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New Superintendent, U. S. M. A.



Major General Frederick A. Irving.

On 17 January 1951 Major General Bryant E. Moore, Class of August 1917, was relieved as Superintendent of the United States Military Academy and left West Point to assume command of an Army Corps. No better valedictory as Superintendent, to West Point and its alumni, could be written than General Moore's *THE THREE KEYS* republished on the next page of this issue of *Assembly*.

On 27 January 1951 Major General Frederick A. Irving, Class of April 1917, assumed command of West Point as Superintendent.

General Irving was born at Taunton, Massachusetts on 3 September 1894. After graduating from Taunton High School in 1913 he entered West Point. He was graduated from the Academy and commissioned as a Second Lieutenant of Infantry on 20 April 1917.

After service with the Infantry at several stations in the United States, he sailed for France in April 1918 with the 15th Machine Gun Battalion. He took part in various engagements in World War I including the St. Mihiel Offensive in September 1918. He was wounded in action at St. Mihiel on 12 September 1918, and was awarded the Purple Heart and the Silver Star with a citation for bravery.

He returned to the United States in July 1919 and commanded the 15th Machine Gun Company at Camp Gordon, Georgia, until August 1920. He then served as a machine gun instructor at the Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia, and in August 1922 became an instructor in the Department of Law, and later in the Department of Tactics, at West Point.

In September 1926 he entered the Infantry School at Fort Benning, and, upon completing the Advanced Course in May 1927, went to Hawaii, where he served with the 19th Infantry and as Assistant G-1 of the Hawaiian Department.

He returned to the United States in October 1930 for duty with the 22nd Infantry, with which he served at Fort McPherson, Georgia, until August 1932. He was then assigned to Fort Benning as an instructor in the Infantry School, where he remained until June 1937. In August 1937 he entered the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and upon graduation the following July, was again assigned to the Department of Tactics at the Academy. In January 1941 he was appointed Commandant of Cadets.

He was reassigned to the Hawaiian Department in February 1942 and the following August assumed command of the 24th Infantry Division in Hawaii. He commanded the Division in the New Guinea Campaign in 1944, and, in October 1944, commanded it in the invasion of Leyte, Philippine Islands. He commanded the 38th Division in the final stages of the fighting on Luzon.

In August 1946 he became Coordinator of the Inter-American Defense Board in Washington, D. C. He was appointed Chief of the Career Management Group, Personnel and Administration Division, General Staff, U.S. Army, Washington, D. C., in January 1948. Having served as a temporary Major General since August 1942 he was promoted to permanent Major General on 24 January 1948. From 26 October 1950 until his appointment as Superintendent he has been Deputy Commanding General of the Sixth

Army, at the Presidio of San Francisco in California.

Upon his arrival at West Point as Superintendent, General Irving authorized publication in *Assembly* of the following message to all West Point alumni:

"I am glad to have this opportunity, upon my assumption of the Superintendency at West Point, to send my greetings and best wishes to all the alumni of our beloved Academy.

"In these parlous times of international tension and national preparation to insure the security of our great country and of the other free nations of the world, the heritage we have all received from our Alma Mater has never been more important—to ourselves, to our children, to all true Americans, and to all people everywhere who believe in freedom under God. General Moore has described this glorious heritage of ours, and our obligation to it as West Pointers, in his *THE THREE KEYS*—published elsewhere in this issue of *Assembly*. I wholly concur in his message and commend it to your earnest and constant consideration.

"The continuing growth and increasing strength of our alumni organization are sources of satisfaction to all of us, and of incalculable value to the Academy. If each of us maintains a firm resolve always to live and act in accordance with the precepts we learned so well at West Point, we will then best serve our country, and thus, in addition, partially repay the debt we all owe our Alma Mater. As Superintendent I will endeavor to contribute my share to the accomplishment of the task that lies before us. I know that I shall have your support."

WORDS TO LIVE BY



WEST POINT tradition: "A man without character is nothing"

THE THREE KEYS



by Major General Bryant E. Moore

Superintendent, U. S. Military Academy, 28 January 1949 - 17 January 1951



General Moore

IN THESE days, every school—including West Point—has a double duty. One is to train the minds of its students; the other is to help form their character. As knowledge expands that becomes a difficult task. The sheer effort of mastering many complicated subjects tends to crowd out everything else.

That is why we are grateful for the Coat of Arms of the Military Academy. The motto emblazoned on the scroll consists of three words: Duty, Honor, Country. These are the three keys of character, and for the West Pointer they are an everlasting reminder of the other side of education, a reminder that, in life, a man without character, however clever, is nothing.

Duty, Honor, Country. These are simple elemental words. They need no interpretation.

Duty goes farther than mere obedience to orders. It implies willingness, loyal execution and the sacrifice of personal interest, if necessary.

Country means more than display of patriotic sentiment. It calls for devotion, whether in the tedium of unspectacular service or the mortal struggle of the battlefield.

Honor is the central and highest word on the scroll. It is the keystone of the arch; for without it, all principles, ideals and beliefs will surely fail.

THIS trinity of principle is the heritage of the American people. West Point received it from the founders of the Republic—Washington, Hamilton, Jefferson and Monroe—who were also the founders of the Academy. It has been tried in the fire of experience and found equal to the test. It guided West Pointers in war and peace for a century and a half. Grant found in it the key to victory, and Lee the strength to turn bitter defeat to the service of a reunited country. Pershing, Eisenhower and MacArthur drew their power from it.

Duty, Honor, Country. Here are three words to guide both soldier and citizen in these troubled times. They are words to live by.



In 1952 the United States Military Academy will complete one hundred and fifty years of existence. The Academy, established by an act of Congress approved on March 16, 1802, from its inception has dedicated itself to the task of training young men to serve the nation, young men imbued with the ideals of integrity of character and devotion to the nation so aptly reflected in the West Point motto, "Duty, Honor, Country". In addition to earning for their Alma Mater the reputation as a strong and indispensable pillar of our national defense structure, West Point graduates have achieved acclaim for other public services. They have served with distinction as members of Congress, federal judges, cabinet members, and diplomats. They have contributed to the physical growth of our country by surveying and mapping its topography, coasts, and resources. They have planned and supervised flood control, harbor improvement, the construction of the Panama Canal, and other national engineering projects. Finally West Point and its graduates have made a very significant imprint upon American Education. The Academy set much of the pattern for the whole development of engineering education in the United States during the first half century of its existence. It is this pattern of service to the nation that provides the background for an appropriate Sesquicentennial celebration on the occasion of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the founding of West Point.

Preliminary consideration was given to the form of a Sesquicentennial celebration early in 1948. At that time Major General Maxwell D. Taylor, then Superintendent of the Military Academy, appointed Brigadier General C. L. Fenton, U.S.A., Retired, President of the Association of Graduates, and a group of senior professors, later known as the Steering Group, to initiate the planning. After comprehensive study the Steering Group developed plans flexible enough to allow considerable adjustment in view of the unstable state of world affairs. These plans were approved by the Department of the Army on January 11, 1950. The Sesquicentennial Director, Colonel W. E. Crist, arrived at West Point in February 1950, and assumed the full-time duty of implementing the plans. President Truman accepted the Honorary Chairmanship of the Sesquicentennial Commission on July 29, 1950; and General Marshall, the Secretary of Defense, the Chairmanship on October 26, 1950. An Executive Committee was established, consisting of Lieutenant Generals Matthew B. Ridgway; Alfred M. Gruenther, then Deputy Chiefs of Staff, U.S. Army; Lieutenant General Lauris Norstad, Commanding General, U.S. Air Forces in Europe; and Major General Bryant E. Moore, then Superintendent of the Military Academy. Plans are currently proceeding smoothly.

The envisioned celebration is not without precedent: for on the 9th, 10th, and 11th days of June, 1902, the Academy marked the conclusion of its first century of service to the nation with a fitting centennial. The ceremonies opened in Cullum Hall with an Alumni meeting at which addresses were

delivered by selected graduates, who were veterans of the Mexican, Civil, and Spanish-American Wars. On June 11th, Centennial Day, a review of the Corps of Cadets was held in honor of the President of the United States, Theodore Roosevelt. Climaxing the events the President and his Secretary of War, Elihu Root, made principal addresses which were punctuated by toasts from many distinguished guests.

It is expected that the scope of the Sesquicentennial will exceed that of the 1902 celebration. The planners have viewed this anniversary as something more than a mere occasion for a colorful and festive gathering attracting a few delegates from the Armed Forces and fellow academic institutions at home and abroad in order to extol the achievements and virtues of preceding years. The men charged with the preparation of the Military Academy's Sesquicentennial look upon 1952 as a period of grave crisis in our nation's history, as a time when our very existence will depend on the strength of our defenses, both moral and material. They feel that this condition imposes a pressing obligation upon those charged with the higher education and the military education of the country's youth. It is their sincere and firm belief that a significant contribution may be made if men of learning will come together for the purpose of examining the close relationship between higher education and military education as they apply to national security.

In keeping with this conviction the theme of the Sesquicentennial is "Furthering Our National Security". To implement the celebration a series of conferences, each of from one to three days duration, is planned. In these conferences the function of higher learning and military education in the advancement of national security will be thoroughly considered. Though West Point will certainly review its proud record and rejoice therein, it will devote its time and attention principally to a critical survey of past efforts and accomplishments, as a key to future improvement and greater accomplishment of service to the nation. The conferences and events are scheduled during a span of five months extending from January 1952 through graduation of that year. Spatial limitations have necessitated the planning of the Sesquicentennial as a five months event, for such assemblies are envisaged as could not be accommodated concurrently by existing Academy facilities.

CONFERENCE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

A conference on education will take place in early April. Participants, numbering approximately 150 persons, will include civilian educators, personnel of the United States Government and the Armed Forces, officers of learned and professional societies and groups, representatives of industry and of the press, and outstanding representatives of other nations. These delegates will examine the function of higher education in the United States in the promotion of national security.

The major problem confronting western civilization today is the preservation and

development of the democratic way of life. The prosecution and successful termination of World War II and the subsequent development of the new struggle between the forces of democracy and the forces of aggressive totalitarianism have compelled the United States to accept the role of leadership of the democratic nations. All of our national resources, intellectual and moral as well as physical, must remain mobilized for an indefinite period to come, if the western tradition is first to be preserved and then strengthened to such a degree that its security is no longer threatened.

Our national experience in World War II erased any remaining doubts as to the interdependence of the Armed Forces and the institutions of higher education. Postwar developments have brought new emphasis upon the interlock of their needs and interests. The wartime conditions limiting the colleges to the performance of relatively narrow and specific training tasks have been modified to the point where the full role of both these elements of the national life are of mutual and continuing interest. That evolutionary development has raised numerous questions, most of which warrant careful study on a joint basis.

The discussions will embrace three broad subjects: the use of the resources and manpower of our colleges and universities in time of war; the influence of higher education in nurturing, in time of peace, the moral and spiritual qualities necessary to the survival of a free people; and the role of education, primarily post graduate and professional, in promoting national security through research and development. A three-day conference can hardly produce the answers to all or even most of these questions; nevertheless, a vital purpose will have been served if no more is done than to define and examine them in their relationship to the national need.

MILITARY EDUCATION CONFERENCE

A discussion of the aims, methods, results, and development of military education—with a view to sharing ideas and opinions and developing suggestions for improvement—will constitute the purpose of a conference to be held during the middle of May. The program includes keynote addresses by individuals prominent in military education. The individuals whom it is planned to invite to make these key addresses include such officials as the Secretary of Defense; Chief, Army Field Forces; and Presidents or Deans of leading universities having ROTC units.

Conference delegates will conduct a brief but comprehensive survey of the post-World War II program of military education in the United States, outlining the objectives and scope, and citing the requirements of the armed forces for trained leaders. The survey will cover the programs for the selection and military education of the officer candidate, the ROTC student, and the West Point cadet. The course of each will be traced through his later years as a professional career officer or as an officer of the National Guard or Reserve components.



Colonel William E. Crist, Class of 1920, Director of the Sesquicentennial.

The Conference on Military Education provides an ideal opportunity for a survey of the objectives, means, and procedures of the systems, and of the results achieved.

While the accent will be on the military education programs of the Army and Air Force, views will be sought concerning the parallel program of the Navy. The problem of inter-service or joint military education based on the lessons of World War II and developments since the establishment of the Department of Defense also will receive attention. However, particular emphasis will be placed on pre-commission education to include a review of national policies on military education and the roles of civilian colleges in the conduct of military education. All will be viewed against a background of the needs of the Armed Forces in peace as well as in war.

THE JUBILEE

A highlight of the festivities will be the Sesquicentennial JUBILEE. Some fifteen hundred delegates from domestic and foreign educational institutions, military academies, the learned societies, and the United States Government will be invited to attend. A convocation will be held in the natural amphitheater at Trophy Point, whither participants will proceed in academic procession. Outstanding national leaders will address the gathering on the following themes: (1) West Point as an educational institution, (2) West Point in the service of the nation, and (3) West Point in defense of the nation. A banquet in the Cadet Dining Hall will bring the Jubilee to a close.

COMMEMORATIVE EXERCISES

Ceremonies of a commemorative nature are also planned. FOUNDER'S DAY, March 16, 1952, will be celebrated at a conference on the History of West Point and the Hudson Highlands. The New York State Historical Association, the Society for Colonial History, and the New York Folklore Society have accepted an invitation to participate in the Sesquicentennial celebration by scheduling their annual meeting for the period 14th to 16th of March at West Point. At this conference it is proposed to have eminent historians read papers on subjects dealing with the rich historical background of West Point and the Hudson Highlands.

Among the projected subjects are the physiography of West Point, the colonial history of the West Point area, and West Point in the Revolution. The papers presented will subsequently be printed and bound and will constitute a resume of the early history of West Point and the contiguous area.

On ALUMNI DAY, 2 June 1952, the Association of Graduates will highlight the day with a special Alumni Program. This program will be included in the regularly planned Alumni Day exercises and in the annual meeting of the Association on that day.

SPECIAL FEATURES

Plans for many special features related to the varying aspects of life at West Point are now taking shape. In recognition of the important part played by religion in the formation of the character of military leaders, there will be special religious ceremonies and Sesquicentennial Chapel services. Eminent religious leaders will assist the Academy chaplains on these as well as on other formal occasions.

The role of intercollegiate athletics will also be recognized. A conference of leading Directors of Athletics and athletic authorities is planned at which the function of intercollegiate athletes in the development of the soldier and citizen will be discussed. Incidentally, an attempt will be made to secure the Heptagonal Games for West Point in the Spring of 1952. In the event that this effort is successful, the conference will be held on the day preceding the Heptagonal Games.

Furthermore, the Corps of Cadets, the 1802d Special Regiment, the Academic Departments, and post staff agencies will participate actively in the Sesquicentennial celebration. Ceremonies by the Corps, concerts by the USMA Band, the Cadet Choir and Glee Club, and demonstrations by the Special Regiment will augment the program of conferences. The Riding Hall will serve as an Exhibition Hall during the period of celebration. Placed therein will be exhibits by individuals, units, and academic departments and laboratories. A particularly interesting feature will be a display of cadet uniforms showing the developments therein over the years. A model cadet room will be set up in the Exhibition Hall. The Museum, Cadet

Chapel, and historical points of interest will, of course, be open to the delegates and the public.

A program for public information is being planned to bring the Military Academy to the attention of the public during the Sesquicentennial. This plan undertakes to portray West Point so that all observers may perceive and understand the purpose of the Academy and its place in the national scene. The information will be designed to reach all the citizens of the United States and persons of the military and educational professions the world over. It will relate the history of the Academy, pointing out its contribution to the growth of the nation, emphasizing West Point's current achievements, and stating its current problems in relation to its plans for the future. During the Sesquicentennial year West Point will strive for a nation-wide consciousness of, and dedication to, its motto, DUTY, HONOR, COUNTRY.

HISTORICAL PUBLICATIONS

A definite history of West Point and the United States Military Academy will be written and published as a separate feature of the Sesquicentennial celebration. The responsibility for preparing this history has been assigned to a committee, of which Colonel T. D. Stamps, Professor of Military Art and Engineering, is chairman. Dr. Sidney Forman, Archivist, U.S. Military Academy Library, has been designated as Sesquicentennial Historian. Dr. Forman is an authority on this subject, having published several books on aspects of West Point history.

The book will be about five hundred pages in length and will include a bibliography, index, and approximately six maps and thirty pictures. Both maps and pictorial illustrations will be chosen not only to illustrate and supplement the text, but also to reproduce a few of the West Point treasures, much sought by scholars and biographers. The over-all emphasis will be on the development of West Point. The chapters will include subdivisions discussing Academy administrators and administration, academic staff and departmental organization, curriculum and textbooks, buildings and grounds, cadet life, and West Point's relation to the civilian components of national military strength.

Colonel R. Ernest Dupuy's new book—*Men of West Point*, which he is now completing, will be published concurrently with the opening of the Sesquicentennial. This work, on which the author has been engaged for three years, is an attempt to delineate, against the background of American crises in war and peace, the achievements of graduates in building and maintaining the nation. Colonel Dupuy, whose *Where They Have Trod* appeared in 1939, was commissioned by the Association of Graduates to write the present volume. It should be of vast interest not only to graduates but also to the general public.

Graduation Day, 3 June 1952, will bring the Sesquicentennial to a close. It is felt that the celebration would be most fittingly climaxed by having a figure of world-renown deliver the address to the class of 1952 at the graduation exercises. Sesquicentennial officials hope that in view of the time and the occasion the President or a member of his cabinet will find it possible to participate in the ceremonies.

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION

In order to initiate participation by the Federal Government in the Sesquicentennial Celebration, it is planned to have a Joint Resolution introduced in Congress. In all probability the resolution will be introduced by the Chairman of the Armed Services Committee early in January, 1951,

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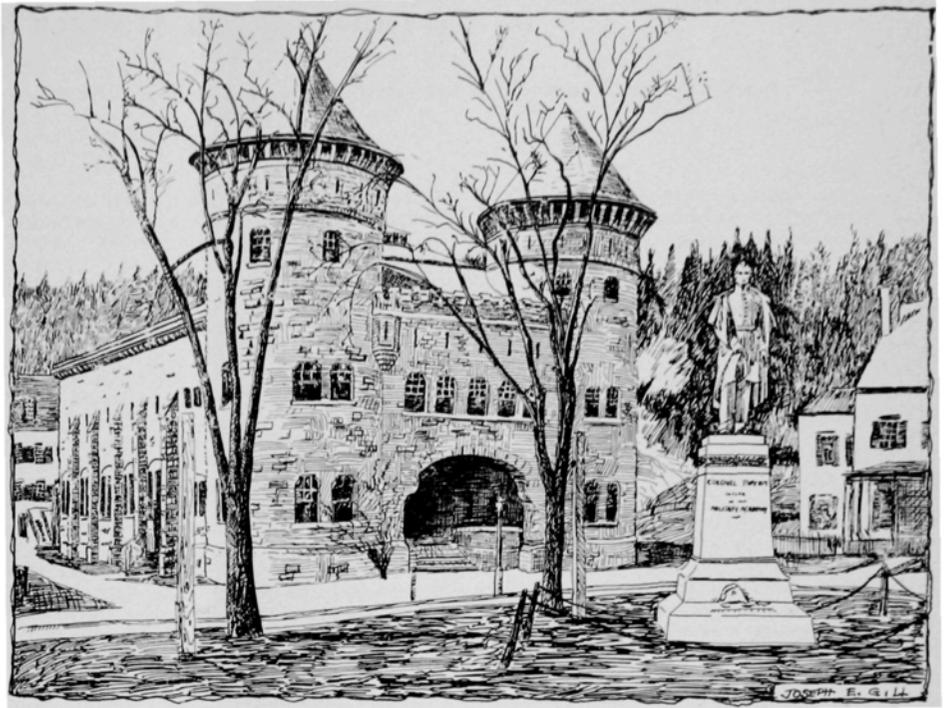
149th ANNIVERSARY, U. S. M. A.

On 16 March 1802, the United States Military Academy became firmly established on the banks of the Hudson and throughout the intervening years its importance to the life of our nation has steadfastly increased. Well may we all remember this date and gather as groups of graduates and former cadets at least once a year to pay tribute to our Alma Mater on its anniversary. Customarily the Saturday evening nearest the 16th of March is chosen for this gathering, which for this, the 149th anniversary, is on 17 March.

The West Point Society of New York will sponsor an anniversary dinner in New York City, not only for its members, but also for graduates stationed at West Point. This dinner will constitute the only celebration of the founding of the Academy to be held this year in the vicinity of New York and West Point, and will be at the Hotel Astor at 7:00 P.M. on 15 March. The dinner program will not be broadcast.

The Association of Graduates acts merely as a coordinating agency for the dissemination of pertinent information regarding the dates and places of meeting on this occasion of the many groups of graduates and former cadets, and does not prescribe the scope or time of meeting of any group. It is felt that these matters are of a local character and are best determined by the groups themselves. It would greatly assist the Association in its exchange of information between groups which plan to celebrate the anniversary of the Academy to have each group furnish, as early as possible, the following information to the Association of Graduates: Date of meeting, place of meeting, attendance expected and the name and address of the individual representing the group. The Association of Graduates will compile this information and disseminate it to all other known groups for their information and for any exchange of greetings between groups desired.

Inquiries are received by the Association of Graduates each year concerning various



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items which may be made available to groups for their programs in connection with their annual dinners. To assist in the advance planning for these dinners, the following information is furnished:

PROGRAM: The pattern for the program to be followed by any group in its anniversary observance of the founding of the Military Academy is one of the group's election. Usually each group selects a toastmaster to officiate during the program, which may consist of the reading of greetings from other groups, songs rendered by

the entire gathering, skits concerning the Academy or cadet life and toasts or speeches given by selected graduates or former cadets. Appropriate films are sometimes shown during the program and recordings of West Point songs are often played at the beginning, during, or at the end of the program.

FILMS: Motion picture films have been made of West Point by the Signal Corps but none has been made within the past year. There are however, in the Signal Office at West Point, a few films of West Point made over a year ago which can be made available to groups upon request, and if the requesting group will pay the mailing rates from and to West Point. The following is a list of these films (16mm):

- W.P. 13 Parade Today (Silent) 12 mins.
- W.P. 20 Army Quarterback (Silent) 12 mins.
Cadet Days (Silent) 30 mins.
- W.P. 11 West Point, Symbol of Our Army (Sound) 10 mins.
- W.P. 30 West Point Graduation, 1947 (Sound) 10 mins.
- W.P. 31 June Week Activities, 1949 (Sound) 30 mins.
- Misc. 1031 The Long Gray Line (Sound) 29 mins.
- C-16 This Is America, West Point (Sound) 28 mins.

Through the courtesy of the Football Office at West Point, a few copies of the 16mm film, "Highlights of the Army 1950 Football Season", will be available for use at the anniversary meetings of large groups of alumni. Requests for these films should be made to the Secretary, Association of Graduates, at West Point. Due to the very limited number of copies of this film and the desire to make the film available to the greatest number of persons in attendance at any one time, each request should contain

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... Now.

The Department of English, U.S.M.A., 1802-1950

By CAPTAIN HAROLD S. WALKER, JR.

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The Department of English at West Point is a comparative newcomer, for it was only in 1926 that a separate Department was established. Consequently, in tracing the history of the teaching of English at the Academy during the past hundred and forty-nine years, we must examine those other departments which either included among their duties some direct teaching of English or of necessity touched on the writing or study of English while primarily teaching something else.

Nothing dealing directly or indirectly with English appears in the curriculum until 1818. The *Register* for that year, the first year of Colonel Sylvanus Thayer's Superintendency, records a provision for a Chaplain and Professor of Geography, History, and Ethics. The teaching of ethics, which included "natural law, the Roman law's *ius naturale*—the rule and dictate of right reason, showing the moral deformity or moral necessity there is in any act according to its suitableness to a reasonable nature" must have pointed toward what we try to do today in our literature course: study the moral values inherent in the works of Plato, Shakespeare, Milton, and their fellows.

In 1825, seven years after the provision for a Professor of Geography, History, and Ethics, the Academy records note the appointment of Reverend Charles P. M'Ilvaine as Chaplain and Professor of Belles Lettres; in 1827 M'Ilvaine is recorded as Professor of Rhetoric and Moral Philosophy. Apparently the Department of Geography, History, and Ethics was called the Department of Belles Lettres for two years and then the Department of Rhetoric and Moral Philosophy. (There is no record that either Belles Lettres or Rhetoric was taught.) In 1836, however, the original name of Geography, History, and Ethics was restored; and the designation was kept until 1839, when it became simply Ethics. This name was retained until 1849. In that year English was at last recognized in another title change, this time to the Department of Ethics and English Studies. But recognition was fated to remain for ten years only: in 1859 the original name of Geography, History, and Ethics was back again for a period of nine years, or until 1868. The study of English now went into eclipse, not to appear again until 1879 when a Department of the French Language and English Studies was founded.

In 1882 the Department of Spanish was combined with the Department of the French Language and English Studies and became known as the Department of Modern Languages. Modern Languages included English until 1908 when a "Provisional" Department of English and History was formed, which in 1909 became a full-fledged department. A transitional move in 1922 brought about the formation of a Department of Economics, Government, and Political History in addition to a Department of English and History. Two years later appears The Department of English, still, however, under the Professor of History. In 1926 a separate Professor of English was appointed, and in that year the modern history of the department really begins.

What is the story of the actual instruction in English from 1802 to the present? What textbooks were used? What methods

followed? The story, as it takes shape from the old records, is best told by breaking it down into the following periods: 1802-1877, 1878-1908, 1909-1925, 1926-1945, 1946-1950, and 1950-1951.

1802-1877

During the days of History and Ethics only, that is, from 1802 to 1839, the Academy authorities seemed to have assumed that the cadets arrived for their plebe year already schooled in English. By 1839, however, the authorities apparently found their assumption to be false; for at the close of the academic year 1839-1840 the study of English was first officially recognized in the academic standings of the cadets. The Third Class was rated that year in English grammar. Recognition of English was fairly constant after this notable admission on the part of the authorities: in 1842 the Third Class was rated in rhetoric and grammar, and from that year until 1868 (when the study of English disappears from the curriculum for ten years) cadets going through West Point were almost sure to have some training in rhetoric and grammar.

Detailed information about the content of the early courses is hard to find. But a study of the texts used for English from 1839 until 1877 reveals the following: Blair's *Rhetoric*, Hodge's *Elements of Logic*, Bullion's *Grammar*, Sargent's *Elocution*, and Parker's *Aids to English Composition*. Use of these texts enabled the Academy to teach a rather comprehensive course in grammar, composition, and public speaking. Only Blair's *Rhetoric*, however, which contains chapters of literary criticism on such 17th and 18th century figures as Milton, Swift, and Addison, has any connection with literature. Presumably the emphasis was utilitarian.

An idea of the relative weight attached to English during this period may be gained from the first modern General Merit Roll, printed in the 1865 edition of the *Register of Officers and Cadets*. The total proportional parts for all studies was 2200. English Studies accounted for 50 of these parts, a little more than 2.27%. By way of contrast, mathematics was assigned 300 points; natural and experimental philosophy, 300 points; and military and civil engineering, 300 points.

As we have noted above, English dropped out of the curriculum entirely from 1868 to 1879. Perhaps the Indian Wars, which were then reaching their climax, seemed sufficient reason for the authorities to drop English in favor of tactical subjects. Oddly enough, the Civil War years had seen no diminution in English, though ethics was curtailed. But curtailment of English during even a semi-war period did set a precedent for future war periods, though curtailment was never again so drastic.

1878-1908

In 1878, the year of its restoration to the curriculum, English might be said to have started on its mature career. English was now under the direction of the Department of the French Language and English Studies. In 1882 Spanish was included, and the department became known as The Department of Modern Languages. Information on English during this period is much fuller and

more detailed than for the preceding period.

According to the *Centennial of the U.S. M.A.* the instructors in English were placed under the Professor of French on 18 June, 1878. Cadets received a total of 124 hours of English, which comprised instruction in grammar, rhetoric, and composition. Hart's *Rhetoric* and Abbot and Seeley's *English Lessons for English People* were texts during 1877-1878. In 1878 and 1880 respectively, Whitney's *Essentials of English Grammar* and Abbot's *How to Write Clearly* were added. By 1882 the requirements of the course in English were grammar, rhetoric, rules and exercises in composition, and study of words and sentences.

In 1883, the allotment of time was as follows: in the Fourth Class year daily recitations of one hour a week from September to January, and two one-hour recitations a week from January to June, or a total of 124 recitations. This generous allotment of time was not to last, for in 1896 the course was reduced to 84 recitations. Course content, as given in the academic regulations of 1894, included rhetoric, rules and exercises in composition, study of words and sentences, study of synonyms, history of the English language, and history of English literature. It should be noted that here we have the first official appearance of literature taught in the English courses. If we judge by the text used, *The English Language, Its Grammar, History and Literature*, by J. M. D. Meiklejohn, the course in literature was a brief one that could only have pointed out periods, names, works, and dates. The last hundred pages of Meiklejohn's book contain an outline of the history of English literature from the earliest times through the 19th century. Apparently, any notion that the cadets studied literature, that is, the reading and analysis of actual texts, is illusory. But a start had been made.

How were the classes taught? The following description of turn-of-the-century methods of classroom instruction appears in the Centennial volume:

In English studies as many members of the sections are assigned subjects for recitation at the blackboard as the size of the section will permit, reserving one member, and sometimes two, for questions on the lesson of the day or on the lesson of the preceding day. . .

When a Cadet at the blackboard is called upon to recite, he first gives from memory the enunciation of his subject in the exact words in which he received it, and then proceeds to explain and illustrate the subject by the knowledge of it that he has obtained by his own study. If his recitation be entirely satisfactory in every respect, he is then told that it is sufficient, and takes his seat. If not so, the instructor goes over the subject until, by explanation and question the Cadet understands it.

And the Centennial volume is revealing on the objectives in English:

As the Cadets of the military academy are destined to be officers of the army, the primary aim of their instruction in rhetoric and composition is to give them such information, instruction, and training as will enable them to express themselves clearly and plainly, so that their meaning can not be mistaken,



Colonel George R. Stephens, Professor and Head of the Department of English, U.S.M.A., and Lieutenant Colonel Russell K. Alsbach, Professor of English, U.S.M.A.

and that it be expressed in the most clear and forcible way.

Even the casual reader of the foregoing quotations is somewhat chilled by this austere treatment of one of the liberal arts.

As we look back, however, we know that all was experimental, and the Centennial volume's comment on literature shows a changing attitude:

The course in the history and historical elements of the English language and in its literature, though short, fulfills an object of considerable importance, namely: It not only gives information and knowledge such as those having the position of officers of the Army should possess, but it is also intended to be suggestive of different courses of reading that the Cadet would follow with interest and advantage.

1909-1925

In 1908 The Department of English and History came into being and took over the English courses from Modern Languages. From here on we have the lists of texts used annually. The lists indicate a growing interest in literature. The year 1909 saw the introduction of Shakespearean plays and Tennyson's *Idylls of the King*. After that year the books of literature come thick and fast: Palgrave's *Golden Treasury*, works of Addison, Macaulay, Stevenson, Carlyle, Pinero, Sheridan, and Emerson. The study of English was approaching its present-day form.

Since the department included history, it seemed natural and desirable that the two subjects be integrated. The desired effect was obtained by using writings of Macaulay to examine the career of Frederick the Great

and to examine Macaulay as a great writer of prose. In American literature the department studied essays on Hamilton, Jefferson, Andrew Jackson, and Daniel Webster,

Colonel George R. Stephens, A.B., Princeton University, 1921; A.M., University of Pennsylvania, 1926; and Ph.D., University of Pennsylvania, 1931. Colonel Stephens is a member of the American Association of University Professors, The Modern Language Association of America, The Mediaeval Academy of America, and the Modern Humanities Research Association. In October 1945 he came to the U.S. Military Academy from the U.S. Naval Academy.

Lieutenant Colonel Russell K. Alsbach, University of Pennsylvania, 1924; A.M., 1931; and Ph.D., 1932. Colonel Alsbach is a member of the Modern Language Association of America, The American Folklore Society, and the English Institute of Columbia University. In July 1947 he came to the U.S. Military Academy from the University of Pennsylvania.

with the same objective of fusing the study of English and history. But lesson plans of these days reveal that literature was given more weight than history, although the teach-

ing sometimes seemed to concentrate excessively on historical details. Department diaries are sprinkled with debates and class discussions on problems of the times: the 18th amendment, the status of women, Jim Crowism, socialism. There is no doubt that Academy authorities were beginning to consider the study of English an excellent means for bringing cadets to an awareness of the world about them. After 1916 the diaries reveal that cadets of the upper sections received special courses in lieu of examinations. This policy has been continued to the present time.

Literature study during this period was still restricted largely to English literature with some few selections from American essayists. World literature had to be neglected because of the shortness of the courses. No way had been found to include literatures other than English and American without narrowing the study of those English and American writers already in the course.

From 1908 through 1920 each class received only one year of English. In examining the records of these years, we find that the highest number of hours allotted to English was 95 in 1908, and the lowest was 40 in 1919. In 1919, however, unusual conditions obtained; for the demand for officers for World War I became so great that even partially-trained cadets had to be graduated. During the years 1917-1919 the Academy graduated five classes; and it was not again until 1922 that a class which had gone through a full, four-year curriculum, graduated. Naturally, such a state of affairs resulted in drastic curtailment of English. But by that time such was the realization of the importance of English that it received about the same cut as most of the other studies.

Analysis of Courses

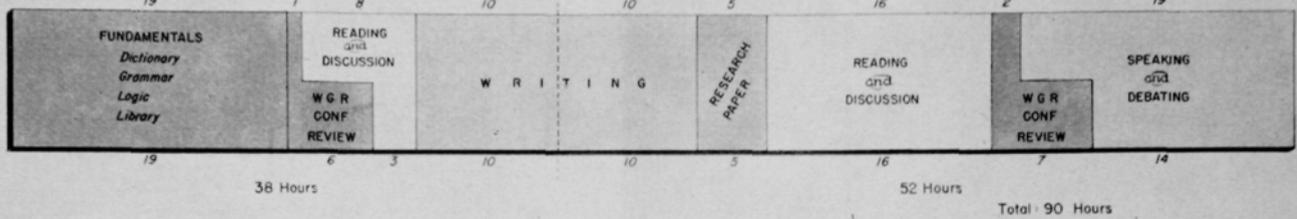
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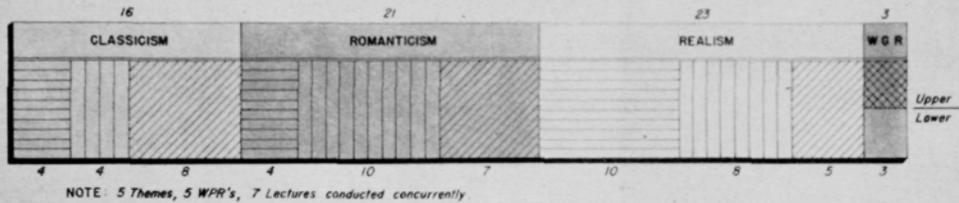
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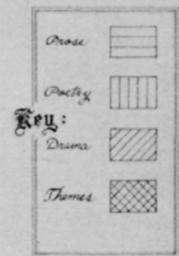
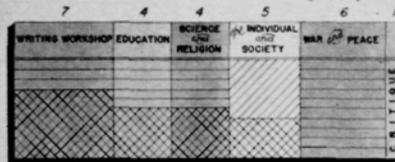
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THIRD CLASS - 63 Lessons - Literature



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In 1921 English received a new impetus when the Third Class began to take literature. The *Register* for that year shows that the Fourth Class received 78 hours and the Third Class 140 hours. Proportional parts totalled 175 out of 2805. English now accounted for 6.2% of the curriculum.

1926-1945

On 8 June 1926, Lt. Col. (later Col.) Clayton E. Wheat, who had been Chaplain at the U.S.M.A. since November 1918, became the first professor of the newly authorized Department of English. Teaching methods under the new regime became more liberal. Classroom discussion and teaching were regarded as of first importance, although recitation was not slighted. Under the relaxing influence of an informal classroom atmosphere, the cadets engaged in a healthy give-and-take among themselves and with the instructor.

Fourth Class English concentrated on grammar, composition, public speaking, and readings from contemporary essayists. The readings were used to exemplify various kinds of composition and to provide ideas for discussions of modern problems. The study of literature began in the last months of the Fourth Class year and continued through the Third Class year.

A survey of the books studied during the period reveals that the department used the latest texts for both composition and literature. There was a turnover of more than 70 books in the two courses. Titles such as *Chief Contemporary Dramatists*, edited by Dickinson; *From Beowulf to Thomas Hardy*, edited by Shafer; *John Brown's Body*, by Benet; *Cyrano de Bergerac*, by Rostand; *Representative Plays*, by Galsworthy; *Queen Victoria*, by Strachey; *Arrowsmith*, by Lewis; *Contemporary Short Stories*, edited

by Robinson; *Elizabeth the Queen*, by Maxwell Anderson; *Fortitude*, by Walpole; *Modern Short Biographies*, edited by Balch; and *Modern American Poetry*, edited by Untermeyer, indicate that the English Department, while not neglecting the past, was fully aware of the impact of contemporary literature.

The gradual change of thinking in the department about the relative importance of its objectives concerning literature is well illustrated in the annual pamphlets, *Information Relative to the Appointment and Admission of Cadets to the U.S.M.A.* In 1928 the object of the Third Class course was twofold:

First, to teach the cadets to talk effectively, and second, to cultivate in them an appreciation of the aesthetic and intellectual value of literature.

In 1929 the objective was:

First, to cultivate in the cadets an appreciation of the emotional, aesthetic, and intellectual values in literature. Second, to teach the cadets to talk effectively.

An interesting change in emphasis! By 1940 the aim was couched in these words:

The objective of the 2-year course in English is to teach the cadet to express his basic ideas clearly, logically, and forcefully, and to teach him to appreciate the best in literature. Assignments are not confined merely to the study of the proper grammatical form and the construction of mechanically correct exposition. Of greater importance is the training in logical thought processes, in the ability to make intelligent analyses and to draw logical conclusions.

Every effort is made to encourage and assist the cadet to translate the workings of his brain into clear and forceful English. It is of paramount necessity that he be taught to present his views intelligently. Literature is presented not alone for its beauty of expression but for its meaning.

The percentage of English in the curriculum remained the same during the years from 1926 to 1942. In 1926 the department taught a total of 190 hours to the Fourth and Third Classes. Proportional parts were 190 out of 3000 or 6.3%.

1942 was the last normal academic year at West Point before World War II. The class scheduled to graduate June 1943 graduated on 19 January 1943. It suffered no curtailment in English courses, for it had completed its English study two years before. Similarly, the class which was scheduled to graduate in 1944 but which graduated in June 1943 suffered no curtailment in English. In June 1943 the three-year schedule was fully in effect. The class scheduled to graduate in June 1945, which actually graduated in June 1944, received an abridged Third Class course during the first half of the academic year 1942-1943. The classes of 1945, 1946, and 1947 pursued the three-year curriculum, which comprised 94 hours of English and 37 hours of instruction in Military Instructor Training and Military Correspondence. The last-named courses were grouped under English because they dealt with the art of communication. In other words, all three-year classes had their English reduced by one half.

And yet the years 1926-1945 were years of great advance in the teaching of English at West Point. The war years brought about inevitable dislocation, but the lessons of the

past were not disregarded. By 1945 the stage was set for yet other changes and improvements in the teaching of English.

1946-1950

In 1946 the President of the United States approved a return to the four-year curriculum. The class of 1947 (which was split into a class of 1947 and a class of 1948) was the last class to pursue the abridged English course. The 1948 section of that class received essentially the pre-war number of hours of English.

In 1945 Lt. Col. (now Col.) George R. Stephens became Professor of English and Head of the Department, and in 1947 Lt. Col. Russell K. Alspach became the additional Professor. In the academic year 1946-1947 the teaching of literature by way of the preferential "tempers"—Classicism, Romanticism, and Realism, was introduced at the Academy. What is new in this approach is the idea that literature ought to be taught under these tempers rather than otherwise. But the concept does not stop there. Cadets are made to see that great authors were classicists, romanticists, or realists because they looked upon life in a certain way. The reader will remember that a previous statement of objective was "literature is presented not alone for its beauty of expression, but for its meaning". But the objective needed extension. Consequently, the department has added another dimension, as it were, to the foregoing statement of objective. To give in full the department's present mission we must add "and for its intimate connection with the problem that each individual, in common with the author, faces in his own life". In addition to stressing the tempers in literature, the department shows cadets that the same tempers exist in painting, architecture, sculpture, and music. And from the arts it is possible to proceed to the sciences and eventually to the realization that there are preferential tempers in military life. Once cadets see this chain of correspondences, it becomes much easier to view with equanimity all the varied methods that great soldiers have used in dealing with men and materials.

The present objectives of the English Department are stated best in the *Annual Report to the Superintendent*, academic year 1946-1947.

The object of the Fourth Class course is to equip the cadet to meet the demands which will be made upon him as an officer for clear, logical, and forceful self-expression, both oral and written. . . . The purpose of the Third Class course is to familiarize the cadet with the great works of literature and to make him see the close relationship between literature and life. . . . The use of a new approach to the study of literature has permitted considerable scope. As it was felt that either a chronological approach or a study of literary types would be ineffective, writers were studied in groups according to their preferential attitudes toward life; i.e., they were grouped as classicists, romanticists, realists, impressionists, expressionists, etc. Examples of writers representing these varying attitudes were chosen from other literatures as well as from English and American literature in order to supplement the cadet's knowledge of world literature and to introduce him to national traits of character. Examples of architecture, painting, sculpture, and music were invoked to impress upon the cadet the basic unity of the arts in all ages, and in all nations.

The texts used in the new approach to literature in Third Class year reflect the above objective. The main text for literature was

Addison Hibbard's *Writers of the Western World*, an anthology in which the literature of the western world is grouped under the preferential tempers. To illustrate the tempers further, the text contains photographs of paintings, architecture, and sculpture and discusses types of music. Supplementing this material were such texts as *Chief Modern Poets of England and America*, edited by Sanders and Nelson; *The Complete Works of Shakespeare*, edited by Kittredge; *Twenty-five Modern Plays*, edited by Tucker and Downer; and *Darkness at Noon*, by Arthur Koestler.

Changes in the Fourth Class course resulted in the introduction of a short course in logic and greater emphasis on speaking as expanded conversation. Since an army officer must speak clearly, logically, and forcefully on or off a platform, the two changes met a definite need.

Some idea of the scope of the Fourth Class course in writing and speaking may be gained from the description of the course in the *Catalogue of the U.S.M.A.* for 1950-51.

Lessons on punctuation and diction, with emphasis on the sentence and the paragraph, followed by theme assignments that progress through the simpler types of exposition—analysis, processes and mechanisms, feature articles, investigative report, book review, critical essay, editorial—to a formal research paper. Diversified reading selections, including one long narrative poem, furnish effective examples of style and content for composition and speeches. Public speaking stresses the preparation and presentation of various types of speeches, including the speech to inform, to convince, to actuate, to entertain, and ends with special work in debating.

During the academic year 1949-1950 the upper sections of the Fourth Class took a special essay course which considered many of the great English and American essayists.

The texts for the Fourth Class course included *The College Writer* of Marks and Bryan, *Modern English Readings* of Loomis and Clark, *Principles of Speech* of Monroe, and *The Research Paper* of Hook and Gaver. Literature plays a part in the course, too; for the texts mentioned above are notable for their inclusion of material from thoughtful writers who have something to say about life. The longest literary work read in Fourth Class year is Stephen Vincent Benet's narrative poem on the Civil War, *John Brown's Body*. Cadets soon see that the poem combines reflections on literature and life, especially their own professional lives. Benet, the son of an army officer, knew well the problems which face the military man.

1950-1951

To bring this study up to date we should discuss the courses for the current academic year. The courses pursued since 1946 are still taught, but the department has gained back its pre-war number of hours. In 1949-50 the department was allotted twenty hours for a course in advanced exposition for the First Class. In 1950-51 the time was increased to twenty-seven hours. The course is ideally placed in First Class year because the principles taught will be fresh in the minds of the graduates. But, perhaps more important, is the fact that by the time a cadet becomes a First Classman he is more mature and can write themes with substance as well as correct sentence structure. Recognizing this fact, the department has made the course much more than a series of drills in expression. The course starts with a "writing workshop" wherein cadets review the principles and types of composition and do much practical work. A

series of lessons follows based on modern problems: education, science and religion, the individual and society, war and peace. On these subjects the cadets read outstanding literary works which provide ideas for discussion in class. They write several themes embodying some aspect of the problems considered. Thus the department achieves several objectives at once. The cadets bring their composition up to their new maturity; they broaden themselves by discussion of modern problems; and they have the opportunity to read a body of fine literary material. In some respects this course promises to be the most significant advance since the introduction of English to the curriculum in 1839.

Third Class English remains substantially as discussed above, with one far-reaching addition. The department has recently purchased from two to ten copies of some fifty great books. During the academic year each Third Classman will read two of the books and submit a review of each. From time to time the department will add new titles to the list.

Most of the changes in the Fourth Class course are reflected in the change of textbooks to broaden the scope of the course for the whole class. Essays contained in the new text *Factual Prose*, by Blair and Gerber, are used to illustrate the various techniques of composition.

But changes in English in 1950-51 go beyond the department proper. The responsibility of all departments to require good English of their students has long been recognized by colleges and universities. West Point is no exception, and in 1950 the academic board ruled that all academic departments will:

- (1) Adopt and announce a policy for reduction of grades for all work which they consider unsatisfactory in English expression.
- (2) Insist, in appropriate cases, that poorly written work be corrected and resubmitted.
- (3) Remand to the Department of English for a remedial course those cadets whose English expression is markedly poor.

While they are still at the Academy cadets will realize the far-reaching demand for literate expression.

This is the story of English at West Point. Since 1802 the English Department has come a long way toward fulfilling its share of the task of preparing cadets for life. The department has not always found its work easy nor has it always gone forward. But it would seem apparent that the department has not often marked time. The larger view shows that, from the time English became a department, the courses have steadily progressed. Today we see our courses as the culmination of a long period of development. Some evidence to support this contention can be found from a study of the records cadets have made in the Graduate Record Examination conducted by an independent testing service. The classes of 1948, 1949, and 1950 scored higher in English subjects than the control group.

The teaching of English is always a challenge, and much may still be done to improve our course content and teaching methods. The present policy of the Department of the Army of sending prospective instructors to graduate schools prior to their teaching tours—a policy resulting from oft repeated recommendations of the Academic Board—is a most important advance. Furthermore, the deep interest of the administration at West Point in the courses taught by the Department of English is a constant encouragement to improvement.

SCUSA - II

Second Student Conference, United States Affairs

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West Point held its second student conference on United States Affairs December 6-9, 1950. The 1949 conference explored the problems of U.S. foreign policy toward Europe. Last spring, when plans were initiated for the second conference, it was little realized that the obvious topic, "The Far Eastern Policy of the U.S.—Problems and Objectives of the 1950's" would prove almost too timely.

The conference opened with its discussion subject spotlighted before the world. This timeliness was not wholly an asset. Some last minute changes had to be made in key speakers because they were required in high-level conferences in Washington on the same subject. The students, attempting to look forward over a decade, undoubtedly felt the pressures of the headlines of the moment. In spite of these difficulties the conference opened in a determined but grim atmosphere on Wednesday evening, December 6, with Professor Edward Mead Earle of the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton, N. J., pinch-hitting, because of his friendship for U.S.M.A., for Dr. Philip C. Jessup, U.S. Ambassador-at-Large. Dr. Earle spoke before a large audience, including the First and Second Classes of cadets and Post personnel, as well as 142 delegates from 53 colleges and universities in the New England and Middle Atlantic regions. In a highly effective manner Dr. Earle outlined the political and economic problems in the Far East in their historical perspective and emphasized their relationships both within the Far East and to the entire world. His unique approach set the stage for the other principal speaker, Lt. Gen. Alfred M. Gruenther, then Deputy Chief of Staff, U.S. Army. General Gruenther made an off-the-record presentation, giving a dynamic

up-to-the-minute resume of the military situation in the Far East.

These two opening addresses established the framework for the entire conference. One participant who had spent nearly half her life in the Far East and who hopes to do social and economic work in the area, commented: "I discovered tonight that all my life I had been looking through a microscope at isolated problems and isolated areas. It was a brutal shock to have my areas and problems set in their global perspective as they were in the opening lectures. I am convinced that every college student should be given the same shock without delay"

Three sessions on Thursday, December 7, were devoted to round table discussion meetings. For this purpose the Far East was divided into four sub-areas: India and Pakistan, Southeast Asia—including the Philippines, China and Formosa, and Japan and Korea. Two round table groups were formed for each area, consisting of about 18 students each, including three cadets and one midshipman. Each round table was presided over by an area specialist of faculty rank—Phillips Talbot, Institute of Current World Affairs; William Diebold, Council on Foreign Relations; L. Gray Cowan, Columbia University; Bruce L. Smith, U.S. Dept. of State; Ralph L. Powell, Princeton University; Richard L. Walker, Yale University; John W. Masland, The National War College; and Capt. R. N. Ginsburgh, U.S.M.A. Each group proceeded to analyze its geographical area and in general developed the discussion under economic, political and security headings. As was the case last year, many of the groups worked until the small hours of the morning.

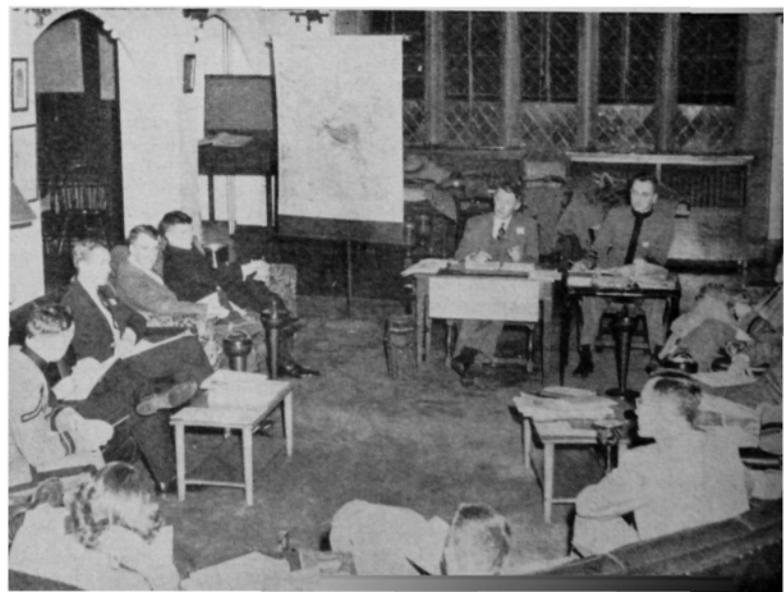
All participants convened Friday morning to attend a panel discussion of "Practical Problems, Internal and External, Influencing the Formulation and Implementation of Foreign Policy" Chairman of this panel was Colonel Herman Beukema, Professor and Head of the Department of Social Sciences, U.S.M.A., who also discussed the security aspects of foreign policy formulation. Others on the panel, and topics discussed, were: Mr. Joseph Alsop, noted journalist—the press and public; Mr. N. E. Halaby, Assistant for International Security Affairs, ECA—the economic factor; Mr. George L. Millikan, Staff Consultant for the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives—the role of the Congress; and Mr. Masland, who presented the problems confronting the State Department. The fourth round table session met Friday afternoon. That evening at a banquet in Cullum Hall, attended by all participants of the conference, Dr. Joseph E. Johnson, President of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, spoke on "The Relationship Between the United States Foreign Policy in the Far East and World Policy" His address, coming at the close of the basic round table sessions and just preceding the conferees' drafts of conclusions and recommendations, was most timely. It focused the conferees' attention on fundamental objectives and ideals, particularly when Dr. Johnson outlined the one kind of peace that is consonant with our national ideals.

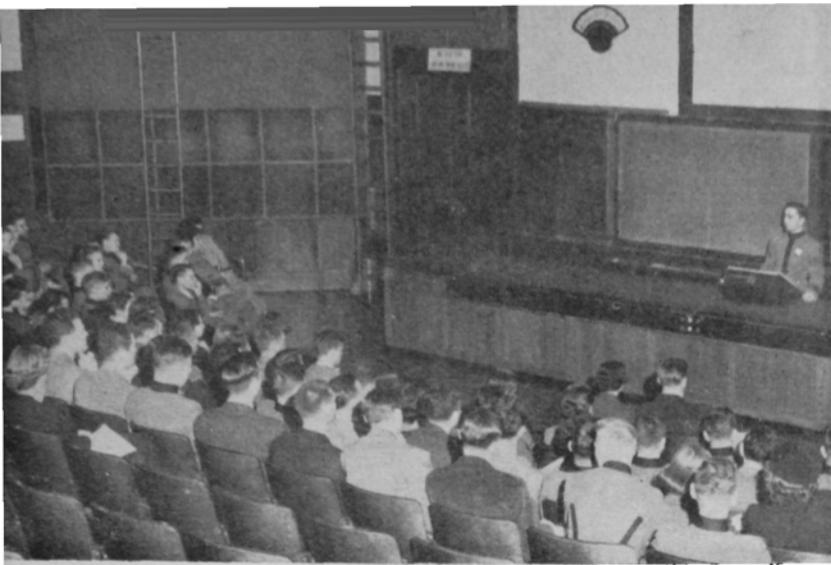
The round table groups spent Saturday morning preparing their reports for presentation at the final plenary session that afternoon. Colonel G. A. Lincoln, Professor, Department of Social Sciences, U.S.M.A., presided at this session. The reports, presented by students, were uniformly char-

India-Pakistan Group in Cullum Hall.



China-Formosa Group at work.





Introductory remarks by Cadet Sherman at Orientation Conference.



Southeast Asia Group in session.

acterized by a quality of realism and judgment that speaks strongly for the soundness of campus thought in a period of major emergency. Moreover, the few minority views presented deserve the same comment.

The conference furnished an unusually fine opportunity for closer contact and the development of mutual understanding between cadets and their civilian contemporaries. Male students took their meals at the Cadet Mess; women students were housed with families living on the post. A hop in Cullum Hall provided the social atmosphere for the final get-together of the Corps and its guests. In addition, tours of the Post and visits to classrooms at various times during the conference period helped to round out the picture of West Point that was carried away by the participants. The atmosphere of good will and understanding generated by such activities was clearly evident. In the process of such contacts as well as in the deliberations of the round tables, one significant fact became clear to all, namely that the impact of the world crisis on college students differs from its impact on cadets and midshipmen only in point of time. In other words, the matter of direct contribution to the national effort lies ahead of all, regardless of the kind of suits they are wearing at the moment.

This year's conference was again sponsored jointly by the Carnegie Corporation of New York and the Military Academy, the latter utilizing non-appropriated funds. Administrative arrangements were handled by the West Point Debate Council with Cadet Richard J. Buck of Pennsylvania as conference chairman. Cadet Aaron Sherman

of Minnesota had charge of the actual preparation of cadets for participation in the conference. More than 100 cadets assisted in administrative details while twenty-four represented West Point in the round table groups and eight served as assistants for round table chairmen. The Naval Academy sent eight delegates. Each of the other colleges sent two. Approximately forty of the conferees were women students.

Again the Military Academy received excellent cooperation from other colleges and institutions in the field of education. Advisors, assisting students and chairmen in analysing the problems, were: Miss Ruth Russell and Dr. Joseph W. Ballantine, Brookings Institution; Professor John K. Fairbank, Harvard University; Miss Florence Anderson, Carnegie Corporation; Mr. Albert Ravenholt, Institute of Current World Affairs; Lieutenant Colonel John Masters (Retired), British-India Army; and Major J. G. K. Miller, G-3, Army General Staff. Conference observers included Dr. Charles Dollard, President of the Carnegie Corporation; Mr. William Christensen, President of the American Association of International Relations Clubs, and Colonels E. H. McDaniel and Carl F. Fritzsche of the Army War College.

The real test of the effectiveness of the conference will be found in the carry-over to other campuses in the months to come. Based on last year's experience and on early reports received from the schools, there is every indication that it will be substantial and effective. Typical comments received are:

"Both delegates were tremendously enthusiastic about the conference, the way it was conducted, student interest demonstrated, and its results. I am having both delegates take over a full class session in their respective sections of our International Relations course"

"I should like to express the appreciation of both myself and colleague to the SCUSA II committee and the entire Corps for the wonderful hospitality which they displayed during our stay at the Academy. I assure you that any unfavorable or misguided opinions that we may have had on the Academy were quickly dispelled by the frank sincerity and considerateness of the Cadets. It makes one proud to have been associated with them and gives renewed faith in the quality of our future officers"

"I think one of the most valuable things about SCUSA II was not included in the stated goals of the Conference. That was the breakdown of the attitude of the civilian conferees toward the so-called 'military mind'. It was impossible to join the discussion groups with the cadets and midshipmen and still feel that they live in a world apart, incapable of observing international conditions in the same light as 'peace-minded' civilians. I heard this change of attitude expressed by several students. If nothing else had been accomplished, I should feel that this alone justified the work and expense of SCUSA"

Japan-Korea Round Table Group working in conference at Headquarters, U.S.C.C.



Banquet in Cullum Hall.



DOWN THE FIELD

By Joe Cahill

Everything considered, 1950 will be remembered by sports enthusiasts as the year that "forgot the favorite". Remember the fate of the Red Sox? Notre Dame in its invincibility? The legend of Joe Louis? It was indeed an unbelievable pattern of events.

Here at West Point the hand of fate was eluded until the final event of the year. Then in one jolting gesture the fickle finger was pointed our way, and the impact will be remembered for years to come.

The Black Knights, after turning in an amazingly successful season, were stopped by an underdog Navy team 14 to 2 in one of the costliest defeats in our football history. Not only was one of college football's longest winning streaks snapped at 28, but the Lambert Trophy, symbolic of the Eastern championship, was presented to Princeton after a preliminary poll of the sports writers indicated that it would remain at West Point where it was housed on five other occasions since 1944.

