

*1960*

*THE*

*CHALLENGE*



Charles E. Noyes  
72 Hancock Street  
Dorchester Massachusetts

Mr. Maglar (I mean No Gas)  
your cute little transmitter  
will have to be mighty powerful  
to find up my radio at  
Woo Per from "sky High"  
Take it easy and be good  
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As Editor-in-Chief, I would like to present to you THE 1960 CHALLENGE which, although put together by THE CHALLENGE staff, is, in reality, the production of our entire Cadet Candidate Company and a reflection of our year at the United States Military Academy Preparatory School.

*Kenneth E. Sprague*

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Editor, THE CHALLENGE

*Veni,*



THE 1860 CHALLENGE  
of the  
United States Military Academy  
Preparatory School  
Fort Belvoir  
Virginia

# Vidi, Vici



These words, which we have taken as the theme of the 1960 CHALLENGE, were first spoken by one of the greatest military leaders in history, Julius Caesar. Now, two thousand years later, two hundred young Americans have come together with one aspiration: to become military leaders. Our immediate goal is the preparation of ourselves for entrance into the schools which are the source of the elite of American military establishment, The United States Military Academy and The United States Air Force Academy. In order to achieve these ends, we have engaged in battle on three fields: the classroom, the athletic field, and the parade ground. The competition for academic, sporting, and military honors was intense, with the prize a rare and highly valued one. But when our long campaign was completed, we who remained could truly say, "We Came; We Saw; We Conquered."



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**MAJOR GENERAL GALLOWAY**

Man is and will remain the essential element in war. Men, not machines, win or lose the battle. Machines cannot wage war; they can only increase the effectiveness of man. The importance of the individual increases with the complexity of the weapons he must employ. The importance of the man will increase until we reach the stage of having weapons which can think and improvise; which can meet reverses with resolution; and which can match hardship and danger with devotion and courage, and carry on to final victory. There is no such weapon on the horizon.

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**MAJOR T. A. CALLAGY**

HEADQUARTERS  
U. S. MILITARY ACADEMY PREPARATORY SCHOOL  
FORT BELVOIR, VIRGINIA

Major Thomas A. Callagy, who this year pinned on his oak leaves, has been to us exactly what the Commandant should be, an inspiring leader and an exemplary officer. His company grievance sessions and his personal attention to our individual problems showed us that he is a man under whom it would be a pleasure to serve. Major Callagy has been commandant for four years.

TO THE CLASS OF 1960:

I wish to congratulate all of you on the completion of a successful year at US&PS. You have displayed throughout the past year a great interest and a desire to become officers with graduation from one of the service academies. You have displayed the spirit and determination that will, I am certain, insure your success in the difficult years to come. I have enjoyed working with you and watching your progress toward a common goal. I wish you the best of luck in the future.

*Thomas A. Callagy*  
THOMAS A. CALLAGY  
Major Infantry  
Commandant



## A S S I S T A N T C O M M A N D A N T

### CAPTAIN E. B. ROSS

Captain Ross's face is one known to most cadet candidates, yet few are really aware of the important part this officer has played in our lives. As Assistant Commandant he has been Major Callagy's right hand in the administration of School business. In addition, he was the staff advisor for all "extracurricular" activities in the school. These include that weekly scandal sheet, the "Flyer," the CHALLENGE which you are now reading; and, most important to many cadet candidates, the Social Committee. Thus in a sense we can thank Captain Ross for that successful Winter Fantasy Formal.

Not content to stay in his office, Captain Ross emerged once a day and met with a group of his mathematical "Genii" to teach them some of the rudiments of higher math. His class dwindled a bit after Christmas, but those who were able to stay with it found it had indeed been rewarding. Captain Ross is a 1949 graduate of West Point.

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**CAPTAIN H. E. CHAPMAN**

Captain Chapman, as Training Officer, was a man to be reckoned with when time for military aptitude rating came around. In this capacity he might be compared to a gardner with a new pair of pruning shears which he can't wait to use on any dead wood he can find. Nevertheless he has been eminently just in his judgment, as many of us can testify.

One of Captain Chapman's proudest accomplishments this year was the remarkable success of his basketball team. Members of the team will testify to his keen wit as well as his deep sense of fair play.

Although in his first year at USMAPS, Captain Chapman has succeeded in being a potent force helping us to gain entrance to the academies. A graduate of the military academy, airborne, and a combat infantryman, he is a man we can't help striving to emulate.



## CAPTAIN COLE

In the relatively short time that Captain Fred V. Cole was here this year he made a lasting impression on those of us who knew him. His cheerful disposition combined with his intelligent leadership serves as living proof that West Point is not the only source of good officers, Captain Cole served as an enlisted man before going to OCS. When he departed to attend the Engineer Advanced Officer Course in January, we were sorry to see him go.

## SUPPLY OFFICERS



"WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM SERGEANT?"

