philco Corporation in Philly. He has three children, Verna, 4½; Daniel, 3; and William, 4 months.

Jane Hatch writes from California, where she is waiting with son Teddy 3½ years old, to join Mac in Japan. Mac is near Osaka with an Engineer Combat Battalion. For future reference their address is, Major McGlachlin Hatch, Hdqrs., 65th Eng. Combat Bn., APO 25, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, California.

Charlie Wirt writes from Fort Benning this large piece of poop: Anderson, J. W., married, with a daughter, is instructing in the Weapons Dept. Antonioli, still a bachelor, is also a Weapons Dept. instructor. Berenzweig, married and one son, instructing in the Staff Dept. Cook, R. M., married, is instructing in the Automotive Dept. Croonquist, unmarried, is instructing in the Tactics Dept. Franklin, married, is assigned to Army Field Forces Board No. 3. Hine, married, with one boy and one girl, is a Weapons Dept. instructor. Windsor, married, is a Communications Dept. instructor. Attending the Advanced Course, which ends in June, are the following: Barnes, married, two boys; Conny, married, two boys; Curtis, married, one boy; Hood, married, one boy, one girl; Lundberg, married, one boy, two girls; Powell, bachelor. Ed Murray, stationed with the 11th Airborne Division at Camp Campbell, Kentucky, is going

with the 3rd Infantry Division to Puerto Rico as an observer for Operation Portrex. Fred King, married, now stationed at Landsburg, Germany, with Hdqrs., 2nd Air Division. Geany is with the ROTC at the University of Florida. Flatley is with the 82nd Airborne Division Artillery at Fort Bragg, N. C. George Maertens is with OCAFF at Fort Monroe, Va. St. John is taking a master's degree in International Relations at the University of Virginia. Elvy Roberts is now taking the course at Leavenworth. Epperson, retired for war incurred physical disability, is now working at Columbia on an advanced degree, address 3260 Netherland Ave., NYC.

My cousin, on the distaff side, Britt May, writes the following poop from Washington: New class officers for the Washington area are Eddie McGough, president; Jim Cobb, secretary; and Hank Mazur, treasurer. Sal Whitlow is back from Mexico City and in USAF Headquarters.

The following is the Washington area class list as of 14 February 1950. It's arranged comme-ca—(1) First names in this order, Pa, Ma, chillun. (2) Last names. (3) Mystic symbols (in some cases) which reputedly explain what the classmate is doing or where he's assigned. Kay and Dee Armstrong, AFSWP; Johnny and Jane Baer, Georgetown University; Ike, Nancy, Jackie, and David Behn, Georgetown University; Kay, Nancy, Jackie, and David Berry, DCS/O; Bert, Betty, Gay and Sally Bertram, Engineer School, Ft. Belvoir; Bev and Nancy Bevan, AF DCS/O; the Bielecki's—no names or job given; Jim, Lynn and Lynn, Jr., Cobb, AF DCS/O; Ed, Lucille, and Sherill Doran, Army OCSigO; Dumps, Del and Susan Dempsey, AF DCS/M; Rex, Marjorie, Terry, and Devonia Dettre—no job given; Walt, Elleva and Walter III Cook, Jr., Army OCSigO; Tommy and Debbie Farnsworth, Army OC/S; Ed and Ginny Faust—no job given; Bob Fishel, Georgetown University; Bill, Constance, and Bonnie Fritz, Army OCSigO; Goldy Goldenthal, Off. Ch/Eng, Ft. Belvoir; Jack and Lucy Gorman—no job given; Jim, Jo, Jim, Jr. and Joe Hackler, AF DCS/P; Walt, Jo and Bill Hogrefe, Army, CE OCE; Bill, Jean, and Ann Hume, AFAMC, Engineering Field Office; Duke, Virginia, and Kathy Kane, AF DCS/O; Dar, Nancy, Gail and Bobby Kitch, QMG; Jake, Eve, Robert, and Sandra Klerk, Bolling AFB; Bill, Grace, Diane and Billy Kyle, AF DCS/P; Mac, Romaine, Sara and Ann McGough, AF DCS/P; Art Marston, Navy Post Graduate School, Annapolis; Britt, Mary Ann and Britt Jr., May, Personnel Policy Board OSD; Hank and Lucille Mazur, AF DCS/O; Les, Eva, Leslie and Stephen Miltzer, AF DCS/P; Mike, Eileen, Sheri and Mark Michael, Army D/I; Jim, Liz, and Vicky Moore, Georgetown University; Wray and Nina Page, Hq ASA; George, Phyllis and Thomas Prior, AF DCS/P; John and Emily Raaen, Navy Post Graduate School, Annapolis; Jack, Kathryn, Bill, and John Jr., Roberts, AF DCS/O; Al, Jackie, Christyl, Gerald, Geraldine, and Patrick Saari (it's a tie), OSD/MLC AEC (I dunno either); the St. Johns, Charlottesville, Va.; Sandy, Barbara, Jeanne, Marcy and Sandy Jr., Sanders (Roy A.), Eng. School, Ft. Belvoir, Va.; Sandy, Ruth, Chip, and Bobby Sanders (Vernon K.), CE OCE; Dick, Helen, Dickie, and Barbara Schlosberg, AF A-N Petroleum Board; Jim and Molly Schofield, Georgetown; Art and Mary Sebesta, OCSigO; Frank, Martha, and Frank III, Shaw, DA/ID; Snuffy, Dorothy, Mason, Gary, and Bruce Smith (D. M.), no job given; Fred Spann, no job given; Brenning and Judy Waters (F. B.), Dept. of Ext. Instructions; Jake and June Weber, Georgetown University; Whizzer White, Eng Sect., Hq 2nd Army, Ft. Meade, Md.; John, Violet and Dianne Wilson (J. M.), Navy Post Graduate School, Annapolis; Bart, Lucy, Buzz and Victor Yount, Georgetown University; George, Alice, Richard, and Peter Young,

Johns Hopkins Lab. and Naval Ordnance Lab.

Dana Stewart is at the University of Pennsylvania studying for a Master's Degree in Electronics. Jimmy Changaris, stationed at The Citadel, Charlestown, S. C., is a new papa, boy, David Garrett, born on 16 January 1950. L. L. Wilson was married to Anita Morgan on Friday, November 18, 1949 at Albuquerque, New Mexico. Lou is stationed at Roswell AFB, as Base Adjutant. Dave Lowe, Tut Frakes and Mort Carmack are at Maxwell AFB, Alabama in one capacity or another, i.e., I don't know.

And now with what's left of my 2,000 word limit here's who is at dear ole Woo Poo Tech. Tom Mesereau in the AAA, just returned from a fat trip to FECOM where all he had to do was show pictures of the 1949 Army football team to Mac and his boys; Dave Barger in the USMA G-3 section; Tim Brown, in the Office of the Dean; Danny Moore at Stewart Field in the USMA Prep School; Buckner in the Physical Ed Department as S-3 and physical instructor; Ben Edwards, me, in the Tactical Dept. as Tac Officer of K-2 Company. That takes care of the odd jobs—what follows is a list of P's with the Department they're in indicated: Lenfest, Mechanics; Kerig, Law; Nickel, Physics; Maloney, Electricity; Bestervelt, Mechanics; Barber, Social Sciences; Blue, Mechanics; Fisher, Mechanics; Karrick, Mechanics; Hehn, MT&G; Courtney, Math; Jordan, Social Sciences; W. B. Smith, MT&G; Toth, Math; Walker, English.

And that's that for this quarter. We've got some shindigs planned for June Week that promise to be right fair fun, including a lake-side party at Camp Buckner in the big recreation hall complete with orchestra and boodle. Come and help us have fun.

A late blast (atomic no less) from Sill leaves us reeling. Without time for defending ourselves editorially we will just add the late class information: Advanced Course Students; followed by the assignments when school is out: J. B. Hollis—USMA; Don Wilbourne—Europe; Bill Neale—G-1 Pentagon; Jack Wood—82d Airborne; Howie Moore—Instructor, Ft. Bliss; Jerry Cosgrove—ROTC Princeton; Moe Dworak—ROTC Washington State; Bart Mallory—ROTC Alabama; Charlie Heltzel—Civil Schooling, Automotive Engr; Herb Kemp—Classified Assignment; Bob Davis—Instructor, Ft. Sill. The following are instructors at the Artillery Center: Flywheel Flanagan—Airborne Operations; Al Hughes and Koerper—Gunnery; Butch Rader—Obsn; Herb Lewis—Obsn; and McNamara—6th Armd FA Bn. No more can be added—Thanx for the poop and especially the criticisms, well-founded.

—Ben.

June, 1943

Welcome, fellow money-grubbers, or haven't you received your insurance dividend yet? We feel extremely editorial these days, cause we're getting some fan mail along with the knocks and chocks of info on the doings of the graduated cadets of June '43. From the mail bag it would seem that our class has a finger in most every pie the world over. More later.

Chuck Wilson sent in a comprehensive staff study on the activities of the El Paso set down at Bliss. Unfortunately his study arrived too late for the last issue and therefore it is presumed that the characters listed for the Officers Advanced Course in Artillery are now home on the range back at Sill. Just prior to this exodus sights were set and the command "Fire and fall back" was given to the following gunners and cannoneers: Charlie and Betty Benson and the A. J. Cannings of the 1st Guided Missiles

Regt; Max and Minnie Talbot, Johnny and Carolyn Bond, and Charlie and Teddy Wilson, all of Army Field Forces Bd No. 4; the Pete Langstaff's and Charlie Abel, both Guided Missiles Students at Bliss; B-Dog and Theodora Spalding of the 12th AAA Group; Bob and Dot Clark of the 59th AAA Bn; Q. T. and Barbara Boller, and Walt Roe both Gunnery Dept, AA&GM Branch of the Artillery School; Tom Beckett of the Air Refueling Sqdrn, Biggs Field. The guests of honor, all Advanced Course Students at Sill were: Ralph Young, Ed Soler, Bob deCamp, Rosie Rumph, P. J. Curtin, George Campbell, Howie Wickert, Bob Mattox, R. K. Jones.

Recent splicings down thataway included our own B-Dog Spalding and Miss Theodora Holbroock on 23 November '49; and Charlie Abel and Miss Madge Trambley on 1 August '49. Another local character is Jack Butterfield of the Electronics Dept, AA&GM School.

People who keep baby-sitters in business: The Max Talbots with second daughter, Dorothy Jane born 27 April '49; The Wally Magathan's with a second daughter; The P. J. Curtin's with a son, Paul, born in October; The Dick Snyder's a second son, Peter Peck; the Fergie Knowles a daughter, Constance, 4 December '49; The Pete Langstaff's a daughter, Lucinda, 5 September '49; The Hank Romanek's a son, William Henry, 11 December '49; The Bob Mattox's a daughter Gayle Ann, 26 January '50; The Mark Boatner's a second son, Bruce, 7 February '50; The Jonblair Beach's a son, 19 February '50; and last but not least our ex-First Capt. and Rhodes Scholar Extraordinary Bernie Rogers and Ann Ellen have initiated Michael William to the English climate. Congrats all and may the rest of you best the 15 March deadline for exemptions.

We had a pleasant experience just recently when Al and Jean Brown, fresh from Old Nippon, dropped in to say hello. Unfortunately their stay was a short one as Al was due at Williams AFB, Arizona. Bill Naylor, just checked out of Flashman's Hotel, Rawalpindi, the Imperial Hotel, Tokyo and into the BOQ, Stewart AFB where Wilium will be the base air inspector. Bill's arrival raises the number in the Rockpile area to twenty.

Cotton Warburton announces that Jake Wade has it made out at Continental Airlines, Denver. He and Madeline have, in addition to a new son (their third), soda water piped into their palatial diggings. Also, in the Denver region is Johnny Hull who is working towards a legal eagle degree at Denver U., and according to Cotton has his eye on a cute Continental Airlines Hostess. Seems to me I read somewhere that their job expectancy was only eleven months with all separations due to marriage. C'mon John, outstatistick them.

Zoot-suit Bolling slipped us a sharp note from far-off Brazil where he is in the Infantry Training Section of the Military Commission. As a Portugee-speaking number one boy he is now ADC to General Mullins, the local CG. Bud's address is U.S. Army Section, Joint Brazil-United States Military Commission, APO 676, c/o PM, New York. Roberto Plett writes in from Sandia Base to report the following shaftees: George Alexander, Ned Burr, Ernie Cragg, Dave Galas, Bobbie Griffen, Jim Lothrop, Dick McAdam (Kirtland AFB), Hank Richard, Don Spiece, Jon Vordermark, Dick Orphan, and Ernie Hinds. Plett says that civilian classmates Bobo Newman and Dick Reitmann are working nearby at Los Alamos, New Mexico (PO Box 1663).

A chin-up note from Bob McClure out in Okinawa allows as how he is sweating out a long list of dependents 'til the better half joins him for rations and duty. Also on that windswept shore are Buddy Hough and Eep Price. Bob's address is CO 624th Aircraft

Control & Warning Sqdrn, 529th Gp, APO 239, c/o PM, Frisco.

Out at Sill, deCamp reports the Archie Hill's whipped up a fandango for the Ray Blatt's who, due to chicken pox chiditis, couldn't come. With true class spirit the other invitees managed to choke down the prepared fare including Ralph Young's terrific tornado cocktails. All told the following noses were counted: the Archie Hills, the Hal Schroeders, the Jack Teagues, the Joe Weyricks, the Luke Wrights, the Nick Parkers, the Jim Phillips, the Wally Magathans, the Ralph Youngs, the Geo. Campbells, the P. J. Curtins, the Bob Gadds, the Ralph Joneses, the John Moses, the deCamps, the Rosie Rumphs, and the Bill Roos in addition to a large flowered weskit behind which Wickert hid.

Word, unconfirmed, has reached us that Woody Woodson was killed in a plane crack-up down Panama-way. Nothing would give us greater delight than to be able to print a contradiction of that statement.

A wet word from Ben Cassiday informs all that while he and Ted Connor were in Hawaii last year they acquired wives, Ted marrying Emily Pierce and Ben marrying Barbara Dennison. After flying F-86's at Kirtland AFB both were transferred to San Diego Naval Air Station where they are flying the Navy's F-9F's or "Panther". Ben is in VF-112 (Fighter outfit) and Ted is hot-shotting with VF-51 (also Fighters).

Ben reports some interesting things among which is the fact that our own Robin Olds is Ops officer of the 94th Sqdrn, March AFB. Also, at March is A. S. J. Tucker. Ben has seen Bud Holderness but beyond that he wouldn't say.

I inadvertently overlooked Arnold Tucker in our last issue. Arnie is working in the shoe business with his father up in Binghamton, N. Y. The Tuckers were just recently papa and mama of a bouncing baby boy.

Another local addition is Ed Curcuru who is working in the Highland Falls Bank, gaining experience.

Well, lads and lassies, keep your eye peeled and the quill sharpened for any hot news. Our next issue will be out after June Week. And speaking of J. Week we will try to work up some sort of a vegetable gathering when that time rolls around. Any who plan to be in the area get in touch so we can make plans. . . I hope you will put up with this issue as Will Cover was called home suddenly because of the death of his mother. Hence, pick and peck done it solo.

A late flash from Lorry Thomas gives his future address as Korean Military Advisory Group, APO 404, San Francisco. He reports on the following Engineers: "Jug" Burrows at Fort Randall Dam, South Dakota; Buzalski, Asst S-3 of the 555 Engr Gp, Russelsheim; Hi Fuller with the Post Engineer, same station; Jack Morris at Murnau Engineer School; Keith Pigg and Don Mehrtens somewhere in Germany; and "Crow" young at the Hanau Engineer Depot. Thanks, Lorry.

—Will Cover and Dan Cullinane.

1944

Departmental duties and becoming a father have forced Bob Ginsburgh to turn over the class column. However, all "field correspondents" are requested to continue sending the information. 'Twas a boy, Robert Brand, for Nancy and Dr. (Ph.D., not M.D.) Bob.

Buzz Barnett reports from the Air Tactical School that George Brown is there and still

a resisting bachelor. Dusty Rhodes and F. L. Smith have been attending classes on crutches as a result of twisted legs. Tough school! Other students are Ace Edmonds, Bill Hammond, Shady Lamp, Dave Fitton, M. E. McCoy, Marshall Nolan, Bob Reagan, Lou Wilson, Neil Williams, and Mike Nelson. On the faculty are Bill Charlson, Dave Henderson, Heath Bottomly, and Barnett.

J. G. Williams is a recent reportee here at West Point in the Department of Social Sciences. Jim Dunham, now at Johns Hopkins, is scheduled for the Department of Physics.

The bachelor ranks are thinning. On March 5th Dave Ott was married to Joyce Helmich with Doc Greaves as an usher. Curly Walters has reportedly capitulated, but details are not available.

And the family class continues to grow. A boy, John, Jr., for the Donaldsons; Ellen for Linda and Pete Tisdale; a second girl for the Bill Hendersons; another boy for the Gruenthers. Also reported to have additional exemptions are Jack Cushman, Charlie Steele, and A. L. Partridge.

Hal and Lee Beukema were brief visitors at West Point, but had to cut the leave short for maneuvers—or something. Bob Kendall stationed at Fort Sill. Robin now has three children.

In the 82nd Airborne are Ed Hibbard, Kutch Kutchinski, Bill Tuttle, and John Carley. Hibbard expects another overseas assignment this spring.

Jack Combs writes that Robin Eileen, born January 16th, brings the score to two and two. Jack and Eileen extend shelter to anyone passing through Chicago. They live in Wadsworth, Illinois, and the phone is Antioch 188W2. Also in the Chicago area are Francis Cooch (three children) and Buck Melton, who is with Norge.

Bob Parks is now stationed at the Naval Air Missile Test Center, Point Nuga, California. Bob and Enid have two daughters, Susan Elaine and Cynthia Ann.

Bob Morrison, now at the University of Pennsylvania, will be teaching syntax and punctuation here next fall. Also slated to report to the academic department are Lou Armstrong and McCoy.

Additional births are Joanne Wheeler to the Jim Youngs on December 18th at Fort Benning and Cynthia Joan to the Hugh Snellings on February 24th.

