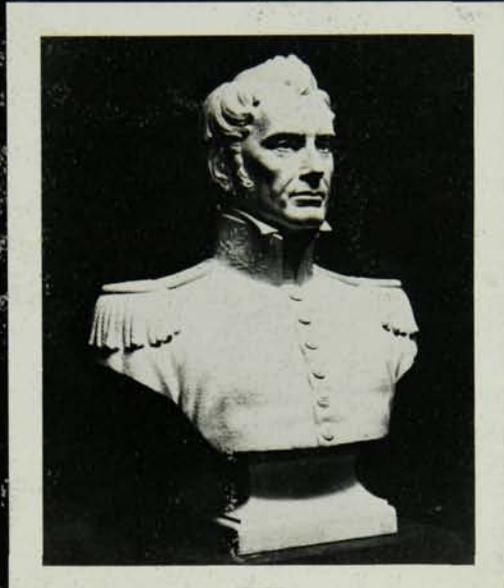


# ASSEMBLY

ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATES  
UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY  
SPRING 1972

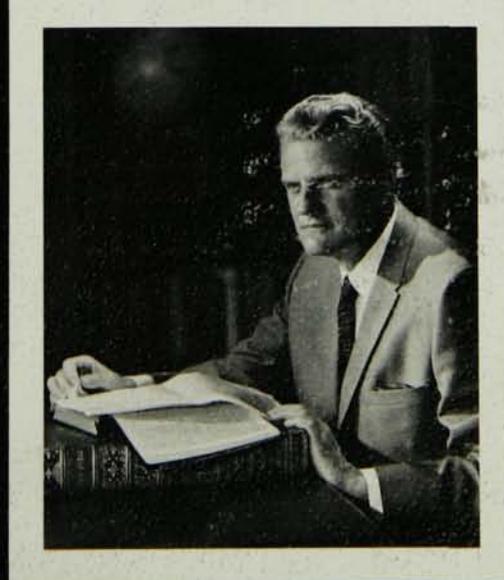


THE  
THAYER  
AWARD



1972

WILLIAM F. GRAHAM





OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT  
UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY  
WEST POINT, NEW YORK 10996

Fellow Graduates and Friends of the Military Academy:

By the time this letter reaches most of you, June Week 1972 will be history and one of the better classes to graduate from the Academy in recent years will have joined the ranks of the Army. Early in their Second Class year the Class of '72 produced a leadership which was both natural and responsible. Their effectiveness as First Classmen in guiding the Corps has contributed to an unusually successful year and has established an especially fine example for the underclasses. As they move to graduate status, we wish them every success in their Army careers.

In our efforts to produce graduates with an understanding of contemporary life, both in and out of the Army, the Military Academy is keenly aware of its responsibility to improve our graduates' appreciation of the contribution of ethnic groups. Accordingly, core curriculum course offerings in English, History, Geography, Foreign Languages, Law, Social Science, Psychology, and Leadership devote appropriate blocks of lessons to cultivating an appreciation for the literary, historical, and cultural heritage of minority groups, especially the black American. Additionally, for those cadets desiring increased concentration in the area, a number of elective offerings are available.

A part of our summer training program is also designed to increase understanding of contemporary forces in the world. This summer, cadets will participate in foreign exchange programs with the military academies of England, Germany, Belgium, Mexico, Japan and fifteen allied Latin American nations. Other cadets will conduct language and area studies of the Soviet Union, in Germany, and of China, in Taiwan. Three cadets will again serve as Summer Interns in various governmental agencies while three First Classmen will go to Africa with the Operation Crossroads Africa program. Two other cadets will conduct advanced physics research at Fort Monmouth.

During the Founders Day period this year I had an opportunity to speak to groups of graduates at Fort Bragg, Fort Knox, New York, Boston, and Detroit. It is always an inspiration for me to see firsthand the continuing interest which our graduates, both senior and junior, have in West Point. The recent practice of inviting cadet parents to graduate gatherings has apparently spread and has contributed to the success of the dinners and to a better understanding of the Military Academy. It was also interesting (though perhaps not surprising) to note that when graduates' wives attend the dinners the attendance increases by somewhat more than their numbers.

During the current year we are reaching another significant milestone in our construction program. Construction of the second and final increment of new barracks has recently been completed. We assumed occupancy of a part of these buildings, MacArthur Barracks in North Area, last fall, and with the installation of equipment currently underway in the remainder, the Corps will move into these new facilities this summer. Our fine new academic building, Mahan Hall, constructed on the hillside bridging over Cullum Road south of Post Headquarters has also been completed recently. The Departments of English, Engineering, and Mechanics will relocate into this building this summer and classes will be held there during the coming academic year.

As this letter is written, we have recently completed our winter athletic schedule and are in the early weeks of our spring competition. An interesting early season note is the increased interest and support of the Corps in the spring program. After a virtual Navy sweep of the winter contests, and with the added impetus from the Corps, we look forward to a more successful spring.

Upon completing this, my second full year as Superintendent, may I express again the appreciation of the Staff and Faculty for the continuing support and understanding of our graduates. West Point faces in microcosm the challenges of the Army and our country. We are meeting those challenges and with your help will continue to do so for the future.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM A. KNOWLTON  
Lieutenant General, USA  
Superintendent

Editor  
MICHAEL J. KRISMAN '39

Design and Layout  
CHARLES L. SEAMAN

Assistant Editor  
MARY E. GLEDURA

SPRING 1972

# ASSEMBLY

Photo Credits: US Army Signal Corps  
Photo Lab; USMA Archives; THE EVENING NEWS, Newburgh, NY.

VOLUME XXXI, No. 1

Suggestions from subscribers are encouraged. Address correspondence:  
EDITOR, ASSEMBLY  
ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATES,  
USMA  
WEST POINT, NY 10996

## Contents:

In this issue . . .

Dr. Graham receives Thayer Award . . .  
Founders Day around the world . . .  
Cadet Activities Center rises . . .  
Second careers for West Pointers . . .  
Cadet leadership evaluation . . .  
Washington statue moved . . .  
Anti-pollution vehicle to be built by cadets . . . and  
a reunion of USMA descendants.



## Articles

DR. GRAHAM RECEIVES THAYER AWARD	- - - -	2
FOUNDERS DAY 1972	- - - - -	6
CADET ACTIVITIES CENTER	- - - - -	12
SECOND CAREERS FOR WEST POINTERS	- - - - -	16
LEADERSHIP EVALUATION	- - - - -	18
GEORGE RIDES AGAIN	- - - - -	22
CADETS TACKLE POLLUTION PROBLEM	- - - - -	24
1872 DAY	- - - - -	26
MACARTHUR COMMEMORATION STAMP	- - - - -	28

## Departments

THE SUPERINTENDENT'S LETTER	- -	inside front cover
BULLETIN BOARD	- - - - -	30
WEST POINT SOCIETIES	- - - - -	39
DOWN THE FIELD	- - - - -	41
REPORT	- - - - -	46
BE THOU AT PEACE	- - - - -	97
LAST ROLL CALL	- - - - -	inside back cover

## About our covers . . .

Dr. William Franklin Graham with Sylvanus Thayer and recently completed academic building—Mahan Hall.

**POSTMASTER:** If this magazine is addressed to a member of the Military Service, no postage is necessary for forwarding (see Postal Manual, Section 158.4).

Send Form 3579 to Association of Graduates, USMA, West Point, NY 10996

ASSEMBLY is published quarterly by the Association of Graduates, USMA, West Point, NY. Re-entered as second class matter 25 February 1969 at the post office at West Point, NY 10996 under Act of 3 March 1879, with additional entry as second class matter at the post office at Middletown, NY 10940 approved 7 March 1969. Annual subscription rates for subscription year 1971-1972 for ASSEMBLY (including the annual REGISTER OF GRADUATES AND FORMER CADETS): To members of the Association of Graduates, to the parents and surviving next-of-kin of USMA graduates and former cadets, to USMA cadets and their parents—\$8.00; to all others—\$10.00. Annual subscription rates effective 1 December 1972 for ASSEMBLY and REGISTER OF GRADUATES AND FORMER CADETS—\$10.00 for members, Association of Graduates; \$12.00 for nonmembers. ASSEMBLY only—\$6.00 for members; \$8.00 for nonmembers. REGISTER only—\$6.00 for members; \$8.00 for nonmembers. Add \$1.00 for postage on subscriptions to foreign addresses other than APOs and FPOs. Single copy ASSEMBLY \$2.00.

## THE OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES OF THE ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATES, USMA

### PRESIDENT

Paul W. Thompson '29

### VICE PRESIDENTS

Rupert H. Johnson '21

Turner A. Sims Jr. '26

Theodore W. Parker '31

James M. Illig '36

James R. Laney Jr. '41

Edward A. Saunders '46

William J. Bradley Jr. '51

Robert C. Bacon '56

James J. Harmon '61

Samuel F. Champi Jr. '66

### HONORARY TRUSTEES

Robert M. Danford '04

Willis D. Crittenberger '13

Edmund B. Bellinger Jun'18

Anthony C. McAuliffe '19

Earl H. Blaik '20

John A. McNulty '20

Francis M. Greene '22

Cortlandt V.R. Schuyler '22

Clyde D. Eddleman '24

Edgar W. Garbisch '25

Charles P. Nicholas '25

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

#### To Serve Until 1 July 1972

Omar N. Bradley '15

Charles E. Saltzman '25

Emmett O'Donnell Jr. '28

John H. Murrell '30 (R-Fourth)

James Q. Brett '30 (R-Sixth)

John K. Waters '31

Harold K. Johnson '33

Walter J. Renfroe Jr. '34

John M. Kemper '35

Alvin L. Mente Jr. '35

Merton Singer '38

Frank Borman '50

#### To Serve Until 1 July 1973

Elvin R. Heiberg '26 (R-First)

Garrison H. Davidson '27

Joseph M. Colby '29

Edmund C. R. Lasher '29 (R-Fifth)

Charles H. Bonesteel '31

Leonard D. Henry '31

James H. Drum '37

Horace M. Brown Jr. '41

Kenneth F. Hanst Jr. '42

Thomas H. McNiel '45

John M. Murphy '50

Arthur C. Hester '65

#### To Serve Until 1 July 1974

Lyman L. Lemnitzer '20

Arthur G. Trudeau '24

W. Preston Corderman '26 (R-First)

Lauris Norstad '30

Benjamin O. Davis Jr. '36

John R. Jannarone '38

George F. Dixon Jr. '40

Richard H. Groves '45

E. Norwood Robinson '45 (R-Third)

Phillip G. Bardos '50

Lee D. Olvey '55

Joseph J. McCann Jr. '61

### SECRETARY-TREASURER

Robert J. Lamb '46

(R) Army Regional Trustee



Brigadier General Paul W. Thompson, President, Association of Graduates, preparing to make presentation of the Thayer award to Dr. Graham. Seated left to right are Colonel Clayton L. Moran, representing the Commandant; Cadet First Captain Robert L. Van Antwerp; Dr. Graham; Lieutenant General William A. Knowlton, Superintendent; General Harold K. Johnson, USA (Ret), Chairman of the Thayer Award Selection Committee for 1972; Lieutenant General Walter T. Kerwin Jr. representing the Chief of Staff, U.S. Army; and (not shown) Brigadier General John R. Jannarone, Dean.

## 1972 SYLVANUS THAYER AWARD

### CITATION

#### WILLIAM FRANKLIN GRAHAM

As educator, author, and evangelist, William Franklin Graham has devoted his life to the service of God, Country and fellow man. The truth of his teaching and the inspiration of his leadership have had a profound influence on the moral and spiritual life of the Nation and millions around the world.

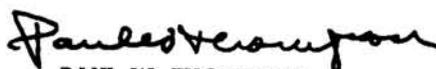
During the period of Dr. Graham's career, the United States has fought in three wars and has undergone extraordinary and far reaching sociological change. The conventional wisdom of earlier generations of Americans and their traditional values have been questioned and, for many, found wanting.

Dr. Graham's response to this challenge has been that spiritual problems require spiritual solutions. One of our most fundamental needs is for moral authority and spiritual fulfillment. Both man and society will find solutions to those problems and satisfy those needs through obedience to God's will, adherence to truth, and a genuine concern for humanity.

More than 50 million people have sought, heard and seen Dr. Graham's personal delivery of that message. Other millions have been influenced by his books, magazine articles and radio and television addresses. The youth of America, particularly servicemen and college students, have found special meaning in the humility of the man and the sincerity of his commitment. The universality of his belief has transcended the boundaries of race and national origin. Dr. Graham's moral and spiritual leadership and its significance to the life of our Nation have been recognized by four Presidents of the United States.

In discharging his life's obligations, Dr. Graham has returned his personal renown to the further fulfillment of his mission. The moral and spiritual authority which has flown from his sharing of faith with others has been reinvested in his pursuit of the solution to the moral and spiritual problems of mankind. His extraordinary influence on the lives of individual Americans and on our society has its deepest roots in his sense of duty to God and man, his unflinching advocacy of truth, and his selfless concern for the American spirit.

Through his long and dedicated service to God and Country, Dr. Graham has made a lasting and invaluable contribution to the moral and spiritual welfare of America. In his life and work he has reflected to a wide segment of mankind those values inherent in Duty, Honor, Country. Accordingly, the 1972 Sylvanus Thayer Award is hereby awarded by the Association of Graduates of the United States Military Academy to William Franklin Graham.

  
 PAUL W. THOMPSON  
 Brigadier General, USA (Retired)  
 President

# DR. GRAHAM RECEIVES THAYER AWARD

**W**EST POINT and the Corps of Cadets were hosts Thursday, 4 May, to a large gathering of alumni and guests who came to the Academy for the presentation of the Sylvanus Thayer award to Dr. William Franklin Graham. He was the second clergyman among the fifteen men to be honored since 1958 with this Association of Graduates award—Francis Cardinal Spellman was the first clergyman so honored in 1967.

Like the award winners before him Dr. Graham—known worldwide as Billy Graham—was selected because he exemplified in his life's work the West Point motto "Duty, Honor, Country."

The guests were welcomed by Cadet Robert L. Van Antwerp, First Captain, and Lieutenant General William A. Knowlton, Superintendent, at a dinner in Washington Hall in honor of Dr. Graham.

Following the dinner Brigadier General Paul W. Thompson, President of the Association of Graduates,

presented the medal and scroll to Dr. Graham with these words:

"Billy Graham is a distinguished American who practices every living day, indefatigably and unselfishly and to the benefit of his country and his fellow men—those principles which are the essence of our hallowed trinity of words, Duty, Honor, Country."