*Phillip E. Custer*  
LT. CUSTER

First Lieutenant Phillip E. Custer was the officer who took over Capt. Cole's duties, including: Mess Officer, Supply Officer, and officer in charge of PT. Lt. Custer didn't waste any time getting started; he quickly became a familiar sight at Wells Field House during the winter PT season, trying the various events of the Physical Aptitude test and excelling at them. He has proved a fit successor to Captain Cole in the eyes of the company.

### S/MAJ. MASSEY

*Back of Luca  
at US Army  
not Massey*

In addition to his many administrative duties, Sergeant Major William D. Massey has the difficult task of coordinating all available information concerning our appointments. He is familiar with the intricate selection systems of all of the academies, and is certainly an asset to the Cadet Candidate in need of sage advice. Sgt. Massey has over twenty years in the military service, including active duty overseas during World War II.



### M/SGT. BOWLING

*Good Luck, M/SGT  
BPPA*

Master Sergeant Bruce P. Bowling is the NCO in charge of the U.S. Air Force Academy Detachment No. One, which is coexistent with USMAPS. In this capacity he handles all personnel records of the Air Force members of the Company. He is also a source of advice and information for AFA applicants. Sgt. Bowling likes to puff on his cigar and look forward to the day when the Air Force Academy will set up its own Preparatory School.



*John of Jones  
at the academy  
like Mrs. Jones*

*Best of everything  
in your academy  
academy  
Kathleen*

*Best of luck  
at the Academy  
good luck*



STANDING: Sp/4 Morehouse, Sp/4 Hamre, A/IC Varcoe, Sp/4 Waren. SEATED: M/Sgt. Plunder

### PERSONNEL SECTION ACADEMIC SECRETARIES

Mrs. Alma H. Nash, Mrs. Jane B. Simmons, Mrs. E. L. Tuck

*A large load  
no much better than  
in large bags. Best  
of luck at Army High  
Kante Hamre  
Ph. Pa.*



To the Athletic Department, especially Sp/4 Woodall and Sp/4 Pelzer, we extend our congratulations for their efforts in making our physical training program an efficient one.

We all can remember the first PT exercises and the aches and pains we experienced from those PT and Physical Aptitude tests, but we all fully realize the value of the physical training that well illustrates the maxim, "a sound body makes a sound mind."



Sp/4 Pelzer, Pfc. Williams, Sp/4 Woodall

## ATHLETIC PERSONNEL

## JANITORIAL SERVICE

Mr. J. Williams, Mr. P. Baltimore, Mr. L. Jackson, Mr. J. Warren



When we first arrived at USMAPS, everyone moaned and groaned at the miles of corridors that needed to be waxed and buffed each day, but thanks to our dependable janitors we can breathe a sigh of relief. Through their industrious efforts the halls, corridors, and offices were kept in the same "spit and polish" of our own dress low quarter shoes.



**M/SGT. SAULSGIVER**

## SUPPLY

The supply section under the direction of M/Sgt Saulsgiver has helped make this year at USMAPS a successful one. They were the source of our athletic equipment, our locker and desk assignments, and the many forms used in our military life, such as ubiquitous Delinquency Reports. It was from supply that we got all our textbooks and all of those little review sheets that we became so familiar with in our classes. Confronted with this formidable task, these men have unquestionably made our lives more comfortable by their unceasing efforts and deserve our congratulations for a job well done.

*Wishing you a lot of luck in the future  
Best Luck  
Saulsgiver*

Pfc. W. M. Carney, Mr. J. W. Clarke, Pfc. P. J. Lynch



## MESS

Everyone at USMAPS can recall the wonderful meals prepared for us in the mess hall by M/Sgt Hedrick and his staff of culinary artists during the past year. Preparing and serving meals to over two hundred men three times a day in the most efficacious way deserves laudatory comment. Who can possibly forget the delicious steaks served to us each Wednesday. Even the gourmets among the academic department personnel would eat with us on such an occasion. The Thanksgiving holiday was a happy time even for those of us that could not make it home. The pie was just like "Mom" used to make.



**M/SGT. HEDRICK**

Sp/5 Parker, Sp/4 Coffelt, Sp/4 Bolte, Sp/4 Gregg, Sp/5 Jancoukas





FIRST SERGEANT LLOYD W. THOMAS - 20 yrs military service - 4th year at USMAPS - WW II in Europe, Infantry - Outfielder of note and table tennis terror - Pet Peeve - A man who is not proud of his uniform.



Sfc. C. A. Kirchner - 10 yrs military service - 3rd yr at USMAPS - Weapons Demonstration Team - Korea - Pet Peeve - Likes to see a tight bunk!

"As a training NCO I have received the best cooperation from these men because of their willingness to learn and better themselves. Glad to work with such a fine group!"

## TRAINING DEPT.

The military and physical training program has been conducted under the supervision of Capt Chapman with the able assistance of First Sergeant Thomas.

We came to the prep school with military backgrounds varying from that of the noncommissioned officer to that of the newly enlisted recruit. The military training was projected to instill military courtesy and discipline in each of us. Leadership was cultivated through the establishment of a cadet candidate chain of command which allowed every individual to hold a position of responsibility at one time or another. Each of us was rated by other cadet candidates holding leadership positions, and we were able to learn the faults that had to be corrected for us to become the leaders of the future. Classes on military subjects were held each week to keep everyone informed on current military affairs and world problems.