December graduates from the Air Tac School were Jim Bandy, Bill Fairbrother, Frank Greenhill, Bass Hanley, Ray Janeczek, Johnny Moore, Pat Sullivan, and Howie Tanner. Congrats!

The column depends upon its friends. You write it and we'll print it. This is not a reunion year, but June Week activities are worth the time of anyone who can get here. Hope to see you then.

—R. W. F.

1945

This seems to be a period of little activity. Perhaps everyone stays home during the winter season.

First news is to announce the engagement of Herb Price here at West Point to Miss Kitty Parham of Petersburg, Virginia. The wedding will be in June at Petersburg. Paul B. Nelson was married in December to Miss Jane Lee in Nashville, Tennessee. Richard DeKay was married in December to Miss Jacquelyn N. Porter of Douglaston, N. Y. Present as ushers were Dick Hartline and Dick Van Houten. DeKay is currently an instructor at the Ground General

School. The engagement of Robert G. Lindsay to Miss Jean M. Weber of Burlingame, California, has been announced. Lindsay, after completing graduate work at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, is a flight instructor at Williams Field, Arizona. Announcement was made of the engagement of A. R. Patterson to Miss Elizabeth M. Avery of Bethesda, Maryland. The wedding is to take place in the spring. Patterson is now stationed at the Fairfield Suisun AFB in California. John Storb's engagement to Miss Louise C. Williams of Atlanta, Georgia, has also been announced. The wedding is to be in June. John is attending the Georgia Institute of Technology.

J. H. Johnson, who resigned last summer, is now with the State Department serving as Vice-Consul in Berlin. Ted Flum, who also left the service, is in business in Bridgeton, N. J. Bud Weaver is on duty with the Quartermaster Depot at the garden spot of the Pacific, Okinawa. Carl Fischer is an instructor at the Quartermaster School at Camp Lee, Virginia. K. H. Bailey is now with the 3rd Cavalry at Fort Meade, Maryland.

A letter from Butch Foley, who is at the Univ. of Pennsylvania, to Bill Ochs, includes some interesting information as follows: "Hank Stick is in Wharton School with me and he is the only one that I see regularly. Bur Coldren is in law school. . . Saw Cobb a couple of times in Virginia. He is out of the Army, working for his Dad and married. Just got a wedding announcement from John Ludlow. Rock Brett is still in Panama City teaching at Air Tac School. Has a little boy about a year old. We've got a young football player in the family now and will soon be 10 months old. What a character."

All reports from Leila and Barney Broughton indicate they are living in a big "mansion" in Harrison, N. Y., while Barney is getting special schooling before coming to West Point this summer.

Because of an inadvertent error, our column in the January 1950 *Assembly* indicated that Bob Bacon was at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio. We apologize for this mistake. Of course most of us know of Bob's death in an air crash on 22 May 1949. His obituary is published elsewhere in this issue.

A word about June Week. Form letters have been sent out to each member of the class. Because of incorrect addresses, it is probable that a number of the class will not receive them. Here is what the letter says:

"Dear Classmate,

"This letter is an effort to contact as many of our class as is possible and to discuss with you plans for our Fifth Reunion. We have formed committees under the chairmanship of Bill Ochs to develop a modest program for our entertainment. I should like to pass on to you certain information which you no doubt will desire to know.

"GENERAL: June Week will begin on the second of June and end with Graduation Ceremonies on the sixth. An outline of cadet activities during this period is included. All class functions will be informal; visiting officers may wear civilian dress.

"BILLETING: Members of the class coming stag will be billeted in cadet barracks. Members with family or guests will be billeted in barracks at Stewart Field. By nature of this type of housing, men and women will be billeted in separate barracks. Eating facilities will be available at Stewart Field. No special accommodations are available for children. No nursery or baby sitter pools are available. If you will indicate your desires on the inclosed form and return it as soon as possible, we will make the necessary arrangements for you in cadet barracks or at Stewart Field. Except as indicated

above, we must ask you to communicate direct with any other agencies.

"ENTERTAINMENT: Three class functions are planned. The first is a buffet luncheon from about 1200-1400 on Saturday, 3 June. This will be held at the Thayer Hotel. We will answer any questions you may have about June Week at this affair. Sunday, 4 June, we will have a class picnic. The location has not been decided upon. Finally, on Monday, 5 June, a class dinner-dance (informal) will be held at the West Point Army Mess (the Officers' Club).

"FINANCIAL: There will be no assessment prior to arrival at West Point. If possible, there will be no letters asking for money after June Week is over. The reasons for this are that mail is expensive and time consuming, and there is always the possibility of failure to collect from all participants. All collections will be made at the door of the function for which the money is paid so that a person will pay only for entertainment received. Only *cash* will be accepted. The rates will be for each adult, and there will be no special rates for couples or guests. All drinks will be on a BYOL basis with mix provided gratis. For your information, there are ample liquor stores available in this area. The total charge for all three functions will be less than \$10.00 per person.

"If you will complete the inclosed questionnaire you will help us immeasurably in making positive arrangements. In filling out this questionnaire you will understand, of course, that it in no way obligates you to any of the arrangements made, if your plans should change. However, if your plans do change, we would appreciate prompt information so that we can make the necessary changes at this end.

"If you have additional questions, please write direct to one of our class stationed here. For your information, their names and addresses are: Ted Adair, Dept. of English; Jim Alfonte, English; John Bennett, English; Bill Clark, Hq.; George Carman, Social Sciences; Jim Holcomb, MT&G; Jim Howe, Foreign Languages; Doug Kenner, Football Office; Tom Marks, Mathematics; Frank Marvin, MT&G; Bill Ochs, Public Information Office; Herb Price, Office of the Quartermaster; Ben Wier, Foreign Languages.

"We sincerely hope that you will be able to join us this June Week. Let's make this the largest reunion in the history of West Point. We will have a good time—and the more people here the better the time."

Here is what we want to know: Will you be here; if so, when? Do you want us to make arrangements in Cadet Barracks or at Stewart Field? Which of the class functions do you expect to attend and how many will there be in your party?

—W. D. C.

1946

Marriages and Engagements: Miss Marilyn Jean Wyard of Duluth, Minn., and Cal Arnold are engaged and plan their marriage for this summer. Marilyn is to graduate from Wellesley this June; Cal is now with the Army of Occupation in Giessen, Germany. Jim Cavanaugh was married to Miss Virginia Lane Barr on November 19, 1949, at Camp Crawford, Hokkaido, Japan. The former Miss Barr is the daughter of Maj. Gen. and Mrs. Barr, stationed in Japan. Classmates who acted as ushers were J. S. Baumgartner, W. T. Bowley, and R. L. Ruble. Engaged last December were Saul Horowitz and Miss Mary Elizabeth Blakeney, daughter of Col. and Mrs. C. C. Blakeney. They plan a spring marriage in Japan, after which they will return to the United States for their new

station. On December 10, 1949, Miss Patricia Anne Farrell and J. F. Naleid were married in the Catholic Chapel at West Point. The reception was held at Cullum Hall. Naleid is stationed at Furstefeldbruck, Germany, with the 36th Jet Fighter Group.

Many of you must have received George Bailey's post card announcing his discharge. George is with the advertising agency of Young & Rubicam, Inc., in New York City. He lives in Englewood, N. J. Dick Kellogg was one of our classmates who flew in the Berlin Airlift operation. He completed 25 such missions flying C-82's. Dick is with the 10th Troop Carrier Squadron as a pilot and records disposal officer. From Yokohama comes word of an addition to the family of Mary and Steve Matejov. Their daughter Anne was born on February 9, 1950. Steve is with the 933 AAA Bn.

Ray Boyd wrote an interesting letter giving important personal details. He is at the University of Pennsylvania studying for a Master's Degree in Electrical Engineering, accompanied by Dave Lane. On December 27, 1949, he married Miss Marion Koskinen, of Phila. and Penn. U. They were married in the Cadet Chapel at West Point with Hank Bolz serving as best man. When Ray got back from his honeymoon he found an announcement of the marriage of Brooke Albert; to their mutual astonishment each was married the same day within a half hour's time. Brooke married Miss Ann Bennett of Chicago and he is now studying at Illinois Institute of Technology.

Lee Parmly wrote a long letter which I will more or less follow as he wrote it. He and the 11th AB are now at Camp Campbell, Ky.; he with the Hq. Co., 1st Bn., 511th AIR. This poop starts with Lee's joining the 511th in Japan in 1947. Along with Bob Richmond, A. W. Pence, and Tom Owen, Parmly was assigned to the 11th AB Div. at Hachinohe. They joined Strudwick, Hale, Sprague, Cramer, Tucker, F. B., Whittington, Orth, and Bugh, who were already assigned. Later Rabbit Lewis, Dick Conolly and Glidewell joined the division. Orth and Cramer left them in Japan, but the rest are still jump-happy, and have even been further joined by P. I. Barthol, Rusty Brunson, Jack Cairns, Dick Kinney, and Bob Tully after they did their hitch in Korea and returned to the USA for reassignment. Other doughboys in the division in Japan who returned with them are Pete Arend, Bob Case, Rolly Desert, Roy Gillig, McMinn, Phillips, W. R., Spellman, John Stannard, Bob White, Jack Miley, A. W. Pence, Dave Peters, Bill Stone, and Harry Lacouture. Lac has left to go to Randolph Field and another pair of wings. Gillig is the Ass't Div. Cmdr's aide; Kyle Bowie stayed behind in Japan to be Gen. Higgins' aide. Also staying behind when the div. returned were "Snake-head" Channon, Pappy Hewett, Bill SacHarov, Dave Brillhart, Sam Walker and Dick Gruenther. Stan Baumgartner and Bland Shattuck were in the division signal company, but Stan stayed back. In the division engineers were J. G. Becker, Saul Horowitz, and Bob Malley; Becker and Horowitz remained in Japan but Pendergrass has come in since they came back. Duncan is still in the division recon troop. Gunner Andersson, Jim Thomas, Fred Alderson, Josiah Wallace, Bill Humphreys, Bob Kren, Matteson, Pat O'Neill, Carl Schmidt, Roy Simkins, Bob Smith, Thurman, Jim Brooks, Ralph Starner, P. D. Haisley, Bob Bullock, and Stan Tharp are still with the div arty joined in the States by Tom Gatch. They left P. J. O'Conner behind when the big move was made. Some more doughboys who have become members of this division after their tour was completed in Korea are Ashby, Barth, Cavanaugh, Chabot, P. J. Frank, McCormick, Jack Montague, M. J. Murphy, Les Shade, A. D. Wesolowsky, Job Swab, Harry Floyd, and Jack Cassidy. If you can unscramble this hodge-podge, Parmly says

you will count a total of 79 from our class who have been with the 11th Airborne Division that he can remember.

Lee reports the following are married with children as indicated: Arend and daughter 2 years and son 4 months; Bugh, Conolly, Frank, Lewis and daughter 2; McMinn with son 2 years and daughter 3 weeks; Miley, Murphy and son 2; Richmond with daughters 3 years and 4 months; Sprague married in December; Strudwick in November; Stone, Whittington with daughter 6 months; Chabot, Dessert with two sons 1 and 2; Pence with daughter 2; Phillips with son 2; Kren with daughter 6 months; O'Neill with son 2; Schmidt with daughter 1; Simkins, Starner with son 1; Alderson, Humphreys with son 1; Wallace, Brooks, Haisley with daughter 1; and Pendergrass. Also Marie and Lee have 2 daughters Beth 3 years and Barbara 1 year.

Parmly thinks Gayle's suggestion to publish a class booklet on our successive assignments since graduation is a pretty big undertaking and will need a lot of cooperation from all. Possibly it would be better to wait 'til our tenth reunion when there will be more than just one or two assignments and a listing of wives and children could be more complete. I agree somewhat with this. However, if the idea gets around that we should have a five year booklet, I have one helpful suggestion. Each and every classmate should get hold of a 3x5 card, write his name (France, S. E. H.), wife's name (Ethel) children's names (your sample classmate has none now), assignments, any dates (Marriage, Births, Assignments) and other personal notes that would be of interest to the class, then mail it. There is still a year before the 5th reunion, so we have time to organize, if we get started. There are many of you back in the States now; so, many groups can get together to discuss the need of a booklet.

Phyllis Yancey has also written me a very nice long informative letter. She and Bill are in Okinawa with the 16th Ftr. Sqd, 51st Ftr. Grp. Last June 4th Phyllis, Bill III, and Mary Jo flew from Alameda, Calif., to join Bill, who had been overseas almost a year by then. At present there are just three classmates with the 51st Ftr. Grp.—Yancey, Bob Eichenberg, and Burt Cameron. Eichenberg's wife and two daughters arrived last March '49 so are due to go home in a couple of months. The Yanceys and Eichenbergs live in the same housing area called Bucknerville. Bill Roney and Marilyn live in Awase. Roney is stationed at Kadena with the 20th AF. Roney and Yancey worked in the 51st Legal Office until Roney was transferred to the 20th Legal Office.

News from Japan, that Phyllis has forwarded: Jean and Ray Hudspeth, Yokota, A. B., have a daughter Sally born in October '49. Bill and Bette Evans are at Nagoya where Bill is Aide to General Partridge. Bob and Kitty Walsh and son "Duke" are at Itayki, as are Bob and Penny Wayne. The Waynes now have two daughters; Penelope was born July 1949 in Japan.

John Bartholf, Kenny Tallman, and Dick Galt were with the 51st when Phyllis arrived in Okinawa but they have gone back to the States now. Johnny and Patty Castle have a son born the 19th of September at Albuquerque. Caroline and Bill Gordon also have a son born November 4, 1949, at Albuquerque. Hobey and Janie Gay have a son born September 29. Bob and Jo Clemenson are at Williams Fld, Arizona. Bob and Jo have two daughters, Barbara Jo and Marianne. Bob and Doris Dosh have a daughter Donna born at Wright-Patterson Fld, Ohio. Jack Sadler returned from Korea for assignment at Fort Meade, Md.

From Bad Tolz, Germany, Pete Burnell sent me a swell write up. He set about

to gather a little information and pass it on to me, but there was so much to write about he decided to put the information in chart form. Most of the chart is confined to men in the 1st Division and Pete has shown dates of rotation, plus job assignment, marital status and offspring. In addition to the boys in the division Pete has seen a lot of Wally Wallis and Bob Lenzer, both aides to Brigadier General Sebree in Munich; Winnie Gannon, aide to General White of the Constab; Roger Nye, aide to General Trudeau; Kit Sinclair, company commander in 2nd Bn, 14th Cavalry Regiment; Percy Wheeler, Hal Hलगren and several others who are instructors for the Constab NCO Academy at Munich. I am going to copy Pete's chart; please remember the dates shown are dates of rotation.

Headquarters (Bad Tolz): Pete Burnell (29 May 50) Aide to CG, 1st Div., Single; Clint Friend (29 May 50) Aide to Asst. CG, 1st Div., Married, 1 child. 18th Infantry (Aschaffenberg): Beano Hadley (28 May 50) Asst S-1, Single; Bob Patterson (29 May 50) Ctr Fire Plat Ldr, Single; Granville Rouillard (24 July 50) Asst S-3, Married; Jim Egan (25 July 50) Rcn Off, Hv Mtr Co, Single; Al Wedemeyer (28 May 50) Intel Div, Eucom, Single. Lengreis: Garcie Gliford, Com O. 1st Bn, Married, 2 children; Bob McBirney S-1, 1st Bn, Married, 1 child; John Hill, Opns & Trng Div, Eucom, Single. Heidelberg: Bob Shoemaker, CO, G Co. 2nd Bn., Married. 26th Infantry (Bamberg); Frank Blazey (28 May 50) Asst S-3, Regt., Married, 1 child; John Schultz (24 July 50) Ln Off (Asst S-1), Married; Clarence Kingsbury (28 May 50) Fire Direction O, Tank Co., Married, 1 child; Cal Benedict (28 May 50) S-4, 1st Bn., Married, 1 son; "Dumbo" Bryant (24 July 50) Motor Off, Married, 1 child; Bob Collier, S-1, 1st Bn., Married; Paul Ireland (15 June 50) Comm O, 1st Bn., Married and 1 son; Eddy Crowley (21 June 51) Motor Off, 2nd Bn., Married, 1 child; Dick Stone, (24 July 50) A&P Plat Ldr, Married; Joe Warren (24 July 50) Comm Off. 16th Infantry (Furth): F. R. Baker (27 Mar 51) Plat Ldr, H. Co., Married; Jim McBride (5 Jan 52) Plat Ldr, G Co., Married, 1 child. 701st Ord Co. (Bamberg): Ken Van Auken (May 1950) Ord Supply Officer, Married. 63rd Heavy Tank Bn (Mannheim): George Webb (28 May 50) Tank Plat Ldr, Married; George Patton (24 July 50) Tank Plat Ldr, Single. 1st Rn Co (Erlangen): Bill Whitner (24 July 50) Ln Off, Single; John Stratis (24 July 50) Plat Ldr, Single. 522 AA Gun Bn (Karlsruhe): Jesse Fields (18 Nov 51) Battery Off, Married, 1 child. 7th FA (Schwabach): Dick Wildrick (28 May 50) Ex Off, Btry, Married, 1 child. 32nd FA Bn (Goepingen): Bob Babcock (5 Aug 50) Rcn Off, Married; Van Roy Baker (28 May 50) Rcn Off; Jack Dayton, Rcn Off, Married and 2 children; O. D. Street, Btry Exec, Married. 33 FA Bn: Dave Baker (28 May 50) Asst S-2 & Athletic Off, coached championship basketball team, Single; Dick Sandoval (5 Aug 50) Asst Comm O.; Lloyd Kurowski was in command of A Battery and doing a marvelous job, but became seriously ill and quickly returned to the States with his wife and child. We all wish you the best, Lloyd. 1st QM Co. (Lengreis): Willis Schugg (24 Aug 52) Plat Ldr, Married, 1 child.

The classmates that wrote letters this time (Burnell, Parmly, Phyllis Yancey, Ray Boyd, notes from Matejov and Bailey) are to be recommended for the "Medal of Cooperation" This column would have been no longer than 4 or 5 dinky paragraphs if they had not saved the day. My warmest regards and thanks go to them. However, I really feel grand about the cooperation I have received from many members of the class. Our column has nearly always been close to the maximum allowable length.

—S. E. H. F.

