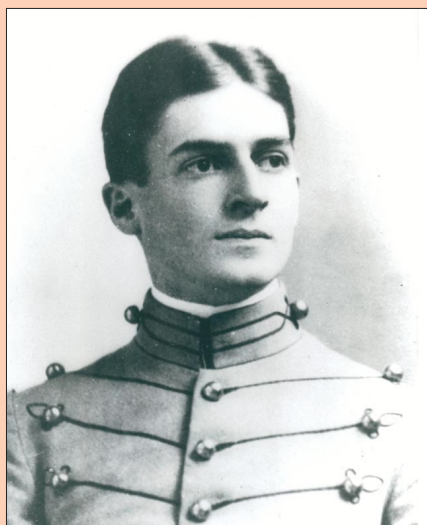


Pinch Hits, "Douglas MacArthur"

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On May 18, 1901, West Point and the Naval Academy "cross bats" for the first time on a baseball diamond when the two military academies play one another before 4,000 fans, including over 100 Naval Midshipmen. Despite being out-hit 11-to-6, Army takes advantage of two hit batters and two errors to tally three runs in the third inning en route to a 4-3 win.

Batting second for the Cadets and starting in leftfield that afternoon is sophomore and future five-star general **Douglas MacArthur** (right). The 6-foot-1, 145-pound MacArthur is hitless in three at bats that afternoon, but draws a walk, steals a base and scores a run. MacArthur will graduate first out of 93 cadets in the class of 1903 by earning 2,424.2 points out of a maximum of 2,470.



Navy scores twice in the bottom of the ninth but is forced "to haul down their flags," when Navy third baseman Hobson gathers in C.E. Smith's popup. The Cadets, under Coach Charles Irving Davis, will finish the season 6-2-1, while the Midshipmen complete their campaign one game over .500 at 4-3.

Baseball at West Point has helped produce three five-star generals - General Douglas MacArthur, General Omar Bradley and General Dwight D. Eisenhower

The Navy centerfielder that afternoon is most likely **Walter Stratton Anderson**, the executive officer of the USS Arizona (BB-39) during WWI. In 1940, he's the Director of Naval Intelligence and during WWII he's promoted to the rank of Vice Admiral, usually commanding shore-based military districts.

The Navy right fielder is **Adolphus Stanton** from Tarboro, North Carolina. A Medal of Honor recipient, Stanton rises to the rank of Rear Admiral in WWII.

1901 West Point Baseball Team



Douglas MacArthur is seated front row to the right

Naval Academy vs. Military Academy Annapolis, Maryland May 18, 1901

Naval Academy						
Players.	AB.	R.	H.	PO.	A.	E.
Hamner, 1b	4	0	0	7	0	1
Staton, rf.	2	1	1	2	0	1
Read, lf	5	1	1	0	0	0
Weaver, c	5	1	2	7	1	0
Childs, ss	5	0	2	1	1	1
Long, 3b	4	0	1	5	3	0
Smith, C. E., 2b	4	0	2	0	1	0
Anderson, cf	3	0	2	1	0	0
Raudenbush, p	4	0	0	1	1	0
Totals	36	3	11	24	7	3
Military Academy						
Players.	AB.	R.	H.	PO.	A.	E.
Zell, rf	3	1	1	1	0	0
M'ARTHUR, lf.	3	1	0	0	0	0
Hobson, 1b	4	0	0	8	1	0
Herr, ss	4	0	1	2	3	0
Abbot, 2b	4	1	2	4	4	0
Hackett, c	4	0	2	6	2	1
Cooper, 3b	3	0	1	1	1	0
Whipple, cf	3	1	0	2	0	0
Graham, p	2	0	0	3	1	0
Totals	30	4	7	27	12	1

Army 0 0 3 0 0 1 0 0 0-4
Navy 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 2-3
Two-base hits—Read, Weaver. Struck out—By Graham, 6; by Raudenbush, 4. Bases on balls—Off Graham 5; off Raudenbush, 2. Double plays—Weaver and Hamner; Hackett, Hobson and Abbot. Stolen bases—Zell, MacArthur, Herr, Abbot, Whipple, Staton. Sacrifice hit—Graham. Hit by pitcher—By Graham, 2; by Raudenbush, 2. Wild pitch—Graham. Earned runs—West Point, 1; Annapolis, 2. Left on bases—West Point, 6; Annapolis, 13. Time of game—1:30 p. m. Umpire—Mr. Snyder (National League).

I found a mention of Navy second baseman **C.E. Smith** as a Commander, commanding the destroyer Sinclair in 1930, but the only thing I can find after that is a mention that Captain C.E. Smith retired after a stint commanding the Navy pre-flight school in Athens, Georgia, during WWII.

The Army shortstop is **John K. Kerr**, who drove in Douglas MacArthur with a sixth-inning base hit. He was also an outstanding polo player and believed that no sport better prepared leaders for combat than polo. He also believed that horse-mounted calvary still had a role in modern mechanized warfare.

The Army catcher is **Horatio B. Hackett**, a decorated combat veteran of World War I who was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal with Silver Star. Hackett was also a starting quarterback on the football team.

The game story follows on page 2:

ARMY AND NAVY CADETS PLAY BALL.

Their First Game on the Diamond Results in a West Point Victory.

ANNAPOLIS, May 18.—In a drizzling rain this afternoon the Army baseball team defeated the Navy nine by a score of 4 to 3, in the first baseball game ever played by these teams. About four thousand persons were present. The West Pointers arrived here in the morning from Baltimore, where they stopped over night at the Hotel Rennert and were met by Capt. Hamner and Manager Fischer of the Naval Academy team. The large grand stands built for the occasion were crowded, and the field was filled with "rooters" of each team. The game started at 2:30 o'clock with the Navy at the bat. Neither side scored in the first or second inning. In the third the Navy made one run; Staton, getting a base on balls, stole second and scored on Weaver's single. The Army made three. Whippell singled, Zell was hit by a pitched ball, McArthur singled, filling the bases. Hobson went out on a fly to right field and Staton on the throw home, to cut off Whippell, threw wild, Whippell and Zell scoring. McArthur went to third and scored on Herr's hit over short stop's head. Neither side scored again until the sixth, when the Army made one run. Abbott singled, stole second and scored on Hackett's hit, which Long fumbled. In the ninth inning the Navy made two. Read singled and got home on Weaver's two-base hit to centre, and Weaver tallied on Long's single. The score:

ARMY.	R.	H.	P.	A.	E.	NAVY.	R.	H.	P.	A.	E.
Zell, cf.	1	1	1	0	0	Hamner, 1b	0	0	7	3	1
McArthur, lf	1	1	0	0	0	Staton, rf	1	1	2	0	0
Hobson, 1b	0	0	0	2	0	Head, lf	1	1	0	0	0
Herr, ss	0	1	0	4	1	Weaver, c	1	2	7	2	0
Abbott, 2b	1	1	7	4	1	Childs, ss	0	1	1	1	2
Hackett, c	0	1	6	3	1	Long, 3b	0	1	5	3	1
Coster, 3b	0	1	0	4	0	Smith, 2b	0	1	0	2	1
Whippell, cf	1	1	2	0	0	Anderson, of	0	1	1	0	0
Graham, p	0	0	3	2	0	Raudenbush, p	0	0	1	1	0
Total	4	7	27	13	3	Total	3	8	24	15	5
Navy	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3
Army	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	4

Struck out—By Graham, 5; by Raudenbush, 5.
 Bases on balls—Off Graham, 5; off Raudenbush, 2.
 Stolen bases—Army, 3; Navy, 1. Two-base hits—Head, Weaver. Umpire—Snyder.