The holocaust at Philadelphia not withstanding, the season must be recorded as a success. The achievements of this squad were varied and surprising. Consider its over-all record.

The team won eight straight before it was defeated. It stopped Michigan decisively. The fact that the Wolverines went on to win the Big Ten title and the Rose Bowl game would indicate that the Army was at least as good, if not better than any team in the Western or Pacific Coast conferences.

Maintaining and extending the defeatless record as long as it did was by no means a

simple task. Playing with an entire new offensive line, with the exception of Captain Dan Foldberg, the Cadets proved their mettle in stopping Colgate, Penn State, Michigan, Harvard, Columbia, Penn, New Mexico and Stanford on successive Saturdays.

Some of the more brilliant individual feats of the season include 1) Vic Pollock's 94 yard run for a touchdown against Colgate, a new running mark from scrimmage at Michie Stadium, 2) the rapid development of Al Pollard, who romped for a touchdown the first time he carried the ball in a varsity suit, and then went on to lead the team in both scoring (83 points) and rushing (638 yards), 3) the punting and passing of Bob Blaik, who repeatedly got Army out of the hole, 4) the receiving of Captain Dan Foldberg, who was a unanimous choice for all-America honors, and 5) the line backing of Elmer Stout, our other all-American selection.

In wrapping up the football season, a large sized salute is due Coach Blaik, who turned in one of his finest coaching performances. In developing this squad into a National power, he faced tremendous odds and seemingly insurmountable barriers at the outset of the season. Material was definitely sub-par. The schedule included pre-season choices for sectional honors in the East, Midwest and Far West. Yet he is perennially expected to win them all. What is more amazing, he usually does!

Though lacking the spirited backing that becomes the football classics, both the soccer and cross-country teams were up front in their respective sports.

The happenings on the soccer field this fall were particularly noteworthy. Having become somewhat accustomed to their position at the bottom of the Eastern Intercollegiate League the past few seasons, Coach Joe Palone's booters turned in one of the most amazing combacks in the entire history of the league. In 1949, it will be recalled, the Cadets were unable to achieve a single victory in one of the most disastrous seasons in the history of the sport on the Plain. This year's record shows 5 victories and a 4-4 tie with Cornell, the defending champion, or enough to bring the title to West Point for the first time. The 4 to 3 victory over Navy in an overtime was the highlight of the season. The victory snapped the Mid-dies' three year domination in the sport.

Upon completing a perfect season with six victories in as many starts in dual meet competition, the cross-country team captured the Heptagonal team title for the fourth successive year. Dick Shea, a second classman, continued to dominate the sport in the East. The barrel chested Virginian conquered all comers, winning both the Heptagonal and IC4A individual diadems for the second year in succession, a feat rarely equalled in the entire history of the sport. This was Coach Jess Mortensen's first season, and needless to say, he has set himself a most difficult mark to shoot at in the future.

At the time this copy reaches you the winter sports program will be well on its way. The basketball squad as usual was the first to get underway, defeating St. Lawrence 68 to 55, and Ithaca College 69 to 37.

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ARMY SOCCER SQUAD - 1950

(EASTERN INTERCOLLEGIATE CHAMPIONS)

First Row (left to right): Vigilar, G. R. (Ass't Mgr.); Grayeb, G. A.; Ivers, J. H.; Post, L. F.; Casas, G. M.; Wardrop, D. H.; Quinn, W. M.; Maynard, A. W.; Miller, W. D.; Smith, F. L.; Richardson, W. L. (Mgr.).

Second Row: Lt. G. Cheadle (Officer-in-Charge); Roloff, D. H.; Richardson, R. B.; White, E. H.; Good, K. N.; Crowe, J. G.; Koestner, R. F.; Allen, F. A.; Morales, O. D.; Rose, R. D.; J. M. Palone (Coach).

Third Row: Ritter, G. G.; Yale, J. W.; Wallwork, J. H.; Streadorf, J. H.; Dowler, T. W.; Ravelo, A. C.; Lehman, A. C.; Toman, J.; Reed, A. P.; Slingerland, D. A.

U. S. M. A. WINTER SPORTS 1951

(With Scores to Include 31 January)
(All Contests at West Point Unless Otherwise Indicated)

BASKETBALL		
Date	Army Score	Opponent and Score
December 16 (1950)	68	St. Lawrence 55
20 (1950)	69	Ithaca College 37
January 6	54	Brown 49
10	59	Rutgers 58
13	62	Harvard, at Cambridge 54
17	60	Williams 55
20	64	Temple, at Philadelphia 74
27	45	Fordham 57
31	70	Amherst 49
February 3		Colgate 49
7		Swarthmore 49
10		Yale 49
14		Syracuse 49
17		Villanova 49
22		Columbia 49
24		Pittsburgh 49
March 3		Navy, at Annapolis 49

BOXING		
Date	Army Score	Opponent and Score
January 13	7½	Western Maryland ½
3	4½	Michigan State 3½
February 7		Syracuse 3½
10		Penn State, at State College Pa.
17		Virginia, at Charlottesville.....
24		Univ. of Maryland 3½
March 10		Eastern Intercollegiates, at Charlottesville, Virginia

FENCING		
Date	Army Score	Opponent and Score
January 6	18	Brooklyn College 9
13	21	Fordham 6
20	13	Columbia, at New York 14
February 3		Princeton, at Princeton
10		Yale 14
17		Harvard 14
21		Cornell 14
24		City College of N. Y., at N. Y.
March 3		Navy, at Annapolis 14
10		New York University 14
17		Eastern Intercollegiates

GYMNASTICS		
Date	Army Score	Opponent and Score
January 20	53	Florida State 43
February 3		Maryland 43
10		Penn State, at State College, Pa.
17		Syracuse, at Syracuse 43
24		Temple 43
March 3		Navy 43
10		Eastern intercollegiates, at Annapolis

HOCKEY		
Date	Army Score	Opponent and Score
January 6	1	Middlebury 2
10	3	Princeton 3
13	2	St. Lawrence 4
20	0	Boston University 5
27	2	Dartmouth, at Hanover 7
31	4	Clarkson Tech 6
February 3		Yale, at New Haven 6
7		Hamilton 6
10		Brown 6
17		Harvard 6
21		Williams 6
24		Colgate, at Hamilton 6
March 3		Royal Military College

RIFLE		
Date	Army Score	Opponent and Score
January 6	1407	Columbia 1350
13	1421	Clarkson College of Technology 1365
20	1414	U.S. Merchant Marine Academy 1372
27	1424	University of Maryland 1440
February 3		Mass. Inst. of Technology 1432
7		City College of New York.....
10		Norwich 1432
17		Mass. Inst. of Technology
24		City College of New York, at New York
March 3		U. S. Coast Guard Academy.....
10		Navy, at Annapolis 1432
		Fordham

SQUASH		
Date	Army Score	Opponent and Score
January 6	7	Wesleyan 2
13	9	Mass. Inst. of Technology, at Cambridge 0
20	5	Dartmouth 4
February 3		Harvard, at Cambridge 8
10		Princeton 4
17		Yale, at New Haven 4
21		Williams 4
24		Trinity 4
March 3		Navy 4
10		Eastern Intercollegiates, at Williamstown, Mass.

SWIMMING		
Date	Army Score	Opponent and Score
January 6	35	Brown 40
13	20	Harvard, at Cambridge 55
20	36	Dartmouth 39
27	30	Ohio State 45
February 3		Colgate 45
10		Yale, at New Haven 45
14		Franklin and Marshall 45
17		Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia.....
21		Columbia 45
24		Fordham 45
March 3		Navy 45
10		Princeton, at Princeton
17		Eastern Intercollegiates, at Cambridge

TRACK		
Date	Army Score	Opponent and Score
January 13	65	Cornell, at Ithaca 48
20	64½	Manhattan 44½
27	*	Millrose Meet, at New York
February 3		Penn State *
10		New York A.C. Meet, at New York
17		NAAU Championships, at New York
17		Triangular: NYU, Princeton, Army
24		IC4A, at New York
March 3		Heptagonals

* No team scores.

WRESTLING		
Date	Army Score	Opponent and Score
January 6	14	Cornell 16
13	26	Harvard, at Cambridge 6
20	18	Columbia, at New York 14
27	21	Pittsburgh 9
February 3		Syracuse 9
10		Penn State, at State College, Pa.
17		Lehigh 9
24		Yale 9
March 10		Eastern Intercollegiates, at State College, Pa.

ARMY BASEBALL SCHEDULE—1951 (All Games at West Point Unless Otherwise Indicated)

March 31	—Wesleyan
April 4	—Lafayette
9	—Manhattan
11	—Hofstra
16	—New York Giants
18	—City College of New York
21	—Columbia
23	—Villanova
25	—Princeton
28	—Dartmouth
30	—New York University
May 4	—Brown, at Providence
5	—Harvard, at Cambridge
9	—Yale
12	—Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia
14	—Rutgers
16	—Colgate
19	—Cornell, at Ithaca
22	—Williams
26	—Navy
June 2	—Fordham

ARMY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE—1951

September 22	—Ohio Wesleyan, at West Point
29	—Villanova at West Point
October 6	—Northwestern, at Evanston
13	—Dartmouth, at West Point
20	—Harvard, at Cambridge
27	—Columbia, at West Point
November 3	—Southern California, at Yankee Stadium, New York
10	—The Citadel, at West Point
17	—Pennsylvania, at Franklin Field, Philadelphia.
December 1	—Navy, at Municipal Stadium, Philadelphia

BULLETIN BOARD

News of West Point Societies

Chicago

The West Point Society of Chicago had remarkably good turnouts for luncheons and television broadcasts of the Army-Michigan game, the Army-Penn game and the Army-Navy game. The last two luncheons were held in conjunction with the Penn Alumni Club and the Naval Academy Association Alumni respectively, and wives and friends of our members were welcomed, resulting in a total attendance of over one hundred. The Society sponsored a dance on December 29th, 1950 for cadets and midshipmen on Christmas leave, similar to that held in 1949, in the Naval Reserve Armory.

Columbus

At the Society's business meeting last October, the following officers were elected to serve during 1951:

President—Colonel James G. McIlroy, USA, Retired.

Vice President—Major General Leo M. Kreber, Ohio National Guard.

Secretary-Treasurer—Colonel Escalus E. Elliott, U.S. Army.

Public Relations Officer, Lt. Commander Lloyd W. Reese, USNR.

We are especially proud of our new Vice President, General Kreber. His numerous duties include those of the Adjutant General of the State of Ohio and also Commanding General of the 37th Infantry Division, Ohio National Guard. General Kreber is a graduate of the class of June 1918.

Colonel Elliott, Class of 1920, the new Secretary-Treasurer, is the Senior Army Division Instructor for the 37th Infantry Division.

Lt. Commander Reese, Class of 1920, who is employed in the Engineer Section of the Columbus General Depot is well qualified for the duties of Public Relations Officer. For many years he has supplied the Columbus newspapers with feature articles for Sunday editions.

During the past year, various retired officers and former cadets have been designated Liaison Officers to one or more High Schools in the Columbus area. The mission of the Liaison Officers is to promote interest in the Academy with the view of aiding and encouraging outstanding students to try for a West Point appointment. Liaison Officers have been furnished West Point *Catalogs*, names of members of Congress, their districts, and the number of appointments they have available for the class entering in 1951. Liaison Officers are expected to make the acquaintance of High School Principals and Parent-Teachers Associations, and to be available to speak before student bodies and other organizations interested in West Point. They will also counsel students making application for West Point entrance examinations. This is a new project, but we are convinced that the results will be well worth the effort.

Members unable to attend the game in Philadelphia, gathered at an informal luncheon on the 2nd of December at the Columbus General Depot Officers' Club where they saw the Army-Navy Football game via television.

Hartford

At the January meeting of the West Point Society of Hartford the following officers were elected:

President

Colonel Harry T. Wood, (Aug. '17),
124 Ridgewood Road,
West Hartford 7, Connecticut.

Secretary-Treasurer

Lieutenant Phillip H. Raymond, June 14,
'22.
18 LeMay Street,
West Hartford 7, Connecticut.

New York

The Fall activities of the Society were well received by the membership and well attended. On September 20th Maj. Gen. Stanley L. Scott, '16, Assistant to the Secretary of Defense, addressed our luncheon meeting. General Scott brought the membership up-to-date on the progress being made in the Military Assistance Program of the North Atlantic Pact Powers. No meeting was held in October because of the two Army football games played in the city. On November 15th Lt. Gen. Willis D. Crittenger, '13, who had recently assumed command of the First Army, was our guest of honor and speaker. General Crittenger talked informally on the part which the First Army is destined to play in our national defense.

The Society ran a special train to the Army-Navy game, as has been customary for some years. The train was satisfactory and the venture was financially successful.

At the annual meeting held at the Hotel Astor on December 12th, Lucius D. Clay, June, '18, John A. McNulty, '20, and Gerard J. Forney, '37, were elected to the Board of Governors for four year terms and Willis D. Crittenger, '13 was elected for a one year term. Before the dinner, which preceded the annual meeting, a large number of the membership attended a private showing of *The West Point Story* in the Warner Brothers Building.

The organization meeting of the Board of Governors was held on December 19th. Officers for 1951 were elected as follows: President, William H. Kyle, '22; Senior Vice President, Thomas B. Doe, '05; Junior Vice President, Thomas A. Terry, '08; Secretary, George DeGraaf, '20; Treasurer, Gerard J. Forney, '37. The program of the Society for the coming year was discussed but not for-

malized. It is contemplated that the Society will step up its public relations activities in support of the aims of the Superintendent, will continue its placement efforts to obtain employment for graduates and ex-cadets, and will offer its goodwill and services to the several municipal, state and federal administrations in support of defense activities.

Philadelphia

At our monthly meeting held November 10, 1950, our guest speaker was Capt. Roland MacKay of the British Royal Navy, who heads the British Naval Group with the Security Council of the United Nations. He gave us a most interesting talk on United Nations procedure. On November 3 a banquet was given by a local friend of the Academy, Mr. Arthur Bloch, for the Superintendent of the Military Academy, General Moore, at which Mr. Bloch presented the Academy with a valuable manuscript concerning the Revolutionary period at West Point.

On November 21 members of our Society were the guests of Warner Brothers at the premiere of their latest production, "The West Point Story". A sterling silver platter was presented by the management to our senior active member, Col. Lewis S. Sorley, '91, in commemoration of the event.

The party for visiting alumni at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel on Friday night preceding the Army-Navy game was very well attended and has now become an annual custom in Philadelphia.

Equally successful was the party for the Corps of Cadets at Wanamakers following the game; it included a dinner, floor show, dancing—two orchestras and singing by members of the Cadet Glee Club. Portions of the program were broadcast by two radio stations. This was the sixth annual party for the Corps at Wanamakers, and it was greatly appreciated by the Cadets.

The San Francisco Bay Area

The Football Dinner was held in November at the Presidio Officers' Mess. A large gathering enjoyed the get-together and was high in its praise of the fine talk on Army football by Assistant Coach Paul Amen.

The Holiday Dinner Dance was held at the Presidio Officers' Mess in the latter part of December with a large turnout.

This Society, through the cooperative efforts of the Association of Graduates and our local Public Relations Officer, Jim Hayden, has furnished eighty-seven high schools in the Bay area with a set of three publications, namely: *USMA Catalog*; *West Point—Its Objectives and Methods*; and *Building Leaders*.

Notice to all West Point Graduates

Cullum's Biographical Register, Volume IX (1950)

Volume IX (Supplement 1940-1950) of *Gen. Cullum's Biographical Register of the Officers and Graduates of the United States Military Academy* is now under preparation at West Point.

This volume will include the records of all those graduated since 1940, to include the Class of 1950, and will continue the records of all other graduates. Since this ten-year period, 1941-1950, includes World War II and the war service of the thousands of graduates who served therein, it is apparent that Volume IX of the Register will be by far one of the most important editions yet undertaken. In scope and detail the Register has no counterpart as a publication. For many years its successive editions have served, and will continue to serve, as a standard reference, insofar as the records of the graduates of the Military Academy are concerned, in many agencies of Government, including the Departments of the Army and Air Force; in some of the best public libraries of the nation, including the

Library of Congress; and, of course, in the private libraries of many West Pointers and friends of the Academy.

The best source of information about a graduate's record is the graduate himself. Therefore a comprehensive form to obtain this information was mailed last fall by the Superintendent, U.S.M.A., with an explanatory letter, to every graduate whose address was then known at West Point. The response to this request of the Superintendent has been most gratifying. Many graduates all over the world have completed their forms and mailed them to West Point. More than 7,000 individual records, including many from Korea, have already been received and are being processed.

But in these times of sudden changes in the addresses of many

graduates, the Superintendent's request has probably failed to reach a substantial number whose records are needed to complete the book. If you are one of these, a request from you to *The Editor, Cullum's Biographical Register, West Point, N. Y.*, stating your present address, will bring a form to you by return mail. Or, if you have received your form and have not as yet completed it, please complete and return it to West Point at once, before the book must go to press. The next edition of Cullum's Register cannot be complete without your record.

It will be also greatly appreciated at West Point if you will bring the information in this notice to the attention of any other graduate in your vicinity who may not have had an opportunity to know of it otherwise.

U. S. HOTEL THAYER

(Picture on Back Cover)

The only hotel on the Military Reservation at West Point, the United States Hotel Thayer inherited a rich tradition of service to the Corps of Cadets and the public from the old West Point Hotel which it superseded in 1926. The new hotel opened in June of that year under private ownership and management with a fifty year lease to operate on the reservation. Its financial vicissitudes during the ensuing years were many until the restrictions on travel brought about by the outbreak of World War II finally forced the management to sue for release and reimbursement. In March 1943 the United States Government, acting through Secretary of War, took possession of the hotel and charged the Superintendent, United States Military Academy, with its operation. In his letter to the Superintendent, the Secretary of War stated that it was "the intent of Congress that first-class hotel accommodations be available at West Point for the public and more especially for families and friends of cadets"

The Hotel Thayer has operated under that policy ever since. Its location makes it attractive to the motoring public as it is just inside the South Gate and has a surfaced parking area across Thayer Road on the old Artillery Plain. The Post Bus service connects the hotel with Grant Hall, Cullum Hall, the sites of athletic events, and the Plain where reviews and parades are held. Also, the Mohawk Coach Line from New York City stops at the entrance of the hotel. The lobby, dining room, ball room, and

grill room open out on stone terraces which overlook the scenic Hudson River and provide delightful places to relax during clement weather, just as does the lobby with its open fire during the winter. The hotel has all the usual facilities of a large metropolitan hotel for individual guests, small private parties, receptions, banquets and conventions. The hotel is proud of its cuisine; the rye bread baked at the hotel is famous throughout the Hudson Valley. On Saturdays and Sundays a cafeteria operates in the ball room to provide inexpensive dinners which are popular with cadets and their guests. On week-ends, when not functioning as a cafeteria, the ball room provides soda fountain service where late Sunday risers can get fruit juice, and coffee and rolls. The hotel also has a News Stand and Book Store, a Gift Shop, and a Linen and Lingerie Shop.

Accommodations are usually available for the general public except during the Christmas Holidays and June Week when they are reserved for families and guests of Fourth Classmen and First Classmen respectively. The cadets make reservations for their guests during these two periods. In 1947 an Annex was added to the hotel to provide dormitory-type accommodations for young lady guests of cadets only. The Annex consists of rooms with two double-deck bunks each, connecting baths, and pressing rooms. It is normally open on week-ends with a competent chaperone on duty. Young lady guests of cadets should request their hosts

to reserve accommodations in the Annex for them.

Room rates at the United States Hotel Thayer vary with the type of accommodation desired. The minimum daily rate for a single room is \$3.50, for a double room \$6.50, and for a suite \$11.00. For officers entitled to government quarters at West Point or Stewart Air Force Base the above transient rates are reduced fifty percent. The monthly rate for a single room with bath is \$100.00; for a double room, single occupancy, \$125.00; for a double room, double occupancy, \$150.00. Rates in the Annex are \$1.75 per day.

The United States Hotel Thayer is a delightful place to stop for a meal or over night when motoring up or down the Hudson Valley. Actually, it is only an hour by car from the hotel to George Washington Bridge. For the graduate who has not returned to his Alma Mater for sometime, the hotel is an ideal spot to spend a short leave and revisit the scenes of his cadet days. For conservative conventions the hotel offers all facilities in a site of great historical interest. During the 1951 football season the Army Team will play five games at West Point. The Hotel Thayer offers a comfortable and convenient place to entertain after the game and to remain over night to avoid the post-game traffic.

Reservations may be made and information secured by writing directly to the Manager, United States Hotel Thayer, West Point, New York.



General Kennedy's Portrait Unveiled at West Point

On 7 October 1950, in the Rotunda of the Library at West Point, a portrait of Brigadier General John T. Kennedy, Class of 1908 and holder of the Medal of Honor, was unveiled in the presence of many distinguished guests, including General Kennedy. (See the *Report* of 1908 elsewhere in this issue of *Assembly*.) Colonel Allen L. Keyes, Class of 1923, Director of the Museum, U.S.M.A., made the following remarks:

"General Kennedy and other Distinguished Guests:

"In the summer of 1909 the world was at peace. Glancing through the newspapers of the time, one might find vague presages of things to come: reports of extensive maneuvers of our Armed Forces in New England; photographs of the German Kaiser in his characteristic belligerent pose, proudly showing his maneuvering troops to apprehensive foreign visitors. There was even an item with a curiously familiar ring for us in 1950, an intimation that the Russians at the time appeared to be adopting a more conciliatory attitude. But still, in spite of these rumblings, peace seemed to reign supreme—everywhere, that is, except in Patian in the Sulu Archipelago.

"There in the first days of July a small part of our Army was actively engaged in a police operation—one of those bloody minor affairs so numerous in our military annals, which pass scarcely noticed in the public prints, but in the course of which so many valiant soldiers have lost their lives and countless deeds of valor have been performed.

"Such was the pursuit of the Moro outlaw Jikiri with his fierce followers by a small command made up of detachments from the 6th and 8th Cavalry Regiments and the 2d Field Artillery. Jikiri, with the troops hot on his trail, took refuge with his band in a cave high up on the side of an extinct volcano. Summoned to surrender, Jikiri refused even to accept the safe conduct offered for the women of his party. A heavy artillery bombardment opened on the mouth of the cave, but it resulted in little damage because of a rocky ledge which sheltered the occupants. Only one solution offered. Rifle-men must scale the precipitous slope, enter

the cave, and engage the fanatical enemy in hand-to-hand combat. A courageous band of troopers accomplished that feat, and a bloody fight followed, in which four Americans were killed or later died of wounds and some three dozen were wounded, some so grievously that their later recovery was almost a miracle. But the soldiers stood firm against a murderous counter-attack, and the fight ended in the extermination of the outlaws.

"A participant in that battle was Second Lieutenant John T. Kennedy, 6th Cavalry, who was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for (I quote) 'distinguished gallantry in action against hostile Moros, in entering with a few enlisted men the mouth of a cave occupied by a desperate enemy, this action of Lieutenant Kennedy having been ordered after he had several times volunteered. In this action Lieutenant Kennedy was severely wounded'. Here ends the quotation from General Orders No. 6, Headquarters Philippine Division, 20 January 1912.

"Today we have met to welcome into West Point's Hall of Fame a portrait of that same John T. Kennedy, winner of the highest award the Nation can bestow, who later went on to fulfill the promise of his youth as a general officer and recipient of the Distinguished Service Medal.

"We cannot by any action of ours add to the honors which are his and which a grateful government has already recognized. We can only point out the fact that his portrait rightly belongs at his Alma Mater, where it will serve so well the great purpose we have in mind, the inspiration of the Corps of Cadets, from whom will continue to come, forever we hope, the men to whom the Nation can always look for the highest, most inspired leadership.

"I am reminded of the words of Major General Jacob Brown, Commanding General of the United States Army, when he wrote in 1816 to the Chief Engineer, expressing his desire to erect at West Point, at his own expense, a monument to the memory of Lt. Col. Eleazer D. Wood, Class of 1806. Colonel Wood had fallen on the field of battle at Fort Erie two years before while leading an assaulting column against the enemy. General Brown said: 'Let it stand near the Military Academy at West Point and, though it can not elevate his name, it may stimulate the soldiers of his school to die like him without a feeling but for the honor of their country and the glory of her arms'.

"And now, General Kennedy, I feel that your friends here assembled would greatly welcome some words from you."

General Kennedy then made the following remarks:

"It is a signal honor to me to have my portrait hang on the walls of this great institution, this great American shrine of learning and patriotism. For a century and a half West Point has stood as a bulwark of strength, to the people of our country in times of trouble and of danger. Steadfastly her sons, imbued with her lofty spirit, have met the stern tests of war and have brought honor to her name in times of peace. So there is no graduate who would not feel honored to have his portrait on these sacred walls.

"As you know, the reason that my portrait is unveiled today at West Point is the fact that I am a graduate and a holder of the Medal of Honor. I doubt very much if any soldier in battle ever performed an act with the expectation of receiving the Medal

of Honor, or with even any thought or any idea of receiving any reward whatever. He simply sees what he feels is the path of duty and follows it to the end. Occasionally this path leads to an end that results in the award of the Medal of Honor. I am fortunate to be one of those so honored.

"I attribute the fact that I have been wearing the Medal of Honor for forty years almost entirely to my West Point training. You must remember that I had been graduated from West Point just about a year at the time of the action on Patian Island, July 4th, 1909. Her memories and traditions were still fresh in my mind as we clambered up the rocky slopes of that little island. I recall distinctly that I thought of West Point and what she expected of me. I do not think that the words Duty, Honor, Country actually formed themselves in my mind. I do know, however, that the Spirit of West Point was consciously present and urged me forward at the crucial moment. I have always felt that my winning the Medal of Honor was due to the Spirit of West Point.

"West Point has meant much to our country in the years gone by and I am confident that the future holds for her the same high place of dignity and honor. It cannot be otherwise as long as she maintains her high standards of scholarship and discipline and her lofty ideals of Duty, Honor, Country. These high standards are maintained and nurtured by a staff and faculty carefully selected, efficient, and devoted. They give freely of their time, labor, and love, and their efforts are certain to succeed.

"Above all, however, must be placed the Corps of Cadets, for it is in their hearts and minds that the very Spirit of West Point resides. To these men of the Corps our country looks with confidence for future military leadership and for the perpetuation of the highest ideals of loyalty and courage. She willingly places in their care her honor and destiny, confident that her trust is well placed and that it will be valiantly guarded by a firm spirit of devotion to duty—the Spirit of the West Point Corps of Cadets—The Spirit of West Point".

Change in Memorialization Program, U.S.M.A.

The decision was recently made to erect in Cullum Hall, by 1952, a bronze tablet listing the graduates of West Point to whom the Medal of Honor has been awarded. It is planned to follow the design of the World War II Battle Deaths Plaques and to give the new tablet a prominent place on the wall above the southwest stairway landing.

At the same time it was decided to abandon that part of the official memorialization program which pertained to the acquisition of oil portraits of our Medal of Honor winners. With sixty-four known recipients and only thirteen represented by portraits at West Point it is clear that the program could never be completed, that only chance would determine the few who might receive such recognition, and that justice to all requires West Point to honor the Medal of Honor men together in a fitting memorial of another kind.

In accordance with this policy change, the Military Academy cannot accept any offers of additional portraits for the Medal of Honor group.

BOOK REVIEW

CADET DERRY, WEST POINTER: by Lieutenant Colonel John B. Stanley, '34. New York: Dodd Mead & Co., 1950. \$2.50.

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

The blurb on the jacket of this book about cadet life at West Point says that it is "for older boys". A critical reading, however, leads to the belief that the term, "older boys," will include a goodly number of old grads—probably up to eighty years or thereabouts.

Colonel Stanley has written a book that possesses three qualities rare in any work of fiction concerning West Point. They are credibility, accuracy and authority. There is also a notable lack of the "corn", with which some civilian writers so liberally sprinkle their pages when trying to write about life at the Military Academy from the cadet point of view. Only a graduate could have achieved this result.

The story takes an Army boy through four years at West Point. There is plenty of action—the usual cadet experiences, including football—but the plot concerns itself primarily with Cadet Derry's struggle to reconcile himself to the Academy and "The System". He had conceived a dislike of the Army and West Point because he held that his father's death in World War II was the consequence of graduation from the Academy and devotion to the Service. In one way or another he learns the meaning and purpose of all the regulations and restrictions, and the education and the training that he receives.

The resolution of this central conflict enables the author to explain the whys and wherefores of the Military Academy with unusual effectiveness. Such an approach could be tedious, but Colonel Stanley is master of his techniques, which he employs to such good advantage that he avoids both boredom and artificiality. His sentences read easily, and his sincerity is impressive.

Fortunately, Colonel Stanley did not rely on the memory of his cadet days. His book is strictly up-to-date. While graduates will find it very easy to identify themselves with Cadet Derry in his ordeal of Beast Barracks and Plebe Year, they will be vastly enlightened by the changes that have taken place in academic work and practical training.

The account is also in good balance: there is no overemphasis of parades, athletics, or love interest. The incidents have been carefully chosen to bring out a true picture of life as a cadet sees it. There are no incredible episodes, no false histrionics; yet the story maintains unflagging interest.

Any graduate who wants to brief himself on West Point as it is today would do well to read this book. If he has a son whom he would like to give some understanding of the Academy before entrance, he should hand him a copy of "Cadet Derry". That is exactly what this reviewer intends to do.

Revolutionary Orderly Book Presented to West Point

Mr. Arthur Bloch, of Philadelphia, recently presented a very valuable Revolutionary Orderly Book to the Library of the United States Military Academy. This manuscript Orderly Book was kept by Colonel Gamaliel Bradford, Adjutant General of Major General William Heath's command at West Point from January 1 to May 26, 1780. It is of special value and significance to the Military Academy, because it is the only one of all those kept at West Point during the Revolution that is now preserved at the Academy; the rest are all in the hands of other institutions, as far as is known at

West Point. It is also of great interest because it provides a detailed picture of the life of the West Point garrison in those days, and contains orders for the installation of the Great Chain across the Hudson River.

Apparently Colonel Bradford took the book home with him at the end of the Revolutionary War, as was customary for an Adjutant General of those days to do. A descendant of his gave it to a member of the Biddle Family in Philadelphia. In that way it happened to be included among the Alexander Biddle papers offered at auction by the Parke-Bernet Galleries, New York, in 1943. The Library at West Point bid for it then, but was unsuccessful. Mr. Bloch acquired it through his agent at that time.

Mr. Bloch made the presentation to General Moore, then Superintendent, at a dinner which he, Mr. Bloch, gave in Philadelphia at the Barclay Hotel on the evening of 3 November 1950. Other guests included General Fenton, President of the Association of Graduates, U.S.M.A.; Generals Cota, Casey and Greene, of the West Point Society of Philadelphia; Lieutenant Colonel Morton, Librarian, U.S.M.A.; many civilian and business leaders of Philadelphia; and Major Samuel Edelman, Secretary of the West Point Society of Philadelphia, who acted as toastmaster. Mrs. Bloch; Mrs. Moore and the wives of many of the other guests were also present.

The Academy is very grateful to Mr. Bloch for his generous gift.

Down the Field

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before disbanding for the Christmas holidays. What is more important than the two victories is the fact that the squad as a whole looks more adept than any of the last three Army teams. Gil Reich, the football player, is potentially the best player here since 1944 and 1945, when Doug Kenna, Dale Hall and Bobby Faas graced the courts.

There is little news on hockey except to mention the signing of Jack Riley as coach. Though this is Riley's first college assignment, he brings a wealth of hockey knowledge and experience to the job. At Dartmouth College he was captain of the Big Green sextet and one of the all-time greats of that school. He was a member of the U.S. Olympic team which played in St. Moritz, Switzerland, in 1948. The following year he was player-coach of the United States team that played in the World's Championship at Stockholm, Sweden.

Indoor track prospects are not bright. With one exception, Army is noticeably lacking in individual brilliance. Dick Shea, IC4A and Heptagonal cross-country champion in 1949 and 1950, should excel over the two mile distance in the invitation meets at Madison Square Garden. With the exception of Shea the Cadets will be hard pressed to score in any of the other events. However, Coach Jess Mortensen has a group of twenty lettermen on hand with which he expects to mold enough team strength to challenge for the IC4A and Heptagonal diadems. Principal point scorers back from the 1950 indoor and outdoor squads are Captain Jim Cain, sprints; Sam Lutterloh, hammer; Warren Eisenhart, pole vault; Tony Delano, Doug Wainer and Ed White, middle distance runners.

149th Anniversary

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the following information: date of dinner, place of meeting, expected attendance, and full name and address of the individual submitting the request. The Football Office is desirous of making these films available to as many groups as possible and will arrange

for their exchange between groups if different dates of the dinners of the groups permit. Priority in filling requests will depend generally upon the expected attendance at each meeting. In the event a film cannot be made available to a group for its anniversary dinner, the film may be obtained at a later time for other meetings. All recipients of these films must return them promptly to the Football Office at West Point after they have served their purpose.

PERSONAL DATA: No information concerning the delinquencies or other records of graduates while cadets is available at West Point. Most of these records are boxed and stored and the research necessary to obtain such information about any graduate is beyond the capacity of any agency at West Point.

PHONOGRAPH RECORDS: An Album of four phonograph records, including most of the time-honored music at West Point, is on sale at the West Point Army Mess and orders for these records should be addressed to that office. The cost is \$3.75 for this album of four records, standard playing. A record, long playing, which includes all of the music in the album of four records, standard playing, may also be purchased from the Mess for \$2.75. These costs include insured postage to anywhere in the United States and to any A.P.O. address.

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

West Point Sesquicentennial

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in the first session of the 82nd Congress. It is hoped that Congress will afford speedy passage to the resolution. Calling attention to West Point's proud history and record of national service, the proposed resolution will establish a Sesquicentennial Commission, providing for the membership thereof and outlining, in broad terms, the duties of the Commission. The membership will include prominent government figures including the President, Vice President, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. It will be the duty of the Commission to formulate plans for the appropriate participation by the United States in the Sesquicentennial celebration at West Point.

The resolution will authorize the Postmaster General to prepare and issue a special commemorative postage stamp in celebration of the Sesquicentennial year of the United States Military Academy. It is hoped that the stamp will be designed at West Point and that the initial issue will be released at West Point on the Academy's birthday, 16 March.

Comment by General MacArthur

The response of Academy graduates to the Sesquicentennial has been most enthusiastic. In a letter to the Sesquicentennial Director, General Douglas MacArthur expressed the sentiments of many graduates when he wrote:

"Your letter of 15 August, in which you outlined plans and development of the West Point Sesquicentennial, is not only interesting but gratifying.

"I trust that as the plans for the Sesquicentennial are further developed you will keep me fully informed. My interest in the Point increases rather than wanes as the years go by. Conditions permitting, nothing would give me greater pleasure than to be present at the Sesquicentennial and to visit once again the scene of so many happy memories."



New Members

We welcome to our membership 24 graduates and ex-cadets who have recently joined the Association. The total number of members is now 11,380.

MORE THAN 90% OF OUR LIVING GRADUATES ARE MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Graduates and former cadets who have not yet joined the Association are cordially invited to write to the Secretary at West Point for an application for membership.

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1884

Of the class of 1884 U.S.M.A. there are three now living:

General Farrand Sayre, 325 Paddington Road, Baltimore 12, Maryland.

General George O. Cress, Mills College, Oakland 13, California.

Colonel Clarence E. Dentler, 5732 S.E. Yamhill Street, Portland 15, Oregon.

—C. E. D.

1894

The class of 1894 has lost another of its well-loved members. Hamilton Hawkins died at Walter Reed Hospital on October 19, after a long illness. Funeral services were held in the Fort Myer chapel on October 21, with full military honors. Interment was in the family plot at West Point on October 23. The usual floral tribute from the class was sent to the services at Fort Myer. An appreciative note has been received from Mrs. Hawkins, expressing to the class the thanks of Nancy and herself for the beautiful flowers sent by the class in memory of Hamilton.

Carlos Crain is steadily regaining his strength after his serious operation of last Spring. He gardens a bit, plays a little golf, and expects to be quite fit by next May. He is counting on being at West Point for June Week. He and his granddaughter, a junior at Smith College, plan (at this writing in December 1950) to spend Christmas at his cousin's ranch near Vista, thirty miles north of San Diego.

Cocheu and Rosenbaum went up from Washington to Philadelphia for the Army-Navy game. They report a comfortable trip and an interesting afternoon. They saw no other members of the class there.

—W. B. L.

1895

Hawkins' death, September 8, is a sad reminder that we are not holding our own in membership; and as Herron wrote a few days later, "Our world gets lonelier and lonelier" Miles saw Hawkins in San An-

tonio not quite a year ago, and his condition then was not promising. I believe he last attended a Reunion with us in 1935.

Miles was in Washington in November for a few days, on his way to the Army and Navy game, and was a '95 luncheon guest at the Town Club one of those days.

On October 10 Pritchard was the honored guest, while on the 30th Bolles was the guest of honor.

Langdon and his bride of November 19 were at the Willard Hotel for a day or two, scheduled to be At Home, 70 W. 55th St., New York, after December 2.

VIP's always welcome.

—F. B. Watson, '95

1899

For the most part, our December notes are as sombre as are the times. Since the last report, two of our best beloved and ablest classmates have gone beyond the stars. One is Carter, who was from cadet days vice-president of the class and, after Foy's death, the president. For a quarter of a century Adjutant and Professor at West Point, his sterling character and high ideals are impressed upon thousands of officers. During that time and after his retirement, he managed all of our reunions. At the Academy, he and Mai were always our gracious hosts. The other who is gone is Markham, talented mathematician and engineer, who in his time was Chief of the Corps of Engineers. A gifted musician and composer, his specialty was chimes and he wrote some of the best of the music used by the Cadet Chapel. His two sons and his daughter's husband are graduates. Carter's son, Marshall, of '31, is back from Japan and is again General Marshall's aide. The other son, Coleman, of '26, is making a fine recovery from a severe heart attack. Another son of '99, who comes to Washington occasionally to see his mother, is Robert McDonough of '26. His World War II command was a combat engineer regiment and he is now on duty at Fort Benning. Schull's son, Herman, Jr., of '27, is District Engineer at Buffalo, N. Y. Herman, Sr. and Lorraine of Carmel, Calif., spent the summer in Europe and visited with their other son, Edson, of '33, in London, where he is on

duty with the American Military Mission. One of Embick's grandsons, Albert Dunbar Wedemeyer, of '46, is with an Infantry regiment in Korea; another is in the Air Force, although not in Korea. In Washington, we have recently seen Bill and Christine Kelly on their way to San Diego, Calif. for the winter, via this and other points of interest. Clark, C. B., after a thorough check-up at Walter Reed, has gone back to St. Petersburg much encouraged about himself and full of praise of Army doctors. Jordan, Ex '99, of Haymarket, Va., is spending the winter in Washington.

—C. D. H.

1900

The success of our Golden Anniversary celebration helped greatly to strengthen the bonds of comradeship within the class. Headquarters has received several letters expressing their enjoyment from those who attended the Reunion, and others from those who could not attend, expressing their regrets.

The following bits of news are gathered from various letters received. We should like to have more letters. There are a few members of the class of whom we have lost track entirely.

Kay: Joe lost his wife, Irene, a few years back, after 40 years of happy married life. He has now given up his home in San Antonio and has moved to Middleburg, Vermont.

McIntyre: All things must come to an end and forty-four years of happiness ended for the "Villain" with the death this summer of his charming wife, Jane. He continues to live at San Antonio, where his brother and sister (Mrs. Thomas O'Shea) live with him.

Mitchell: Mitchell was represented at the Reunion by his handsome and attractive young son, Col. Donald E. Mitchell, Class of '25, U.S.M.A., attending his own 25th Reunion and finding time to grace that of 1900. Donald is next to the oldest graduate in the second generation, the eldest being Brig. Gen. Wm. N. Gillmore, of the same class, son of "Big Bill"

The following telegram was read with applause at our Reunion: "Perkins, Pillsbury, Fenner, 'The San Francisco Contingent'

sends our classmates best wishes and deep regrets that we are not with you. Our strenuous four years together are now pleasant to look back upon and unite us in spirit. We anticipate seeing you looking younger than ever at our next Reunion"

Roth: Dutch writes to express his affection for his old classmates, and his regrets that he could not attend the Reunion. He is active as Director of Public Assistance of West Virginia. A grandson, Robert Breckenridge, son of Col. J. D. C. Breckenridge, U.S.A., is a yearling at U.S.M.A.



"1900" plants the first "Golden Anniversary Tree" at West Point, December 20, 1950. The tree is a white oak, placed opposite the north barracks, a short distance north of its southeast corner. It is hoped this is the beginning of a grove of golden anniversary class trees. Left to right in the picture: Richard Rhinefield, Colonel Bonn, 1900 (with shovel), Charles Baker, Jno. Degbrenner, Gordon Nicolson, and T. A. Glowa (the Forester).

Presented to the Alma Mater and to the Class of 1900 by General R. E. Wood, 1900.

Following our Reunion the class adopted a class tree, a handsome elm planted in 1900. It stands on the south edge of the plain, in front of the old barracks, a little east of the French monument. As an innovation at the Alma Mater, 1900 is also adopting a "Golden Anniversary Tree". This is a white oak, planted this fall. (see cut) It is placed on the west side of the Plain, across the road therefrom, near the north end of the new North Barracks. Some of the class attended the birth of our child. Other classes may now also have "Golden Anniversary" trees.

—P. S. B.

1901

Two recent meetings of the Round Table found Kent, Smith, Jordan, Dent, Willing, West, Browne, Beck and Bettison present, over one third of the living graduates of the Class. On November 22 Shaggy Sherrill joined us. He informed us that Uncle Sam had forced upon him the title of Colonel, Honorary Retired List, U.S. Army. He is always known for his generosity, voluntary or involuntary, so we were not surprised but very happy to have him as our voluntary host. Bettison again let us know he is Class President by handing out jobs.

We were glad to hear that Bill Haskell is feeling better and we hope he can keep his promise to join the Round Table some day soon.

Mrs. W. L. Guthrie informs us that her son John is in Korea in command of an infantry regiment and that her younger son,

Bill, was in the 5th Armored Division during World War II, but unfortunately was killed in a car accident soon after his return from Europe. She has four married daughters and there are eight grandchildren. Guthrie would certainly have been mighty proud of them all.

Mrs. Ernest D. Peek has decided to live in Washington. Her address is 3133 Connecticut Ave., N.W., Washington 8, D. C.

Remember Beverly Browne is working hard on our 50th Reunion—it is going to be something to remember—so come one, come all.

—R. M. B., Jr.

1902

Editor's Note: Solely because of a grievous and wholly inadvertent error in our editorial office, 1902 Class Notes submitted by Colonel Longley for inclusion in the October 1950 issue of *Assembly* were omitted therefrom. Apology for this mistake has been made to Colonel Longley and now is made to the entire Class of 1902. Since, at our request, the following notes are intended to include those previously omitted, some of them concern events of many months ago.

Nick Abbott, writing from his ranch in Randlett, Utah, says he and Mrs. Abbott had a very delightful visit from Gilbert Stewart and Elizabeth.

Albert reports from New York City the arrival of two new granddaughters and deplores the damage that the recent labor troubles have done to the steel industry in which he is engaged.

Bill Amerine tells us that he retired on June 30, 1948, on account of the seventy-year age limit, as District Freight Agent, Seaboard Air Line Railroad Company, Montgomery, Ala.

Frankie Bell is still at the Army and Navy Club in Washington. He took his daughter, son-in-law and three children up to the Army-Columbia football game in the fall and says they had a grand time. He tells us that Mrs. Bell has recently completed the course in The Chatauque Literary School, graduating second in a class of sixty and that he recently received the Gold Medal of The Society of American Military Engineers for contributing articles on foreign affairs for publication in the "Military Engineer"

Sep Black, at his home in Searsport, Maine, reports that he and Blanche, by care and circumspection, have managed to keep out of the hospital during the past year.

Hiram Cooper, reporting from Birmingham, Ala., boasts of having seven grandchildren and wonders how that number compares with the other class grandchildren.

Dinsmore, at Santa Ana, Calif., says that he recently enjoyed a visit with "P. Bass" Zane at Carmel, Calif., and also had the pleasure of seeing Walter Wilson in Washington last May.

Sep Dockery begs his classmates to come out and see California and pull his latch-string at Carmel in passing. He occupies his time playing bridge, canasta, doing a little gardening, a little walking and a good deal of reading.

Sep Edwards is still pursuing his education at the Congressional Library in Washington.

Pat Foley writes from Tacoma, Wash., that he spends most of his time as usual hunting and fishing. He reports that he made several plane trips to the Chicago-Detroit area last summer and fall.

Frankenberger, another enthusiastic Californian, thinks San Diego is the place to live. He works in his garden and tinkers around in his workshop and in May made

his annual visit to his daughter in Michigan City, Ind.

Franklin reports from Morristown, Tenn., that he is taking a modest part in civic affairs there, though, when one notes the list of his activities, the impression is gained that he is a civic leader in that community. He says he is doing a little farming too by remote control.

Griffith says the situation with him and his family at Louisville, Ky., has undergone no change during the past year. He talked with Pat Foley on the phone as Pat passed through on his way to Detroit.

"Runt" Hannum is still holding down the job of Director, Department of Natural Resources of California, with his home in San Francisco. He says that, while he does not wish to advertise the glories of California, he has realized a youthful objective of finding a habitation where he does not have to shovel coal and snow in the winter and sweat it out in the summer.

Johnnie Herr, from his apartment in Washington, D. C. suggests that Bill McCain let Dr. "P. Bass" Zane prescribe for his arthritis. Johnnie thinks we should "re-une" at West Point every year from now on as the five year span has become too long for our years. He reports a fine trip to Florida that he and Helen and their daughter, Fanny, made in the spring and also a ten days visit to New York City last summer. He says that he sees Frankie Bell, Bill Cowles, Walter Wilson, Sep Edwards and Rigby Valliant quite often at the Army and Navy Club. He gives an interesting report on Pegram, after seeing him recently, and says the "old boy" has the same line of B.S. only more so, if possible.

Charles Jennings, hailing from Miami Beach, Fla., tells us that the doctor now lets him play nine holes of golf on a flat course. He spent last summer at Roaring Gap, N. C., and a month in the fall at Whitefield, N. H. He writes that he is conserving his strength and "spirits" for the 1952 reunion.

"Lengthy" Longley, our highly efficient and capable Class Secretary at Maplewood, N. J., compiles the class letters for us every year for which we are deeply indebted to him. This means of communicating with each other is highly prized by the class and but for Lengthy's zeal and interest we might not have this annual treat. His business, in which he has retired to the position of "consultant", continues very active. He and his wife enjoy travel, and their jaunts have taken them in recent months to Florida, New Hampshire, Cape Cod, Canada, and other points.

Billy McCain, a Mississippian living in Doylestown, Pa., has been doing some extensive traveling—first to Nova Scotia for a month, then to his old home in Mississippi and then to visit relatives in San Antonio. At the latter place he met "Razzle Dazzle" Rozelle and his wife and had a grand visit with them. He also took in the 1949 Army and Navy game where he saw Frankie Bell and the G. H. Stewarts. While in Nova Scotia he missed a call from the Herts but was at home when Bill Cowles and Winifred dropped in to see him.

Troup Miller is still enthusiastic about his home in Atlanta, Ga. and wants any classmate coming that way to look him up. He says that his fine job as Army Emergency Relief Liaison Officer with the Southeastern Area Headquarters, American Red Cross, folded up last June when all Liaison Officers were dispensed with. Troup reports that he and Rosa recently had a very delightful visit from Imogene Hoyle Shannon Taulbee who stopped off while making a tour of the homes of her four married daughters. He also reports a grand visit to their children and grandchildren in Washington City during Christmas 1949.

Katie Morrison, writing from his new

home in Riverside, Ill., says he is enjoying the status of a retired officer to the fullest and that his hobby is a stamp collection which he started when about eight years old. He finds plenty of work to do around his new home.

Johnnie Pegram writes that he and Gwen quit Charlottesville, Va., in December, 1948, and since then have spent much time traveling in Mexico. He says that while he and Gwen are still active and in good health they have decided to ramble and are now planning two trips to the middle west.

"Fat" Rodney has finally retired from the faculty of Michigan State College at East Lansing, Mich. and says he is carrying the strange and awful-sounding title of Dean Emeritus. He claims that he still maintains an office, however, and manages to keep busy hunting, fishing and riding horseback.

Rozelle is still going strong at Boerne, Texas, and writes the class very interesting letters from there mostly on national and international subjects of current interest but tells us very little about himself.

Smith, T. B. F., reports from Carbondale, Ill., that he has kept up his interest in military matters and that after discharge from the Regular Army in World War I he served in the Organized Reserves and finally became a Colonel of Infantry. He expresses great admiration for the profession of a soldier.

Gilbert Stewart is now living in West Orange, N. J. During the past year he and Elizabeth made quite an extensive visit to the west coast and he says that among the many stops they enjoyed along the way none was surpassed by their stay with Stephen and Helene Abbott on their ranch in Utah. He says also that he had a pleasant glimpse of "Wildeye" Williams in Berkeley, Calif., as they traveled along the coast. Gilbert reports that his youngest son, Hamilton, is now at the University of Southern California studying for a Masters Degree which he expects to make in June.

"Fatty" Terrell tells us that in October, 1948, he moved nearer to town in Los Altos, Calif., and is now busy getting his new place in shape. He gave up his job last July as Fire Commissioner and Secretary of the Commission of his county. He informs us that he is still a fan for colored photographic slides and that he is acquiring quite a library of them. He is planning a trip to Mexico. He also reports that he attends the West Point dinners at San Francisco and that he saw Hannum at the last one he attended.

Rigby Valliant lives in Vienna, Va. He says he had a slight heart attack in 1949 and spent six weeks in the Fort Belvoir Hospital but is feeling fine again now.

"Wildeye" Williams, writing from his home in Berkeley, Calif., tells us of his retirement, after thirty years service, as Professor of Physics of the University of California. As Professor Emeritus he expects to retain his office in the physics building and maintain sporadic attendance at seminars and other meetings. He also tells us how Pat Free gave him the black eye when they were plebes which earned for him his uncouth nickname.

Walter Wilson, from his home in Washington, D. C., reports that he had a heart attack last October which resulted in his having to spend a month in Walter Reed. He feared that he would have to resign his position as Director of the Army Emergency Relief on account of his health but his Board of Directors would not permit him to do so. He and Eva were planning a visit to her sister, in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., in February and would doubtless go from there to Mobile, Ala., where their son, Colonel Walter K. Wilson, Jr., is District Engineer. Mrs. Jack Wilson, widow of their other son, also lives in Mobile with her small son.

"P. Bass" Zane, another ardent Californian

at Pebble Beach, tells us that there is no excuse for anyone to suffer from arthritis, rheumatism and other infirmities of old age; that such suffering is due to a toxic condition which can be cured by proper diet and right living. He offers to help any of his classmates so afflicted by giving them further advice if they will come to see him or write him. He reports seeing Sep Dockery, Orville Tyler and Dinsmore on occasions.

Since our last Class Notes appeared in *Assembly* Dick Williams and Ned Rehkopf have gone to join that great company of soldiers on the other side of the river.

1903

Nichols recently made his almost annual pilgrimage to New York on business and to visit with some of his family. He and Pope dined together. He has the appearance of having found the spring DeSoto was looking for.

Rose has done a great job in rousing interest in this column. He is, as usual, an indefatigable worker and by following up on his requests for information has developed a fine team that gets news.

Carlos Telford, who has escaped from our midst for so long reports he is still on this planet. He expects, however, to be blown up any moment, so awaiting this unhappy action he spends his time on the beach at La Jolla, California.

Mike Hinkle, for fifty years an almost unceasing golfer, advises us that he likes golf better than arthritis but has the arthritis and not the golf. Mike is by no means unique in switching from likes to dislikes.

Levi Brown now has eight grandchildren, two more having recently been added.

Boughton reports his son, Roland, Jr., is a member of the new group planning the curriculum of the proposed Air Force Academy.

George Lynch's son is in Korea. He reports it was a great help to them all to have recently been able to talk with him in Tokyo over the telephone. Some of us will know what that conversation meant to George and his wife.

Jones, C., expects to make a couple of trips to Florida this winter. Be on the lookout for him.

Schley is planning to depart soon for Panama to spend several weeks. He and his wife will be accompanied by some old friends and plan to keep house while there.

Johnnie Upham has the class continually in his mind and the following tribute to MacArthur by Upham is but another bit of evidence of this:

"We take this opportunity to salute Douglas MacArthur upon his birthday, the twenty-sixth of January.

"Naturally we believe our classmate to be among the topmost illustrious graduates of all time.

"As the decades roll by the lustre of his name will reflect more honorable mention upon 1903 than that enjoyed by any other class in the Academy's history.

"For, as we confidently expect, Douglas MacArthur will occupy a well deserved place—the seventh only—in the list of Great Captains enumerated by Historian Dodge, namely: Alexander, Hannibal, Caesar, Adolphus, Frederick, Bonaparte and, ere the twilight descends upon the last of present generations—MacArthur of West Point"

1904

A note from Cooper in Nashville closes with the statement that "I'm doing all right—far better than I deserve—but I feel the weight of 70 cold winters and hot summers".

"Jake" Crain and family have moved to a new house recently. His address now is 5612 Woodway Street, N.W., Washington 16, D. C.

Pettis was retired from teaching at Mississippi State College last June and he and Mary Woolsey are now located in a house at 1125 46th Street, Des Moines 11, Iowa, with three grandchildren and their parents nearby. They extend a hearty welcome to any friends who may come in their direction. "Pete" is working for the Natural Resources Board of Iowa, principally on flood control, which is one of his favorite occupations.

Cubbison writes from Carmel, California, that he, George Allin and "Win" Stilwell try to represent 1904 in a dignified manner out there. He and Allin attended the Stanford-Army football game and, in spite of the weather, remained for the final whistle. The only other member of 1904 that they were able to recognize through the rain was "Hap" Glassford who was seen taking the stairway like a boy of 20.

Wheeler says that he is leading a quiet life in Vermont, raising berries and delving into local history. He does not expect to go south again unless the winters become too much for him.

From San Antonio, Koch tells of a 1904 dinner held for Whipple who was visiting his lieutenant colonel son who is stationed at Fort Sam Houston. Those present in addition to Whipple were Brant, Edmunds, Koch, Sands, and Swift. Koch mentioned also the sad news that Wilson, A. H.'s wife, Helen, died recently in Brownsville where "Jingle" has made his home since retirement.

Additional sadness has befallen the class. On 9 September, 1950, Catts died in Brooke General Hospital after an illness there of several weeks. Burial was at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery. Among the honorary pallbearers were Brant, Campbell, Edmunds, Koch and Swift.

On 16 September, 1950, Wilson, E. M., died of a heart attack at his home at 240 San Fernando Way, San Francisco, California. Burial was at the National Cemetery, Presidio of San Francisco.

On 2 December, 1950, Mrs. E. E. Farnsworth, Farnsworth's widow, died at Portland, Maine. Burial was at West Point where her husband is buried. —W. B.

1906

Partly written from Southmost, USA, after an overseas journey by auto through the gorgeous keys counting the myriads of islands in the blue-green seas, watching seabirds and beachcombers everywhere catching their living on the coral reefs of Florida. Muy, muy lindo!

Julia King called me on the phone as I returned, saying Lieut. Josephine was standing at the head of her training class, and the whole King family doing nicely. Earl and Edith McFarland spent Thanksgiving holidays with their families in Topeka, Kansas. Numerous members of three or four generations around the turkey and trimmin's too. Layfield, of Raleigh, N. C., was the first investor in "Operation Crimson". He thinks it best to send check before taxes or else, and urges early purchase of the crimson ties before they are gone.

Saw Earl McFarland, Alex Gillespie, Sue Clagett and heard from Tubby Loughry then at the dentist's in Washington, in September, started many stories and finished none as we had too much to say in such short periods. Had a grand time and Elizabeth and I escaped after many parties in time to reach here for a rip roaring hurricane, but all serene now and destructive evidence gone. There was plenty. George and Christine Morrow lost a lot of veget-

ables, fruit and ten days of fishing at their Daytona Beach estate in the big blow.

Senator McKew Parr has been on the West Coast at Coronado, celebrating the election. Mick Daley, Veterans Advisor at Albany, tells me the class boy is on the J.C.S. in Washington and the grandson is a freshman at Georgetown U. Another grandchild is a freshman at Kansas U., a girl. Mick promises to stir up the class for the big time next June. Jim and Gene Riley are proudly reporting a new granddaughter, born to daughter, Nanie, and Joe Anderson, at Mexico City, where he is Asst. M.A. Cort Parker is the Civil Defense advisor at Boston and really working at it daily. He is on Mick Daley's Committee. Red and Christine Hoyle went to the Harvard-Army game with the Parkers and to a jolly reception, post-victory. Also the Hoyles went to the Michigan-Army game with the Riley's and to the Supe's reception at the Astor, post-victory.

Bill Ganoes and wife Rosie were here for the day autographing Bill's new book, "My Heart Remembers" which was selling fast at Burdine's Department store. And later they came with us to the house for long and laughing reminiscences. Same old Bill, full of fun, wearing proudly his 1906 ring.

Dick and Ella Burleson have moved the family Lares and Penates to the suburbs of Annapolis, Md. They checked over Mallorca in the Mediterranean, Biarritz on Biscay, Paris on the Seine and settled for Annapolis on the Severn, where they have out the 1906 welcome mat. Helen and Henry Finch, between Henry's lectures on the UN and visits to the four grandchildren, went to San Diego for an Engineer wedding, seeing Dailey, G. F. N., who was doing well. Thence several parasangs north to Carmel where many old friends are settled in peace and cool breezes. Helen still holds that Columbus went the wrong way.

Charlie Rockwell has his committee busy with bright ideas for a half hour at the class tree next Alumni Day.

Well, here's 1951. What do you know? 'Taint possible. June Soon. —"P. D."

1907

The Shedd's were at West Point in November visiting their son, William E. Shedd, III, class of '42, who is at present Assistant S-4 in the Department of Tactics. Their younger son, George, is a 1st Lieutenant in Korea. On their way back to Florida they stopped off in Washington where Pot was guest of honor at a class luncheon.