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Tex Hightower sends some tragic news from the University of Texas. John J. Anderson's F-82 twin Mustang fighter plane from the 27th Escort Fighter Wing at Bergstrom AFB crashed into the Gulf of Mexico on February 15th, killing him and the other occupants of the plane. His body was not found. Memorial services were held for him in the Bergstrom AFB Chapel. To quote from Tex's letter: "One significant thing I noticed about the group attending the service was the considerable number of enlisted men present—an indication of the respect he had generated among them"

Tex was in Washington about the first of February and while there saw Jack and Teenie Young and John Kennedy and his wife. Tex expects to receive his Master's Degree from the University in July. Bob Ehrlich has returned from Germany and is now Assistant A-1 for the 27th Fighter Escort Wing.

Hal Tavzel writes from Friedburg, Germany that the most important news he has is the birth of Harold Richard Tavzel, born October 27th at Frankfurt. Present at the christening were Annabelle and Bill Smith from Butback, Nancy and Bill Cronin from Darmstadt (they have a girl born in September named Jane). Also in Darmstadt are Frank and Barbara Boerger and Howie and Meg Sargent. In the 18th Infantry with Hal are Russ and Gloria Toomer, John and Janet Miller, the Haldanes, Lauterbachs, and Bob Ozier. The Toomers have a son named Steven, born in July. In the 26th Infantry are Julius Ickler and wife, Mary, who were married in Bamberg the 27th of October, John and Mary Denistraty, Alex Lemberes, and Bernie Abrams. Hal coached the 18th Infantry football team this year which won the 1st Division Championship but lost out in the semi-finals when they lost to Rhine-Main with a breath-taking 19-18 score.

Todd Mallett, with the 11th Abn Div. Arty. in Campbell, Kentucky, writes that there are three classmates with him there, Bob and Jean Coleman, Anne and Buster Little, and Bob Garvin—all with the 187th Airborne Infantry Regiment. Bob is Special Service Officer, Buster is in one of the line companies, and Bob Garvin is in the Support Company learning how to use the 90 mm anti-tank guns.

One of our ex-classmates, Bill Lawton, got his regular commission through the Competitive Tour Program and received a date of rank of 1 January 1948 as a Second Lieutenant. While on leave in January Bill ran into Dave O'Dell and Ralph Murrin at Wright-Patterson ATB in Dayton, Ohio. O'Dell told Bill that Forrest Crowe is at Hamilton AFB, Fred Jacoby and Wally Griffith are in the Institute of Technology at Wright-Patterson, Bob Haas is at present in the Survey Section, Cost Control, and Analysis Office at Wright-Patterson. Dave is Staff Pilot to General Chidlaw and the other brass. Bill took part in the Portrex Operation and will not be home until the first of April.

Ralph Beuhler writes with some bad news—namely that he will be a civilian sometime in the Spring. He came down with polio last summer and the end result will be a medical discharge. Ralph is getting along fairly well but will certainly not be as active as he once was. Ralph is in the same position that some of us with medical discharges were—how to make a living in civilian life. If anyone has any information on jobs in which they think Ralph may be interested, he can be reached at 424 Champion Street, Battlecreek, Michigan.

Glenn Davis has resigned from the Army and, according to the newspapers, will play pro-football next Fall with the Los Angeles

Rams. May his seasons be as good as they were at West Point.

—D. L. T.

1948

... but in a larger sense we cannot consecrate, we cannot dedicate, we cannot hallow this ground. The brave men living and dead. . . Sunday, November 27, 1949, The San Francisco Chronicle: "One Air Force lieutenant was killed and another critically injured yesterday morning in the crash of a Hamilton Field Air Force training plane on Russ Island, eight miles northwest of Vallejo. Killed was the pilot, Second Lieutenant William C. Ocker, 23, son of Mrs. Doris M. Ocker, of Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana.

December 27—Excerpt from letter from Bob Finnegan: " then on Saturday December 18, I think it was, Barrineau was killed in a F-51 crash about ten miles from the air field. We had all been together the Sunday before at one of the clubs for a small reunion and it came as quite a shock. His . . . and will be the last for a long time I hope"

Remember in Beast Barracks when everyone was strange, when if you saw someone you knew in Poop school or in the ranks or even at the same examination center you thought he was your long lost buddy? Remember those days when you first met your assigned roommates and didn't know if you were allowed to talk to them or not, even in your own room? Do you remember what you thought of the Bath Formations, every night and how the Firsties powdered feet? It seems a long time ago and yet the men you knew and learned to get along with in those days came to mean a lot. Graduation Day of '48 there were 301 names called from the platform, now on that roster there are 299. We knew most of our buddies by their last names or their nicknames—we still know most of them the same way. Ching Ocker and Herb Barrineau, one from Texas, red headed and freckled, the other from the Carolinas with a speech that couldn't be mistaken, both in three weeks have withdrawn their names from our call sheet. How well I remember at Pine Camp when the squad names were read "Nairn, Nash, Ocker, Robinson, . . ." It seems as if it were just yesterday that we could hear those boys complaining about the Academic Department. Their memory will be with us even though they took the other fork of the road at an early date.

To their folks back home we want to say "We're sorry" and offer our help in any way that we are able. Won't you who receive this magazine write a note of sympathy and condolence to the fellow's folks that you knew the best? Here are the addresses of their mothers: Mrs. Doris M. Ocker, 1021 College Street, Barksdale Field, Louisiana; Mrs. Kate Barrineau, 1110 Henderson Street, Columbia, South Carolina.

—Charley Nash.

1949

Before hearing from the gang let's take a look at the news service clippings to see who has become engaged or married. Engagements are announced of Ken Main to Nancy Chidester of Auburn, New York; John Hawn to Helen Merriam of Schenectady; Duane Smith to Jean Somerville of Philadelphia; Doug Weart to Joan Dunne of Washington; Jim Scholtz to Kathleen O'Keefe of Schenectady; Tom Baker to

Nancy Lauder of Larchmont, New York; Clyde Bell to Gail Griffin of Damariscotta, Maine; John Ike to Nancy Coulbourn of Scotch Plains, New Jersey; Jim Stansberry to Audrey Heinz of Lancaster, New York; Jerry Helfrich to Margaret McLoughlin of Rockville Center, New York; Bill Earthman to Alice Tyne of Nashville, Tenn.

Quite a few weddings were reported: Charlie Anderson to Mary Jane Shalloe; Dick Bundy to Louise Raguse (aided by Betts, St. Clair, Streett, Latimer, Fallon, Ennis, Peixotto and Hodes); John Chandler to Jane Campbell (ushers); E. B. Ross, W. C. Brown, Neil, Coghlan, Spencer); Dick Connell to Betsy Baker (Trubin, Griffith, Tow, Luebbert, Greenbaum, Goering, Giddings); Carl Fitz to Virginia White (Walt Milliken an usher); John Wogan to Katrina Himes (Judd); Jim Coghlan to Sarah Anne Evans; Jim Hendricks to Dorothy Bremicker (Norby, and Hayes); Ted DeMuro to Barbara Scharg (Stemple, Trautvetter, Greenleaf, Wilford, Chamberlain); Johnny Mione to Peggy Coots; Bob Black to Luanne Smith (Callaway, Bolte, Finnegan, Hale); John Walter to Alliene Wiggins (Bill Rice); Courtenay Davis to Molly Pearce; Paul Fleri to Jeanne Smith (Bob O'Brien, Dow, Wagner, E. W., Colgan, Knapp, and Monahan assisting).

Also mentioned in the clippings was Hal Lombard's holiday visit at the Bullock home in Syracuse after which he returned to Fort Bliss.

Bill Lowrey paid Cedar Rapids and your Ed a surprise visit shortly after he left Riley. Enroute to see Anderegg at LaCrosse, Wisconsin, he was bound ultimately for Monmouth. Among those now married Bill mentioned O'Brien, Long, Mackert, McBeath, Mackenzie, Gower and Gilroy. Seems the gang is really spreading out now. New trails lead to Benning (carrier branches), Bliss then Sill (arty), Monmouth (signal), Belvoir (engineer) and Knox (cavalry) plus a host of other places where individuals or small groups of 49ers now find themselves.

A card from Jack and Pearl Hayne called Riley a "madhouse" two days before the move to branch school. Said they had heard several times from Trubin. Jack and Pearl were in on a chartered flight to the Navy game Thanksgiving week-end and managed visits both to their home and the Point. Pearl "likes this traveling—a chance to see the world" New address—Fort Bliss. Hayes Metzger's folks at Wilmington, Ohio, have played host to a number of the gang at Wright Field including Liddicoet, Kinney, Zimmerman and Dirkes. Also at the Field are Swantz, Gorog, Heesacker, Lambert, Gustafson, Carroll, Cronin, Finley and Main. Three of them are living in a converted brick hospital which still "has elevators and what not . . . complete, except for nurses". The week before Thanksgiving the Metzgers traveled to Riley—celebrated at Kay and Hayes' apartment with Bill Hiestand, his wife and parents, Jerry Lauer and wife, Lattimer, Fullerton, Giddings and Tow. Confirmed at last is the marriage of Bill Liddicoet and Dianne Flagg September 3rd. Lay and Browne are at Tyndall, and Pursley and Hendricks at Randolph, while Stender is at Rome, New York in Intelligence work.

John McArdle wrote from Riley prior to flying home to the west coast from Kansas City . . . now at the Armored School, Fort Knox, Ky. Heard from Bill and Phoebe Gustafson from Bill's home in Aurora, Illinois. He had just finished at Tyndall. Ted Campbell and Jack Albert were married there. The Raabes and Lamberts were acknowledged champions at bingo and a favorite pastime was out-of-doors barbecues. A group went over to New Orleans to root for Navy against Tulane. Charlie Oliver, also married, is now in Shelbyville, Ohio. Pete Hiskin is at McChord Field, Wash. Dave Arn-

old at San Bernardino and Walt Milliken is at Olmsted, Pa.

Just received the announcement of J. Q. Arnette's marriage to Jeannetta Dickey on February 18th in Asheville, North Carolina.

Stender writes from Griffiss AFB in Rome, N. Y. mentioning Andy Lay's marriage to Ann Crowhurst and that of Dan Williamson to Olwen Thomas. Dan McGurk and Francis Murphy were married December 17th in Milwaukee. Stender finished at Tyndall on December 16th, spent Christmas in Jacksonville (Alice Ann's the name), helped celebrate Dan Williamson's wedding (along with O'Brien, Yellman, Snuffy Smith, Tiger Howell, Holt and Buckingham). Heading north on the 30th Bob missed Griffith at Boonton (Griff was New Year's Eve-ing in Washington), spent New Year's Eve in deep slumber at Ye Olde Hotel Thayer, visited Jack Wallace at Schenectady, then reported along with Wallace and Al Austin to Griffiss AFB at Rome. Jack is in Aircraft Maintenance and Al is in Electronics. The base has 150 officers, 400 airmen and 2,600 civilians. Each of the three has two rooms in the BOQ and a garage. Bob, at the time he wrote, was digging in to learn the ropes since he was to be left on his own as Base Intelligence Officer after February 20th. He's the lowest ranking staff officer on the base but says he did find a desk and phone in the corner of one of the offices—"then too, it's only 170 miles from Vassar".

Writing from 111 West 84th Street in New York City, Herb Turner says he's hoping to become a portrait painter. He's studying under one of the top men in the country—is very happy—and very broke. Herb saw Drummond and F. A. Johnson at the Penn game, plans to join the W.P. Society of New York and gets up to the Point for an occasional visit.

With Gloria lowering a rolling-pin on him, Gary Van Westenbrugge finally penned a letter my way. (Keep up the good work, Gloria.) Living at 2637 Plainfield Avenue, N.E. in Grand Rapids, Michigan, Gary started out as a field representative for General Motors Acceptance Corp. Then he was moved inside as credit man to handle correspondence of around 3,000 accounts. He finds the work very interesting even though quite detailed . . . believes once it's learned there'll be good opportunity for advancement. He and Gloria saw the Michigan-Army game—his boss is a Michigan grad—which added to the pleasure of the victory. Gloria is working as secretary to the Social Director at the Sunshine Sanatorium (tuberculosis) and their letter concludes by saying "We're having a great time"

A postcard from Griff told of Andy Lay's wedding where he, Pursley and Meyerson ushered. He also mentioned the G-1 reunion at Connell's wedding in Taunton, Mass.

A note from Ben Suttle says "life here at Belvoir is looking up after the stay at Riley" Studying courses directly concerned with a branch makes the big difference—and Washington is conveniently near. By the way—a nod is due the boys who played on the Riley six-man football team—one tie game, the rest wins.

Bill Lowrey writes that they are living in temporary buildings at Monmouth—the two-man rooms, however, are large and comfortable. He finds a car essential with the mess three-quarters of a mile away, school beyond that and the main Officers' Club off the Post. Radio clubs, hobby shops, and extensions from Rutgers University offer plenty of outside activity. Luebbert, May, Monahan and O'Brien are among the 14 others there. Bill and Kirby Lamar put in for Airborne but so far have gotten no definite word. He passed on word from Anderegg at Benning that quarters were very satisfactory and the work a pleasure. Andy

is engaged to Ellen Fleming of Niagara Falls—wedding in April or May.

Al Goering reports from Connally AFB in Waco that 19 of the original 25 remain in the course which was lengthened 6 weeks to include 165 hours. He likes the instrument work but wouldn't commit himself on the acrobatics. Bill Mueller wrote him from Ellington that all was well.

Frank Bondurant sent the assignments of the first class from Tyndall. Very helpful—others would be welcome to aid in keeping track of everyone. Tennis, golf, sailing, hunting, fishing—rough life, Frank. The basketball team of the last class at Tyndall had 10 wins and no losses. Barnes coached—Pursley, Swantz, Hinchion, Hammer, Maughmer and Bondurant played. The new group finds Jenkins, Westfall, Bumpus and Lay on the outfit. Dodd Brandt was married and Pospisil and Parrish became engaged. Woodson also was married.

Heard from Orton, Peters and Kelly at Benning. Sentiment on the situation is summed up in a sentence: "the work is better—the weather is warm and wonderful after Kansas—and everyone is well pleased with the school" Bruce Peters wrote that he and Steve went through the Santa Elena Canyon this summer, lost their boats and had to swim 10 to 15 miles to get out. Preference assignments "abroad" were turned in—only question was whether Marshlander, Kuhlman and Abele would get their first choice—Alaska.

Freddie Birch has completed two terms at M.I.T., in Chem. Engineering. With Bill Ross and Ralph Raabe across the river from him at the Cambridge USAF Field Station there'll be bridge in the wind no doubt.

Bob Andreen married Margie LaPointe December 23rd at Northfield, Minn. Pursley just dropped a line adding the names of Trieschman and Kramer to the ranks of the engaged. John Poulson and John Saxon are instructing in B-25s at Vance AFB in Enid, Oklahoma. Jim Rawers married Jean Bast (Frank Barnes—best man). Red Keffer is married while Wilford and Greenleaf are the beau brummels of Waco. Klein and Nakfoor had to bail out of a T-6 at night. Triner and Poulson are temporary first lieutenants.

Les Harris says things at Goodfellow Field are great. MacMurry, McLean, Gilbert and Walter are married while Andrus, Byrnes and Ted Wagner collaborated on a play called "The Flyer?" with Levings ably handling publicity. Schlosser's paintings of a T-6 and an F-80 adorn the club and the group's mascot is a parakeet owned by Bob Ennis. Marks, LeMay and Tye are at Kelly Field.

From Bliss wrote Tom Baker and Bart Day telling of beautiful weather, fairly intensive AA training with a touch of Guided Missiles filling up busy days. Light AA, heavy AA, meteorology and comprehensive radar courses comprise the studies. Quarters are satisfactory and the mess as good as can be found on a permanent basis. Ciudad Juarez is close at hand. Others located there are the Suruts, Kingdoms, Dalrymples, Wilcoxes, Haynes, Barlows, Craigs, Buses, DeCorrevonts, Fritzes, Gowers, Lochheads, Marfuggis, Roberts, Sarciones, Whistlers and a long list of bachelors—all of them CAC or FA. After March 17th they'll be at Fort Sill.

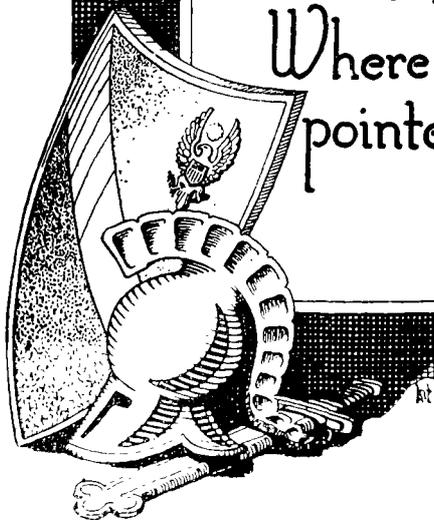
Following telegram received yesterday: "A boy was born to us Friday March 3 10 AM Mother and son doing fine how do we stand with regard to the cup letter following. Till and John Saalfeld" Any other claimants?

News should reach me 1 March, 1 June, 1 September and 1 December in order to make the *Assembly* deadline thus avoiding old news. Write me at the Y.M.C.A., Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Cheerio.

—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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Edward Mann Lewis

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DIED JULY 27, 1949, AT OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, AGED 85 YEARS.

EDWARD MANN LEWIS was born December 10, 1863, in New Albany, Indiana, the son of William Henry and Julia Frances (Snively) Lewis. Although his father was a railroad executive, there were numbered among his ancestors many who served their country in the military service, even to include forebears who were members of the Colonial Army prior to the American Revolution. With this military family history it is perhaps not surprising that he elected to become a soldier himself.

After completion of his early education in the public and private schools of New Albany, Indiana, this youngster, who later fought in two wars and who attained the rank of Major General in the Regular Army, obtained an appointment to West Point, where he entered in September, 1881. During his cadet career, Ed Lewis, known as "Sep" by his classmates, was a normal, healthy, popular and adaptable young man. He wore his share of chevrons, being a cadet lieutenant in his first class year. Although he had difficulty, as have many cadets through the years, in the subject of mathematics, his officer potentiality was recognized by the authorities and he earned a "turnback" to the Class of 1886 at the end of his plebe year. Thus he became a famous member of a famous class which produced such great military figures as General John J. Pershing.