A great cheer greeted Dr. Graham when he stood to accept the scroll and medal. Speaking vigorously and with deep feeling he captured and held his audience's attention as he accepted the Thayer award with these inspiring words:

"Sylvanus Thayer, called 'The Father of the Military Academy,' was one of those Americans who like Queen Esther of old came to the kingdom for such a time as this. He came from the Puritans, with their emphasis on deep religious faith, personal discipline, honor, duty, and integrity.

Dr. Graham with General Knowlton receiving cadet saber from Cadet First Captain Van Antwerp.



*From the collection of the U.S. Military Academy Library*



General Knowlton welcoming Dr. Graham to West Point. Seated left to right are General Thompson, Cadet Van Antwerp, and Dr. Graham.

"... He believed that the spiritual faith of the ancient Hebrews sustained them in times of need and peril. He believed that the Army must be concerned with service beyond self.

"... Sylvanus Thayer was a defender and a promoter of freedom in the true sense of the word.

"... During human history freedom has been rare and it has been precious. It has always had to be defended with words and with the sword.

"... American democracy has given to man the greatest political freedom that man has ever known. That freedom is now threatened as it has not been threatened in our history.

"... Every day our news media tells us of demonstrations, pickets, marches, protests and bombing, all of which are designed to gain freedom. It seems that almost everybody is expressing a desire to be free from something or someone.

"However, freedom is increasingly being misinterpreted and misunderstood in America. A Labor member of the British Parliament recently said in my hearing: 'You Americans are too free. You have taken freedom and made license out of it.'

"... Freedom includes a positive acceptance of some sort of restraint and limitation.

"... There is no such thing as absolute freedom. We are not free 'to do our own thing' any time we want to. We cannot all live like Robinson Crusoe did on an island.

"... American society has been characterized by two things:

"First, freedom. To a greater extent than any other nation American society has been able to give freedom to her citizens. I have found in traveling throughout the world

that the people who appreciate freedom the most are those living under dictatorships.

"Second, is law. Our nation is built upon law.

"The important thing is the balance between these two—freedom and law. The delicate balance must be maintained if we are to avoid the collapse of our system. If freedom is unrestrained license results and this ends in anarchy.

"... This delicate balance between freedom and order can only be maintained if there is a moral foundation to society on an individual basis.

"But there is a growing philosophy today that rejects every moral and ethical standard. One of the intellectual darlings of this philosophy not only advocates total secularism, he advocates the use of narcotics as an expression of total freedom; and total freedom to him means the absence of all restraint. He seems to be ready to debase, abuse, deface and destroy any person, place or thing which he feels to be limiting.

"... The result of anarchy is always tyranny and the loss of freedom. Someone has said that 'we are qualified for civil liberties in exact proportion to our disposition to put moral chains upon our appetites.' Unless these forces are checked soon our own lust and passions will ultimately destroy us because democracy is based on moral law.

"... God has established a moral law in our universe. Freedom can only exist where there is moral restraint.

"... Someone has said: 'Men are slaves because freedom is difficult and slavery is easy.' History is filled with illustrations of entire nations sinking into slavery because they would not pay the price that true freedom demands. This was the lure that Hitler used.

"... Yes, true freedom is fragile and costly. It has cost

Dr. Graham and General Thompson with Thayer scroll and medal.



Dr. Graham with General Knowlton uncovering his name on the permanent plaque listing Thayer award recipients in the front foyer of Washington Hall.



the blood of millions of Americans for 200 years. It must constantly be defended and protected by work, faith and even blood.

“... In my judgment we are now facing total peril—the very survival of the American democratic way of life is at stake.

“We have a glorious and wonderful country. I make no apology for being an American. Never before in history has a people accomplished so much, given so much, and asked so little.

“Four times in this century we have fought, bled and died for freedom.

“We have provided the overwhelming majority of our people with luxuries that were beyond the dreams of kings and princes a hundred years ago.

“Despite all the critics we have done more to bring dignity, equality and opportunity to minority groups than any other generation has ever done in the history of the world. We now have the strongest Civil Rights laws of any nation. Today the average black American in our nation is more likely to go to the university than the average citizen of Great Britain, Germany, Belgium, Denmark, Italy or Spain. The American dream has come true for more millions in our generation than any that has ever lived.

“There is still a great deal of work to be done. There are still challenges to be met. There are still hopes to be realized. There are still goals to be attained. However, they are not going to be attained by those who are wringing their hands and crying pessimism and despair. They are not going to be attained by the dropouts and the cop-outs. They are going to be attained by men and women who believe in duty, honor, and country—and have a strong faith in God.

“... True freedom is expensive. Our spiritual freedom cost the blood of Jesus Christ on the Cross. Our political

freedom has cost the blood, sweat and tears of Americans for more than 200 years.

“... Whether we like to admit it or not, there is an increasing moral darkness in the nation and a gathering political storm that threatens our very survival.”

With the following closing remarks Dr. Graham was given a standing ovation by the cadets and their guests:

“... I believe it is of paramount importance that the moral and spiritual values that Sylvanus Thayer held be rekindled and revived, and that once again they become the beacon lights to guide our nation through this perilous period.

“So let's not spend our time cursing the darkness. Let's light a candle! Let's light a candle that will banish moral and spiritual blight. Let's light a candle that will guide men into tomorrow. Let's light a candle that will roll back facism and social injustice. Let's light a candle to warn our enemies that we will die so that our children and grandchildren can have the freedom that we've had. Let's light a candle that by God's grace will never be put out.”

Upon conclusion of the formal ceremony, Dr. Graham uncovered his name on the permanent plaque listing Thayer award recipients in the front foyer of Washington Hall. Cadet First Captain Van Antwerp then presented Dr. Graham with a mounted cadet sabre from The Corps in memory of the occasion.

Other recipients of the Thayer award were: Dr. Ernest O. Lawrence (1958), John Foster Dulles (1959), Henry Cabot Lodge (1960), Dwight D. Eisenhower (1961), Douglas MacArthur (1962), John J. McCloy (1963), Robert A. Lovett (1964), Dr. James B. Conant (1965), Carl Vinson (1966), Francis Cardinal Spellman (1967), Bob Hope (1968), Dean Rusk (1969), Ellsworth Bunker (1970), and Neil Armstrong (1971).



The Honorable John H. Shaffer Jan '43, the featured speaker at the West Point Founders Day Dinner, Wright Patterson AFB, 18 Mar 72.



LT Robert Heaton '70, the youngest graduate present at the West Point Founders Day Dinner at Wright-Patterson AFB, 18 Mar 72.

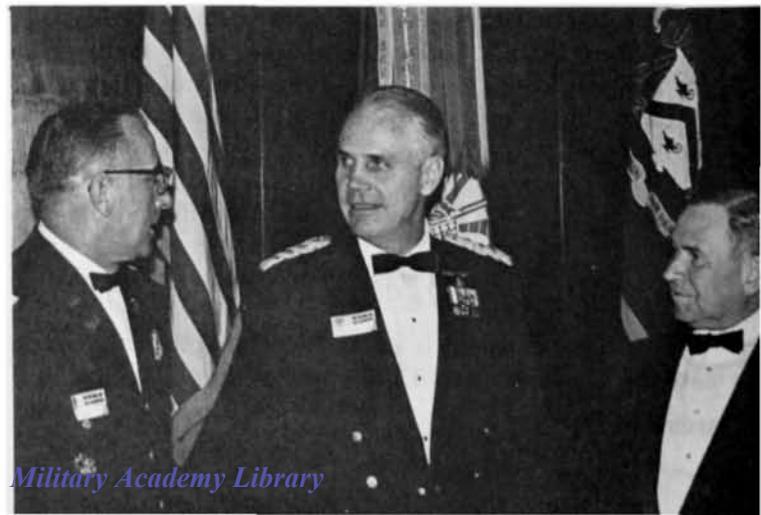
# FOUNDERS DAY



West Point Society of Michigan Founders Day Dinner, 25 Mar 72, at Orchard Lake Country Club, Orchard Lake, Michigan. Left to right: Paul Kelley '46, Bill Knowlton Jan '43, Harry Rogers '44 (President of the Society), Fritz Strong '10 (Oldest Grad).

Ft. Hood West Point Founders Day Dinner, 17 Mar 72, Class of '71 Table. Left to right: 2LTs McKean, Lennon, Dodge, Kit, Hugh Bracey, Litman, Cook, and Steve Bracey.

Left to right: COL William J. Schuder '47, MG John J. Hennessey '44, and LTG Harry J. Lemley Jr. (Ret) '35 at the West Point Founders Day Dinner, Ft. Leavenworth, 28 Mar 72. COL Schuder was the guest speaker at the evening's activities.





Retired GEN Hamilton H. Howze '30, Guest Speaker, Founders Day Dinner, Ft. Hood, 17 Mar 72.

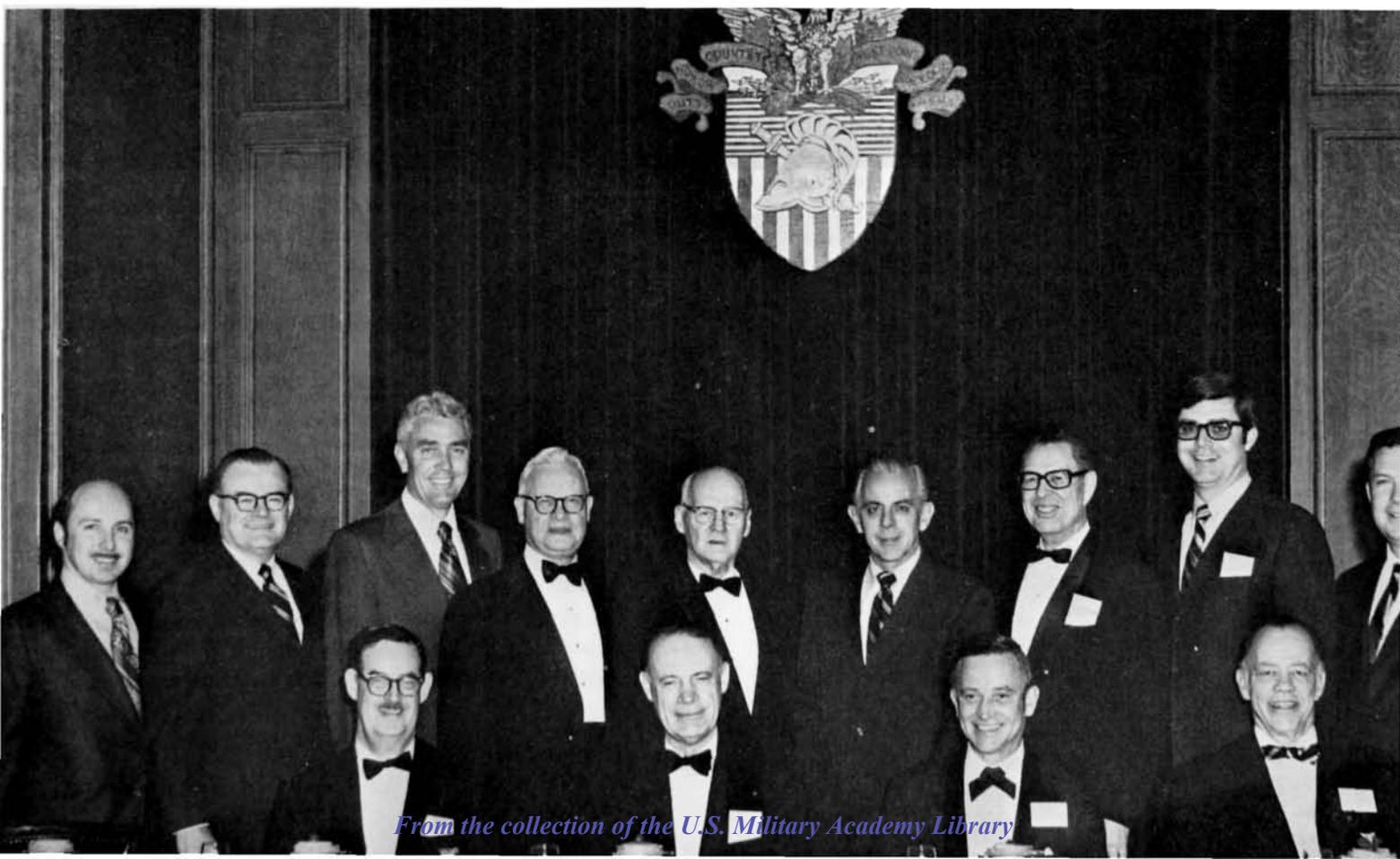


Founders Day, Philippines. Front row: COL (Ret) Chanco '38, BG (Ret) Hallock '33, COL (Ret) Knowles '41, COL (Ret) Velasquez '31 (Host), MG Ileto Jun '43 (VCS Philippine Armed Forces), Hon (COL, Ret) Salientes '37 (Under Secy Def, Republic of Philippines); back row: the Mesdames Knowles, Chanco, Hallock, Velasquez, Ileto, Salientes, Wear.

# 1972

LAST YEAR in our sampling of the thoughts expressed by Founders Day speakers throughout the world we mirrored the controversy and dissent prevalent in our country. Though the trend continued we report here excerpts from notable speakers which should give us strength and courage to weather this stormy period and to inspire others.

Founders Day '72 brings out the Board of Philadelphia Society. Front row, left to right: Steadman '29, Ferguson '30, Miers Johnson '49, Douglas '33. Standing, left to right: Olshansky '61, Silvasy '40, and ex-presidents: Hayes '47, Perrine '27, Tully '23, Ball '48, Krueger '31, Kilmartin '62, Benedict '52.



*From the collection of the U.S. Military Academy Library*



At Founders Day Dinner, West Point, left to right: LTG William A. Knowlton Jan '43; MG Charles P. Gross '14, Oldest Grad; GEN Maxwell Taylor '22, Guest Speaker; and COL Joseph L. Fant '51, Master of Ceremonies.



West Point Founders Day Dinner, Heidelberg, Germany, 17 Mar 72. Left to right: LT Michael L. Raymo '71, Youngest Graduate; COL John L. Pauley Jr. '30, Oldest Graduate; GEN Michael S. Davison '39, CINC, USAREUR, Guest Speaker.



Cadets Spears and Martin, USMA '72, call on GEN Mark W. Clark, USMA Apr '17, President Emeritus, The Citadel, and two Citadel cadets to present greetings from the Superintendent, USMA, on the occasion of Founders Day.