Andy Lang recently came up to the Presbyterian Hospital in New York for treatment and after a short stay there came on to West Point where his son, Tommy, is on duty, also in the Department of Tactics. Andy expects to go to Walter Reed some time in December for further treatment.

Enrique White's son, Ned, who was killed in action while leading his platoon in an attack near Kumchon, Korea, as reported briefly in our October class notes, was given a posthumous award of the Distinguished Service Cross.

Dick Park's son was wounded in Korea, invalidated back to the United States and has been hospitalized at Portsmouth, New Hampshire. We received a letter from Mildred Yount enclosing a reprint from The Rotary Magazine describing the work of the American Institute for Foreign Trade which Bart founded at Thunderbird Field, Phoenix, Arizona. Mildred has created the Barton Kyle Yount Memorial Library at the school to which checks which were sent in lieu of flowers at the time of Bart's death were applied. A token award is being given to the outstanding graduate in each class at the AIFT and when the Air Force Academy is

established, she hopes that it will likewise accept a Barton Kyle Yount award.

Geoff Bartlett reported from Quilcene, Washington, that the MacLachlans had stopped to see them after graduation at West Point last year. Ben Castle had sent him a picture of the Doaks' garden party and Geoff commented that Ben looked younger than ever, Charley Harris chubby as always and his old wife, Warren Lott, smiling as usual.

Cincinnati Somers reported briefly and to the point: No new wife since 1907—no new children—four only—no new grandchildren—twelve only—no new job—still teaching math at the University of New Hampshire—no news—no nothing—n'im-porte.

Bunny Crafton has moved to 478 Merritt Avenue, Oakland 10, California. Paul Larned sent us a clipping announcing that Ben Castle had been elected President of the American Public Relations Association at their annual meeting recently held in Washington. He also reported that Alex Maish's son is in the Corps of Engineers stationed at Fort Belvoir. The Larneds gave a cocktail party for the Ganoes when they came through Washington and among those present were the Collins, Sullivans, McNeils, Jean Lewis and Marley.

Sunny Jim Martin made one of his periodical trips to Washington and was entertained at luncheon while there.

We extend our sincere sympathy to Gilbert Humphrey who for the past two years has had more than his share of misfortune on account of ill health. He is reported to be on the up grade now and we wish him a speedy recovery.

The Doaks had a narrow escape recently when they were driving into Baltimore for dinner in their new car. They were rammed by a Cadillac coming down hill out of control and skidding. Both cars were demolished. Sloan was thrown through the wind shield and Mrs. Doak suffered a broken ankle. Paul said it was a marvel that any of them survived.

Ray Hill reported that the Thorpes spent a month with his family in Wheatridge, Colorado, and that they themselves had only recently returned from a visit in Sacramento and were digging in for the winter. Ray added that Stiffy is a retired Professor—smart in the head, but not too strong in the back and vice versa for himself.

Babe Chilton reported that nothing continues to happen to him with such happy regularity that he is not a fit subject for even the most hopeful biographer. He is teaching English at New Mexico A&M and still enjoys it.

The Jerry Taylors are living at the Tujung Valley Hotel, Tujung, California, until they can get back into their own house in Beverly Hills. Ruth Taylor went up to Palo Alto for the Army-Stanford game and stopped to see the Whites at Carmel.

Charley Wyman wrote that last February he had pneumonia which stirred up his old t.b. so went to the Pottenger Sanatorium at Monrovia, California. He is still there but is hoping for a release soon. Eastman and Boone stopped to see him not long ago and Tom Spencer keeps in touch with him. Skinny MacLachlan furnished us with a graphic account of the Army-Stanford game in Palo Alto. "It rained for seven days and during the game everything that would shed water was in use by the spectators. The stores in Palo Alto were completely sold out. For three days afterwards they were moving parked cars from the unsurfaced parking lots around the field. The Waldo Potters sat next to us. Santchi says he was there also. We tried to get the classmates in the area to the house after the game. Chief Rice and his bride came and saw the whole game on our television. Goat Spencer and Janette came before the game was over. We came home to find them snug and dry con-

cluding that we were two of over forty thousand damn fools who sat through the game. Good food and drinks revived us and a good time was had by all." —H. W. W.

1908

The Deans were in the East during October and November to see relatives and friends in Virginia, North Carolina, and South Carolina; their first trip East in twenty years. The Desobry's son, Lt. Col. William Desobry, his wife and three daughters, visited them after spending four years in Germany and Austria prior to going to the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth. Desobry's daughter, Emily Jane, graduated last February at S.M.U. The Rodney Smiths now live at Newton in the Sussex Hills of New Jersey in a large remodeled farm house built in 1745 with stone walls over two feet thick. George Washington did not sleep there but he did eat there with his staff. Miller very kindly sent in \$25.00 for the class fund and Sandy Jarman deposited it therewith. Arthur Hanlon retired in March from the Internal Revenue Division of the Treasury Department. His present address is Box 158, Military Highway, Pineville, Louisiana. Lykes' present address is Lykesland, South Carolina. Spencer, after spending three years in Massachusetts, has moved back to San Antonio, Texas, and is at 202 Vanderheck Street, Apt. No. 3. The Gottschalks are back from a recent trip to Mexico where they go quite often. Charlie Nulsen's son is on duty in Trieste. Bob O'Brien's son, Bob Jr., Class of 1936, has been assigned as Senior Military Attaché to the U. S. Legation at Bucharest, Rumania. He and his wife, the daughter of Gen. and Mrs. John Magruder, recently departed from Washington for their new station.

Kobbe's new address is 325 F Street, Coronado, California. He moved there two years ago from Pasadena. He is Secretary of the Yacht Club, sails every other day and races every Sunday. His son, Eric, a major in the tanks in Korea, was wounded slightly in November but rejoined his unit in a couple of weeks. Only twenty-eight, he has been in two wars, fought on three continents, and has been wounded four times. Quite a record!

Parrott died at Walter Reed Hospital, November 11, 1950, after a short illness. Classmates in the Washington area attended his funeral at Arlington Cemetery on November 14. Woodbury died November 20, 1950, at Lookout Mountain, Chattanooga, Tennessee. We sent flowers for his funeral. Mrs. Loustalot died at Letterman Hospital, California, September 26, 1950, while they were on a trip to the West Coast. This is all very sad and a great loss, and the Class extends its sympathies to the three families. Loustalot's permanent address is Franklin, Louisiana.

John Kennedy's portrait was unveiled with appropriate ceremonies on October 7, 1950, in the Library at West Point, to be hung among the Medal of Honor winners of its graduates. (See article elsewhere in this issue of *Assembly*.) Col. Keyes of West Point made an excellent and most interesting historical summation of events in the Philippines in 1909 terminating in the destruction of Jikiri's band of hostile Moros and John's courageous and heroic part in the final fight. John then made a fine talk, followed by Col. Schick, Head of the Department of Military Topography and Graphics and Chairman of the West Point Museum Board, who spoke for General Moore. Among those present, in addition to Academy officials and representatives from the Corps of Cadets, were: Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Griesemer, Jr., of Pittsburgh, Pa., John's son-in-law and

daughter; Mrs. William F. Dibble of Columbia, S. C., a daughter; Col. and Mrs. H. M. Scarborough, New York Military Academy, Cornwall, New York, John's sister-in-law; Gen. and Mrs. Fenton; and the Jarmans and Chaney's, who motored up together from Washington. It was a very wonderful and inspiring event. Later, the party attended the Army-Penn State football game and a reception by the Superintendent, Gen. Moore, and Mrs. Moore, after the game, at their quarters.

During World War II, "Stub" Baird successfully handled several difficult and important assignments, among them the commanding of Camp Kilmer, N. J. The officers who served under him at that camp have erected there a fine memorial to him. It consists of an impressive stone with a handsome bronze plaque suitably inscribed with "Stub's" record and winds up quite appropriately with "Old Soldiers Never Die". "Stub's" former officers and the Camp Commander carried out the dedication exercises in May 1949, followed by a review of the Command in "Stub's" honor. It was very impressive. Mrs. Baird was present, escorted by Rodney Smith.

The Sturdevants are back from a six weeks motor trip to Seattle, down the West Coast, and back by the Southern route. They saw Dixon, Fitzmaurice and Goethals. The Schulz made a three week trip to Florida, Havana, then up to West Point, taking in the Army-Navy game in Philadelphia on the way back. Garrison was at the Army-Michigan game where he saw "Spike" Dougherty. Mrs. E. V. Cutrer has a new grandson as of November 3rd, the son of the E. V. Cutrers, Jr. Fairfax Ayres, that old maple syrup and sugar farmer from Vermont, came down to Philadelphia in November for a sugar-maker's meeting, stopping off at West Point for a football game. Mrs. Walter Weaver, of the Kennedy-Warren Apartments, is very active and successful in real estate in the Washington area. In the same company with Elizabeth is Ann Brown Kimberly McDonald.

—J. E. C.

ited the Rodney Roberts' at their citrus ranch in Upland where Rodney dispenses fresh figs and orange juice and only laments that they don't see more old friends. (From my fan mail I can assure '09 that there is no more loyal and enthusiastic member than said Rodney.—Ed.) Flying back via the Grand Canyon the Smiths reached Chicago just in time for Schumpski to get the town back on the beam. Incidentally, he is a VP of the Chicago West Point Society. Ray reports that his Cadet stepson—now Raymond Nelson Smith—will be with his parents and grandmother for his Yearling Christmas at the latter's home in Detroit.—Clarence and Betty Partridge celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary in October. Their charming daughters, Mrs. R. P. (Betty Lee) Hooper and Mrs. J. G. (Barbara Ann) Urban honored them with a cocktail party for the many local friends of the "bride and groom" at Betty Lee's home in San Francisco.—Kiki Marks—to whom we are mainly indebted for the fine coverage of our West Coast classmates—reports that his elder son, Ed, Jr. (USMA '42) recently joined the 351st Infantry in Austria, accompanied by his wife and two children. The younger son Willard (USMA '44) attained his MBA at Wharton School, U. of Pa., last spring and is now with Columbia Steel Co. of Calif. Ed and Duke Davis braved the liquid sunshine at Palo Alto to see the Army team outswim Stanford by one touchdown.—Barney Oldfield is still with Boeing and spends his spare time in keeping up his extensive grounds overlooking Puget Sound.—Eley and Florence Denson are "alone for the first time in 36 years". Eley, Jr., graduated last June from Univ. of Washington (Distinguished Military Graduate), is now a 2d Lieut., Transportation Corps Reserve, at Fort Eustis, Va., and aspires to a Regular Army commission. Eley is active in Seattle real estate and is on the local Red Cross Board. He has been President of the Seattle West Point Society since its reorganization. The Society now has 30 members and a West Point Wives Club. —G. L. V. D.

with Julia and his daughter, Missy, makes a fine addition to the 1910 contingent in Washington. Dan and Alice Torrey entertained 1910 with a delightful cocktail party at their home November 22nd. The Uhls were the guests of honor.

We just had a pleasant word from Jack Heard. He and Ella are visiting their daughter, Elizabeth and her husband, Lieutenant Colonel John R. Deane, Jr. at their home in North Arlington, Va. After Christmas Jack and Ella will go to Clearwater, Florida to spend the winter.

On the same day that 1910 in Washington has its monthly luncheon (second Wednesday) as many of our girls as wish to, also foregather at the Army and Navy Club and have a luncheon of their own. These affairs are reported to be very enjoyable. Those desiring to come, simply phone Alice Torrey. She makes the arrangements.

—R. H. D.

1911

The Wheelers have returned from a seven weeks trip to Europe on the Queen Mary and return on the Isle de France. They spent ten days in Paris and Wheeler the rest of the time in the Scandinavian countries. The main purpose of the trip was to attend the yearly meeting of the 48 governors of the World Bank, of which Wheeler is the Engineer Advisor.

We regret to announce the recent deaths of McLane, J. T., and Brown, G. L. R., who were both members of 1911, but graduated with 1912. At the time of his death, McLane was a retired colonel. He served his early years in the Cavalry and his later years in the Inspector General's Department. During World War II, he was IG in the South Pacific where he was awarded the Legion of Merit. Brown was civilian assistant chief of the Air and Ground Section, Continental Branch, Construction Operations Division, Military Construction, in the Office of the Chief of Engineers in Washington, which has to do with housing on army and air base posts. He was awarded the Civilian Meritorious Award.

Birely, one of our non-graduate classmates, has his own insurance business in Billings, Mont., where he is also Commissioner of Public Safety. He was a colonel of National Guard Infantry, wears the Silver Star and is now a retired National Guard Major General.

Further notes of class sons:

Mooney's son, James L., is attending the Philip Neri College in Boston. Estes' son, Howell, Jr., is a colonel in the Air Force, commanding a unit of heavy bombers. He is married and has three sons. Fleming's son, Carson, who was an Air Corps POW in Germany in World War II, is an insurance broker in New York. He is married and has one child. Baxter's son, Charles, Jr., is married to Priscilla Coffin of Ithaca, N. Y. They have four children. Hatch's son, McGlachlin, who graduated from the Point in 1943, is in Japan, probably now in Korea. His oldest son, John, Jr., who was a prominent football player at the Point in 1943, was killed in an airplane accident several years ago. Conard has three sons. Arthur, Jr., is an employee of the University of California in Los Alamos. He has one son, A. B. Conard, III. David Conard graduated from the Point in 1943 and is a major of Engineers at Fort Belvoir. He has two children. The third son, Joseph, was killed in action in Germany in 1945. Hardy's son, Noel, is assistant manager of Hardy's ranch. He is married and has a daughter and a son, Edwin Noel Hardy, III. Franke's son, Gus, Jr., has been promoted to major and awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action in Korea.

1909

Bob Eichelberger has been convalescing under Miss Em's direction at their Asheville home since his operation a few months ago. Latest report was that they expected to return to their Washington home by mid December. Bob has contributed several recent articles to *Newsweek*.—Ying H. Wen and his son Henry have returned to Hong Kong.—Seen at the débacle at Philadelphia on December 2 were Cliff and Elsie Bluemel, Jimmy Walsh, Sunny Ord and son Edward, Tom Milling, Buttsy Hughes, George and Effie Van Deusen.—Delos Emmons was laid up some months ago with a heart disorder. His wife "Billie" sustained a broken leg in an auto accident and was in a hospital for a considerable time.—There is an unverified rumor that the Bob Sears' have returned from South America.—Lin and Carlotta Herkness are back in their Philadelphia home after a long visit to Great Britain and France.—Ray and Inga Smith toured the West last fall in Schumpski's usual whirlwind style. Flying from Chicago to San Francisco, they contacted the Partridges, Hunters and Marks' who ran a round robin of entertainment. Next they motored to the Duke Davis' at Palo Alto, stopping en route to call on the Emmons'. After seeing San Francisco with the Beardslies and Hunters they visited relatives and friends in Carmel and in Tucson, Ariz. Then back to San Diego to be dined by Vice Admiral and Mrs. Sprague at the Naval Air Station. Next a barbecue dinner at Chula Vista with the Beardslies who later drove them to Tia Juana. From Los Angeles the Smiths vis-

1910

The 1950 Army-Navy game, which was such an unexpected upset, is now a matter of history. Those of the Class seen at the game were: Sam Edelman, Jack Heard, Charlie Hines, Joe Leonard, Brother Pendleton and Pappy Selleck. As usual Sam Edelman promoted a fine dinner dance for the Corps of Cadets at Wanamakers Store in Philadelphia the evening of the game.

It is a sad task indeed to report the deaths of two of our beloved classmates, Frank Drake and Dolly Gray. Frank died suddenly from a heart attack at Letterman Army Hospital on September 13, 1950. He is survived by his wife, Jane, and two sons, Lieutenant Colonel Leland R. Drake, U.S.A. and First Lieutenant Robert E. Drake, U.S.A. Both are graduates of the Military Academy. Jane was extremely grateful for the flowers and the telegram of sympathy sent by the Class. She extends a most cordial invitation to any of the Class to visit her in San Francisco. Her address is 5239 California St.

Dolly Gray died November 11, 1950 from a stroke at Walter Reed Army Hospital. Dolly had been in ill health for a long time. He was buried in Arlington and twelve of the Class living in Washington were honorary pall-bearers. Dolly is survived by his wife, Helen, who lives at the Westchester Apartments, 3000 Cathedral Avenue, Washington, D. C. She was most appreciative of the flowers that the Class sent and the many kindnesses shown her by the Class.

P. D. Uhl recently purchased a new and charming home at 5000 Brookway Drive, Sumner, Washington 16, D. C. His arrival

Classmates should know that General Lucius D. Clay of Berlin fame is the younger brother of our classmate, Major Frank B. Clay, who died shortly after World War II. General Clay is Chairman of the Board of the Continental Can Company.

With Bagby's decision to settle in sunny (?) California (see reports of Army-Stanford Game) the Peninsular Pentad has swollen to the San Francisco Sextet. Shades of Floradora! The sextet consists of Nichols, Lockwood, Weaver, Cowles, Ladd and Bagby.

The Conards spend the winters in Memphis and about four months at their island home on a big lake at Camp Van Vac. Ely, Minn. The weather there is "eight months of winter and four months of poor sleighing" The country is "rather rugged, where women are women and the men go fishing"

McBride, who did not graduate from the Academy, has been farming and ranching in Colorado most of the time since he left West Point in 1908. He served nearly two years in World War II in signal and infantry units. He was wounded in France, but returned to his unit in the Army of Occupation. He now lives in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Kutz is married at long last and living in St. Petersburg. Among his other activities are: President, Retired Officers' Association, St. Petersburg; Commander, St. Petersburg VE Chapter, Military Order of World Wars; President, West Point Society of the Florida West Coast; Vice President, St. Petersburg Chapter 314, National Sojourners; and National Trustee, National Sojourners. Also golf, fishing and swimming. No wonder he was late in forwarding his class questionnaire.

Jolly, another absentee from class graduation, writes: "I did not stay at West Point but a few days. I quit, so do not know anything about any of the persons you mention at all. I graduated from Indiana University Medical School in 1915 and have been a practicing physician here in Richland, Indiana, ever since. I am married and have one child".

Hardy writes, "I feel that the friends of the past are hardly real any more. I remember how they looked, how they talked—but to all practical purposes they seem only a little more definite than ghosts and that is all a goodly number can be—those who have crossed the great divide". He adds anent reunion, "I hope I can make it".

Mooney, as an old AG, has done a fine job in locating about 20 of our non-graduate classmates. He deserves great credit for the interest he has shown and the correspondence he has undertaken. The 40-year pamphlet should be finished and possibly in the mail on its way to you by the time this *Assembly* reaches you.

Stanton writes that the Alumni Association has decided that the class in which a non-graduate started at the Academy is the class responsible for the cadet sons of non-graduates, at least insofar as giving graduation presents is concerned. A word to the wise fathers of these sons as to class dues should be sufficient. Stanton also writes, "Members of the class are reminded again that graduation at the Point will be Tuesday, June 5th. Those planning on attending our 40th Reunion should keep in mind that class activities are tentatively scheduled for Sunday, June 3rd and Monday, June 4th. Details of these activities will be sent to each member of the class early next spring". Make your transportation reservations now for the trip by plane, ship, motor, rail, or oxcart. —K. S. B.

1912

The Class extends deepest sympathy to the families of the following members of the

Class Family who have passed to their rewards since this column last reported: George LeRoy Brown, on October 1, 1950; Robert E. Patterson, on October 21, 1950; and Lt. William H. Wilbur, Jr., '49, who died in Korea on September 6 from wounds received in action the previous day.

The 1950 Christmas Bulletin was mailed out to our membership on December 1, and it will give its readers the latest news about those who sent their letters in to the Editor in time to make the publication deadline. But there are a few items that we'll insert in this column from those who, for one good reason or another, missed the deadline.

Helen and John Chatfield returned in late November from an extended trip and send season's greetings to the Class.

Reading the papers we note that Crittenberger and Co. rate hearty congratulations: Critt, Sr., as the C.G., First Army; 2d Lt. Dale J. Crittenberger, Jr., '50, as the winner in matrimony of the hand of Miss Mildred Frances Kelleher, of San Antonio, on September 28; Lt. Col. W. D. Critt, Jr., now on duty as a Tac at West Point, confided that he and Kitty were expecting the Stork in December.

Donald Dean, of Pasadena, Calif., brother of our beloved Bill who died in 1918, expresses the hope that some members of the Class Family will drop in on him and his wife when passing through Pasadena. Milo and Agnes Fox of Galveston report no change since last year and send greetings. Vivian Sarrat Gillespie, widow of our Gillespie, J. A., writes from her home in Union, S. C., that her third grandson, James A. Gillespie, Jr., named for our Jim, was born in September. The Class is justly proud still to be in production with a brand new "Son of 1912", Cadet W. L. Hauser, Class of '54. Congratulations to Mary Littlejohn on being back home at "Romar Farms", after a tour at Walter Reed. After a year or so in the country, Frank and Eunice Mallon have purchased a home at San Mateo, close to their beloved San Francisco.

Lila McDonald McPherson (sister of our Joe) writes us from London: "looking forward as always to the Christmas Bulletin, the most unique class publication I have ever seen. . ." Harold Rayner wrote from Walter Reed General Hospital in late November that he hoped soon to return to his home in New Jersey, and finally decide where he and Josephine will settle permanently in retirement.

Bill Sibert, '36, APO 301, Hq EUSAK, Ex. of G-4, for Johnny Walker in Korea, on November 21 sent in a Christmas message for both himself and Capt. Sam Sims Walker, explaining that the latter at the front was not in a position to write. Maurene and George (Class Cup boy of '36) left Japan in August and are now living in Alexandria, Va.

The Barrett cocktail party in their lovely home at Atherton after the Army-Stanford football game on November 18 was a huge and unique success. All those who sat the entire game through (the natives claim) "the worst rainstorm for 25 years in California" arrived at the Barretts' like so many drowned rats; but Papa and Mamma Barrett were fully prepared with the essentials at the moment—hot baths, dry clothing, for all who needed such, a roaring fireplace in the big living room, and the eats and drinks that are beyond compare here. From far and near 1912'ers were on hand making up the majority of about 50 guests. Among those present were: Andersons, Barretts, Chynoweths, Faymonville, Fehet, Hobsons, Marje Harrison, Jr. and Sr. (from Bronxville, N. Y., and S. Laguna, Calif., with the Hobsons), Hockers, Lindts, Paules, Ike Spaulding from San Antonio and his daughter Ansley (Mrs. Francis Hill of Carmel), and Sullivans. Some game! Some party!

Congratulations to Buddy Rose, who will

how to old man Time on December 31 and join the retired list.

Ham Haislip, who has the spotlight on him now as Vice Chief of Staff—and much of the time as Acting Chief of Staff—in Washington, warns us that he will be looking for a home in retirement next July.

If you haven't sent in to Class Headquarters the filled-out questionnaire form mailed you with the last Xmas Bulletin, please do so and remember that Phil Faymonville expects your support of the Class Treasury. —W. H. H. and O. J. G.

1914

Jim Cress is out of the hospital on sick leave after the heart attack he had last August. He will probably retire and go to Oakland, California, where his father is living. . . . Jack Jouett made a trip up to Washington from the Virgin Islands in September. He received an appointment in the Air Force Honorary Reserve and was retired on September 30, 1950, under the 20-year active Federal service clause Benny Hoge and Dabney Elliott have each had a daughter married during the past few months. Benny is now in Walter Reed on his final check-up before retirement. . . Fenn Lewis is on a six months temporary job with the Productivity Division of ECA in Paris. He will live with his son who is taking a course at the Sorbonne—address 14 Rue Cassini, Paris 14, France. . . Cliff Mathews' address according to AGO is now 3285 Peachtree Road, Atlanta, Ga.

It is our sad duty to report the death of John C. (Turk) Wyeth of a heart attack on October 26, 1950, at Santa Barbara, California. The deepest sympathy of the Class goes to his widow, Frances; his daughter, Leslie; and his son, John C., Jr.

—H. Brand.

1916

Plans for our Reunion next June are developing rapidly. It now looks as though we will have at least 50 of the Class in attendance. The response from the wives is also splendid. So far, between 25 and 30 have indicated that they will be there. Altogether it looks as though it will be the best Reunion we have ever had. If you have not reported whether you plan to be there next June, please notify Brig Bliss promptly. Address: 725 13th Street, N.W., Washington 5, D. C.

Jack Miley was in Washington for a few days during November en route from Denver, Colorado, to Texas. Since then a letter was received from him at Leavenworth. While in Texas he spent a day with Vic Wales prospecting, but found neither gold nor uranium. He also saw Bob Whitson who is much improved in health. George Newgarden had been in the hospital, but left to go home the day that Jack went to call on him, so he missed him. He and Ida expect to be back in Bethesda, Maryland in the spring. Bill Spence also blew through Washington during November, on his way back to Texas after visiting his two boys—one a First Classman and one a plebe at West Point. In October Vic Wales came up to New York from San Antonio to see his daughter off for Germany. She is taking a position in the civil government there.

Tom McDonald from St. Louis attended the national meeting of the American Bar Association in Washington in September. After his siege with a broken hip he looks fit as a fiddle. John Abernathy, now Judge of the Court of General Sessions at Pulaski, Tennessee, has a boy in the plebe class this year. Calvin DeWitt has returned from a

tour of duty as Chief of Transportation in Germany, and is now Deputy Chief of Transportation of the Army, stationed in Washington.

Woodward, who has been on duty at the Presidio, retired this fall and has taken a position in San Francisco with the Civil Defense Organization. Hugh Mitchell also retired the end of August, but was recalled to active duty the first of September. He is stationed at the Cambridge Research Laboratories, Cambridge, Massachusetts. Horace McBride, now back from Turkey, is Commanding General of the General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Spike Maulsby has returned to his home in Stuart, Florida after an all-summer trip around the country which took him as far as the west coast.

Jimmie Ruddell's boy, missing in action in Korea, has been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross.

Speaking of sons, we have quite a few class boys in the Corps. Bill Spence has two, John Abernathy one, Scott two, Weyand one, and Buddy Guyer two. Of these, three (Spence, Weyand and Guyer) will graduate next June. If there are any other Class sons in the Corps that we have missed, please let us know.

The Army and Navy game turned out to be a regrettable incident this year, but at least it offered the opportunity for a number of the Class to get together. Among those reported in attendance were: Horace McBride, Bob McBride, Stanley Scott, Fay Prickett, Calvin DeWitt, Parker Kuhn, and John Abernathy.

—E. G. B.

April, 1917

Members of the class in the Washington area and their wives and children attended the wedding of Dot and Bill Eley's younger daughter, Georgie Day, to Lieutenant David Kovarik at the Fort Myer chapel September 13th. Bill gave his daughter away and their other daughter, Mary Josephine Harrell, was matron of honor while little Stuart Harrell was ring bearer. Lieutenant Kovarik is the son of Joe Kovarik, Class of 1918 (June). At the beautiful reception at the Fort McNair club the following were present: Percy and Laura Black, Gladys Collins (Joe was making a speech at the Statler), Suzanne and Ira Crump, Johnny Devine who had just reported to Washington for duty, Vivian and Fred Irving, Enriette and Harry Schroeder, Dot and Steve Sherrill, Van Vanderhyden, Mary and George Wooley, Gay Yuill.

The following extracts are from a long and thoroughly interesting letter from Jack Nygaard in Italy, address APO 794, c/o PM New York: (Please write again soon, Jack.) "Norman Schwartzkopf is here (a Brig Gen) in charge of the Arms Aid to Italy program. Recently Jack and Isabelle Code were in Rome. We all had a grand reunion. In September it was two years since my return to Rome with the Italian mission of the International Refugee Organization now in the close-out phase of its operations". Jack's wife Annie is a famous Italian opera star and he describes most interestingly his recent trip with her for appearances in opera in Lisbon, Madrid, Paris (where he saw Bobby and Red O'Hare), Brussell (where he had a grand visit with Clare and Mary Armstrong), Florence, and then Rome where she sang in several operas in the famous outdoor "Caracalla", the site of the old Roman baths, built in 211 AD, before audiences of more than 10,000, and finally in Covent Garden, London.

Vivian and Fred Irving left Washington by car October 6 for San Francisco. Fred will be Deputy Commander of the Sixth Army at the Presidio, where they will have quar-

ters. Enroute they spent two days at West Point visiting their son who is a First Classman and seeing the Army team in action against Penn State.

A letter from Tom Sinkler, now established at 59 Gibbs Street, Charleston, S. C., tells of his position as an instructor at Porter Military School in Charleston and the help that his work gives him in keeping his mind occupied, now that he must make a new life, alone.

Cooper Smith has moved from Camp Hood, Texas, where he commanded the 2d Armored Division, to Chicago for duty as Deputy Commanding General, Fifth Army. And Joe Collins and Wayne Clark were the principal speakers at a thoroughly interesting special briefing at the Pentagon, October 5, for retired general officers in the Washington area. Matt Ridgway had been a principal speaker at a similar meeting earlier in 1950.

Louise and Bill Redfield's daughter, Aubin Louise, was married September 22 at Montclair to James Bryan. Bill is now president of Hills Brothers, nationally known importers of foodstuffs, with offices in Washington Street, New York. Gladys and Joe Collins' son, Lieutenant Joseph E., USMA 1946, was married October 14, 1950, at Fort Benjamin Harrison to Dorothy Gibson, daughter of Colonel and Mrs. John Gibson.

We congratulate these classmates whose names appeared on an October list of makes: Permanent Major General—Cooper Smith; temporary Major General—Rex Beasley; temporary Brigadier Generals—Basil Perry, Tupper Cole, Sterling Wood, Clare Armstrong. Those who saw the National Horse Show, Saturday, November 4 on television, had several good close ups of Tupper in uniform judging international jumping with General Guy V. Henry '98 and Colonel J. K. Waters '31.

Members of the class in the Washington area met at a luncheon at the Fort McNair club on November 30. Present were: Morris Barroll, who is living in Chevy Chase since he retired, Percy Black, Wayne Clark, Joe Collins, Tupper Cole, Jack Code, Ira Crump, Johnny Devine, Birdie Eagles, Bill Eley, Louie Ford, Charlie Gerhardt, Burnet Olmsted, Bob Ransom, Dave Rumbough, who has just reported to the Pentagon for duty in the National Guard Bureau, Matt Ridgway, Bill Sackville, who is now at the Pentagon on duty in The Adjutant General's Office, Harry Schroeder, Steve Sherrill, Sam Smith, Kivas Tully, who came from Chicago to attend the Navy game, George Wooley, and Cupe Yuill. We try to get the class together in Washington every other month. Usually on the third Thursday. It was decided to publish a mimeographed class news letter in 1951 similar to those published by other classes in recent months. Donations were made to make it possible to start work on this at once and you will get a card soon. If you do not get a card, send news of yourself and family (not more than 150 words) to Bill Eley (Col. W. S.) in the Pentagon. And if you want to send a dollar or so along it will be welcome to finance this project or go with the class fund. Wayne Clark told of seeing, on his trip to training centers, which ended the day before the luncheon: Louie Martin, who was in Letterman Hospital recovering from a serious operation, Pete Kilburn, who is in the real estate business now in San Francisco, and Alex Campbell, on duty at the Presidio.

Please send class news to Steve Sherrill, 3015 45th St., N.W., Washington 16, or to Bill Eley in the Pentagon. —S. H. S.

August, 1917

The past three months has brought a number of bits and pieces of news. First, con-

grats to our new brigadier, Teddy Futch! A fine letter came from Dunc McGregor just as these notes were started. Would like to quote all of it but can give only a few extracts: "On November 1 the McGregors left Rock Island Arsenal in their 1941 Chrysler towing a 1951 mobile mansion—thirty feet of it—complete with built-in plumbing, a year's supply of food and clothing, movie equipment, golf clubs, and other assorted equipment, with the intention of touring Florida in search of the perfect retirement home—only classmate contacted so far is Ross Garity at Bradenton who at present is engaged in the erection of a garage and the development of roads and grounds on his charming bayside estate—retirement will catch up with us as of December 31 and we hope that a place to live will have caught up with us too" He hopes to get in touch with Bill Reinburg, McGill, and Eddie House soon. Dunc's base for reconnaissance is now Orange Grove Trailer Park, Route 1, Bradenton, Fla. We hope that he will continue to submit additional operations reports—probably quite a number of our class will be interested.

George Eyster retired on November 1, 1950 and has bought a house at 6201 N. 28th St., Arlington, Va. George in retirement will be active in Washington with an organization that is of importance to all of us, The Retired Officers Association. These retirements will leave 38 on the active list.

Saw Frank and Mary Meade at the Michigan Game, both bursting with vigor. Frank has been made President of the International Automatic Telephone Company—home address, Wilmette, Ill., in the suburbs of Chicago. Also at the game were Jules and Catharine Schaefer, all the way from Wichita, Kansas. Jules said he was breaking in a new car, as well as taking a breather from his terrific job. Teddy Buechler has just been ordered to Hq., Army Field Forces at Ft. Monroe.

We have another class grandson of particular interest—he is Henry Joseph Hughes, III, born September 13, 1950. His mother is Barbara Matlack, daughter of beloved Jesse and Dorothe; his father is a member of the Class of 1945. A fine background has that young fellow, a candidate for the Class of 1972. Speaking of youth, Grayson Woodbury, Jr. is a member of the present plebe class; the resemblance to his dad as a cadet is startling.

Wrenn Timberlake was here from Logan, Utah, on the sad mission of attending the funeral of his father, remembered so well by many of us.

Our two active major generals, Bryant Moore and Bill Reeder, with Betty, recently held a three day conference at the Supe's quarters—level of conference unknown but probably not high. Other visitors have been Bob and Helen Bacon from Brownsville, Texas, to see their son who is a plebe; Jack and Julia Bissell en route back to Carmel, Calif. from their camp in the Adirondacks; Red Kernan from Atherton, Calif., East to see his mother but at West Point because he loves it. They come back to West Point from long distances these days—how about you!

—J. W. C.

June, 1918

At this year's Navy Game we had the largest gathering of classmates and their families since our 30th Reunion. Present were "Mickey" and Bill Barriger, Dorothy and Pat Casey, Marjorie and Lucius Clay, Mina and Eddie Dando, Louise Dean, "GG" and Jack Grant, Lita and Lane Holman (with their son and two daughters, Mary, Ann and J. L., Jr.), Freddie Kimble, Edith and Joe Kovarik (with their two sons, Joe and David), Jessie and Leo Kreber (with

two guests from Toledo), Alexia and Harry Mewshaw, Nona and Tommy Tompkins, Harry Underwood (with a cute little blonde in a red suit), and Bunny and Chesty Ward. Seated with our class were: Eleanor and Connie Jadwin's son, Edgar; Marian and Tenny Ross' two daughters, Marian and Katherine, with their husbands; Mabel and Jim Marshall's son, Bob (Class of January '43), and his wife; and Andy Moore's niece, Evalyn, and her husband, Charles Newton.

At games earlier in the season we had also seen Inez and Addie Adcock, Mabel and Jim Marshall, Elsie and Clarence Townsley, Doreen and Heinie Stenzel, "Tanto" Murrill and "Ollie" Oliphant.

Of the Stanford game and of our classmates in the West, the Sage of San Mateo (who, in twenty years, had not seen an Army team in action) writes:

"Dear Jack:
"This report on the Army-Stanford game is shamelessly of the rocking-chair variety. That's because I was among the 40,000 ticket holders who, in addition to their ducats, were possessed of more discretion than valor. My innate respect for creature comfort coupled with considered unwillingness to risk another bout with pneumonia forced me to forego the discomfiting exposure to Northern California's worst Saturday afternoon rainstorm and caused me to enjoy the football spectacle via TV with only an occasional highball for wetting.

"Of the other 40,000 foolhardy canvasbacks who braved the elements against their own—and their wives'—better judgment, a goodly number sought sanctuary at Kramer Kastle after the ordeal. There Alice and I were well prepared to furnish hot grog, solid food and dry raiment to the needy. Pierre Agnew and Jim Pichel were among classmates who came for such succor. They reported having seen John Haleston and Hap Elliot at the game but in view of the visibility I was inclined to doubt the reliability of their observations. John and Pierre had come up from Southern California so they just had to go through with their program if for no other reason than to be able to twit their northern compatriots. Pierre is in civil service, still helping the Navy's guided missile establishment at Inyokern. A greeting delivered through a mutual friend brought me good news of long-lost Frank Turner. He is reported hale, hearty and happy at 1742 Santa Barbara Street, Santa Barbara, California.

"I'm sorry to have to close this epistle with a note of sad news which, coincidentally, came to me on the day of the Stanford game. Young Tenney Ross, Lieutenant of Infantry, Class of 1948, was reported killed in action in Korea in mid-November. He had been wounded earlier in the campaign but had rejoined his outfit in mid-September after hospitalization in Japan. I for one have felt a share of Tenney's sorrow and pride.

"A recent note from Lucius contained another threat to visit the West Coast in January. If anything worthwhile develops from that threat, I'll let you know.

"As ever,
"Hans Kramer"

With his report on the Stanford Game, Hans Kramer sent the following news item clipped from a local paper a few days after the game:

"Half a dozen automobiles are still mired in the mud of the parking lots near Stanford Stadium—reminders of the downpour which attended last Saturday's football game with Army. Officials said efforts to haul the cars out of the mud have been abandoned for the duration of the storm. Rain was still falling heavily this forenoon. Yesterday four caterpillar tractors were summoned to drag the stranded machines out of the mire. The "cats" promptly got bogged down themselves and had to be pull-

ed out by other tractors. More than a hundred machines were stranded after the game last weekend"

Charlie Blanchard is now a Brigadier General in the A.U.S. Congratulations, Charlie.

"Heinie" Stenzel has just been appointed Commandant of the New York City Center, O.R.C. schools. This center will replace the scattered training units throughout the metropolitan area and thereby centralize the training program for all branches in and around greater New York. In addition to his staff, "Heinie" will have 30 instructors who have been through the various service schools for all branches. They expect to have about 1,000 reserve officers in training.

Eddie Sibert has been transferred from Puerto Rico to Washington, D. C. for duty with the Inter-American Defense Board. "Growley" (now "Heap Big Chief") Gruhn, is Chief, Montana Military District, at Fort Missoula, Montana. "Growley" writes that he has a big house, with excellent trout fishing within half a mile, and will be glad to put up all classmates who will stop off at Missoula on their way to Yellowstone and Glacier National Parks. Harry Mewshaw is C.O., Military District, Columbia, S. C. Addie Adcock, again having retired, is now Assistant to the President of the Continental Can Co.

Dorothy and Pat Casey's son Hugh Boyd Casey is in Korea with an infantry regiment of the 3rd Division. Laddie Bellingher's son, Ed, and your scribe's son, Loch, are classmates at Columbia University where both are on the freshman swimming team.

Elsie and Clarence Townsley have recently bought a lovely place at Manhasset, L. I., N. Y., not far from Fort Totten where, for the time being, they will continue to reside. Governor Thomas E. Dewey again appointed your scribe a Delegate to represent the State of New York at the National Tax Conference. Johnny Bethel is Street Commissioner and a member of the City Council at Mt. Dora, Fla. (Johnny's mother died on the Tuesday before the Navy Game and was buried at Vienna, Va. Our class was represented at the funeral by several wives of classmates from Washington, D. C.)

Lucius Clay does not seem to have changed his long habit of working twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. In addition to his major jobs as Chairman of the Board of the Continental Can Co. and Chairman of the New York State Civilian Defense Commission, he is also National Chairman of the Crusade for Freedom, a grass roots movement to carry an understanding of democracy to people behind the Iron Curtain; a movement which an increasing number of informed citizens believe can be more effective than either a hot or cold war in defeating the Reds.

In October we received the following letter from Korea, on American Red Cross stationery, from Bit Barth:

"Just received my copy of *Assembly* and enjoyed our Class Notes. This is a nasty uncivilized war. I came in with the 24th Division. When my own division, the 25th; landed, I returned to it in my old job commanding the Division Artillery.

"Don't believe any of the Class are over here yet. Swede Axelson left for duty with the Army Field Forces Hq. at Ft. Monroe just before this started. He got his eagles and was very highly thought of in the 25th Div."

And on November 17th Bit wrote again as follows:

"Dear Jack:

"I certainly enjoyed your very fine letter and wish I could have been with you and all our crowd at the Michigan Game. We heard the game by radio up here on the 38th Parallel.

"Our situation here has changed for the worse lately. Just when it looked as though

the job was about finished the entry of Chinese Red Troops set us back.

"Looking back on events, this has been a most astonishing war.

"After the link up had been made and the 8th Army had gotten itself unscrambled from the X Corps (Inchon landing force) going was very easy until the Chinese Reds and remnants of the N. Koreans stopped us just short of the Yalu River. Now we are moving up again but from here on the going will probably be very tough.

"Americans can be very proud of the way our troops have fought. Our Doughboys have licked the Reds every time the cards weren't stacked against them. Our artillery has quickly learned to fight as infantry. Ten of my twelve batteries have fought in and around the gun positions to hold their guns against enemy infiltration attacks. Several batteries have repulsed two and three such attacks and one battery a total of five. Only once have we lost guns and then only after a five hour fight against enemy support by anti-tank guns and tanks where no infantry relief could get through.

"Give my very best to 'GG', Lucius, Addie (he wrote me a nice letter recently), Clarence, their better halves and any of the other classmates you see.

"Always yours,

"Bit.

"P.S. Haven't seen Squire here but will try and find him"

At "GG's" suggestion most of the classmates at the Navy Game joined in writing a round robin letter to Bit. —J. L. G.

November, 1918

It was with a deep sense of shock that I learned of Bill Powers' death. He had earned the respect and affection of the New York Bar and all others with whom he came in contact as a Justice of the Supreme Court of New York. He was always delighted to see a classmate at his chambers in Brooklyn.

Much more cheering news for all of us is the announcement of the promotion to Major General of "Maude" Muller and "Ippy" Swift, as well as the notice of Howard Peckham's "permanent".

Freddy Pearson, just returned to his post as Top Dog of the Army Audit Agency, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, after an extended inspection trip through the European Command writes—"Six of the class are stationed in Europe and I will give the information on each as I write. Bryan Evans is stationed at Nurnberg and is Deputy Post Commander. I had lunch with Bryan, Ruth and Bryan, Jr. The first trip to Nurnberg, the Evans were at Oberammergau taking in the Passion Play. I was there the second time and had a fine visit with him and his family at that time. Jesse Graham was at Munich doing G-4 work but has been since transferred to Heidelberg as Deputy Post Commander. Jesse's wife and daughter are with him and enjoying Europe. They went to Germany from a tour of duty as PMS&T at Indiana University. Young Eve was the beauty queen at Indiana University and is more than holding her own with the European beauties. Charley Hixon is Deputy Chief of Staff for U. S. Forces in Austria at Vienna. His son is a captain on Paul Kendall's Staff in Salzburg. His daughter is married to a Transportation Corps Officer in Austria. Paul Kendall is Chief of Staff in Austria. One of his daughters is married to a Naval Aviator on duty in Korea, and his other daughter is married to an officer in Austria. Paul's wife and daughter were enjoying a vacation in Paris while I was there and I didn't get to see them. Paul has been continuously on foreign service since 1942, with the exception

of a couple of years when he was in command of the 2nd Division at Ft. Lewis, Wash. Had dinner with Paul and we had a grand time talking about the class. Dick Lee is at Heidelberg as USAEUR Engineer. Dick was complaining that he had taken on a bit of weight and his wife was making him stay on a diet. The second time I was there he had taken leave and he and friend wife were enjoying the sights of Paris. Didn't get to talk to him to find out whether that was an appeasement program to get off that diet. Dick said he only weighs 198. Ira Swift is at Vienna to keep things running smoothly and keeping an eye on developments. His two daughters are married, one to a former member of the services who is taking advantage of the G. I. Bill going to school at Seattle. His other daughter recently married an officer in Austria. I hadn't seen Evans, Hixon and Lee since graduation, and still haven't seen Dick. It had been eleven years since I had seen Swift, twenty years since I had seen Kendall and twenty-two years since I had seen Graham. Bryan, Charley and Ira can still wear their cadet clothes. Jess, Dick and Paul, like myself, have expanded in size. I doubt if Paul could go through the bayonet and obstacle courses he used to teach the cadets. All are in good health, chins are up. It was a great pleasure to renew acquaintances after all these years. I ran in to Hugh Waddell in London. He is with one of our missions over there, doing his usual top-flight job. He asked to be remembered to the class too."

Bonner Fellers, associated with the Republican Committee, rates a column now and then in Washington papers and seems to be in some demand as a speaker at Republican meetings. Billie Benton reports from Denver "Hahn is doing a bang-up job as C.O. of the R.O.T.C. at the University. He is very popular there. I see him and his wife every now and then. Blair, W. P. is still busy ranching near Sterling, Colorado. His son Bill, Jr. is in the Navy stationed somewhere in Texas".

Proud father Hunk Holbrook watched his seventeen year-old six-footer Willard 3rd as he captained the Landon School Varsity to a close victory over St. Albans eleven in Washington. Young Holbrook's position as tackle kept him in play during the entire game. Jim Welch, for several years Deputy Commander, O.R.C., South Carolina Military District, has been ordered to the Far Eastern Command. After a short visit with their son, First Lt. James C. Welch, Jr., he and Mrs. Welch are off for the East.

The Association of Graduates asks that anyone knowing the whereabouts of the following please notify the Secretary: Pope, Rosendahl, Brown, J. T., Dzau, Carney, Denny and Pence, J. P.

Our Washington Agent reports: "At our monthly class luncheon, November 8, we presented the "Caboose" Cup to Chorpeneing. Actually Corp was home sick and Dave Ogden received it for him in proxy. Jack Barnes, Maj. C.E., the class plebe, was present and made the presentation in verse. (Our class column ought to include a warning to all claimants of the cup that they will have to notify you of their qualified status. Otherwise I can see the 'Chain of Command' breaking down through lack of intelligence and leaving Corp in permanent possession.)

I'm honored to present this cup
To him, who now is bringing up
A daughter, thirty years or more
Behind the rest of you. This chore—
Awarding this new cup to Corp—
Belongs to Rhoads, your Godson's Pop.
Instead to me the task is passed
While Rhoads looks on, his cup outclassed.

And why me? I wondered, too,
Until old 'E-square' gave the clue

That I, as your class plebe, should pay
Respects to your new protege.

For this occasion I've composed
A poem. So bear with me. Here goes.

It takes a man to qualify
For this new prize for smaller fry;
To win the cup after thirty years,
This man deserves some rousing cheers.

You classmates gathered here today
Perhaps have grandsons on the way.
You can't take credit for them, though,
Except by proxy, don't you know.
There's only one amongst you here
Who has the right to brag and cheer
About an increase at his home—
A girl produced by him alone.
Of course, his Mary did her share,
So honoring both of them is fair.
The first amongst you to break loose
And win the treasured cup, CABOOSE
Is Corp—your classmate Chorpeneing
He engineered this happening!

So here's to Corp and Mary Ann,
Too bad they'll soon be 'also ran',
For Fonvielle's surely in the race
He's filed his claim for second place
Until McCone, or some dark horse,
Displaces him. Thus runs the course.

One last word before I quit.
I'll wager ten to one, to wit:
That on the treasured cup, CABOOSE
Engraving space won't all be used!

'Corp', in a most formal letter of acceptance writes—"Much as Mary and I would like to answer in kind the clever presentation poem written by our class plebe in honor of the Caboose Cup ceremony, our poetic proclivities do not seem to equal our other proven abilities. Now, Mary Anne may have inherited the muse from some long forgotten ancestor but so far her use of words and grammar does not indicate it. So we are forced to acknowledge the great honor the Class has given us in just prosaic prose. We (and this includes the godparents, Jimmy Hemenway and Frank Bowman) promise to do our best to raise Mary Anne to be a proper credit to the class and ask all those with grandsons of about her age to keep her in mind when aforesaid grandsons are wearing the K-det gray . . . or otherwise. One more thing. We understand that, if anyone wins the Caboose Cup three times, permanent possession is gained and a new cup goes into circulation. We wish to announce that we are not candidates for this further honor and in so announcing we hope that it will serve to quicken the ambitions of others who might be worried about our headstart."

McCone has been repatriated after five years and two days and is now AC of S, G-2 Fifth Army in Chicago. He has quarters at Fort Sheridan. —B. C.

1919

Nate Twining has become the first 4-star general of the S.O. Class, and is now Vice-Chief of Staff, USAF. Other promotions include Urban Niblo and Wayne Zimmerman to permanent BG and Bob Montague to temporary MG. Al Gruenther was a keynote speaker at the second Student Conference on U. S. Affairs at West Point on December 7, and gave a masterly exposition of the military aspects of U. S. foreign policy. Willie Palmer now commands the 2d Armored Division.

Herb Semmelmeier and his better half visited West Point briefly in October en route to Florida. Herb is Resident Sec-

retary of the Standard of Detroit Group of Insurance Companies, with offices at 417 Montgomery Street, San Francisco. From him I learned that John Kanaga is a member of the California State Board of Equalization, 831 State Street, Santa Barbara; John Denny is a City Attorney in Los Angeles, address 3118 Walnut Street, Huntington Park; Hoyt Rockefeller has retired to 2672 Narcissus Drive, San Diego; Bob Hutchins (ret) is living at 400 Montgomery Street, San Francisco; Alex Kirby is still on extended active duty at Hq. 6th Army, Presidio of San Francisco; Gene Whitesides is at the Oakland QM Depot; John Armstrong (ret) is living in San Francisco; and Harry Barrick (ret) is operating a ranch at Watsonville, California.

Henry Nichols has been a frequent visitor at USMA during the football season. Living at 104 Dane Street, Amherst, Mass., he is a consulting engineer, specializing in nickel-cadmium storage batteries. Among other firms he is a consultant for the Sonotone Corporation of Elmsford, N. Y. Paul and Sis Donnally dropped in last fall, and reported themselves completely recovered from the effects of the disastrous fire at their home in Madison, Conn., two years ago. Paul also remarked that Sid Gould, who commutes from Madison to New Haven in his capacity as Vice-President of the Lomas and Nettleton Company, has nearly completed a revolutionary treatise on plant classification and identification.

Other visitors at USMA since the last issue have been Bill and Ethel Wyman, Bob and Gladys Hill, and Bill and Janice Regan. Bill Wyman has been transferred from Governors Island, where he was Chief of Staff of the First Army, to Washington. Bob and his sister live at 6501 Boatwright Drive, Richmond, Virginia. Gladys has made a fine recovery from a broken leg sustained in a fall last year. Bill Regan has resigned from Barrett Associates, and at present writing is in Switzerland for a business conference with a Swiss investment house. His home address is still 8 Peter Cooper Road, New York City.

Jack Whitelaw is Chief of Staff, Hq. TRUST, and recently had the pleasure of giving Bob Montague his first 13 gun salute when Bob visited Trieste. Jack comments favorably on Jazzbo Murphy's reporting of events in Eucom, but wisecracks that Jazzbo's intelligence doesn't cover Trieste. Fred Porter is now PMS&T at Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana.

Retirements during the latter part of 1950 have included Doc Martin and Dean Luce as of October 31. I haven't heard where either plans to live.

The Ed Sebrees have announced the marriage of their daughter Martha to Lt. R. C. McAlister, USA, at Ayer, Mass. Ed is apparently still running Munich. Lt. Robert G. Gard, Jr., USMA 1950, was married to Miss Lucy Marcus, daughter of Mrs. Frederic Marcus of Norfolk, Va., on October 14, 1950.

Lt. Fenton M. Odell, USMA 1949, has been killed in action in Korea. Capt. Richard L. Gruenther, USMA 1946, has been sent back to the U. S. to recover from wounds received in the Korean theatre. He was awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action. Lt. Phil Samsey, USMA 1950, has been serving with the 3rd Division in Korea.

In listing 1919 sons in the Class of 1954 your scribe inadvertently overlooked 50% of the group in the person of Thomas H. Dameron, Jr.

It's time for my annual plug for more news to keep this column going. The oftener you write in about yourself and other classmates in your area the more interesting these notes will be. Address correspondence to Colonel B. W. Bartlett, West Point, N. Y.

—B. W. B.

1920

A note from Leland Smith received last month brings some news from Fort Lee, Virginia, where Leland is Commandant of the AG School. He reports that Coleman Romain, now a full colonel, Regular Army, is Chief of Staff of the QM Center at Fort Lee. Also present and serving in one of the QM Battalions at the station is our Newton Jacobs. This is the first word about Newton in a very long time.

Frank Roberts recovered his star when he was appointed a temporary BG on October 14th. And—this is not all! On October 31 (all correspondents please copy) a son, Frank Needham Roberts, Jr., was born to General and Mrs. Roberts! Congratulations to both proud parents, and a salute, Frank, from 1920.

Bugs Raymond is the new CO of Ft. Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D. C. Have you given yourself permission to erect a new aerial, Bugs? Best wishes to you and the XYL.

It was recently announced by DA that Halley Maddox and Duke Lanahan are now permanent BG's.

"Chesty" Haswell has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Louisiana Cattle-men's Association. He has made several appearances before the Agriculture Committee of the Louisiana Legislature in connection with proposed legislation to aid the livestock industry of the state and has also received special recognition at the assembly of the 202nd District, Rotary International, because of his organization of a new Rotary Club in his own Louisiana town.

Al Fulton was recently transferred from Dallas, Texas, to Camp Polk, La., where he will command an Armored Cavalry Group.

There are thirty-nine of the class stationed or residing in and about Washington, D. C., at the present time. For the benefit of the rest of the class, their names and addresses are included below and it is requested that any known additions or corrections to the list be communicated to Colonel F. M. Harris, Rm. 3E-408, The Pentagon, or to Colonel E. C. Gillette, Jr., West Point, N. Y.

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Colonel J. F. Cassidy, †3227 Martha Custis Drive, Alexandria, Va. †3A-926*, Office Secretary of Defense.

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Colonel Lee A. Denson, †3900 Cathedrl Ave., N.W. †5E-560*, G-4.

Lt. Col. Leslie B. Downing, †1722 19th, N.W. †Hibbs Bldg, Wash., Real Estate.

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Lt. Col. R. D. Durst, †Rt 2, Fairfax, Va. †3C-229*, IG

Colonel H. E. Fisher, †4828 Quebec, N.W. †5E-1041*, Director, AF Personnel Plan.

Colonel F. M. Harris, †5271 Moreland St., N.W. †3E-408*, G-3.

Colonel K. G. Hoge, †2230 Powhatan, Arlington. †OSA AER.

Colonel T. R. Horn, †941 Rose La Annandale. †3D-153*, NGB.

Colonel E. C. Johnston, †4617 Norwood Dr., Ch. Ch. †2E-726*, G-1.

Colonel L. L. Judge, †3900 Cathedrl Ave., N.W. †1E-464*, AFC AG.

Mr. J. L. Lake, Jr., †3226 Stuyvsant Pl., N.W.

Maj. Gen. L. L. Lemnitzer, †Nat'l War College. †3D-933*, Office, Secretary of Defense.

Mr. H. B. Millard, †1918 N. Street, N.W.

Colonel F. H. Morse, †3514 Halcyon Dr., Alexandria. †3E-486*, G-3.

Maj. Gen. Verne D. Mudge, †4601 Conn. Ave., N.W. †Senate Off Bldg, Rm 212, Military Liaison Rep to Senate.

Capt. R. H. Reece, †808 S. Pitt, Alexandria. †Andrews Field, Md.

Colonel J. E. Raymond, †Ft. McNair. †Comdg Off, Ft. McNair.

Colonel H. C. Reuter, †1641 Fitzgerald, Alexandria, Va. †Rm-0315 Mn Navy, Ord.

Colonel J. B. Reybold, †911 S St., Asaph, Alexandria, Va. Insurance.

Brig. Gen. F. N. Roberts, †8515 Rosewood Dr., Wash. † White House, Military Aide to President.

Colonel R. O. Smith, †1120 S 18th St., Arlington. †3E-416*, G-3.

Colonel Paul E. Tombaugh, †3261 Arcadia Pl., N.W. †1022 17th St., N.W., Real Estate.

Colonel R. S. Trimble, †815 18th St., N.W. †Vet Adm.

Colonel H. T. Turnbull, 4000 Cathdrl Ave., N.W. †1712 G St., OSA AER.

Colonel D. R. VanSickler, †5208 38th St., N.W. †1E-756*, AG.

Colonel D. G. White, †4211 Military Road, N.W.

Maj. Gen. T. D. White, †2309 S. Joyce, Arlington. †2E-1010*, JCS.

Maj. Gen. E. G. Plank, †3C-370*.

Colonel H. C. Hine, G-3. (To arrive about November 15.)

Outside Washington Area

A. V. L. James, 10 Ridge Road, Catonsville, Baltimore, Md.

Colonel D. H. Leehy, Sunny Ridge, Harrison, N. Y. (Envelopener Corp.)

Brig. Gen. E. J. McGaw, Carlisle Barracks, Penna.

B. W. Randles, Beallsville, Md.

C. L. Sharrar, 232 New York Ave., Salisbury, Md.

W. C. Rutter, 886 Monticello Dr., Falls Church, Va.

Col. Coleman Romain, Fort Lee, Virginia. C/S, QM Center.

Col. Leland Smith, Fort Lee, Virginia.

Newton Jacobs, Fort Lee, Virginia. (Rank not determined.)

†—Home address.

‡—Business address.

*—The Pentagon.

Leslie Downing last month announced that in association with Mr. Arthur F. Carroll, Jr., he will begin to practice law in the District of Columbia.

The following news item appeared in the November 18 "Army Navy Air Force Journal" It speaks for itself:

"President Truman this week commended Maj. Gen. Lyman Lemnitzer, USA, for his work as director of the Office of Military Assistance.

"General Lemnitzer is leaving for Ft. Benning, Ga., to attend the airborne school, after which he is slated to command a division, probably the 11th Airborne Division at Ft. Campbell, Ky.

"The President extended his congratulations to General Lemnitzer at a private White House interview".

Retirements during the past three months included the name of E. C. Englehart, Arty, retired upon his own request as colonel, October 28, 1950.