Upon graduation from the Military Academy on June 12, 1886, "Sep" was commissioned a second lieutenant of Infantry and joined his first regiment, the 11th Infantry, at Fort Yates, Dakota Territory. After about a year of the usual frontier service at this post, he served successively, still with the same regiment, at Fort Wood, New York Harbor, and Fort Huachuca, Arizona. During these early years of his military career, his outstanding qualifications won for him many regimental and post staff assignments rather unusual for one so young and junior. Detached from regimental duty in 1892, Lewis served for four years as military instructor at De Pauw University in his native state of Indiana. During this period he was attached for a short time to the 9th Infantry during the railroad strike riots in Chicago in 1894. Upon completion of his tour of college duty in 1896, he was transferred to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, where he was assigned to the 20th Infantry with which he was destined to serve in many capacities for some twelve years. During a large part of this period he was detailed as Regimental Adjutant. Throughout the Spanish-American War he participated in the Cuban Campaign. He was present at El Caney and at the siege of Santiago, receiving a citation for gallantry in action during the former operation.

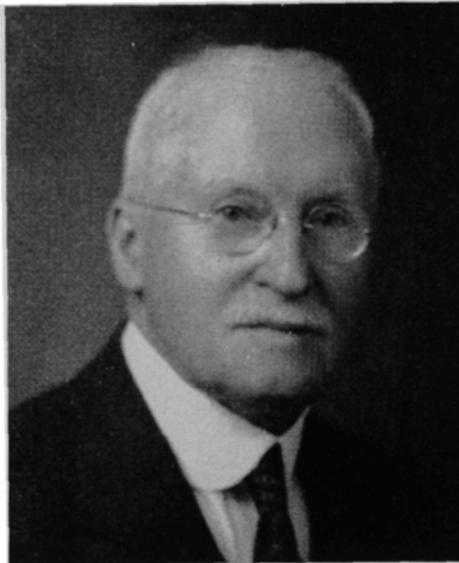
Following the end of the Spanish-American War, Lewis accompanied his regiment to the Philippine Islands where he participated in the Philippine Insurrection from February 23, 1899 to September, 1901. He was in the first expedition to open the Pasig River, and in many other battles in various parts of the Philippines. He personally accepted the surrender of General Aglipay in Llocos Norte. Upon return from the Philippines in 1901, there followed a tour on recruiting duty in Chicago. In 1904, he again returned to the Philippine Islands with his regiment, the 20th Infantry, which was engaged for two years in the usual occupation duties.

Early in 1906 "Sep's" regiment again returned to the United States for station at the Presidio of Monterey. During this period Lewis served in San Francisco on duty in connection with the earthquake and

fire in 1906. In 1908 he was detached from his regiment and served as Professor of Military Science and Tactics at the University of California. Upon completion of this duty he was selected to pursue the Field Officers Course at Fort Leavenworth, from which he was graduated in 1913.

Then followed an assignment to the 19th Infantry, with which he served at Fort Meade, South Dakota, and at Galveston, Texas, until his departure with the Vera Cruz Expedition. He served throughout the Vera Cruz Occupation on the staff of General Funston as Treasurer of the Military Government.

1915-16 found Lewis on duty as Inspector-Instructor of National Guard in Springfield, Illinois. He was the Senior Mustering Officer for that state during the 1916 mobilization until called by his native state of Indiana to head a brigade of its troops. Appointed Brigadier General, Indiana National Guard, in 1916, he accompanied his command to Texas where he commanded the Llano Grande District and, additionally, had command of the 13th Provisional Brigade, com-



posed of troops from Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, North Dakota, Indiana, Louisiana and Oklahoma. Upon disbandment of his command due to mustering out of the National Guard, Lewis served briefly as Officer in Charge of Military Affairs at Headquarters Northeastern Department.

Early in World War I he was appointed Brigadier General, National Army, and successively commanded the 76th Brigade and 38th Division at Camp Shelby, Mississippi, and U.S. troops in Paris. He was assigned to command of the Third Brigade of the Second Division from May 5th to July 15th, in 1918. With it he served in front of Verdun and throughout operations at Chateau-Thierry. His brigade was credited with the capture of the important town of Vaux.

In July, 1918, General Lewis was promoted to Major General, National Army, and assigned to command the 30th Division, which he commanded until its return to the United States in March, 1919. During this period he and his division served in Belgium and France with the British First, Second, Third and Fourth Armies. In this phase of operations, the 30th Division is given credit for being the first to break the Hindenburg Line. This was at Bellecourt, September 29, 1918.

Upon the return of his division to the United States, he was retained for duty at General Headquarters, A.E.F., where he served as President of the Infantry Board to study and report upon lessons of the World War as regards Infantry equipment and organization. When this special task was completed, General Lewis return-

ed to the United States in July, 1919. He then commanded successively the 5th Division and Camp Gordon, Georgia; the Douglas, Arizona District; the 3d Division and Camp Pike, Arkansas; the 2d Division and Camp Travis, Texas. During this period he was selected and promoted to Brigadier General and Major General, Regular Army. In December, 1922, he was assigned to command the Eighth Corps Area, in which capacity he served until transferred to Hawaii in 1924.

Upon arrival in the Hawaiian Department in September, 1924, General Lewis was assigned to command the Hawaiian Division until January, 1925 when he succeeded to command of the Hawaiian Department. He served in this capacity until his retirement from active duty in December, 1927, after forty-six years of distinguished service.

The foregoing paragraphs outline a full and complete military career with duties of quite diversified nature. What they do not show is the uniformly high order of performance of those varied assignments nor the esteem in which he was held by superiors, contemporaries and subordinates alike. His official records abound in reports of his military accomplishments which are uniformly commendatory in nature. Throughout his unusual service, his upright, honest but genial nature and outstanding accomplishments won for him the enduring respect of his seniors; at the same time he constituted a model to be followed by his juniors.

After retirement and rather extensive traveling, General Lewis settled, with his wife, in Berkeley, California, in 1928, where he has since that time integrated himself into the life of the community which he chose and where he is known as one of its God-fearing, helpful and useful citizens, a devoted and considerate husband and father, and a delightful and loyal friend. During the last few years of his life, ill health was his lot. Although he spent three years in the hospital where he died, he bore the hopeless condition of his failing health with optimistic patience. He endeared himself to those who served him.

Edward Lewis is survived by his widow, Mrs. Harriet B. Lewis, who continues to reside in the family home in Berkeley; a son, Major General Henry B. Lewis, U.S. Army, Retired; a daughter, Mrs. McMullen, wife of Major General Clements McMullen, U.S. Air Force; and another son, Colonel Thomas E. Lewis, Headquarters Fourth Army, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

His outstanding service was recognized by the award of the D.S.M.; Knight Commander, Order of St. Michael and St. George (Great Britain); Commander, Legion d'Honneur, and Croix de Guerre (France); Commander, Order of Leopold, and Croix de Guerre (Belgium); Grand Officer, Order of Danilo I (Montenegro). In 1919 the Degree of LL.D was conferred on him by De Pauw University. He was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, American Legion, Society of Santiago, Sons of the Revolution and the Ypres League.

Major General Edward Mann Lewis was laid to rest in the National Cemetery, Presidio of San Francisco, on July 29, 1949. He was a son of whom his Alma Mater may be proud.

Harry Howard Stout

NO. 3623 CLASS OF 1895

DIED APRIL 13, 1949, AT PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY, AGED 76 YEARS.

OUR dynamic Harry Stout died in his sleep in his hotel suite in Plainfield, New Jersey; apparently taken unawares by death. His faith in tomorrow unshaken, it was to be another day in pursuing his course of continuing a life worth living; and throughout

his career he seems never to have recognized defeat. Although late in life he found himself decidedly handicapped physically, he was never so mentally, and his mind proved equal to the occasion under all circumstances.

Born in Arizona, December 8, 1872, the family moved to Pennsylvania when he was but a youngster; and there, some twelve years later, in 1891, he was appointed to the Military Academy. Liberally endowed with intellect and energy, his cadet days were a series of well-balanced activities; free from care in class standing, he could well afford to participate in the various athletics and all else going to the making of a fully-equipped cadet. A corporal and then a sergeant in "B" Company, he was in turn a cadet lieutenant in "D" Company; while in athletic sports he played four years of baseball either second base or shortstop, and four years of football, as quarterback; the Academy records showing that he won letters on both counts—baseball and football.

In our Hundredth Night play, "Under Two Flags", Stout took the part of Harvey Howard, a "cit" and a villain, alias Charles Neville, Aide-de-Camp. Nothing like that would have been complete without Stout; although if my memory is correct and as a matter of interest, he was one of the two of the Class on furlough who wired regrets in waiving the opportunity to accompany the Corps to the World's Fair in Chicago in 1893.

Commissioned a second lieutenant upon graduation, he was assigned to the 6th Cavalry, at Fort Myer. There he married Miss Helen Craig, not only a popular, but a very popular, Cadet girl of our time at West Point, while her father Captain Craig was the senior Cavalry instructor and highly regarded by the Cadets. Quoting from the Washington Morning Times, December 29, 1896, in covering the wedding:

"A brilliant military wedding was celebrated at Fort Myer, Va., yesterday evening, the bride being Miss Helen Craig, only daughter of Captain and Mrs. Louis A. Craig, and the groom, Lieutenant H. H. Stout, of the Sixth Cavalry, U.S.A. The ceremony was performed at the residence of the bride's parents, in the presence of only the immediate relatives of the young people. The house was beautifully adorned with palms and yellow roses, while the yellow of the cavalry was used entirely as the color scheme throughout the house. The Sixth Cavalry Band furnished the music, playing the wedding march very softly as the bride entered the parlor on the arm of her father. The groom and his best man, Mr. G. B. Grandin, of this city, awaited the coming of the bride with the officiating clergyman, Reverend D. J. Stafford, D.D., of St. Patrick's Church, Washington.

"There were no bridesmaids, but Louis Craig, Jr., the six-year-old son of the house, held his sister's bouquet during the ceremony, which was performed under the crossed flags of the Sixth Cavalry and the United States government. The bride, who is a graceful and pretty brunette, was born under the same regimental colors in a tent in Arizona, less than twenty years ago. The wedding gown was of heavy cream white satin, with plain trained skirt and youthful looking bodice of white chiffon, with girle of white velvet and particularly stylish sleeves. No ornaments were worn, and the veil was fastened by two tulle rosettes. The band played Gounod's 'Ave Maria' during the ceremony and other appropriate selections throughout the evening. In addition to the two large flags mentioned, the company guidons of the groom and the father of the bride were crossed at the end of the room, and in the hall were crossed sabers, with the cavalry trumpet and regimental colors surmounting them. A reception followed the ceremony, which was attended by all the officers and their families at the post,

and a number of personal friends from this city.

"Among the guests were: Mr. J. H. Stout, the father of the groom; Mrs. Malin and Mrs. H. M. Craig, the two grandmothers of the bride; Cadet Malin Craig of West Point, the Secretary of War and Mrs. Lamont, Colonel and Mrs. Barry, Major and Mrs. Poole, Miss Poole, Miss Miles, daughter of the General of the Army; Colonel and Mrs. Sumner, Major Lebo, Captain and Mrs. Arthur, Captain and Mrs. Cheever, Major and Mrs. Carlington, Colonel and Mrs. Weeks, Major and Mrs. Babcock, Captain and Mrs. Kendall, Major and Mrs. Hall, Lieut. and Mrs. Wilcox, Mr. and Mrs. Grandin and Miss Grandin, Lieut. and Mrs. Rhodes and Lieuts. Guignard and Fleming of the Fourth Artillery.

"The gifts were unusually handsome and numerous and included a very large assortment of silver and exquisite cut glass. Mr. and Mrs. Stout were driven to Washington after the reception, from which point they started on a honeymoon trip of two weeks, after which they will reside at Fort Myer".



From Fort Myer, in 1898, Stout went to Cuba, participating in the Santiago Campaign; and returning to the U.S. he was an instructor in mathematics for a short time at the Military Academy and assistant football coach, which tour terminated with his transfer to the Ordnance Department and subsequent change of station to Watertown Arsenal, in January, 1899. A few months later, in June, he was transferred to Benicia Arsenal; and from early in January, 1900, until he resigned from the Army, December 28, 1901, he was Inspector of Powder, California Powder Works, and Santa Cruz, California.

Entering civil life at San Francisco, he was General Manager of the Peyton Chemical Company until December 3, 1907. The next four years he was Consulting Engineer, General Chemical Co., at Bay Point, California. From there he moved to New York, where he was Constructing Engineer of the General Chemical Company for three years. From 1914 to 1917 he was Superintendent of the Nichols Copper Company in New York. For the next four years he was Superintendent of the Copper Queen Smelter of the Phelps Dodge Company at Douglas, Arizona, transferring to New York as Chief Metallurgist with the same company in 1921, and so continuing until 1933. Also in 1930, he joined the Independent Consultant Engineering Office in New York, remaining with it until he retired from active business in 1936, while making his home at Ardsley-on-Hudson, New York.

The holder of some twenty patents in connection with methods of smelting and refining copper, one of Stout's contributions to industry in this connection is set forth in a paragraph quoted here from the June 1930 number of Mining and Metallurgy:

"In 1918 H. H. Stout, then superintendent of the Copper Queen Smelter, a man experienced in theoretical combustion, came to the conclusion that a reverberatory furnace should be constructed to burn the maximum amount of fuel in such a manner as to give the hottest possible flame that the refractory brick would stand. He therefore remodeled his oil burners so as to produce an intense hot short flame, raised his arch in the skimming end and enlarged the uptake so as to give approximately 70 sq. ft. area. Dampers were closed until the furnace was up to smelting temperature and were then opened. The practical reverberatory men on the job predicted that slag would never be sufficiently liquid to skim and after smelting for some time it was impossible to skim, as the bath was frozen over at the bay and the operators called for help. Mr. Stout arrived, looked at the furnace and said, 'I have provided outlet for burning plenty of fuel. Just put on three more oil burners; it is just a matter of burning sufficient fuel.' They got their burners on and in two hours everything was ready for skimming. A new reverberatory doctrine was evolved, namely, build your reverberatory to satisfy the principles of combustion and then dump in your charge. It does not make much difference how it goes in as long as it is uniformly fed at the rate it will smelt. This paved the way for the present tonnages of from 750 to 1,000 tons per furnace day. If one studies the changes in reverberatory construction as I have endeavored to outline them here it will be seen that there was a gradual awakening to open outlet areas so more fuel could be burned. One furnace I have described in 1912 had large outlets, and if they had but put on 2 or 3 more burners at that time they would not have had to reduce their outlet dimensions."

His time with the Phelps Dodge Company, in Douglas, however, was interrupted by his returning to the Army for active duty in World War I. Commissioned a Lieutenant Colonel in the Ordnance Department in 1918, he was Chief Ammunition Officer, 1st Army, at Souilly, in France, from October 28, 1918, to April 4, 1919; and in Washington after that, until he was honorably discharged April 21, 1919. For this service he has an official commendation by General Pershing; and Colonel Joseph S. Herron, a classmate, writes that Stout's mission with the 1st Army "was to gather up, sort, and classify all the artillery shells, gas shells, bombs, grenades, and shrapnel—American, German, British, French, and Belgian—of all calibres, live and duds, above ground or buried, used or new, shipping the good ammunition to the U.S.A. or the appropriate ally, and demolishing all duds and unusable projectiles by blowing them up either in place or in huge piles. The American sectors and areas covered a large part of the country from Chateau Thierry to Belgium, and from near Switzerland to the sea; and great dumps as well as scattered missiles reminded me of the pyramids and the sands of the desert. We have read about the dangerous jobs of the British in removing the fuses from buried duds and moving all the people to a safe distance, but Stout was doing that every day and often many times a day. They had to run for their lives when the explosions took place, if clouds of mustard gas, coming out of the dumps, and a shift in the wind took place, pursued them. The job had to be done to the satisfaction of the French Government, in accordance with treaty obligations, and it was. No reclaimer, law suits, claims for damages, or criticism came out of the monster undertaking, thanks to Stout. Nor were any of his men injured

but one, who carelessly threw down some duds in violation of orders—a phenomenal record. Stout was one of God's noblemen."

Throughout his busy life, at no time did he lag in Class spirit. He was the Class representative, from the beginning, in the installation of the Class window, "The Boy Christ in The Temple", in the Cadet Chapel. The window was duly dedicated at the ceremony on June 10, 1917, at West Point. A generous and consistent contributor to the Class fund, he was a, if not the, prime mover in our having a Class memorial tree; supporting the idea with a liberal contribution of funds. The tree, now well advanced in growth, a beautiful pink horsechestnut, planted in 1937, is in the vicinity of the Commandant's quarters, honoring Lieutenant Colonel Morton F. Smith and Colonel Jens Bugge, Jr., Class of 1895, who were Commandants when they died.

In 1940, Stout and Mrs. Stout moved from Ardsley-on-Hudson to Plainfield, New Jersey, making their home in an attractive suite in the Park Hotel; there to be near their son, Harry Howard Stout, Jr., now Colonel, and family—his wife and their two young sons.

At one period of their retirement, they were making seasonable visits to North Carolina, where appreciative friends write of them admiringly and miss them accordingly.

Mrs. Stout died April 9, 1944; and quoting from the New York Times of April 10, in connection with her death:

"Plainfield, N. J., April 9—Mrs. Helen Craig Stout, wife of Colonel Harry H. Stout, U.S.A., retired, and sister of General Malin Craig, formerly Chief of Staff of the United States Army, died here today at her home, the Park Hotel, after a long illness. Her age was 67.

"Mrs. Stout, daughter of Major Louis A. and Georgianna Malin Craig of St. Louis, was born in April, 1877, in an army tent at Fort Huachuca, Arizona, while her father was pursuing Apache Indians. Major Craig was then with one of four troops of the Sixth Cavalry, which had been sent to establish a new army post on the Mexican border.

"The only cradle the daughter ever knew was a hardtack box. Her childhood and youth were passed at Forts Huachuca, Wingate, Lowell and Bayard, all in the heart of the Apache country when Chiefs Natches and Geronimo were on the warpath. While at Fort Bayard she met General John J. Pershing, then a second lieutenant of the Sixth Cavalry, and formed a friendship which lasted until her death.