FT. KNOX, FT. BRAGG, NEW YORK CITY,  
BOSTON AND DETROIT



LIEUTENANT GENERAL  
WILLIAM A. KNOWLTON  
SUPERINTENDENT,  
USMA

“... West Point, like the Army itself, reflects any major trend in civilian life in the country. The reflection may be a muted one, but it is there. There is also sometimes a time lag between the appearance of a trend in civilian life and its manifestation at West Point... It does mean a challenge for us to show why the task of a professional military man is relevant to these great unselfish goals which the young would set for the country. You can take tremendous pride in the conduct of the Corps. We have those who finally decide that the military life is not for them—but this has always been so.

“... There have been many changes at West Point. Three years ago the Class of 1970 introduced new leadership techniques into Beast Barracks. These changes were made in the hope that the type of leadership required of the upperclassmen would more closely match the type of leadership they would be forced to exert to the Army.

“... Beast Barracks may be a little easier than it was in our day... Plebes do not think that it is easier. They are just as convinced as we were that it is so hard as to be almost impossible, and they are just as proud of surviving it when they march in from the Plebe Hike in mid-August. If it is a little easier, there may be some compensation when I tell you that Yearling Summer is far harder than the Yearling Summer which you and I underwent... In addition to far tougher tactical and weapons training than we had, there is a one-week condensation of the Army's ranger course called 'Recondo' which tests the stamina of the cadets in a way that I would not have thought possible in my Yearling year...

“There have been major changes in Second Class summer. You may not know that in a fashion similar to advanced ROTC, once a man starts academics in his Second Class year, he may not quit West Point on his own volition without being called to active duty as an enlisted man for at least two years... It is only natural that these young men should, at that time, ask searching questions on the nature of the career for which they are preparing themselves. Starting during World War II, we used to send First Classmen out to act as second lieutenants for a month... But the need to expose new Second Classmen to the Army was overpowering. We have gradually shifted the program to Second Class summer. The results in terms of retention have justified it...

“Last summer for the first time we were allowed to send Second Classmen on duty time to become parachutists. Half went before AOT—the period of acting as second lieutenants—and half went after. In retrospect we found that those who became parachutists before they acted as second lieutenants did a considerably more dynamic job than those who had not yet had the benefit of parachute training. It was not the skills involved in military parachuting as much as the confidence gained by completing what is known to be a difficult course. For that reason we are now including even more of the 'adventure training' type of thing for next summer. A small number of cadets will go through Ranger School—the toughest school the Army has to offer. Another group will go through Jungle School before serving with units in Panama. Still another group will do some Arctic Training before serving with units in Alaska. And lastly, as yet unfunded, a program has been proposed for some flight training for selected cadets. We believe that all of these things will have a high motivational value with the young man who is a West Point cadet of today. The First Class, of course, continues to provide the leadership for Beast Barracks and for Yearling training at Camp Buckner.

“... And yet... I am struck by the steadiness of attrition at West Point. By attrition I mean the percentage of those who enter on 1 July who do not complete the four years. My own Class had an attrition rate of over 30 percent. The Class of 1970 had an attrition rate of 27.6 percent—the lowest in ten years. This year's First Class is one of the best we have had in some time, and yet has had an attrition rate of 34 percent. Perhaps the extra few percentage points raised the level of those who stayed at West Point. And so, despite the ease of resignation, our attrition rate appears to run constantly somewhere around 30 percent.

“... A nationwide study of students who drop out of college made by the American Council on Education's Office of Research, shows that at the end of four years 53.3 percent at four year colleges and universities had not received their degrees at their institution. Our 30 percent compares favorably to this 53 percent figure...

“Did I mention that young people are less in need of a function of ceremony? Did I mention that university students sometimes refuse to perpetuate tradition and ceremony which seems irrelevant? This requires a change in leadership technique on the part of those at the Academy. One must answer questions and expect to get questions from this generation. All of us know from the comments of Baron von Steuben that this is not unique in the American character. It does mean that things which we took for granted as part of the West Point scene are now being challenged by the word 'why?'

“... one of the most thrilling aspects of my present job has been to discover how much like us these cadets are. They have the natural idealism of youth, but they have harnessed it to our profession. They came to West Point because they sought challenge. While we might think the challenge is less than that which we were presented, today's cadets would not agree on that but would agree that challenge is one of the most important factors which brought them to West Point... I hope I have communicated to you the pride which I feel in the young men

who have chosen to wear the uniform we wore. As we did, they sometime cover their idealism with a veneer of cynicism. They have almost had to, in order to survive in the hostile environment. But in the introspection which follows walking out the gate at graduation, they report back

to me by the dozens that they find that they are not cynics but idealists. They want the world to be better; they want the Nation to be better; and they want the Army to be better. They hope that they can contribute to all three aims by serving as graduates of West Point."

## FORT CARSON, COLORADO



GENERAL LEWIS W. WALT  
USMC (RETIRED)

Executive Director, United States Marines Youth Foundation, Inc. (Formerly Assistant Commandant United States Marine Corps.)

"Never before in the history of our nation has there been a greater need for your kind of loyal Americans, for your kind of leadership and for your kind of willingness to sacrifice to preserve our freedom.

"There are those in this room this evening who have defended our freedom in four wars. The freedom that was passed down to us through the blood, sweat and total sacrifice of our forefathers. The same freedom our American men are defending in the rice paddies of South Vietnam

today. The same freedom that the Communists are threatening in other parts of the world today and here at home.

"There are those among us today in this land of liberty who would destroy that freedom. They would destroy the very institutions that have made our country great and free. Those institutions which are the foundation of our democracy. There are those in our land who have urged our young to desert their country to avoid carrying out their constitutional responsibility of defending it. There are persons who would now forgive and glorify those who have acted as traitors. There are those in our Congress of these United States who have marched with dissidents and the flag of the enemy. There are those who are living under our flag today who have degraded it and glorified the flag of the enemy. They are traitors and yet they are condoned.

"Thank God there are others in our country, and they are in the vast majority, who are God fearing, freedom loving true Americans. They are willing to sacrifice their lives, if necessary, to maintain our freedom. They are of the breed of Americans who won our freedom two centuries ago and who have maintained that freedom regardless of cost. They are men and women of strong character, endless devotion and of total dedication. They are people like those of you who graduated from West Point."

## SHAPE, BELGIUM AND STUTT GART, GERMANY



GENERAL  
A. J. GOODPASTER  
SUPREME ALLIED  
COMMANDER EUROPE

"... And change is a sign of the times. Those who allege that 'The Corps has' might do well to sample the new academic curriculum—perhaps quantum mechanics, digital computers, or even nuclear reactor theory. Or they might want to participate in RECONDO training during Third Class summer or volunteer for Airborne training during the Second Class summer.

"Many things are changing at West Point... But beneath this change, significant as it is, there stands a body

of tradition that sustains and inspires the graduates of today as it did the sons of an earlier day...

"Today in Europe, there is a new awareness of change. There is much talk of detente and of a new era of negotiations. Stated more precisely, the West is seeking a relaxation of tension—detente—with undiminished security for our countries and our free institutions. The talk of detente, however, stands in sharp contrast to the hard military realities of the increases in the Soviet and Warsaw Pact offensive capabilities that continue to overhand Western Europe and the Middle East.

"In recognition of these realities, there are today crosscurrents of change in Europe, the momentum of detente has generated active consideration of mutual and balanced force reductions and for a conference on security and cooperation in Europe... at the same time consultations in 1970 and 1971 among Eurogroup nations have resulted in significant contributions to NATO infrastructure projects and improvement of national forces committed to NATO.

"... We live not only in a time of change but in a time of challenge. New opportunities of service and a new demand for professionalism face the old grad and the second lieutenant alike...

"So, for graduates old and new, the challenges of service continue. Many responsibilities remain, there is still work to be done and there are still days in which to

excel. I see three specific tasks ahead for the professional military officer.

"First, he must provide that professionalism that all the services need to maintain their capability to operate effectively and to expand rapidly, should the need arise. Second, by example, by interest and by friendship, he must

seek to retain in the service those young officers who have the potential to rise to ever-wider responsibilities. Third, and again with an eye to the future, he should devote whatever time and energy he has available to informing and recruiting the best among our young citizens for application to the service academies."

## WEST POINT



GENERAL  
MAXWELL TAYLOR  
USA (RETIRED) '22

"...as the years go by the complexities and the difficulties of planning the national security program for this country increase enormously in scope and in difficulty... certainly the task and the scope of the military profession has grown or should grow and must grow commensurately....

"...certainly the problem has changed drastically since World War II... shortly thereafter we were introduced to the Cold War which was exactly on the opposite end of the spectrum of military threat... we encountered our problems in SE Asia and the discovery of the War of National Liberation as a specialized form of the Cold War appealing to our Communist enemies because of its simplicity, because of its disavowability and because of its relatively low level of danger of expanding into World War III.

"...we are tending to say that the Cold War does not exist anymore and in fact perhaps that it never did, that the War of National Liberation was also purely rhetoric on the part of the great spokesmen for China, for Russia and for North Vietnam who over and over again had said that the test in SE Asia of the War of National Liberation was crucial to them.... I would say that we're tending again to fade out and allow to disappear even in this short period of time the lessons which we should have learned from Vietnam and the lessons which reach farther back to the beginnings of the Cold War.

"...I don't believe it's preposterous to say that the United States is indeed under subversive attack, or perhaps reversing that in saying that there are subversive elements in our country capable of attack on weak spots in our social/political structure.

"...there are enough phenomena visible in our country today to suggest that indeed we are being exposed to a splitting process.

"...all of us have seen for the first time that the American melting pot apparently is no longer succeeding in melting together a homogenous society.

"...we have seen the signs of the existence of revolutionaries, of discontented and just plain bored and aimless people who raise the question of what can be expected of the American people in the crunch in the future? Aristotle described some of these people I think when he said that the barbarians are people who insist on doing what they please without submitting to any rule, and I would submit that we have barbarians by that standard in our midst—perhaps we are some of them.

"...If I were asked tonight to name the greatest dangers which at the same time have a reasonable probability of confronting our Nation, I would make the following list.... I would say first, political assassination.... I would put sabotage high on the list.... I would worry about inflation.... I would think about Government paralysis—the inability of the Government to function because of bigness, because of unskilled personnel and the fleeing from government service on the part of some of our most qualified citizens... finally... last... the erosion of our national unity and our self-confidence in ourselves. Now all of these things affect the national security, affect the national welfare, affect the armed forces just as the armed forces in turn affect the society which is under this attack.... Certainly these factors... remind us there is no simple defense and actually no simple compounded defense representing all forms of national strength.

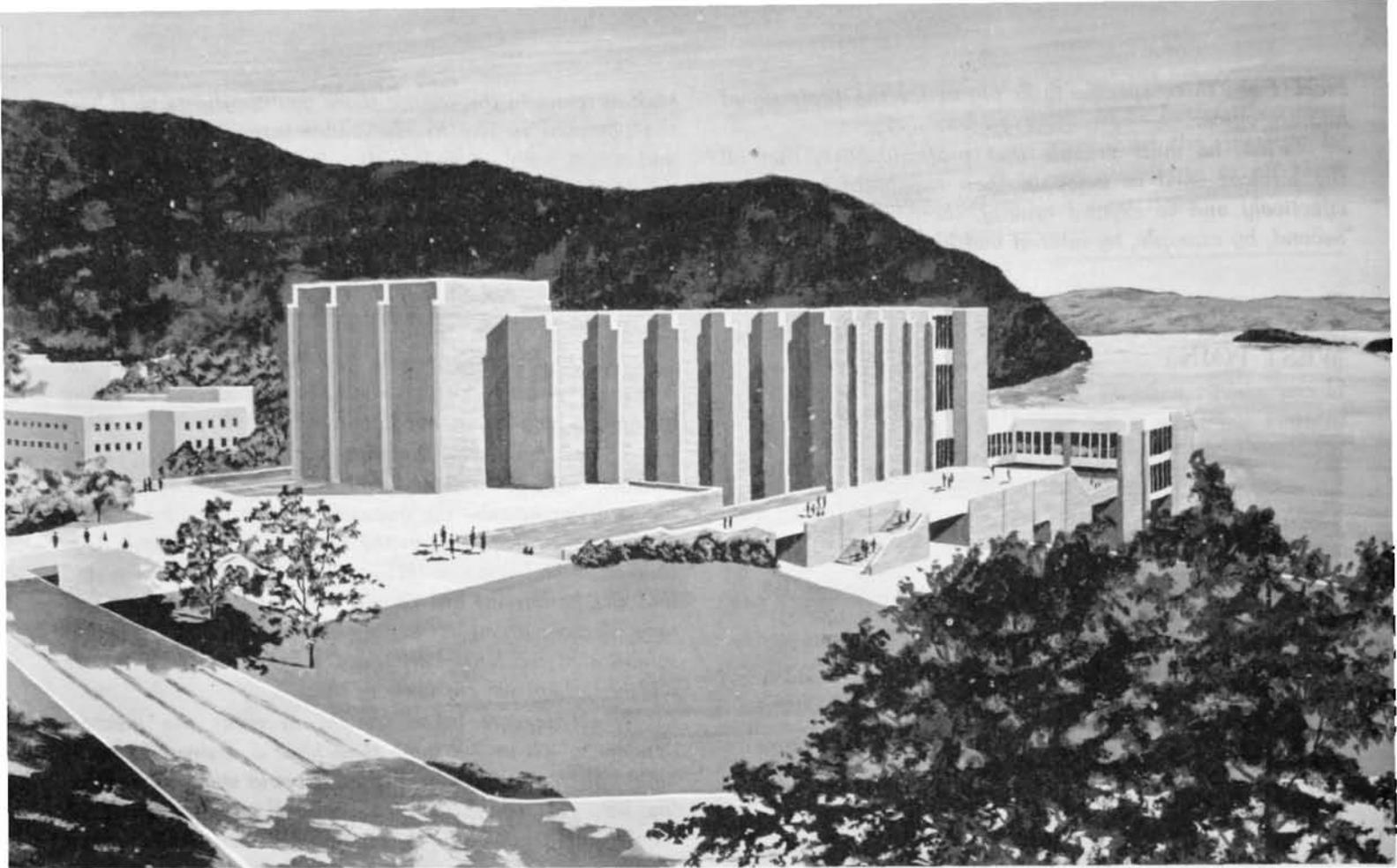
"...The first Amendment does not have precedence over... the Preamble. Restoration of national unity is a prime objective....