Some time ago, there came to my hands a few verses written by our good classmate, John Lynch. They are simple words, set down it is quite evident, when John was in a nostalgic mood. But they are meaningful words, too, and I think the thoughts they express are good and harmonious—the kind of thoughts which are so rare and so sorely needed in this present time of stress, discord and war:

THE CORPS

There are times at night
When the fast dimming light
Plays tricks with my tired eyes.

And I see once more thru the distant door,
The dreams that the days deny.
The hot tears start and my harrowed heart,
Is pierced with a poignant pang,
As I backward gaze on my West Point days
And I dream of that old cadet gang.

There was Harvy and Rhu
And Ford and True,
And Freddie and Freckled Bill.
And a man named Mac, who was quite a crack

When it came to punting that pill.
Then the riding class,
Where we were always asked
"Are you hurt?" hen we had a spill.

Oh the tricks we played and the plans we made
On the practice marches of old
Those Cadet hikes which were our great delight
With their stories so often retold.

The academic days
Which we all so prize
With their writs and finals galore
Where the hivey ones
Reaped all the fun
And the goats remained for more.
Oh men of the Corps
Who have gone on before
Your deeds have inspired us anew.
And we who remain
Salute you again
For the Corps, The Corps, The Corps.
J. T. Lynch, Class 1920.

—E. C. G., Jr.

1921 and 1922

The sad news of the death of Gordon Armes at Louisville, Kentucky, on April 21, 1950, was learned at West Point after the last issue of *Assembly* had been published. The sympathy of all of us goes to Ruth, his widow. She is presently residing at 23 May Street, Worcester, Massachusetts.

In this column in the October 1950 *Assembly* it was reported that O'Connell had moved from Fort Monmouth, New Jersey to Harvard as a student. He told me at the Michigan game in New York on October 14, after *Assembly* was on the press, that his orders to Harvard had been suspended because of the situation in the Far East. Last November he was transferred to Fort George G. Meade, Maryland, for duty as Signal Officer of the Second Army.

Colonel F. J. Woods was transferred last October to the AAA and GM Center at Fort Bliss, Texas. Numa Watson was last reported to be Headquarters Commandant, X Corps, in Korea. Word from Washington says that Brigadier General G. H. Olmsted is now on the General Staff, USA, in the Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4. Colonel F. S. Lee, MPC, is now Chief of the Personnel Division in the Office of the Provost Marshal General in Washington.

Brigadier General J. F. Uncles has recovered his star and has been transferred from EUCOM to the 4th Infantry Division, Third Army, at Fort Benning. D. J. Crawford has been promoted to Brigadier General. His article "Automotive Industrial Mobilization" appeared on the first page of the "Army-Navy-Air Force Journal" of September 16, 1950. Cort Schuyler's nomination as a permanent Brigadier General has been confirmed. He has been nominated as a temporary Major General and ordered to SHAPE (Supreme Headquarters, Allied Powers, Europe). Mathewson has been nominated as a permanent Brigadier General and as a temporary Major General. He will succeed Max Taylor in Berlin. Max will become Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, USA, in Washington. Congratulations from 1922

on these well deserved promotions and important assignments.

About a dozen Orioles witnessed the debacle in Philadelphia on last December 2nd, most of them with wives and/or other members of their families. But perhaps the less said about that affair, the better!

—C. N. B.

1923

The latest news from Sammy Johnson is good. Bill Biddle reported that Sammy was able to sail from England early in September. Then word came from Ralph Tudor in San Francisco, on November 17th, as follows: "I know you will be happy to learn that Sam Johnson has safely survived two serious operations and appears to be on the road to recovery. . . The doctors have performed what I believe they call a 'sympathectomy' which involves severing the nerves to relieve the (blood) pressure. The first operation was two weeks ago today and the second was day before yesterday (3rd and 15th). We talked to his doctor and to Ruth last evening and both seemed delighted with the results so far. Sam still has a long road to recovery and the full effects will not be known for some time, but the doctor felt that the results so far were excellent. Ruth said the pressure had dropped from about 220 to around 140. Sam will be able to listen to the Army-Stanford game tomorrow and we will see that he has flowers from '23. At the game we expect to see the Ray Pierces (now with G-3 at the Sixth Army), the George Meyers (I.G. Section at 6th Army), the Art Garrechts, our retired neighbors, and perhaps others. John Pesek (Assistant to the Chief of Staff at 6th Army) said he cannot be on hand and we are sorry. I am still planning bridges across San Francisco Bay but we have been frustrated for some time by a political situation. With the election now over the subject is being cautiously reopened and perhaps something can be done. I also have several bridges along the Columbia River and, for variety, a port and couple of utilities. Plenty of business and problems" (Note: Ralph's address is Tudor Engineering Co., 74 New Montgomery St., San Francisco 5.)

Your reporter saw the following at the Penn Game; Scheetz, Tully, Lew Marshall, McLean, Birney Morse, Vandenberg and Johnny White. Very little conversation was possible because there were too many Penn rooters between us. Harry Scheetz is going ahead with building his house, which he is doing with his own hands. The photos of it look quite professional.

John Chambers wrote from Boston: "Last month while at the Manlius School, Manlius, New York, where I went to enter my son in this excellent institution, I looked up Paul Hanson who is an instructor in mathematics. We had a brief but nice chat. Paul appears in excellent spirits. He is doing a fine job trying to prepare good candidates for the Military Academy. There must be something about Boston that keeps classmates away, since I never run into any friend or find any have visited this fair city".

The following are the minutes of the meeting of the Washington Group, September 6, 1950: The meeting and luncheon was held at the Officers Club, South Post. Nineteen of the Class were present. Workloads in various offices kept the attendance down. As announced in Carraway's letter of May 1950, the matter of the Class Wedding Gift was considered. In response to the referred letter, two applications for reimbursement were received. The two totalled about \$200.00. It was voted that reimbursement be made. Treasurer Towle read a financial statement. (End of minutes.)

The Washington Group held a luncheon

in the General Officers' Lounge, Pentagon, on October 18th. It scheduled a cocktail party for December 10th at the Officers' Club, South Post.

Larry Barroll phoned from New York City on September 19th. He said he was still living in Sweden and expected to sail for there about the middle of October. He has a girl of 13 and a boy of 11. Harold Kehm is Army Attache, American Embassy, Dublin. Frenchy Grombach sent a picture post card from Paris with the statement that this is the equivalent of his fourth trip around the world since World War II.

R. B. Evans writes: "Have bought a home right on the water in Sarasota, Fla. and will be in it by November 6. Private boat dock, fishing, from my front yard, perfect swimming beach 500 yards from house. Coconuts, citrus fruits, mangoes, avocados, papayas, etc. in the yard. Guest room in the garage. Always room for any of the gang, including Lord and his yacht. My address is Box 97, Route 4, Siesta Key, Sarasota, Fla."

Jefferies promises to come up from Baltimore where he is with the 3rd Army. His son Paul is a plebe, and his wife has already been up here once. Jeff saw Tully and Milton at the Army-Michigan Game, but didn't make it this far. Jack Evans was at the game with New Mexico. He has a plebe son too.

Jim Fry writes from Vienna: "I haven't too much chance to visit with classmates here in Austria. Gilmartin was here and developed a championship football team and wonderful gymnasium as tangible evidence to remember him by. We saw Jack and Mary Harmony in Rome and they visited us in Vienna. Jack is doing a fine job (military attache). Perhaps Mary should be included in this comment, for the substantial part of the work there is entertaining, which I gather keeps her busy. Their daughter Sally is grown up and beautiful. Tom and Marquerite Maddocks have just returned to an assignment at Fort Monmouth. He was here as Chief Signal Officer for US Forces in Austria and did a fine job. We had one brief vacation with them to Venice which was a wonderful experience. Jess and Jeff Binns were by on one occasion on a shopping binge. They took time out for a cocktail and to pass along information of classmates in EUCOM. Bob and Polly Dulaney were here for a few months. He commanded the 350th Infantry and did a splendid job. He left us for promotion and assignment to the 45th Division".

The Association of Graduates is anxious to obtain the addresses of the following for its mailing list, please write if you know where they are: Kerr, Voedisch, McEl-downey, Lowe, Hennessy, Cavender, Heyl, Michelet, George Williams, Krueger, Graffin, Manross, Oscar Stewart. —W. J. Morton.

1924

Elvin Selbert started with us but received his A.B. from Columbia College in 1924. He later took graduate work at University of Columbia and entered the Foreign Service in 1929. After service in the Dominican Republic, China, Siam, Brazil, New Zealand and Australia, he writes from the Consulate, Tampico, Mexico, "I was married in 1937 and have two boys (12) (10), and a daughter (3). Am interested in home mechanics, horses, boats and maps"

From Headquarters, 8th Army RTC, Henry Kiel writes, "Arrived in Japan about middle of July. Saw Si Hosea at Camp Stoneman on his way to Okinawa, and Phil Garges in Japan. Have a son (16) and a daughter (19)"

Walter French, on duty with AF, ROTC, at Michigan State, says, "Like all of the Thundering Herd my family seems to in-

crease every year. At the present time, I have two granddaughters and two grandsons. My daughters' husbands are both in the AF. I expect to be on this detail at least two more years, and if any of the Herd come this way, I would appreciate them stopping for a little refreshment"

After an extended vacation and business trip to Banff, Lake Louise and the West Coast, Bill Renn dropped me a line, "Since December 1945, when I returned to civilian life, I have been back in the plywood business. Recently resigned to organize my own plywood manufacturing plant on the West Coast. At present, maintaining my residence here in Jenkintown, Pa. We have two daughters (8) (10) who are keeping us young"

From the Hague, Bruce Bidwell writes, "Have been in the Netherlands as Army Attache for past year. Have my daughter, Barbara, with me and my other daughter, Beverly, is now at Hamilton Field, married to an AF lieutenant. Holland is a very nice and friendly country, and if I could ever get caught up in my work, would enjoy it very much"

After three pleasant years in Japan, George and Laura Vaughn and their daughter, Ann, arrived in the States in July. George is now Ordnance Officer of the First Army.

Logan Berry reports that after three years in Germany he is now with the Armored School at Ft. Knox. "Tom Roberts is running the show at the school and Jordan Theis is G-4 of the Armored Center."

From EUCOM, Lee, E. O. writes, "I am holding down the job of Chief of Budget. I find it a very interesting but demanding job to take care of the money needs of everyone. Our older boy entered Lehigh University this year, and the younger will graduate from high school. Others of the Herd in this vicinity are: Harry van Wyk, Deputy Chief of TC Division; Sam Conley, heading OPOT with Jack Riepe; Furholmen, just arrived to take over PID; Dave Erskine, Moores and Andy Gamble are scattered around the zone"

George Busbey, having brushed up on his Spanish, is now headed for Peru as head of our Military Mission there. His mustache ends are still neatly waxed.

Frank Gillette is Chief Advisor to Korean II Corps and states that he is having a busy time. He visited with Dick Stephens, CO of an infantry regiment and Em Itchner, Engineer of I US Corps. Saw Jim Willis on his flying tour.

We did well on the list of new generals in the Army. Red Mead as Asst. Div Cmdr of the Third Division and Gordon Textor in Office C of E, received their first star for the second time; while Vic Conrad, OCSO; Ralph Glasgow, OCTC; Dick Prather, CS, Alaskan Command, and Bill Maglin, OPMG, received their stars for the first time.

Smith, R. F., writes from Chicago, where he is in the advertising business with Ewell and Thurber Associates, "Our eldest graduated from Annapolis in 49; our second son is a 2nd classman at USMA; daughter Ann is a freshman at Indiana University. I would appreciate hearing from any member of the class visiting Chicago"

Karl Woltersdorf writes, "There is little to report from this quarter, since I am still located in Huntsville, Alabama, managing the local electric utility; still married to the same girl, Becky; still have only one offspring (Karl, Jr., a 2d classman); and still very much interested in the activities of other members of the Thundering Herd. I envy you members of the Herd in Washington, who have the opportunity of seeing each other so often, and in such substantial numbers now"

Fred Pyne got all of this on one postal card, "Still active in sales for Aluminum Co. of America after 22 years. Now in De-

troit Sales office. Also a Lt. Col. Inf., USAR. Two sons (23) (24), are seniors at Tri-State College of Engineering and both in NG. Younger son and daughter (21) are married. No grandchildren".

Zero Wilson, PMS&T, N. Mexico MI, says that in trying to balance his checkbook (Betty gave up after 23 years) he discovered that Jim Willis had not cashed the check he sent in last May for his 1950 dues, so he sent another with definite instructions to cash one or none, not *both*, as his account couldn't stand it after the 10th of the month.

"Wrockloff takes the air again. Erma, little George (12) and I are in San Antonio. We have three quarters of an acre with a random rock house on it. Last April the house burned to the ground, caused by a fire in a new car of unexplained origin. Many of our treasures, collected over the years, were completely destroyed. However, we were pretty well covered by insurance, have rebuilt, refurnished and are back again in a better house and, in many instances, better equipment. There can be no replacement for many of the things that made home, but we hope to be happy here for many years to come."

From Bob Harper, "I now have my headquarters at Scott AF Base, Ill. My wife, Peggy, and daughter, Joan (16) are with me. A stepson, Robert H. McCully, is a 1st Lt. AF. We have a classmate, Deck Reynolds, in St. Louis. I have only seen him once, although I have talked with him several times. While on a recent trip to Brazil, I saw Harry Gills, a chap who entered with our class, but who was found. He is at San Paulo, in the television and electric business"

From Hq RYCOM, Walter Linn writes, "Rupe Graves, Dutch Rothgeb and Willie Schaffer are here with me on Okinawa. Willie and I have families here. Were about to leave when the Korean fuss started. Our best to you all"

Ken Strother submits this parital list of '24 in FEC:

Strother, Chief TI&E, GHQ. Melba and Joanna (15) live in Tokyo and like it. Hundley, Chief, Civil Historical Section, GHQ. Virginia and Doug went home in July. Stebbins, G-4, 8th Army, in Korea. Pat lives in Yokohama. Stephens, R. W. has commanded an Infantry regiment of the 24th Div during combat in Korea and has done a fine job. Silver Star. Betty lives in Kumamoto. Hill, J. G., Hq, 2d Logistical Command. Mead, A. D., assistant Division Commander 3d Div., Mary Bruce and the girls live in Columbus, Ga. Charley Palmer is a Div Arty CG in Korea. Griffith (Ganorsky) is in PM Sec GHQ. Family in Tokyo. Garges is Executive, Engr Sec GHQ, with family in Tokyo. Moore, D. M., commands an Infantry regiment in the 2d Div. Anticipates a return to Inchon where he was liberated from a Jap POW camp almost 5 years ago (Oct). Brick and Charlie live in Columbus. Maher, AG Sec GHQ. Family in Tokyo. Ackerman, Hq 2d Logistical Command at Pusan where he has been since early in the war. Eareckson, here with the Far East Air Force. Partridge, who has done a really outstanding job commanding 5th AF. His wife lives in Nagoya. Turner, commands 13th AF in Clark Field, P. I.

Recent assignments: Paul Cooper to FEC. Malin Craig is now on duty with Inspector of Artillery for AFF at Fort Monroe. Thompson, F. J., to 9th Inf Div, 1st Army. Charlie Dasher heads the Information Section of AFF. Reg Dean and Bill O'Connor to V Corps, Ft Bragg as Engineer and Deputy C/S. George Elliot retired 31 August. Harold Gard to 19th AAA Group, Ft. Meade. Pete Hains, now Deputy Director, Office of Military Assistance, OSD. Sarratt Hames to Hq 4th Army, Ft. Sam Houston, Texas. Jim Howell, class president the past year, to the Inspector of Artillery Office, AFF. Martin Hass has taken over Jim Moore's old job as Secretary

of the General Staff and Jim is now CG of the 10th Division at Ft. Riley. Ralph Koch to OC of Finance, Washington. Emil Peterson is Assistant Commandant, Engineer School, Ft. Belvoir. Merow Sorley is with the RTC at Ft. Belvoir. George Pope is an instructor at AFIC. Clyde Eddleman, just back from Trieste, has taken over the Plains Division of GSG-3. John Ramsey retired September 30. Ray Robbins to R&D Section of AFF, Fort Monroe. Peter Lee, Howie Kerr and Gordon Rogers are helping Art Trudeau run the Army War College at Ft. Leavenworth. Paul Pickhardt is Senior Instructor of Arkansas NG. Bill Forbes is with the Panama Area Joint Facilities Board of the Caribbean Command.

Rags Coughlin was here in December getting oriented before leaving for London to head the Standardization Group. He has been relieved at AFF Board No. 3, Ft. Benning by Jags Eyerly who is just back from Panama and looking as young as ever.

The Cotillion Committee, Kidwells, Hulleys, McCullochs, Hains, Lorraine Claybrook, and Sam Fisher, held the first cotillion of the season for Army, Navy and Air Force juniors on November 25th. In the receiving line were the Cummings, Morriss' and Kidwells. It was one of the largest dances since the beginning of the cotillion. The second cotillion was held December 28th.

Fisher S. Blinn was buried in Arlington November 22. He had retired in 1946 and was an instructor of Mathematics at the College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Va. The class was well represented at the funeral.

The Thayer Hotel at West Point was a friendly spot when the class sponsored the annual tea held on Sunday, December 10, for sons of classmates who are now following in our footsteps. Bill Triplet started this rolling but due to his change of station from the Academy to the Pentagon, neither he nor Marian could be present. Tasker, Sullivan and McComsey, with the help of their respective wives, saw to it that Bill's planning was successfully carried out. Miller, V. R., his wife and daughter, were visiting the son, a plebe, and dropped in to enjoy the party.

Thirty-four of the group of forty-eight sons were present and to add color to the occasion, our stalwart cohorts, mentioned above, saw to it that many attractive girls were invited. Our West Point contingent reports that this assembly was a great success and the sons departed looking forward to next year's event with enthusiasm typical of "the younger herd"

Class officers for the coming year are: president, Larry Ladue; 1st vice president, Emerson Cummings; 2d vice president, Ralph Glasgow; treasurer, Jim Hulley; secretary, Sam Fisher.

—Sam Fisher.

1925

Frank Steer, settling into retirement, gives his nesting address as P.O. Box 1574, Honolulu, T. H. George Withers is happy with his job of keeping the Panama Canal open. He reports George, Jr. expects to enter USMA next year. Branner Purdue dropped by West Point from Alaska to see his boy, who is a Plebe. Leland Kuhre sends his impressions of Turkey: ox-cart and wooden plow still in regular use; chagrined to discover harems outlawed—couldn't find any; the fez gone; only a few veiled women; only classmate around; visited the place where Alexander cut the Gordian knot; wishes someone would send him a good sharp saber to cut one he is struggling with.

Hoppy Hopkins forwarded a program of the Class Reunion at Berchtesgaden. Who-

ever got it up did a very nice job, mostly handwork. Congratulations. Agnes Toms sent in the details of the reunion which were published in the October 1950 *Assembly*. Diz Barnes on a recent trip to Europe saw Bill and Sue Heacock. Bill is retired and they are touring Europe while daughter Mary finishes school in Switzerland.

The storm in the East last November hit West Point pretty hard. Winds up to 100 mph were recorded at Bear Mountain. Quite a number of large beautiful trees on the Post were uprooted. A Class tree in front of the Library, about thirty feet from ours, was snapped off at the base. The copper roofing on the Riding Hall was in many places rolled up like paper. Damage to the installations on the Post is estimated at a quarter of a million dollars.

Hope to do better next time.

—V. J. E.

1926

Your mates in Washington appear to be eating more regularly, according to indications at the last two class luncheons in the Pentagon, at each of which more than 30 of the chosen class were present. After due consideration of all exigencies, it has been decided to hold future monthly lunches on the third Friday, at 1215, in the Generals' dining room. Come and see us and watch the stars go by.

The October luncheon was a reorganizing sort of affair. The Washington Executive Committee was dusted off and put under the capable hand of Red Corderman, who will in compensation be titled Chairman and Secretary. Named to his staff were Maude, Smith, C. R., Storke, and Strickler. Several other matters were handled: (a) Steps are now being taken to put our voluminous records and the responsibility for occasional secretarial action in the best possible spot, i.e., either Washington or West Point, (b) The Reunion Committee for the moment was narrowed down to Heiberg and Nourse at West Point and Ankenbrandt and Osborne in Washington (see below for their first accomplishment), (c) Cash was found to be necessary, but wanting, to a degree which unfortunately appears to indicate need for a future dun, or an occasional re-dun, (d) Your correspondent, then on the job as an amanuensis at the then-current and long-suffering NATO Defense Committee meeting, was in absentia voted another year's tour, without reclamar.

On the subject of that 25th Reunion which you're champing at the post about, the Committee will soon send out Reunion Bulletin No. 1. Please return your filled-in questionnaire (the one about girl friends, VOQ, alterations, etc.) to Nourse, Ankenbrandt, or Osborne; please drop it in the mail at once. Logistic problems, you know

Our local entertainment committee of Des Islets, Bayer, Griffing, and Harris arranged a class dinner and dance for the 9th of December. For details, see the social column in our next.

The class of '26 paid tribute to a grand old friend when for the Arlington funeral on 22 September of Brigadier General C. C. ("P") Carter, Freddy Munson arranged to send a floral tribute whose card read "With the fondest of memories from the Class of Nineteen Twenty-Six" Several classmates attended the funeral.

In Korea the Corps Artillery (the dough-boy's friend) is in the best possible hands, we are pleased to report. Bill Ennis is Corps Artillery Officer for the X Corps, while Tommy deShazo has the same job for the I Corps. With some anxiety at this writing, we send our best wishes for their safety.

Charley Sloan is commanding a regiment

of the 2nd Div in Korea. Tyler Calhoun has been ordered from Camp Gordon, Ga., to the V Corps Artillery, Fort Bragg, N. C. We salute Bill Bowen on retrieving his star and hope it remains in proper place. He was given his recess appointment to BG by the President on October 20. Doc Jones will leave Washington shortly to take the six months course at the Army Language School at Monterey, California, where he will major in Portuguese.

Athletic notes from the Army-Navy Country Club: First place in the husband-wife round robin tennis tournament was won by Col. and Mrs. W. L. Bayer; Second place winners at the October 13 bridge were Col. and Mrs. W. P. Corderman.

It is reported that Jimmie Van Horne is now cruising around in Europe for the International Relief Organization. As we approach our 25th and later reunions, this will be a good point to remember in the interest of social security. Ted Wenzlaff is now connected with Industrial Mobilization Planning in Chicago.

Notes from that area of cloistered relaxation, the National War College: Bennie Heiser did a snappy job of catching as the NWC softball team took its semi-annual licking from the tycoons of the Industrial College, and also amassed a (one) hit; Hal Brusher and Walt Stanton can be seen frequently at the lectures with their eyes closed, deep in meditation. This was unanimously agreed by Bills Baird and Deyo, who are alertly pursuing the rigorous course at the Industrial College.

Maurice Condon has been reported as a big real estate operator in Florida. Contact Cantrell and Condon, Realtors, Clearwater, Fla., for a house or for more dope. Joe Halversen is functioning in the Directorate of Manpower and Organization, Headquarters USAF, The Pentagon. Ez Prudhomme, of Headquarters Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, paid the big town a too-brief visit in early November. Harold McDaniel, instructing at the newly opened Army War College at Fort Leavenworth on policy, joint operations, plans, and strategy, was around The Pentagon during the week of November 13-17, chaperoning the War College Class. We hear that Johnson, A. H., is now located at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, where he is a BG and a Division Chief "of some sort"

John Bridgman is living at 3761 Gunston Road, Alexandria, Virginia, and Jolly Edmunds at 1351 Wallach Place, N.W., in Washington. We see too little of both. George Taylor, a major in the QM Corps, dropped in to see us a short time back, looking quite chipper. Bill Kerns came up from Fort Belvoir for our last luncheon; he is a captain in Headquarters, 24th Engineer Group. Strick Strickler has settled down in the Penthouse to head the North American Branch, Operations Div. G-3, DOA. Bill Walker is back from Rome temporarily, to have a little work done on his eyes at Walter Reed. Paul Carroll is also out at Walter Reed, for a check-up. John Roosma is still upholding law and order, in the Provost Marshal Division of EUCOM.

Coke Carter's ticker started acting up on him a short while ago and he was in Walter Reed for quite some time. He is out now but it looks as though he will be retired some time this year.

Maurice Condon and his wife paid West Point a visit shortly after the Navy game. McDaniel attended the Student Conference on United States Affairs at West Point as a representative of the Army War College.

Quite a number of the Class were sitting between the ten and twenty yard line in Philadelphia on December 2nd. If any of you know what happened please tell us. Blue-shirted lightning seemed to be striking all afternoon and it was too hot for our boys to handle.
—H. P. S. and R. S. N.

1927

Gar Davidson is now Asst. Div. Commander of 24th Division in Korea—transferred to Infantry from Engineers in the spring of '50—Ferne and the boys live at 5200 Mehates, Omaha, Nebraska. Jack Schwab was promoted November 1 to Asst. General Manager, Pennsy RR, in charge of Eastern Region. Has been in hospital but expected to be out soon. Mac Johnson was in from Hawaii for a week of business in the Pentagon. Geo. Derby visited the Pentagon on business. Woody Hacker is being assigned to G-2. Jimmy Collins just arrived in the Pentagon and is now assigned as Executive to Asst. Secy. Rosenberg, OSD. Trap Trappnell spent a week in Washington recently with members of Army War College Class.

The Officers' Club at Gravelly Point, Virginia, was the scene of a class party on the night of November 25. Members braving the sleet and snow to enjoy refreshments and a delicious buffet supper were Colonel and Mrs. Frank Ostenberg, Colonel and Mrs. Woodbury Burgess, Colonel and Mrs. Kenneth Thibaud, Colonel and Mrs. George Levings, Colonel and Mrs. Willis Matthews, Colonel and Mrs. John Hopper, Colonel and Mrs. Robert Aloe, Colonel and Mrs. Paul Berrigan, Colonel and Mrs. Dana McGown, Colonel and Mrs. Horace Quinn, Colonel Jeremiah Holland, Mrs. Carlina Glasgow and Mrs. Frances Howard, who was up from Camp Gordon, Georgia, for the weekend. The committee on arrangements was—Colonels Mechling, Doan, Ostenberg and Levings.

—Edward P. Mechling.

1928

With much scraping and scouting about have a little material to give us a spot in this issue of *Assembly*. Last time we didn't get in as there was nothing more to say than that we are still here and would like to hear from you all! So let's have some mail telling us the latest dope. We can't have a column without a little help.

As we go to press the "Second U.S.M.A. Student Conference on United States Affairs" is being held. Our esteemed colleague Carl Fritzsche is here from the War College as an Advisor and Observer. He is staying with Johnnie Morrow but has been too busy for us to get any news of classmates. Maybe we'll have something next time—we hope!

Johnnie has done all the scouting for us this time. He traveled to the Stanford game and while gone saw Jimmie Olive in Albuquerque, Frank Maerdian and Mac Watkins in California. Johnnie also took in the Army-Navy game in Phila and saw Bim Wilson with wife and son, Ramey, Kissner, Coverdale, Don Smith and wife, McLennan and wife, Webb, Traub and Fred Anderson. There may have been others not seen by "the scout".

Also caught a news item in the Journal a week or two ago that wedding bells will ring on the 27th of December for Ramey.

A letter came in a while back from Tomlin. Quote: "After my retirement in '46 I finished up the law course I had started some time before and became a member of the bar (not the kind my classmates will associate with any memory they have of me). At present I am an Assistant Professor of Law at the University of Florida and live in Gainesville, Florida, with my wife Alison and two little girls (5 and 3 years old). Will be glad to dispense a little of that old southern hospitality to any classmate coming near here"

We also had a letter from McGarr, who is living in Salzburg with his family. Says he is enjoying being back in the Army again

after his tour of staff work. He is Inspector for training of U.S. Forces in Austria and acts as Tactical Command Chief of Staff when troops are on maneuvers—even the snow doesn't bother him.

So with these few tid-bits we come to the close of another column. Please make a New Year's resolution to drop the poor scribe a line so he will have something to write for you to read come next issue of *Assembly*.
—P. D. C.

1929

The thin red line of 'eroes of the class in this vicinity has recently been reinforced by the arrival of Freddy Smith, whose headquarters now are at Stewart Air Force Base. At the Army-Michigan game last October we noted the following classmates in attendance: Phil Bennett, Jim Gavin, Jupe Lindsey, Bill McCulla, Hank McKenzie and Paul Thompson. Bennett, retired, is sales engineer for the Bendix Aviation Corporation at Teterboro, N. J. McKenzie is now Executive Officer, N. Y. Quartermaster Procurement Agency, 111 E. 16th Street, N. Y. City, telephone Gramercy 7-4700. He would like to see his friends passing through. Thompson, in the U.S. for a few weeks, has now returned to his *Reader's Digest* post in Paris.

Our mail bag has a few welcome news items for this issue—Bill Bowyer, PAST at Purdue, writes that Nellie Coutlee and Zeke Napier are holding the same job at Notre Dame and Texas A&M, respectively. For the benefit of the old-fashioned members of the class, PAST is Professor of Air Science and Tactics.

Bob Chard writes from Tokyo to say that in that area, in addition to himself, are Gus Brown, Lank deReimer, Tiny Jark, Joe Rauck and Ken Woodbury. Recent arrivals in the Far East Command include: Swede Svensson, Vander Heide, Joe Colby, Don Zimmerman, and Kai Rasmussen. Bob adds that Harley Parks and Jim Gavin were recent visitors.

George Reilly has sent us a news account of the splendid job Paul Freeman has done with his Infantry regiment in the 2d Division in Korea.

From Germany comes a greeting from the courtly Chan Robbins, who has a Constabulary Regiment, and who states that he has seen Lefty Mace, Jeff Seitz and Jim Quill. So far, he adds, he has not run into Joe Horridge, George McAneny, Sam Silver or Tommy DuBose, but he knows they are there. Paul Caraway has sent greetings from Trieste where he commands the RCT stationed there.

Jupe Lindsey, whom we falsely accused in the last issue of having held out (when in fact we misplaced his news letter), has written again to point out that the next class shindig, a cocktail-dinner-dance, will be held at the Army and Navy Country Club on Saturday, February 17. Recent arrivals in the Washington area include John McCartney with USAF, Joe Ladd with JCS and Dan Sundt with G-3. ICAF students this year include: Fagg, Hamlin, Hill, Renshaw, Shumate and Strader. At NWC are Buchanan, Hunter, Samuels, Sladen and Ward. Jupe adds that Harley Parks saw Tom Conley, Ed Lasher and Logan Clarke in Korea while on his trip to FEC.

Thanks to all our correspondents for the foregoing poop. Best wishes for a successful New Year.
—J. D. F. P.

1930

A letter has come in from Buck Folk at the AWC at Leavenworth listing Allen, Am-

merman, Atkinson, Boyd, Crawford, Dudley, Ewbank, Folk, Roy and Stuart as students in the present course, and Al Watson with the Faculty. They were making plans for a class fracas during Wood's lecture visit October 2nd.

Jasper Riley writes that, as of November 1, he was living with his family in Esslingen, Germany, about 10 miles southeast of Stuttgart. He has been a resettlement officer with the International Refugee Organization since December, '48. He plans to return Stateside in early '51, preparatory to beginning a course in optometry in October. Until that time, the latch-string is out at 73 Ebershalden Strasse, Esslingen, Am Neckar.

That is the news as it has reached your new reporter—appointed, as usual in absentia. Both letters have been passed to Bob, for inclusion in *Wood's Word*.

Which raises a point. The Class Bulletin does a magnificent job—witness the *Reunion Report*—of keeping us in touch. However, there undoubtedly are many in classes contemporary with us, and others, who are also interested in maintaining contact. So if you have dope which you feel you'd like to have distributed to that wider audience, through the medium of the *Assembly* columns, send it to me at the Law Department at West Point. It will be noted for the next effusion and then forwarded to Wood for the bulletin.

As these notes go to press, a report has just been received that Allen D. MacLean was killed in action in Korea while in command of an Infantry regiment. The sympathy of the entire Class goes to his family.

—Emery.

1931

Season's greetings to you from the West Point contingent—all two of us. We hope all goes well and that this time next year the future will look more firm and all that. Our attention here will now turn towards June and seeing many of you. No program is available at this time—so uncertain have been our day to day plans. However as time marches on we hope to present something.

Football always turns out a goodly number and this year has been no exception. Because of the limited number of games here perhaps not as many returned to West Point. However during the course of events here and elsewhere among those in attendance the following were noted: Yates, Hoover, Skidmore, Hughes, Hertz, Hauck, Wagner, C. C., Brown, J. M., Moses, Boyd, Smellow, Hoy, McNair, Eaton, Carlson, G. C., Cotter, Dickson, Esdorn, and Pat Coyle representing Marvin who is in Korea. Others were present, I am sure, but I missed them. I was disappointed not to see Mickey Moore at the Navy game, as his seats were just in front of mine. However he was represented by several members of one of his night fighter squadrons so the seats were not unoccupied.

After our many years of schooling the fruits of study are beginning to make their appearance. Bobo Beishline has just published a very scholarly and comprehensive book entitled "Military Management for National Defense". I think it would be nice if Bobo presented each classmate with an autographed copy—*presented*, I say! In the other direction P. O. Ward has forever etched his words in the annals of Congress. As you know he wrote a very fine article about Infantry being the queen of battles. A congressman, from Texas incidentally, had it read into the Congressional Record where it will be preserved, and read by many, I hope.

Now for the letter news. Parks Houser wrote in from the Armed Forces Staff Col-

lege sending a generous donation to the class fund. He was interested in re-opening his account with the Athletic Association too—and Ockie took care of that. Jiggs Mahoney, in October, was in Korea and Seoul in particular when the roof caved in—had been Chief of Staff to the Military Advisory Group. He has seen Tom Marnane and Fielder Greer over there. He further reports that M. O. Perry did a fine job until wounded, and that Ted Timberlake's air show saved the day many a time for some struggling infantry unit. Tom Stayton predicts from "over there" that there will probably be a larger reunion in the Far East in June than at West Point. He has seen or heard from Bill Hampton, Dick Harrison, Bob Cheal, Ernie Peters, Dan Workizer, Herb Mansfield, Gordon Singles, John Berry, Bill Dick and Bill Train. On his way out he stopped in Portland to see Chet Ott, who is hale and hearty, and doing well in his lumber business.

Chuck Westpheling, the Transportation Corps representative at the Army Airborne Center, has sent in information from that direction. He reports that the Speidels are there, Jim King is slated to be G-3 of V Corps, Don Little won a golf tournament at the AFSC and that Chet Diestel has gone to Fort Bliss. On a visit to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base he saw Al Gay and Carl Damberg. They are both involved in high-powered super-doooper work the nature of which they failed to reveal because of consideration for Chuck's feelings.

From Fort Leavenworth comes a word penned by Joe Coolidge, who with Jim Corbett wishes to lodge a general complaint regarding the lack of personal attention to unexpressed needs. What this means neither Ockie nor I can determine—but we feel that the winter winds of Kansas will take good care of them.

Now back to Washington and the Pentagon. Rumor has it that Howard Reed is back in the Army and has gone off to Okinawa. Charlie Howze reports seeing Ted Parker, Magee and Budge Howard not too recently. They are busy burning the midnight oil these days. Pat Carter is back in the Office of the Secretary of Defense. At the National War College are Cassevant, Guenther, MacLaughlin, Rodenhauser, Harris, Young, and Barclay. Nearby at the Industrial College are Carlson, G. W.; Powell and Carter, R. S.; Ted Parker, even though reported as above, seems to have orders to Fort Riley to join the 10th Infantry Division.

Other notes gleaned from the service journals locate Redden at Fort Douglas and Dean Gough on his way from Brooklyn to Washington; Cardell, Cather, Irvine, Lawson, and Steinbeck at the Army War College. OZ Tyler, in addition to adding to his family, is also writing poetry, no doubt aided and abetted by Lash.

Tex Hightower, with the US Mission to Argentina in Buenos Aires, is enjoying his tour there. He reports it will end in 1951 in time for him to report for the opening of the National War College. As a matter of interest his work has been as an advisor with the mechanized units of their Army. Aside from the lectures, conferences, and inspections he has had an opportunity to indulge in some very fine fishing and hunting as well as the hectic social life one leads in these countries. His work sounds most attractive—so take heed those of you who want to work as well as enjoy life. A detail there might not be too bad for the aging members of our class!

And so we come to the end of another column, which I think is poor. Frankly I am all written out. The time span of this column is several months and I find myself making contradicting statements within each—so fluid is the situation. Individuals are more on the move than ever. The ad-

dress list is not complete because it has just been impossible to get one that is worth much. With the new year I hope for better results and a new approach. Happy New Year.

—John K. Waters.

1932

Two welcome and newsy reports from Don Roth at Leavenworth have been received—the first just a bit too late for the last *Assembly*. The Leavenworth group of the class has organized itself to advantage. Bugs Cairns sparked the deal in July, and a committee composed of Ed Rowan, Bill Spurgin, and Ed Shinkle did a bang-up job in helping the new arrivals on the post. The roster there, supplied by Ye Scribe Don reads as follows: On AWC Staff and Faculty are Dan and Nana Gilmer, John and Bedie Keating, Duke and Pat Ondrick, and Jack and Sue Weber; on the C&GSC Staff and Faculty are Bugs and Doris Cairns, Bill and Olga Massello, Don and Judy Roth, Ed and Margot Rowan, Ed and Kelly Shinkle, and Bill and Avis Spurgin; and at the AWC are Dwight and Flo Beach, Horace and Dottie Bigelow, Wally and Anne Brucker, Ray and Adaline Cochran, Lou and Mary Coutts, Charlie and Rose D'Orsa, Pop and LaTrelle Duncan, Harvey and Dort Fischer, Archy and Helen Lyon, Mac and Dut McFeely, Dale and Cleo Means, Steve and Thelma Mellnik, Charlie and Ruby Murray, Pinky and Carrie Bess Smith, and Danny and Roberta Sundt. Steve Braude reported in late as a student at AWC—he'd been under orders to Korea but, after settling his family in California those orders were changed, and Steve is living the life of a gay young bachelor, studying nights and working diligently.

Let Don tell of the Leavenworth activities: "For our first party, I think that Duke Ondrick, Ray Cochran, and Dwight Beach are to be handed a bouquet of orchids. It was one of the nicest parties we've had on the post in some time. Everyone seemed to be having a fine time. Everyone turned out—with the exception of Judy Roth. The evening was spent in getting re-acquainted—meeting of wives and talk of children and former stations. News was obtained of Roy Moore, who at the last reading was executive officer of the 29th Inf. Jack Price had his picture in one of the national magazines, performing one of the sad duties of a commander. Roberta Sundt and Flo Beach helped to keep the party going, with Roberta playing the "squeeze" box and Flo singing and leading the singing".

A monthly stag luncheon was held on October 18 at which an executive committee was elected—Dan Gilmer, Pinky Smith, and Ed Shinkle. Another luncheon is planned for December 13, and the executive committee announced plans for three more class parties during the year.

Don and Judy Roth announce the arrival of Mary Laura Roth on October 19—Congratulations, Don and Judy. The Roths can now field a basketball team—three sons and two daughters.

Old, reliable Ken Zitzman furnishes the following from the Washington contingent: "Dear Ed,

"If the Pentagon ever acquires a full-time Boswell—and I could be had for a price—American literature will certainly assume a livelier tone. The place owes its charm not so much to the little internal occurrences, such as dialing a number and hearing a tiny voice say, 'This is Western Europe', (a desk in G-3 Division), or seeing a kayak being towed along a corridor by a man wearing a Phi Beta Kappa key (bound for an R. and D. demonstration in

the auditorium), but for the way its influence permeates this influential city.

"For example, the closest thing to an 'At Home' that our cafeterias offer, occurs twice a year; two days before Thanksgiving and two days before Christmas. A generous serving of roast turkey, dressing and a full complement of sidearms goes (but fast) for 50c. About 12:30 p.m. on the day of the pre-Thanksgiving festival I happened to be in town, passing the 12th and Penn bus terminal. Two shop girls, each with a Romeo attached, were bearing down on the Pentagon platforms and as they passed, I caught a brief snatch of conversation.

"You're gonna show us where to get roast tokey with the woiks for half a buck?" one delighted Romeo was saying, 'Dis I gotta' see.'

"Well, dat he ain't seen yet, because when I gave up at 11:30 the line was backed up into the corridor and I can testify from past experience that by the time they got there, the turkey table would be as bare as a B-plate.

"But to get back to the hard core of the city, the stimulus that hastens the heart-beat and jangles the ganglia—politics. Victory was in the air as 74 instructed delegates gathered at Ft. McNair for buffet, bourbon and balloting early in the Fall. Victory for everyone in fact, because in the finest tradition of our class, the customary one-party ticket was offered and only the stricken candidates filled in the spaces labeled 'Other Choices'.

"It's true that one selectee had the courage to buck the system. When Biff Braude was given a choice between Sec-Treas and Korea, he naturally chose the latter. The juggernaut was rolling however, and the next step toward democracy was a simple question to Charlie Baer; 'Are you, or are you not due for overseas assignment within the next twelve months?'

"Address all future correspondence to Charlie.

"The complete slate, and finest job of rail-roading since the Fiskes and Harrimans, follows:

"Chairman—Luke Morris; Vice Chairman—Stan Wray; Sec-Treas—Baer, nee Braude; Asst Sec-Treas—Bus Wheeler; Council Members (i.e. Indians) Campbell, Dan, Hall, Hardy, Hewitt, Seaward, Suarez, Tisdale.

"As you can see, I escaped the formation unscathed, but somewhere in the confusion of election week, Pat found herself Vice President of the Washington Kiln Club and she's inclined to be a little bitter.

"By way of carrying a truckload of coal to Newcastle, Biff Braude found after arriving at the West Coast that his orders were changed and he ended up as a student at the Army War College. What I call coming up mighty lak a rose.

"A critique of the Michigan game at Clare and Farmer Jamison's new house in Arlington brought out a sizeable group of classmates and as a matter of fact, we could have replayed the game on their impressive sun porch, which rivals the Riding Hall in size if not in atmosphere. As might be expected of the Farmer, the vegetation was flourishing, but it's a far cry from the youth who plowed the straightest furrow in Lancaster (Pa) County; he now refers to himself as a compost engineer.

"By chance or design, all had served in San Antonio as Second Lieutenants (we caught one of those things in the Pentagon the other day, incidentally, and there was some talk of putting him under glass like the ship models).

"Clare's nice mother, Mrs. Holly Lindsay, whom we all knew then, was on hand also and to make the illusion complete, Farmer finally closed out the joint just as he used to do in the old days at the St. Anthony Roof.

"To go farther afield, the *Saturday Eve-*

ning Post featured an excellent article some time back on the jet fighter wing which Jack Price commands in FECOM. As of late September after three months of war, it had flown some 7,200 combat missions over Korea and showed no intentions of slacking off. The illustrations revealed that Jack has lost that scrawny look he had when he wrote 220 on the weight chart every afternoon during the football season, but he has gained no more than the average growing boy and carries it well. Certainly well enough to avoid any argument from me.

"Thoughts of football games, of course, always recall the entertaining (and consequently instructive) Phil lectures on the mornings of home games during second class year. It was therefore a sad mission for all of us when Pete Hinshaw, on behalf of the class, sent flowers to the funeral of 'P' Carter, a fine soldier and gentleman who taught us philosophy in the broadest sense of the word.

"*Economics of National Security*, a scholarly tome edited by Tom Harvey, along with Big Abe Lincoln and Bill Stone ('34), had a very good reception here and promises good sales. What with the jostling of the crowd and the sour looks from the clerks in Brentano's, I had to review it rather hastily, but found it well laid out, comprehensive and authoritative. After scanning it, my only apprehension is that Tom's instructors in the Industrial College will be taken down with a severe case of inferiority.

"Speaking of Tom's erudite study, it's just as well that the national security did not depend upon the principles of economics practiced at the November luncheon in the Pentagon. For this the local mob was augmented by twenty members of the Army War College, newly flown in from Leavenworth for a week's instruction at the top level. When it came time to pass the basket, Luke Morris announced that the per capita tax was \$1.15 for lunch plus 15c for incidentals or, as 'P' Echols thrashed uneasily in his grave, a total of \$1.25. Naturally, this mental calisthenic did not go unchallenged, but even after thirteen of us got together and held out 125 fingers, the basket yielded, not the expected \$51.25, but a completely inexplicable \$52.36. Cocktails, by the way, are never served at the Pentagon.

"Incidentally, the surly-lip readers who consider this column inane, tedious, puerile and generally de trop, (it's been called worse by pros), might well ponder two recent occurrences of note.

"The first took place in the washroom of the Army-Navy Country Club when a nice guy in the class of '41 introduced himself and reminded me that he had been in my Electricity section before the war. I got my guard up and looked around for Ed Suarez, but he only wanted to say that he reads these letters every issue. A small point, but when you realize that I could never turn the trick with *Electrical Engineering, Vols. I and II*, even when I was backed by the ubiquitous tenth book and quill pad, you can understand why I felt a warm glow, like a pilot light under a dish of cold turkey.

"The other instance has a definite international flavor. Anyone who reads this thing (don't forget Eddie Hartshorn's mother-in-law) will recall that when Johnnie and Noi Kambhu returned to Thailand in 1949, we made a direct appeal to the king to send them back here at the earliest practicable moment. Imagine our delight when the Kambhus turned up less than a year later at the last Ft. McNair supper (see election news, supra). Our hats are off to Johnnie who is now the Thai Trade Commissioner with office at 37 Wall St., New York City.

"Incidentally, without leaving New York, the Kambhus threw a very nice party in Washington, no mean accomplishment by

any standard. When he departed last year, Johnnie left behind a case of fine Siamese liquor with the sole expression that it be used for the purpose of making some members of the class of '32 more content with their lot in this queasy world. What with the normal delays and administrative confusion attendant upon such functions, it wasn't staged until a couple of months ago, but all agreed it was a terrific success.

"Like the Kambhus, the piece de resistance was mellow, gregarious, authoritative. The party started slowly because of the unreasonable attitude of some guests who were reluctant to take anything internally when they couldn't even read the label. Suffice it to say, however, that early inhibitions were soon dissolved and before long the merry cries of 'make mine a Kambhu and soda' rang from the rafters.

"This installment wouldn't be complete, I suppose, without an account of the Navy game weekend in Philadelphia. As usual, we merged with Red McKeown, the jolly jeweler of Providence, and Ragtime Ruth, who sees nothing strange in having lived with him for 18 years. Early on Friday, Ruth found the piano in the Betsy Ross Room and the week-end started in high gear.

"Next day at the game, encountered the Bessons, Hewitts, Dryers, MacCormacks, Morris', Kambhus, Hilbergs, Charlie Baer, Bill Smith, Dick Hunt; and heard indirectly that Harley Trice was aboard. Brightest spot of the day (or season) was to see 15 year old Mary Louise Dreyer present and working harder to advance the ball than Chris. Six weeks earlier she had contracted polio which abruptly became complicated by pneumonia, but like the rest of the gang from the originator of the Dreyer Flyer (a super soapbox) to Pistol Packing Pete (furniture refinished reasonable), it bores her to worry about things like that and she's now as good as new.

"As for those two hours Saturday afternoon which constituted the only painful part of the entire week-end, they can best be summarized by the eloquent exchange of telegrams in which Biff Jones participated. Biff received one at the hotel Saturday night from the Maritime Division of his Washington Poker Club which said in full, and I quote;

"Dear Biff, Ha, ha, ha."

"Biff, of course, proved his mastery in the field of economics as well as literature by wiring his reply collect, and I quote again, this time with more satisfaction:

"Message received, Yak, yak, yak."

"In the meanwhile, if you see any sailors who would like to get eight to five in the winter book on next year's game, tell them to meet me at Gene Leone's any convenient week-end in February.

"As ever,

"Ken Zitzman."

It's not too early to start thinking of 1952—the Sesquicentennial of the Academy and our 20th reunion. As a starter, any information of the current addresses of the following would be appreciated: Bengtson, Nelson, Graham, Thompson, McConnell, Meeks, Hutchison, Charlie Clark, Erskine Clark, Tisdale, Porter, Goodrich, Freeland, Tiffany, McLane, Simenson, Frank Johnston, Stoltz, Deisher, Thatcher, Jamison, Shaw, Carrell, Puryear, Eckhardt, Bill Means, Scott, and Everman.

Good news from Descheneaux—he anticipates complete recovery (from a wartime disability) by early 1951. He plans then to look around for something to do. Any ideas?—Let him know.

The class received a "thank-you" note from "P" Carter's family for the flowers sent upon his death.

That's all for now—incidentally, the dead line on this poop is the 10th of the month preceding the issue. How about a post-card with the latest on you?

FLASH!—Ken reports that Hot Rock McConnell (Chief of Staff, Third Air Division) has been promoted to Major General, and Hunter Harris to Brigadier General—on them those stars look well—Congratulations!

—E. J. Burke.

1933

The majority of poop in this column comes from responses to that recent epic edition of the "Lucky (?) Star". Ted Conway reports that he, Brindley, Fuqua, Harrell and Sudduth are having their hands full at Fort Campbell, Ky. processing ERC's and absorbing fillers in the 11th Airborne Div. Pat Guiney, George Van Way, Lipscomb and Benny Ray braved the downpour to attend the Stanford Game. Dave Gray bummed a ride to the west coast for the game, unfortunately his plane landed thirty minutes after the game was over. And with whom was Jake Messersmith holding hands at the aforementioned game? Dave Jellett is pursuing a refresher course at the Infantry School.

Bob Meals is due back from Turkey this spring. Besides sending a buck to Broshous, Cal Smith expounded on his philosophy concerning promotion and the material things of life. Soapy Watters joined R. P. Thompson and Bob Lutz at Fort Bragg and confirms his recent assignment to the Army Air Support Center, he added that he was assigned quarters, don't kick the door in, just knock.

Ole Johnson handled a battalion in one cavalry regiment so well that they have recently given him command of another cavalry regiment. Pete Clainos answered the bell for the second round and has been reported back to duty with the 1st Cavalry Div. Gordon Bartlett is in the same neck of the woods with a Tank Bn. of the 3rd Inf. Div.

Billy Harris, a dyed in the wool artilleryman, is reported as in command of a cavalry regiment and Bob Hain writes that his outfit (an AAA A.W. Bn) is shooting at anything but airplanes, and according to Career Management "you can't do that". He further adds that Fran Hill is Div. Arty. Exec. of the 2nd Inf. Div. and that Hadley Richardson has a battalion in the same outfit. Bob's wife, Millicent, and two children are in Honolulu for the duration.

With Moe Edwards now up in OSD, King Henderson gets the blame for Troop I & E, or is it *Officers Call*?

Ken Fields and Dick Park are with a mission in Iran. Spic Gandia in G-2 Pentagon supplied the means for dispatching the "Lucky (?) Star" to classmates in the cloak and dagger missions.

Heintz (Sandia Base) and Hallock (Wash. DC) wouldn't care to square dance at the Academy—a tux or uniform is the proper attire, how formal can you get? Bishop Kinsolving was delighted to be able to review the varied activities of his classmates of '33. He is returning to the Academy to preach on the 11th of February 1951 and is looking forward to renewing old acquaintances.

Dave Gibbs has moved from G-3 to guardian of the outer door AC of S. Chet Dahlen reports on a recent overnight get together at a luncheon of schoolboys from Army War College, in Washington for a week long series of lectures. Pentagonites were: Chet DeGarve, Joe Stillwell, Ole Olson, Eb Downing, Chet Dahlen, Red White, Spic Gandia, Van Vansant, Rus Klanderman, Ed Ashworth, Pat Patterson, Clyde Jones, Suess Pritchard, Gene Engler, Pete Bellican, Eddie Bodeau, Dave Gibbs, King Henderson. Schoolboys were: Joe Crawford, Harry

Sweeting, Eddie Doleman, Kay Kaesser, Art Tyson, Johnny Ferris, Cy Dolph, Fred Zierath, Harpo Chase, Jack Schmelzer. Chaperones were Instructors Maddrey Solomon and Pete Carroll.

Jim Boswell, Bob Blanchard and Bob Neely are slugging away with the 3rd Inf. Div. at APO 468 San Francisco. Neil Wallace left Leavenworth in a hurry to become a Corps Arty Exec. in Korea. Jack O'Reilly retired for P.D. this fall, what is your new permanent station? Red Cahill, Don Cubison and Herb Plapp will welcome all complaints in the G-1 field (Pentagon Br). Shinberger gained two new recruits this summer, twins (boy & girl), for his choir at Purcellville, Va. Cal Smith reports from Fort Sill that Emil Greco, now living in Oklahoma City, is a high powered cosmetic salesman. Shepardson dropped a line from Puerto Rico, Ivan Parr from Third Army, Hal Donnelly bars the path to those who wish to see the Under Secretary of the Air Force. Ole Olson took slugger Douglas' place in the Infantry Section of Career Management—the latter going to Panama.

Fritz Hartel reports on a class shindig at the C&GSC in the form of a boat ride down the ole Missouri sponsored by Abe Lincoln. The majority of the class, complete with children, turned out and stuffed themselves with ham, turkey and roast beef. A short time later there was a Carroll-Hartel wing ding at the latter's quarters which included Calhoun, Solomon, Otto, Lincoln, Kaesser, Zierath, Doleman, Fuller, Schmelzer, Sweeting, Tyson, Stilwell, Crawford, Chase, Dolph and wives including Helen Ferris—Johnnie couldn't make it.

Johnny Scoville toured Mexico with his family this summer and on his way back to New Mexico Mil. Inst. dropped in on those avid bingo fans, the Dues at Fort Sam. Any complaints about the weather should be addressed to Oscar Senter, Andrews Field, who commands the Weather Service for MATS as a Brig. General. Rosy Grubbs left his prosperous and friendly night club at Bolling Field to be a Special Assistant to the CG 2nd A.F. at Barksdale Field.

Dick King commands the 55th Strat Recon Wing, Ramey AFB, Puerto Rico, and Dick Montgomery has forsaken Jets to take over the 97th Maintenance and Supply Group at Briggs AFB, Texas.

The class continues to be prolific. From all indications the "hatched" column of the Army-Navy Journal will contain the names of three or four proud class fathers this winter or early spring. Are we getting too soft to attend the Army football games? A few hardy ones report that television reduced the class attendance more than somewhat.

That long awaited promotion list was sent back to the board, too many pass overs is the rumor. If you haven't received your recent edition of the "Lucky (?) Star", Hurlbut is the Supply Officer for that epistle as well as the G-4 of the Academy. Russ Broshous is busily engaged in posting his dollar entries in the class books—keep him busy with your contributions.

—Harlow Miles.

1934

Omitting the usual introductory prattle, we plunge right into the news items. Contrary to the announcement in the last issue of *Assembly* reporting Chick Andrews as returning to the US, we find that he has been in command of an AAA Battalion in Korea since the end of August. Harriet and the two children were at Showa Air Base in Japan. In an undated note from Korea, Dick Moorman wrote that Don McLennan was secretary to the General Staff there

(an apparently later report has him in Washington. See Crystal list below), and that Johnny Stevens had been there on a staff visit from Washington. Dick didn't explain what he himself was doing. On 7 October Ron Martin wrote from the Chemical Center, saying that he and Emory Lewis were the only '34ers there, and that they were both vulnerable for overseas assignments. Ron is trying to locate a set of color transparencies which he made of 15th Reunion activities and which have gone astray in the last year. Anybody who can lay his hands on same is requested to forward them to Ron at the Army Chemical Center, Maryland. Ron also reported that Joe Surratt had been married recently and that Jerry Higgins was under orders to Fort Monroe.

Lee Miller wrote in September from the AFSC at Norfolk, reporting the following classmates as his fellow students there: Jack Stanley, J. O. Baker, Hal Browning, Charley Brown.

Seen at West Point on October 7 for the Penn State football game were: Bill and Georgia Mullen, who now live at Fort Wadsworth (Bill is in G-3 Section, Headquarters First Army); Miles Chatfield, who is stationed at Springfield Arsenal; H. L. Sanders; Harry and Betty Lardin, who belong to the Arlington contingent.

Tom Crystal has recently crashed through with a directory of classmates stationed in the Washington area. Space limitations prevent us from reproducing the document in its entirety, but we list herewith all those mentioned: Anderson, Ashworth, Baker, R. G., Barnes, Betts, Canterbury, Cook, Craig, W. H., Crystal, Dany, Davall, DeGuire, Denson, Diefendorf, Donoghue, Donovan, Eatman, Ewing, Fell, Fellenz, Gilman, Hillyard, Hubbard, Jablonsky, Lardin, Lamb, Lawlor, McCrary, McKee, McLennan, Moorman, F. W., Norvell, Neilson, Peca, Reeves, Routh, Sanders, H. L., Simenson, Shuck, Sluman, Smyser, Stark, Stevens, Stone, Surratt, Tibbets, Ward, Walsh, L. A., Winn, Winkle, Wolfe, Wood, T. E., and Yarbrough. Tom even lists a couple of people who are not actually in Washington, to wit: Tom Rogers, on the Engineer Board at Belvoir, and Gant Hickman, at the Army Security Agency School at Carlisle Barracks, Pa.

Joann and Okie O'Connell became the parents of Elizabeth Powell O'Connell, their third daughter and fourth child, at West Point on September 21, 1950. The Bill Densons have a son, born on October 8, 1950.

Faith Edson wrote on October 20 saying that Hal had gone to Korea and was in command of a cavalry regiment in 1st Cavalry Division, and that she and the children had settled down for the duration at 1750 East 13th South, Salt Lake City 5, Utah. On December 2 the Army and Navy Journal carried orders transferring Hal from Fairfield, California to Fort Douglas, Utah. We haven't heard any details yet on this latest move.

Hank Ebel has been ordered from Fort Custer, Michigan to the Army Language School at Monterey in preparation for a tour in Argentina.

Lorraine O'Neil and sons Tommy and Barry were guests at West Point on the weekend of November 11-12. Tom is in Korea with the 3d Division, and Lorraine has bought a house in their home town, Nashua, N. H. Her address there is: 29 Orchard Avenue. Lorraine reported that she had gone to the Harvard game, in October, with Susie Telford, who is living in Derby Line, Vermont, Sid's home town.