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"A long line of military and naval officers is to be found in Mrs. Stout's family. Her paternal grandfather was General James Craig of the Union Army, later a member of the House of Representatives from Missouri. Her mother's father was Doctor Joseph Malin, a Union Army surgeon. Mrs. Stout's father was graduated from West Point in 1874, her husband in 1895, her older brother, Malin, who was Chief of Staff from 1935 to 1939, in 1898; her younger brother, Louis A. Craig, now major general commanding the Twenty-third Army Corps, in 1913, and her son, Major Harry H. Stout, Jr., in 1922.

"Mrs. Stout was a member of the Colony Club of New York.

"Besides her husband, her son, and two brothers she leaves two grandchildren."

Stout's death followed Mrs. Stout's by five years—almost to the day. He was buried with military honors in Arlington National Cemetery, where she and their infant first-born, Malin, had preceded him. Deeply mourned, they have left a grievous break in our ranks; which nobody fails to realize.

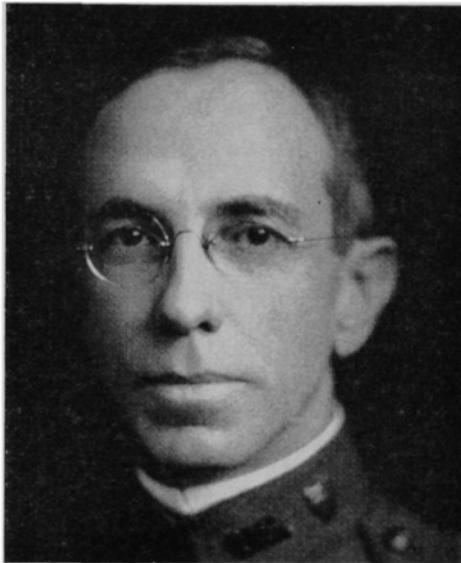
—Frank Bingley Watson, '95.

Frederick Worthington Lewis

NO. 3716 CLASS OF 1896

DIED APRIL 28, 1948, AT TILTON GENERAL HOSPITAL, FORT DIX, N. J., AGED 75 YEARS.

"FRED LEWIS" as we used to call him was born in Buffalo, N. Y., January 19th, 1873. He inherited the Army tradition because his father, Brevet Brigadier General John Randolph Lewis, U.S. Army, Retired, had a very gallant record in the Civil War. His father though born in Pennsylvania, identified himself at the beginning of the Civil War with the Vermont Volunteers in the Union Army, going to the front as a sergeant in the First Vermont Infantry on May 2nd, 1861. Four months later he was commissioned captain in the Fifth Vermont Infantry. By successive promotions he rose to the colonelcy of that regiment and he commanded it until its muster out of service in September 1864. Upon his retirement, his father engaged in business pursuits in



Atlanta. He organized the first public school system in Georgia and during the administration of President Harrison he was postmaster of Atlanta. He was secretary of the International Exposition of Atlanta in 1895. Fred's father was exceptionally tactful and it was this tact that Fred so well inherited. For those who ever knew Fred, they realized that his character was a combination of quiet force and kindly consideration for the feelings of others.

Fred's mother, before her marriage, was Miss Frances Helen Mattice. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Mattice of Schoharie County, N. Y. Mrs. Lewis was active in church and social activities in Atlanta and in the Colonial Dames.

Fred's boyhood was spent in a happy home; and he was given a good education. He received an "at large" appointment to the Military Academy, and he was admitted on June 18th, 1892, with the Class of 1896. He was made a "yearling corporal" at the end of his first year, and he wore chevrons until he graduated. We who knew him in the Corps realized that he was a serious minded cadet who was sure to "make his mark" in the Army. In the section room he recited with clarity and self possession; and he always gave evidence of careful preparation. As a cadet officer, Fred was conscientious and impartial. He graduated June 12th, 1896, standing No. 48. His initial assignment was the 22nd Infantry which was then stationed at Fort Crook, Nebraska.

On February 1st, 1898, Fred was married in Philadelphia to Miss Edith Jackson a

native of that city whose father, Reverend John Walker Jackson, had been a Regular Army Chaplain. He had served at many posts on the Plains and elsewhere. Their married life was soon interrupted by the Spanish-American War. Fred who was a second lieutenant went with his regiment at first to Mobile, Alabama, and later to Tampa, Florida. The 22nd Infantry was then assigned to the First Brigade of Major General Henry W. Lawton's Second Division of the Fifth Army Corps. The entire Corps sailed from Tampa Bay for Santiago, Cuba, on June 14th, 1898.

General Lawton's Division landed at Daiquiri, east of Santiago, on June 22nd, marched westward the next day to Siboney, and started the march inland on June 24th. On July 1st it made the attack on the village of El Caney east of the city while the remainder of the Fifth Army Corps was engaged in the attack on Kettle Hill and San Juan Hill. The action at El Caney resulted in the destruction of the Spanish garrison under the command of Brigadier General Vara Del Rey. Sickness incidental to the Tropics, especially at that season of the year, was beginning to be felt throughout the Fifth Army Corps. After the actions of July 1st Fred suffered a sun stroke which was followed by fever and he was evacuated to the United States. He was hospitalized at Fort McPherson, Georgia, and was then given sick leave until August 29th. He was then detailed as an instructor in the Department of Drawing at West Point where his exceptional graphical skill was a great asset in the curriculum.

On November 1st, 1898, Fred was promoted to a first lieutenant and on July 1st, 1901, to a Captain.

After a four-year tour as an instructor at West Point, and having been assigned to the 29th Infantry as a captain, Fred sailed with his regiment to the Philippines where it served the usual two-year tour of duty. He returned to the United States in 1904, and was assigned to Fort Bliss, Texas, with the battalion of the 29th Infantry to which his company belonged.

On August 22nd, 1905, Fred was again detailed as an instructor in drawing at West Point. Inasmuch as this second tour of duty in one department lasted five years it must be assumed that Fred's services were highly satisfactory to Professor Charles W. Larned who was at that time the head of the Department of Drawing.

Returning to his regiment, Fred served with it at Fort Jay, N. Y., until June 1912. He was then detailed as a student officer at the Army School of the Line at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and served there until December of 1912. He then transferred to the 8th Infantry, sailed with it to the Philippines and served there until September 1915.

Captain Lewis transferred to the 24th Infantry in September 1915, and he returned to the United States in October of that year. He was on duty at the Presidio of San Francisco and at Fort D. A. Russell, Wyoming, until March, 1916. He went into Mexico with General Pershing's Punitive Expedition in which he served until August 20th, 1916. He was hospitalized at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, and at Letterman General Hospital, San Francisco, California (given two sick leaves) until January 1917.

While in Mexico he became a major on July 1st, 1916. On March 28th, 1917 he was assigned to the Headquarters of the Southern Department where he remained until October, 1917. He had received his temporary Lieutenant Colonelcy and his temporary Colonelcy August 5th, 1917. On October 5th, 1917, Fred entered upon duty in the Office of The Adjutant General of the Army and was put in charge of the Publications Division. Here his services were so outstanding in World War I that he was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal with the following citation:

"As officer in charge of the Publications

Division of The Adjutant General's Office, to his painstaking efforts, tact, energy and zeal are due the accuracy with which publications issued to the Military Establishment through The Adjutant General of the Army were drawn and the promptness with which they were distributed"

During his tour of duty in the Office of The Adjutant General he became a Lieutenant Colonel of Infantry on the permanent list January 27th, 1920, and a Colonel of Infantry July 1st, 1920. He served in The Adjutant General's Office until May 6th, 1922, when he was assigned to the Headquarters of the Second Corps Area as the Adjutant of that command. He was transferred to permanent status in The Adjutant General's Department on May 22nd, 1922. He served at Headquarters Second Corps Area until October of that year when he went on leave of absence. Fred was placed on the Retired List on February 26th, 1923, for "disability incident to the service". Under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved June 13th, 1940, he was promoted to the grade of Brigadier General on the retired list. He was qualified for this promotion by reason of his having received one of the "major decorations" and having been recommended for promotion to this grade by an officer (The Adjutant General) who held a position at least equal in responsibility to that of a division commander.

Throughout his army life Fred's poor health was a handicap to continuity of service in several spheres of usefulness. But even a cursory view of his record shows a constant desire to perform his duty with no evasion of disagreeable service. His will power in the face of his frail constitution, his instinctive loyalty to his country, to the Army, and to his superiors, were such that his work was always of the highest order.

General John J. Pershing, under date of March 1st, 1923 while Chief of Staff of the Army, wrote Colonel Lewis:

"It is with regret that I note your retirement from active service on account of physical disability. I trust that being relieved from the exacting requirements of military service you will fully regain your health, and good fortune will attend you in the new sphere of life which you have entered"

While serving in Manila in 1915, Captain Lewis, then Adjutant of the 8th Infantry, was recommended for General Staff assignment by Colonel F. B. Jones, the regimental commander and by Colonel W. H. Allaire who succeeded Colonel Jones. The same recommendation was made in December, 1915, by Colonel C. W. Penrose, 24th Infantry, at the Presidio of San Francisco.

Major General Henry P. McCain under date of March 4th, 1919, wrote Colonel Lewis:

"The work of The Adjutant General's Office at the beginning and during the war while I had the honor of being at its head, measured up to the highest standard of efficiency. It was never behind to any hurtful extent; and you and those under you worked efficiently and loyally, in and out of office hours, and made the administration of the office what it was. Without your assistance I could not have gotten the splendid results that were accomplished. Please accept my grateful thanks for what you did"

Lieut. Colonel J. Hollis Wells, National Guard New York, wrote the War Department in 1911:

"I have known Captain Lewis for several years, and have been in close touch with him through my position as instructor of technical work in the 71st Infantry, N.G. N.Y., and have found him to be a very capable officer. In my profession as an architect and as the head of my firm, employing as I do a great many draftsmen, I have been able to judge Captain Lewis' work; and were he not in the Army, I would place him here without any hesitancy for I consider

him one of the best men I have ever had any dealings with".

Colonel William G. Bates, then commanding the 71st Infantry, N.G.N.Y., wrote to the then Secretary of War, Hon. Henry L. Stimson, on June 26, 1911, as follows:

"I know Captain Lewis personally and have been thrown in close association with him during the past two years in National Guard work. He has been very much interested in everything that was helpful to the National Guard and has voluntarily given a large amount of his time to the preparation of an instruction in map reading in the various regiments. He has been particularly helpful and of great assistance to the regiment that I command, and I know that every officer in the regiment thinks highly not only of him as a man, but of his ability as an instructor. He is one of the best instructors it has ever been my privilege to study under. He is full of enthusiasm and not only brings that very desirable quality to his work, but also very great skill and ability as an instructor"

Upon his retirement Fred was determined not to be idle. He soon was given an important business connection with the Foundation Company, a prominent engineering corporation in New York City. Mr. John W. Doty, the President of the Foundation Company, thus describes Fred's work:

"Colonel F. W. Lewis was associated with this company from 1923 to 1931, in office management, advertising, and in a general advisory capacity in construction operations. Colonel Lewis is thoroughly responsible, loyal, energetic and capable, and would be an acquisition to any organization which could use his services".

Because of his age and his poor state of health, Fred was not called to active duty in World War II. But he had the satisfaction of seeing his only son, Frederick Worthington, Jr., participate in military service as a member of the Signal Corps. He has remained in the Army, and he recently completed a long tour of duty in Alaska.

As the years went on Fred's weakened physical constitution caused him to withdraw more and more from activities and contacts. For the last four years of his life he was practically confined to his home at No. 124 Pelhamdale Avenue where Mrs. Lewis still resides. Fred's devoted wife took excellent care of him as she had during his entire career. Their happy married life was known to all of his associates. In the spring of 1948, he was hospitalized at the Tilton General Hospital at Fort Dix, N. J., where death overtook him on April 28th of that year. The Commanding Officer of the hospital, Colonel Leroy D. Soper, Medical Corps, wrote Mrs. Lewis:

"During his stay at this hospital your husband succeeded in winning the respect and commendation of all who had occasion to come in contact with him. News of his death came as a real shock and his loss is felt deeply by all who knew him"

Fred was laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery. In the minds and hearts of those whose fortune it was to know him he has left the memory of a scholarly and Christian gentleman and a gallant soldier.

—Russell C. Langdon,

Secretary Class of 1896.

Gustave Rudolf Lukesh

NO. 3942 CLASS OF 1900

DIED NOVEMBER 7, 1949, AT PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, AGED 71 YEARS.

CLASSMATES and friends were startled at news of the unexpected death of Gus Lukesh at Huntington Memorial Hospital, Pasadena, California. The proximate cause was pneumonia, following a severe operation, which he was too weak to resist. He is interred

in Rose Hills Memorial Park, Whittier, California.

Colonel Lukesh was born August 29, 1878, in Akron, Ohio, the son of Frank and Emma Lukesh. He was a nephew of Colonel G. J. Fieberger, who was Professor of Engineering at the U.S.M.A., 1896-1922. All of his early education was received in his home town. He was in the Sophomore class (1898) at Buchtel College (now the University of Akron) when he received his appointment to the Military Academy.

Gus was one of the bright outstanding stars of his class in nearly all academic subjects, graduating as No. 3, and being commissioned on graduation in the Corps of Engineers. In less than a year, by reason of the expansion of the Army in 1901, he reached the grade of 1st lieutenant. Thereafter he passed through all intermediate grades and attained the permanent rank of colonel in 1928.

His first duty was at the Engineer School, U.S. Army, then at Fort Totten, N. Y. This was followed by a short tour on River and Harbor duty at Montgomery, Alabama. In June, 1901 he proceeded from Fort Totten



to the Philippines with Co. H, Engineers. Two years later he returned to the United States, and in December, 1903 was detailed as assistant in the Boston Engineer District. Here he continued on duty for two and one half years. Having reached the grade of captain he was next assigned to the important post of Secretary of the Mississippi River Commission at St. Louis. Here he performed many duties, including that of recorder of a board to report upon a proposed 14 foot waterway from St. Louis to the Gulf, Engineer of the 15th Lighthouse District, and at various times in charge of the District Engineer Offices in St. Louis, Memphis, and Little Rock.

From 1909 to 1914 Captain Lukesh was again on duty with troops at various posts in the United States. In January, 1912, he went again to the Philippine Islands, and, being promoted to major in 1913, remained in the Islands in command of the 3rd Battalion of Engineers until the summer of 1914. He was also Assistant to the Chief Engineer of the Philippine Division, and in charge of the mapping of the Islands.

Returning to the United States, Major Lukesh was assigned to duty as Director of Civil Engineering at the Engineer School, then at Washington Barracks, D. C. After the declaration of war against Germany, he was assigned (August 5, 1917) to command of the newly organized 1st Regiment of Engineers, supervised its organization and training and remained in command until October 1917. He held the temporary grade of colonel throughout the War.

There being need of a specially qualified officer to organize the new Army Engineer and Army Gas Schools at the School Center (Langres), Colonel Lukesh was selected for the duty, and served as such until the end of February, 1918. He was then assigned as Assistant to the Chief Engineer of the A.E.F., until May 1918, when he returned to the United States for duty with the War Plans Division of the General Staff until September, 1918. His last wartime assignment was as commanding officer of the new 73rd Engineers (Searchlight), organized at Washington Barracks, D. C.

Following demobilization Colonel Lukesh was returned to his permanent rank of major, and assigned as Engineer of the Charleston (S.C.) District until March, 1920. He was promoted to permanent grade of lieutenant colonel in 1920.

His next station was Louisville, Ky., where, as District Engineer, he was as always exceedingly busy. He was charged with the building of locks and dams of the Ohio River Canalization project (the world's largest), and as a member of the Mississippi River Commission. He was also charged with supervision of training of reserve engineer units in his area.

In June, 1925 Colonel Lukesh assumed the duties of Division Engineer of the Pacific Division of the U.S. Engineer Dept., serving also as a member of the California Debris Commission, and as Engineer of the IX Corps Area.

In the summer of 1927 he was transferred to Portland, Oregon, as Division Engineer of the North Pacific Division, and District Engineer of the Portland District, including the Columbia River and its tributaries, and coast ports in that locality. During this assignment he was called to St. Louis for special duty with the Mississippi River Commission, following the great flood of 1927, a duty for which he was especially qualified by reason of his experience and familiarity with conditions on the Mississippi. He continued as Division Engineer in Portland until 1931. In 1928 he was promoted to the permanent grade of colonel, Corps of Engineers.

From 1931 to 1935 Colonel Lukesh was in New York City as District and Division Engineer, serving also as a member of the Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors.

Colonel Lukesh's final assignment on active duty was in January, 1936, as Engineer of the VIII Corps Area with station at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Here he served until his retirement for physical disability, September 30, 1938.

Upon retirement Gus and his wife moved to San Gabriel, California, where their elder son, Waite, was living. Here they acquired a permanent home, which he greatly enjoyed remodeling to meet his desires. They had lived in their new home only six months when Colonel Lukesh was ordered back to active duty in January, 1941, as Engineer of the IX Corps Area at the Presidio of San Francisco. After the Pearl Harbor attack the corps area headquarters was moved to Fort Douglas, Utah. Here he was relieved from active duty in October 1942. He and Ruth, who accompanied him on all his travels, returned to their comfortable home in San Gabriel, "retired in the full sense of the word", where they lived quietly but happily until Gus' death.

Colonel Lukesh, then a young captain, was married December 21, 1907, at Boston to Ruth Stevens, daughter of David K. Stevens and Jennie Stevens, née Waite. They had two sons, Frank Waite, born in 1912, and Joseph Stevens, born in 1915. The boys were educated as engineers at Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute and Massachusetts Institute of Technology, respectively. Waite lives with his family at San Gabriel, where he is an engineer with the C. F. Braun Construction Company, builders of oil refineries. The younger son, Joseph, is a scientist with the General Electric Atomic Research Lab-

oratory in Schenectady, and lives in Scotia, a suburb. Both sons are married, each having three children, who were the joy of their grandfather's life.