"We need a code of conduct that will allow the media not to be enemies of the government but critics yes, and still on one team.

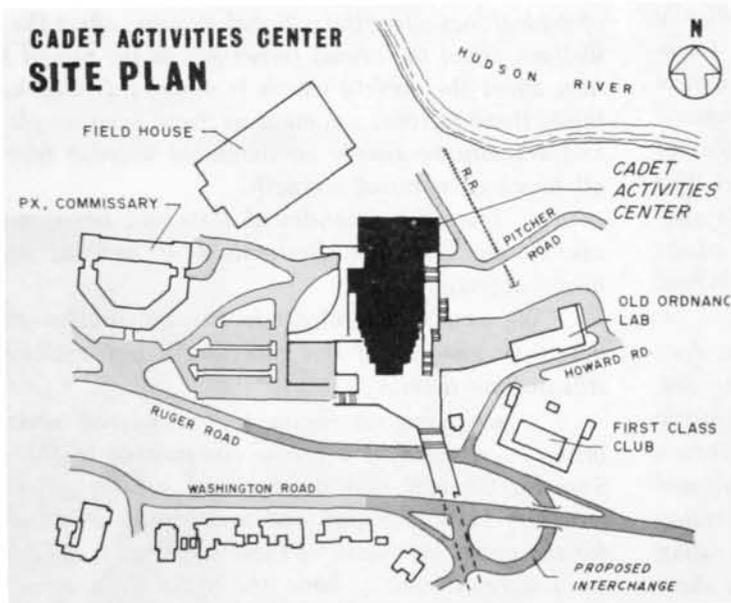
"...we have no forum for considered national priorities... absence of a forum comparable to the National Security Council is a definite and serious defect in our structure in Washington and accounts to a certain degree for the great discontent of those involved... in our domestic programs who... have the right... to same hearing... as those involved in national security and foreign policy....

"For the first time since the civil war the internal threat has become more acute—at least equally as acute as the external threat....

"It is clear that we cannot overcome obstacles abroad and fail at home or succeed at home and succumb abroad. To progress to our goals and preserve our assets we must view the task as indivisible and advance concurrently on all fronts with integrated power responsible to an integrated unified national will."

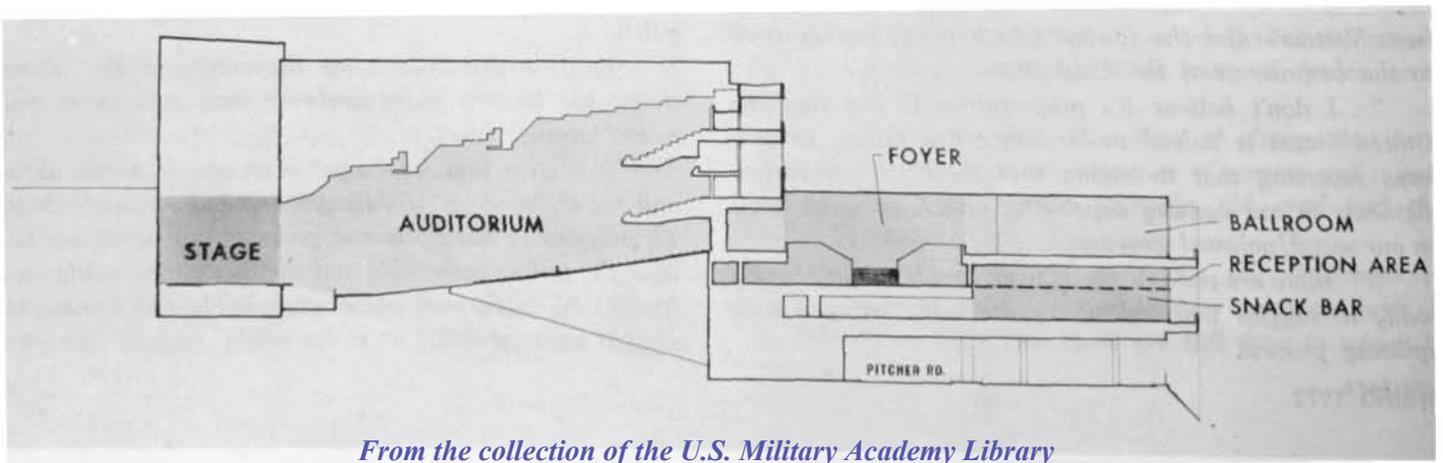


# *Eisenhower Hall..*



**ABOUT THE AUTHOR:** Major Donald Karrer, Corps of Engineers, Class of 1962, has served with engineer units in Germany and Vietnam. He holds Master's Degrees in Civil Engineering and Public Works Administration and Engineering from the University of Pittsburgh. He was formerly assigned to the Expansion Planning and Control Office, USMA, and is currently assigned to the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, USMA.

**Profile of Eisenhower Hall:** This north-south cross-section, oriented with the southern end of the building to the left, shows the arrangement of major functions to include the 4,500 seat auditorium, the foyer, the multi-purpose ballroom, the Cadet Hostess reception area, and the 1,000 seat snack bar.



*From the collection of the U.S. Military Academy Library*

by DONALD KARRER

**T**HE need for a Cadet Activities Center, or Student Union, by the Corps of Cadets was recognized as early as 1938. Overcrowded and inadequate social and recreational facilities scattered throughout the cadet area have long been a problem of great concern to cadets, Academy officials, the Board of Visitors, and other members of the government interested in West Point.

In spite of the recognized need for a social, recreational, and cultural center with an informal, non-academic atmosphere, the plans to build such a facility did not reach fruition until late 1970 when Congress authorized sufficient funds for the construction of the Cadet Activities Center, to be named and dedicated on 20 May 1972 in honor of General Dwight David Eisenhower, USMA Class of 1915.

Eisenhower Hall lies over the hillside north of the cadet area, surrounded by the PX/Commissary Building, Field House, and Old Ordnance Compound, or First Class Club, but with an unimpeded view looking up the magnificent Hudson River. Construction began in early January 1971 with the removal of 14 old buildings. Excavation for foundations and underground utility placement followed immediately. The structural steel framework of the building, which is presently being encased with reinforced concrete walls, is now complete. The red brick exterior of the

building will blend harmoniously with the red brick of its neighboring buildings.

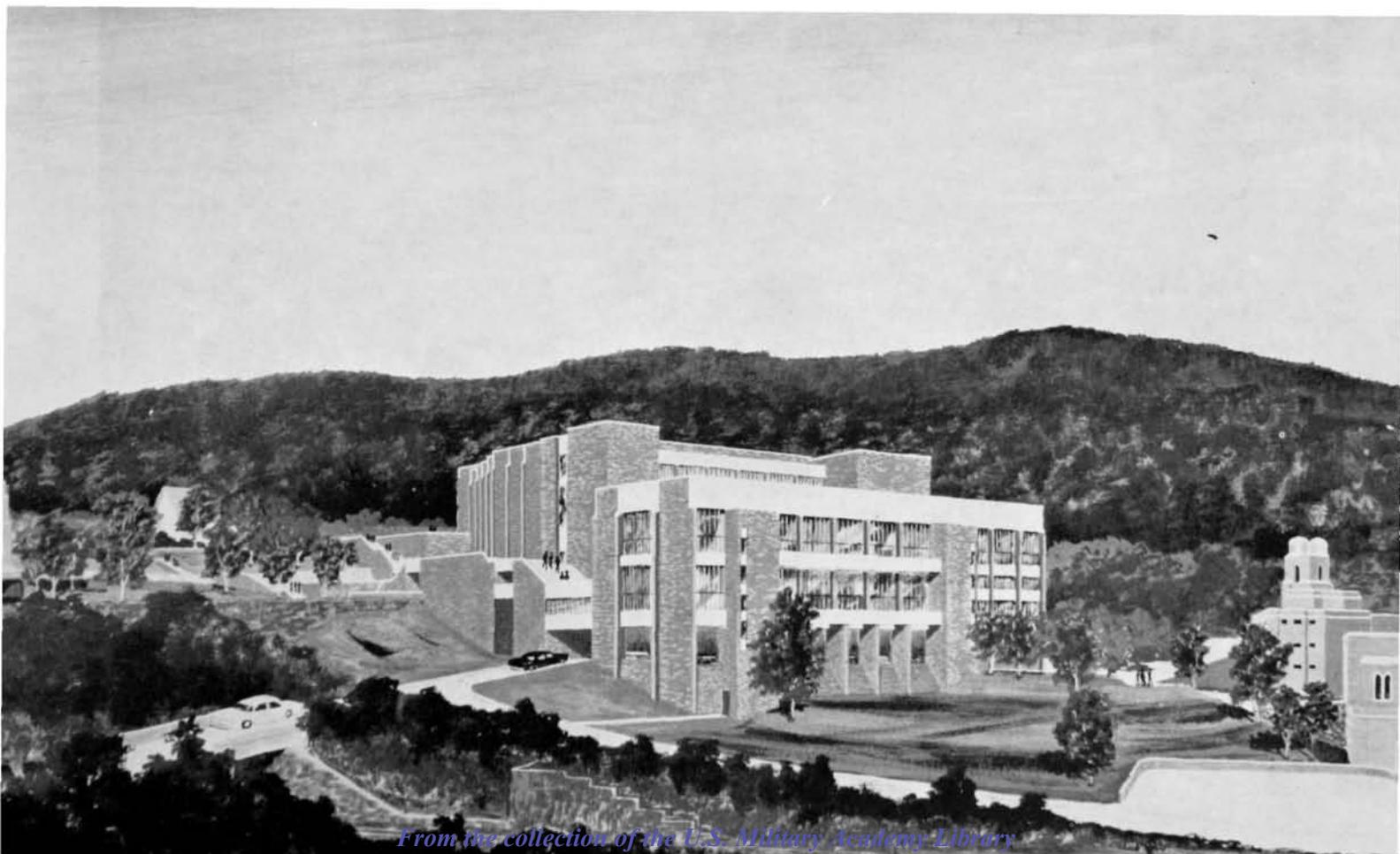
When completed in the spring of 1974, Eisenhower Hall will consist of a 4,500 seat auditorium, a 1,000 person ballroom dividable into three large multi-purpose rooms, a 1,000 seat snack bar, a large reception area, lounge, and lobby areas, a Cadet Hostess area, and games rooms. A large parking lot will be constructed adjacent to the building, and other parking areas now in use in the vicinity of the PX/Commissary Building and Field House will also be available to cadets and their guests.

One of the principal concepts adhered to by General Westmoreland, then Superintendent, in preparing the 1963 Plan for Expansion of the United States Military Academy was to provide facilities which would motivate and preserve the unity of the Corps of Cadets. Primary considerations included bringing the Corps together for meals three times each day where esprit de corps can be generated by their proximity with each other, maintaining the traditional aspects of cadet life, and developing facilities for social activities to insure that the cadet will not be penalized socially. The facilities in Eisenhower Hall fulfill the social requirement.

The entire Corps of Cadets can be assembled in the

# *the Cadet Activities Center*

Eisenhower Hall looking from the northeast towards the southwest. The windows on the north and east side look out from the ballroom, snack bar and hostess area. The terraces on the east side provide entry at many different floors.



*From the collection of the U.S. Military Academy Library*

large auditorium for academic presentations, distinguished visitors, military lectures, and special events held throughout the year. The tremendous stage is suitable for Broadway-type stage presentations and any other fine arts cultural events. This auditorium will also become the post motion picture theater and serve the entire West Point community. The large Grand Hall foyer area will serve as a reception area and lounge where cadets can meet and entertain their guests. This section of the Activities Center actually bridges over Pitcher Road which passes beneath the building. This tremendous foyer compares generally in size with one of the wings of Washington Hall, the cadet dining hall. This area and the other designated lobby and reception areas will accommodate cadets and their guests even during the most crowded and active football weekends and June Week.

The north section of Eisenhower Hall houses the large ballroom, snack bar, and Cadet Hostess area. These areas will be furnished with attractive, comfortable furnishings. From the large windows and overhanging exterior terraces, cadets can enjoy the view up the Hudson River as the river

makes its historic bend around Constitution Island and West Point. As a secondary benefit, these facilities will free critically needed space in the gymnasium for the physical education program which now serves as a temporary lounge and snack bar for cadets. Regularly scheduled hops will no longer have to be held in the undignified atmosphere of the gymnasium.

A Cadet Activities Center has been a standing requirement for many years. Until 1970, new barracks, academic buildings, and athletic facilities have always taken a higher priority when all construction requirements were considered. With the expansion strength of 4,417 soon to be attained, the need for such a facility has become more acute than ever before. In satisfying this need, Eisenhower Hall will embrace virtually all cultural, social, intellectual, and recreational opportunities for informal education outside the classroom and will contribute materially to producing the well-rounded West Point graduate so important in the modern Army.

The Site of Construction of Eisenhower Hall: The PX/Commissary Building is the building with the tower at the right. The Field House is in the right foreground. The Old Ordnance Compound is on the left. All the old buildings in the center have been removed.





Construction Progress in the Fall of 1971: The snack bar is taking shape in the structural steel in the foreground while the auditorium begins to rise above it further up the hill.

In the Winter of 1971-72 structural steel was being placed to form the auditorium, while steel already emplaced continued to be encased with the concrete to form walls and floors.



# SECOND CAREERS

CURRENT U.S. ARMY policies are such that most U.S. Military Academy graduates who retire from the military service will, because of economic and psychological reasons, seek civilian employment. This is to be expected since retirees are usually in their forties or early fifties, a stage in life when family responsibilities and individual abilities are often at a high point. The retirees often assume that they will be able to obtain civilian employment somewhat comparable to their military status. To find out if this assumption is justified is the purpose of this article, which attempts to shed some light on the civilian employment or second career experiences of West Point graduates. In so doing, three major areas will be looked at: (1) Ease of *transition* of military skills and credentials to the civilian employment situation; (2) *Civilian job* characteristics and success; and (3) *Recommendations* by retirees for changes in the current retirement system. Information in regard to these three areas should be useful not only for future retirees, but also for governmental policy making agencies who have a vital national interest in seeing that the experiences, skills, and potentials possessed by USMA graduates are fully utilized.