Bill Stone, only 1934 representative at the National War College this year, visited the United Nations with the War College class on November 17 and spent that night and the following day at WP, checking up on his old stamping grounds.

Bill Tank was reported as having made a

recent visit to the Far East, and sometime during the Fall Turkey Walsh moved with his outfit from Japan to Korea. Joe Killian was recently reported as on his way from Texas to Pasco, Washington to an Engineer Depot. Dick Sieg was obviously retired in September 1949 for physical disability, as this information shows in the new edition of the "Register of Graduates". Address??

Seen at the Michigan game in New York on October 14 were Junie Ligon, Jabo Jablonsky, Hank Sebastian, Ruth and Ralph Bucknam, and Pete Kopsak, the latter, like Mullen, being assigned to the G-3 Section of First Army. Travis Brown, the only present '34 resident of West Point to make the Navy game (!*), reports having seen Jabo, Kopsak, Mullen there, too.

The Engineering News-Record of December 7 carried the following notice: "Joseph L. Johnson, a construction engineer and a West Point graduate, leads a new industrial construction division of the C. B. Snyder Realty Organization, Hoboken, N. J."

—W. J. R.

1935

From Yokohama, Japan, under date of September 18, we received a letter from George O'Conner thanking us for his copy of the 15 Year Book. I'd like to quote a part of that letter so that all of the class can profit from his remarks. "Whether the end result is wrought by chance or by choice, the lives of men, however closely bound together, will sooner or later grow apart; but it is the joint action of these times of union that can produce the greatest effects on civilization. The merits of our own joint venture I'm sure are manifest in the record; an even greater yield may yet be recorded. In compiling this book you have set up a guide-post to remind those who are forgetting, and to encourage those who are weakening. I, for one, am grateful. No matter how far we may grow apart our roots are still to be found in those rugged acres, and what they stand for, above the Hudson."—Well said, George, and many thanks for the kind words. Not since graduation has our class shown the unity that they show today and we are sure will continue to show from here on out.

The world situation has brought about some rapid relocations of '35ers. We'll try to keep you up to date and hope that our information is not too far wrong.

The Far East Command is well staffed with '35 both in Korea and in Japan. Johnny Cole writes from the Eighth Army Engineer Section, where he was Acting Engineer till September and is now Exec, to report the presence in Japan of Clyde Zeigler, John Alfrey and Somers Dick. He also mentions Aaron Tyer as CO of the air base at Taegu, Korea (we see in the news today that he commands 49th Fighter Bomber Wing). Other reports tell us that Joe Wiechmann, Norm Edwards, Jack Hickman, Marcus Griffin, Norm Skinrood, and Mel Coburn are also over there but we don't know their jobs. Monty Saxton is in AC&W and Ozzie Simons in Hq, FFAF. More specifically George Ruhlen is in G-4, John Duffy in G-1, Bob Glass in G-2, and Tom Gillis in G-3 of I Corps; Jim Frink is in G-1 and Mac Peeke in G-4 of X Corps. Ed Treacy is said to be a Bn CO in 1st Cavalry Division.

Add to the list of those in EUCOM—Ed Bechtold in Paris and Jim Agnew in Salzburg.

The first recorded letter from Kelso Clow places him in London and he reports that he has seen many of the EUCOM contingent, both in England and on the continent.

Jim Alger, Ralph Haines and Bill Lapsley are students at the Army War College at

Fort Leavenworth, Seneca Foote, Al duMoulin and Jack Boyle, instructors at the C&GSC, are having their hands full keeping students like Gerry Brown and Bob Tucker in line.

Charlie Rich and Bud Russ are Execing Airborne regiments at Fort Bragg. Freddy Cummings recently reported for duty with AFF at Monroe, Kent Parrot and Lee Davis are with the Air Materiel Command at Wright Field. Lee is the new Assistant Commandant at the Air Engineering School and the report has it that he is lined up for his first star (OUR first!). Willard Root writes from Fort Eustis that Tommy Sawyer has recently joined him there to be with the Transportation Corps R&D Board. Jim Adams is now at Benning on duty with the Rangers. Also at Benning are Billy Grieves (the Artillery instructor at the Infantry School) and Bob Smith (taking the Associate Advanced Course). Tommy Musgrave and Moose Stillman are students at the National War College in Washington. Bunny Wilby has recently gone to Moscow, Idaho to organize a new Engineer ROTC for the University of Idaho. Johnny Parker is on the staff and faculty at the Engineer School at Fort Belvoir. Tex Knowles and Bud Schlanser have recently arrived in Washington for duty in the Pentagon. Ken Bergquist is on duty at Mitchel AFB, Long Island. Al Wells is doing ballistics research at Aberdeen Proving Ground, and, with Marguerite's help, acquired a daughter November 30. Pope Blackshear is at South Dakota State College. Al Robbins is the Comptroller for the Second Army at Fort Meade. Dick Ellsworth is at Barksdale AFB, Shreveport, La.

A few District Engineers around the world;—Pickard at Denver, Colorado with quarters at Fort Logan; John Bristor at Detroit, Michigan; Stumpy Haug at Sacramento, Calif.; Clarence Bidgood at Louisville, Ky.

Charlie Milton, in case you have wondered, is Vice President and Secretary of a perfume importing company in NYC. He hasn't quoted reduced rates on rare imported scents for our class but it wouldn't hurt to approach him. Tredennick is a Lt. Col. in Hq, USFA, Salzburg. Herb Gee has acquired two clients since he left the ranks. He is the consulting engineer for the Port of Palm Beach and for the Central and Southern Flood Control Districts of Florida. Joe Moore is reported as having recently gone to Salzburg.

The class sent flowers to Brig. Gen. Clifton P. "P" Carter's funeral. We have received a nice thank you note from Mrs. Carter.

We see by the papers that Johnny Throckmorton has been awarded an oak leaf cluster to his Silver Star for his regiment's attack on Waegwan and Kumchon on September 17 and 18. Also a late letter from Somers Dick says Gib Sherrard got a Silver Star in action with 2nd Div, then in mid-October came back wounded and is now in Walter Reed. Congratulations to Johnny and Gib, and hope Gib is soon well.

McGoldrick is now at AFF Board 4, Ft. Bliss. Rusty Miner went from AFSC to Hq, USARPAC. Dan Murphy is at Frankford Arsenal after completing school at Columbia.

Don't believe we reported that Durward Breakefield has joined the ranks here at Yoosmay. We put him to work pronto.

Anybody know where these are (addresses if possible, please): Austin, Buck, Hale?

If you haven't been mentioned in this bulletin it's because you were mentioned in the October one, or it may be because we don't know where you are—so—how about writing in and letting us know.

Money and letters continue to pour in but unless the flow continues we won't be able to write off the Year Book as a "Fait Ac-

compl". If you got your copy and just forgot or haven't gotten around to it—don't just sit there—DO SOMETHING!!

—Tommy Lang.

1936

So far, to the 220 or so mimeo letters (announcing shelving of the 15 Year Book) and the postcard questionnaires (pleading for dope about your 1951 June Week intentions) we have received only 85 replies. Not a bad showing considering everything, but not too good either; and it leaves us somewhat in the dark about how to proceed in planning for June Week. So please, if you have indeed got our questionnaire postcard, fill it out and mail it pronto. If the questionnaire never did reach you, here is what we have to know: One, do you plan, as of now, to be present June Week?; two will you be accompanied by your wife?; three, do we have your correct address?

Even though all precincts have by no means been heard from, our committees here proceed to plan with such info as is available, and attempt to keep things flexible enough to assimilate new dope as it trickles in. At an extraordinary meeting of the oldest inhabitants held two weeks ago the fickle finger was laid on the following. To be new Corresponding Secretary, Jim Billy Leer; to be head of June Week Housing Committee, Dud Hartman; to be head of June Week Entertainment Committee Rudy Ganns. Red Holton, Cecil Spann, Suitcase Thompson, Van Sutherland and Johnny Heintges accepted (with qualified enthusiasm) staff positions under Hartman and Ganns. Incidentally early responses to the questions posed above will help keep the latter two hearties off the hook!

So much for home base. News from the provinces is more interesting. First of all, word comes from Gil Dorland, Office of the District Engineer, Anchorage. He is Ex O. of the district, the father of a baby girl (fairly new) and enjoying Alaska's salubrious clime. Bob Gapen, says Gil, has just recently arrived and taken over as Deputy CO of the "local fighter wing"; Bob Frost is the AACS, Comm O, Alaska Air Command. On the way north Gil and Lynn stopped in to see Louis and Marge Chappellear at Manhattan Beach, Cal., and had a good visit. Second, we are in receipt of a newsy letter from the Klocks, fairly newly arrived at their new station in Stuttgart, where he is construction engineer for the Military Post.

Third, news from closer home. Bub Clark writes from Mitchel Air Force Base that Charlie Tyler and Pete Persons are there with him: Charlie with Continental Air Command, Pete with AAA Command. Bill Kimball is instructing at the Air University. Ace Miller is with the Air Support Center at Bragg; Bill Meany with Office, Chief of Ordnance. Bill Longley (Col., retired) is teaching physics and mathematics at St. John's School, Houston. DeLesdernier (Lord save us!) is an IG with Sixth Army at San Francisco. Tommy Hayes is aiding the Commissioner of Civil Defense, Washington; Fred Bothwell doing the same for New York's Director, General Clay. Bill Hay, Colonel (Reserve), now has six (6) children—a class record. Langdon Jackson holds down the Ex O's job in the 350th Infantry; Ike Smith is G-3 Exec, USFA, while Bob Safford has the Operations and Training Section of the same layout.

Willy Frosser, faithful as usual, came through from Washington with a letter fat with news. He reports Wally Barrett newly arrived in the Policy Division, Plans, Hq USAF; Monteith enroute JAMAG, Paris, w/Marge and deux enfants; Joe Nazzaro

still with War Plans, USAF; Garnett Lee off to Portugal, of all places, on MDAP work; Tommy Davis in Pentagon G-3 somewhere; Whammo Steele in Sec'y Finletter's Office. On the impressive side he reports Clark Hosmer as (get this) Chief of Human Resources Laboratory at Lackland AFB. Ted Clifton continues to rotate close to the center of things in the Office of the Joint Chiefs. Willy remarks that Cliffy "has a carpet that is deep enough to get lost in".

And we have saved for the last, Bernie Bess' monumental contribution from his desk in Hq EUCOM. In addition to sending a massive catalogue of '36er European addresses (which we give to you below) he included as well several good news items. He, Ben Evans, and Howie Snyder labored long and devotedly to bring about a class reunion in October, at Garmisch. "Up to the 72 hour deadline", he writes, "we had about 20 to 25 couples, then things began to fall apart—the England contingent lost out on transportation, sickness and unexpected details hit others—we ended up with only about six or eight couples who foregathered in Heidelberg for drinks, dinner and dancing". Our congratulations to you on a good try, Bernie. Even six like-minded couples gathered together can do a lot of good! Doc Mohlere, Bess reports, has moved from Nurnberg to Stuttgart where he is Ass't Ordnance O for the Constabulary, APO 46.

Here in compressed form, without comment, are the addresses Bernie sent. It seems like a good list. Albro, S-2 Berlin District, APO 742; Abrams, CO 63rd Tk Bn, APO 403; Covington, A-2 Sec. Hq USAF, APO 633; Evans, B. F., Plans and Projects Section, P&A, EUCOM, APO 403; Gooding, Supply Br., Logistics Div., EUCOM, APO 403; Illig, Supply Br., QM, EUCOM, APO 403; Klock, Asst Post Engineer, Stuttgart Military Post, APO 154; Kelly, J. E., Asst OPOT, EUCOM, APO 403; Noake, Ex O 37th Hwy Trns Div., APO 62; Snyder, Sec'y Gen Staff, EUCOM, APO 403; White, G. E., OPOT Div., EUCOM, APO 403; Austin, 7950 JAMAG, Paris, APO 58; Layne, 7950 JAMAG, Paris, APO 58; Fisher, Trans. O Hq USFA, APO 777; Jackson, L. A., 350th Inf Regt., APO 541; Safford, Asst G-3, Hq USFA, APO 777; Smith, S. D., Asst G-3, Hq USFA, APO 777; Trout, Fiscal O, Hq USFA, APO 777; Williams, J. M., Sec'y Gen. Staff, Hq USFA, APO 541; Beggs, JAMAG, 20 Grosvenor Sq., London, England; Bell, 3d Air Div USAF, England; Bodine, JAMAG, London; Cozart, JAMAG, London; Gaston, JAMAG, London; Perkins, JAMAG, London; Powell, JAMAG, London; Torrey, JAMAG, London; and Bill Yarborough, JAMAG, London.

Happy New Year. Keep us posted on your doings, and your plans.

—Sutherland.

1937

The last time the deadline for the class news came around I was able to pass the buck to Chief Evans, but this time it looks as though I'll have to take over. When the gang here elected a new class representative, they were really electing my wife, Bits, whose reputation as a human message center is pretty well established. However, as the Chief told you, she has been in the hospital, and I will have to pinch hit. Incidentally, Bits seems to be making good progress, is expected home for a visit at Christmas, and wishes to thank all the classmates and wives who have written or otherwise expressed an interest in her.

The class of '37 has hit the news several times recently. Hank Byroade was selected

by "Flair" as one of the ten outstanding young men in Washington. Jack Van Vliet was quoted by the "Herald Tribune" as authority for a Department of Defense allegation that the Russians had massacred thousands of Polish Army officers in World War II. Jack was taken to the site by the Germans when he was a POW in 1943. Jim Peale wrote a very searching letter to the editor of the Army-Navy Journal on the subject of hazard pay. Can't help but agree with Jim's conclusions.

The group at West Point had a stag luncheon at the club in December, and a class party at Round Pond in October. The latter was one of the best parties we've had, due primarily to the efforts of the Lees, Cosgrove's, and Evans'. The Chief worked up a treasure hunt preceding the party, complete with the fanciest set of clues you ever saw, all in rhyme. The rest of the committee put on a sea food dinner, with oysters, fresh shrimp, steamed clams, and lobsters. The only off-post guests were the Minors. Red is still with General Motors, temporarily in New York City, but expecting another overseas assignment before long.

Jack Tolson writes that he is leaving Bragg to attend school in England. Battle Barksdale has just arrived to take over the G-2 job in the 82nd Airborne.

Our biggest group is still in Washington, with 63 classmates and former classmates. Eric Dougan is the secretary, and seems to have things pretty well organized. They have gotten out a directory of all of '37 in the Washington area, complete with wives' names, addresses and telephone numbers. The men got together for a luncheon at the Naval Gun Factory in September with 27 present, and a cocktail party at the Fort Myer Officers' Club in October, with 74 classmates and wives present. From Eric's letterhead he is now a wheel with the Joint Chiefs. Eric reports two new arrivals, Richard William is the latest addition to the Dunlop family, and the Healey's also have a new boy, both babies born in September at Fort Belvoir. Up here we have one new comer, Mary Jane Connelly, Junior, the Connelly's third daughter and fourth child. Willie Williams wrote a long letter from Washington—he is out of the Army and teaching math at Sullivan's Prep School. He is working on his PhD at George Washington University.

Haven't heard too much about our classmates in Korea, although there must be a lot of them out there. Randy Hines is out there in the 3rd Division, as S-3 of the Division Artillery. At this writing he has just moved from Wonsan to Hungnam. Being the ski enthusiast that he is, I hope he doesn't get too devoted to North Korea. We miss Randy and "Sweetie-Pie" around here, but their letters have been wonderful. Randy wrote a number of interesting letters and cards, but lately he hasn't had much leisure. "Sweetie-Pie" is comfortably settled with her mother and the three children in Laguna Beach, California, 535 Pearl St. She writes glowing account of the place, and we hope Randy is back with her before long. Bob Besson is also reported in the 3rd Division. A letter from Bill Lewis corrects the statement made in this column in the last *Assembly* that he stopped off in Japan; Bill has been in Korea since August as advisor to the Chief of Engineers, Army of the Republic of Korea. Sounds like Bill has been pretty busy, but he says the work has been very interesting. Bill reports Pete Hyzer is Division Engineer of the 24th Division. Stu O'Malley is commanding an AAA Bn attached to the 7th Division. Earlier reports from the Far East informed us that Marty Green and Roy Lutes had been awarded the Legion of Merit for their staff planning of the Korean operation. They are both with SCAP.

Had a telephone call from Fred Ressegieu

in December. He is still in Ottawa on the weapons standardization mission, but is due to leave in February to attend the Armed Forces Staff College. Harry Stiegler is Chief Project Engineer, Manufacturing Engineering Dept., Bigelow-Sanford Carpet Co. A letter from Bob Gildart indicates they are still in Germany. They have managed to make a few sightseeing trips around, and have apparently enjoyed their stay.

Seen at the Navy game: Hank and Mary Byroade, Bob and Tense Seedlock, the Van Leuven's, Joe Chabot (I saw you, Joe, but by the time I got over there, you were gone). Also Gleye, Meyer Edwards, Paul Cullen, Scotty Hall, Dick Fellows, Gulick, Bob Griffin, George and Ruth Murray, Chief Evans, and Salientes.

The Association of Graduates wants the addresses of the following classmates: Kuna, Eckman, Diamond, Mapes, Nadal, Clark, Neier, Agee, Musgrave, Hodges, Hackford, Major, Gurney, Diehl, Durham, Lawson, Duncan, Menard, Stark, Cole, Posey, Workizer. If any of those mentioned stay in one place long enough to acquire an address, please drop us a card, or if anyone else knows the whereabouts of anyone on the list, let me know. Address any future communications, gripes, suggestions on the 1952 reunion, and other class news to me from now on. With the war situation shaping up the way it is, it looks like *Assembly* will be our only means of keeping track of each other.

—Hal Hallock.

1938

Well, gang, here we are again, deadline for the *Assembly* column and little or no news ready. How about some of you taking time out to drop us a line? Write to Mick Amick, who is now the permanent Class representative at West Point, or Jeff Irvin, the current secretary here. But please write. Let us know anything about any of the classmates, no matter how trivial it may seem. The Association of Graduates and others of the class here don't even know the whereabouts of some of you people. Will the following named individuals please forward their latest address: Jim Lewis, Roy Hefebower, George Bosch, Dick Ivey, Martin Webb, Al Weinnig, Sim Sinnreich, Jack Grubb, Brooks Wilson (Alaska?), Bob McBride, Chuck Haley, George Dillard, Roberts Demitz, Bill Jaynes, Phil Feffer, Mryl Smith, Joe Reddock (UN?), Bob Rhine, John Ewing (Benning?), Bob Hill, Ed Chalgren, and Jim Isbell.

Sam Eaton writes that as of November 20 the class is represented by 64 members in Washington. That's quite a representation out of the 229 still on active duty. Here they are: George Abert, R. B. (Andy) Anderson, George Artman, Milt Barschdorf, Bob (Bat) Batterson, Clare Beck, John Boyt, Bob Breitweiser, B. R. (Bob) Brown, Al Burke, Ches Chesarek, Jim Chubbuck, Joe Conell, John Damon, Paul Davis, Fred Dean, Sam Eaton, Bill Ekman, Vince Elmore, Jack English, Mickey Finn, Jerry Folda, Wally Ford, Al Frolick, Tug Hallinger, Phil Hawes, Dallas Haynes, Sam Hogan, Henry Huglin, L. E. (Johnny) Johnson, H. K. (Clance) Kelley, Bill Keiffer, Ed (Slugger) Lahti, Freddy Lough, Tom McCrary, H. S. (Mac) McDonald, H. E. (Mish) Michelet, Hal Moorman, Harry Morrison, Jim Mrazek, I. A. (Pete) Peterson, J. C. (Cozy) Pitchford, Doug Polhamus, Paul Preuss, Donald (Duck) Saunders, Ted Sawyer, Dave Sherrard, Dick Sims, Ken Skaer, Spike Spicer, Dick Stilwell,

Hube Strange, Red Sundin, Gene Sweeney, Swede Swenson, Ben Tarver, Norm Tittle, Bill Vail, Neil Van Sickle, Bill Wansboro, Bob Works, Bob York, Chuck Young, Cue Ball White. Don't ask me their assignments! From the looks of the list, they run the place. It has been reported that Vince Elmore is off to Language School and will then be an M.A. in Cuba. Sam reports that Bob Offer has departed for Rome and that Preacher Wells was through Washington recently on his way to the Far East. The Washington group holds a class luncheon at the Army-Navy Country Club on the third Wednesday of each month at 1200. Any who happen to be in the vicinity are extended an invitation to attend.

Mary Missal, in a recent letter to Jeff Irvin, writes that Joe and John Corley are both in the 24th Inf. John commands the regiment and just got his eagles and Joe got his silver leaves. Congratulations to both! John also got another D.S.C. at Battle Mountain, Korea, August 21 to 23. The Corleys have a new daughter, Ellen, born September 20, which makes 3 boys and 2 girls. Both Mary Missal and Mary Corley are living in Gray Gables, Buzzards Bay, Mass. Thanks, Mary, for the news.

Others of the class known to have been in Korea are Jim Lynch, First Cav. Div, Claire Hutchin, 2d Inf Div, and Max Murray, G-4 Sect, X Corps.

The football season brought some faces around. Seen at the Michigan game were: the Chesareks, McHaneys, Works, Siscos, Freddy Dean, Jeep Anderson and Nichersons. At the Penn game were the Hal Kelleys, Dick Stilwell and the Danny Danielsons. Mick Amick ran into Bill Johnson and Johnny Jannarone at the Stanford game. Seen at the Army-Navy game were the Joe Duncans (he's a student at the Ordnance School, Aberdeen) the Bill Vails, the J. B. Colemans, John Carusone, Mal Maloney, and George Rhyne.

Since the last issue of *Assembly*, the class group at West Point, fifteen of us, had a cocktail party after the Penn State game, attended by the Frank Glaces, the Bob Works, the Danny Danielsons, the Joe Reddocks, and the Bill Wansboros. We also had a class

dinner dance at Cullum Hall on November 17 which everyone enjoyed and which was well attended.

The Roy Brischettos have just had a new baby. How about giving us the rest of the statistics, Roy, if you can find some time from your course at the Air War College?

Chuck Walson has recently been promoted. Congratulations, Chuck!

The latest list of those of us on duty at West Point includes: Mick Amick, AAA; Matt Altenhofen, Math; George Bixby, Math; Jack Brownlow, Electricity; Art Collins, Tactics; Gus Guletsky, Foreign Lang.; Tracy Harrington, Tactics; Nev Howell, Provost Marshal; Jeff Irvin, Tactics; Frank Jenkins, Math; Birdsey Learman, Tactics; Ed Machen, Phys Ed; Frank Miller, Tactics; Ben Sternberg, Tactics; and Bill Sussman, Math.

That's all for this time. Before the next issue (deadline March 10) help us locate the missing ones and come up with some news.

—F. D. M.

1939

The keynote of this issue is an appeal for news from individuals and stations. Ray Janowski's Gallup Poll has filled several issues: now we begin again. If you are too busy to write to J. N. Davis, Tactical Department, make your wife perform the chore!

Huey Long writes from FEEAF, where he is Director of Reconnaissance, that Ned Glenn is in a Japanese language school and that Wynne is A-2 for a Bomber Command.

Bob Ploger says he just got to Japan (Logistical Command) after leaving Marguerite and three sons in Michigan. Bob saw Spike Troiano in Yokohama.

From Hawaii, Walter Higgins reports that he, his wife, and small son are enjoying the pineapples and golf, and that Charlie Hackett is a comptroller in a big headquarters out there. Itinerant classmates seen in

Hawaii were Red Gideon, Jim Keller, Jay Dawley, Dick Reeves, and Swede Larson.

Fort Myer was the locale for the marriages of two of our most gallant bachelors: Claude (Ace) Shepard to Jean Mac Donald on November 4; Jay Dawley to Natalie Hammacher on November 25. Congratulations!

Speedy Hull has returned from Germany to a Pentagon job in Special Services. Ed Schroeder, also in Washington, is an Inspector General. Observed at the Army-Navy game: the Picketts, the Shepards, the Carpenters, the P. J. Longs, the Dick Curtins, and the Dannemillers. J. J. Wilson has sailed for Germany.

Dziuban and Goodpaster are in Washington—Stan with G3 and Andy with the Joint Chiefs. Brownfield is with the AB Center at Bragg. Freddy Boye took off for Europe this year. Roger Lilly is a student at the University of Michigan. A. L. Evans is at the Air War College. Ray Will, after two years at Columbia University, has gone to HQ USAF.

Jim Billups is winding up a foreign relations course at Columbia. The Coyne's have a house in San Francisco where Chris is Fiscal Officer for Sixth Army. At last report, Don Serrem was at Watervliet Arsenal. Dusty Newcomb was recently ordered to Fort Dix and Reverend Williams, Jeanie and two daughters are acquiring a law education at the University of Virginia.

J. K. Rippert has recently gone to Panama—Fort Amador. Jim Roosa is attending the Air Command and Staff School.

'39 is represented in Korea by Welborn Dolvin, whose Task Force has made the front pages, and by "Gibbo" Gibbons who has an artillery battalion in the Seventh Division. Sammy Kail is presumably "over there"

John Ray writes that he and Bel Evans are in the Advanced Course at Sill getting the latest "K" from, among others, Johnny Mial, H. T. Smith, Frank Forrest, and Myers. Carl Wohlfeil recently left Sill for the Far East.

A flash from London, England, just before the publication deadline discloses that '39



1939 PARTY AT THE ARMY AND NAVY COUNTRY CLUB, WASHINGTON, 30 NOVEMBER, 1950

KNEELING from left to right are: Stan Dziuban, Perry Hoisington, Bob Camp, Frank Holt, Jack Norris, Jack Wintermute, Chuck Walton, Paul Long, Frank Gilchrist, Bud Lasche, Ralph Hanchin, and Tom Davis. Those STANDING, or being held up, from left to right: D. J. Rogers, Bob Sears, Geo Zethren, Red McGowan, Butterball Wilson, Ed Kurth, Joe Perry, Bud Newcomer, Bob Page, O. E. Wood, Speedy Hull, Ray Will, Dick Curtin, Johnny Carpenter, Tex Adams, Bob Greer, Ben Miller, Bo McCutcheon, Sam Samuel, Dave Mathewson, and Jack Meals.

is represented there by Tom Crawford, Harry Kinnard, Ves Schultz, and Art Poinier.

Members of '39 in and around Washington, D. C., gathered at the Army Navy Country Club for a pre-game party on November 30. Not anticipating the disastrous Navy upset, everyone was in good spirits and had an enjoyable evening. Renewal of good friendships and class spirit prevailed with pretty ladies and West Point pennants providing the background and general motif. Woody Wood used several bottles of jet oil and one of Susie's good sheets to depict a Kaydet astride the Navy goat. Jack Meals showed up with game pennants. Speedy Hull hung some Army-Navy inscribed footballs from the ceiling and put his West Point records in the nickelodeon so that "On Brave Old Army Team" and "Benny Havens" blared forth. All of this was quite disconcerting to a high ranking Navy party in the next room. (See cut.)

Send in your life story and include plenty of gossip about your neighbors; we are itching to write it up for *Assembly*.

—Sailor.

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At West Point John Harnett has been named Associate Professor in charge of the First Class in the Department of Social Studies and Clapsaddle has been named Assistant Professor of Economics. George Mayo is the new Assistant Professor in Analytical Mechanics. Born at St. Albans, New York to the Victor Conleys on September 16, 1950, a daughter, Susan Mary Ann. Clayton Rust, who was last heard of in EUCOM, ordered to North Pacific Div. CE in North Richmond, Washington. Page Smith leaves Fort Campbell, Kentucky for assignment at Fort Monroe, Virginia. Sanford England moves from Tyndall AFB in Florida to Washington, D. C. Tom Chamberlain from Fort Bragg, North Carolina to Student Detachment, Army Language School at Monterey, California. Born at USAH Heidelberg, Germany to the Yeulls, a daughter, on October 23, 1950.

Larry Legere writes from Berlin that he appears to be the sole representative in that area. He does report that he has submitted his thesis to Harvard for his Ph.D. in Political Science. Has heard that Carey O'Bryan is in Heidelberg and Lithgow Bowlby is being austere in London with MDAP. Bob Pfeil joined the Constabulary in the middle of July 1950. He and his family have settled down in Kaufbueren, Germany. Jack Dibble is in *Logistics* in EUCOM. Frequently acts as an observer on maneuvers. Nancy and Bill Francisco are happy to announce the birth of their third child, a daughter, Nancy Pleasants, on October 26. Bill Francisco has passed the Virginia Bar Examinations. He has been studying law at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville. Bowlby reports that Bunze is stationed in London with him. Brosseau and Gideon also seen in London.

A note from Bill Porte states that he is at 1132 Gresham Road in Plainfield, New Jersey while completing an assignment in his home office at 1740 Broadway, New York City. Looking for visitors in Plainfield, especially any of those in the New York area.

Bill Shanahan comes through to act as class reporter at Leavenworth. He states that there are twenty students and three on the staff and faculty. The students are: Bavaro, Bennett, D. V., Brown, G. E., Case,

Chandler, M. B., Crown, England, G. W., Fitzpatrick, Floryan, Lane, Loweus, Merchant, Minahan, Monroe, O'Donnell, Phillips, Smith, W. M., Webster, Witt and Wohner. Benson, Paulick, and Shanahan are responsible for the education process. Lane, Merchant, and Witt, no doubt make up an individual section complete with coaches.

Belt has gone to Korea and Bell, who was slated for Business Administration at Harvard was suddenly flown out of Philadelphia to take part in the landing at Inchon in Korea. Clock is in Austria and Hazeltine is settled in Salzburg. Sullivan finishes his course at Harvard this June as does Renola. Briggs writes from an APO in the Pacific. Fox Kramer is stationed at Sill. Epley, Bates and Len Orman finish the Electronics course at the University of Pennsylvania in June. Richards and Luther Arnold will have another year to go. Al Gee and Hank Miley are at Frankford Arsenal while Mullin and Collins are in the Philadelphia area also.

The class was split up during the Navy game but I managed to see Kuziv, Cibotti, Bill Porte and the Biswangers. Ivan Sattem arranged a gathering at the Hotel Picadilly after the Michigan game. Some of those present were the Baumers, Ray Renola, the Luther Arnolds, the Richards, and many others who came in and out.

More news would be helpful in order to make this column more complete. A penny post card, or use up your old Christmas cards, but give me a line or two on what happens.

The Association of Graduates at West Point would like to know the addresses of Ahmajan, Applegate, Robinson, Roedy, Rogers, Corbly, Clark, C. L., Loofbourrow, Dice, Beiser, McCartan, Wilson, Delaney, Kintner, Hargis, Britt, Fraser, Wilbraham, Wright, H. T., Aubrey, Collins, Horton, W. F., Renwanz, England, S. P., Maedler, Greene, Rizza, Jung, Chamberlain, Emery, Rasmussen, Wetherill, Dodderidge, Shockner, McCroskey, Farthing, Muller, Lewis, W. F., Hess, Norman, Fritter, Marston, Lucas, O'Donnell, Budz, Stewart, Mackin, Hoover, Conley, Horton, F. W., Fitzpatrick, Cook, J. A., Shearer, Saunders, Hughes, A. B., Litton, Merchant, Milton, Ferrill, Sanford, White, Spencer and Kuziv.

—Hank Brewerton.

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FOREIGN NEWS

IX CORPS: Nov. 8, Johnny McIntyre, enroute to Austria ran into Clyde Thompson and Joe Knowlton in Pusan; he called Pete Tanous to find that he was in Japan "on business". Also in the Corps Hq are Jim Roy (complete with handle-bar moustache), Chuck Harris (of the CIC), Damn Yankee Pickett, and Boaty Boatwright.

Hq, 3d Bom Gp (L), Nov. 10, A. Wray White shook himself loose from his desk in the Intelligence Section of FEAF and is now Deputy CO of the Group. He inclosed a clipping from the Raleigh News and Observer telling of Helen McDaniel learning of Tom's heroic action at the Sunchon railway tunnel massacre. He received the Silver Star at Taejon and was reported missing on July 20. In an AP dispatch by Don Whitehead Tom was credited by some of the survivors with saving many of the prisoner's lives during the death march from Seoul. Helen is staying with friends in Raleigh with her two boys, Tom, Jr., and John.

HQ. FEAF, Sep. 24—Bill Cummins, with the Dept of Intelligence with Ralph Freese. Al Snyder is with MATS. Ben Mayo and Jesse Thompson are with FEAF fighter outfits. Mat Harrison is with the Engr Section GHQ, FEC and reports that Jack Camp is with a Communications outfit in the Philippines. Rowny and Buttery are in FEC Hq, G-3'ing and 2'ing respectively and Roton is with an AA unit in Northern Japan.

REUNION POOP

Thanks to Herb Richardson and Hank Boswell we have the following program laid on for REUNION. Saturday evening June 2, Cocktails at the Club. Sunday evening, June 3, dinner-dance at the Camp Buckner Pavilion. Monday noon, June 4, Wives Luncheon at the Thayer (arranged by Dottie Richardson and Doris Gerace). Monday afternoon, June 4, picnic at Constitution Island. This same plan cost the Class of '40 last year \$12.00 per person. We also plan to have plenty of food, billets, and refreshments (at wholesale prices)—you'll have to bring your own drags and hang-over pills. If you have not already done so, please let Dick Scott know whether or not you expect or hope to come, and be sure he has your correct address so we can keep you posted.

The obituaries project is moving along. Two have been finished; Biss Moore did Hume Peabody's and Ted Celmer did Max Sullivan's. Those who have agreed to write and the ones they will do are as follows: John Richards—Ernie Durr, Wray White and Bill Gurnee—Bob Pierpont, I am doing Paul Larson's, Pooge Curtis, and Mike Cochran—Freege Cramer, Dick Aldridge—Thos. Regan, George Brown—Joe Tate, Bob Edger—Porky Gardner, George Johns—Ben Howze. For the following I am still looking for writers, having asked some people to grab the ball but with no response: Clapp, Pierce, Blanchard, Jones, C. E., Jones, P. T., Franklin, Carney, Connally, Eaton, O'Brien, Cheaney, Mullins, Dienelt, Sands, Taggart, Troy, Cummings. If you can take one, please speak up; we want to get them all written by June. If you can offer any pertinent facts on any still unfinished, either send the poop to us or we will send you the address of the guy who has the ball and you can pass it to him direct.

MILESTONES

BORN: To Bob "First with Five" Tuttle and Dolores Tuttle; their fifth child some time in October in Washington, D. C. To Mat and Bert Harrison, at Bradenton, Florida, Nov. 7, their second son, Philip D. To Biss and Penny More at Ft. Sill, Sep. 9, their second child and first son, Michael Bissland. To Stan and Mary Jane Ramey at Walter Reed, Aug. 25, a son, Stanley W. To Jim Strain and spouse at Ft. Benning, Sep. 20, a daughter, Patricia. To Dick and Veda Delaney at Schofield Bks, Sep. 24, a son, James P. To Sam Magruder and wife, at Ft. Brooke, PR, Nov. 15, a son John A. To Bill and Marie Clifford, at West Point, Nov. 1, their fourth child and first daughter, Jane Elizabeth. To Johnny and Natalie McIntyre at Newton, Conn., Oct. 22, their third child and second daughter, Allyn.

KILLED IN ACTION: Frank B. Howze.

MISSING IN ACTION: William T. McDaniel, July 20, 1950, Paul V. Liles.

RESIGNED: Stringer Kemp as of Sep. 26, 1949.

RETIRED: Graham Waitt, 100% PD, Feb. 28, 1950, home address, Assoc. Gen Contractors of America, Inc., Atlanta, Ga.

TRANSFERRED: Tony Tonetti to Ord from Arty.

DIED: Charles "Doc" Murray on Nov. 27, Postmaster of Highland Mills and staunch friend of the U.S.C.C.

PROMOTED: To Maj US Army—Adje-mian, Birdseye, Brown, E. V., Buttery, Campana, Carroll, Celmer, Durley, D'Esposito, Detwiler, Ellis, H. V., Forsyth, Henzl, Hoge, Laudani, Levy, Longino, McCulloch, McIntyre, J. C., Monson, O'Connell, Roton, Samz, Woodward.

PEOPLE

From Karlsruhe Ben Spiller sent a Beno to Dick Scott's query on attending REUNION; said Ben, "Say hello to all, and I'll say hello to Joe for you". Recently joining the forces of the Upper Hudson: Barney Woodruff in Hq EADF at Stewart and Al Hayduck in the Sesquicentennial Office. Coaching Football at N.E. State College, in Tahlequah, Okla.: Ken Due. With the District Engineer, address PO Box 865, Vero Beach, Fla.: J. S. Telfair. Latest additions to the bosom of West Point Local: Lt. Commander Joseph C. Spittler (USNA '41) and his charming wife, Charlotte. Moving to Ecuador with a construction company: Lemoine Michels and family. Post Engineer at Hot Springs. Gen. Hosp. where his wife, Larry, is "chronically and critically ill"; Joe Grygiel. Also seen at Municipal Stadium Dec. 2, '50: Armstrong, Laney, Green, J. O., Upton, Troup, Gurnee, Purdy, Couch, Stalnaker. Ordered: To Bliss—Jess Unger; to 4th Div Arty, Ft. Benning—Ted De Saussure; to Camp Lee—Mat Harper; to G-3 Wash.—Mike Greene.

SPORT

On the train riding down to Philly we laughed and joked about the good parties at previous Navy games. At the stadium, we looked forward to seeing the Atkinsons and the Aldridges, who had come up from Maxwell (so the girls could do some Xmas shopping). As the first half wore on, I kept alerting Jonat and Dick to watch for great plays which would bring our second first down. As the second half started, still smug, I rudely offered my condolence to the Navy fan sitting in front of us. Not until the middle of the last quarter did we notice how really cold and tasteless our Coffee Royal was getting. When one of Blaik's passes was wrested right out of Foldberg's hands by a frenzied Navy defender, we began to realize that we were witnessing the same kind of fanatic football we had seen Bill Gillis and the boys demonstrate against Notre Dame in Yankee Stadium 10 years ago.

LETTERS

Dear Dick: "I had entertained every intention of joining the ebony throng in commemorative wassail next June, but, unless the North Koreans assume a more tractable attitude and the D/A rescinds its recent automatic extension of all overseas assignments, I shall be unintentionally detained." (s) Howdy—H. W. Clark, Lt. Col., CE.

NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Ren Keleher, the master of the pen, journalist from the Third Army PIO office that John Zott with charming wife, Pat, are the only other '41ers in the area. John should write a book on his safari in the Arabian Oil Fields. Tom and Willis Corbin send Xmas greetings from England and relate that the Seneffs are neighbors and on the Embassy Staff. Pooge Curtis sent the words for some Reunion songs from Wright-Patterson. Eric Dejonckheere at Walker AFB 'lows as to how the only other '41er in the area is Paul Root who is ROTC'ing at NMMI. deJ is the Wing Opns officer and really livin'. He saw Bill Brier at SAC Hq recently. Johnny Brooks says he is on his way to 90 days TDY in Tokyo from Maxwell.

Moose Male reports that Kaiser, Schilling, Pigue and Michel will graduate with

him from C&GS on June 1 in time to make REUNION; Callaway left Benning for Japan. Clint Ball says the Sandia contingent now consists of Jack Harris, Bill Gribble, Chick Seamans, Potter Campbell, Elmer Yates, and Roy Clinton, and that Fox Rhynard just left for Langley and Walt Molesky for Aberdeen. George Johnson and Poopy Ellis report from Sill that Kercheval and Goober O'Connell have gone to the 4th Div at Benning, the advanced course will be over April 1; Bob Colleran is now a chemical engineer and his address is 906 King St., LaCrosse, Wis. (Correction to last issue—Bob Panke is still at Sill with a FA Obsn Bn.) Charlie Busbee is sweating blood hoping for a son due in January. Fred Ascani had kindly agreed to hop here from Muroc to give a lecture in our Air Tactics Course to the 1st Class. He recently attended the AF Orientation Course at Sandia with John Locke and Gordon Gould. Andy Evans and Geo. McIntyre write from the Pentagon confirming Tuttle's feat and pointing out that Bud Harding dropped in the other day from March. Mat Harper requesting poop on obtaining Navy tickets said he sees Bob Kramer occasionally working with the New Orleans Dist Engr. Mat has since been ordered to the QM center at Lee. George Brown writes from McChord (McFog) that on one of his recent trips to Tokyo he saw Cliff Cole in FEAF Operations, Ed Rowney in FEC and Geo. Hicks in FEAMCOM. Ted Sliney also toils in the Tacoma Murk. Graham Waitt with Betty and his two daughters have settled in Atlanta where he is working with Gen. Contractors and writing in his spare time for a publishing company. Recently visited Jack Clark, wife, and two children who is with a pumping equipment supply house in Dallas. Dick Travis at Langley says Rhynard has not arrived yet and that his neighbors at Monroe include Jim Laney in the Guided Missiles business and Head Sheriff, John Manley. Billy Mitch still in England, soon to return to Shaw, and Johnny Meador went to Shaw when ConAC reorganized. Saw Stalnaker on a recent trip to Mitchel and heard from Corbin that he may join the Air Division when he finishes the RAF School. Bill Gurnee, 1 Buckingham Way, S.F., Cal. reports that John Oswald is going to the U. of Cal., that Ben McCaffery is in the G-1 business at 6th Army Hq and T. K. White is in the procurement game with him at Oakland QM Depot. Walt Woolwine just left the Phila Depot for Europe leaving Troup and Upton. Bob Borman runs the Industrial Mobilization show from the Washington office. Ben McCaffery wrote twice telling of a recent trip to D. C. and Monroe. Visited Irene and Jim Laney and their two girls and a boy. Ran into Don McMillan just arriving for a conference in the Pent from Bliss where he works with the Board. Phoned Sec Pace's office and talked to his Aide, Jack Norton. Back at the Presidio saw Merritt Hewitt who was in Letterman recovering from a leg wound and the ordeal of the Korean policing; he will go to the Canadian Staff College at Kingston. Saw the following '41ers at the Stanford Mud Ball Fight: Mickey Moore, K. O. Desert, Eric DeJonckheere, Geo. Stillson, Bob Tuttle, and Cocky Cochran, and Dick Levy, who is being reassigned to Ft. MacArthur in G-1. SIR, THERE ARE 174 DAYS UNTIL REUNION.

—Burt Andrus.

to discuss business (?) and social events for the coming year. By unanimous choice Ted McAdam retained his title as class chairman. Two committees of class-wide interest were established: A 10 Year Book committee under Dick Horridge, Frank Clay, and Van Warren, and a 10 year Reunion/Entertainment Committee in the competent hands of Fat Jack Crowley, Fran Roberts, Bob Terry and Phil Riedel. If anyone (regardless of location) has any good ideas on the above two subjects, please communicate with someone on the committee as soon as possible.

Bob Evans, Class Treasurer, reported that as of the last statement we are out of debt, but to provide operating funds for the future, specifically for (a) Two class poopsheets per year at approximately \$50.00 per issue, and (b) a 10 year book. Bob estimates we'll need some \$1,500 . . . so will everyone please send a check for \$5.00 to Major Robert R. Evans (if your name is not listed on the last poopsheet, which names those who have contributed).

Of local interest it was decided to have three class parties here this year—of course classmates in the area are invited to participate in the party (and in paying their share of the bill!). The parties will generally be a Christmas time party, a Spring party, and a June Week party—Our alert chairman, McAdam, has already reserved the Buckner Assembly Hall for the June Week binge.

Losses at West Point this summer were: Bob Fritz, Charlie Fishburne, John Anderson, Chet Ladd, Pete Moody, Sam Hays, Phil Wyman, Tom Fury, Sam Koster and Bill Kraft, while we gained Larry Adams (Portuguese), Lee Cage (Chemistry), Doc Charbonneau (Mathematics), Frank Clay (Tactics), Jim Hottenroth (Mechanics), Fran Roberts (MT&G), Fred Roecker (Mechanics), Pete Russell (1802d Special Regt), Bill Shedd (Tactics), John Short (1802d Special Regt), Bill Tatsch (Law), Bob Terry (Electricity), and Van Warren (French). The total now present for duty at West Point is 27 men, tried and true.

Up for the Penn State game were Joe Schmidt and Hank Urrutia from D. C., and Jack Colladay from Governors Island.

Two voluminous letters from Bob Claggett describing life in Turkey came in; they read like a travelogue. Bob teaches communications at the Turkish Infantry School.

Pappy Garvin writes of class activities in and near Seattle as follows:

"Jay Hewitt has been here just a year; stationed at Boeing Aircraft after getting his Masters in production engineering in California. He ran into Charley Bortell at McChord AFB this spring, just before Bortell received orders to go to school at Kessler Field, Miss. So as a fitting farewell to the Puget Sound country we got a cruiser during the 4th of July holidays and made a flying trip around the Sound. Betty and Chuck Bortell slept aboard one night—she nearly froze with her head against a port hole, not realizing the glass was out. At two PM the next day she quit shivering. Aulene Hewitt was expecting within a few weeks, so when we hit some rough weather and all hands were either mopping water or trying to hold dishes of food on the table, everyone got to laughing so hard that we weren't sure whether we would land with the original six, or seven, in the crew.

"About the middle of July, Eddie Clapp, his wife Jerry and his two boys, spent a Sunday with us. He had just finished a course at Sill, and gave his preference for duty as Ft. Lewis. After about a week with the 2nd Division here, it was alerted for Korean duty, and he left as a Bn Exec with an Arty Bn.

His kids and wife went back to Laramie, Wyoming near Eddie's sisters place.

"Hewitt's fourth arrived August 24, their third boy, Terrence. Jay just got word to expect orders to Wright-Patterson about the 10th of October. And so where there were 4 couples of us here, suddenly there will be none. We too expect to leave this part of the country if our plans develop.

"News from elsewhere: Bill Harrell, down in New Mexico just announced the arrival of his second child. Roy Smith received his Masters degree in Jet Engineering at RPI and was sent to Wright-Patterson AFB in research and development."

Vital statistics on D. G. Jackson are that he operates the JACO Knitwear Inc., Griffin, Georgia—a T-shirt establishment. They have 3 children, 2 boys (5 and 3) and a daughter 6 months. He welcomes classmates passing through.

The Duffé's report from Maxwell—said to be the A.F. Country Club (?). "We had a nice reunion at Lou and Betty Clay's several weeks ago. Gave us a fine chance to see classmates we hadn't seen for a long time in addition to those stationed here at Maxwell. All of us at AC & SS are sweating our future assignments. We'll all be leaving right around December 15."

Sid Williams sent in a full report of Washington activities of '42, which included a joint Navy-Army luncheon at the Naval Gun Factory, a summary of personnel in or around Washington, and some poop on the class wives club—President, Jean Hughes—Secretary Treasurer, Shirley Hozier.

Recent degrees bestowed on classmates are: Bonasso and Gaspard their MA's in International Relations, and Plott, his LLD last October. How smart can one get?

Because of the freak storm that hit the nation on the weekend of November 25, we here at West Point had to postpone an informal party at Round Pond till November 27. Dopey Stephens showed the Stanford Game pictures, and Doc Charbonneau provided steak and amusing chatter. To add to the festivities some old Batt Board quill on classmates on duty at West Point was read.

Scouts report that many classmates and wives made the journey to Philly for the Navy game. Seen at the game (or at the Ben Franklin) were the Hansts, Martells, George Hughes, Jim Woods, Lov Flannigans, Ryders, Colladays, as well as Doc Hyde, Jake Cooperhouse, Al Frawly, Art King, Tom Hanley, Dick Brice, Tom Rienzi, Jim White, and Chuck Bortell, and of course a goodly representation from the West Point group. Rienzi came down to our level by walking on his knees. . . said he liked the view!!

We have several classmates in Korea; Bob Evans' class poopsheet names most of them. We're pulling for them.

Send any and all poop of class interest to Box 42, West Point; someone will be on hand to edit it (beyond recognition?) for publication in future *Assemblies* or the Class poopsheet.

—Crittenberger.

January, 1943

With deepest regret we report the death of Jim Rippin. An unofficial account of his death has it that he was killed in an airplane crash in Korea on or about November 20 while flying from Japan to a base near

Seoul. All his classmates mourn his passing.

There have been no further reports on Boone Seegers, still listed as missing in action.

Congratulations to the new majors! Here's hoping that everyone in the class will soon be wearing at least a gold leaf.

This isn't news, but for you folks who didn't see the Navy game in person or on TV, they really whopped us. But wait until next year, as we used to say year after year. Speaking of football, various correspondents have reported seeing the following at games during the season: Home games: Andrepoint, Dee Armstrong, Britt May, McGough, McKinney, Hain and the contingent stationed here; Michigan—Baer, Harding, Hovde, Kelleher, Robinson, Spann, St. John; Penn—Brady, Brittingham, Buckner, Cook, Frakes, Karrick, Kyle, Lenfest, Trinter. Karrick was in an auto accident driving home from this game but was not injured.

Camm is taking his masters in soils mechanics at Harvard, says that Wilkes is still there in the Business School. Foote is likewise there. Epperson, retired, still attending the Columbia U. Foreign Relations School and plans to get into the State Department.

Henry wrote to announce his second child, a son, Richard Gregg, born November 8, '50 at Aberdeen Proving Ground. Gregg Sr. is an instructor in radiological defense at the Chem. Corps School in Maryland.

Starnes writes that he is the only one from the Class stationed in USFA now. They have 4 children—the youngest, Susan, born this past summer—, think Austria is wonderful and expect to come back next summer. He invites anyone ordered to Austria to write to him (Engr. Sec., Hq USFA, APO 174, N. Y.) for advance poop.

Sykes sent in the following information on those of the class stationed at SAC Hq, Offutt AFB, Omaha, as of Sept. 19: Sykes (Kay and 2 children); Sheley (Jean and 2 children); Stoll (Carli and 3 children); Don Thompson (Dawn and 2 children); Harrington (Ginny and 3 children).

Harrison wrote during September to say that he had recently joined a Ftr. Gp. on Okinawa (APO 235, San Francisco). Said he had seen Terry Ellis and Willcox since arriving in that neck of the woods.

Dulaney, out of the service, has been appointed a district sales manager for the Barrett Division, Allied Die and Chemical Corp.; is married, has two children, and is living in Montgomery, Ala.

Roger Fisher is on TDY at Burtonwood, England, from home station at El Paso. Butcher and Cherbak have been ordered from Eglin AFB to the Pentagon, Hq USAF. Saylor, Hamilton, Maloney and Kinney have reported at Banana River, Fla. Britt May, McGough and Schlosberg to go to the January '51 class at the AC & SS, Maxwell on TDY, returning to Washington thereafter. Prior is CO of the 1st Air Rescue Sqdn, McDill AFB, Tampa. Meltzer now at 160th Photo Sqdn, TAC, Langley AFB. Hovde, recently returned from Ecuador, with the 4th Ftr. Gp., Andrews AFB.

Flanagan crashed through with a big fat letter from Sill just in time to beat the deadline for this column. He's there as an airborne instructor in the Artillery School with wife Peggie, son Edward Michael III, age 2, and daughter Maureen Ann, age 6 weeks. All the following news is thanks to him. Knowlton (Peggy, Billy, 3½, and Davis, 2) is an instructor in combined arms, his course at Yale having been cancelled by the Korea flap. Hughes (Elaine, Julie,

6, Jim, 3, and Stevie, 4 months) is a gunnery instructor. Herb Lewis (Sue and Margaret Susan, 2) is a survey instructor, Dept. of Observation. Rader (Frances, Robert J., 6, and Judie, 2) also instructs in the Dept. of Observation. Davis (wife and 2 children, names not given) a battery CO in the 529th Observation Bn at Sill. Koerper (Mary Bell, Conrad E., III, 5, and Mary Linton, 3) was a gunnery instructor until a short time ago but is now in a general hospital undergoing a physical check-up. Sorry to hear it, Connie; hope all's well soon. Students at the Artillery School Advanced Officers' Course are Fiss (Virginia, Richard, 5, and Susan, 2), Grimm (Mary, Peter, 3, and Cecile, 6 months), Russell (Dee and Patricia, 1½) Flatley (Flossie and Tom, 2½), Pavick (Anne, Linda Kay, 3, and Judith Anne, 1), McNamara (Anne and two children, names not given), Bill Myers (wife's and children's names not given) and Davenport (Yolande and Elizabeth, 3). Healy is at Bliss with the AA part of the Artillery advanced class and according to rumor was recently married. Flywheel adds that Stew Meyer is with AFF Board No. 1 at Ft. Bragg, and closes with the stupendous rumor that one of our classmates now has five children! (C'est impossible!) Well, no, guess it isn't, but anyway that one is a sinkoid; it's quoted to force all those with four children to whip in a fast denial, thereby providing some A-1 information about themselves for use herein.

That's all the news there is this time; wish there were more. Bearing in mind that as you like to know where your classmates are and what they are doing, so they like to know about you, all take pens and start the habit of keeping this column posted. Au revoir.

—Bennett.

June, 1943

Greetings Breadwinners:

It would appear from the current news that more and more opportunities for earning our pay are presenting themselves as the days whip by. First off I'd like to doff my dress cap to the proud parents who are swelling the ranks of kiddies of the shaftees: To the Ted Connors it's Edward H. Connor, IV born June 12; to the Ben Cassidy's it's B. B. Cassidy, III born Sept. 6; to the Dave Davenport's it's Brian Wade born Sept. 14; to the Al Ellis' it's a jackpot pair of twins; to the Charley Pence's it's a daughter born early this year; and to the George Cantlay's in Japan a second son born in November; the Dick McCords, a son in October.

Loads of news and particulars have drifted in from the widely scattered graduated cadets. My former penwiping sidekick, Willie Cover, is CO of HQ Battery, IX Corps Artillery, Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, George Bugg writes as a student at the University of Connecticut and Jack Elliott, an erstwhile metallurgy student at RPI, is currently the victim of some ailment at the West Point hospital. A letter from Advance Class Student Arch Hamblen at Benning states that the Del Perkins blew the group to a large party at the Post Club. Among the normal class group there appeared Charlie and Sue Pence who were visiting Charlie's Dad. Charlie is now with Central Intelligence in Washington and carries the rather impressive address of Radiant Valley, Landover, Md. Arch indicated that all was not work with the playboys for he and Al Burdett had a barnyard frolic for Jim and Ginny Kidder, Dave and Mary Davenport, Fox and Lee Fredericks, Scrapper and Jo Hecker, Gary and Margie Black, Van and Sue Van Auken, Al and Fran Shipstead, Arch and Rundy

Hamblen, Al and Antoinette Burdett, Bob and Valerie Sonstelle, Ed and Dot Geaney, Jim and Marge Christy, Hal and Marianne Aaron, Art and Virginia Rasper, Dale and Helen McGee, Del and Jean Perkins, Hank and Evelyn Morgan and Stookie and Cam Stevens. While not in attendance at the square dance, Bill and Dickie Greenwalt, Charlie and Pat Puckett, and Fred and Marie Herres made the Perkins shindig. An unexpected visitor and Air Force interloper was Hank Rosness, brushing up on what the groundpounders do. Hank is fair and loved by all, according to Arch.

Incidental poop places Harvey Short with the G-3 Section of X Corps in Korea, Jim Darden with the 3d Division and Alan Jones with the 2d Division. Geo. Campbell is with an FA outfit attached to the 7th Div. Rollo Brandt is an engineer with the 7th Div while Geo. Cantlay is with that division's G-1 Section. Bob de Camp writes from an AAA Gun Bn in Japan and says that P. J. Curtin has a sister battery in the same outfit. Bob saw Ralph Scott who is PIOing with the AF in Korea and Wickert who has a battery in an AAA Gun Bn in Japan. Clare and Jane Farley treated Bob and Fat George to a large family style dinner in Tokyo. Bob goes on to say that Rosie Rumph and tomadachi Carlos Young are rooming together at the 40th AA Brigade School near Tokyo where Rosie teaches gunnery and Carlos the M-10 Director. Sandy Richmond is with the 13th AF, Clark AFB.

Ben Buckles Cassidy pressures a jet job for the Navy off the USS Philippine Sea while Ted Connor does likewise for Uncle Anchor on the USS Valley Forge. Sam Pinnel has been reported in the vicinity of Fort Dix while Bill Naylor is still recruiting around Mitchel Field. A small clipping claims the Joe Weyricks and the Jack Teagues threw a battalion-sized party for the class artillery section at Sill. In attendance were the Ray Blatts, Laverne Blounts, Bob Browns, Ned Burrs, Jack Butterfields, Ham Carters, Johnny Cochrans, Bobbie Griffins, Les Hardys, Ralph Hills. Ed Kremls, Jack Loughmans, Bill Lutz's, Bill Malones, Johnny Moses', Stan Otts, Chuck Cranes, Johnny Phillips, Bob Pletts, Bob Rookers, H. J. Schroeders, Gordon Smiths, Tommy Tomlinsons, Dutch Umlaufs, Pinky Winfields, Jack Winns and the Luke Wrights.

Wes Maughan lists the following fine birds at Wright-Patterson AFB: The occasion was a class get together with wining, dining and dancing. In attendance were John and Betty Davis, Doug and Mary Deal, Tom and Marcelline Garrett, Vince and Vera Gaudiani, Dale and Georgene Hagen, Dick and Winnie Helmsley, Ed and Sybil Hertel, Bob and Nancy Hoffman, Lee and Elizabeth Hudson, Doc and Shirley Hughes, Norm Keefer, Harvey and Mary Latson, Bill and Jacqueline Martin, Wes and Bonnie Maughan, Tom and Phyllis Oliver, Stan and Elaine Pace, Duncan and Helen Randall, Ned and Ginny Schramm, Si Silvester, Dan and Toni Shea, Lowell and Ann Smith, Wayne Snavelly, Jay and Elaine Wethe and Dick Wheeler. There on TDY from Merrie England was Al Shiely, whom we have spotted at the Penn State game played up at the Rock.