Gus Lukesh exemplified throughout his life all that we mean by the saying "an officer and a gentleman", a fine officer and a splendid gentleman. Endowed by nature with outstanding intellectual qualities, and the energy and courage to use them, he enjoyed the confidence of his superiors, and was called to many important duties, which were performed with marked success. To those who knew him best he was a kindly and loyal friend, and an entertaining and charming companion. As to his home life, we quote the modest tribute of his wife: "Gus was a fine man and a fine husband, unselfish, unassuming, true and honest in all his actions. His first thought was always for his family, and he was happiest in his home with me and the family"

—P. S. B.

Charles Fletcher Martin

NO. 3951 CLASS OF 1900

DIED MAY 16, 1949, AT WASHINGTON, D. C.,
AGED 72 YEARS.

COLONEL MARTIN died at Walter Reed General Hospital of cerebral hemorrhage, after an illness of only five days. His death was sudden and unexpected both by his family and friends and by himself. While aware that his arteries were not as young as he would have liked, he did not realize that death was imminent. He had just returned from an enjoyable vacation with his wife, and was apparently in excellent health and spirits, when stricken while at dinner at the Army & Navy Club, Washington, D. C. Those of us who mourn his loss can be thankful that he was thus spared a long illness and the life of an invalid. He was smiling and debonair to the last, and thus ended a half century of loyal and efficient service to his country.

He was interred with full military honors in Arlington National Cemetery, May 19, 1949. His pall bearers were classmates resident in Washington, Major Generals W. S. Grant, Birnie and Wesson, and Colonels Bond, Davis and Pope.

Colonel Martin, son of M. D. Martin and Sarah Radman, was born in Monroe County, Arkansas, October 25, 1876. He was a descendant of the Norman conquerors. His first American ancestor settled in Virginia in colonial days, and several generations of his forebears were born in that colony. His father was born in Atlanta, Ga., in 1840, left law school to join the Confederate Army, was wounded and taken prisoner at Gettysburg. After the war he removed to Arkansas and engaged in business, until ruined by the floods during the period from 1887 to 1895. He died at Marvel, Arkansas, in 1905.

Charles was attending Hendrix College, Conway, Arkansas, when he received an appointment to the U.S. Military Academy from Senator Neal. He reported at West Point in 1896, as a member of the class of 1900.

As a cadet Charles held the respect and esteem of both his classmates and his instructors. He was a student well above average in ability, and maintained a high academic standing throughout his four years at the Academy, being finally No. 12 at graduation. In the Battalion he was a cadet corporal, and acting cadet sergeant during first class camp.

On graduation he was assigned to the 5th Cavalry at Fort Wingate, New Mexico. In February 1901 he was promoted to 1st lieutenant and sailed with his regiment to the Philippine Islands, where he was squadron adjutant.

Homeward bound from Manila in August, 1903, he stopped off in Japan, where he mar-

ried Miss Mabel Wood, daughter of William and Ann Amelia Loftus Doyle at the American Consulate in Nagasaki, on August 28, 1903. Mrs. Martin is a descendant of the Loftus family of England, of which the Marquis of Ely is the head. Arriving in San Francisco, he proceeded to West Point for a four year tour of duty as instructor in the Department of Modern Languages, as he was especially fluent in French and Spanish.

In September 1907 Lieutenant Martin rejoined his regiment at Fort Apache, Ariz., where he was again squadron adjutant and post adjutant. In the latter capacity he commanded the detachment of Apache Scouts which was composed of famous scouts who had served under General Crook and other noted Indian fighters of the "old Army".

From November 1908 until April 1910 he served with his regiment at Fort Yellowstone, Wyo., as post adjutant and assistant to the Superintendent of Yellowstone National Park. He was then detailed as instructor of modern languages at the Army Service Schools at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, but before assuming his duties in the Fall he went to France at the request of the War Dept., but at his own expense, for further study of French and Spanish. This tour at Fort Leavenworth was of two years' duration. He was promoted to captain on March 3, 1911.

Being relieved from this duty Captain Martin was assigned to the 15th Cavalry at Fort Leavenworth. On January 1, 1914, he was transferred to the 8th Cavalry, and accompanied that regiment to the Philippine Islands where he was stationed at Camp Stotsenburg and Fort William McKinley. On August 15, 1915 he was transferred back to the 15th Cavalry and returned to the United States in July 1916, visiting China and Japan enroute.

Again detailed to the U.S. Military Academy as assistant professor of French, he was named as associate professor of Modern Languages, and then acting professor while Colonel Willcox, the head of the department was with the A.E.F. in France.

Promoted on August 5, 1917, to major and lieutenant colonel (temporary), Colonel Martin was relieved from duty at West Point and went to World War I in August 1918. Upon arrival he was ordered to the Army General Staff School at Langres as a student officer. On the day that the course was to begin he received telephone orders from GHQ at Chaumont to report at once to his classmate, Colonel P. S. Bond, to collaborate with him under the direction of G-5 of the A.E.F. (Brigadier General Harold B. Fiske) in the preparation of a treatise on the tactics of the War, as desired by General Pershing.

Colonel Martin was engaged upon this important assignment until June, 1919, when he returned to the United States via Marseilles. He served with the War Department General Staff until the following September when, upon recommendation of General Pershing, he was selected as one of three officers detailed to attend the two-year course at the French Ecole Supérieure de Guerre in Paris. He was graduated in 1921 and was returned to the U.S. in 1922 for duty at Fort Riley, Kansas.

Colonel Martin was promoted Major in the Regular Army on August 18, 1917, and colonel of cavalry, U.S. Army (emergency commission), on April 7, 1919. His acceptance of which automatically vacated his prior temporary commission as lieutenant colonel. On October 30, 1919 he was honorably discharged from his emergency commission, reverting to his permanent status as major of cavalry. On July 1, 1920 the effective date of the National Defense Act, he was promoted to lieutenant colonel of cavalry in the Regular Army.

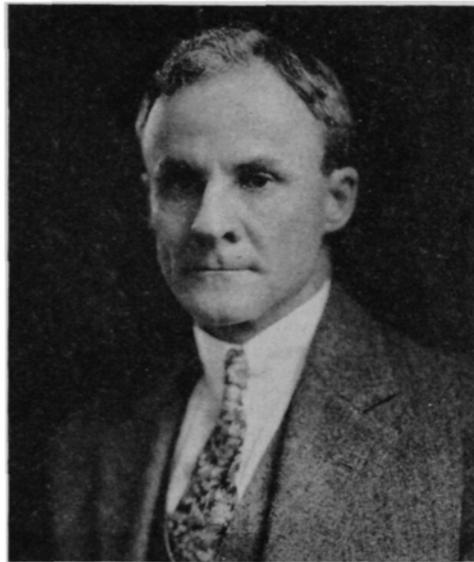
He was graduated from the Field Officers' Course at the Cavalry School at Fort Riley in 1922 and, then being detailed to the Field Artillery, pursued the Field Officers'

Course at the Field Artillery School at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, which he completed in 1923. His next assignment was as a student officer at the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, where in 1924 he obtained the rating of Distinguished Graduate. He was then assigned to the General Staff with Troops with duty at Hq. 8th Corps Area, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, which was also the station of the 2nd (Infantry) Division.

In 1928 Colonel Martin was detailed as a student officer at the Army War College at Washington, D. C., from which he was graduated in 1929 and was then assigned to the command of the 7th Cavalry at Fort Bliss, Texas. He received his promotion to colonel on January 6th of that year.

In November 1930 he was again assigned to General Staff duty with Troops and proceeding to the Philippine Islands, was detailed as Chief of Staff of the Philippine Division.

In 1933 Colonel Martin returned to the United States and assumed command of the 13th Cavalry at Fort Riley, where he



served for three years in command of that regiment. On June 30, 1936 he was detailed for service in The Inspector General's Department, where he served until 1940, his statutory retirement age.

Detailed again to active duty in 1942 he served until after the end of World War II on various boards and as a member of the Historical Section of the Army War College until 1946, when he was finally returned to inactive status.

Colonel Martin was truly the representative of the long line of American ancestors from whom he sprung. A dominating characteristic throughout his career was his great sympathetic interest in the development of the young men in the Service with whom he came in contact. He sought actively to cultivate in them that integrity and idealism of purpose which had governed his own actions during his entire career. It was his fixed opinion that the principal duty of the more experienced officers in time of peace is to devote themselves to the training of their troops, and especially of the younger officers under their charge. Aided by an exceptional talent for training and command, he loyally pursued this ideal.

It would appear providential that most favorable opportunities were presented to Colonel Martin to carry out his high minded purposes. Of these opportunities he took very full advantage. A review of his career brings out in sharp relief his experience with the Army's educational system. He was a graduate of four American post graduate schools, including the Army War College, and one foreign school. In addition he served

for two years as instructor of Modern Languages at the Leavenworth schools, and seven years as an instructor, assistant professor, associate professor and acting professor of the Department of Modern Languages at West Point. He served also as commander of two cavalry regiments, as a staff officer with three divisions of the regular army, and several tours on the War Department General Staff. This exceptional record bears testimony to his efficiency not only as to his knowledge of French and Spanish, but as an all around line and staff officer of marked ability.

Colonel and Mrs. Martin had one child, Kelsey Loftus, now the wife of Colonel John W. Mott, of the Infantry. She was born at West Point, and is a graduate of Cornell University, College of Law. She took a post graduate course at Oxford University, England, and also studied at the Sorbonne in Paris. She speaks French and Spanish fluently, and has been admitted to the Bar in Texas, California, New York and the District of Columbia.

Colonel and Mrs. Mott were married at Fort William McKinley, P. L., on October 10, 1931. They have three children, Kelsey Martin, Alice Martin and Melicy Mott. Colonel Mott is now on duty with American troops in Germany.

Colonel and Mrs. Martin have both done much literary work, and both are listed as authors in "Who's Who in America". Among Colonel Martin's works are "Winning and Wearing Shoulder Straps" (Macmillan & Co.) a Study in Leadership; French text books now in use at West Point and at civilian educational institutions; short stories published in the U.S. Cavalry Journal; Medical Service in Modern War; and a translation from the French of "A Critical Study of German Tactics". Mrs. Martin is an author of short stories and novels.

Charles Martin was a man of sterling character and unusual versatility. Combining both a military and a scholarly mind, he served with distinction both as a line and as a staff officer.

A singularly selfless character, calm, and philosophical, seeking little for himself, while at the same time inspiring in others the highest standards of human relationship. The fact that he unquestionably exercised for good over those who served with him has been attested by many who in times of stress acknowledge their indebtedness to him. Nothing in his life gave him more satisfaction than this.

He was a loyal friend, a devoted husband, father and grandfather, and in his friendship and his family life he enjoyed the happiness and tranquility that were his due. He is survived by his wife and all his descendants.

—P. S. B. and C. M. W.

William Heatt Cureton

NO. 5532 CLASS OF 1916

DIED FEBRUARY 27, 1949, AT LAKE LURE,
NORTH CAROLINA, AGED 54 YEARS.

WILLIAM HEATT CURETON was born January 25, 1895, in Smithfield, Kentucky, and received his early schooling in Louisville. He was the son of Mrs. Nathaniel Clay Cureton and of the late Judge Cureton of Louisville. He was appointed to the Academy by Senator Bradley of Kentucky. He attended the West Point Preparatory School in Highland Falls, New York. The many friendships he made there with his future classmates he cherished throughout his life. He entered the Military Academy in June 1912 and was graduated in June 1916.

Looking back through the years to our cadet days, we first think of his gaiety, his charm and his keen sense of fun. He was

full of the joy of living and his optimism was contagious—brightening everyone around him. These characteristics he carried throughout his life. But behind the gay exterior was a man who thought deeply and seriously about everything he undertook. His approach to every undertaking was thorough. Every task had to be accomplished to the best of his ability. In making out his efficiency reports, his commanders described him as: loyal, capable, dependable, alert, zealous, enthusiastic, resourceful, ambitious, energetic, courteous, pleasing personality, highly informed professionally, diligent student of tactics, and an exceptionally capable instructor. General George G. Gately stated, "a terror to worthless officers and efficient leader of men. The best officer in his regiment".

An enthusiastic horseman, his first assignment was with the 10th Cavalry. He chose this regiment because it was in Mexico with the Punitive Expedition. When the troops were withdrawn from Mexico his regiment was returned to Ft. Huachuca, Arizona, in March, 1917. Realizing that the 10th Cav-



alry would fight the war on the Mexican border, he requested transfer to the Field Artillery and joined the 18th Field Artillery at Ft. Bliss, Texas, in August, 1917. In April, 1918, he accompanied his regiment to France. For gallantry in action in his first engagement he received the Silver Star Medal with the following citation:

"Captain William H. Cureton, 04457, Field Artillery, United States Army, Commander of Battery D, 18th Field Artillery, 3d Infantry Division, near St. Eugene, France, 15 July 1918, was supervising the placing of his guns in action when the battery was subjected to demoralizing counter-battery fire consisting of both gas and high explosive shell. Calmly and courageously moving about among the members of the battery, he personally supervised the laying and firing of the pieces. Through his gallantry and bravery, he maintained a high degree of morale among his officers and men and contributed materially to the repulse of the German attack. Captain Cureton's courageous actions reflect great credit on himself and the United States Army"

Promoted to Major he was transferred to the 42nd (Rainbow) Division as a battalion commander, 150th Field Artillery. He led his battalion through the St. Mihiel and Meuse-Argonne offensives, and after the Armistice to the Rhine River. Later he was Assistant G-3, VI Corps and Assistant Commandant, in Antwerp, Belgium. He returned to the United States in August, 1919. While in Belgium he met Anica Van Crombruggen. They were married in New York at the

Church of the Transfiguration, September 27, 1920.

His love of his home state of Kentucky drew him successively to Camp Taylor, Kentucky, and to Fort Knox, Kentucky, where he was an instructor in the Field Artillery Basic School, and to Louisville, as an instructor with the Kentucky National Guard. He graduated from the Advanced Course, Field Artillery School, in 1926 and was a distinguished graduate, Command & General Staff School in 1927. He was retained at Ft. Leavenworth, first as Personnel Adjutant and then as an instructor, until 1933. After a year's service with the C.C.C. he returned to Ft. Sill as an instructor. He was a graduate of the Army War College in 1936. After two years at Ft. Bragg, he was detailed on Recruiting Duty at Cincinnati, Ohio, where he made a host of friends.

During World War II he served with the Field Artillery Replacement Center at Ft. Bragg until January, 1944, when he departed overseas to the China-Burma-India Theatre. While in the Far East, he was with the Field Artillery Section of the Chinese Training Center. He returned to the United States in May, 1945.

His health had been deteriorating for several years and he was retired for physical disability on August 31, 1947. He returned to his boyhood home to live. He was never well and was not able to leave his home for months. Shortly before his death his health improved and he and Anica purchased a home in Lake Lure, North Carolina. After they had occupied their new home only three weeks, Hieatt died suddenly on February 27, 1949.

He was survived by his widow Anica and his mother, Mrs. N. C. Cureton of Louisville. He was buried in the family plot in the Cave Hill Cemetery, Louisville, beside his father, Judge N. C. Cureton, and his brother, Lt. Col. N. C. Cureton, Jr., F.A., Class of 1924, who was killed in action in the China-Burma Area in June, 1945.

—A Classmate.

Robert Hugh Fautt, Jr.

NO. 13393 CLASS OF JANUARY, 1943

DIED AUGUST 1, 1947, AT VERNAM FIELD, JAMAICA, B. W. I., AGED 29 YEARS.

AMONG the thousands whose "star early set in the western sky at night" none is more mourned for than Robert Fautt, Jr. Beloved, respected, and admired by everyone who knew him, the loss of Bobby Fautt shall remain irreplaceable. Language is often meager in the expression on value; certainly there is no adequate expression to portray accurately the qualities of character and of leadership that this young Air Force Captain took for his standard of living and manifested to all throughout his too-brief career.

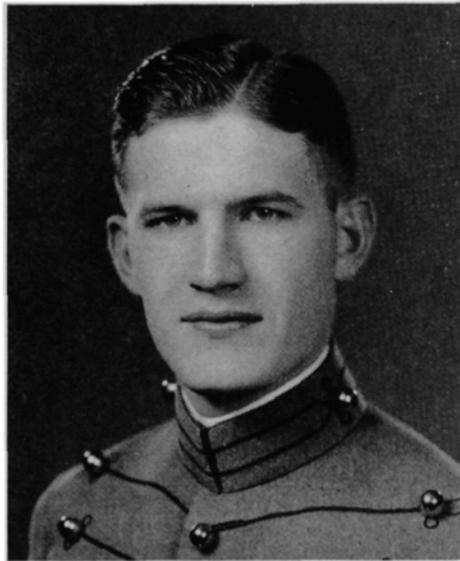
There is no greater tribute that can be paid than to say that a man is worthy of friendship. Bob Fautt consistently earned that tribute throughout his life, both professionally and in his private life. Born in the heart of the South, he knew the true meaning of hospitality, of kindness, of toleration; his was never the superficial display.

The great strength that Bob retained in all his service lay in this capacity for genuine friendship and sincere human understanding. Coupled with these was his deep-felt and clearly understood devotion to Duty, Honor, Country. No doubt lived in his mind about his chosen calling in life; no apprehension obstructed his efforts toward serving his country. Early in his life, Bob looked toward West Point as his first goal; that goal he attained. Once in West Point he eagerly anticipated his career of useful service to his country, and no one undertook the

preparation for that service with greater enthusiasm or with greater conviction than did he.

Choosing the Air Force as his branch of service, Bob maintained in his commissioned duty the same kindness, the same genuine friendship that marked his every earlier associations. Never obtrusive, never outspoken, Bob nevertheless sustained the stern sense of duty and obligation to his work that assured his successful completion of any assigned task. One cannot understand or appreciate the personality of Bob Fautt without having associated with him. One cannot evaluate the marked ability that he possessed in his performance of duty without having worked with him. So seldom does there appear the union of friendliness and devoted performance of duty; yet these he always manifested. The Air Force has lost a distinguished young leader.

Bobby Fautt was born in Bryson, Tennessee, on October 29, 1917, the son of Linda Stevenson and Robert H. Fautt, Sr. Early recognized as an outstanding boy in the community, Bob made legions of friends and served his community well as a Boy Scout,



rising to the distinction of Eagle Scout, and finally, Scout Master.