Information contained in this article was obtained by means of a questionnaire mailed to 2,031 Academy graduates, who are now civilians, from the Classes of 1920-1949. Usable returns were received from 1,516 graduates, a response rate of 75%. However, because voluntary retirement occurs after 20 years of active duty, the decision was made to limit analysis of the data primarily to the 1,132 respondents who retired after 20 or more years of active duty. The vast majority of these respondents left active duty between 1953 and 1970, were at least lieutenant colonels, were 45 to 73 years old at the time of the survey, and were scattered throughout the 50 states, but with 50 per cent concentrated in California, Virginia, Florida, and Texas. Let us take a look at each of the three major areas listed above.

## TRANSITION

When it came time to leave active duty, only a few respondents had taken thorough steps to prepare themselves for a civilian career. Approximately 50% of them

stated that they had not taken any steps whatsoever. This is surprising in view of the fact that the overwhelming majority of retirees will seek a second career and that a number of programs are readily available to ease the transition from military to civilian employment. Such programs include the Referral Program,

employment counseling, formalized college courses, employment bulletins, and commercial aid in developing resumes. While the Referral Program is relatively new and therefore would not apply to those who retired in the distant past, many of the other programs have been available for quite some time. Perhaps there has not been enough advertisement, since the emphasis, and justly so, has usually been on retention and not on preparation for a second career in civilian life. Another alternative explanation is that the respondents were so confident of obtaining suitable civilian jobs once they left the service, that they did not see the need to make any kinds of preparations while still on active duty. In view of the present state of the economy, the rationale of the latter explanation for future retirees is questionable.

Getting to the essence of the transition problem, or the value of the training and experience received at USMA and later as officers, three questions were asked. The first concerned the value of the academic training received at

TABLE 1  
VALUE OF USMA AND POST-USMA  
EXPERIENCES TO CIVILIAN OCCUPATION

ITEM	PERCENT RESPONDING		
	Good—Very	Good—Excellent	Poor—Fair
USMA Academic			
Training		88	12
USMA Non-Academic			
Training		76	24
Post-USMA Service			
Experience		92	8

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Richard P. Butler is a Research Psychologist in the Office of Institutional Research. He has a Ph.D. from the University of Tennessee and joined the USMA Staff in June 1970.

ASSEMBLY

# OF WEST POINTERS

USMA to the respondents' civilian occupations. Eighty-eight per cent of the respondents stated that the academic training was either of good, very good, or excellent value. The second question pertained to the value of the non-academic training received at USMA to their civilian occupations. The answers were somewhat

similar to the first question, except that a smaller percentage (76%) stated that the value was good, very good, or excellent. The third question asked how much value the post-USMA service experience, education, and training were in regard to the respondents' occupations. The responses were overwhelmingly favorable, with 92 percent indicating that the value was either good, very good, or excellent. Table 1 summarizes the responses to these three questions.

Looking at these three questions together, it appears that even though the education and training received at USMA and later as an officer are directed primarily at increasing an individual's ability to function as a military officer, a very large segment is also valuable to the retiree in his civilian occupation. This finding leaves little doubt that the development of the "whole man," an individual who can function in many different situations, has benefits outside of the Army as well as within.

In light of the prevalent anti-Vietnam and anti-military

attitudes existing in our society, it was felt that there may well be discrimination and prejudice directed at the retired military officer, which in turn would lower his prestige in the civilian community and affect his transition to civilian life. Two questions were included in the survey which sought answers to these

potential problems. The first asked the retirees the amount of discrimination and prejudice they experienced from the civilian sector of our society since leaving active duty. Fifty-eight percent reported none and 23 percent reported only a slight amount. Only 7 percent said that they had experienced quite a lot or a great deal. The remaining 12 percent said they had experienced a moderate amount of discrimination and prejudice. The second question pertained to the amount of prestige that an ex-military officer has in the civilian community. The responses were quite favorable, with 88 percent indicating an average or above amount, and only 12 percent stating that the prestige was below average. The results of these two questions indicate that, regardless of the anti-Vietnam and anti-military institution attitudes, only a small minority of retirees feel that they have experienced these difficulties to any great extent.

In spite of the seemingly rosy picture painted above, nearly 40 percent of the respondents indicated that they had had a difficult time finding a (Continued on page 44)

TABLE 2  
CIVILIAN OCCUPATIONS OF USMA GRADUATES

OCCUPATION	NUMBER*	PERCENT
Professional, technical, or kindred	501	54%
Farmer or farm manager	21	2%
Official or inspector: local, state, or federal administration; except farm	44	5%
Manager, official, or proprietor: salaried	163	18%
Manager, official, or proprietor: self-employed	37	4%
Other manager, official, or proprietor	37	4%
Clerical or kindred	7	1%
Salesworker	73	8%
Operative or kindred	1	0.1%
Other	42	4.2%

\*Total N = 926, which is less than the original N of 1132 because some respondents (N = 206) were never employed as civilians or gave non-usable responses.

TABLE 3  
ANNUAL SALARIES FROM CIVILIAN JOBS

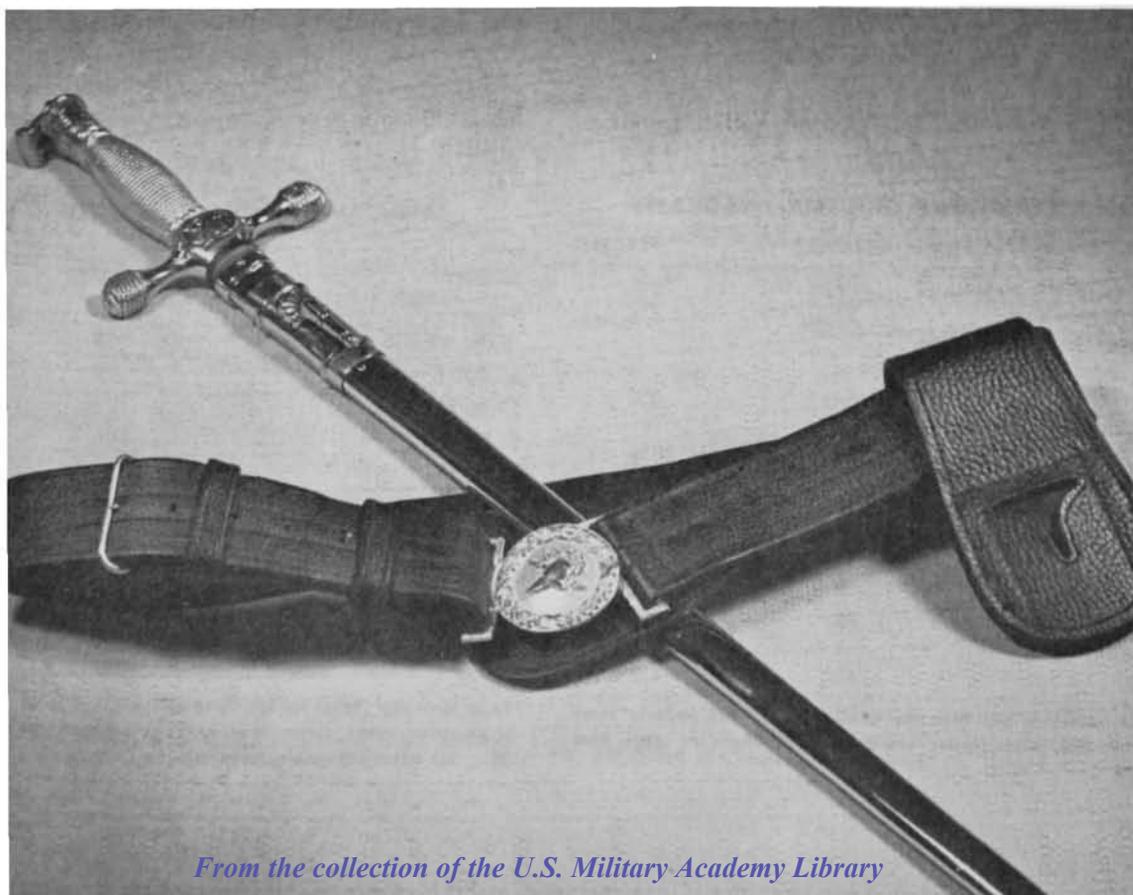
SALARY	NUMBER*	PERCENT
Under \$3,000	59	6%
\$3,000-6,999	90	10%
\$7,000-10,999	178	19%
\$11,000-14,999	190	21%
\$15,000-21,999	205	22%
\$22,000-29,999	122	13%
\$30,000-39,999	54	6%
\$40,000-49,999	12	1%
\$50,000-99,999	10	1%
\$100,000 and Over	5	1%

\*Total N = 925, which is less than the original N of 1132 because some respondents were never employed as civilians (N = 155) and others (N = 52) gave non-usable responses.



# ***LEADERSHIP EVALUATION***

*by* H. A. BUCKLEY AND J. D. MILLER





*ABOUT THE AUTHORS: Colonel Harry A. Buckley, Infantry, Class of 1948, served with the 5th Cavalry in Korea and with the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division in Vietnam. He has a Ph.D. from Purdue University and is currently the Director, Office of Military Psychology and Leadership, USMA.*

*Major John D. Miller, Infantry, VMI Class of 1961, served with the 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment, the 4th Armored Division and as an advisor with the Vietnamese 5th Infantry Division. He has a Master's Degree in Public Administration from the University of Pittsburgh and is currently the Leadership Evaluation Officer in the Department of Military Psychology and Leadership, USMA.*

A formal leadership evaluation system has been in operation at West Point for almost thirty years. The system was originally established at the direction of the Secretary of War in order to "determine as early as practicable, consistent with fairness to the individual cadets, whether or not a cadet is unsuitable for commission in the U.S. Army by reason of undesirable temperament, habits or traits of character." Over the years methodical study has supported an ordered evolution in the system to a point that it is today perhaps the most valid and comprehensive leadership evaluation system in existence anywhere.

In a previous article attention was devoted to the rationale for specific rating techniques and methods and to the evidence establishing the predictive validity of the system. This article presupposes an acceptance of the legitimacy of the system and goes on to describe the manner in which leadership evaluation contributes to the all inclusive leadership development process and the present state of the system.

#### LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

The place to begin is by noting the gradual, but dramatic shift of emphasis from elimination to development.

This does not mean that the elimination function is no longer important; in fact, the system accomplishes this function more effectively than ever. However, the developmental aspects of evaluation are now of benefit to all cadets. The following several paragraphs describe the concept of leadership development at West Point and the component role of the Leadership Evaluation System.

The development of the qualities and attributes of leadership necessary for the command of Army units is the fundamental mission of the United States Military Academy. Leadership development is a total process which begins with the initial selection of young men who have demonstrated a potential for leadership which continues throughout a military career.

At the Academy this process spans four years and involves every element of a cadet's training. The process can best be analyzed in terms of its two functions: the development in each cadet of the resources for effective leadership and the improvement of cadet leader perform-

ance through practice. Leader resources may be further subdivided into three major interrelated components.

The first component is KNOWLEDGE. A broadly based academic curriculum provides an undergraduate education in the arts and sciences. The leaders of tomorrow's Army need not be physicists or historians but they must be intellectually equipped to handle a wide range of ideas and requirements. Leaders will need to know about the influence process, the complexities of human and organizational behavior and be well read in such pragmatic problem areas as drug abuse and racial tension.

Secondly, development of SKILLS. An effective military leader must be skilled in the use of the techniques and tools of his profession. These military skills are learned during summer training at Camp Buckner, on Army Orientation Training with active units, airborne training at Ft. Benning and a variety of other training programs. It is equally important to develop human relations skills—those skills necessary for effective interpersonal relations and for effective functioning within an organizational environment.

Finally, there is the crucial process of shaping cadet's attitudes and imparting a specific set of values. This is where West Point differs substantially from other educational institutions. A vital part of the leadership development process is the effort to structure the total environment so that the cadet will internalize those fundamental values exemplified by the West Point motto, Duty, Honor, Country. The controlled environment in which a cadet functions supports this process.

In addition to equipping cadet leaders with the resources for effective leadership the developmental process must include opportunities for the improvement of leader performance through practice. These opportunities have been provided by establishing formal leadership positions in a wide variety of activities. These include chain of command positions in the Corps of Cadets, leadership positions in sports and extracurricular activities, numerous and often very demanding leadership positions during summer training and even the opportunity to practice for one month as a junior leader in an Army unit in such places as Germany, Alaska or Fort Hood, Texas. These opportunities for practice are designed to involve a meaningful

## LEADERSHIP EVALUATION SYSTEM

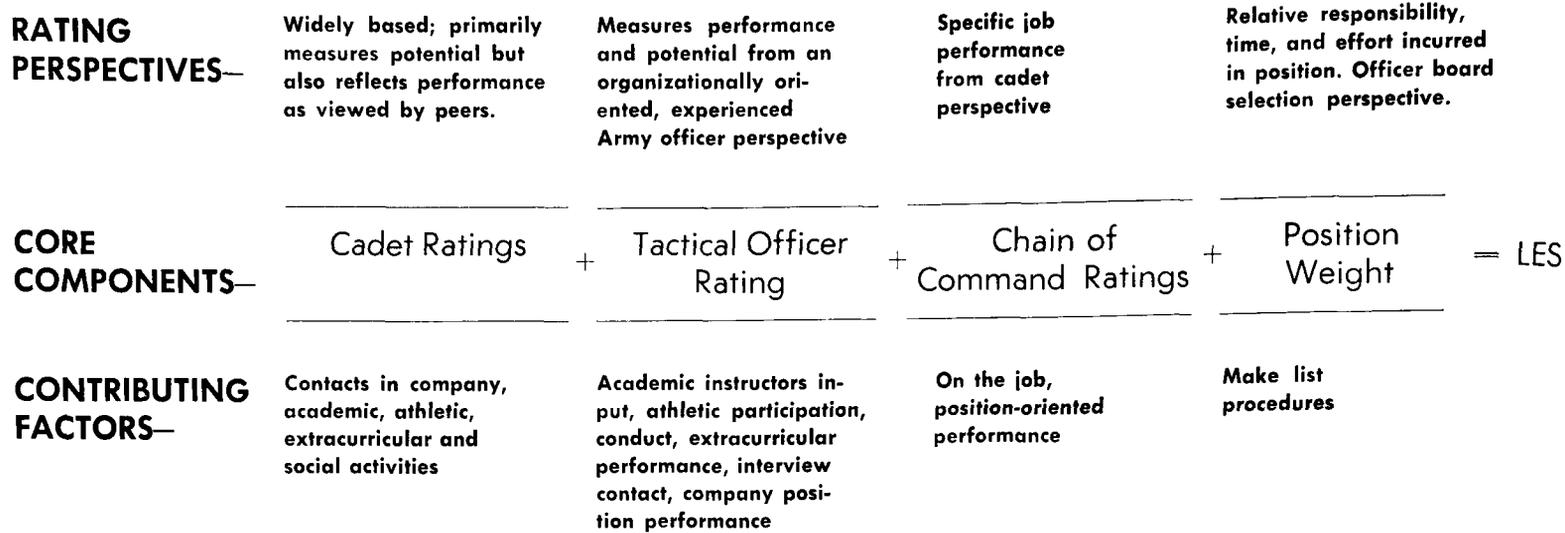


Figure 1

leadership challenge; to involve leadership in a variety of situations; and to allow for a progression from such relatively simple leader roles as the position of Head Mail Carrier assigned to a Fourth Classman to the challenging assignments given some First Classmen to command a company of 150 new cadets during their summer training.