Also seen at the Penn State game was Arnold Tucker, Junior Lloyd, Tesbo Tansey and Konnie Nesselbush. At the Michigan game Dutch Ingwerson, Clyde and Marie Ernest, Gayle and Gretchen Madison, Bruce Koch, Jug Burrows and Bill Naylor met a crew of the permanent party in a clambake on the town. We must be getting old for we had to quit activities at eleven o'clock completely bushed. Also seen at the game were Robin and Ella Olds, Roger Kullman and B-dog Edrington.

Well, it has finally happened. That is,

the unbelievable has taken place. Amidst great shakings of heads I think the idea has managed to penetrate that Navy did beat Army. Around this rock-bound outpost there is nothing but admiration for Navy and a few muttered replies of "Wait 'til next year" I haven't seen anyone who attended the game so am unable to report on who was in attendance and wept the tears of the vanquished. Thanx for all the poop from the group. A most successful issue.

—Dan'l Flannel.

1944

The best of '51's to all of you, and hope the kiddies didn't miss Santa because of the bundle you lost on the Navy game. Our recent appeal for news from classmates has brought gratifying response; thanks to you who dropped a note, and perhaps some others can learn to write with the right hand while balancing a Martini in the left—if you're that busy.

Here's the poop. Attending the present Armored Officers Advanced Course at The Armored School are Dick Todd, Si Marks, Dunk Clore, Al Partridge, Kutch Kutchinski, C. S. Johnson, and Art Handley. The course, which started September 1, normally would terminate April 8, 1951; but what is normal today? The Kutchinski's received their baptism in diapers on August 26—Paula Kathleen.

How would you like to spend your honeymoon in magnificent Mexico City? Knobby Knoll swung it; and three weeks yet! Knobby's bride is the former Helen Haman of Berwick, North Dakota, and the wedding was at Albrook Air Force Base in the Panama Canal Zone on August 11. Back in Quito, Ecuador, Helen teaches at the Colegio Americano while Knobby poses as a geodetic engineer. Fellow radio "ham" operators can contact Knobby on HC1KW, 10 or 20 meter bands.

Bill Wightman, at Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi, has the unenviable job of handling six hundred young (18 to 20 years—remember back then?) airmen. Bill's charges, all with less than two months of service, are radio operator trainees, but apparently do most of their operating elsewhere. The Wightmans' welcome mat is out at quarters 5509 (on the Post?).

The Fort Sill representation goes like so: Students in the Advanced Course are Buck Denman, Rod Lindell, Bill Humma, Les Babcock, Arch Lerch, Jim O'Brien, Jack Trimmer, John Elliot, and Larry Ciszewski. Note: the Ciszewski's have shortened their name to Ciske (as in Fiske), so address any correspondence that way. The Sill instructors are G. B. Brown, Al McCoy, Ralph Sciollo, Doug Harris, and Dave Ott. When the CAC contingent, including Bob Routh, George Farney, and Len Sims, recently departed for Bliss, they were serenaded off at a class party at the club.

Cliff Coble now an ROTC instructor at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Cliff married Joan Babb, a Texas girl, on November 6, 1949. Frank Forthoffer is squadron commander of an Engineer Construction Squadron at Clark Air Force Base in the Philippines. Elaine, with their two sons, David and James, is at 5518 Lorelei Street, Lakewood Park, Long Beach, California. The Don MacWilliams' welcomed their third, Chris Anne, on October 13, bringing the count to one boy and two girls. Mac has tackled two years of nuclear physics at

Ohio State University. Jimmy and Vicki Stewart have established a permanent residence in Denver, Colorado. Jimmy has completed his study of law at the University of Virginia.

The war gets close to home. Molly Molloy and Lou Howe arrived with the 3rd Infantry Division in Japan on September 15. George Pickett and Joe Shelton jumped with an RCT north of Pyongyang, Korea. George was regimental S-2 at the time. Ray Janeczek, with the first F-86's in combat, was in the flight which shot down a Soviet-made jet, MIG-15. Dixon Rogers was wounded by a sniper while commanding an infantry company in Korea. Buck got it in the shoulder, but considers himself lucky in that there are no nerve or muscular complications. He is recovering in Fitzsimons General Hospital, Colorado, and would undoubtedly appreciate some reading matter in the form of letters while lying there.

Jim Cumberpatch received an M.S. in Aeronautical Engineering and Industrial Administration from Georgia Tech in September, 1950. With wife, Mary, and two sons, Rick and Johnny, he is now stationed at Wright-Patterson AFB in Dayton, Ohio. Jimmy is project officer on the Lockheed F-94 and F-90.

After the Army-New Mexico game at West Point, Bob and Nancy Ginsburgh, Chuck and Betty Lou Sampson, and George and Becky Tuttle gave a class (plus a few) party at Round Pond. Don't know who masterminded the spaghetti, but recommend you have your wife write one of the above and get the recipe. Up from Mitchel Field were Ted Bartz and George Hoffman.

Quite a few of the shafted class made one or more football games this fall. Among them (not an exhaustive list): Ed Millington, from Benning, Hal Sloan, Bob Robinson, W. P. Anderson, Ralph Hollstein, Dave Blake, now at Mitchel Field, Jerry Mickle, Jim Patterson, Bob Mortland, Jack Geyer, and Dean Bressler, currently an aide in First Army on Governors Island. Jerry Mickle is a claimant of THE CUP. Because of the war, etc., none has been awarded to date; one is now being procured. Contestants should send their "qualifying" dates to Class of 1944 Representative, Association of Graduates (*Assembly*), West Point. Applications close April 15, 1951. No box tops required.

C. C. Martin is now with Douglas Aircraft in California. Jack Geyer, wife Anne, and little Jeff are at Maxwell AFB, Montgomery, Alabama. Dick McPherson in the citrus business in Orlando, Florida. Dick and Dottie have a one year old, Keene; also a private airplane. Ruff! The address: 17 Celia Lane. Ace and Joan Edmunds at Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Postscript: Jim Douglas has sent on a master mimeo from Washington. It arrived too late for total inclusion in this issue of *Assembly*. Apparently Doug is the D. C. amanuensis and is conscientious, 'cause his poopsheet lists all the classmates in the Washington area, their wives, children, phones, and offices. Because of our deadline, we'll confine this listing to the class files and save the rest for next time. However, if you want to contact any of the following, am sure Doug will be glad to act as postman. His address is Capt. J. S. Douglas, 1422 Ivanhoe St., Arlington, Virginia. The others in D. C. are: Red Aldrich, Hank Aurand, W. P. Anderson, Al Bethel, Hal Beukema, George Blanchard, Charlie Bootz, Doc Boutwell, Bill Bradley, Jack Bruno, Gene Callaghan, Johnnie Carlson, Frenchy Cyr, Jack Cushman, Ray Dunn, Hal Emerson, Hank Francis, Ted Geltz, Bill Graham, Doc Greaves, Jack Irvine, Jack Johnson, Andy Keller, John King, Hedy LaMarre, Lindy Lindell, T. J. Lynn, Leep Leaper,

Frank Mahin, Alex Maish, Roy Marshall, Bill McGlothlin, Art McLean, Steve Mulkey, Van Nealon, Nick Nixon, Norm Norman, Ed O'Donnell, George Pappas, Dick Patch, Fred Porter, Ben Ragland, Dusty Rivers, Bob Robinson, Bob Shoemaker, Lee Smith, Charlie Steele, Bill Stowell, Jug Weir, Bob Wessells, and Al Weston. Alphabetically, of course; it's a headquarters, isn't it?

The Association of Graduates is seeking the latest addresses of the following members of the class. Anyone having such information, please drop a note to Association of Graduates, West Point:

Captain Francis J. Hale, Captain John F. Kimbel, Captain John H. Cushman, Captain Joseph P. Barnes, Captain Marshall E. Nolan, Captain Donald F. Thompson, Captain R. C. Dart, Captain Robert T. Nixon.

Captain Winston P. Anderson, Captain Louis A. Wilson, Jr., Lieut. John T. Coughlin, II, Captain Douglas W. Gallez, Captain Mason J. Young, Jr., Lieut. Alfred S. McCorkle, Captain Robert M. Mumme, Captain David P. Wood, Jr., Captain Gerson K. Heiss, Jr., Captain R. E. Drake, Captain John C. Trimmer, Captain William M. Shirey.

Captain Robert B. Callan, Captain Thomas F. Flynn, Jr., Captain F. L. Greaves, Captain Francis B. Hennessy, Lieut. Dorsey D. Schaper, Captain Richard S. Ware, Jr., Captain Winfield S. Scott, Captain Richard Nalle, Captain Robert M. Pearce, Captain Lloyd R. Pugh, Jr., Captain John W. Brown, Jr., Captain Philip B. Toon, Lieut. Donald E. Tripp, Captain Joseph W. Losch, Captain Malcolm P. Mickelwait, Captain William R. Buckley, Jr., Captain C. J. Myslinski, Captain Philip S. Grant, Captain Bruce I. Staser.

Captain Leslie H. Halstead, Captain Lindley C. Ellis, Captain P. W. Alquist, Captain Lyall D. De La Mater, Captain W. J. Moulis, Captain E. Paul Anderson, Captain Raymond L. Gordon, Jr., Captain Grey Fitzpatrick, Lieut. William T. Miller, Captain DeRosey C. Cabell, Captain Alfe F. Erickson, Lieut. William C. Jones, Captain Edward B. DiNapoli, Jr., Captain Melville B. Withers, Captain W. N. Boyles, Jr.

How do you like the hump?

—R. W. F.

1945

Congratulations Captains! And that goes double for you Captains in Korea. Further orientation; reason for change in authorship of the column is that the strain of being aide to a major general during working hours and then writing this column for a high ranking bunch of captains was too much for Bill Clark; so we volunteered to assume responsibility until the majorities started coming in. At that time I shall abdicate in favor of some other foolhardy soul.

Since this one is being written on fairly short notice, most of the news this time will be about "West Point Stories", but we'll expect to hear from the outposts in time for the next issue. Remember, we'll print anything you write. (Well, almost anything.) We'll even consider giving you a credit line so come on and tear loose.

Janis and Larry Jones are dismayed by the fact that their marriage back in 1948 has never appeared herein in print. Here-with we rectify that error, but we wonder if we shouldn't wait 'til next issue at least to announce Larry Junior. He arrived last May. Being a very proud godfather, we cannot honestly claim impartiality, but he

is a cute kid. Good too. Larry is teaching Physics to the Yearlings; and to those of you who haven't met her we'll say that Janis is one of the class beauties.

Though the class group here at WP has swelled in size, any popularity poll would still be won hands down by Bill and Betty Ochs for their generosity and thoughtfulness. Bill as PIO is still squiring the great and the near great; but when quittin' time arrives, he goes home to take over Mess and Recreation Officer for the petite Miss Ridge-ly, age 4 months.

Talk of the sub-kindergarten set up here is the Jill Bennett-Nicky Kenna duo. Jill is at least as smart as her old man (Draw your own conclusions), and you should see young Nick handle that pigskin (Junior size). Talk of the kindergarten set is John's virtuoso rendition of "Tubby the Tuba" at the Christmas Band Concert. This reading cinched John's title as "the poor man's Basil Rathbone". Talk of the athletic set is John's rabble rousing speech at the Penn after taps rally and Doug's job as defensive backfield coach for some Eastern football squad. Talk of the musical set are Doug's hill billy ballads and Bennett's ukelele efforts. Talk of the bachelor set is the question, "Are there any more like Mac and Jean?" We'd settle for either. That about wraps up the Bennetts and Kennas. More next month, though.

Speaking of football, Bennett and Kenna are not the only two who have had to do with that sport for Larry Jones and Arch Arnold acted as officials for the annual goat-engineer football classic. We won't say they were or were not good officials, but the cries from the stands to "murder the officials", "throw the bums out" etc. were so vociferous that we turtled into our overcoat, turned around our class ring, and made like we didn't know the guys. This proved difficult to sustain in Arch's case, for Barbara had asked us to Thanksgiving dinner after the game; and at the risk of never being asked out again by other wives, we'll go on record as saying we've never had a tastier meal. M. L. Price will probably back us up on that. Arch and Barb have a family of two boys, and Arch is with Modern Languages.

After long having advertised himself as the enemy of culture, Ted Adair, as plebe English P, has to trumpet the excellences of *Henry V*, *John Brown's Body*, etc. Ted's very attractive mother has been up for several visits. Ted is now working on a master's in education at Columbia.

Anne and Jim Holcomb's baby arrived in October. Jim is with MT&G. Also club officer of WPAM so see him for free food and drink when you're up this way.

News from the hinterlands: First Captain Bob and the beautiful Geraldine are now property owners on Long Island. Have their own place at Levittown. Bob took us through the Schaeffer brewery in Brooklyn last summer. We were most impressed by the counter where free beer is dispensed all day. This doubtless accounts for the cheerful comraderie that pervades the plant as well as for the added pounds Bob has gained since leaving the Army. On him it looks good. Both Bob and Gerry are happy with life, but Gerry still goes about the household chores humming "Way Down in Columbus Georgia" Hi ya, Gerry!

Know you won't believe it, but Bruce and Frances Barnard left El Paso and came east to see the Michigan game. They have their own home in EP where Bruce works for radio station KR0D. Being out of the Army has changed him not at all. Frances, definitely the better half, successfully convinces everyone that he still only means half of what he says.

Though he was successful in shaking off the strange spell of Lilli St. Cyr, Pat Powers finally quit running and took the plunge. Don't have the particulars on Mrs. Pat, but they are stationed at Bliss. Would like to have news of Bob and Lei Fye at the same place. Also Bob and Bunny Hall.

Tommy and C. B. Maertens started worrying about still another appointment to WP as of 0330, December 11 when Floyd Kameil arrived. It is their second boy. Tommy is in Washington with G-3.

We have news that Tom Lombardo and Jerry Morrow were killed in action in Korea. We cannot express in a few words the meaning of their loss. Anybody's list would have named them among the finest of our class. Our sympathy to their families.

Ken Blood is in Walter Reed Hospital for a series of operations on his leg as a result of injuries sustained in that fight. Ken was flying B-29s there. Stop in and see him. Ward 1. Also wounded in action there was Kitch Josey. Kitch got his in the first fight for Pyongyang. He was returned to the States and sent to Fort Sam Houston where Lynell was staying with her parents. However we have just seen their orders to Fort Benning. Here's to a quick recovery for both Ken and Kitch.

We appreciated a letter from Bob Guthrie in Korea. He is with an infantry company in the 2nd Div. With the same division are John Carley, Bob Conrad, Bill Glunz, "Hatrack" Hogan, "Moose" Hillman, Art Lozano, Lucian Truscott, and Dick Williams. Everyone is especially interested in who is overseas, and there could be no better use for this column than that, so drop us your address. Wives can do this just as easily. You probably have more free time.

The three home football games brought a large number of classmates back to West Point. Among those seen were Calder, Bill Taylor, Ernie Denz, Lawrence, Driscoll, Doc Lunny, Haslett, George Berger, Bill Combs, and Bob Woods. Ted and Alma Flum appeared for the Penn State game. Ted is studying law at Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

The Navy game (UGH!) brought out a much larger group. We don't know where they came from but we had reports of Loudermilch, Pauly, Bess, Rafalko, Jim Hamilton, Malony, Van Cleve, Nacy, Hanket, McLendon, Van Houten, Howe, Gustafson, Kothrade, Sibert, Siegel, Gatsis, Gandy, Callahan, Lawrence, English, Gardner, Gilbert, McGuinness, Molnar, Rhett, West, Graham, Tongue, Williams, Foley, Ochs, Lee, Steinhagen, Roth, Musgrave, L. M. Jones, Hesse, Schaffner, Kenna, McMurray, Tomlinson, Linden, Broughton, Arnold, Munson, Gerald, Fowler, Catron, Gilbert, Hunt, Clark, Barr, and McBride. Those who are married were there with wives. (At least we hope they were their wives!)

A separate paragraph is in order for the exploits of John Neff. For the second year in a row, John chose to stay at the Bellevue which is Navy headquarters. From what he himself told us, he must have made himself thoroughly obnoxious to the middies the night before the game throwing ice through their transoms, rubbing in last year's humiliating defeat, telling them to "haul in your little anchors" etc. Imagine the reception he got after this year's game when he tried to sneak up to his room in those jump boots. We were with him and very glad we were in civies. We are also very glad Weaver, Pollard and Reich will be on our side next year. Just wait!

The West Point contingent has given up hope of seeing Boots Blessé up here since we've had two false alarms. Each time we had the band out, red carpet, and a drink in each hand (for Boots) but he didn't show. He is still at Selfridge as far as we know.

Random notes. Jim Morris (Big Jim) is reported on a jeep trip through Mexico. Jock McQuarrie now aide to General Honnen at Benning. A big salute to C. M. McQ., Junior, who arrived on October 15th. That made it one of each for Jock and Rosanne. Bill Vinson in Korea, but wife Marguerite Benedict Vinson living with her family in D. C. It was a girl for the Harry Patricks on October 3rd. They now also have one of each. Patrick is at Casswell. Ed Rafalko is at Hunter AFB; Joe Byron at Rapid City; Frank Draper at Bolling, and Wally Hinds and Jack Liebel reported in Korea. George Bush at Belvoir; Harle Damon in Washington.

Will be glad to advertise for any long lost classmates. We'd kinda like to know what happened to Frank Lish after June 5, 1945. He was last heard of in Europe. Would like to hear from him. Would like to hear from YOU too. 'Til next time, don't pull your rank too much on those junior classes.

—Jim Alfonte.

1946

Korea: To date the only known classmate to meet the Last Roll Call in Korea is John Munkres. This was reported in the October *Assembly* as well as in an article in *The Saturday Evening Post*. May I extend for the class our deepest expression of sympathy to John's wife, parents, and many friends.

Bear in mind that this article is being written on December 10, 1950. The military situation may rapidly change my news, but here goes, anyway! Got a very welcome letter from John Vester dateline, Suncheon, Korea, Nov. 18, 1950. Since a little before he left the States, John has been aide to Brig. Gen. Loyal M. Haynes, 2nd Div. Arty C.G. Vester knows Korea well, since he had been with the 7th Div. in Korea when we were still occupying that land. Like many others John had his orders changed. He was to have taken a course in International Relations at Columbia. John is still single and hopes to get to Columbia next year.

John McDonough and Jean Joyce are also with the 2nd Div. Arty. McDonough received the Silver Star recently and has been wounded twice. Ray Orth was seriously wounded on the Naktong and is getting better, we hope. Ray was in an Inf. Regt. and had been scheduled to go to law school last Sept. Malcolm McDonald is on the 2nd Div. Staff, G-2 section. Many old C-2 men will remember Bob Guthrie '45, who is now a Capt. and a Bn. Adj. in an Inf Regt.

Capt. Sam Walker is in Korea with an Inf. Regt., 24th Div. Sam's wife Charlotte and their son Walton H. Walker, II are currently staying in Pittsburgh, Pa. with her family. Sam was formerly stationed with the 82nd AB Div., G-4 section. The only other known '46 Captains are Bob Shoemaker and Bob Wayne. George Porter is assigned as Radio Officer with the 10th AA Grp in Korea. Doyle Merritt, Bn. Survey Officer, 9th Arty Bn. was the first man of '46 into Pyongyang (Oct. '50). At the time he was acting as Ln. Officer to command grp of a Med. Tank Bn. and 1st ROK Div; he entered town with the leading tank co.

Al Ash wrote a good letter too—dated Nov. 6, '50, Pyongyang, Korea. He and Phil Farris are Plt Ldrs (Abn AAA Bns) with the RCT which made the jump at Sukchon. Other classmates in that jump were Ralph Starner, Josiah Wallace, Charlie Hall, Ray Simpkins, Parker (Abn FA Bn), Tully, Albright, Shade, and Pendergrass (Eng. Co.).

Bob Case was wounded in the Kumpo Peninsula fighting and did not get to jump with the RCT. Ed Drinkwater has transferred

to the Ord. Dept. and is stationed at an Ammo. Dump in Japan. Steve Matejov and Ralph Davis are with an AAA Bn, 2nd Inf. Div. Shirley Ashton transferred to Sig. Corps and is in Korea with a Signal Opns Bn.

Ash received a letter from Birdie Ghrist (civilian now) who is studying Business Adm. at the Univ. of Texas. Ghrist says he sees Rufe Garrett, a budding lawyer, quite frequently.

Other FEC: Bob Tribolet has arrived on Clark AFB in the Philippines, to take up duties as Ass't Director of Maintenance for a Fighter Bomber Wing of Philippines Command and 13th AF. Bob completed a 2 year assignment as a student officer at Air Force Institute, Wright-Patterson AFB, before his departure for the Philippines in October.

Bob Gorman's wife Virginia wrote me a very informative letter telling of their service history to date. Bob is on Okinawa with an Air Force unit. His original orders had read Guam as a base aircraft maintenance officer. In the meantime Virginia and their son James Robert, born Aug. 26, 1948, are waiting in Calif. for possible transfer to Okinawa. Bob received a B.S. degree in Mech. Eng. from Cornell in June 1950 and during his last year there he was elected to the honorary Engr. Society, Tau Beta Pi. Bob and Virginia were married at Langley Field on Dec. 6, 1947. George Hirsch was best man and ushers were Bryce Poe and Bruce Shaw.

EUCOM: Charlie Morgan was touring Europe this past summer and met only 2 classmates. In Munich he met Norm Weiss with the purchasing office and in Cannes, France, Charlie and Barbara met Jack and Betty Shultz. Charlie got some info from Norm as to men still supposed to be in Europe. In addition to those mentioned previously they are: Charlie Baker in Nurnburg, single; Jim Johnson, 1st Div., Grafenswuh, married; John Stratis and Bill Whitener, constabulary, both single; Jack Schumann, Stuttgart, single; and Mike Sanger, 1st Div. Morgan is now a Captain in the reserves.

USA: With apologies to Larry Gordon for failing to announce earlier his marriage to Mary Ann Baldner on Dec. 23, 1949, I do so now. Their marriage took place at Xenia, Ohio, and they live at 300 Wayne Drive, Osborn, Ohio. Ted Montague became engaged in Sept. to Miss Cynthia C. Comly. Ted was retired for physical disability and is now living in Greenwich, Conn. Charles McCarty and Jesse Honnen, daughter of Brig. Gen. and Mrs. George C. Honnen, were married Nov. 23, 1950, at the Post Chapel, Fort Benning. Mac is presently assigned to the staff and faculty of the Inf. School.

Your reporter France hopes to have a good time Dec. 28, 1950, at a cocktail party in Buffalo being held by the West Point Society of Western N. Y. We plan to invite all cadets, graduates, and midshipmen (God bless their 13-2 souls) in the area for Xmas.

John W. Callaghan and Miss Virginia C. Timberman, daughter of Brig. Gen. and Mrs. Thomas S. Timberman, were married in Dec. 1950 at Fort Benning, Ga. Capt. Eugene F. Callaghan '44 USAF of Wash., D. C., served as his brother's best man. Ushers included another brother Lt. Donald Callaghan USAF of Columbus, Ohio, Capt. James Shanahan, Dick Bresnahan, Tom Pardue, Bob Patterson, and Al Futrell. Callaghan is currently assigned to the Communications Section of the Inf. Center.

Patty Castle (Johnny's wife) wrote to announce the arrival of their second child, a girl, Jennifer, born Sept. 16, 1950, at the base hospital, Larson AFB, Moses Lake, Wash. The Castles were transferred on May 1 from Albuquerque along with the 81st Ftr. Wing. Johnny is with the 91st Ftr. Sq. and

Hoby Gay and Mose Gordon with the 92nd Ftr. Sq. are also there. Skladzien was transferred into the 319th All Weather Sq. and is at Larson AFB too.

Stationed at Ellington AFB, Houston, Texas are Clyde Denniston, John Barricklow, Chuck Menninger, Earl Poytress, Bill Withers, Dick Carnright, Max Minor, Toby Reed, Chuck Brosius, and George Nelson. All are pilots in the process of picking up three more aeronautical ratings, Navigator-Bombardier-Radar. When they finish their training they are scheduled to become Aircraft Commanders in Boeing's new B-47 Jet Bomber.

Fifth Reunion News: Your Reunion Committee: Chairman—Keith Ball, Entertainment—Tom Constant and R. P. Hazzard, Book (a possibility)—Wade Kingsbury. Badges—Guy Troy, Funds—Joe Jordan, Housing—Alex Halls, Publicity—Dick Dresser. This group held their first meeting on Sept. 19, '50 and formed the committee. The men are placing the emphasis on entertainment and funds at present, but all plans are under way. A big job is ahead for these classmates between now and June Week 1951, so everyone cooperates as well as possible. They plan to send post cards to everyone with a return card attached for mailing answers. Answer fully and return rapidly, please. Any man who has moved around a lot might want to mail his address to me or Ball.

The second meeting of our June Week committee was held on Sept. 27, '50 with good results. They plan to have a buffet luncheon on Sat., June 2, 1951, followed by a dinner and dance that night. Then a picnic will be held on Sunday, June 3. That seems a full schedule since most people will arrive by then and Monday is Alumni Day with many regular activities of June Week to occupy our time. The luncheon will be held at the Thayer Hotel, the dance spot is tentatively the officers' club. So, if you ask me, these men are going to show us a very good time come June 1951.

Establishment of a Class Fund!! Our class at present has no regular fund with which to carry out some necessary functions. These would include sending flowers to widows when time permits, purchasing sabbars for sons of the class that graduate, and aid in carrying out class functions which will occur from time to time. There is also a fact which might interest you all. It seems that the Association of Graduates had to pay a few bills when we graduated because all our funds were used to hire Tex Beneke. Most of you may hastily regard this problem and forget it, but don't! Give a few minutes thought to the situation, and see if you also agree that a Class Fund should be established.

The lack of a fund was discovered by our June Week Committee. They realize that the future will require one; therefore, they duly elected me as custodian of the fund and asked me to run an appeal in the column so we may establish said account. We are asking every classmate to contribute \$1.00. This money will be mostly invested in War Bonds and/or savings, with a small cash reserve. It seems, that once every \$1 is in, no new money need be solicited. When the last man dies, the remainder of the fund should be donated to the Association of Graduates. All \$1.00 assessments should be mailed to Samuel E. H. France, 555-7th Street, Niagara Falls, N. Y.; a receipt will immediately follow. See you in June.

—S. E. H. F.

1947

John D. Naill, Jr. sends the following news from Ft. Kobbe, C. Z.: "1947 has sunk

to a new low as for representation here. We have lost everybody but Mel Rosen with the 37th Combat Engineer Company; Ben Hollander, the adjutant of Pacific Sector; and myself, late aide to the CG, USARCARIB and presently assistant S-4 of the 33rd Infantry. Lukens left us and is now in Korea with a Puerto Rican outfit; Bleiman was recently made OIC of the IAGS survey team in Bolivia. Bathurst and family were down for a couple of weeks, but he has again gone back to Walter Reed. Of course the Nails are trying to get the household back in order after the arrival of a potential doughfoot, John III, on August 7. Mary Ann and I may be here for another year, or I may be on the next cadre that the 33rd furnishes, but we extend an invitation to any of our classmates or families that may be passing through the canal or putting down at Albrook AFB for a little gas."

Bill Nairn writes from Fitzsimons General Hospital, Denver, Colorado: "Since I'm one of the more fortunate of our 'Korean classmates' and the others probably have little time to write you I'll bring you up to date on the ones I was with 'til a short time ago. Bob King has G Co, received promotion to Captain and was doing a fine job when last I saw him. Jim Edington had H Co and also made Captain. Charlie Munford left the 27th to become aide to B.G. Vennard Wilson. I saw Ollie McDougal several times (24th Div.) and Randy Beirne ('48) once. Here in Fitzsimons I ran into Burton who received a pretty bad chest wound but is on the road to recovery now. Ike Snyder has an ordnance Co over there and was just presented with a hefty baby boy by Ruth. Heard from John Mastin in Europe—he and Jane have a daughter now, Linda Lou—Hal and Louise Richardson (Germany) have a boy, Mark. That about covers the news."

An earlier letter from Ike Snyder—BBB—(Before Baby Boy) states: Bill Nairn has been making an outstanding showing, as commanding officer of "Easy" Company of an infantry regiment. He has already been awarded one Silver Star that I know of and made the grade of Captain about a month ago. Mahowald is a battalion S-1 in an infantry regiment, Peckham is on the battalion staff, S-2 I believe, in a tank battalion and Bill Henry just made Captain as Assistant S-2, 25th Division Artillery. Al Geraci, after a long period of hard, good work for the 25th Division Signal Company, was sent to Division Artillery to assist in communications there. I ran into John Hoover a few weeks ago . . . battling the breeze with Hal Grossman. I also received a greeting via one of my contact teams from Bill Cooper who was with a RCT while they were attached to the 25th Division. Don Dexter came over to Korea early in the shooting and as far as I know still attached to the 24th Division, and Stu Force also. On the way over here I saw Bing Perry, Dick McAdoo and Sam Starobin, all of the 65th Engineers. As for the wives, I understand that Bunny Nairn has returned to the States as well as Bobbie Geraci. Rita Starobin, Mary Lou Edington, Ruth Snyder, and several others are holding down the home front in Osaka. All they have for excitement there is a couple of typhoons.

Bob Ehrlich wrote announcing his marriage to Patricia Ann Simms of Austin, Texas. They were married in the Base Chapel at Bergstrom AFB, Sept. 19th. They are now living in Austin and Bob is assigned to the 27th Fighter Wing at Bergstrom. Jean and June Burns wish to announce the birth of their first child, a daughter, Leslie Christine, on August 6th at Fort Dix. Jean is Ass't Regt. Adj. with the 60th Infantry Regiment at Fort Dix. Clyde Reynolds and wife Betsy write: "Bufford Biggs and wife Sue have a future cadet, Barry Francis, now a year old and we have

a future drag, Cynthia Dianne, nine months old that I don't believe you've heard about. Clyde is attending Ohio State studying nuclear physics—also here are Jim Heironimus, Bob Sattem and Kasey Kaericker".

A release from Clark Air Force Base in the Philippines states that Elmer C. Lundy is now there and has been assigned as assistant chief for the analysis and presentation division at the office of the director of statistical services, Headquarters, Philippines Command (Air Force) and Thirteenth Air Force. Lundy departed for duty in August, following completion of his assignment as a student officer at Harvard University Graduate School of Business Administration.

If any of you know the whereabouts of any of the following '47 classmates, kindly send the addresses to the Secretary, Association of Graduates. They are: Howard L. Sargent, Jerome B. Christine, Donald O. Robb, John K. Lerohl, Paul J. Curry, Frederick J. Knauss, Kenneth M. Hatch, Richard A. Littlestone, John E. Culin, Louis Rachmeyer, John M. Miller, George F. Harrington, Lee G. Schlegel, Jack F. Pierce, Frank J. Kremser, Wm. J. Woldenberg, Kenneth M. Landis, Charles H. McKnight, Jr., Park B. Herrick, Jr., James E. Ryan, William D. Field, Graham G. Kent, Leon J. Jacques, Jr., John S. Mallory, Jr., Felix A. Blanchard, Leland G. Anderson, and William D. Williams, Jr.

—D. L. T.

1948

First a word about Jim Ruddell, who was reported missing in action near Taejon the third week in July. He received the DSC for reorganizing a defensive position which was being overrun after his battalion was almost completely disorganized. Ed White was awarded the DSC posthumously, killed about August 1st near Kumchon. He was with a cavalry regiment. Bill Thomas was wounded in the eyes when a hand grenade was dropped down the turret of his tank near Waegwan on August 15th. At this time he is not seeing too well but his doctors at Bethesda, Maryland, U.S. Naval Hospital, say that he will recover within a year. Charley McGee was with a cavalry regiment and killed in action about the second week in August. Tenney Ross was wounded near Chinju in July and is now back in Korea. Dick Warren is reported missing in action and no one seems to know anything else about him.

Tom Jones was captured by the North Korean Reds but later managed to escape. Probably there is a good story there and I would like to hear about it, as would the rest of the class if Tom will write us a letter about it.

Unconfirmed reports bring a list of classmates that are missing or have been killed in action, and if anyone knows any different the information will certainly be appreciated and made known. Those that I have are Pat Gilliam, killed in an air crash; Marty Nelson, killed; and Lou Anthis, killed. Others that were injured include Chuck Wurster, Tom Hazard, and John Maple. Also listed as missing in action is Rufe Hyman.

Word to date about some of the other boys in Korea show that most of the ones there have been promoted to captains. Those that I have reports on as captains are Jack Doody, now a company commander in the 24th Division, Fran Schless, battalion S-2, 1st Cavalry Division, Harry Buckley, also S-2, Tom Hoffman, S-3, wounded and evacuated to Brooke General Hospital in San Antonio. Larry Hoyt and Peterson were on

battalion staffs but Peterson was evacuated back to the States. George Hartnell was an infantry company commander. Bill Travis was a platoon leader but later was assigned to an Air Liaison Section. Bob Hamilton was with a 155mm Howitzer Battery. Alfonso was in the battle for Taejon and came out OK. John Wadsworth and Jack Osteen are both in the same cavalry regiment. Sid Berry was wounded, awarded the Silver Star and has returned to duty; Chandler was made a captain, also Cancelliere, who is with the QMC of the 1st Cavalry. Jess Kelsey and Sam Cockerham are in the transportation corps, running the railroads out of Pusan. Bob Finnegan is in the QMC and has the job of grave registration platoon leader. Jack Chitty, also a captain, is Battalion S-4 of an infantry regiment.

Bob Pomeroy is at Clark Air Force Base as Information and Education Officer. He has just returned from duty in Tokyo. Jimmy Allen has completed 96 missions in Korea and has been returned to Clark Air Force Base also. Heard that Al Quaback and Charley Coons are in the same squadron with Pat Gilliam and I would like to hear about that outfit.

The fighting in Korea seems a long way from home but when we know the people there and each bit of news brings something that we do not like to hear, then the fighting comes a lot closer. To you who are there in the mud and slush and heartbreak the only thing that we know how to say is that we hope and pray that victory is not far away.

Word comes from Smyrna Air Force Base here in the States near Nashville, Tennessee, from the Dent's who now have their second baby, a boy named John F. Dent, Jr. In Linz, Austria, Joe Bratton married Louise Skelly of Terre Haute, Indiana, on September 30. Monk Doty was married in Memphis, Tennessee, to Mary Virginia Burchett on October 28. Bull McManaway was married to Toni Crosby in Shreveport, Louisiana, on September 30, with Cudahy as best man. While there at that wedding I saw Irvin Schoenberg.

About all for now gang. Any news about anyone is appreciated, and as much of it will be printed as can be approved.

—Charley Nash,
Alderson, West Virginia.

1949

Lots of news, too little good, too much sad, so introduction will be brief. As last reported, Mac asked to be replaced as news representative after a year and a half of excellent work. I know all sincerely appreciate his time and efforts and thank him for a job well done. Contacted Jack Wogan but return mail disclosed his presence in a troop carrier outfit in Japan. He was given a reprieve until he's more stabilized. Willy Gorog was next choice. He accepted but he's now in Korea, so Ken Main and I are pinch hitting this issue.

Mrs. Barnard Cummings kindly wrote us of Barney and some of the boys. Barney, Chuck Brown, and Ralph Puckett were recently selected in Korea to organize and train the first Ranger Company of this war. Penny St. Clair writes from Puerto Rico that Joe, Ev Yacker, Bob Miller, and Ed Cave had orders to the sunny island, only to arrive and find that their unit had been alerted and was soon leaving. Penny also included news of the Poulsons and Dickinsons. Ann and Polo are now in Carolina where John is studying for a Masters at N.C. State. Hill and Nancy had stopped to see Penny and Joe while they were enroute to Schweinfurt.

Anita and Ralph Raabe are now in Bedford, Mass., where they were joined by Jay and Pat Carey and the Benzings, Ree and Lou. Lou is taking a two year course in Radar Fire Control at MIT while Jay is undergoing one year of meteorological study.

Curly Lindeman, on convalescent leave in the States after Korea, writes that he saw Goble, Joe, and Bobby Jack at USMA where they were helping the Big Rabble through an undefeated season. (Written Dec. 1—Ed. note.) Goble leaves for Japan in mid-December. Curly received a letter from Larry Ogden who is now on temporary limited duty running a replacement company in Sasebo, Japan. Curly, Larry, Dick Tobin, Willie Hoffman, Andy Andregg, and Gene Marder went all the way up to Taegu together. Larry and Curly were hit on the same day, Larry in the leg and Curly in the arm. Rocky Marder was wounded in the thigh while making an assault, continued on, and was hit again, this time in the stomach. Rocky is now at Walter Reed and coming along fine.

Dean McCarron kept us posted from the Kimpo Air Base. He, Jack Hayne, Fred Deem, and Jack Burckart are in the same A.A.A. Brigade commanded by Lt. Col. Andrews, late of the Spanish and Portuguese Departments, USMA. At last report Hayne was north of Pyongyang, by way of the Kumchon pocket. Burckart at Inchon. Mac claims a previous dim view of the USAF was soon changed when he saw the effective job our planes had done on the Naktong River bridges. Pop up your chests, Flyboys!

Ted Swett had Lt. Col. Corley as Bn CO in Korea. Ted said that "I realized from watching Col. Corley that those fabulous stories we used to hear about him with our cadet ears weren't far fetched". He went on to say that Billy Rountree was with him and that "the Regimental Exec told me the day I went up that Rountree had done a helluva good job in a tough spot just a few days previously". Ted was later wounded when a mortar shell exploded in his fox-hole. He luckily came out with nothing more than fragments in arm, leg, and hip. Could have been much worse.

Kirkpatrick, Kelly, and Turley have kept us posted with two letters, the first enroute to Pusan, the second from Pyongyang. These, along with others, are being kept for all to see and read at a later date. At the time of the first letter Kirk, Calloway, Lochhead, Bolte, Morton, Ken Miller, Moran, Vargovick, Sickafoose, Al Anderson, Bob

Johnson, Bunn, Krasko, and Stu Martin were going in to hold along the Naktong. With them were such former Tac's and P's as Col. Throckmorton, Col. Keller, Capt. Head, Col. Fredericks, and Major Farrell. Later, from Pyongyang, Kirk said that Krasko, Turley, Cosby McBeath, and he were still together but shivering now and then from the cold. Cosby, by the way, was sent to an infantry company after having finished training with the armored forces at Fort Knox.

Bob Springer, in a letter written from Korea to his parents and later reprinted in the Chicago *Tribune*, told of seeing the tide of battle turn during a Communist attack south of Taejon. He wrote that "the 1st Cavalry during this period battled to the death with the 13th Red Route division and we beat them. I was in on the final battles and saw the tide turn". Bob is serving as a forward observer with the 1st.

The duty that makes an otherwise enjoyable task a sad one is to report to you the men of '49 who have been killed or wounded in action. Tom Hardaway, Ralph Buffington, Courtney Davis, Cecil Newman, Bob Nelson, Monro Magruder, Mac Odell, Bill Wilbur, Jerry Paden, and Bill Ware have been killed. Jim Scholtz, Ted Swett, Gene Marder, A. G. Brown, Curly Lindeman, Ed Ross, Dave Bolte, Art Gerometta, Ken Miller, and Larry Ogden have been wounded. It is difficult to believe that some of these boys with whom we lived, worked, and played for four and more years are gone. To the friends, relatives, and loved ones of those whose lives ended in Korea, we extend our deepest sympathies.

Tom Baker ran into many of the boys of '49 and '50 at Stuttgart. Over many bottles of lager they recounted tales of old and present days. Present were Skeeter Meek, Roy Huber, Pete Petranck, Don Keith, Archie Goodwin, Don Thompson, E. P. Ford, Bob Schwartz, Hal Lombard, Lee Surut, Chuck Spettel, Chuck Roebuck, Bob Lichow, Ray Battreall, and Dave Rogers. On the trip over Tom's plane lost an engine 350 miles out of Brest and was forced to land at Paris, which doesn't sound so bad! Tom reports that Jack Rust, Don Williamson, and Tom Stockton are in Landshut.

Willie Bounds of the Infantry, Marc Jartman, and many of the other Cavalry bachelors renewed acquaintances with the Gen. Harry Taylor on their trip to Germany in August. Marc is now in Degerndorf with Bob Bradley and Jim Wroth in a battalion

commanded by Lt. Col. Maxwell. In Germany are also George Hoffmaster, Judd Conner, Al Hale, Herman Boland, and Wes Knapp, all bachelors, by the way. Tom and Dottie Williams, John McArdle, Art Mayer, Joe Yeats, Bob Rose, Ray Rasmussen, Charlie Lehner, and Jim Lampros are in Augsburg while at Fritzlar is Tiger Howell, apparently with the situation well in hand.

Not too much news of the fly boys. However, all that went directly to flight training and got through are now possessors of silver wings. Dave Hendricks and Phil O'Brien are at Otis flying jets. Many of the others have been assigned as flight instructors after completing a pilot instructor school at Craig. This class included Agnew, Barton, Bowman, Bullock, Brunhart, Cheever, Crites, Dederich, Dougherty, Eaton, Gardner, Gilbert, Gillette, Hawn, Ike, Jamison, Klemmer, Klein, Kramer, Levings, McCrary, McDaniels, Mosny, Shebat, M. A. Smith, Wakefield, Wilford, Nakfoor, Neef, Orem, Prescott, Shiel, Spillers, and Reed. Ted Campbell is now flying F-80's in advanced with Gene Mechling right behind him. D. D. Overton took time out from flying to volunteer for a survival course in the west. Closest call reported by any of the boys was included in Charlie Cheever's letter. He wrote that Chuck Agnew had a mid-air collision in an F-80 formation. Chuck bailed out at 500 feet and landed OK.

Walt Milliken flew into Dayton just before this writing and he contributed the following information. Under the trusty hand of Bob Slizeski a bachelor party was recently held at Olmsted for Bill Smith. Steaks with other refreshments followed in honor of Bill, who was married December 9th. Others attending were Bob Owen, Bob Hansen, and Walt Milliken, not to mention numerous other local officers. Johnny Mione landed later in the evening on his way to Westover from Tinker, to join the party.

Walt reported seeing the following at the Navy game: Ted Swett, who is looking good and will be stationed at Ft. Myer upon release from Walter Reed; Rocky Marder, looking like his old self again; Bob and Sue Pfeiffer, down from NYU; Don Woods, Frank Brock, and "Mac" McCarthy from Tinker; Ed Wilford, Jim Hendricks and Joe Pospisil; George Crall, now a 2d lieutenant in the Marines; Orem, Guthrie, and Dougherty from Vance where they are instructing in T-28's; Wade Dickinson up from Oak Ridge; Bob Ennis, John Andrus and Jack Hammack taking time out from flying



Twenty members of Advanced Single Engine Pilot Training Class 50-D, graduates of the United States Military Academy, Class of 1949, are shown in front of the main gate at Nellis Air Force Base, Las Vegas, Nevada, prior to receiving their pilots wings at graduation exercises held August 4th at Nellis Air Force Base. Left to right: 2nd Lts. Chester C. Gilbert, Charles F. Neef, Jr., Paul C. Dow, Jr., Charles E. Cheever, Jr., William J. Trautvetter, Robert P. Butler, John W. Armstrong, Donald A. McLean, Edward A. Kostyniak, Donald D. Klien, (Back Row) Nelson T. Levings, Mahlon A. Smith II, Victor R. Wakefield, William L. Green III, Lewis M. Jamison, Arthur W. Banister, James R. McDaniel, Malcolm J. Agnew, James W. Spry, Jr., and Jack W. Gillette.

duties; Ralph Raabe down from Cambridge, Mass., research lab; Goble Bryant was sitting in the end zone giving aid to Col. Blaik. For most all of them it was the first time they had seen Army on the short end of a Navy score.

Maybe most of you were beginning to think '49 was going to breed nothing but Vassar, Smith, and Conover eligibles. Well, the tide has turned this last quarter. Tabulations are as follows: Boys to Bill and Dee Liddicoet, Ken and Nancy Main, Tom and Sandra Crawford, Jack and Katrina Wogan, the Boyd Allens, Jay and Pat Carey, Walt and Priscilla Milliken, and Phoebe and Bill Gustafson. Girls to Dean and Virginia McCarron, Ralph and Anita Raabe, the Don Gowers, Jack and Joan Albert, the Bob O'Briens, and Bobby Jack and Harriet Stuart. Marriages to report are Chick Cleveland to Frances Riedel, Jim McDaniel to Shirleigh Warner, Jack Thomas to Loeta Dodds, Lu Cassler to Betty Jean Scott, Paul Dow to Joan Horner. Also married were Lou Brown, John Walter, George Wentsch, Bill Rice, Les Kirkpatrick, Herb Hoot, Phil O'Brien, and Bob Owen.

I want to close by thanking all of you who have sent letters. I think Ted Swett deserves special commendation in that he has apparently kept Red Cross stationery supplies low at Walter Reed keeping us informed. Just send your news to Class of 1949 New Representative, *Assembly*, West Point, New York.

—Gus.

1950

Lots of poop, lots of poop! Letters, cards, wedding invitations, and even seeing a lot of the gang.

Let us first take this round the world cruise and visit the boys in Korea and Japan. The news from there is naturally not good, but I believe it is the news we are most interested in. This I hate to write: the awfully long casualty list. Those guys that have gone ahead of us are: Courtney Barrett, George Hannan, Bill Otis, Howard Brown, Frank Loyd, Warren Littlefield, Ted Lilly, John Trent and Bob Robinson. May God let them rest in peace. Those that have been wounded or injured are Fred Dickerson, Johnnie Fox, Lou Genuario (now at St. Albans getting fixed up), Bill Steinberg (who has been returned to duty, so says a note from his wife), Bob Wood (ex '50 who has received the Silver Star and Bronze Star), Pete Monfore, Vin Hirsh (saw Vin on Dec. 9th at Vassar and he seemed to be doing OK), Howie Parks, Art Porcher, Howie Blanchard, Morris Herbert, Al Fern, Bob O'Connell, Johnnie Miller and Hopper Adams. Mike Dowe has been reported as Missing In Action.

A couple of letters from Chuck Butler just before the 3d Div. went into action listed all the gang that he had seen or that were with him. With the 3d are Pat Greene, Will Warren, Bob Edwards, Jack Hanson (still giving speeches to the troops), Chuck Friedlander, Ed Kennedy, Arnie Galiffa, Willie Coates, George Klie, George Ball, Phil Samsey, Dick Bastar, Don Langren and Grayson Tate. Included in the epistle from Chuck is that good words are being received all the time on the deeds of Jim Irons and John Murphy. Chuck mentioned that Lindy Mather, Carmen Milia, Chuck Graham, and Laurie Eek are first class tank jockies.

Laurie Eek dropped a line and added to the tank driving list to include Cloyce Mangas and Al Paulger. Laurie also gives us a few names to add to the 3d Div. Those being Jere Scharp, Jack Fahs, Bill Tuttle, Bill Pogue, and Andy Pick.

While wandering through the streets of

Tokyo, Laurie ran into Tilson, Hendry, D. S. Wilson (now in Okinawa), Crittenberger (who got married to Mildred Kelleher in San Antonio just before going over), Boydston, Hayward, Steve Cameron (up for the Penn State Game), Paul McDaniels, Bolte, and Mernan.

Word from the Artillery and Johnnie Irwin in Japan say that Mitcham, Fifield, Rowell, Prouty (now on Okinawa), Vanturo, Johnnie Miller, Michel are all going to AAA school. Johnnie was also lucky enough to run into the same crowd in Tokyo that Laurie did.

Leaving the trouble-torn East, let us head our ship towards Alaska. Word from Mary Hall's family—the Tandlers—two confirmed goats have been transferred from the Infantry to the Engineers, Ken Hall and Jack Mackmull. How could they? Word from Kitty Driesonstok's paper "The Daily Stok" gives us the poop that Ed Stefanik and Charlie Eshelman are freezing together in that neck of the woods. Charlie wrote the other day and said they had a relatively warm day—two degrees above zero.

On leaving Alaska and arriving in the old country, Al Crawford greets us with this bit of news. With the 97th Sig. Opn. Batt. are the followings Lts. and Mrs.: Banisters, Buccoloes, Learys, Fullertons, Reed Davises, Tuttilidges, Rosses, and the Crawfords. Those leading the gay bachelor life are Wassenberg, Waddell, and Kindig.

In Trieste, word was received from Jack Barnett via Zagorski via Moll that Barnett will be married in March—March '52 that is.

Taking our time crossing the Atlantic and visiting Puerto Rico, a telephone call from John Hall on a VOCO says that Eddie Fox, Gurnee, Loper, Schnoor, Viskochil, and Hall himself are all Company Commanders, training Puerto Ricans.

On arriving at North Dock, jumping into a quick jet, we venture to "sunny" California where words from Norm Hubbard tell us that he, Whiz White (and Whiz's wife, Ann), and Sid Wright are with the Signal Company in the 40th Div. Also the boys took in the game at Palo Alto and helped cheer the Rabble on in the game with Stanford. Norm also wrote that Matthey, Ed Bell and Fette left Fort Lewis to join the 4th Div. at Benning.

Going to Texas, we heard from Clark Duncan. (Dunc also gave us a visit at The Point. Seems as though he was trying to get more Navy tickets.) Dunc writes that with him at Lubbock are: Amen, Leggett, Slay, and Stud Heit, all flying B-25's. As you remember, these guys were all rated before they entered the Academy. Dunc also mentioned that Stud flew to Miami to be the best man in Joe McCrane's wedding. I guess Stud was in there fighting to the end. Dunc gave a little more light on the guys present in Korea. Those being Smithers, Goldsmith, and Detherow.

Heading to East Texas in general and Randolph in particular, letters from Tisdale, York, and Lorette give us the poop on the fly-boys. Hank Tisdale married Silvia Tauner this fall, while Earnie Dunning and Al Packer packed up their bags to go to Arizona (Williams AFB) to fly jets. The rest of the gang at Randolph were in the process of fighting the battle of the T-6. The boys at Randolph are: Reinch, Williford, Wallace, Vlisides, Rushing, Weber, Page, Todd, Williams, German and Bill Fuller. (Fuller just got married to a little gal from San Antonio.) Jim German was the first to solo at Randolph and claims he is in the lead for the Cup. Those that have left for Navigation or Ground are: McMullen, Laccetti, Gillham, D. S. Smith, Paul Wood, Allison, Boyle, Waldorf, Hammond, Dunbar, W. R. Stewart, Stone and Whiting. Lou Page is the Navigator instructor at Randolph. Hope he's putting all the boys pro.

Proceeding north to Waco, Tom Casserly

wrote that by New Year's he hoped to be engaged to Libby Fissell of East Orange—a home town gal. Tom mentioned that Hal Strickland was the first one to solo at Waco, and that those that have left Waco are Basil, Ahern, and Dave Campbell.

Heading still further north to Sherman we came across a letter from Kenny Moll that says among those present there are: Zagorski, Whitfield, Hoover, Clement, Thomas, Newton, Melton, Slade, Shaninian, Fighbein, Borman, Todsens, Magee, and Gallagher (who will be married in the Catholic Chapel here over the holidays). Those that have left Sherman are Gerry Rusch, Archie Wood and Allbaugh.

Taking a quick trip to the University of Illinois, a letter from Eddie Ramos states that the Phil. Army sent him there to get his degree in Civil Engineering.

Heading south again to Benning and a letter from Joe Love. Joe's down there with a Batt from the 82d, acting as school troops for The Infantry Center. With him are: Bolduc, Dick Johnson, Webster, Mangum, Grow, Johnnie Smith, John Green, Gorman and Seely. With the FA down here are Spence, Barry and Phillips. With the 4th at Benning are Pete Hayes, aide to the Asst Div Com, Bob Eastman and Winkie Mallett.

Trudging back to West Point we stopped at Bragg to get in a little jump pay and I actually saw Knauer, Weaver, the Schoppers, the Gards, Griffin, Fooshe, and Scholl. Johnnie Weaver wrote and said that G. G. Thomas and Sibbles are newly wed, that Vannoy led his team to the Division championship in football, and that Schopper is the 325th's boxing coach. Johnnie got word somehow that Rudy Cosentino coached a Fort Lewis football team that went undefeated.

Stopping off in Washington, further word from Kitty Driesonstok says that Jim Boylan is building Howe and Pratt trusses in Korea. Also Jim Boylan, Jim Mitcham, and Tiger Hinds (in Austria) are leading contenders for the cup.

Back home once more, we saw many of the guys and gals at football games. If we didn't see the guys and gals, we saw their families. Peltz, Spielman, and Bob Roberts made the New Mexico game. At the Columbia game we ran into Mrs. Eddie West, Bob Miller and Phil Barger. At the Michigan game were: Scholl, Grow, Knauer, Jacobson, Zavitz, Higgins, Pinto, Abbruzzese, Garrett and Steinberg, II, Christenson, and Farabaugh. At the Penn game were "Abbru", Garrett and Irv Steinberg, Ed Pierce, Willingham. Bob Roberts and wife-to-be Nancy Lindholm. At the Navy game, we saw nearly everyone. Sanderson, Merideth, Shorty Adams, Skelton, Bashore, Knauer, Jacobson, Listro, Jake Allen, Roehm, Leggett, Heit, Gorman, Lind and T. W. L. Hughes were there, and many more that we were not able to see.

At the Alma Pater (It's a school for boys), the Yeomans have left for Benning, the Fastucas have left for Campbell, and Little John has left for Sill. Jimmy Thompson just won a Rhodes Scholarship and should be heading for Oxford next fall.

In closing gang, I've got a favor to ask of you. Diane Holly, the girl Lyn Camp was engaged to marry, was paralyzed from the waist down in the same accident that killed Lyn. She is shy about \$1,500 for proper medical care. I've been asked by a couple of people to see if we can't help her out. If each one of you could send a couple of dollars we could probably help swing the bill.

Thanks to all for writing in. I only heard from two of the gals though. Mrs. Bill Steinberg and Kitty Driesonstok, come on gals. I owe an apology to Reggie Lombard in that I lost his letter from Europe.

See ya around.

—"Zero."

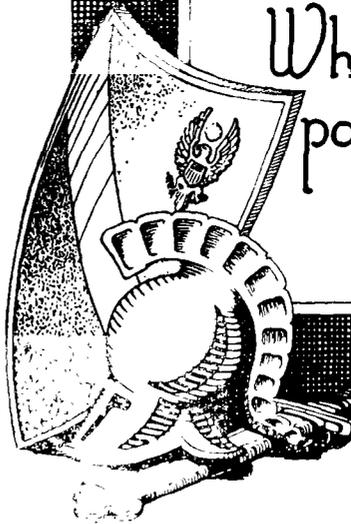
Last Roll Call

Reports of deaths of graduates and former cadets received since the publication of the October 1950 Assembly.

Name	Class	Date of Death	Place of Death
Hansford L. Threlkeld	1892	September 8, 1949	Morganfield, Ky.
Lincoln C. Andrews	1893	November 24, 1950	Northampton, Mass.
Edward J. Timberlake	1893	November 27, 1950	MacDill AFB, Fla.
Hamilton S. Hawkins	1894	October 19, 1950	Washington, D. C.
John C. Oakes	1897	November 11, 1950	Washington, D. C.
William P. Wooten	1898	December 12, 1950	Washington, D. C.
William P. Stokey	1900	December 17, 1950	Atlanta, Ga.
Gordon R. Catts	1904	September 9, 1950	San Antonio, Texas
William W. Harris, J	1904	July 4, 1950	Tryon, N. C.
Erle M. Wilson	1904	September 16, 1950	San Francisco, Calif.
Leroy Bartlett	1905	January 7, 1951	Scott AFB, Ill.
Roger S. Parrott	1908	November 11, 1950	Washington, D. C.
Frank Drake	1910	September 13, 1950	San Francisco, Calif.
Elmore B. Gray	1910	November 11, 1950	Washington, D. C.
Joseph L. Wier	1911	October 13, 1950	La Jolla, Calif.
George LeR. Brown	1912	October 1, 1950	Arlington, Va.
Robert E. Patterson	1912	October 21, 1950	Near Newcastle, Del.
Walton H. Walker	1912	December 23, 1950	Korea
John C. Wyeth	1914	October 26, 1950	Santa Barbara, Calif.
Wilbur S. Elliott	Ex-April, 1917	December 27, 1950	Tripler Army Hospital, Honolulu, T. H.
Frank T. Turner	June, 1918	December 31, 1950	Santa Barbara, Calif.
Gordon S. Armes	1922	April 21, 1950	Louisville, Ky.
Theodore L. Dunn	1925	December 14, 1950	Columbus, Ga.
Frank H. Forney	1929	November 29, 1950	Korea
Clifford C. Wagner	1931	December 29, 1950	Suitland, Md.
Edgar A. Clarke	1935	December 21, 1950	Baltimore, Md.
John P. Dwyer	1940	December 29, 1949	Butler, Pa.
Frank B. Howze	1941	September 15, 1950	Korea
James A. Rippin	January, 1943	November 13, 1950	Korea
James T. Milam	1944	September 5, 1950	Korea
William B. Crary	1945	September 14, 1950	Korea
Milton H. DeVault	1945	September 6, 1950	Korea
Thomas A. Lombardo	1945	September 24, 1950	Korea
Jared W. Morrow	1945	September 1, 1950	Korea
Donald E. Myers	1945	November 7, 1950	Korea
James M. Becker	1946	November 24, 1950	Korea
William R. Frost, Jr.	Ex-1946	August 22, 1950	Korea
Stanley W. Crosby, Jr.	1947	August 10, 1950	Korea
Kenneth H. Farrier, Jr.	1947	September 26, 1950	Near Malta in the Mediterranean
Leon J. Jacques, Jr.	1947	July 12, 1950	Korea
LeRoy E. Majeske	1947	September 1, 1950	Korea
Raymond U. Bloom	1948	September 26, 1950	Korea
Walker S. Bradshaw	1948	November 11, 1950	Japan
Patteson Gilliam	1948	August 22, 1950	Korea
Tenney K. Ross	1948	November 6, 1950	Korea
John E. Watkins	1948	October 16, 1950	Korea
Courtenay C. Davis, Jr.	1949	September 13, 1950	Korea
Frederic N. Eaton	1949	September 2, 1950	Korea
Roger L. Fife	1949	September 22, 1950	Korea
Donald L. Gabel	1949	July 28, 1950	Williams AFB, Chandler, Ariz.
Thomas G. Hardaway	1949	September 8, 1950	Korea
John A. Jenkins	1949	July 7, 1950	Near Nellis AFB, Las Vegas, Nev.
William S. Kempen, Jr.	1949	November 28, 1950	Korea
Roger R. Kuhlman	1949	September 12, 1950	Korea
Jerome J. Paden	1949	September 20, 1950	Japan
George W. Tow	1949	September 17, 1950	Korea
William McC. Wadsworth	1949	December 3, 1950	Korea
Harry W. Ware, Jr.	1949	November 5, 1950	Korea
Aubrey L. Benson	1950	August 1, 1950	Colorado City, Tex.
Howard G. Brown	1950	September 22, 1950	Korea
Lynn H. Camp	1950	July 26, 1950	Near Tucson, Ariz.
George E. Hannan	1950	October 2, 1950	Korea
Edmund J. Lilly, III	1950	September 3, 1950	Korea
Warren C. Littlefield	1950	September 15, 1950	Korea
Frank R. Loyd, Jr.	1950	September 26, 1950	Korea
John C. Trent	1950	November 15, 1950	Korea

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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Edmund Luther Butts

NO. 3383 CLASS OF 1890

DIED JUNE 6, 1950, AT LETTERMAN GENERAL HOSPITAL, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, AGED 81 YEARS.