For his preparatory schooling, Bob attended Marion Institute at Marion, Alabama. One of his former instructors at Marion wrote of him, "While Bob Fautt was a cadet at Marion Institute, ten years before his tragic death, he exemplified all that is best implied by the term 'a Southern Gentleman'. Quiet, unassuming, genuine, able, and lovable, he made loyal friends by his own loyal friendliness. Even at that time he gave promise of what he later proved, the ability to serve his country loyally and courageously even unto death".

Upon graduation from Marion he entered West Point in July, 1938. Having looked to West Point as a cherished dream, he lost no time in participating to the fullest in all that the Military Academy had to offer. Because of his dependability, his courage, and his affability, Bob's classmates regarded him as one of the most popular and most efficient men in the class.

When war was declared and all training accelerated, Bob undertook pilot training prior to his graduation from West Point. In the summer of 1942 he began his flying training at Randolph Field, Texas, where he was selected as Cadet Captain during Basic Training. He received his pilot's wings in December, 1942, and was graduated from West Point in January, 1943.

After graduation, Bob married Miss Anne Broussard of Lake Arthur, Louisiana, and with his bride he accepted his first commis-

sioned assignment at Craig Field, Alabama, for transition flying in P-40's. Having completed this phase of training, Bob was assigned to the 367th Fighter Squadron at Richmond, Virginia, for his operational training in P-47's. Then, in September of 1943, he was transferred to a combat unit overseas, the 358th Fighter Group. On his eighth mission he was critically injured and crashed on the coast of England on the return from France. After this crash Bob revealed the great courage and devotion to duty which so much characterized his life. A lesser one would never have fought back to return to full flying status that Bob accomplished after his serious injury. Following hospitalization in England, he was returned to the United States to the Station Hospital at Fort Logan, Colorado, remaining there until he recovered.

Fighting to regain his health and strength, Bob was inspired by the birth of a daughter, Susan Anne, on May 4, 1944. Then, winning his battle to health, Bob returned to full flying status in September, 1944, and was ordered to Kissimmee Air Base, Florida, for flying duty with a P-47 squadron. After a period of service there, he was transferred to Pinecastle, Florida, where he served in the Personnel section. The two years spent at Pinecastle and Kissimmee testify well to the excellent quality of Bob's service and to his capacity for making lasting friends. For his outstanding work in Personnel, he was awarded the Commendation Ribbon, which was accompanied by a letter of commendation from his Commanding Officer.

At his own request Bob transferred to Borinquen Field, Puerto Rico, where he served as Assistant A-1, Headquarters, 24th Composite Wing. Again, as in all his other service, Bob's tour of duty was marked by his outstanding performance of duty and his host of close friends.

The tragic and untimely end to Bob's career came on August 1, 1947, during the Air Force Day Show at Vernam Field, Jamaica, B. W. I. Flying the only fighter in the show, Bob dived on the field in a P-47 and executed two slow rolls. At the completion of the second roll the aircraft lost speed, stalled, and crashed. He was killed instantly. His body was returned to his home in Pulaski, Tennessee, for burial which took place on August 18, 1947.

Bob is survived by his widow, Anne, and daughter, five-year-old Susan, who now reside in New Orleans, Louisiana; also by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Fautt, Sr. and by a sister, Mrs. Mahlon H. Long, Jr., all of Pulaski, Tennessee.

The physical Bob Fautt is gone. But his memory can never fade or dim in the brilliance of his brief career. His life, his courage, his leadership remain in the hearts and minds of those who knew and loved him and will ever remain an inspiration to those who follow him in the Long Gray Line. Bobbie Fautt will never die; his life stands as a memorial to the principles on which service to God and Country is built.

—R. M. S.

Charles C. Pinkerton, Jr.

NO. 13104 CLASS OF JANUARY, 1943

KILLED MARCH 31, 1949, IN AN AIRPLANE ACCIDENT, NEAR WADSWORTH, OHIO, AGED 28 YEARS.

CAPTAIN CHARLES C. PINKERTON, JR., was born February 28, 1921 at Akron, Ohio, the son of Dr. Charles C. Pinkerton, a surgeon, and Marjorie McPherson Pinkerton. He died instantly while on a routine individual flight in an area of fog and low lying clouds, flying a P-51. He leaves besides his parents, his widow, Mrs. Jacqueline H. Pinkerton, and a sister, Mrs. R. F. Jackson.

Charlie's boyhood days were spent in

Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, near his birthplace. Ancestors on both sides of his family took part in the American Revolution. He was an active member of the Congregational Church in his home town and graduated from its High School, active in athletics, the Honor Society, and President of his class. From the age of ten he talked of entering the Corps of Cadets at West Point. The summers were spent largely at nearby Camp Manitoc; he became an Eagle Scout at the age of fourteen and attended the National Jamboree at Washington in 1937 as a Sea Scout. He prepared for his competition at Braden's in Cornwall-on-Hudson. He entered the Academy the same year that he finished High School.

His academic standing was very good, but not brilliant. As a cadet he wore the chevrons of corporal and of lieutenant. He was undoubtedly fond of the work in the Department of Economics, Government and History. The attainments of all the varsity athletic teams were to him a source of constant, eager interest. Though not physically built to become an Army Varsity performer he worked from the day he entered the Academy to equip himself, and finally with excellent coaching won the coveted Major A in track as a hurdler, on one of the Army's great track teams that won over all competition in the spring of 1942. On the list of its victims was a powerful Notre Dame aggregation that had beaten Ohio State, the Big Ten Champions. Notre Dame then came East to be taken by Army. Among his classmates out to win recognition on this team were Ham Bonham, who like Pink, died after the war in an air crash in this country, and the intrepid Turner Chambliss, Jr., who fell in Normandy early on D-Day leading his platoon of the 101st Air Borne Division.

His roommate as an upper classman, was John F. (Jack) Phelan who was lost in an air crash in May, 1943. Charles contributed to Phelan's biography, the first for a member of their class to appear in *Assembly*. Pinkerton and Phelan with their hidden air pistols and their noisy Texas bull whips were often just one jump ahead of the Department of Tactics, which for some reason never quite caught up with them. Apparently, during their second-class year they looked over their records as to conduct, decided they had been too circumspect and pondered the odds on breaking some big regulations without being caught. After an invitation to a social event of first magnitude, the Autumn Ball at Tuxedo Park, it was their version of the old story; dummies in their beds, civilian clothes smuggled in and a car left parked for the get away. At the party they were seen by wives from the post who conveniently didn't remember them. They crawled in at daylight and all was quiet. Then the New York Sunday society columns blared forth with a very complete list of all guests. The young men perspired for days, waiting for the summons from the Battalion Board, which never came. It seems that the tactical commander of C-Company, now an Air Force Major General, looked with deep scorn on society news that mentioned his cadets.

In the summer of 1942, training for pilot rating came for about two fifths of the class of 411. Among those in the group of eight that reported to Cal-Aero Academy, Ontario, California, for primary training were Pink and Charlie Benedict, number three man in the Class, who was lost near Mukden late in the war, flying a B-29. After graduation on blustery January 19, 1943, the new second lieutenants were separated far and wide to train for raging war. Pink was ordered to Del Rio, Texas, to fly the B-26. Classmates Francis Thomas and Malcolm Wardrop were among those lost in B-26 training, and early in March, Walter Griffin from Charles' home town, class of 1942, went down in a B-26. Charles was the escort on the lonely trip from Texas back to Ohio with the body of

Walt, one of the first cadets to recognize him as a lowly plebe. To Charlie this was a serious assignment and he spent hours with the bereaved family. Following their transitional training, Charles and most of his classmates became instructors for one new class of B-26 student pilots. The latter half of 1943 was spent getting ready for overseas, at MacDill and Avon Park, near Tampa, and finally at Hunter Field near Savannah, before he flew across as part of the air echelon, 597th Squadron, 397th Group, via Natal and Dakar, in February, 1944.

John Eckert and James Reynolds, of the 344th Group, B-26, were lost overseas in the spring of 1944 and in December Don Stangle of Charles' Group failed to return from an ill-fated mission which was instrumental in the Presidential Citation for the 397th. Pink flew 65 missions. On July 15 he became a flight leader. The targets were usually railway bridges and yards, buzz-bomb sites, coastal gun positions and port installations such as those at Dieppe, Cherbourg and Brest, but later in the summer and fall, the objectives moved into Eastern



France and into Germany. The Group was first based in Essex County, England. Charles flew his first mission about April 22nd, incidentally bringing back a fairly badly damaged airplane. In May he wrote: "I am well and happy, our morale is high and I have the satisfaction of knowing I am doing a Job". Then on June 8th: "D-Day has come and gone and I am writing this letter mainly to inform you that I am safe".

The Group moved to Southern England and across to Normandy early in September, 1944. Later they were based near Dreux in France and as winter approached they moved to Chaussee, well north of Paris. Pink's promotion to captain came on September 7, 1944. His various craft sustained average damage by enemy fire, apparently serious on only a few missions. On three occasions, bombers ordinarily being used by him and his crew, when assigned to others unfortunately never returned. In August he wrote: "I get a great deal of satisfaction at being on the spot where so much is happening, and especially watching that bomb-line on the G-2 maps move inexorably forward each day. My duty is to get my bombs away on the enemy target—it is my special concern to get my crew back safely, I owe so much to them".

In March 1945, while on duty in the Group Operations office, Charlie and one of his classmates were ordered to the Engineering School at Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio. (This classmate had been an associate at Del Rio, at MacDill and at Hunter Fields. They flew across the South Atlantic in the same Group

and fought through their missions together, then took the Engineering course at Wright Field in the same Class. Their last association was when he escorted Charles' body on its final trip to West Point.)

With his orders home, Charlie drove a jeep a few kilometers across France to bid goodbye to an intimate boyhood friend from Hopedale, Ohio. This was Burton Hanish, a ranking cadet officer of the Class of June, 1943, with whom Pink had attended Prep School. Burt had finished his tour of missions, and while on duty at Group Headquarters was volunteering for extra raids. Instead of a happy evening with the gallant Hanish, black sorrow pervaded Charles' visit to the Squadron, for Burt had died when his plane was shot down two days previously. Charlie gathered up a few very intimate possessions from among Burt's things and upon his arrival in the States took them almost immediately to Burt's mother, during a leave of six days.

From the time of his reporting at the Wright Field Engineering School, Pink's activities as an Air Force Officer were almost entirely in the field of Education. After this course, which was then of six months duration, he was accepted as a graduate student at California Institute of Technology, receiving his Master's degree in Aeronautical Engineering in June, 1946. Meanwhile the Engineering School at Wright Field had become the U.S.A.F. Institute of Technology, offering longer and much more comprehensive courses. Pink was ordered to duty in the Dean's department at the Institute where he remained from July, 1946 to September, 1947. It was during this period that Charles and his family suffered a tragic blow. His only brother, George Robert Pinkerton, III, eight years his junior had at the age of seventeen, joyfully received a principal appointment to West Point, where he had visited often during Charles' cadetship. Only a few days later, George died very suddenly, while visiting at the home of his sister, Mrs. R. F. (JoAnne) Jackson, wife of a submarine officer, class of 1944, U.S. N.A., at New London, Conn. Charles, with the distressing news, considered having his brother interred at West Point in one of the lots he had reserved. The matter was taken up with John B. Walthour one of the Academy's outstanding Chaplains, and the Superintendent, General Maxwell D. Taylor, promptly granted the request.

In September 1947, Charlie again applied for and entered California Institute of Technology. As a student there was no chance for promotion, but he felt the opportunity at Cal Tech was one that might not recur. He completed, in 1948, his work in jet propulsion leading to the degree of Aeronautical Engineer. He received his permanent captaincy in October 1948. Like most of his classmates, he was becoming a mature officer, looking forward with anticipation to the many opportunities before him.

In October, 1948, he was granted permission to go to Japan on leave, in order that his bride-to-be might be married in the home of her parents. Five months before his last flight, in a beautiful ceremony at Kyoto, he married lovely Jacqueline Hawkins, daughter of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs. Jack M. Hawkins of the Army Dental Corps. Jacque, herself an Army daughter, was soon happily engaged in her homemaking and the social activities at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, where Charles was on duty in the Technical Intelligence Section.

Charles' private life was marked by his devotion to his immediate family and to his bride. He was strongly attached to his profession and profoundly interested in its scientific advances. Inwardly, without ostentation he held in highest regard the stern, historic School on the Hudson, where he lies beside his brother and near his roommate, close to the hallowed Old Chapel.

"Proudly Their Alma Mater Claims Her Own."

Wade Hampton, the Confederate cavalry leader, while directing his division in battle, came upon one of his sons, who had just fallen in action and at almost the same moment saw the lad's brother who was trying to assist him, receive a severe but not fatal wound. General Robert E. Lee in writing a letter of condolence to General Hampton following the death of the boy said in part: * * * "for him I trust is rest and peace, for I believe our Heavenly Father takes us when it is best for us to go. He is now safe from all harm and all evil" * * *

—His Father.

Richard Hugh Houser

NO. 13947 CLASS OF JUNE 1943

DIED JULY 1, 1949, AT WASHINGTON, D. C.,
AGED 28 YEARS.

CAPTAIN RICHARD HUGH HOUSER, United States Air Forces, the son of Colonel and Mrs. March Hugh Houser, was born at the United States Army Hospital in Coblenz, Germany, July 2, 1920, during the time his father was serving in the army of occupation following World War I. Early in life, he acquired the nickname "Bruno", which stuck to him thereafter.

Until he graduated from high school, Bruno lived with his parents at various army posts. His desire to attend West Point and become an officer stemmed from his association with military life during this period. After his graduation from high school at Bel Air, Maryland, Bruno joined the United States Army. He served a year in the Twenty-second Infantry and attended the IV Corps Area West Point Preparatory School at Fort McPherson, Georgia. He entered the Military Academy July 1, 1939, having been appointed by Congressman Palmisano of Baltimore, Maryland.

At West Point, Bruno took more interest in athletics and other extra-curricular activities than he did in academics. He had very positive ideas about current problems and expressed them fearlessly. He frequently became involved in discussions of world affairs, using time he could well have used on his mathematics. In the middle of his Plebe year, Bruno was deficient in mathematics and was turned back to the class of 1944, which was later redesignated the class of June 1943. His interest in athletics, particularly football, continued until he graduated. In his First Class year, Bruno was the manager of the football team.

Before he entered West Point, Bruno had always enjoyed tinkering with automobiles and other machinery. As he grew older, he became very much interested in aviation. When flying training was incorporated in the West Point curriculum in 1942, he decided to try to become a pilot. After completing primary training at Decatur, Alabama, he returned to West Point for basic training and the shortened first class year.

He had a fine sense of proportion, humor, and humility. During basic training, an accident occurred in which Bruno bailed out safely, although his instructor was killed. Bruno wrote his mother, saying:

"Don't worry, don't try to do anything—not even phone. I'm resting easy here in the hospital with a turned ankle, lacerated puss and a black eye, but nothing at all serious. I imagine I will be out in a few days, then I am going right back up and fly the wings off the 'ole' crate. I am sold on this gadget called a parachute. Even in conversation, when you hear the word 'parachute', say a prayer. Right now I figure it's worth it"

Following graduation, Bruno was assigned to Mather Field, Sacramento, California. Simultaneous with completion of advanced flying training, the Station Surgeon re-

ceived a report from the Army Medical Center that a section previously excised from his back was malignant. For several months, Bruno underwent a series of treatments and operations which, for a time, appeared to be successful.

He returned to duty in April, 1944. After serving for a time at Williams Field, Arizona, he was sent overseas to Wheeler Field, T. H., and then to Japan. After thirty months in the Pacific, Bruno returned to the United States and was assigned to Langley Field, Virginia, in October 1948.

While he was ill following his graduation, he was a patient at Coral Gables General Hospital where the Chappalear triplets were serving as nurses. Bruno met Ellen Rose Chappalear at this time and after his return to the United States, he and Ellen Rose continued their romance and were married on February 10, 1948.

Within a few months of his marriage, Bruno again became ill and in time entered the station hospital at Langley Field, from which he was transferred to Percy Jones General Hospital, and later to Walter Reed. He died of cancer July 1, 1949. He was



buried at Arlington Cemetery with full military honors.

Throughout both periods of his illness, he showed great courage and patience. He never complained of pain or of his seeming unfair treatment by destiny. He was always more concerned about the welfare of others about him than himself.

Colonel Herbert Mooney, M.C., who administered to him during his first illness pays him this tribute:

"He was one of the most uncomplaining individuals that I have ever known but that trait, I suppose, is expected in a true soldier. Anyway, we often thought he had every reason to complain of his misfortune, but he said nothing—simply smiled and sauntered on. He was a grand lad; my family and I enjoyed the privilege of knowing him and were sincerely sorry that our pathways parted at the end of the war"

Bruno enjoyed a good scrap. He greatly regretted the fact that circumstances kept him from more active participation in the war. During his Cadet days, he eagerly awaited graduation so that he could go overseas and fight. The fact that he had to stay in the hospital after graduation, when many of his friends and classmates were overseas, was a great discouragement to him. When he was discharged from the hospital, he completed his required training as soon as possible and was sent overseas. The ending of the war, however, came before he could arrive at a combat area.

Bruno died at a time when life seemed

to hold much for him. The illness which had confined him to a hospital bed a few years earlier appeared to have been cured. He had been married less than a year and he stood on the threshold of a promising career in the Air Force. His untimely death was a great shock and disappointment. The Service has lost a fine officer and all who knew him, a friend.

He is survived by his widow, Ellen Rose, his parents, Colonel and Mrs. March H. Houser, and two brothers, Lieutenant Colonel Robert H. Houser, Marine Corps and Travis L. Houser.

Robert Harlie Bacon

NO. 14629 CLASS OF 1945

DIED MAY 22, 1949, NEAR BELMONT, OHIO,
AGED 25 YEARS.

ROBERT HARLIE BACON, born June 12, 1923, in the village of Cedarhurst, New York, the older son of Harlie Walden Bacon and Violet Rode Bacon, died May 22, 1949. His death occurred near Belmont, Ohio, as the result of a forced landing caused by collision with another Air Force aircraft, while participating in a formation flight. He is survived by father, mother and younger brother, Harlie Roger Bacon.

The life of Bob Bacon may well be compared to a meteor flashing across the sky, so bright and of short duration that the earth is the darker for its passing.