Practice alone is not enough. There must be evaluation. The primary purpose of evaluation is not to determine pass/fail; rather it is to provide accurate, useable information on which to base the guidance or counseling that will ultimately lead to improved performance. In its simplest terms the leadership development system is working when subsequent practice results in improved performance. Evaluation must measure accurately and report faithfully those behaviors that determine leader effectiveness; the feedback provided through counseling must be given so that the cadet leader accepts and acts on the guidance provided.

### SPECIFIC FUNCTIONS

Having considered the relationship of evaluation to leadership development, it is appropriate to mention in greater detail the specific functions accomplished by the Leadership Evaluation System.

*Counseling and Guidance.* This function is critical to leadership development and is therefore emphasized. The primary cadet counselor is the Company Tactical Officer and the evaluation system is designed to collect information which will enable him to provide counseling and guidance. In addition to informal contact with cadets on a daily basis, he formally counsels each cadet in his company at least three times a year, more frequently if necessary. Some of the most valuable sources of his counseling information are reports from both cadet superiors and peers. Other input sources are academic instructors, physical education instructors, conduct records, intramurals, Corps Squad participation, etc. In short, any information about a cadet's activities at West Point is considered important.

*Reward.* The reward function of the system is provided for in two ways. First, the evaluation data supplied by the

system is a major factor in the selection of cadets to fill chain of command positions in the Corps of Cadets. Second, leadership evaluation data, specifically the Leadership Evaluation Score, constitutes an important portion of a cadet's General Order of Merit.

*Elimination:* Although counseling and guidance is the primary function of the Leadership Evaluation System, it is recognized that some cadets do not possess sufficient military leadership potential to justify retention in a program designed to produce professional Army officers. A prediction must be made relatively early as to whether each cadet will eventually meet the minimum standards essential for a successful Regular Army career. Elimination is necessary not only to protect the government from spending time and money on a young man who is not suited for commissioning as an officer, but also to protect the cadet from entering a career for which he is not qualified and in which he would be neither successful nor happy. Separation for deficiency in leadership occurs only after a series of recommendations, board actions, and reviews starting with the Company Tactical Officer and ending with the Department of the Army. Normally, however, on the first declaration of deficiency, a cadet will be conditioned or placed in a probationary status during which time he is subjected to close observation and intensive counseling and guidance. Based upon the results of subsequent ratings, the cadet may have his conditioned status removed or extended, or he may be recommended for separation.

*Description and Internalization of Organizational Leadership Norms:* A most important difference between West Point and most other colleges and universities is that here we are concerned with the development of specific professional attitudes and values. In order to develop these values they must first be articulated in terms of behaviors and then made a meaningful, regular part of a cadet's life. Over a four year period a cadet learns and internalizes these values by using their manifestations as criteria in the process of evaluating others. Likewise, internalization of these values is abetted by the knowledge each



cadet has that his performance is being evaluated against these same criteria.

*Practice in Evaluating Leadership Behavior.* The effective evaluation of leadership behavior is a skill that is important in the military. It is something all officers engage in regularly throughout their career and to which the success of all organizations are to some degree dependent. Early practice in evaluation, while a cadet, is beneficial for later success.

### SYSTEM DESIGN

The structured, primarily academic environment of West Point, the complexities of the influence process and the absence of measurable output make objective leadership evaluation extremely difficult. Consequently, the Leadership Evaluation System relies mainly on subjective evaluations. A fundamental of the system is the concept of obtaining as many different evaluations, from as many different views and perspectives, in as many different sit-

uations as possible. These evaluations are proportionally combined to provide an accurate view of each cadet as a "whole man." This concept is reflected in the systems four components: Cadet, Tactical Officer, Chain of Command, and Position. (See Figure 1). A brief description of these evaluation components is as follows:

*Cadet Component*—The Cadet component consists of ratings by one's own classmates and the next higher class within each company. These ratings are conducted twice each year and once during yearling summer, utilizing the nomination technique. This technique requires that a cadet list the top and bottom 25% of the rated class in his company.

*Tactical Officer Component*—The Tactical Officer component consists of ratings by the Tactical Officer on all cadets in his company. These ratings are accomplished three times a year and once during yearling summer. They are based on all the information available to the Tactical Officer that may have a bearing on a cadet's leadership performance or potential. (Continued on page 45)





Left—MacArthur Wing in background. Right—Washington Hall in background. Center—Eisenhower Wing in background.

# George "Rides" Again!

**G**EORGE Washington's equestrian statue has recently been moved from the traffic circle near Trophy Point to the front of Washington Hall—a site eminently suited to the man responsible in the main for founding the Military Academy. There are some interesting facts surrounding this magnificent piece of sculpture.

First of all, this statue is a replica of the one in Union Square in New York City which was dedicated on 4 July 1856. The *New York Evening Times* of 5 July that year quotes Dr. Bethune, main speaker at the dedication: "Washington is represented on horseback with his right arm outstretched as if restraining the noble ardour of his soldiers. The head is from the celebrated bust by Houdon, in the possession of Senator Fish. The horse, a truly noble animal, is apparently at a brisk trot. Washington is seated in the saddle with the old Continental hat in his left hand." The following statistics might also be of interest: Materials: Rich bronze—86% copper, 9% tin, 2% zinc, 1% lead. The body of the horse was cast in one piece. Cost of statue \$30,000. Weight—over 4 tons. Plinth—2,000 lbs, horse—2,700 lbs, rider and other parts over 2,800 lbs. Height of statue is

*ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Mr. Egon Weiss, Librarian, joined the Academy's library staff in 1958 as assistant librarian. Four years later he succeeded Dr. Sidney Forman and was named Acting Librarian until 1963 when he was appointed Librarian by the then Secretary of the Army, Cyrus R. Vance. He has a B.A. degree in economics from Harvard University, and master's degrees in Germanic languages and literature, and library science from Boston University and Simmons College, respectively.*

equal to the height of the pedestal... 14½ ft each. Washington's head—29 ft. from ground.

The Architect was the famous Welch-born Henry Kirke Brown. According to Henry T. Tuckerman, General Washington is represented "in the act of recalling his troops to repose; the figure is bareheaded, the hat resting on his bridle arm, the sword sheathed, the right arm extended, as if commanding quiet; the drapery is the simple Continental uniform, the face slightly upturned..." It is also of interest that the list of subscribers who donated \$30,000 towards the original statue is also contained on the base of the cast replica. The list includes such notables as James Lee, August Belmont, Richard F. Carman, Hamilton Fish, Seth Grosvenor, James Lenox, Peter Lorillard, William C. Rhinelander, Gerard Stuyvesant, Augustus H. Ward and others.

USMA's Washington statue fulfilled the dream of Colonel Clarence P. Townsley, Superintendent from 1912-16 who at a dinner party expressed the wish to see such a statue at West Point. A wealthy Civil War veteran who preferred to remain anonymous donated the money towards the replica of the New York statue. Mr. Bertram G. Goodhue of the firm of Cram, Goodhue and Ferguson and the Olmstead Brothers were consulted as to the placement of the statue which was performed under the direction of the architectural firm of Trowbridge and Livingston.

The Commissioner of Parks for Manhattan issued a permit for a plaster cast in December 1914 and C. T. Willis Inc. was named contractor. After some delay the statue

was dedicated on 19 May 1916. It was unveiled by Miss Charlotte Delafield—a niece to former superintendent Richard Delafield. The inscription reads:

Presented to the  
United States Military  
Academy  
By a Patriotic Citizen  
1915

Much speculation surrounds the name of Washington's horse. We know from the *Diaries of George Washington* VOLUME II, edited by Fitzpatrick, page 443, that Nelson and Blewskin (Blueskin) "had been ridden by

Washington during the greater part of the Revolutionary War and were kept in the Mansion House pasture as honorable pensioners." Washington had dozens of horses during his career. According to Tobias Lear, his secretary, other of Washington's favorites included "Prescott" and "Jackson" (Jack). In the absence of precise information by the artist as to the exact moment depicted in history and the impossibility of ascertaining whether the sculpture represents Washington on a white charger or not, it would be historically irresponsible to arbitrarily assign a name to Washington's horse notwithstanding the plebes quandy to come up with a name (for it).

by EGON A. WEISS

Aerial view of the Cadet Barracks area  
and West Point installation looking southwest.



# Cadets Tackle

**M**ACARTHUR, Patton, parades, spit and polish, football: these are things that come to mind for most people when West Point is mentioned. But for the cadets themselves at the United States Military Academy on the banks of the Hudson River, West Point means many other things. For one group of cadets, it means an opportunity to concern themselves with pollution control and safety in automobile technology. This group of cadets has become involved in the Urban Vehicle Design Competition, a nationwide contest open to high schools, colleges, and universities across the country.

The objectives of the contest, as stated in the rules of the Intercollegiate Committee, are threefold. First, the contest will provide an opportunity for practical application of the engineering education being obtained by the student. Second, the general public will get a chance to see certain innovative concepts in vehicle technology with respect to urban area vehicles. Finally, the problem itself of designing an urban area automobile will be approached from several angles, each school being required to design and build its own version of a possible solution to the problems facing auto designers in light of the more stringent pollution controls recently passed by Congress.

*ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Donald R. Ponikvar '73 of Company H-4, comes from Willowick, Ohio, a suburb of Cleveland. A Star Man in the Corps, his main area of concentration is physics. His primary interests are the Scuba Club and the HOWITZER Photography Staff. He is also on the Scoutmasters' Council which sponsors the Camporee every year for 4,000 scouts, the Military Affairs Club, and the Ring and Crest Committee for his class.*

Each entry in the contest is scored in the areas of exhaust emissions, safety, consumer cost, handling, acceleration, braking, noise, parkability, space utilization, energy efficiency, and others. The contest is planned for August 9 through 11 in Milford, Michigan at the GM automotive proving grounds.

## A WANKEL MUSTANG

The cadets, under the guidance of LTC Joseph A. Shea of the Department of Mechanics at the Academy, have been working for almost a year on their entry. The cadets themselves are in charge of every facet of their entry, from design to administration. They are doing much of the construction themselves, although invaluable technical assistance is received from the Army mechanics of the post auto workshop.

The basic vehicle is a modified 1966 Ford Mustang. The major changes proposed are in the ignition system, and in certain added safety features.

Probably the most innovative idea utilized by the cadets is the stratified-charged, fuel injected Wankel engine which they are presently constructing for use in the vehicle. Using computer simulations and some prior research by the Curtiss-Wright Corporation, Cadets Douglas Hoon\*, Robert Hanson and others have designed a single rotor beauty capable of up to 180 horsepower, with more torque than a standard V-8 engine. A unique fuel injector spark plug has been proposed which will improve combustion by injecting the fuel directly across the spark gap. The rotor itself has also been redesigned, incorporating a new



Cadet Douglas Hoon explaining operation of a Wankel engine to Major Andrew Kuschner, Department of Mechanics.

# Pollution Problems

by DONALD PONIKVAR

combustion cavity which should further improve efficiency.

The proposed ignition system is completely solid-state, utilizing integrated circuits for reliability and size control. The basic system consists of a magnetic sensor which detects a pair of precisely-spaced holes in the pinion gear of the crankshaft. The time delay between holes is fed to the integrated circuits which determine engine RPMs and adjust the spark plug firing accordingly. A comparison circuit is also incorporated which compares the previous time delay to each new interval, thereby determining whether the engine is accelerating or decelerating. A prototype system has been constructed and performs satisfactorily in laboratory models according to Cadet Peter Slade, the designer.

## SAFETY A MAJOR CONCERN

Another area of innovation is that of safety, both for passengers and for other vehicles. A roll cage of two inch steel is a necessity. This will be installed within the present roofline of the Mustang.

One test required by the Congressional safety standards is a 5 mile per hour crash test. The bumpers must be able to withstand a collision at this speed with a rigid obstacle. Cadet Tom Shook has designed an energy absorbing bumper incorporating a series of rubber "washers" which act both as cushions and as piston seals. This series of donut-shaped cushions deform as a force is applied to the bumper (a standard stock bumper with rubber guards). As they deform, they expand against the sides of the piston, absorbing the energy of the collision. Releasing

the pressure after the collision returns the bumper to the original position as the rubber cushions expand.