This program was basic preparation for entrance into the service academies and, later, the successful embarkation upon a military career. "Nothing is greater than service to one's country. You must be a dedicated man to choose the military for a career," are the thoughts that Sergeant Thomas gives to future officers. "Successful completion of this goal will come only to those men who possess that little touch of finesse that makes an excellent job a superior one."



Sfc. H. E. Myers - 8 yrs service - 2nd yr at USMAPS - Florida A & M (dentistry) scholarship - Korea - Married, four children - ran 100 yds in g. 8 - Recently "made" E-7 - Pet Peeve - A sloppy uniform - "A leader looks out for the welfare of his men and seeks responsibility."

*Good Look  
Gene E. De*



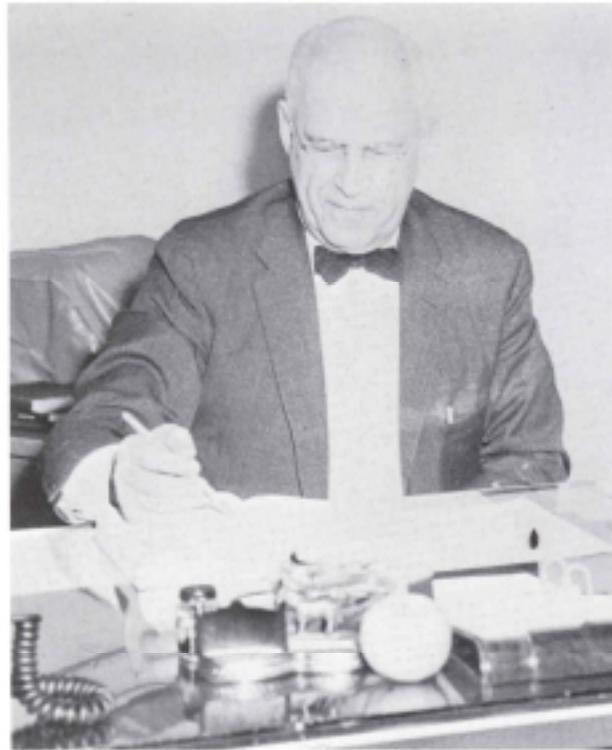
Sfc. G. L. Neff - 8 yrs military service - 3 yrs at USMAPS - Advanced NCO Training Instructor - Korea - Married, one daughter - "Sgt. Gig" - Pet Peeve - Lack of military courtesy - "A leader is one who puts everything into his assignment or job all the time."

Sfc. G. A. Sartore - 14 yrs military service - 2nd yr at Prep School - Basic Training Scout Platoon - WWII - Married, two children - Bowling - Pet Peeve - Military Courtesy - "A good leader shows consideration and fairness. Our PT program makes the men better prepared for the Academies."

*George Sartore  
Best of Luck*

Sfc. G. L. Evans - 41 yrs military service - 2nd yr at USMAPS - Prem. Honor Guard - Korea - Married, three children - Sport fisherman - Pet Peeve - Sloppy barracks - "To be a leader you must always exercise sense and perform your duty to the maximum of your ability."





## ACADEMIC DEPARTMENT

### RAYMOND M. COOLIDGE

Mr. Coolidge is a real veteran at the Prep School. He was educated at Ohio U. and at the Harvard School of Education - His mathematical acumen, his students will tell you, is of the highest order.

When we arrived at USMAPS, we soon discovered that we represented a wide variety of educational backgrounds. It wasn't long, however, before we had contact with the agency that was destined to bring us all up to the level of an entering cadet: the Academic Department, under the supervision of Mr. Coolidge. Soon after our arrival we were tested in the two fields of academic endeavor into which USMAPS academic life is divided, namely; English and mathematics. In the meantime, those of us who had arrived early enough had been taking a short Basic Course, which constituted the first of the three major phases of the academic year. On the basis of our tests we were placed in sections and launched on the most important part of the year.

This second phase, the Preparatory Course, was designed to prepare us for the March examinations of the College Board. We settled down to the comfortable and profitable routine designated for us. Each day we had four seventy-five minute periods of instruction, which we had prepared for in two and a half hours of study hall the previous night. Each three weeks we were tested on the material we had covered in each subject and were reassigned as to sec-

tion according to our achievements on these exams. Those of us who did well enough were rewarded by being placed on either the Dean's or the Proficiency List, which would excuse us from study hall - but the ones so rewarded soon found that they had better study anyway.

Those of us who needed it were given extra instruction. By the time the March exams rolled around we found that if we had an understanding of most of the material which had been presented to us, we could meet the College Boards with confidence; thus, the Academic Department had fulfilled its primary objective.

After the Boards we entered the third and final phase of instruction, the Advanced Course. Here we found academic guidance designed to help us during our first difficult months at the academies which most of us were to enter soon. The Academic Department had completed its mission.

"Are you with us, Mr. Arnold"



If a man and a half...