Bob was always outstanding physically and intellectually; that rare combination, an athlete with great scholastic ability.

As a boy Bob led a happy, carefree existence, enjoying the approval of his teachers, the devoted love of his parents and the near hero worship of his companions. Like any healthy, normal boy, his enthusiasm and inquiring mind sometimes caused minor difficulties but a frank family discussion always resulted in clear-thinking Bob making his own unbiased decision. Throughout his life he valued a family conference when a problem of importance had to be decided.

In summer most fine days were spent at the seashore where he became proficient in swimming at an early age. His proudest achievement at Boy Scout camp was the acquisition of the junior life-guard emblem. Much was expected of Bob because of his unusual ability, so he grew self-reliant and dependable.

On entering Lawrence High School, Bob was contacted on his first day by Coach Farina who urged him to go out for football thus beginning his career on the varsity team. He was one of the four freshmen personalities mentioned in the Year Book: "Robert Bacon: Full of brain and brawn, a dependable man in any fix. A heavy hitter"

During his senior year an article was published in the school paper entitled, "Above the Crowd". Excerpts: He's blond, tall—six foot two, called "Big Bob," and his life consists of sports, sports and more sports. He was one of the five blocks of granite who helped the Golden Tornadoes to a victorious season, winning the Bacon Trophy and the Rutgers Cup. Now that basketball season is under way, Bob, Lawrence High School star center and last year's high scorer, is busy practicing. In the spring the track team holds Bob's interest, where he stars at shot put. End of quote. In track he established a record for his school in shot put which still stands and was at that time the record for Long Island. In his graduation year book he was named the outstanding athlete and his scholastic record was very high so he had only to choose a college.

Intending to study Chemical Engineering at Princeton University where he had been offered a scholarship, Bob was advised to delay his entrance into College for a year

and study at Phillips Exeter Academy. Bob entered Phillips Exeter with a grant so in addition to a very heavy schedule and grueling football practice he had various duties to perform. Therefore, it was a drastic departure from his life at home, where he had enjoyed a gratifying and leisurely progress through High School with a minimum of study, he now had to spend long hours in the class rooms studying as this was compulsory. However this added immeasurably to his store of knowledge, making his difficult first year at West Point comparatively easy. He also improved his skill in football and had many gratifying acknowledgments by the press.

During that winter, due to the influence of Coach Clark of Phillips Exeter Academy, he became interested in the United States Military Academy and decided that the training at West Point would best prepare him for service to his country and at the same time complete his education. He was admitted to the United States Military Academy at West Point on July 1, 1942. Participation in the football program under the able instruction of Coach Blaik and his assistants made his routine duties as fourth classman less tedious.

During the following year Bob turned out for football and track, winning numerals and monogram. His acceptance for Air Corps, training together with his Cadet wives, Al Blue and Jack Lawrence, fulfilled his every expectation. During his first class year he was a cadet sergeant and flying was his absorbing interest. While never wearing a star on his collar, he maintained a fine scholastic rating, graduating in the first quarter of his class.

He received flight training at Cimmaron Field, Oklahoma, and at Stewart Field, New York. He won his wings on June 2, 1945, at Stewart Field where Pilot Diplomas and Wings were presented to the graduates by Lt. General Barton K. Yount. On June 5, 1945 he was graduated from West Point and commissioned Second Lieutenant in the Air Corps.

Plebe year training and the honor system at West Point impressed Bob deeply. He always felt that his character and mind were benefited to an extent which could not have been duplicated at any other educational institution. Since integrity, honesty and generosity were his dominant characteristics, the West Point Motto, "Duty, Honor, Country", added to his pride in and admiration for the uniform which he wore and the ideals it represented.

After further flight training in Multi-motor aircraft at Columbus, Ohio, and Sebring, Florida, he was given a short course at Junior Officers' Staff School at Orlando, Florida.

In February 1946, Lt. Bacon was assigned to foreign duty in Europe where he joined the 442nd Transport Carrier Group based at Munich, Germany. Soon after his arrival he was given the post of Classification and Assignment Officer at the field, in addition to his flying assignments. His letters reflected his intense interest in his work which took him to most of the largest cities and points of interest in Europe. He spent his short furloughs in Paris which he said was the most beautiful city in the world. He was enthusiastic when he was one of a group assigned to the famous 508th Parachute Infantry stationed at Frankfurt, Germany, to fly the paratroopers for practice jumps and maneuvered a jump for himself which he found a thrilling experience. They were flying C-47 planes at this time.

Soon after returning to Europe in January 1948, at the conclusion of a thirty-day furlough spent at home, his squadron was assigned to duty on the Berlin Airlift. Subsequently transferred to the 60th T.C.G. at Kaufbeuren, he was one of a group selected to join the United Nations Observer Staff, then functioning in Palestine, where he flew many missions throughout the Middle East.

Upon completion of this assignment which lasted about six weeks, Bob returned to Kaufbeuren where he soon received the orders for which he was eagerly waiting: transfer to the United States. During his tour of foreign duty he received his promotion to First Lieutenant. His next assignment took him to Coraopolis, Pa., where he joined the 2239th Air Force Reserve Training Group in November 1948.

In January 1949 he was assigned to Johnstown, Pa. to take charge of the local squadron as unit instructor and to serve in an advisory capacity for other nearby groups. While stationed there he took an active part among the civic organizations, giving lectures on the Berlin Airlift and maintaining the interest of the locality in the Air Force program. It was here that he met the beautiful and talented girl who would have become his bride and have given him the consummate happiness that makes endeavor worth while, but there was too little time.

Before returning to Coraopolis he received notice of approval of his application for

found him, even under the most trying conditions, a fine pilot and a warm companion; a credit to his uniform and to his family.

"We who were on the U.N. Staff in Palestine receive the news of Bob Bacon's untimely death with an acute sense of personal loss.

"Bruce Stedman"

Bob died in the performance of the work he loved. True to his code, his last command saved a life when he ordered his co-pilot to parachute from the disabled airplane while he alone made the supreme sacrifice in an unsuccessful attempt to land.

When taps had sounded for First Lieutenant Robert Harlie Bacon he left only beautiful memories. To have been favored with a son so worthy is a supreme privilege; to be bereaved of him an immeasurable loss.

The light generated by the glowing personality of Bob Bacon has passed from the face of the earth but its reflection will continue to shine in our hearts as long as memory remains.

—V. R. B.



Lester Atchley Sprinkle, Jr.

NO. 15124 CLASS OF 1945

DIED AUGUST 7, 1949, AT WASHINGTON, D. C.,
AGED 26 YEARS.

"SPIKE" SPRINKLE passed away just as he had lived, cheerful to the last. His illness covering a period of almost a year failed to break his cheerful attitude toward those about him nor lower his spirits in any way. He was stricken at the flower of his early manhood and at a time when the future held in store for him everything for which a young officer could hope. His life was short but filled with those things which go to make a complete, successful and a happy one.

He was born at Fort Riley, Kansas, December 8, 1922, the son of Colonel and Mrs. Lester A. Sprinkle. His boyhood days were spent on various Army Posts, and he learned to know the Army from his daily life, associating with those who were doing the things which he hoped to do when he grew to be a man. His will to do was ever present and he met each problem with that determination which is so essential to win. Ever interested in athletics he started playing baseball at an early age. He became a member of an American Legion Junior League Team in Topeka and while playing baseball with that team pitched one no hit game and several one hit games.

As a child he attended kindergarten and grade school at Fort Leavenworth and Fort Riley, Kansas. His Junior High and first two years of high school were at the Junction City and Topeka, Kansas, schools. He then went to New Mexico where he completed his high school and Junior College education. While at New Mexico Military Institute he attained the rank of Cadet Major and commanded a cadet squadron at the time of his graduation. He played inter-class baseball and football and participated in other athletics from time to time. He excelled in horsemanship winning the advanced equitation trophy for the year 1940. As a member of the Cadet Honor Board, he did outstanding work. He was President of his graduating class and was awarded the Saber for that year—the Institute's highest award for outstanding leadership. The year following his graduation was spent in Washington, D. C., where he attended Sullivan's West Point Prep School.

He entered West Point July 1, 1942. His life as a cadet was patterned along the same lines as that he had previously lived. Constantly loyal to his friends, ever attentive to duty, cheerful and determined to accomplish his objectives. His rank at gradua-

transfer to college where he planned to study for a Master's Degree. This opportunity never materialized, however, for his untimely death ended the promising career of a young officer with great potentialities.

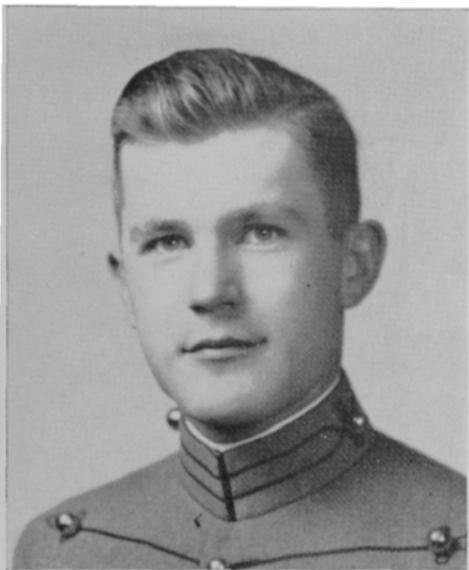
During leisure hours Bob had the ability to completely enjoy whatever was offered: an interesting book, stimulating conversation, good music or a lively game of bridge. His generous and unassuming manner won him many friends in both civilian and army life. He took keen interest in his younger brother and there was a fine spirit of camaraderie between them, especially after Bob returned from Europe and Harlie had become more matured. His religious affiliation was with the Russell Sage Memorial Presbyterian Church of Far Rockaway, Long Island, where he attended Sunday School in his youth and was confirmed a member.

Letters of condolence to his family from both General Hoyt S. Vandenberg, Chief of Staff U.S.A.F. and Lt. Colonel Donald C. Jamison, Commanding Officer at Coraopolis, Pa. stress Bob's cheerful, efficient manner displayed in the performance of duty as well as his consideration for others.

An administrative officer on the staff of the United Nations Mediator wrote as follows: "I met Bob in Palestine where I was assigned. He was one of four pilots assigned to the mission, performing continuous flights under hazardous conditions throughout the Middle East. I have therefore been with him on many flights, and also have spent enjoyable hours across the bridge table with Bob as a valuable partner or a dangerous opponent. All of us who knew Bob out there

tion was Cadet Sergeant. He was a member of the Cadet Choir for one year and was on the baseball squad for two years, pitching in several important games. Upon graduation June 5, 1945, he was commissioned in the Infantry and started his commissioned career in that branch.

After his graduation leave, he entered the Infantry School, Fort Benning, Georgia, as a student in the Basic Class and completed the work in that class. Upon graduation from the Basic Class at Fort Benning, he was ordered to the Far East Command and assigned to the 1st Cavalry Division, Tokyo, Japan. While in the Division he served in various troops of the 1st Squadron, 5th Cavalry and during the last few months of his tour commanded Squadron Headquarters Troop of the squadron. During approximately three months of this period he commanded the prison guard which transported the Japanese War criminals being tried from Sugamo Prison in Tokyo to Yokohama and return daily. As such he was responsible for some of the top Japanese War criminals for a considerable time. While with the



Division he played on the 5th Cavalry Regimental Baseball team and the 1st Cavalry Division team.

On June 1, 1946, he married Florence Margaret Nowack of the Army Nurse Corps in Tokyo, Japan. Although he would seldom admit it, Spike was sentimental and loved tradition. When he planned his wedding the occupation of Japan was still in its rugged beginning, and it was taken for granted by many that there would be few of the little extras and niceties—but Spike worked doggedly for months, driving hundreds of miles through the rough countryside on off-duty time, until he had arranged for a wedding reception that could rival any for beauty and completeness. On December 30, 1948, a daughter Sandra Lee Sprinkle was born at Walter Reed Hospital.

In April of 1948 he was transferred to Fort Lesley T. McNair, Washington, D. C. and assigned to the 2nd Battalion 3rd Infantry. While with that Battalion he served in Companies "E" and "F", and his last assignment was with Company "E". The soldiers who served under him admired him and obeyed willingly. They felt his sincere interest in their welfare, and many stragglers came back to the right path under his leadership. His devotion to duty and unit pride were infectious to those who served with him. He worked hard and conscientiously; still he was ever eager for athletic contests and social gatherings when the daily work was done. To those of us who grew up with him, Spike was always the leader. He was endowed with the ability to

think clearly and with conviction. He set his goal early in life and pursued it honestly and forcefully. Spike's desire to be a good officer was fulfilled—the resultant rewards were sure to have followed, though to him, the deeds rather than the rewards were important. In all respects, the Army has lost an outstanding officer who showed definite promise of an enviable career that might easily have been a history-making one.

In June of 1948 he became ill and entered Walter Reed Hospital. After approximately a month he recovered sufficiently to return to duty. In October of 1948 it was necessary for him to return to the hospital. He took an active interest in so many things that each day was hardly long enough. Even during those long last months in bed, he found ways to brighten the hours—from following the hectic season of his St. Louis Cardinals to building model railroads. After a long and lingering illness he passed away August 7, 1949.

He is survived by his father and mother, Colonel and Mrs. Lester A. Sprinkle, his wife Florence M. Sprinkle, his daughter Sandra Lee, and by his sister Roseanne (Mrs. Claude) McQuarrie. To know him was to love him. His manliness, his courage, and his determination were real, natural and ever present. He lived to be happy and to make those about him happy, but with it all he was a soldier first. His every act and thought was for the military.

Funeral services were held in the Post Chapel, Fort Myer, Virginia, and surrounded by a host of friends, he was laid to rest in Arlington Cemetery.

Richard Lytle Yates

NO. 16201 CLASS OF 1947

DIED FEBRUARY 28, 1949, AT NURNBERG, GERMANY, AGED 23 YEARS.

ON April 1, 1949 Richard L. Yates found his final resting place at West Point from whence he had come only a short time before. Anyone and everyone who knew him realized that they, the army, and the country had suffered the loss of an invaluable friend and soldier.

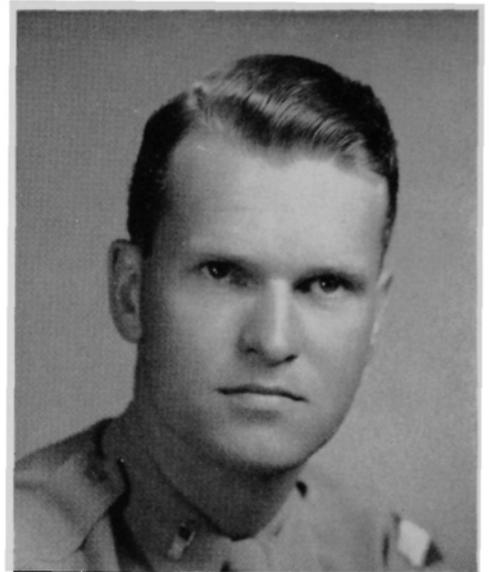
Dick was born May 2, 1925 in Clinton, Iowa, and to his memory, from that date hence he had but one goal in mind. That goal was a successful military career, and to help attain this he began early to prepare himself. Attending the Military Academy was the final phase of that preparation, which gave the army an officer with all the characteristics enumerated so often as being the ideal.

One of our youngest officers, Dick had a well balanced and mature outlook developed in part during the years he spent in Chicago where he attended Sullivan High School graduating when only sixteen. His worldly manner and self confidence was attributed to this. Throughout his life enthusiasm, loyalty, and brilliance took him into many activities all of which aided in his development and all of which benefited by his presence.

In his youth, Dick was the youngest Boy Scout to become "Eagle" in the Chicago area. His interest in this organization never ceased, for after graduation part of his graduation leave was passed as counselor to Camp Owasippi in Michigan. Never being able to find enough varied activities to satisfy his energies, he continued to be engaged in many extra-curricular activities throughout his school years. In high school R.O.T.C. he became a Cadet Colonel, and upon entering college R.O.T.C. at the State University of Iowa, he was entered in the Advanced Military Course as a Freshman. Here in Iowa, Dick studied engineering to prepare himself should he enter the Military Academy. After one year however, he en-

tered the service to receive basic training at Camp Wolters, Texas. It was while on furlough from there that the opportunity he had long awaited presented itself—the opportunity to attend the Military Academy.

After an examination, Dick received an alternate appointment from Senator Brooks of Illinois, and instead of returning to Texas, he went to Cornell University for preparatory work. Here he was affiliated with Phi Gamma Delta fraternity. From here went to the Military Academy in July 1944. Adjustment to cadet life was relatively easy, and for the following three years Dick continued his preparation for commissioned service. Again his wide interests and abilities made him outstanding. He managed the lacrosse team for two years becoming manager first while only a "Yearling". At this he earned his "A". The Special Program Committee, with its difficult but interesting work attracted Dick, and as its chairman he gave us all a fine program. A quick and unique wit will never be forgotten by those who knew Dick, and few were they who didn't know him. The rank of



Cadet Lieutenant and graduation near the top of his class also attribute to his accomplishments. And now, as stated in the Howitzer, after so many years of preparation the army received an officer whose conscientiousness, common sense, and knowledge of the military were unsurpassed.

After graduation, with his commission in the Cavalry, a year in Army Service Schools at Fort Riley and Fort Knox rounded and polished Dick into the fine officer who sailed for Europe and troop duty in July 1948. With him sailed his wife, Virginia, whom he met and married while at Fort Knox. The 2d Constabulary Regiment, redesignated 2d Armored Cavalry, at Augsburg, Germany, received this splendid officer. Dick soon became known and respected by both the officers and the men of the regiment. The word of his fatal injury in a dud explosion near Grafenwhor, Germany, late in February 1949, was a grievous shock to all.

One cannot allow his mind to dwell on a fallen friend and soldier without contemplating what might have been. It is doubtful that any military office was beyond his possibilities. To emulate only a few of his many characteristics is a challenge to all and an inspiration to those of us who knew him well. His wife, Mrs. Virginia Johnston Yates, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Yates, who contributed most to his splendid life, have also contributed to the lives of the many in whose hearts and minds Richard L. Yates shall live forever.

A Classmate, John L. Gerrity.