"BILLY" BUTTS, as he was affectionately known to everyone in the Service, was born at Stillwater, Minnesota, August 5, 1868, the son of Edmund Gregory Butts and Amelia Augusta (White) Butts, who had removed from Delhi, New York and had settled at Stillwater when that town, as well as nearby Minneapolis and St. Paul, was but a small hamlet. The Butts family originally came from Surrey, England. Billy's father was probate judge of Washington County, Minnesota, and in the community was a man of much influence, socially and politically.

Billy's early education was obtained in the local Stillwater schools, after which he matriculated for about a year with the University of Minnesota, where he joined the Chi Psi fraternity. Soon after, he was appointed by his congressman, Gilfillan, as an alternate, to a cadetship at West Point; and his principal having failed to pass the physical examination, Billy was admitted to the Academy, a member of the Class of 1890, in June, 1886, lacking two months of being 18 years old. The writer, a classmate, well remembers him in those days. He stood (I should judge) about five feet, nine inches tall, weighed about 155 pounds, was fair complexioned with brown hair, Grecian nose, firm mouth and chin, and a face betokening amiability and good fellowship. His physique was straight and trim and powerfully muscled. He was easily the best all-around athlete in the Class, if not in the Corps. He excelled in boxing, and on one occasion, as Class representative, successfully maintained the prestige of the Class by out-pointing and defeating a heavier and game, but less skillful antagonist from a lower Class. He wore high-ranking corporal chevrons in his yearling year and when a Second Classman was made the No. 1 first sergeant of the Corps. Desiring more time for study than this new responsibility afforded him, he later resigned his first sergeant's warrant; otherwise, in his first class year, he might easily have been first captain of the Corps.

Space will not permit of an extended statement of his service after graduation in June 1890, until his retirement in August 1932, after more than forty-two years of commissioned service, during which he passed through all commissioned grades to include brigadier general, and served in all parts of the world. But here are some of the highlights:

He devised and established the Butts system of physical training throughout the Army, 1893-'96; was Professor of Military Science & Tactics, University of Minnesota, 1909-'12; and a veteran of the Sioux Indian War (Rosebud expedition); of the Spanish-American War (Santiago de Cuba); Philippine Insurrection; and First World War, participating in six major operations, including the Second Battle of the Marne, the St. Mihiel and the Meuse-Argonne; was Chief of Staff, 102nd Division, 1927-'32; and closed his active service, as Commanding Officer, Pacific Coast Artillery District, in 1932.

There is an ancient Greek maxim, "Know thy opportunity". To Billy Butts that opportunity arrived on July 15, 1918. That was the day set by the German High Command for the *Friedensturm*—the last great drive that they would have to make to cap-

ture Paris, give the *coup de grace* to France and end the War. Known as the Second Battle of the Marne, only the briefest reference here can be made to this world-decisive battle: How the German High Command had selected, as the key point of their assault, the *Bois d' Aigremont*, across the Marne, located on high ground in the defense sector of the 30th U.S. Regiment of Infantry, commanded by Colonel Butts; how Butts had organized his command in depth, perfecting a liaison with his field artillery support that has since become a model in the service; how the Germans initiated the battle at midnight, July 14-15, 1918, with a four-hour barrage from 89 field batteries, combing Butts' sector, under cover of which they crossed the Marne with one shock division (to be supported by two other divisions) and formed for the attack; and how, after inflicting great losses on the Americans, and enduring losses ten-fold greater, the Germans,

Baffled and beaten, backward reeled
From a stubborn Butts and a barren field.*

Through the dauntless courage with which Billy Butts had inspired his men, combined with his own able generalship, the



Friedensturm had been squelched at its inception! Never again in this War were the Germans to regain the initiative; and in less than four months thereafter they had signed the Armistice and capitulated.

As Butts had no newspaper correspondent or publicity officer attached to his regiment, the important part played by himself and his command was not generally recognized by the people. However, he was cited by name and commended in orders by General Petain, *Armeé Francaise*, and awarded the *Croix de Guerre*; was awarded the D.S.C. by General Pershing; and was twice recommended by his division commander (General Dickman) for immediate promotion; while some years later, after his retirement, General Hunter Liggett referring to this battle, wrote him: ". . . I always knew you were a fine soldier and a natural as well as a trained leader of men. . . You should be a major general today, in my opinion, for you richly earned it". Moreover, the 30th Infantry was cited in orders by General Petain as "sustaining the principal shock of the German attack on July 15", and the regimental flag received the decoration of the *Croix de Guerre with Palm*; while recently the President of the United States has authorized the inscription on the regimental flag: "Rock of the Marne, July 14-18, 1918".

*With apologies to Bret Harte.

General Butts (then Captain) married, January 9, 1900, Lillian Stafford Hatlé, of New York City, and since his retirement they had made their home in San Francisco. Here they were active in social affairs, enjoying meeting and entertaining old friends and acquiring a host of new ones. As was natural in one who had been an outstanding athlete in his youth, he took great interest in sports of every kind—baseball, football, boxing, etc.—and particularly enjoyed a day at the racetrack, with a small wager on "the ponies" to add interest to the occasion.

In addition to his well-known "Butts' Manual"—adopted by the Army for physical drill in the 1890's—General Butts wrote and published in 1930 a small book entitled "The Keypoint of the Marne", in which he critically and candidly discussed the part played by the 30th Infantry in that decisive battle.

In this brief memoir space is not available to quote *in extenso* from the many citations and letters of commendation which General Butts received during his active service. These are to be found in the official records and may be inspected at any time. However, since his death, scores of other letters have been received by his widow, some of which should be mentioned here:

"The White House, Washington, June 14, 1950. Dear Mrs. Butts: I certainly was shocked to hear of the death of my good old friend, General Butts. You certainly have my sincere sympathy. He was a grand man and one with a military reputation that is hardly ever equaled. I am sorry that I didn't get to see him before he passed away. Sincerely yours,
(Sgd.) Harry Truman."

"Headquarters Sixth Army, Presidio of San Francisco, California, 8 June, 1950. My dear Mrs. Butts . . . In expressing my personal sympathy and the admiration of the entire Army, I assure you that your husband, through his courage and leadership, has reserved for himself the standing accorded this nation's great military men. His past contributions to the development of the Army during his long service in a variety of posts is surpassed only by his personal valor and courageous leadership of American soldiers in battle from the Indian wars through the first World War. . . Sincerely yours,
(Sgd.) W. M. Robertson,
"Major General, USA.
"Deputy Commanding General."

From Reunion Proceedings of the 30th Infantry, A.E.F., at the New York Athletic Club, New York City, April 15, 1950.

"The man whom we are always thinking of was our Commanding Officer on the Marne River, July 14, 1918. Major General Edmund L. Butts. Men, if we ever amounted to anything as a fighting unit—and we know we did—it was by the Grace of God and General Butts. . ."

As will be seen, the foregoing Proceedings were held before the death of General Butts. Since that event Mrs. Butts has received forty-five letters of condolence from persons who served in the Regiment under him as enlisted men at the Second Battle of the Marne—a circumstance that has greatly touched her heart.

Since his retirement in 1932 General Butts' health had remained fairly good until about nine years ago, when there gradually developed a rare disease of the circulatory system, "polycythemia rubra vera" (too many red corpuscles), for which he was treated at the Letterman Hospital, San Francisco. Despite frequent bleedings and blood transfusions, his health did not improve—in fact, grew worse. Meanwhile, hearing of experimental treatment of sim-

ilar diseases by Dr. John Lawrence (brother of the noted physicist) with irradiated phosphorus isotopes, from the University of California's cyclotron, he got in touch with Dr. Lawrence and offered himself as a "guinea pig" for experimental treatment, under which his health seemed to improve. While the above named disease doubtless was the proximate cause of death, the immediate cause was a cerebral hemorrhage on May 31, while riding with Mrs. Butts. Taken immediately to the Letterman Hospital, he never regained consciousness and died on June 6. The funeral services, with a large attendance, were held June 9 in the Presidio Chapel and, as was most fitting, were conducted by Chaplain Charles E. Brown, USA, who was chaplain of the 30th Infantry in the First World War. Interment followed in the Presidio National Cemetery, near the flagpole.

The writer will not attempt here an estimate of General Butts' character nor try to evaluate the great services he rendered to his country, for his record as briefly sketched above speaks for itself. Undoubtedly the high water mark of his career was reached in the Second Battle of the Marne. It is to be commemorated by a bronze tablet placed on the wall of the Presidio chapel, with the following inscription:

IN MEMORY OF
BRIGADIER GENERAL EDMUND L. BUTTS
THE ROCK OF THE MARNE
WHO COMMANDED THE THIRTIETH U.S.
INFANTRY IN THE SECOND
BATTLE OF THE MARNE
JULY 14-18, 1918.

—William Church Davis.

Howard Louis Laubach

NO. 3528 CLASS OF 1893

DIED MAY 19, 1950, AT WASHINGTON, D. C.,
AGED 79 YEARS.

HOWARD LOUIS LAUBACH's military career was replete with action and successful results in many and varied fields. His ability manifested itself early in his career, and he was called on time and time again for missions that required tact, loyalty, and resourcefulness. He never failed, and his military record by itself stands as an inspiration. He served in civil capacities such as Treasurer and Collector of Internal Revenue in the Sulu Archipelago and Justice of the Peace in Mindanao, in line commands through all grades from Second Lieutenant to Brigadier General, and on the General Staff. He served in many staff positions, was President of the Board on Camp Sites in the Southern Department and was in charge of the construction of Camps Bowie, MacArthur, and Logan in World War I. He was Executive Officer of the Infantry School of Arms of the 90th Division and Assistant Commander of the Brigade and Field Officer's School at Fort Sam Houston. Whenever a special situation developed, such as a regiment on the downgrade or a great supply depot needing an administrative shake-up, Laubach was drafted for the job.

Probably his most valuable service was with the General Staff. While on this duty he was instrumental in the organization of the Intelligence Branch and particularly the Intelligence Organization of the Southern Department when affairs in Mexico at that time made the gathering of information a need of major importance. Much of this work was of a secret nature and cannot be recorded. From the creation of the orig-

inal Intelligence Branch, his interest in it never ceased but continued in active ways even after his retirement.

General Laubach was born at Allentown, Pennsylvania, on August 24, 1870, and a glimpse at his ancestry shows somewhat the background of his high intelligence, inflexible will, perseverance, and versatile mind. Yet he was quiet in manner, unassuming, gentle, kindly, and almost self-effacing. He was a direct descendant of Count Christian La Bagh, who was one of two brothers that came to Philadelphia from Alsace-Lorraine a few years after the arrival of William Penn with his Quaker Colony, and who settled later in the Lehigh Valley. It was quite natural that the French name La Bagh, surrounded as it was by "Pennsylvania Dutch", should have its spelling changed to Laubach, and not at all surprising that a commission issued by the then Governor of Pennsylvania to Count Christian La Bagh as Captain of a company to protect the community from Indian depredations should be issued in the name of Laubach. General Laubach was the eighth of his paternal line born in this country.



His father, Amandas J. Laubach, served in the Union Army during the Civil War. After the war, he graduated in Medicine and served out West in the Army as a medical officer, during most of which time his young son was with him. When the son was about six years old Dr. Laubach resigned from the Army and practiced his profession at Fort Wayne, Indiana, where young Howard had his early education and received his appointment to West Point.

General Laubach's mother was Willimina McHose of Scottish descent whose family of individualistic people was developing the iron industry of Pennsylvania and whose father, Samuel McHose, created and owned Bethlehem Steel. Thus his ancestors on both sides were hard-working, peaceful, and successful people and this combination of French and Scottish blood produced our Howard and helps to explain him.

The writer of this article knew Howard Laubach well and for many years, was his roommate at West Point for four years, was honored by having him as best man when married, and has visited him in his hospitable home. Much of his private life and character was thus revealed. Few knew of the charming but unpublished short stories Howard wrote over the years. They were all based on actual incidents and mostly related to his Army experience. Few also knew of his research work in genealogy in which he was an expert. He was a member

of the Institute of American Genealogy and contributed much to some patriotic societies in genealogical research. He was an extensive reader and student, seemed to know much about many subjects, and had a tremendous sense of humor which shows repeatedly in his short stories and was evident continually notwithstanding his quiet and modest ways.

In 1895, General Laubach (then Second Lieutenant) was married in El Paso, Texas, to Katherine Brinck Hague, daughter of Judge J. P. Hague, an outstanding Texas lawyer and jurist. There was one child, Dorothy, who is married to Colonel Faragut F. Hall, now on duty in Washington.

In his plebe year at West Point, he had an unfortunate accident at the Pontoon Bridge drill. An enthusiastic squad of fellow cadets rushing a balk into position pushed the end of it instead into Howard's side injuring one lung and causing a long and serious disability which made it necessary for him to lose one year at West Point. This injury was doubtless the cause of the illness that was his end at Walter Reed Hospital.

General Laubach's classmates called him "Minnie", just why no one knows unless it was because of his quiet manner and immaculate dress. Anyway, he was respected and much beloved. One of his classmates, General George Jamerson, writes: "Of course we all knew him to be of sterling character, with a keen intellect and sense of humor, conscientious and modest to a degree, but I never knew of his many other fine qualities of soul until later years. It was about seven years ago when in sore need of help that I found in him a friend such as makes the world better for his having lived in it—a friend who counted not the cost of effort or inconvenience but who wanted to help and found pleasure in doing it"

General Laubach's life has been of real value to his government and an example and inspiration to his family and friends.

—K. W. W.

Briant Harris Wells

NO. 3610 CLASS OF 1894

DIED JUNE 10, 1949, AT LONG BEACH,
CALIFORNIA, AGED 77 YEARS.

"ZB", as his classmates knew him, was enroute to his class reunion when the end came, quietly and quickly. Infirm in body but unbowed in spirit, he would not be deterred from attempting one last pilgrimage to his Alma Mater and the gathering of his classmates. He was a man of deep feeling, and they were always very close to his heart.

Briant came to the Academy from Salt Lake City, to which his father and mother had come as pioneers when the west was yet "The Great American Desert" To it no one then traveled without a strong armed guard, and his father, Daniel, also a man of resolution and military competency, commanded the guard, or "Legion" of the great Mormon migration in 1848. In the new country troops continued to be necessary for many years and the father long remained in their command, the title of Lieutenant-General being bestowed on him by the territorial authorities. Indeed, when Briant was born in 1871 the Custer Massacre had not yet occurred and the end of the Indian wars was not in sight. The father was the first Mayor of Salt Lake City and Briant's brother

Heber became the first Governor of Utah when the Territory became a State.

The family, always prominent and influential, did what it could for the children, but the schools of the area were yet primitive in Briant's youth and he came to West Point relatively poorly prepared. Accordingly, and notwithstanding a very good mind, he had to put his nose to the grindstone and work hard the whole four years. But as always, he accomplished what he started out to do, chose the Infantry and the west on graduation and went to Fort Omaha for station. In 1896 he returned to Salt Lake City long enough to recruit Mary Jane Jennings, who went with him the entire length of his earthy road and was the full partner of his fine career. Years afterwards, when carrying great responsibility, he said to me: "The greatest relief I have from my official troubles is being able to go home and talk them over with my wife, knowing that she is the soul of discretion"

In 1898 the Spanish-American War came on and, after first mustering in the Utah Volunteers, Lieutenant Wells joined the 2nd Infantry and sailed with it for Cuba. There, at San Juan Hill, he was cited for "conspicuous fearlessness", "coolness and bravery" and for "gallantry and efficiency under fire" He was at the time recommended for immediate promotion and later awarded the Silver Star. Not only that, but he received the Purple Heart, for on the second of July he stopped a Spanish bullet that wandered about in his person fifty years, finally, most inconsiderately and painfully landing up against the sciatic nerve! Yet after a month in hospitals and a little leave, he was on his way to another war, this time in the Philippines, where in November '98 he joined the 18th Infantry; the first army officer ordered from Cuba to the Philippines.

There he was first a company commander, then Regimental Commissary and a little later Quartermaster and Commissary of the field forces that under General R. P. Hughes broke the strength of the insurrection in Panay. While a company commander, he was commended for "dash and conspicuous fearlessness" and for "coolness, bravery and fine command of men in battle". General Hughes, a commander of the old school and not given to persiflage, commended Captain Wells for his "clear head, good sense and judgment" and said of him: "he appreciates as few of our day do, that in military operations there is no difference between day and night when work is to be done". He undoubtedly was then showing that "rugged health and mental energy" of which General McClachlin later spoke, and which was manifest every day of his military career. Never an athlete, he was a great believer in physical fitness, rode much and was a hiker extraordinary, even for an Infantry officer.

By this time his administrative and executive ability were so clearly recognized that he could escape staff duty for short periods only. After the break-up of organized resistance to American authority in the island of Panay and during the period of guerrilla warfare, he was Commissary and Quartermaster of the northern military area, with additional Civil Government duty as Collector of Customs and Internal Revenue. Returning to the United States in 1901, he joined the newly activated 29th Infantry on its original muster roll and served with it in the west, in the Philippines and at Governors Island. One of his tours in the States was by good fortune at Fort Douglas, near Salt Lake City and his family.

Soon his colonel was noting on his efficiency reports that "Captain Wells ranks as one of the best all-around officers in the Service" and commending his "good judgment", words that were to recur over the

years in other efficiency reports. He served in the 29th as Constructing and Regimental Quartermaster, as Regimental Adjutant, and between times as company commander. In 1910 the Quartermaster Department reached out and took him. One of the great advantages of his Governors Island station was that the mighty of the Army came and went there and real ability did not bloom unseen! Those of the Island appreciated him and one said: "One of the best Quartermasters I have ever seen". While at Governors Island he selected the Army reservations of Indian-town Gap and Pine Camp and built the cantonment at the latter place, repeating the experience he had had years before in building Camp Jossman in the Philippines.

He seemed well embarked on a Quartermaster career by 1912 but in that year the so-called Manchu Law compelled his return to troops and he rejoined his old regiment, the 29th Infantry. With it he served as company and battalion commander and as Adjutant and again as Quartermaster. Some of his commendations during this period were: "One of the best and most efficient officers of his grade, in either Line or Staff", "of sound judgment", "no captain more level



headed", and "conspicuous ability in handling troops"

Soon after the outbreak of World War I, far-seeing men like General Leonard Wood began to do what they could to put the country in a posture of readiness, and the General, through the Plattsburg Camps, was endeavoring to provide war training for civilians who like himself thought that we would soon be in the war. But the Administration at that time was strongly disclaiming that the United States would ever go to war and the General was in deep disfavor. So it is perhaps not strange that the War Department found itself entirely unable to furnish instructors for the camps and General Wood was compelled to find them in his own command and among such Regulars as would take leave for the purpose. Among these volunteers was Captain Wells, up from Panama on leave. In the camps he learned what he always regarded as one of his most important lessons, which was how to deal with the citizen-soldier. In the very next year we were in the war and citizen-soldiers were 99% of the Army.

For years there had been trouble with Mexico and that same summer of 1916 the National Guard was mobilized on the border. One of the first Regulars to be detailed with the mobilization was Major Wells, turn Chief of Staff of the 16th Division and with new gold leaves. There, he was in then of the 3rd. During that service one

of his commanders there said of him: "Unquestioned ability to fill any position attainable by an Army officer". Another wrote: "Possesses a peculiar combination of determination and firmness, coupled with kindness of heart"

When in 1917 the United States entered the war he was called from the border to the War Department General Staff. During that summer he and I were named to command regiments of the National Army and were promoted accordingly. A few days later we were at a dinner with the then Captain Douglas MacArthur when the word came that MacArthur was promoted and assigned as Chief of Staff of the Rainbow Division, the appellation for which Wells himself had suggested, naming it because it was made up of many National Guard units from many States. It is my clear recollection that each of us contributed an eagle for the new colonel, pinned them on his shoulders and drank to a glorious career, which he certainly has had!

We both organized and trained our regiments in the 80th Division at Camp Lee, Virginia, but before the end of the year he was ordered to France for duty in the American Section of the Supreme War Council. His chief, General Tasker Bliss, one of the intellectual giants of the old Army, said of him: "One of the best qualified officers I have ever served with. . . The reputation the American Section of the Supreme War Council has for good, impartial and unbiased judgment, which causes it often to be appealed to as an arbiter in cases of apparently irreconcilable differences among its colleagues of other nations, is largely due to this officer". Colonel Wells was also the American Liaison Officer to Marshal Foch, the Supreme Commander.

General Bliss was as generous as he was talented. This he demonstrated in the summer of 1918 when he allowed "ZB" to go to troops in order to achieve promotion. As a Brigadier he served in the Sixth and Fourth Corps as Chief of Staff to Generals Bundy, Muir and Summerall, in the Woevre Sector and the St. Mihiel and Argonne Campaigns. An incident of that summer stands out in my mind. On successive days, I heard critiques by two Corps Chiefs of Staff on two division maneuvers in rear of the lines. One Chief was one of the ablest and most brilliant of Leavenworth graduates; the other was Wells, who had always been too much occupied with doing things to go to school to learn how to do them. The one critique was as good as the other and I learned then and there that the right kind of brains can do without schooling if necessary.

At the end of the war, he received the Distinguished Service Medal and was placed on the "Initial General Staff Eligible List", in effect, a small roll of honor of those whose command or staff service during the war had been most notable. Then, as is the custom of peace in like cases, he was demoted!

Back in the United States in 1919, Colonel Wells was promptly detailed to the War Plans Division of the General Staff of the War Department, serving in the Section that did the actual planning, as distinguished from current operations. The following year he was made Chief of this planning section and in 1921 became Chief of the entire Division. General Pershing, then Chief of Staff, rated General Wells as Number Two of the forty-three brigadier generals known personally to him. General Summerall, who rated him several times, placed him One, Two and Three in different ratings. General Hines, the Deputy Chief of Staff and General Allen, the Chief of Infantry, placed him at the top of their lists, so that, all in all, his ability seems to have been appreciated!

In 1923 he received the highest recognition possible of infantry proficiency, being appointed Commandant of the great Infantry School at Fort Benning. There he served three years, and his keen intelligence, broad military background, great administrative ability and practical understanding of instruction all combined to put the new school on the way to become what it was before World War II, the greatest infantry school in the world. It was a period in which he created greatly. As he was a strong supporter of athletics, the magnificent new field house at Benning has been named for him since his death. In 1926 he was recalled to the War Department by General Hines to be Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4. In the following year the new Chief of Staff, General Summerall, made him Deputy Chief of Staff and said of him: "He has tact, sound judgment and marked efficiency. He renders unflinching support to the plans of his superiors, regardless of his personal views" He was promoted to Major General in 1928, having been re-promoted to Brigadier in 1922.

In 1930, after a short assignment in command of the famed First Division, he went to Hawaii, his last command and his home after retirement. For a year he commanded the Division at Schofield Barracks, succeeding to the command of the Hawaiian Department in 1931. During his command, he completely revised the war plans for the defense of the Islands, opened up many miles of military trails and roads in the mountains, greatly improved housing and tightened up in many ways on officer requirements, both professionally and physically. He also attacked the then prevailing and mistaken concept that the oriental group in Hawaii was uncompromisingly hostile to the United States. And he further developed to an unparalleled degree cordial relations with the civil population of the Islands, so much so that toward the end of his service, an influential group was working quietly to have him appointed Governor after his retirement.

The problem of post-military activities he solved for himself by accepting the post of Executive Vice-President and Secretary of the Hawaiian Sugar Planters Association. This powerful mutual-benefit organization had a huge budget and many activities, and the presidency changed every year, so Wells was the real working member. One of the Executive Committee told me that he had never before seen a man slide into a completely new job so easily, promptly and frictionlessly. And this with reference to a man 63 years of age! In that job, his great personal prestige, good judgment, wisdom and selflessness quickly led planters and laborers alike to accept ungrudgingly his arbitration and decisions. Being completely approachable and having in him nothing of the martinet, he was consulted on almost every important matter and soon became a power in the community. All kinds and classes of people and organizations, from the Chamber of Commerce to the Boy Scouts, went to him for advice and counsel, the latter organization making him their representative to the national organization.

When the Honolulu Community Theatre was started in 1935 he became its first President and remained as such, or as Honorary President, until his death. He was a member of the Hawaiian Historical Society, of the Social Science Club, the Oahu Country Club and the Pacific Club. Before World War II came and demonstrated the practically unanimous solidarity of the Hawaiian Japanese-American group in the support of the United States and the outstanding patriotism and military quality of its young men, General Wells predicted the facts and spoke out strongly against the extension to Hawaii of the west coast anti-oriental com-

plex. As the commander of the Hawaiian Department from 1937 to 1941, I testify with gratitude to his wise counsel and generous support of the military.

Briant married early and wisely and the wife of his youth was the friend of his friends and a credit to the Service. Their three splendid children are eloquent testimonials to the character and intelligence of their parents and of a wonderful home. The mother continues on at 5221 Kalaniana'ole Highway, Honolulu; Briant, Jr. is Vice-President of the Title Insurance and Trust Company of Los Angeles. Like his brother Tom, now a divisional chief of staff, he served with conspicuous credit in World War II. Jane, Junior, is Mrs. Frederic Townsend of Scarsdale, N. Y. and is bringing on a magnificent new generation. In conclusion, it should be said that Briant Wells, by his character and achievement, honored his family, his friends, his classmates and the Academy. He lived the good life on this earth and now lives on in the hearts of all who knew him!

—C. D. H.

Frank Leslie Wells

NO. 3609 CLASS OF 1894

DIED JANUARY 27, 1950, AT WASHINGTON, D. C., AGED 81 YEARS.

"I shall pass through this world but once,
Any good therefore that I can do,
Any kindness that I can show to any human being,
Let me not defer nor neglect it,
For I shall not pass this way again."

—Author Unknown.

COLONEL FRANK L. (PEDDY) WELLS always carried the above quotation in his wallet and as long as I knew him never failed to live up to this creed. Innumerable letters that I have before me, from Privates to Generals, are silent testimony, that the above opinion is not solely my own. Though a strict militarist, he was never too busy to listen to the troubles of anyone who came to him seeking counsel. No sacrifice was ever too great if the cause was just. No job was ever too small or too big to warrant anything but the stamp of "Well Done", when it was completed.

Colonel Wells was born near Lexington, Indiana, on October 19, 1868. The home was on an original land grant pioneered by his father and totaled 160 acres. He was the eldest of four children. His father died when he was just thirteen and he found himself helping to take care of a widowed mother and the other children. He became a school teacher at the age of seventeen. It was during a school meeting that he learned of a competitive examination for a Congressional appointment to West Point was to be held. At the urging of a friend, he took the examination and won the appointment. He declined twice because of responsibilities at home. However, after a second telegram from Congressman Joseph Holman he accepted. He entered the United States Military Academy in 1890.

Shortly after his arrival at the Academy, a group of "Upper Classmen" questioned him as to his previous occupation. He told them that he had been a "Pedagogue" With that, all upper classmen within hearing distance were summoned to view the new animal within their midst . . . a pedagogue! Henceforth, he was known by all as "Peddy" Wells and the name stuck throughout his Army

career. There were many that knew him best by that name.

After graduation he was appointed Second Lieutenant with the 11th Infantry at Fort Apache, Arizona. He remained with the Eleventh for nineteen years, with a few exceptions. Many of the officers of the "Old 11th" became and remained life long friends.

He next served in Puerto Rico during the Spanish American War. He received the Silver Star for gallantry in action near Hormiguero, P. R. on August 10, 1898. After the war his service in Puerto Rico continued with the Army of Occupation until 1901. He was then promoted to Captain and transferred to the Philippines where he served three years in the campaign against the Guerrillas and in the ensuing pacification.

On his return to the States in 1904, he married Cordelia P. Snyder of Washington, D. C., niece of Captain and Mrs. James A. Snyder, U.S. Army, who because of her personality and understanding made an ideal "Army wife". Years later, I met Colonel Carley L. Marshall, U.S.A., who was at that time on the staff of the Staff and Command School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. During our conversation he stated, "When I first entered the Service I was assigned as a Second Lieutenant to a regiment commanded by Colonel Wells. He set down principles that I put in writing and to this day try to follow. Mrs. Wells added greatly to our social ease in the new military life by not being just the Commanding Officer's wife, but by making it a point to see that the new shavetails were really part of one big family, in a far away place, with a common means and a common cause".

Captain Wells was a distinguished graduate of the Line (1908) and the Staff School (1909) at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Following this, he returned to the 11th Infantry at Fort Russell, Wyoming, where he remained for two years.

From July 1911 to September 1917 Captain Wells served as Instructor-Inspector with the Michigan National Guard, with the exception of two years (1913-14) when he was with the 26th Infantry in Texas.

He was well liked by the Guardsmen and accomplished a great deal in establishing an organized training system. He had the ability to bridge the gap that sometimes exists between professional soldier and citizen soldier. When he left the Guard to join the 26th in 1913, the following lines appeared in a Michigan newspaper, January 4, 1913: "Captain Wells, Michigan's former Inspector-Instructor has gone to join his organization. Regardless of how good an officer Captain _____ or any other man named to succeed Captain Wells may be, the latter's departure is little less than a calamity".

On March 7, 1915, after Captain Wells had returned to the Michigan National Guard as Senior Inspector-Instructor, a Guard officer, Major M. J. Phillips, wrote in a Michigan newspaper; ". . . With no desire to find fault with any officer of the regular establishment, it is never-the-less only fair to say that Captain Wells is one of the few regulars who really understands the National Guard. More remarkable, he is a West Pointer whose opportunities of getting in touch with the guard during four impressionable years of his life were curtailed by his stay at the Military Academy. Yet, he arrived at such an understanding of the faults, the virtues and the ambitions of the citizen-soldiery that any guardsman can talk to him or work with him for any length of time without feeling that he is being snubbed or patronized or laughed at or pitied or

antagonized. . . If there is any officer in the service who can put Michigan into the front rank of state organizations to stay, Captain Wells is the man, not only because of the things he does, but because of what he thinks as well. . . " Captain Wells received his majority while serving in this capacity.

Colonel Wells had always had a great deal of interest in the organization and training of the reserve components of the Army and a great deal of his military career was spent in this work.

In 1917 he was on a board to select a training site in the Michigan area and the present Fort Custer was selected. Later he became the Commanding Officer of the 338th Infantry at this Post. Following his assignment he went on his third tour of duty in the Philippines as Lieutenant Colonel. He served the first year and a half as Commanding Officer of the 4th Philippine Infantry at Fort Mills, Corregidor. Here again, he was assigned work for which he was well suited, the merit of which was reflected in a regimental notice signed by Lieutenant M. R. Baer, Regimental Adjutant, and written about a month after Colonel Wells was transferred. "I suggest that Company Commanders inform their companies (of) the following toast given by General Davis at Baguio. General Davis stood up and said, 'Here's to the 4th Infantry the finest or the equal of any infantry organization I have ever seen, barring none'. He further turned to General Kernan and again reassured him that they were a credit to Corregidor, the Philippine Department and the U.S. Army."

A copy of this notice was forwarded by Captain Skladal to Colonel Wells, as the officer responsible for the training of the Regiment.

In 1920, having completed his assignment, he was transferred to Pettit Barracks, Zamboanga, as Post Commander and Commanding Officer of the 13th Philippine Scouts, including a Moro Company. He was promoted to a Colonel soon after his arrival. New problems confronted him here and he had many chances to use his ingenuity. With his family and delightful surroundings, I believe this to have been one of his most cherished assignments.

Many of the personnel of the Post and civilians at Zamboanga continued to correspond with both Colonel and Mrs. Wells long after their departure, a true mark of friendship. The late Colonel Allen A. Fletcher, well known for his work among the Moros for many years, was numbered among these.

Zamboanga was truly a spot belonging to story books, with its romantic nights, the Southern Cross peering down through the palm fronds and the sound of soft string music drifting with the breeze from the Nipa Club. February, 1921, brought this to an end with orders to return to the States.

Colonel Wells had his next major assignment in the Office of the Chief Coordinator, an assignment which he held from 1921 to 1926. At the completion of this duty General Lord, Director of the Budget, wrote the Secretary of War commending Colonel Wells on his work in that office. The late General Henry C. Smithers, then Chief Coordinator, wrote, ". . . I cannot let you go without personally expressing to you the sense of gratitude that I feel for the splendid service that you have rendered the work of coordination. You approached the tasks that fell to your lot with a calm intelligence and carried through to a logical conclusion everything that was given you to do. Your personality has endeared you to all who come in contact with you and I hear expressions of regret on every hand, at your going. . ."

The next five years were spent with the Organized Reserves in Illinois, with his chief duty concerned with training tank units. In addition, he served as Coordinator for the Fifth Corps Area. Again he had many contacts with the civilian components of the Army. When time came for a change of station he left many friends behind him, but the feeling of friendship was not solely confined to officers. The following is extracted from a letter he later received from a Staff Sergeant who had been assigned to his office: "Sir; When I walked in the office this morning, something seemed to be wrong. When I looked in your office I could not help it but it gave me the blues. It is just like losing someone that I have known all my life. I guess it will take time to get over it. I kind of wish now that my furlough took place this month instead of July, it would help to forget. . ."

The last year of his service before retirement was spent as The Adjutant General, Commanding Officer and Chief of Staff of the 80th Division at Richmond, Virginia. He was active both at headquarters and in the field.



On 31 October 1932 Colonel Wells was retired, having reached the age of sixty-four and with over forty-two years of faithful service behind him. Upon his retirement, General Douglas MacArthur, then Chief of Staff, wrote Colonel Wells a letter of appreciation, in which he summarized the background of Colonel Wells' career as follows: ". . . Entering the United States Military Academy as a cadet in 1890, upon graduation in 1894, you accepted a commission as a second lieutenant of Infantry, and your career, as you advanced through the grades has been one of varied character, covering a wide range of important assignments. The capable and conscientious manner in which you performed your duties won the approbation of your superiors, and the commendatory letters and remarks on file with your record are silent testimony to your efficiency and good judgment"

After retirement, Colonel Wells lived most of his remaining years at 2220 20th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. He occupied his time by writing an autobiography of his earlier years as a lieutenant in the 11th Infantry. It consists mostly of stories of interesting people and events and gives a vivid picture of the old Army as it existed at the turn of the century.

Tragedy struck with the death of his wife on September 18, 1949, and in less than six months Colonel Wells joined the "Long Gray

Line" at Walter Reed Hospital, 27 January, 1950.

Colonel Wells is survived by a brother, Don C. Wells; and by two sons, Lieutenant Colonel Francis P. Wells, M.C., U.S. Army, Retired, and Lieutenant Colonel James B. Wells, USMA Class of 1934, presently assigned to duty at Wentworth Military Academy, Lexington, Mo.

"Between the lights we watch, we wait, we ponder,

Till beckoning gleams from far-off worlds arise.

In hush of spirit we await with wonder
The starry revelations of the skies!"

—Clara Thwaites—1890.

—Francis P. Wells.

Frank Cranstoun Boggs

NO. 3809 CLASS OF 1898

DIED APRIL 18, 1950, AT PAOLI,
PENNSYLVANIA, AGED 76 YEARS.

FRANK C. BOGGS was born in Swedesboro, N. J., on 16 March 1874, one of seven children, the son of George Brenton Boggs and Hannah Thompson. His grandfather on the Boggs side was an Episcopal clergyman and his grandfather Thompson had a private school. His father was a member of the engineering staff of the Reading Railroad. He was a descendant, through his mother, of Dr. Charles Garrison, a physician, cousin of Lindley Garrison, former Secretary of War, and a nephew of former Attorney General of New Jersey, Herbert Boggs.

Soon after his birth the family moved to Norristown, Pa. where he attended the local schools and Norristown High School, graduating at the head of his class in 1890. Having already displayed his brilliant scholastic aptitude, he was definitely set to go to West Point and win a commission in the Corps of Engineers. With this in mind he worked for a time in the office of a leading Architectural and Engineering firm in Philadelphia, until he won in a competitive examination an appointment to West Point from Pennsylvania, entering on June 15, 1894.

Throwing himself with great zest and enthusiasm in the work he loved, he was soon recognized as one of the most outstanding cadets that ever entered the Military Academy. In every one of the four years, Boggs stood No. 1 in the Order of General Merit. In his Second Class year he was No. 1 in every subject including Discipline; in his First Class year he was again No. 1 in every subject, except Discipline, where he ranked No. 2. In the Corps he was a Corporal, First Sergeant, Lieutenant and Captain, a Hop Manager, the Class Fourth of July Orator, President of the Y.M.C.A. and on the '98 Howitzer Board. For years following his graduation, Boggs as a mathematical genius, was a legend among cadets of succeeding classes.

Due to the outbreak of the Spanish-American War, his class was graduated April 26, 1898, a few months in advance of the normal graduation. Following his graduation, which of course placed him in the Corps of Engineers, "Pete" Boggs, as he was familiarly called by his classmates, joined an Engineer Battalion at Willets Point and later at Tampa, Florida. After the war, followed tours of duty at Willets Point, Washington Barracks, the Philippines, Pittsburgh, Wheeling, W. Va. and then a memorable detail as Purchasing Officer for the Panama Canal. So magnificently had Boggs fulfilled this job, that General Goethals refused to

permit his relief after the customary four-year tour and obtained Congressional action to extend his tour for four more years until the completion of the Canal.

When the National Army was organized in the first World War, Boggs went to France in command of the 315th Engineer Regiment, but was immediately relieved and sent to Tours and later to Paris as Purchasing Officer. After the war he was on duty in the office of the Chief of Engineers and then ordered to Philadelphia as District Engineer where he completed the longest continuous assignment (5 years) in the history of that district. His major project there was the deepening of the Delaware River channel from 30 to 35 feet; the fleet grew to include 3 sea going hopper dredges, 2 pipe line dredges and numerous plants including the bucket ladder dredge COROZA originally built in Scotland for the Panama Canal.

It was customary for Col. Boggs, while in command of a district, to require his subordinate officers not only to occupy desks in his own office, but to adjoin his own desk in a U-shaped setting. By this arrangement



Col. Boggs could watch what his assistants were doing and they had ringside seats in the conduct of the District Engineer's manifold affairs. To his subordinates it seemed that his deliberate and unusual choice of such working arrangements—with obvious inconvenience, not to mention unnecessary annoyance, to himself—was typical of his fine leadership and deep sense of duty towards their future development. In addition to professional training, this intimate daily contact with him gave them the benefit of his kindly fatherly guidance in a manner and at a time that it was sorely needed. It was the spirit and action of a "true gentleman of the old school"

Having retired in 1928, after 30 years of service, he joined the Century of Progress exhibition in Chicago as its technical director at the personal solicitation of General Chas. Dawes, under whom he had served in Paris. He remained in Chicago from 1928 to 1936, when the exposition was completed. Then the President of the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago, Mr. Rufus Dawes, appointed Col. Boggs as its executive secretary; a position which he held until 1940, when he was called back for active duty as District Engineer at Baltimore. However, heart trouble began to develop and he was retired in 1942. He then settled at Paoli, Pa., the home of his daughter.

From childhood days he had known Marianne Thomson, who lived in the same street

where the Boggs family resided. They were married at St. John's Church on June 23, 1900 in a military wedding, which Norristown remembers as a near riot; Miss Thomson had taught in a church mission in the mill end of the town and everyone who knew her, invited or not, sought entrance to the church. They were blessed with one daughter Mary Louise, now the wife of Jackson A. Wilson.

During his residence at Paoli, Boggs was an active member of the West Point Society of Philadelphia and President of the Society during the year 1944-45.

He had had a heart condition for several years, which became more frequent and severe and the end came suddenly on April 18, 1950. He had discarded the idea of Arlington and requested burial in the Cemetery adjoining the Church of the Good Samaritan at Paoli, of which he had long been a member. He died as he had lived, peacefully, quietly and without ostentation. The funeral notices of his death stated "Funeral Services Private" and this was respected by his many friends and neighbors. But in their hearts he will never be forgotten as a warm and sincere friend, a fine officer, a brilliant scholar and a great credit to his Alma Mater, West Point.

He is survived by his wife; his daughter; two grandchildren, Marianne Thomson Wilson and J. Anderson Wilson, Jr.; and a sister, Mrs. Jeannette Thompson, the wife of Mr. Geo. E. Shroyer of Forest Hills, N. Y.

His line in the '98 Howitzer truly forecast the life of Frank Boggs—

"'Tis gold so pure it cannot beat the stamp without alloy"

—S. Edelman.

Lambert Whitfield Jordan, Jr.

NO. 3829 CLASS OF 1898

DIED NOVEMBER 22, 1949, AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, AGED 74 YEARS.

COLONEL LAMBERT WHITFIELD JORDAN, JR., U.S.A. retired, Class of 1898 at West Point, died of a sudden heart attack on November 22nd, 1949 at his home, 824 Birchwood Drive, Los Angeles.

Colonel Jordan, or Jimmy, as he was nicknamed at the Point and subsequently known to his classmates and friends, was born in Greenwood, South Carolina, July 7, 1875. The son of Lambert Whitfield and Eleanor Merriman Jordan, he was the descendant, on his father's side of a Revolutionary soldier and on his mother's side of General Louis de LaFayette's cousin and aide who accompanied LaFayette when he came to America to assist the Colonies in the Revolution.

Jimmy, after graduating from the now famous Webb School for Boys at Bellbuckle, Tennessee, entered West Point by competitive examination from Oconee County, South Carolina in 1894.

He, with other members of his class, upon an early graduation, entered the Cuban campaign at Santiago, receiving a baptism of fire in a short but bloody struggle. Several of his classmates were killed, while yellow fever, malaria and typhoid attacked many others, of which Jimmy was one. On the ship as he was returned to New York he overheard a doctor say: "Here is another who will not live to land". But Jimmy lived, and after a period of recuperation in South Carolina, was able to join the First Infan-

try at San Francisco and embark on the first of his two tours to the Philippines. Here, both as a lieutenant and as a captain, Jordan became a recognized leader, one who required nothing of his men during the difficult days of the insurrection that he was not willing to do himself. He received many letters, later, from men who served under him, expressing "appreciation of the Captain's understanding" and recalling how he always had been willing to assist and advise his men—and how he had defended them in local courts for minor infractions of the law.

Returning to the States, Captain Jordan served with the First Infantry stationed at Vancouver Barracks, Washington.

The Inland Empire, at that time, was just beginning to develop its vast desert areas for agriculture. While on a short detail to Walla Walla, Washington, Jimmy became convinced of the future of this country and bought a half-section of land near Hermiston, Oregon.

Also, while at Vancouver Barracks, he met in 1911 and became engaged to Susan Wilshire Carpenter, who was visiting her col-



lege room-mate, Elizabeth Sears (now married to General Harry Craig Williams of the Field Artillery). Susan was the granddaughter of George Wilshire, for whom the "fabulous Boulevard" in Los Angeles was named. She and Captain Jordan were married on January 31st, 1912.

At that time Jimmy received a four year detail in the Subsistence Department. After graduating from the Ft. Riley School for Cooks and Bakers, this detail took him to Chicago, to Fort D. A. Russell, Wyoming, where he served on the staff of General Clarence Edwards, and to Washington Barracks, D. C. as quartermaster for the Engineer Corps.

Joining the 6th Infantry in El Paso, Jordan in 1916 went into Mexico with the Punitive Expedition under General Pershing. Upon his return to Columbus, New Mexico, to have charge of the Field Bakery that supplied the troops in Mexico with bread his wife joined him. Major Charles S. Farnsworth (later Chief of Infantry) was then in command. While their quarters were humble, (a one-time grocery store, still riddled with bullets from the Villa raid) Major and Mrs. Farnsworth brought to it a warmth of hospitality that made border experiences memorable. To the Jordans, living in a tent that seemed like a palace after a cramped room above a dusty feed and grain store, it brought a love of the desert

A. A. Humphreys, Virginia, now Fort Belvoir, and Commandant of the Engineer School. His period of command was one of transition, when Fort Humphreys was changed from a temporary to a permanent installation. In the summer and fall of 1929 he was ordered on temporary duty for an extensive tour of Europe (excluding U. S. S. R.), Asia Minor, and North Africa, to study foreign methods of hydraulics as applied to flood control work. This tour and his report finally resulted in the establishment of the well-known Vicksburg Laboratory, Corps of Engineers. Shortly after his return home, he was again transferred to river and harbor duty as Division Engineer, Great Lakes Division, Cleveland, Ohio. His responsibilities now included the entire Great Lakes area so far as river and harbor matters were concerned. His previous assignment at Detroit and experience gained through his knowledge of the Lake Survey stood him in good stead during this particular tour of duty.

In 1933 he was appointed Major General and Chief of Engineers by President Roosevelt, and held that position until October 1937. During this period, it has been said that he passed upon more large scale expenditures than any other Engineer Officer in peacetime history. These included extensive flood control measures, the Fort Peck and Bonneville dams, and many huge WPA projects designed to bring the country out of the depression of the 30's. He advocated such controversial measures as the St. Lawrence Waterway and the Florida Ship Canal.

General Markham's last assignment in the Army was from October 1937 to February 1938, when he made a special study of the engineering and fortification needs of the Hawaiian Islands. He retired in February 1938, as a Major General.

His retirement was retirement from the Army only, not from the active life to which he was so accustomed. He immediately took a position in the La Guardia administration as Commissioner of Public Works, City of New York. He left this position after a very short time to assume the presidency of the Great Lakes Dredge and Dock Company, Chicago, Illinois, and to this venture into civilian business and a highly competitive industry he brought with him the integrity and moral values with which he had so long and faithfully served his country. In the spring of 1945, he finally retired, purchased a home, and settled down in Albany, New York.

This retirement was in the full sense of the word, and he and his wife lived quietly but happily until his serious illness. They had two sons, twins, born in 1905, and one daughter, born in 1910. Both of the boys, Edward Murphy, Jr. and Harrison S., are graduates of West Point; Edward now retired, and Harrison still on active duty. Daughter Grace is married to Colonel William J. Matteson, retired, and makes her home in Great Barrington, Mass. All children are married, and eleven grandchildren, setting a record, it is believed, for the Class of 1899, were the pride and joy of their grandfather's life. The eldest, Edward Murphy Markham III, is now a First Classman at West Point, and it was hoped that General Markham would live to see him graduated.

The official record, as outlined above, speaks for itself. But there is another, more important side of the picture—"Eddie" Markham, the man. First of all, he was Irish and he was aggressive. He once startled a group of newspaper men interviewing him, when he took over as Commissioner of Public Works, New York City, by likening himself

to "Terrible Terry" McGovern, a champion prize fighter around the turn of the century. But beneath his aggressiveness, energy and will to succeed, were certain characteristics that endeared him to everyone. General Markham had the human touch. He was equally at home with the high or the low. The problem of the buck private or a dredge worker received as much attention, thought and understanding, as would the problems of his brother officers. Many the man who was down and out of a job he has helped; many an adjustment has been made in official Army orders to meet personal problems of officers and enlisted men alike; many a young man he has aided and encouraged into West Point or Annapolis.

Perhaps even of more consequence was General Markham's love and affection for his family. His sons can well remember that as soon as they were old enough to hold a rifle or cast a rod, they were always along with their "Dad" for ducks in Arkansas, deer in Michigan, or trout on the north shore of Superior, probably much to the disgust of their father's adult companions. General Markham was always happiest at home with his wife and children. Rarely did he go out in the evening, but was content to read, to play the piano or organ, and derive



the maximum pleasures from his home. He was always patient and forgiving. An officer once said, "His middle initial 'M' is not for Murphy, it is for Mercy", which sums up in a nutshell his attitude towards his family and his fellow man.

Religion played a very important part in his life. Born a Catholic, his entire life reflected Catholic principles. As a young lieutenant, he played the organ at services in Cuba or the Philippines. His musical talents were known in the Army. He composed a march in 1917 for the 303d Engineers, and later a hymn, "Petition", which is still sung at the Cadet Chapel.

General Markham exemplified every single day of his existence all those attributes that go to make up a good officer, a good husband, and a good father. His intellectual capacity was far above the average. His unassuming good nature, coupled with tremendous energy and a decisive attitude toward any and every problem, plus his constant seeking of responsibility, carried him to the very top of his profession. The Corps of Engineers, U.S. Army, and placed him upon an equal footing with our nation's business leaders. And the greatest tribute of all was his own contention that he had never, during his 73 years, consciously or willfully hurt a human being.

Our Country has lost a soldier; many have lost a friend; his family have lost a splendid husband and father.

Requiescat in pace.

- H. S. M.,
- E. M. M., Jr.,
- G. S. M.

Ernest Dichmann Peek

NO. 3997 CLASS OF 1901

DIED APRIL 22, 1950, AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, AGED 71 YEARS.

As we approach or pass three-score years and ten we are bound to record the passing of classmates. It is then we recall to mind the part each has played in our lives. How each has served his country as a part of the team that has kept this nation free and preserved our liberties and also those kindly and thoughtful acts that have made them our dearest friends. It is with these thoughts in mind we record the passing of Ernest Dichmann Peek on April 22nd, 1950 at San Francisco, California.

Peek was born November 19, 1878 in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. He attended the local public schools and graduated from High School in 1897. In June of that same year he entered the United States Military Academy and graduated number four in his class, an "Honor Cadet". The succession of honors that he earned at the beginning of his career stamped him as a brilliant student and a tenacious and loyal worker. He steadily advanced toward the top of his class at the Academy from year to year without once lowering his class standing. He took part in athletics and represented his class in yearly contests. In his military work his proficiency and conduct earned for him the rank of Cadet Officer.

Upon graduation he was commissioned in the Corps of Engineers. His first duty as an officer was at Willets Point where contact with our combat engineers was made. His remarkable physique and fortitude, with which his ancestors and native State had endowed him, fitted him well for duty with troops. His military record shows he served with marked distinction on such duty.

He was soon to see actual field service for in June 1901 he was sent to the Philippine Islands where he was assigned to the then rebellious Moro District. For a short time his duties were road and wharf construction on the island of Mindanao. His first actual combat service was as Engineer Officer of the Bacalod Expedition. This expedition was led by John J. Pershing, then a Captain of Cavalry, and its execution placed the first laurels on that officer's record which was never dimmed. The Expedition was through a wild jungle country and against the Moro when he was at the height of his savagery. Peek proved himself more than equal to the task assigned him for he was cited for gallantry in action against the enemy and awarded the Silver Star Medal.

Upon his return from the Philippines he continued his service with troops at Washington Barracks, D. C., until May 1905, when he was given his first assignment on River and Harbor work, that of constructing Lock and Dam No. 11 on the Kentucky River. In May 1906 he was placed in charge of the improvement and repair of roads and bridges in Yellowstone Park, Wyo., where for nearly two years he was unwittingly preparing himself for the duties he performed with distinction in World War I, those of organizing and maintaining lines of communication.

After a short tour of duty maintaining and repairing the fortifications at Fort Monroe, Va., he returned to troops as Adjutant of the Engineer Battalion at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, from October 1908 until August 1909. It was while on this duty that he married Ann Ryan in June 1909 at Leavenworth, Kansas, Miss Ryan's native city.

From August 1909 to June 1910 he was a student at the Army School of the Line, from which he graduated as a "Distinguished Graduate"; this qualified him as a student in the Staff Class at Fort Leavenworth from which he graduated in 1911. He again chose duty with troops and served as Commanding Officer of Company "M", Engineers, at Fort Leavenworth until August 1912. While on this duty he served a few months in Texas where he participated in maneuvers.

As a Captain of Engineers he was given his first of several most important assignments on River and Harbor duty. From August 1912 to November 1916 he was stationed at Duluth, Minn., then the second largest port in the United States, in charge of all improvements in the many harbors of Lake Superior. For a year and a half of this time he also had charge of the St. Paul Engineer Office and the construction of the lock and dam across the Mississippi River between St. Paul and Minneapolis. His performance of these duties was of a very high degree and prompted his detail to the Office of the Chief of Engineers, as an assistant in charge of the River and Harbor Section of that office. He was on this duty when World War I broke and for his part in it he chose troop duty.

He organized the 21st Engineers and took the regiment to France. He participated as commander of the regiment in the St. Mihiel and Meuse Argonne Offensives, in charge of roads and railroads in the combat zone of the First Army. For his services he was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, the citation for which reads:

"For exceptionally meritorious and conspicuous services. He organized and conducted the operations of the Standard gauge and Light Railways of the First Army during its active operations, resulting in the reduction of the St. Mihiel salient and the recovery of the extensive Meuse Argonne area. Although handicapped by lack of personnel and material, he pushed the enterprise to success. By untiring, painstaking, and energetic efforts in the use of inadequate means at his disposal, he displayed unusual talent for organization and masterful execution".

His fine work on the front won for him the assignment as Chief Engineer, First Army, A.E.F., and later as Deputy Director General of Transportation of the entire A.E.F., and also placed his name on the coveted Initial General Staff Corps Eligible List.

He returned to the United States in June 1919 and served in the Office of the Chief of Engineers until he entered the Army War College in August of that year. He graduated the following June and served as an instructor at the College until assigned, in February 1921, to the Canal Zone as a member of the General Staff in charge of War Plans and Training. While on this duty he had charge of the Army's participation in a joint Army-Navy maneuver. His staff work while in the Canal Zone attracted the attention of the War Department and he was assigned to the Office of the Assistant Secretary of War and charged with the Supervision of Procurement of all Army Supplies, a newly created and very difficult duty. He held this assignment for nearly four years, when, to co-ordinate further the Army bus-

ness methods with those of civilian institutions, he was sent as a student to Babson Institute, a school for training business executives. He graduated from this institution as an "Honor Student" Further to perfect himself along business lines he took a six-months post graduate course in the Poore Publishing Company, The United Business Service, The Babson Statistical Organization and the First National Stores.

In October 1929 he returned to River and Harbor work in New York City, but he was destined soon again to take up duty with troops as a member of the Inspector General's Department, and was assigned as Corps Area Inspector at Governors Island, N. Y., from 1930 to 1934. He again took up River and Harbor duty at Norfolk, Va. While on this assignment his duties were broadened to include those of Consulting Engineer of W.P.A. activities in New York State, New York City and all the New England States.

His exceptional efficiency in River and Harbor work was utilized for more than a year, by assigning him as Division Engineer of the North Atlantic Division, then the



largest Division of the Corps of Engineers. With station in New York City he had supervision of all River and Harbor work, Flood Control and Flood Prevention in the area from the north shore of Chesapeake Bay to the State of Maine inclusive.

Peek started his Army career as an officer with troop duty and he was destined to close it in the same field. On July 1, 1937 he was promoted to Brigadier General of the Line and placed in command of the 4th Infantry Brigade and the station of Fort Francis E. Warren, Wyo., then one of the largest posts in the Army. He held this command for nearly three years, when, on April 26, 1940, he was assigned as Chief of Staff of the Ninth Corps Area, a very important position owing to the imminent prospect of a global war. Upon his promotion to Major General on November 7, 1940, he became Commanding General of the Ninth Corps Area, a command which he held until October 1941. At this time, on account of failing health, he was assigned to less strenuous duty at the Presidio of San Francisco, at which station he was retired on October 31st, 1942 because of physical disability; the last member of the Class of 1901 to be placed on the Retired List of the Army.

In addition to the honors his own government bestowed upon him, the French Government awarded him, for services in World War I, the French Certificate of the Na-

tional Order of the Legion of Honor, Officer, and the French Cross of L'Etoile Noire, Officer. In June 1940 he was presented with the degree of LLD. by the University of Wyoming.

Upon his retirement he received high praise from General George C. Marshall, then Chief of Staff of the Army, for the splendid service he had rendered during his more than forty-one years as an officer. General Marshall stated in part:

"Throughout your career you have been conspicuous for the unswerving loyalty with which you have performed every duty. You have shown a high degree of co-operation and you discharged every mission assigned you with a high degree of efficiency"

Human kindness was one of Peek's fine characteristics; it won him many true friends, especially among his classmates. No matter how strenuous his official duties he unselfishly devoted much of his time to furthering class friendships. He fostered and kept alive the Class Bulletin. As Secretary of the Class, the Bulletin he published for more than a year before our twenty-fifth reunion was responsible for the great success of that event. Since that date he issued it periodically until, on account of ill health, he was forced to turn it over to others. This Bulletin has been a remarkable medium in keeping in touch with classmates, graduates and non-graduates, and their families and widows. It has always stressed the human side of those concerned and has become a source of history seldom approached. The living members of 1901 and the widows look forward, eagerly, for issues. We owe much to "Wisey", as we so affectionately called him, and the name he liked to hear. We of 1901 are proud of his record, for he especially honored the Class by being the first member to receive the Silver Star, and also by holding the highest command in the Regular Army of any of its members.

Peek was laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery, in a simple but impressive military ceremony, with seven of his classmates and many devoted friends in attendance. Thus was marked the passing of a devoted husband, a brilliant and courageous officer who had bestowed signal honor upon the United States Military Academy, the Class of 1901, the Corps of Engineers, the Army and his Country.

—R. M. B., Jr.

Robert Nelson Campbell

NO. 4523 CLASS OF 1906

DIED MAY 27, 1950, AT ROAN MOUNTAIN, TENNESSEE, AGED 67 YEARS.