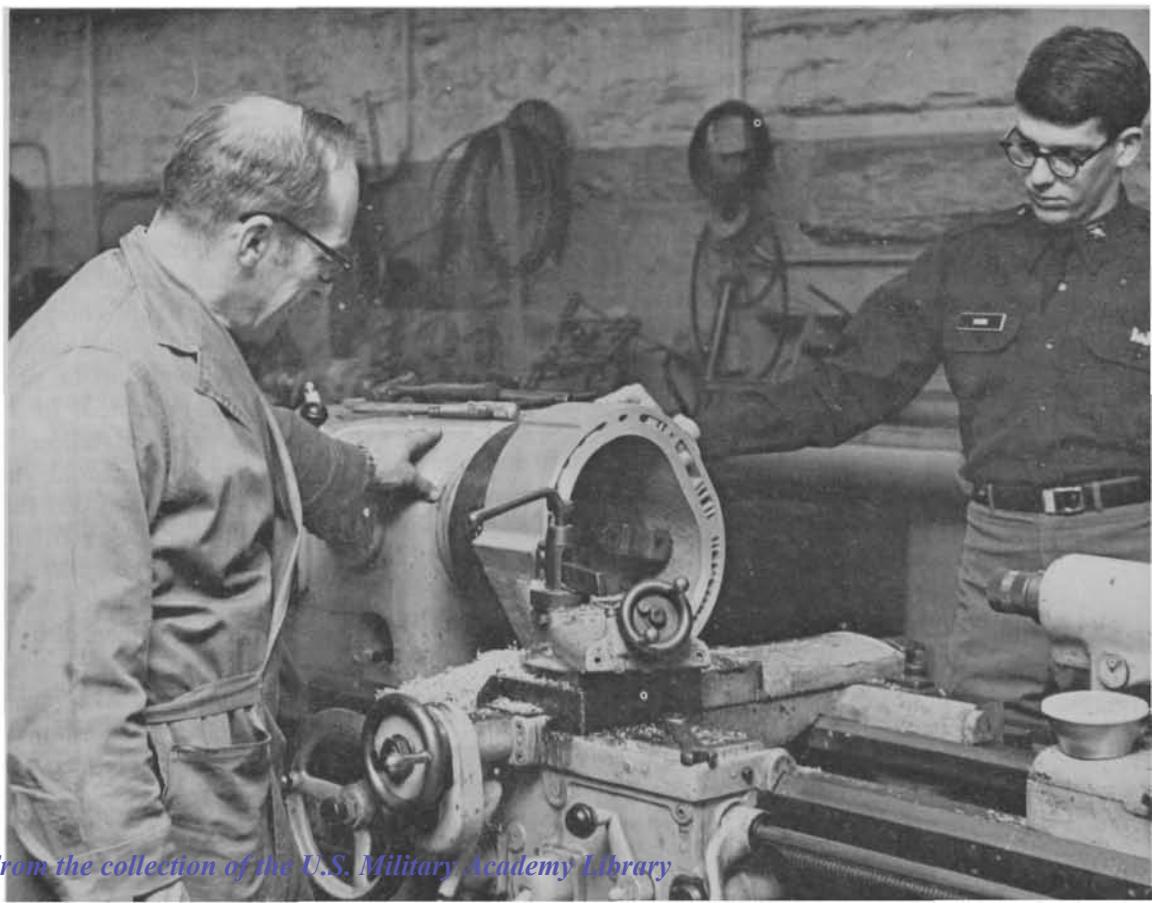
Inside the passenger compartment, a passenger restraint system has been devised. In addition to the lap and shoulder belts, an air bag system will be used. The proposed system will have two bags per person. One will deploy upon impact from both over and under the dashboard. The under-dash air bag will momentarily pin the passenger's legs and prevent "seat belt slip." This is the hazard where the passenger slips out from under the belt in a collision. The "above the dash" air bag will prevent windshield impacts. The second bag deploys from the top and rear of the front seat in a rear end collision to help prevent whiplash type neck injuries and material or persons in the rear from hitting the front seats or the front seat passengers.

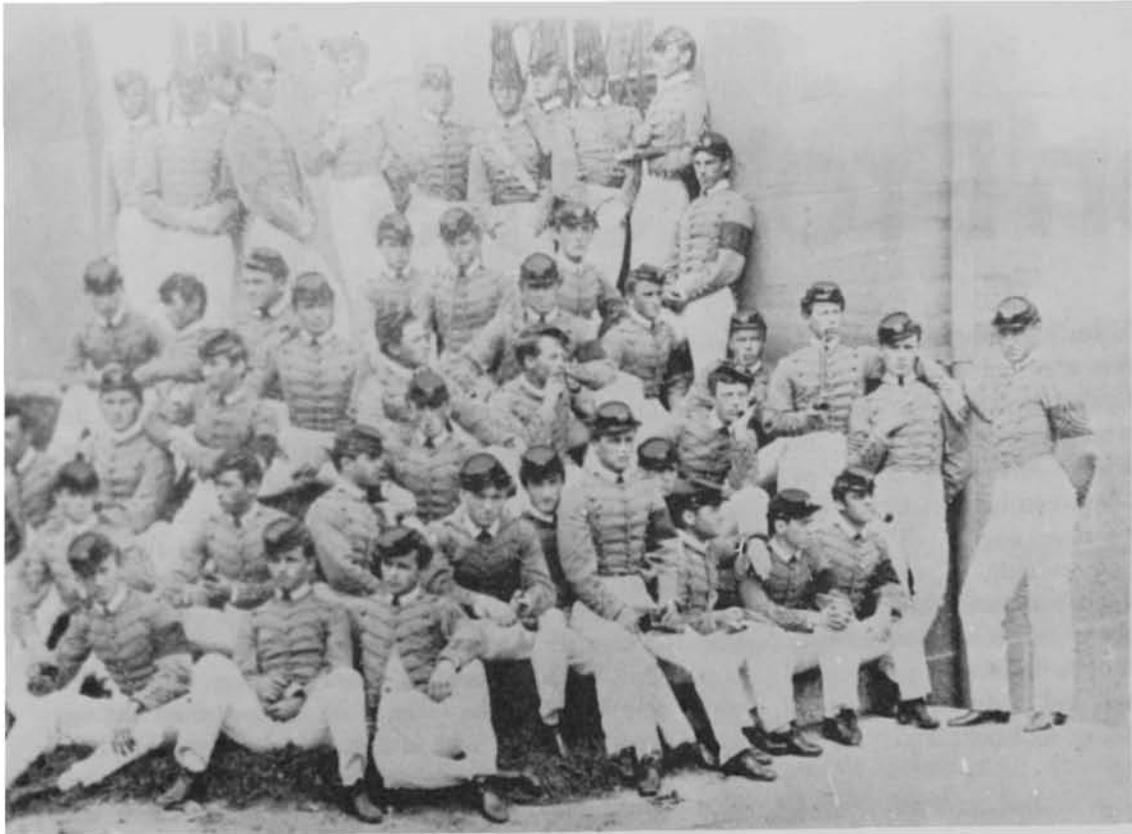
Molded bead styrofoam will line the top, interior, dash, and seat backs to deaden sound, act as crushable replaceable impact cushion, and provide comforting body heat insulation.

The design objective of the West Point team is to prove the feasibility of a non-polluting, safe, and economical urban vehicle. The team feels that the above innovations will be a start toward a workable solution to the problems now facing the development of urban vehicular transportation within the automotive industry.

\*Cadet Hoon's paper on computer simulation of swirl in the Wankel engine has been accepted as one of the 100 papers by Army scientists nationwide for presentation at the Army Science Conference scheduled to take place at West Point 22-25 June 1972.

Cadet Hoon checking with machinist Sam Scalise on machining of a Wankel housing to his specifications.





Class of 1872



Charles Albert Varnum and Frank West, Medal of Honor winners—Class of 1872.

# 1872 DAY



Major General Ernest Graves Jr. '44, President of the 1872 USMA Class Centennial.

**A**PPROXIMATELY 140 descendants of USMA Class of 1872 from all parts of the U.S. came to West Point 8 May 1972 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of their ancestors' graduation. This type of traditional visit began in 1966 with the commemoration of the graduation of the Class of 1866.

What was the Army like in 1872? Those were the days of almost continuous Indian warfare, Irish invasions of Canada, riots, building of our railroads, improving our rivers and harbors and a hundred other activities, all on an annual appropriation of fifty million dollars, mostly to General Sheridan's Command. Consider the West Point graduate entering this small army at this time. He reports to his unit and finds he is the junior officer in a unit which normally has a complement of five officers but now has some twenty, all middle-aged, all disgustingly healthy, and all of whom must be promoted or die, if our young officer is to be promoted. In a situation such as this one could be an excellent officer, serve efficiently for thirty-five or forty years, and, old and gray, be retired—a First Lieutenant! This then was the environment in which these men served and it is a tribute to the Class of 1872 that even under these conditions five of the fifty-seven men who graduated attained the rank of Brigadier General.

Two members of the Class—Charles Albert Varnum and Frank West—received the Medal of Honor for action in the Indian Wars. Varnum served on the Frontier from 1873-1892, was wounded at Little Big Horn in June 1876, and received his medal in 1897 for action on 30 Dec 1890

Engraving of West Point, Class of 1872's plebe year—1868.



Cadet room during Class of 1872 attendance at USMA. Kerr and McDonald were members of the Class of 1870.

at White Clay Creek, South Dakota, as a Captain, 7th U.S. Cavalry. The citation reads: "While executing an order to withdraw, seeing that a continuance of the movement would expose another troop of his regiment to being cut off and surrounded, he disregarded orders to retire, placed himself in front of his men, led a charge upon the advancing Indians, regained a commanding position that had just been vacated, and thus insured a safe withdrawal of both detachments without further loss." He died in 1936 at the age of 86.

West served on the Frontier from 1873-1886. As a First Lieutenant, 6th U.S. Cavalry, he earned his Medal of Honor on 17 July 1882 at Big Dry Wash, Arizona, when he "rallied his command and led it in the advance against the enemy's fortified position." He died in 1923 at the age of 72.

Five other classmates received medals commending their personal bravery in Indian Wars and in Cuba, and two were killed in action—Wallace at Wounded Knee and Harrington with Custer at Little Big Horn.

Most of the members of the Class were destined to spend the major part of their careers serving on the Frontier fighting the Indians and performing just plain guard duty. One member—George Howard Evans—had the dubious distinction of holding the class record for the longest time on the Frontier—23 years (1872-1895). He was retired for disability in 1898 as a Captain with 26 years of service!

In honor of their ancestors who graduated in the Class of 1872, the same 140 descendants participated in a

number of ceremonies. The 1872 class books of William Abbot and George Ruhlen were presented to the USMA Library by Major General Ernest Graves for Mrs. Helen A. Marsh, and Major General George Ruhlen, Class of 1935. Ruhlen's 1872 ring was also added to the Library collection. An authentic 100 year old flag flew from the West Point flagpole as the names of the class members were read off in the roll call of 1872. After attending a retreat review the descendants closed out the day with a banquet at the West Point Army Mess.

Major General Ernest Graves, Class of 1944, acted as President of the 1872 USMA Class Centennial. He is a grandson of Colonel Rogers Birnie, 1872—number one man in the Class, who received the Forts and property in Cuba from the Spanish Officers when they surrendered in 1898 and 1899. General Graves' son, Ralph, is presently a cadet—USMA '74.

The idea for a Centennial meeting of this kind originated with Lieutenant Colonel David Quinn, whose father was a member of the Class of 1866. Since the first Centennial commemoration in 1966, Colonel Quinn, Mr. Francis O. Boyd, and Major George C. Byrnes have served as the USMA Class Centennial Permanent Staff, a continuing committee that helps perpetuate this event. Boyd is the grandson of Captain Orsemus B. Boyd, Class of 1867. None of these men attended the Military Academy, but the fact that Quinn and Boyd are descendants of USMA graduates is sufficient incentive for these dedicated individuals to make this an annual event.

# the MacArthur



Association of Graduates, USMA  
West Point, New York 10996

Gentlemen:  
Please send me ..... copies of the original numbered and signed lithograph by Paul Calle of General Douglas MacArthur at \$75.00 each.

I inclose my check for .....

(Price includes shipping within the United States. New York residents please add 4% sales tax.)

NAME .....  
(please print)

STREET .....

CITY ..... STATE ..... ZIP .....

# Commemorative Stamp

**G**ENERAL Douglas MacArthur '03 was honored last year by the issuance of a commemorative stamp designed by Paul Calle. A limited edition of numbered and signed lithographs by Paul Calle, as pictured on the opposite page, are available through the Association of Graduates Gift Shop. Copies of the original numbered and signed lithographs may be obtained by completing the order form and mailing to the Association of Graduates. Lithographs are in handsome frames as pictured on the opposite page, 16½" X 18½", and are ready for hanging.



A limited edition of 2000 first day covers of the MacArthur stamp created by Mr. Calle and signed by him bears the West Point motto, "Duty, Honor, Country."



Mrs. Douglas MacArthur receiving Lithograph No. 1 from artist Calle.

President Richard M. Nixon accepting a copy of the MacArthur print from Senator Lowell Weicker (left) and artist Paul Calle in the Oval Room at the White House.



*From the collection of the U.S. Military Academy Library*

# Bulletin Board

## Thayer Hotel Improvements

Under its new general manager, John G. Sinclair, the Hotel Thayer has been undergoing a rejuvenation since last summer. We trust returning alumni will appreciate both the physical improvements and the efforts by the hotel staff to improve service to guests. Guest rooms have been redecorated and are receiving new furniture; the lobby, ballroom and dining room have been redecorated, and the front entrance has been modified to eliminate the old revolving door and portico bottleneck.

Behind the scenes, the air conditioning system has had a major renovation and bathrooms are next on the schedule. Newly acquired land between the Hotel and Ladycliff College is being developed into a park area and will provide future space for tennis courts and possibly a swimming pool.

The interior re-decoration has been done under the guidance of Mr. A. P. LaBua, NSID, brightening but without altering the basic character of the Hotel.

As readers may know, the Hotel was built in 1925 and has been operated by the Army since 1943 when the last civilian operator suffered financial failure. In recent years the Hotel has acquired a substantial weekday clientele in the form of conferences, conventions and special functions which provide a sound financial basis for continued accomplishment of the basic mission of providing for USMA guests who come mostly on weekends.



*From the collection of the U.S. Military Academy Library*

For the benefit of Class Scribes, Class Notes should be dispatched to arrive at the Association office for:

the fall issue by — 15 September

the winter issue by — 5 January

For the benefit of contributing members, material for Class Notes should be submitted well enough in advance to allow Class Scribes to meet these deadlines.



Washington's Civil War Defenses are explained by COL Joseph B. Mitchell, USA (Ret), USMA '37, to CAMP's 1971 Assembly at Fort Ward, VA. Faces recognizable include LTC Milton B. Halsey, USA, Office of the Secretary of Defense and son of MG Milton B. Halsey, USMA '17, left; Granville M. Horstmann, retired VP of the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad; MG James A. Wier, USA, commanding general of Fitzsimons General Hospital; Henry I. Shaw Jr., Chief Historian of the Marine Corps; and Alan C. Aimone (with cap), West Point Library.

## Council on Abandoned Military Posts

Preserving America's military heritage is the goal of a relatively young organization in which West Pointers are playing key roles.

Incorporated in 1966 in Phoenix, AZ, as the Council on Abandoned Military Posts—U.S.A., (CAMP) the group was founded by two Phoenix Army Reserve LTCs and a Camp LeJeune, NC, Marine—Lloyd Clark, Phoenix journalist, George Read Carlock, Phoenix attorney now CAMP's treasurer, and LTC Herbert M. Hart, USMC, now CAMP's secretary.

The non-profit group serves as a clearing house for inquiries on military post history and site preservation, with the official objective of "the identification, location, restoration, preservation, and memorialization of old military installations."