ROBERT NELSON CAMPBELL, one of the 78 who graduated under the elm trees in front of the Library at West Point in June 1906, passed away quietly amid the forests and lakes of his Tennessee interests on the 27th of May 1950. For his many friends in the government offices of the New Deal and of the Fair Deal, for his old Army and Navy friends around the Army and Navy Club in Washington, for his many companions of the horse racing forms and tracks and particularly for his classmates, we assemble the story of his unusual Army and civilian life.

Bob, as we always called him in the Class, was born in the shadow of the Great Smokies at Johnson City, Tennessee, on the 15th of August 1882. His father and mother had helped to settle the valley around Johnson City and Elizabethton and Bob was born to that freedom which Daniel Boone sought

and found in these lovely blue ridges of the Alleghenies. After a thorough schooling in the local schools, he developed a taste for higher education and went to Athens, Tenn. to acquire enough knowledge to decide on his future profession. There he got a chance to go to West Point. The decision was promptly made. He prepared himself at the Hotchkiss school at Lakeville, Conn., and came to the Military Academy on June 16th, 1902, ready for the hard mathematics courses that have, for so many years, wrecked the hopes of young men with military ambitions. Bob survived C. Smith and the Green B.S. He became a favorite of the tacs, stood four in Military Efficiency and rose to the high rank of a senior lieutenant in his First Class year. He rode well and perhaps his great love for horses began in the cadet riding hall. He was a hop manager for the Class, often on duty at Cullum Hall on Saturday nights, and usually had a bevy of girls around him at the games on the old grass Plain.

After graduation leave, Bob reported, with Don Robinson and Horace Spurgin, at Fort Douglas, Utah, for assignment to the 29th Infantry. The three of them had a fine time in Salt Lake City and were settled down for a life with the Infantry, when the following January, the Artillery Bill passed the Congress, making available a number of vacancies in the grade of First Lieutenant in both the Field and Coast branches. Bob won his assignment to the Coast Artillery and was ordered to Fort DuPont on the Delaware River. Before he left he persuaded Beatrice Anne Cheesman to go along. They were married in that city of the Salt Lake, July 18, 1907.

At Fort DuPont, daughters, Virginia and Beatrice, were born. Neither Bob nor Beatrice liked the swamps of the Delaware. After three years away from their mountains, they decided to go back to Salt Lake City. Bob took up civil life as the Executive Vice President of Walkers Brothers store there for the next three years until the First World War began to show on the horizon and the U.S. troops were enroute to the Mexican Border. He applied for and was legally reinstated as a First Lieutenant of Coast Artillery, on March 19, 1913, with some loss of seniority. The family went off to Fort Morgan, Alabama, but Bob was soon ordered to get higher education at the Coast Artillery School at Fort Monroe. In a year, the school work was successfully finished.

Then came a great adventure. Bob and Watts Rose obtained four months' leave from the Chief of Coast Artillery, got a contract from the Bethlehem Steel Company to sell armament in South America and went off together to all the Latin republics, just when all the world was getting protection for itself from the German armies that were victoriously crossing the Rhine into France. They did well enough. Their experiences would fill a book. They never tired of telling the unusual stories of this great adventure.

When they returned the impact of World War I was having its effect on the Army. Bob was promoted to captain and ordered to Fort Totten to command a heavy artillery company, training for the new military program which soon found its full completion in France. Bob became a major of his battalion and was soon himself on one of the European bound transports. His command saw service in the Alsace, Meuse and Toul sectors. He was at Metz when the armistice was signed, and soon was on his way back to Washington. To get near to his family home, he accepted a detail as Professor of Military Science and Tactics at the Utah Agricultural College at Logan, Utah. While

on this duty, Bethlehem called him again to sell armament. Watts Rose also was called. Bob resigned and joined the Bethlehem force until the cancellation of all armament purchases throughout the world, in the belief that final peace had come, forced the Bethlehem Company to reduce and, eventually, to give up armament work. Bob became Executive Assistant to the President of the Amalgamated Leather Co. in a few years. Later on he became President of the Doe River Sand Co. These tasks carried him through the high economic tides of the twenties. When the low tide came in the thirties, Bob found a good corner with the U.S. Employment Service in Tennessee. When the New Deal began its alphabetical organizations for recovery he found a place in the Construction Division of the NRA as its Deputy Administrator. From 1937 to 1944, he was a member of the Public Contracts Board of the Department of Labor. Then he retired and went back to the mountains of Tennessee, whence he came.

But he had not finished. Near Roan Mountain, he found a place with forests and water, attractive enough to call men who loved to fish, to boat, to wander in the woods



and to look out over vistas that rest the eyes and soothe the mind. He built a dam, he constructed roads, he laid out resort residences and facilities. He worked more hours each day than any of his workmen. One day while swimming some logs ashore in his lake, he overstrained the old heart and had to go back to rest till recovery came, all too slowly. In bed he kept up his racing charts and plotted and planned the work of his resort. He was confident of the future. But on the evening of May 27th, while dressing for dinner, he became tired. He sat on the edge of the bed to rest and the old heart quietly stopped its beat. He was looking out at his beloved lake. He was buried in Arlington with his old classmates around his flower decked coffin.

Beatrice Campbell survives him. Their two daughters, Virginia, now Mrs. H. V. Mitchell of Arlington, Va., and Beatrice, now Mrs. J. L. Graham of Los Angeles, Calif. and their son, Robert N. Campbell, Jr., also survive, as well as the four grandchildren.

Bob was a quiet, handsome fellow, with a forceful and alert personality, with the independence of spirit of his home mountains and valleys. Throughout his life he remained a mountain man, having no faith in compromise or appeasement. What he believed was right in principle was his guide, without regard to the views or feelings of others. In his official life he followed the letter and the spirit of the laws and regula-

tions of his government with exactness and courage. In his idle moments he applied the same exactness to the study of the dope sheet, the jockeys and the horses. He wrote a pamphlet entitled, "Facts and Factors of Horse Racing". His next one would have been, "The Principles of Resort Building". And what faith he had in the old Alma Mater! Always he was bringing up some part of its great tradition, some words of its motto, some memory of its heroes and its teachers. He was a true son of West Point, walking now in the shadows in its Long Gray Line.

—H. V. Mitchell,
Earl McFarland,
Charles G. Mettler.

Alexander Garland Pendleton

NUMBER 4476 CLASS OF 1906

DIED MARCH 25, 1950, AT NEW YORK CITY,
AGED 67 YEARS.

ALEX PENDLETON was a favorite classmate of two classes, 1903 and 1906. Both of them expected him to enliven their reunions, a thing which he seldom failed to do, but at the last, he marched with 1906 up to the rostrum, in front of the library and took his diploma from William H. Taft. We of 1906 therefore claim him as our own and take this opportunity to record some of the interesting things in his long and worthy life.

He was born at Globe, in the Territory of Arizona, on May 16, 1882. He was educated in the public schools of the Territory, while the Indian wars were still being fought by the Regular Army round about the territorial lands. From the Territorial delegate, he obtained a principal appointment to West Point in June 1899, but he did not complete the preliminaries and make the long trip across the continent until September of that year. Thus he missed the plebe camp, but he attached to himself, ever thereafter, the nickname of "Sep" However, he did receive some very special treatment to make up for his deficient training and he soon found himself a regular member of the class of 1903.

Sep was very young when he arrived, just past seventeen, but he stood up well under C. Smith's mathematics and the red and the green B.S. He won the rope climb at the Indoor Meets of 1900 and 1901. In his First Class Camp, he became an Acting Sergeant of the Corps. He was on his way to be a Second Lieutenant, just after his twenty-first birthday. Then came that serious disagreement between him and the tactical department as to what was training and what was hazing. Sep lost the argument and left the Academy. The Cadet Corps considered his departure a bitter sacrifice to the clamoring public that demanded proof of vigilance against hazing after the investigations of other years. Many men interested themselves in his fight for reinstatement. Eventually in September 1905, Sep won his case and joined the Class of 1906. Even after three years absence, he was still younger than 27 men of that class. And in that class, which boasted so many college men, Sep stood Number 24, a fine record.

After graduation, Sep was commissioned in the Artillery Corps and joined his first organization at Fort Monroe. Before the end of January of 1907, Congress passed the Bill separating the Artillery Corps into two branches, the Field Artillery and the Coast Artillery, greatly expanding both services. Sep became a First Lieutenant ahead of many members of his former class in

other branches. He was assigned to the Coast Artillery and went to Fort H. G. Wright, on Fishers Island at the Eastern end of Long Island Sound. Towing targets out on the hazy horizon with the wind against the tide half the time, all day long, back and forth, waiting for the field of fire to clear for Battery Butterfield and finally getting in a half dozen shots at dusk made him long for the quiet plains of Arizona, but then, there were compensations. There were pretty dances at the Post and there was a nice girl in the summer colony named Martha Ferguson. With considerable competition, Sep eventually, made himself her sole escort. They were married in September 1909. He took his bride to Fort Monroe, where he was sent to complete his Artillery education. He graduated with considerable credit.

Professor Echols selected him as an instructor in the Math Dept at West Point but the Manchu law was in operation and he had to go to Fort Hamilton and then to Fort H. G. Wright before he could accept the coveted detail. However he did spend three grand years at West Point. Many members of his class of 1906 were there as tacs or instructors and many were in nearby commands. There were many class celebrations and much friendly intercourse. His own turn to be mancuued came in 1915, and he and Martha packed up their Lares and Penates and set up a new home at Fort Adams, R. I. By 1916, the Mexican Border incident called him to the Rio Grande. His outfit settled down at Eagle Pass, across the river from Matamoros, Mexico. After all, the big plan was to find out what kind of an army we could muster, as the war in Europe began to come closer and closer to our shores. By 1917, the War was upon us, and all the troops were back in the camps training with the new weapons and the new techniques for the trenches of France.

Sep trained, of course with the heavy artillery, but not with the U.S. seacoast guns. With the 71st Coast Artillery, he sailed for Europe and there again went ahead with newer techniques with guns borrowed from Britain and France. He had a great experience. He became an instructor and then a commander. At the surrender on November 11, 1918, he was firing his batteries on the front lines of the war. When the great march to the Rhine began, he was a part of it. It was no march of triumph. All the men and officers wanted to do was to get back home, to forget the war and to get into the business of life again at the old stands. By 1919 Sep was back in the USA and ready for new assignments.

West Point was in dire need of experienced men to restore the system, which had been imperiled by early graduation of the war classes, and the curriculum, which had been disrupted by the changes of the war. Professor Wirt Robinson sent for him to help with the instruction in Chemistry. Douglas MacArthur became the Superintendent. There was a general tightening up all along the line, and a general change in the instruction material being introduced as the war effects were evaluated. Sep assembled his family in quarters on the hill at the south end of the post and began four years of interesting work. He expanded under the dry humor and the great learning of Professor Robinson. He learned many of his wonderful stories too, and could hardly repeat them for laughing ahead of the point, knowing the funny ending before his audience.

Sep joined with the Class of 1906 in helping to elect William N. Dykman as President of the Association of Graduates. Dykman led a magnificent counter offensive for several years against the traducers of West

Point. Sep helped to organize and operate the Wednesday Luncheon Club at the West Point Army Mess, to which came many fine speakers to keep us in touch with the changing postwar world. He took part in developing the first Alumni Day, which has become such an important part of June Week. Together we helped organize the first West Point Societies, to promote more widespread interest in the Academy and its national importance. He helped plan the expansion of the New West Point, the reorganization of the Museum, the procedure for entertaining the visiting clubs and societies, and the many new phases of military relationships at the Academy.

In 1923 came his turn to go to troop duty again, this time to the Defenses of Panama and later to the Defenses of Hawaii. After a tour with the training of Reserves and the National Guard until 1928, he found it desirable to resign to devote himself to his many outside interests. Eventually he returned to Fishers Island, after many summer journeys there, to make it his permanent home. In the winter months, he traveled about the world or took an apartment in New York where he and Martha and the



children could be near the big things that were interesting the public. The attack on Pearl Harbor stirred him to get back into uniform but he was not young and strong enough to stand the rigors of new wars. He had to content himself with the local scenes and helped where he could to get the proper ones into the armies and the home economy operating for the benefit of those in the field. After V-J day, he resumed the old life, the Ferguson home in Pittsburgh, the summer home on Fishers Island, the winter apartment in New York, and sometimes a jaunt down to Boca Grande in Florida with the family. Last winter he remained in New York, among old friends of both his Academy classes.

In August, 1949, he suffered a coronary thrombosis. For several weeks he waited in the hospital till the trouble passed away and the doctors pronounced him in good shape again. But he was no longer strenuous at golf and contented himself with quieter pleasures. On Saturday, March 25, he and Martha attended an informal dinner and played a bit of poker afterward. He asked to sit out a hand or two as he did not feel well. He lay down on a couch and was soon taken to the hospital, and he died within an hour. The end came quickly and quietly as he would have preferred. The funeral was held in the St. James Episcopal Church. His body was taken to the Ferguson family burial grounds in Pittsburgh

where the beautiful Episcopal burial service was read over him.

He is survived by his wife, Martha Ferguson Pendleton, now at Miramar, Fishers Island, N. Y.; by his two daughters with their husbands; and by his eight grandchildren. The oldest daughter, Helen Morewood, is married to Frank B. McKown of Katonah, N. Y. They have three boys and a girl. The oldest boy is entered for Yale next year. The two other boys are identical twins. The other daughter, Josephine Barclay, is married to Henry C. Osborn, Jr. of Cleveland, Ohio. They have four children, two boys and two girls; the oldest, 11 years, the youngest 4 years old. All the children and grandchildren spent their summers with Sep and Martha at Miramar, where Sep taught them the arts of swimming, sailing, fishing and golf. Sep's greatest joy was to have the whole group around him to receive his instructions and to hear his stories. What a picture they made, joining in his laughter, bantering him to tell another, adding their own adventures and making the walls of Miramar resound with their mirth.

Among his friends, he loved a good poker game, its merry threat and bluff, its ludicrous language, and its silly variations. He loved a good game of golf too, not for the score alone, but even more for the repartee of the course and the postmortems of the nineteenth hole. He loved his classes at the Academy, attending all their reunions, remembering the foibles and the jokes of each member, singing their songs, and joining in their yells. And through it all, he remained his own rugged self, kept his western ways and his high humor.

And better than all else, he knew his West Point. He was close to it for over fifty years. He knew seven classes as a cadet. He taught seven classes as an instructor and assistant professor. He was one of West Point's most ardent defenders, its militant advocate, and one of its proudest graduates; and he had much to do with its present structure and organization. His name belongs in its history. Sep also knew his Army. Hundreds of soldiers and officers who served with and under him can attest to his leadership in garrison and on the fields of France.

For the things he did, for the joy he created, for the fun of living in his world, we, who remain behind, will keep his memory green.

—Charles G. Mettler.

Frank Drake

NO. 4885 CLASS OF 1910

DIED SEPTEMBER 13, 1950, AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, AGED 64 YEARS.

FRIENDS of Colonel Frank Drake, U.S. Army, Retired, were grieved to learn of his sudden death from a heart attack at Letterman General Hospital, September 13, 1950. Colonel Drake had been taken to the hospital only two days before his death; and, although he was still under an oxygen tent, he appeared to be markedly improved. Mrs. Drake was at his side when the end came.

Funeral services were held at the Presidio of San Francisco chapel, and interment was in the San Francisco National Cemetery, in the Presidio grounds.

Surviving relatives include his widow, Jenny (Jane) Leland Drake; a son, Lt. Col. Leland Rodman Drake, now stationed in

Washington, D. C.; and another son, Lieut. Robert Evans Drake, now with the 7th Division in Korea. A third son, the late Major Frank N. Drake, died in Los Angeles during World War II. All three sons were graduated from West Point. Also surviving him are his sister, Miss Zoe Drake, of San Diego, California, and four grandchildren.

Colonel Drake was the head of a distinguished Army family rendering notable service to our country at home and abroad. His kindly, quiet demeanor and his unselfish thoughtfulness endeared him to his friends and associates; while his loyal devotion to duty and his administrative prowess won the respect of all.

Especially on the west coast—in San Diego, Los Angeles, and San Francisco—where he spent so many years of his service, he is widely remembered and admired for his worthy contributions to the Organized Reserves and the Reserve Officers Training Corps.

Frank Drake was born at Tuscarora, Nevada, August 9, 1886. He graduated from the University of Nevada in 1906 in Mining

where he organized an ROTC unit and became the first PMS&T. He served in this capacity for five years, attaining the rank of Colonel. Early in World War II he was transferred to Fort Cronkhite, Calif., where he organized, trained and dispatched the 56th Coast Artillery. Other service during the war was rendered at Camp McQuade and Fort Scott, Calif., which latter post he commanded for a short time. Final active duty was again at his beloved Fort Rosecrans. From there he was retired in 1946, and went to San Francisco where the Drake home is still maintained at 5239 California Street, San Francisco 18, Calif.

—Col. Kenneth B. Harmon, Ret., '10.

Charles Holmes Cunningham

NO. 5481 CLASS OF 1916

DIED MARCH 5, 1949 AT ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA, AGED 54 YEARS.

CHARLES "CUNNY" CUNNINGHAM was born at Olney, Illinois, on the 19th of March 1894, the son of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Cunningham. Most of his early life, however, was spent in Lawrenceville, Illinois, where he graduated from High School. Following that, he took the entrance examinations for West Point at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, and entered the Academy in 1912.

As a Cadet, Cunny was an excellent student, and found no difficulty in graduating Number 5 in the class. He was also a "make", being corporal, color sergeant, and one of the lieutenants of Company A. Among his extra-curricula activities while at West Point were Indoor Meet, Furlough Book Board, Ring Committee, Vigilance Committee and Choir. Those of his classmates and fellow cadets who knew him best admired his ability to accomplish what he wanted with an apparent minimum of effort, and enjoyed him as a friend.

Upon graduation in June 1916, Cunny was one of four of the new second lieutenants of the Corps of Engineers who were immediately ordered to duty at West Point in the Tactical Department for special duty with the incoming new cadets. To have been so singled out and selected for this new and special assignment was proof enough of the confidence which the Superintendent and the Commandant had in Cunny's ability to do a job under unusual conditions. Needless to say, the job was well done, and was a real contribution to the early training of many graduates of the Military Academy who have since gone to high places in the service of our Country.

Following the completion of this special assignment, and the graduation leave which had been postponed thereby, Cunny went to the Canal Zone for his first "normal" assignment to duty, where he served in various capacities with the Engineers, including battalion adjutant, battalion commander, and Department and District Engineer Officer, Panama Canal Department. It was while on this duty that he married Helen Muir, the daughter of Major General C. H. Muir, the Commanding General, Panama Canal Department. To this marriage were born his three fine children, Charles, Jr., Helen, and Robert, who have, of course, now all grown to manhood and womanhood, and taken their places in this world's affairs. Charles is a ship's officer with the Moore-McCormack Lines, Helen is a trained nurse, and Robert is a Lieutenant of Field Artillery, U.S. Army (U.S.M.A. '45).

Upon returning to the United States late in 1917, Cunny was sent to Camp Dodge,

Iowa, for duty with the 219th Engineer Regiment of the 19th Division, where he remained until after the end of World War I.

Between the Wars, his duties covered the broad scope of those of officers of the Corps of Engineers during that period, both military and civil. These included duty as instructor at West Point and at the Engineer School, Ft. Humphreys (Ft. Belvoir), Virginia. He was detailed by the Army for one year's special training at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he earned the degree of BSCE in 1922. He was assistant to the District Engineer, Philadelphia, to July 1924, and then became Assistant Professor of Military Science and Tactics at State College, Pennsylvania, where he organized the Engineer R.O.T.C. unit. In 1928 he graduated from the Air Corps Tactical School at Langley Field, Virginia, being one of the first officers other than those of the Air Corps to be selected for this course. He was the Corps Area Engineer, 7th Corps Area, until 1931, when he began the two-year student course at the Command and General Staff School, Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas, where he graduated in 1933.



Engineering, and entered the Military Academy the same year. After graduating at West Point with the Class of 1916, he attended the Student Officers' School at Fort Monroe, Va. and remained with the Coast Artillery Corps. There followed service on the Mexican border at Campo, Calif., where, it is reported, he was the first of his classmates to be in action. There followed tours of duty at Fort Rosecrans, Calif. and Fort Ruger, T. H. Then came World War I, and he was ordered to France via Fort Washington, Md. Illness delayed his sailing, and he became Executive Officer to his former Commanding Officer at Fort Rosecrans, General Geo. H. McManus, then commanding the Hoboken Port of Embarkation. About a year later he did go to France, where he served as Executive Officer to Col. Rufus Longdon at Tours. In September 1919, Major Drake returned to Rosecrans, as Group Commander for three years. He was then appointed Executive Officer, Coast Artillery Corps Reserves of Southern California; and in five years he expanded that unit to an organization of over a thousand men. Next came a three year tour at Fort Sherman, C. Z., where he was Commanding Officer during the last two years. From there he went to the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, for the then two-year course. The next four years he spent as G-4 of the 7th Corps Area at Fort Omaha, Nebraska, where he attained the rank of Lieut. Colonel. In 1936 he was sent to the University of San Francisco,



It was during this period between the wars that he suffered the loss of his first wife, and he married Ruby Hale in New York in 1928.

The outbreak of World War II found Cunny on General Staff duty at Headquarters, 4th Corps Area, at Atlanta, Georgia. Shortly thereafter, however, he was ordered to Governors Island, New York, from where he went overseas to the European Theater with the First Army Staff in 1943. Some time after arrival in England, he was transferred to the Service of Supply and served successively as Engineer of the North Ireland Base Section, of the Loire Base Section, the Normandie Base Section, and the Burgundy Base Section. As of 15 May 1945, he was commanding the 342d Engineer General Service Regiment in Europe. About June 1945, he was assigned as Engineer of the Assembly Area. In these capacities he accomplished a large volume of important construction jobs with the engineer troops under his command, including highways, railroads, bridges, barracks, hospitals, camps, and other structures and installations. Records are not immediately available from which to detail further his many contributions to the war effort. However, for his work he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal.

Cunny's marriage to Ruby Hale was dissolved in 1946, and later he married Cathleen Courneen, who survives him. He is also survived by his sons and daughter, and by

his mother, who now lives at Owensboro, Kentucky.

The war over and won, Cunny returned to the United States in 1946 and retired at his own request on 31 May of that year. For about two years prior to his death, he made his home in St. Petersburg, Florida. With his retirement, the Army lost a brilliant and capable officer.

—D. F. J.

James Henderson Dienelt

NO. 12559 CLASS OF 1941

KILLED IN ACTION, JUNE 11, 1943, WHILE ON AN AIR MISSION OVER TIMOR ISLAND, NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES, AGED 27 YEARS.

"You will be referred to as men, not boys!" These were the instructions given us when we first entered the Military Academy. As applied to the great majority of us, however, "men" was not strictly correct—most of us were really boys; it was the mission of the Academy to make men of us. An exception was Jim Dienelt. He came to West Point a man, not a boy. Chronologically speaking, he was only slightly older than his average classmate, but in the matter of maturity he stood far above most of the rest of us. As a consequence of this maturity Jim was able to determine for himself what things were important to him. This he did with the easy assurance of a man who knows his own mind.

Jim was born in Washington, D. C., 2 March 1916, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Dienelt. From early boyhood he displayed the ability to achieve the goals he set for himself. His years at Force School and Central High School in Washington were happy and successful ones. Jim's military career began with an enlistment in the National Guard. At this time he decided that it was important to be expert in the use of the rifle and proceeded to establish an outstanding record in marksmanship. It was also important, and in Jim's case quite difficult, to obtain an appointment to the Military Academy. Many obstacles were in his path, but Jim's courage and perseverance found a way past them, and he arrived at West Point with the Class of 1941.

Having achieved this goal, Jim realized that the next important step was graduation. Certain academic standards had to be met; beyond that it was relatively unimportant how high one ranked in the class. Jim's keen mind and ability could have won for him records in academic, athletic and tactical fields—had he but felt that the acquisition of such honors was really important to him. Measured against his own standard of values, these things appeared trivial. Jim's individuality of character set him apart from the rest of us, while his geniality and easy laughter made him friends throughout the Corps.

This same ability to concentrate on his own really important goals Jim carried with him from West Point into his service in the Air Corps. After training in the U.S., he joined the 531st Bomb. Sq., 380th Bomb. Gp., 5th AF, overseas. The disheartening report that Jim was missing in action was received in the summer of 1943, but those familiar with Jim's indomitable spirit retained high hopes that he would find his way back from his fateful June 11 mission over the Netherlands East Indies. Details concerning the mission were slow to come in. A full account finally provided by the

crew of an accompanying aircraft left little doubt that Jim had met his end—and left no doubt that he had done so in a manner true both to his own character and to the highest traditions of the service.

Jim's flight had encountered heavy flak enroute to the target, and his own plane was severely damaged. Only skillful flying and his tenacious will to perform what he considered important enabled Jim to get his bombs on the target. On the way back from the target area, and with a piece of phosphorous bomb burning a hole in a wing, Jim's crippled ship was attacked by Zeros and forced to make a water landing. As he and his crew left the aircraft amid a shower of bullets from Japanese attackers, the ship exploded, engulfing the crew with it. No trace of any survivors was ever found.

For this action Jim was awarded the Silver Star and the Purple Heart. The Air Medal was awarded for meritorious achievement while participating in an aerial flight against the enemy on June 2, 1943. As set forth in a letter from The Adjutant General, dated March 27, 1944, Jim was co-pilot



on the crew of a bomber which was engaged in an attack against three enemy vessels. Several previous attempts against this target had been unsuccessful because of the heavy anti-aircraft fire from land and naval batteries. After a hazardous take-off from a poorly-lighted landing strip and a flight through unfavorable weather conditions, the target was reached. Because of broken clouds with a ceiling of 6,500 feet, it was necessary that bombing be done from a height well within range of the anti-aircraft batteries. On the first bombing run, the bomber was intercepted by three to six enemy fighters whose repeated attacks made it necessary to abandon the run. Though the hostile aircraft returned to the attack on the second bombing run, one bomb was dropped on the target. One enemy fighter was shot down during the second attack. The bomber's hydraulic system, a portion of the bomb release mechanism and one fuel tank were shot out while the tail assembly was badly damaged. Throughout this mission, Captain Dienelt displayed courage, determination and devotion to duty and aided in the successful completion of the flight.

The following excerpt from a letter from General H. H. Arnold, received by his family, indicates the high regard in which Jim was held by his superiors:

"Captain Dienelt's record has come to my attention and I find it is marked with out-

standing achievements. Upon completion of his cadetship at the United States Military Academy, he was commissioned in the Field Artillery, later entering the Army Air Forces for pilot training. He had the inherent ability to lead and displayed it on all occasions, enjoying the respect of the officers and men with whom he worked. The awards of the Silver Star for gallantry in action, and the Air Medal for meritorious achievement in aerial flight attest the courage, determination and devotion to duty that characterized Captain Dienelt's military career"

Jim is survived by his wife, the lovely Kathleen (Kay) McLean Dienelt, whom he married shortly after graduation; two children, Kathleen and Douglas (the image of his father), his parents and his sister, Jane.

He has joined the Long Gray Line, but the memory of his good fellowship, his indomitable spirit, and the way in which he died for what he and all of us considered important will remain with us all.

—A. J. F. M. and L. H. B.

John Jacob Luther, Jr.

NO. 13206 CLASS OF JANUARY, 1943

DIED FEBRUARY 11, 1950 AT KANSAS CITY, KANSAS, AGED 30 YEARS.

JACK's untimely and tragic death, so unexpected as to make it unbelievable, left an irreparable scar in the hearts of those of us who had known him. Unexpected death is always accompanied by disbelief, but when it has struck someone who was so full of life, so much more full of life than anyone else we had ever known, that feeling of disbelief gives way to one of despair and almost inexpressible sorrow. It's as though a part of ourself had suddenly died.

In the eulogies that I have heard and read from his many, many friends there has been a unanimous expression of this disbelief, despair and sorrow. Collectively, his friends admit that the Army as a whole has suffered the loss of a splendid officer, but, at the same time, each and every one of them supplants this thought with the feeling that he, individually, has suffered a deep personal loss.

Jack laughed his way through life. Even in his most serious moments there was always a smile ready to break forth. His biographer in the *Howitzer* described him completely—"A happy song, a smile, and a kiddish grin have made Jack one of the best liked men of '43. Generous, helpful and efficient—these qualities assure him of a successful life and a happy career in whatever branch he chooses—." The two pictures alongside that description show that happy smile; it would have taken a persistent photographer to have captured any other than that infectious grin, either then or at any other time during his life.

Jack combined his friendly and happy nature with an energy that was unique; for him the word relax meant only to change his efforts from one project to another. Every moment had to be filled. As a cadet he filled these moments by engaging in track and lacrosse his plebe year, working on the *Pointer* all four years, serving as Advertising Manager of the *Howitzer* his first class year, taking part in the Hundredth Night Show three years, acting as Chairman of the Camp Illumination Committee his first class year, singing in the Glee Club for three years and the Choir for one, and leading cheers for the athletic teams his last year. This was his means of relaxing as a cadet; he carried that same energetic method into the Army.

Upon graduation from the Military Academy, Jack attended the Basic Course at The Infantry School, Fort Benning, Georgia. At the completion of this course he joined the 83rd Division, then stationed at Camp Atterbury, Indiana, not far from his home town of Clay City, where he was assigned as a platoon leader in the 329th Infantry Regiment. In April, 1944, he went to England with the division and from there to Normandy, France, shortly after the European D-Day. The division occupied a defensive position until July 4, 1944, at which date it jumped off in the attack. That was the moment for which Jack had been preparing himself. That his preparation had been thorough was proved by his actions during the next few days. I know of his activities and the fine job that he did from having talked to men in his organization, who were unanimous in their praise for him. However, I believe that I can let an extract of his service record speak for itself:

July 6—Awarded Silver Star "For gallantry in action near Coulot, France"

July 9—Awarded Purple Heart "For wounds received in action in European Theater of Operations"

July 11—Awarded First Oak Leaf Cluster to Purple Heart "For wounds received in action in European Theater of Operations".

July 13—Awarded Second Oak Leaf Cluster to Purple Heart "For wounds received in action against the enemy of the United States in France"

July 13—Awarded Bronze Star Medal "For meritorious service as company commander in connection with military operations against the enemy"

Either one of the wounds that Jack received on the 9th and 11th was sufficiently serious to warrant his being evacuated. However, according to the story that I heard at a later date from two men in his organization, Jack refused to be evacuated on the basis that casualties had been so high in the company that no one who was able to walk could be spared. On the 13th of July, however, Jack couldn't argue against evacuation; he was carried off the battlefield on a stretcher.

The next two months were spent on his back in a hospital. As soon as he was able to walk again, Jack requested that he be returned to his organization, but was told that he was still in the convalescent stage. Request followed request but to no avail. Rest and recuperation rapidly changed to boredom for one who was by nature overly energetic. Finally, official channels failing, he solved the problem in his own inimitable fashion. Clad in the clothes he had on his back and with his toilet articles in his pocket he struck out on his own ("I wasn't AWOL," he used to say, "I just didn't happen to have any orders") to find his unit. After many a weary day he finally located his regiment in Luxemburg on the eve of November 9, 1944. Like most good combat commanders, his Regimental C.O. overlooked the "slight technicality" of his being without orders, for who can censure a man who is willing to exchange a warm, clean hospital bed for a cold, dirty foxhole.

From Luxemburg Jack moved to Belgium where he fought his company through the Hurlgen Forest and from there into the "Battle of the Bulge". The time that he had spent in the hospital had not quenched his fighting spirit. Just as always he threw himself completely into the fight, and on December 28 was wounded again, for the fourth time. A burst of machine gun fire found its mark and Jack was once more carried off the field. This time, however, his talking was to no avail; despite trying to stop his evacuation in England, he was sent back to the United States where he was hospitalized until May 1945.

Carried into the thick of the fighting by his courageous heart, he was seriously wounded four times; wounds from which he never fully recovered; wounds from which he suffered periodic pain for the rest of his life. And yet, in spite of the terrific bodily punishment that he had undergone, and from which he continued to suffer, he never lost that pre-war smile and happy nature that had earned and continued to earn him so many friends. That too took courage.

Upon his release from the hospital he reported for duty with the tactical department at the United States Military Academy. Shortly thereafter he was assigned as temporary aide to General Mark Clark during the latter's June Week visit to West Point. Jack gave his usual fine performance and at the completion of his visit General Clark asked him to take over the job of Aide-de-Camp as a permanent assignment. This was the beginning of a tour of duty that was to last more than three years and was to carry him throughout Europe, to South America, back to Europe and finally to the United States. In this difficult job, Jack acquitted himself in his normal superior manner, winning both the General's praise and



thanks for a job well-done and receiving decorations from Czechoslovakia and Brazil, and our own Army Commendation Ribbon.

In August 1948, Jack reported to the 2nd Division at Fort Lewis, Washington, where he was assigned as a battalion commander. Just as always he threw himself wholeheartedly into his work and soon had one of the outstanding battalions in the division. His abilities for organization and command were recognized by the division commander and Jack soon found himself acting in the capacity of division "trouble shooter". Any organization that needed "bucking-up" was turned over to Major Luther. In every case the story was the same—within weeks after taking command Jack would have the organization whipped into shape. He had the knack of instilling an esprit de corps within a unit almost immediately that invariably resulted in a well-disciplined organization with a superior performance of duty.

In August 1949 Jack reported as a student to the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Undoubtedly, he would have acquitted himself here in the same superior manner as he had done in all past assignments, but inexplicable fortune decreed otherwise. While returning from Kansas City, Jack was robbed and killed by an unknown assailant. After having survived four serious battle wounds, he had to die without so much as a chance to defend himself.

A memorial service was held at Fort Leavenworth and then Jack was returned to his home in Clay City, Indiana. Army friends from various parts of the country made their way to this small town to join with his childhood neighbors in paying their last respects to him. Following a service in his home amidst the beautiful floral tributes that had come from his host of friends, he was borne to the Maple Grove Cemetery and laid to rest in a hillside grave that overlooks the fields where he played as a child. A squad of riflemen paid its three-volleyed respects to a fellow veteran. Mingling with the reverberations of this volleyed salute, a bugler sounded Taps, and as the last notes died away, a second bugle, muted by the intervening hill, floated back an echo that ushered in his final sleep.

It is difficult for his friends to adjust themselves to the fact that Jack is no longer with us, but, how much greater is the burden that his family must bear with this knowledge. Never have I known another family that lived more for each other, and never have I known mother, father, and sister who were so justifiably proud of a son and brother. With Jack's mother confined to a wheelchair, they have now been called upon to shoulder yet another cross. Though the burden is a heavy one, it will be courageously borne because Jack's courage was a family trait. It may help them if they remember that heaven must be a happier place with his eternal smile.

Though he is gone, he will continue to live in all our memories. Those of us who were his friends, and cherished his friendship so highly, will always revere the memory of the Jack that we knew—the friendly, efficient, laughing, energetic, happy-go-lucky, gallant Jack that we all knew and respected so very much.

—W. E. W.

James Patrick Hurley

NO. 15729 CLASS OF 1946

KILLED JUNE 13, 1949, NEAR MISAWA AIR BASE, HONSHU, JAPAN, IN AN AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT, AGED 24 YEARS.

JIM HURLEY was leading his squadron in a practice raid on Misawa Air Base when one of the Misawa alert pilots, who was intercepting the raiders, lost control of his aircraft and crashed into Jim. He tried to save his F-51, but it was too badly damaged. Jim went in with it.

James Patrick Hurley was born on January 18th, 1925, at Arlington, Mass., the son of Col. and Mrs. Patrick J. Hurley. Like many Army Brats he spent his childhood with his family at several Army Posts. During the time he was in elementary school his father was stationed in Hawaii, and so Jim received most of his elementary schooling there. Hawaii made a lasting impression on young Jim, and while he was there he learned a number of Hawaiian songs, which in later years he used to entertain his friends.

The next change of station brought the Hurleys to Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas. There Jim attended and graduated from Catholic Central High School. There, also, his inherent ability in military leadership was first brought to light. At graduation he was named the outstanding Cadet Captain in the school's R.O.T.C.

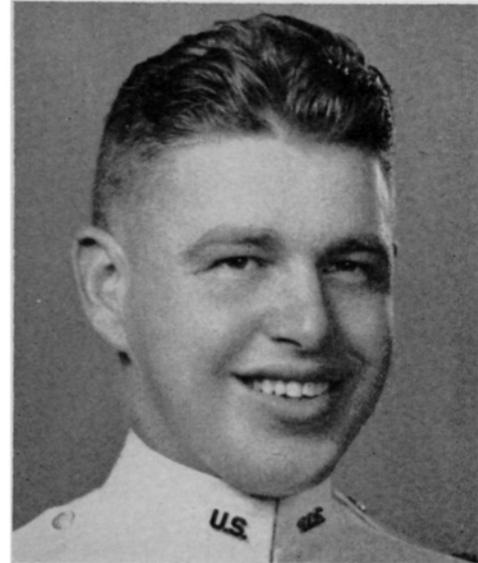
Early in his life Jim had set his sights on the Academy as a goal. During his high school days his ambition to attend the Academy was increased a hundredfold by his older brother Paul. Paul was at West Point

then, taking flight training with his classmates. So Jim's ambition became twofold, to graduate from West Point, and to wear Silver Wings.

In 1943 Jim made two trips up the Hudson River, one in June to see Paul graduate, and the other in July. The second trip was a little more involved than the first, but the result was the same for the Hurley family, because three years later Jim graduated with his wings.

The first time I met Jim we didn't have much chance to get acquainted, for we were standing in a rigid brace, as is the custom for New Cadets, under a broiling July sun, in the middle of Central Area. That was my introduction to one of the finest men I have ever known.

From the very first day of Beast Barracks Jim became an integral part of his Company. He spent a good part of his time helping some of us make the difficult transition from College Joe to West Point Plebe. Paul had briefed him pretty thoroughly on Plebe life, and if it is possible for any phase of Beast Barracks to be made pleasant, Jim did that for his classmates. Throughout the three



years at the Academy his room was the gathering place for a song-fest, or a discussion on almost anything—poetry, flying, football, philosophy, and a thousand other subjects, or an after taps boodle fight. He was never without his guitar, and he could sing for hours without repeating a single song.

Jim loved sports, too, and he was a good athlete. His interest ranged from football to skiing, but I think his favorites were water sports—swimming, water polo, diving and surf planing. He had the kind of courage that scoffs at personal safety, not only in sports, but later on in his flying. No sport was too rough for him to try, nor any situation he encountered while flying, whether it be a gunnery mission or a zero-zero field condition.

Jim was overjoyed at the opportunity to take flight training while still at the Academy. Primary, Basic, and Advanced training were new and exciting experiences to Jim. Before long that part of flying which defies description, but which holds men to the sky, became Jim's driving force. Only those who have rolled a fighter on the deck, or who have flown through the empty sanctity of the sky, can know what this force is. Jim was one of those few privileged men.

Before long the hectic days at the Academy drifted into the past, and one day Jim walked up onto a platform, saluted, shook hands with General Spaatz, and walked away proudly with his own wings. At last he was

a full-fledged pilot, and he had been accepted for training at Single Engine Fighter School. So Williams Field, Arizona, was his first station, and the slim, graceful F-51 his first, and later his last, fighter. Jim fell in love with the 51 even before his first flight. Why he was taken from this life is beyond the understanding of man, but since he was taken away, somehow it seems fitting that he went in a 51.

When we finished Fighter School we drew lots for assignments. Jim drew the 62nd Troop Carrier Group at Bergstrom Field, Austin, Texas. Though his heart was with fighters he contented himself with flying C-82's until he was sent overseas. Jim stayed at Bergstrom Field until June 1947. At that time the 62nd was transferred to McChord Field, Tacoma, Washington. He went with his group to Washington and remained there until he received his overseas orders.

While Jim was stationed at McChord Field he was introduced to Jeanne Paulson of Tacoma. In the months that followed he began to realize that this quiet, beautiful girl was the One and Only. So he gave her a miniature, and they were married in the spring of 1948 at the McChord Field Chapel. Shortly after they returned from their honeymoon Jim was sent overseas to Japan.

When he arrived in Japan his dream of flying with a fighter group was at last realized, for he was assigned to the 40th Fighter Squadron of the 35th Fighter-Interceptor Group at Johnson Air Base, about 30 miles northwest of Tokyo. After the usual months of waiting Jeanne finally joined him in Japan, and they soon had quarters at Johnson Air Base. Saturday night get-togethers at the Hurleys got to be almost a weekly event after that.

His time was filled with flying gunnery, rocket and dive bombing missions, and flying airborne alert with his squadron. But it was the kind of flying he loved, and with Jeanne overseas he was extremely happy.

Jim was engineering officer of his squadron, in addition to his flying duties. He was one of the best liked officers in the squadron, not only by his fellow officers but by his airmen as well. He spent countless hours with his men, working to keep the aircraft in commission.

One day he was chosen to lead his squadron in a practice raid on Misawa Air Base at the northern tip of Honshu. After the raid he led the squadron across Misawa in show formation. It was then that the Misawa pilot lost control of his aircraft and crashed into Jim.

The news of Jim's death came as a terrible shock to his wife, his parents, and his friends. It is hard to understand why he was taken from us while he was still so young, and had such a promising life before him. In an effort to help understand let me quote a part of "Pilot Bails Out", by Don Blanding, which was Jim's favorite:

"Four things that make the perfect whole
Plane, hand and brain—and Pilot-Soul.
The hand is flesh—and flesh is frail;
The throbbing motored heart might fail;
The plane might falter down the sky
The anguished human brain might die;
But this we know—we dare not doubt,
With one triumphant deathless shout,
The valiant Pilot-Soul bails out."

Jim is survived by his wife, Jeanne, his posthumous son, James, Jr., his parents, and his brother. He was laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery.

—H. B. S., Jr.

George Michael Sliney

NO. 15845 CLASS OF 1946

KILLED JULY 7, 1950, IN THE CRASH OF A JET BOMBER IN INDIANA, AGED 25 YEARS.

FIRST LIEUTENANT GEORGE MICHAEL SLINEY, son of Brigadier General and Mrs. George W. Sliney, was born at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, on Thanksgiving Day, November 27, 1924. He graduated from West Point in the class of 1946. His brother, Major Edgar M. Sliney, USAF, graduated from West Point in the class of 1941. His father, General Sliney, graduated in the class of 1913. In December 1946, George married Esther Watkins of Washington, D. C.

As an Army son George was to see much of the world; as an officer in the Air Force, he was to fly over a vast portion of it in the pilot's seat of a B-29.

George was a born observer. The opportunities for an avid young mind were legion in his peregrinating life; in addition to his



keen interest, he could retain facts and impressions and recall them at will. It followed naturally that he enjoyed friendly contacts with people—plain people, or learned, older ones, or very young ones; from each he gained something to be added to his repository of information.

To every thing and person that fitted into the kaleidoscopic picture which was his life he gave something of himself; through all his adventures and travels he remained constant—lovable, dignified, hard-working, dependable, unpredictable. He kept intact his remarkable good humor and sense of right. And as he gave, so he received. Life gave him robust health, a host of friends, and developed in him the intrepid spirit of the Air Force.

George loved the great outdoors. He loved the broad expanse of sea and the staggering heights of mountains; he loved the silence of deserts and gentle velvet valley lands. His outdoor interests embraced all the healthy pursuits of Army sons. He learned to ride horseback when a very small boy in Hawaii, going far into the hills of the Waianae Range along the lava ridges of the Firebreak Trail. He swam in the waters of Waialua and Waikiki. He learned to shoot at Fort Sill when he went out in the cold dawn with his father to hunt wild duck and geese. He learned about camping and campfire cooking on the desert in California when his father often took Sons of the American Legion out for week-end trips.

He hiked in the hills of Hollywood and in the Wichitas of Oklahoma.

As an officer George often reminisced about his happy childhood. "Our home was always filled with music," he wrote in one of his notebooks. "The piano, the ukulele, the guitar. We all sang, and when my voice broke I was embarrassed." How strong that voice was when he sang in the Cadet Choir at West Point! When he was at his first station at Roswell, New Mexico, he wrote home of the wind in the trees at dusk. "It always reminds me of places I have been. I remember the wind in the trees when I sat in my favorite apple tree in Groton, and looked way across the New England hills; and the trees in our garden in Hawaii when I was a very happy little boy and never wanted to grow up." Later, when he was at Shemya in the Shimitchi Islands there was no wind in the trees on that barren airstrip, but this pilot, flying high over the Aleutians and the ocean of the Great Circle, only had to reach into his storehouse of fact and fancy for other and more appropriate dreams.

All through his boyhood George received his education in many places; Washington, D. C., Hawaii, California, Oklahoma, Massachusetts. He graduated from Lawrence Academy at Groton, and after preparatory work at Millard's and Sullivan's, he entered West Point and graduated in June 1946, with his Air Force wings.

George received his advanced flying training at Enid, Oklahoma, and was assigned as a B-29 pilot at Roswell, New Mexico in the Strategic Air Command. During this assignment he graduated from the Air Tactical School at Tyndall Field, Florida. George then went to the Alaskan Command and was assigned to the 375th Squadron of the V.L.R. Weather Reconnaissance.

Twenty-seven months of Arctic flying was rugged training, and eight of these months were spent at Shemya in the Aleutians. Many flights were made over the North Pole and many to Japan, and while George logged his half-million miles of flying, often there were only great ice floes beneath the lone silver ship.

One of his most interesting and rugged experiences in the Arctic was a survival test in which he participated. Five Air Officers were flown to Chandler Lake, a great frozen stretch one hundred miles north of the timber line. Here they lived on survival kit rations and equipment to test their effect and usability for use by airplane crews in case of bailing out in the Arctic.

George's adventurous spirit took him to the gold rush at Fishwheel, when, in a chartered plane he took off and staked a claim of about thirty acres. Just hunting down another dream, but what fun!

To George, difficulties were never discouraging; they were something which had to be licked. When he found the housing problem impossible in Fairbanks, he bought an unfinished log house, moved in and worked on it until he left. There were partitions with the bare two-by-fours showing; these he finished with celotex. The water pump was in the dining room. It was an ugly thing so he moved it down in the basement and installed it there. "When the cold weather came," he wrote home, "I found out why the pump was in the dining room. The blooming thing froze." All this when the temperature was under forty below!

On returning to the States, George was assigned to jet bombers with the 85th Bomber Squadron. "I'm going to fly out to California and show you what a real plane looks like," he wrote. He came, and we saw the plane. "I'm really happy about this," he said.

On July 7 George flew off into the wild blue on his last flight, in the plane he loved above all planes. When friends tell

you they loved your son, it is heart-warming; when his commanding officer tells you of the traits and characteristics he too has observed in your son, you know the peace of work well done. His commanding officer, Colonel Karl T. Rauk, in whose organization George served in Alaska, wrote:

"George was a reliable, efficient and thoroughly capable officer on any assignment which he was given. His refreshing spontaneous sense of humor was always an uplift for the morale of his organization. His continuous enthusiasm was a constant source of inspiration for anyone with whom he associated. I feel that George lived his years to the fullest extent, giving the utmost of his capabilities, and, in turn, receiving the best from life".

Carey Bishop Barrineau

NO. 16642 CLASS OF 1948

DIED DECEMBER 17, 1949, AT ITAZUKE, ON KYUSHU, JAPAN, AGED 22 YEARS.

LIEUTENANT CAREY BISHOP BARRINEAU was born in Andrews, South Carolina, January 2, 1927, the son of Herbert and Kate Bishop



Barrineau. In 1937, at the age of ten years, Aiken, S. C., became his residence (where he made his home with his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Cary M. Bishop). Here he attended the public schools, and was graduated from Aiken High School in 1943. In the fall of 1943 he entered The Citadel, at Charleston, S. C. He left this institution in June 1944 to enter the United States Military Academy at West Point, from which he was graduated in the summer of 1948.

Upon graduation Carey entered the Air Force, and was assigned to Randolph Field, Texas. In September 1949, he received his wings at Las Vegas A.F.B., Nevada, and a month later he sailed for Japan. He was stationed at Kyushu, Japan, when his death in a plane crash occurred on December 17, 1949.

In the untimely passing of Carey Barrineau the Air Forces lost a most capable young officer; his family a very devoted son and grandson and nephew; and his many friends a comrade of endearing qualities—a comrade who will be long remembered for his ready smile and good humor, as well as his seriousness of purpose.

As a boy, Carey's main interests were in travel and securing historical information, which undoubtedly had an influence on his desire to attend West Point. Lying on the

living room floor he "traveled" over the United States on road maps, and went to sleep at night with the current World's Almanac by his bed. He kept his high school history teacher on the jump by asking her questions which he had read about on the night before. Also in his high school days, he and a friend took advantage of travel "by thumb" during their vacations; and, upon graduation from West Point, he spent the following summer in Europe.

With a keen mind, and a good store of knowledge, his presence was an asset to any friendly group. There are many people who are willing to talk on many subjects. There are very few who really can, and do it well. Carey belonged in this select latter group. Once a subject had caught his interest (and his range of interests was wide) he would dig to the bottom of it. Thus he was well posted in a surprising diversity of fields.

Having this type of mind, his delight in a friendly argument is readily understood. He loved to parry a question, and then drive home his point. But it was always done with an accompanying smile and in the best of spirit. It might be added that he seldom came out "second" in these friendly arguments.

Carey's interest in people of all kinds developed in him a tolerance for their views and shortcomings, but he picked his associates because of their interest in worthwhile accomplishments. This led him to make friends not only in his own age group, but also among those much older in years. And one of the chief characteristics of his life was his devotion and loyalty to his friends, once a friendship had been solidly welded. He abided by Shakespeare's dictum:

"Those friends thou hast, and their adoption tried,
Grapple them to thy soul with hoops of steel."

His respect for his fellow man was repaid when a few weeks after his death the new theater at the air base in Japan at which he was stationed was named, "The Barrineau Theater" The men at the base submitted names for the theater and the name chosen had been submitted by a sergeant and a corporal.

While his life was marked by devotion to his friends, it was in the circle of his own family that Carey's devotion was most manifest. An only child, his love and unflinching thoughtfulness toward his mother were rare in their quality. Her welfare and happiness were ever uppermost in his mind, and he looked upon her not only as a mother but also as "the best of pals". This spirit of family devotion extended to his grandparents and aunts and the others of his kindred.

Carey carried in his heart a fond love for the sand and the pine and the traditions of his native South Carolina. On cold, grim days, when the winds were beating over the Palisades of the Hudson, he would be heard to remark, "Oh, this Yankee weather!" But if an outsider should have made a derogatory remark about even the weather at the Academy, he would have defended it to the last ditch!

A member of the Aiken Presbyterian Church, he consistently attended the Sunday service in his church on those occasions when he came back to Aiken. It was in this church that the funeral service was held on January 16, 1950, with military rites at the grave side.

His body now rests in Aiken's Bethany Cemetery, close to the spots that had become so dear to him in boyhood days.

We are all grieved at Carey's going from us. But we find consolation in the thought that this one who so loved wholesome adventure has now entered upon the Greatest Adventure of all.

—F. Gault Robertson.

Charles Frederick McGee

NO. 16632 CLASS OF 1948

KILLED IN ACTION, AUGUST 9, 1950, IN KOREA, AGED 24 YEARS.

LIEUTENANT CHARLES FREDERICK MCGEE was born on December 16, 1925 of Walter R. and Helen Frederick McGee in Allentown, Pa., where he spent his life up to the time he entered West Point.

As a boy, he excelled in an unpretentious fashion in whatever he undertook. His homework books in school were models in neatness and clarity and his marks were excellent. He was active in all phases of school life and was popular with teachers and students alike. He joined the Boy Scouts and later the Sea Scouts and eventually won all the awards in the scope of these organizations.

Graduating from High School, he looked forward to the career which eventually led him to the Point. He was raised with his sister Catharine Jane in a devoutly religious



family and he took an increasing interest in the Church of which they were all members. He was a lad of high spirits and naturally indulged in the innocent pranks of boyhood. Charles was an affectionate son who adored his mother and idolized his father, and at no time did he give them cause for worry.

I had a very deep affection for Charles and he returned it and our relationship grew as he matured. Due to the absence of his father overseas as a member of the Armed Forces at the time, it was the privilege of his sister, Catharine Jane, and mine to accompany him to West Point on July 1st, 1944 to matriculate, and I visited him there at later intervals. Our meetings were mutually most enjoyable.

Naturally under the discipline maintained at the Academy, Charles met his responsibilities and became a man. When it was time to leave at graduation, he gave indications of the stuff of which he was made and as he assumed the responsibilities of an officer in our Armed Forces, he was ready to meet any event in line of duty. He adored the Service. He was transferred to Japan in 1949. His letters from there were full of his work and unconsciously, between the lines, we sensed his growing interest. On the battlefield in far off Korea, his first thought was for his men, and he demonstrated it by an act over and above the call of duty before a sniper's bullet cut him down, paying for it with that priceless thing, his life, on August 9, 1950.

Truly he gave his all for God and Country. It is not for me in my feeble words to eulogize this noble and courageous young man. Indeed his memory is enshrined deep in the hearts of his relatives and friends and his annals are inscribed in the permanent records of the Country he loved and served with such brilliance in his short life.

He is survived by his father, Colonel Walter R. McGee and his stepmother, Isabella R. McGee of Catasauqua, Pa. and by his sister, Catharine Jane McGee of Reading, Pa.

Jesus though our hearts are bleeding,
O'er the spoils that death has won,
We would at this solemn moment,
Calmly say "Thy will be done".

In proud reverence,

—William L. McGee.

Frederic Nathaniel Eaton

NO. 17292 CLASS OF 1949

KILLED IN ACTION, SEPTEMBER 2, 1950, IN KOREA, AGED 24 YEARS.

LIEUTENANT FREDERIC N. EATON, born May 23, 1926, Buffalo, New York, was killed in action on September 2, 1950 in Korea. He was the son of Mrs. Frederic N. Eaton and the late Mr. Eaton, 2002 "P" Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

Lt. Eaton was graduated from West Point with the class of 1949. He served at Fort Riley, Kansas, and at Fort Benning, Georgia, where in June 1950 he also won his paratrooper and gliderman wings.

Fred attended Fork Union and St. Christopher's boys' schools in Virginia, Western High School in Washington, D. C. for two years and was graduated from Bullis Preparatory School, Silver Spring, Maryland, in June 1944. During World War II he served on the Dupont Circle home defense patrol and left Western High School in February 1943 to take a position as assistant map photographer and editor in the Army Map Service. In August 1944 he volunteered for induction into the Army and was inducted at Fort Meade, Maryland. He successfully completed the U.S. Military Academy Preparatory Courses given at Fort Benning and at Lafayette College. He won his principal appointment to West Point when granted the privilege of taking the competitive examinations by Congressman E. C. Gathings, First District, Arkansas, the home of his mother, Mrs. Amy Hughes Eaton.

Fred was famous for his good humor, natural ability, and belief in the good life. Modest in acclaiming his own accomplishments, he took pride in his cross country letter won at West Point, his twice-broken nose which kept him from being "pro" in wrestling, his knowledge of the Russian Language, his Sunday School class at West Point, his barbershop baritone, and his \$5 prizes awarded for the best short story and kodachrome shots. The story of his service in the defense of his country is told in three short letters addressed to his mother after he left the Washington Airport on August 10.

"August 19, 1950 from

"Tokyo to a Western Port.

"Dearest Mom:

"I am on a Japanese pullman car enroute to a port for embarkation to Pusan. I have been assigned to the 1st Cavalry Division. I don't know what Regiment yet. I'll write you when I find out.

"It is now 12:45 this (Sunday) morning at home. Perhaps you are having trouble sleeping or are still listening to late news reports, wondering if I am in Korea yet. * * * *

"It is dark now. Some of the houses actually have Japanese lanterns in them but most seem to have electricity. Even the train is electrified. We are passing out of Tokyo, and the sky has been lit up from

time to time with fire works more beautiful than any I ever saw from the Monument grounds. I wonder what the occasion is. * * * *

"This may be the last letter you get from me for quite a while, so don't be concerned if you don't receive word of me. Just follow the successful path of the 1st Cavalry on its march North. It has a proud tradition and a reputation for being first to uphold. Perhaps it will be first in Seoul, and if it is, I'll be with it and I know you will be too, in spirit. * * * *

"August 22—Sasebo

"In 14 hours I'll be in Pusan. I don't know what to write. There are only so many different ways to say don't worry. * * * *

"I found this page from the Bible (91st Psalm) lying on a seat in the Tacoma, Washington, airfield. Please keep it safe until I return. I have to go now. I will write you after my first action and tell you all about it, God willing. * * * *

"August 25

"I have been assigned to Company C of the 7th Cavalry Regiment of the 1st Cavalry Division. Everything here is quite as you



well know. You undoubtedly know more about what's going on outside of the Division than I do. The 7th Cavalry Regiment is the unit which General Custer commanded at Little Big Horn. You remember the story of the massacre on June 25 (the date of the Korean war) when the 7th lost its Regimental colors. If you wanted to, you could read up on the details and tell me all about it. Please write to me. I haven't received a single letter since I left the States. Are you getting my letters? Much love,
"Fred."

Mrs. Eaton received the last letter after Lt. Eaton's death and only a few days before the War Department telegram, informing her that her son had been killed in action on September 2. Fred was her only child. She considers his death a monument to the quiet glory of true American manhood and a few steps closer to the goal of the 1st Cavalry Division.

In memory of her son, his mother, Mrs. Amy H. Eaton, has presented two candlesticks and two vases to the Cadet Chapel at West Point. On one candlestick is inscribed, "Dedicated to Lt. Eaton's Platoon And Comrades Who Fell in Korea"; on the other, "Dedicated to Co. B-1 And The Class of 1949". One vase bears the inscription, "In Memory of Lt. Frederic N. Eaton—1949, Co. C—7th Cav. Reg., 1st Cav. Div. Killed in Korea Sept. 2, 1950"; the other, "He Had Clean Hands And A Pure Heart: Lifted Not His Soul Up Unto Vanity, Nor Swore Deceitfully"



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