In its support of fort site programs, CAMP has actively supported or assisted in programs throughout the country. The Arizona efforts were specifically commended by the Secretary of the Interior. Local departments of CAMP have been organized or are planned for the Rocky Moun-

ASSEMBLY

tains, the Rio Grande, TX, the Hudson Valley, Puget Sound, New England, the Missouri, the Dakotas, Florida, California and Arizona.

A member of the original Board of Directors of CAMP was BG William V. Carter, USMA '04, who was a life charter member until his death early in 1971. Currently on the board is MG George Ruhlen, USMA '35, grandson of the late COL George Ruhlen, USMA 1872. GEN Ruhlen's father, COL George Ruhlen, USA (Ret), was a member of CAMP until his death in 1971. The president of CAMP is COL O. W. Martin Jr., USA, son of COL O. W. Martin, USMA '19. Other officers and board members, all of whom are unpaid, are regular or reserve officers, active or retired, or college professors. The 600-person membership includes historians from the federal and local level, authors, publishers, buffs, and a cross section of all five services and every rank through LTG. The Librarian USMA is a member of CAMP as are several faculty members and cadets.

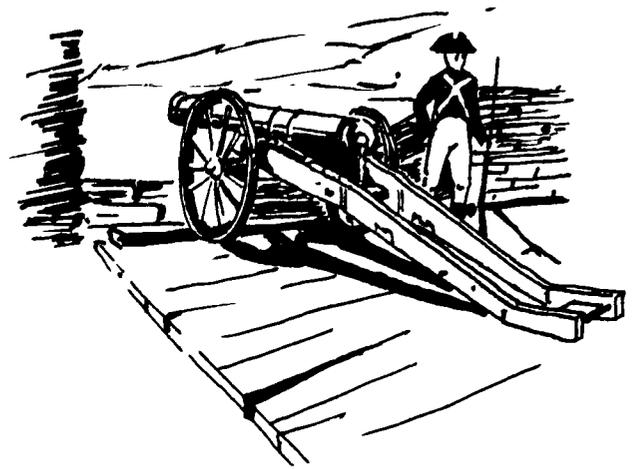
CAMP publishes a quarterly magazine, "Periodical," containing monographs on old posts and programs regarding them, and a monthly 8-page newspaper-style newsletter, "Headquarters Heliogram." In addition, it has published a booklet by western historian Robert A. Murray, "Brief Guide to Research on Army Posts."

Annually the members of CAMP meet at an "Assembly" no connection intended with this magazine—usually alternating between the Eastern and Western U.S. Sites of these meetings have included Forts Bowie and Huachuca, AZ; Gordon and Augusta Arsenal, GA; the posts of San Francisco, including a session at Alcatraz Is. before the Indians arrived; the posts around El Paso, TX; and the posts around Washington, DC. The 1972 "Assembly" centered on Denver, CO, on 28 and 29 April. Arrangements are being made with the Superintendent, USMA, to hold the 1973 "Assembly" at West Point. Information on and reservations for the "Assembly" can be obtained from its Chairman, MG James A. Wier, USA, Quarters 1, Fitzsimons General Hospital, Denver, CO 80240. Membership in CAMP is not a prerequisite to participation in the gathering.

CAMP's membership rosters are open to persons interested in its objectives. Dues are \$8.50 yearly or \$16 for two years as regular members; \$50 a year for corporate members; \$100 for life memberships. Information and memberships can be obtained from the Secretary, Box 194, Quantico, VA 22134.

### **Wanted—Cannon**

Old Fort Putnam is being restored to its Revolutionary War appearance. The ambitious undertaking has been possible through a generous gift to the West Point Fund by Mrs. Elsie B. W. Bowley, widow of the late Lieutenant General Albert J. Bowley, Class of 1897. The project in its initial phase provides for the emplacement of a sizeable number of cannon in the fortress. Ordnance records indicate that the fort mounted the following types of artillery during the Revolutionary period: brass 4-pounders, brass 6-pounders, iron 9-pounders, iron 12-pounders, iron 18-pounders, brass 8" howitzers, and brass 5½" mortars. Although efforts are underway to purchase authentic replicas of the several cannon, it would be highly desirable



if original Revolutionary War pieces of the kind described could be located and brought to Fort Putnam. Graduates can be of assistance in this endeavor. Those who have information concerning the whereabouts of such cannon and can help arrange for their recovery for the Fort Putnam project are urged to write the Gifts Program Officer, Office of the Superintendent, United States Military Academy, West Point, New York 10996.

### **Wanted—Mule**

Trotter—USMA mascot—is in poor health and is getting too old to perform at athletic contests. He will probably retire this summer. Anyone interested in donating a mule to USMA please contact MAJ Arthur S. Dervaes III, Asst. S1, USCC, or MAJ Joseph R. Godzik, Post Vet.

### **Cadets Sponsor Benefit**

Cadets here are sponsoring a Sickle Cell Anemia Benefit Program, "For the Blood," on 20 May at Michie Stadium, which is designed to encourage research into possible cures for the disease which strikes down one in every 500 black children. The cadets have selected Freedman's Hospital of Howard University in Washington as the site for the research.

The benefit idea originated among the black cadets here who are members of the Contemporary Affairs Seminar of the Behavioral Science Club. It has since been authorized by the Departments of Defense and Army, encouraged by the black members of Congress, and supported by the Military Academy.

Ike and Tina Turner, Stevie Wonder and The Supremes have accepted invitations to perform at the concert.

Sickle Cell Anemia is a deadly disease and a tragic burden which has caused the suffering of countless numbers of black Americans. It originated near equatorial Africa hundreds of years ago, the result of the body's

defense mechanisms against malaria, and causes the naturally disc-shaped, healthy red blood cells to become elongated and weak. Thus, they are unable to carry a proper amount of oxygen and often clog arteries. There are two forms of the anemia, the "Trait" and the "Disease." Less than half the children who contract the inherited disease live beyond the age of twenty, but those with the trait are not afflicted and pursue normal lives.

Cadet Joseph R. Edwards, Class of '72, is a black cadet who carries the sickle cell trait, as do other black cadets, and he is one of the active sponsors of the Sickle Cell Benefit. When asked what the average person could do immediately about the problem, he advised everyone to learn more about the disease and to support the benefit program.

### Can You Top This?

An unusual event in the genealogical history of the United States Military Academy has taken place during the Academic Year 1971-72. Four brothers, all of whom are either graduates of USMA or are currently members of the Corps of Cadets, are simultaneously stationed at West Point. The four are sons of MG Frank D. Miller, USA (Ret), '38. Frank Jr. '62 is a MAJ in the Corps of Engineers and is an assistant professor in the Department of Physics. Brink '64, is a CPT in the Corps of Engineers and is an instructor in the Department of Mechanics. Robert '72 is assigned to Company D-4, USCC. Jerry '73 is assigned to Company I-1, USCC.



Left to right: Robert McGregor Miller, Jeremy King Miller, Brink Prickett Miller, Frank Dickson Miller Jr.

### COL C. Robert Kemble Named New President at NMMI

COL C. Robert Kemble, of USMA's English Dept., has been appointed President of the New Mexico Military Institute (NMMI).

The Institute is a state supported school of 800 cadets



and has produced such outstanding graduates as Roger Staubach and Conrad Hilton. Generals Milton, Gay, and Sam W. Agee, a USMA graduate, are all former Presidents of NMMI, and Felix "Doc" Blanchard, former Army grid great, is currently the Commandant of Cadets.

COL Kemble is the Acting Deputy Head of the Department of English and Director of West Point's American Studies Program. He has served on a variety of faculty and national educational committees.

COL and Mrs. Kemble are both from Iowa. They have five children: Chris, 21; Keith Eilene, 20; Cynthia, 18; Carol, 12; and Geoffrey, 14, who plans to attend NMMI next year.

### Board of Visitors to Make Annual Visit

The Annual Board of Visitors visit to USMA took place 27-29 April.

This year's schedule of events for the Board included visits to classes and Academy facilities, conferences with the Academy's Superintendent, Dean and Commandant of Cadets, an informal reception, briefings on various Academy procedures, dinner with the Corps of Cadets and a Cadet Review.

The Board's duties, as outlined in the United States Code, are to "inquire into the morale and discipline, the curriculum, instruction, physical equipment, fiscal affairs, academic methods, and other matters relating to the Academy that the Board decides to consider."

The Board is comprised of four members of the Senate including the Chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee or his designee, five members of the House of Representatives including the Chairman of the Armed

Services Committee or his designee, and six persons designated by the President of the United States.

This year, from the Senate, the members are The Honorable Barry Goldwater, Arizona (representing the Chairman, Senate Armed Services Committee); Hubert H. Humphrey, Minnesota; Daniel K. Inouye, Hawaii; and Milton R. Young, North Dakota.

Members from the House of Representatives are The Honorable Carleton J. King, New York (representing the Chairman, House Armed Services Committee); Glenn R. Davis, Wisconsin; W. R. Hull Jr., Missouri; John M. Murphy, New York; and Alexander Pirnie, New York.

The President's appointees are MG Leif J. Sverdrup, USA (Ret), Chairman of the Board of Sverdrup & Parcel & Associates, Inc., St. Louis; Mr. Louis R. Vincenti, President, Mutual Savings and Loan Association, Pasadena, California; Dr. D. Whitney Halladay, President of East Texas State University, Texas; General A. C. Wedemeyer, USA (Ret), Friends Advice, Boyds, Maryland; Mr. Leonard D. Henry, AVCO Corporation, New York City; and Mr. Laurence F. Lee Jr., Chairman of the Board, Peninsular Life Insurance Company, Orange Park, Florida.

### Plebe Parent Weekend

Although not as rugged as generally portrayed, a Plebe's life at West Point can be rushed, frustrating and harried from time to time.

But for a few days at the Military Academy the tables

Cadet First Captain Robert L. Van Antwerp explains the handling of the Corps to Plebe Vernon C. Bice, served as Acting Brigade Commander for Plebe-Parent Weekend. Van Antwerp's black eye was caused by a collision during a rugby match.



*From the collection of the U.S. Military Academy Library*

turned and the Fourth Classmen became the leaders of the Corps of Cadets as the upper classmen disappeared momentarily from the scene. The Plebes, previously selected by the Academy's Tactical Department on the basis of the "Whole Man" concept which takes into consideration academics, military bearing, attitude and achievement, took over the Corps chain of command.

Acting Brigade Commander, Cadet First Captain, for the weekend was Cadet Vernon C. Bice, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon M. Bice of Glendale, Arizona.

Acting Brigade Adjutant was Cadet Raymond M. Sykes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond M. Sykes Sr., of Whitakers, North Carolina.

Cadet Roderick M. Pinkney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thadders E. Pinkney of Fort Campbell, Kentucky, assumed the duties of Acting Brigade Operations Officer.

Cadet Kirk W. Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lycurgus W. Johnson of Los Altos, California, assumed duties as Acting Brigade Supply Officer.

The duties of Acting Brigade Activities Officer, were assumed by Cadet Dougald MacMillan II, son of Colonel and Mrs. William Dougald MacMillan IV.

Cadet James E. Armstrong Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Armstrong Sr., of Crosby, Texas was Acting Assistant Brigade Adjutant.

These positions, along with four acting Regimental Commands, are the highest a Plebe may attain at the United States Military Academy and correspond to positions he may not aspire to again until he is a First Classman.

The weekend activities for families and friends of the Plebes, March 30 to April 3, included tours of Academy facilities, films about the Academy and its mission, movies, displays of classroom projects, a concert in the Cadet Chapel, religious services and an open house during which all academic departments opened their doors and afforded the parents an opportunity to visit classrooms and examine their son's direction and course of study.

### Cadets Pick Branches

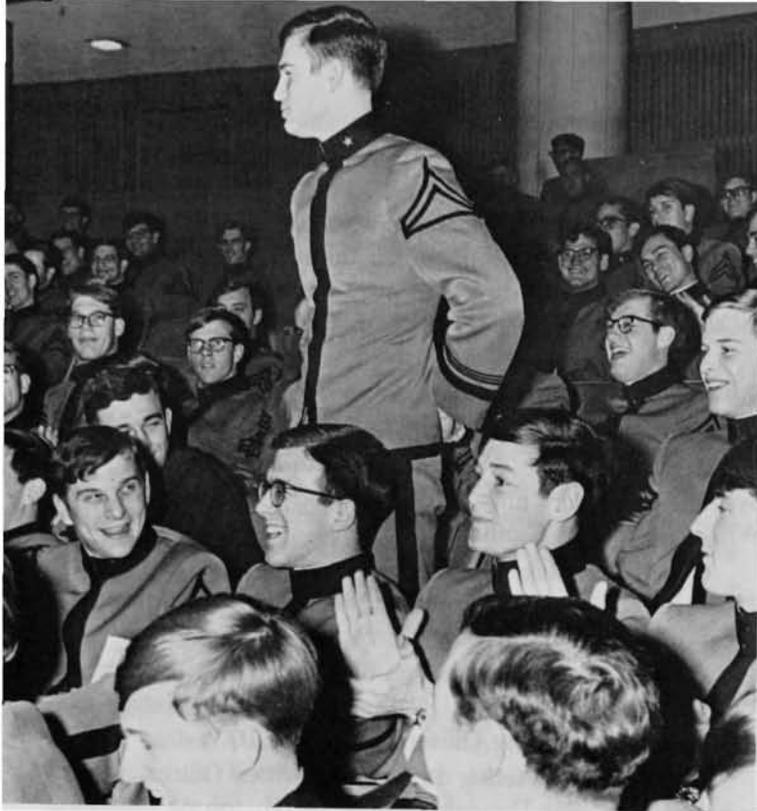
USMA First Classmen assembled in South Auditorium for the annual Branch Drawing 8 February and Infantry proved to be the most popular choice—especially for cadets who didn't want it.

Two hundred sixty-eight Cadets announced Infantry as the branch they would be commissioned into upon graduation in June, and each was greeted with a thunderous cheer from his classmates since that meant one more opening remained in another branch.

The first branch to be picked was Armor by Cadet Timothy T. Lupfer, first in the Order of Merit, Cadet Stephen D. Presley was left with the 779th and final choice—Infantry.

As has traditionally been the case, the Corps of Engineers was the first to fill its maximum quota.

The second quickest branch to fill its quota was Military Intelligence, which exhausted its maximum quota of 37 after the 405th man in the General Order of Merit. Mil-

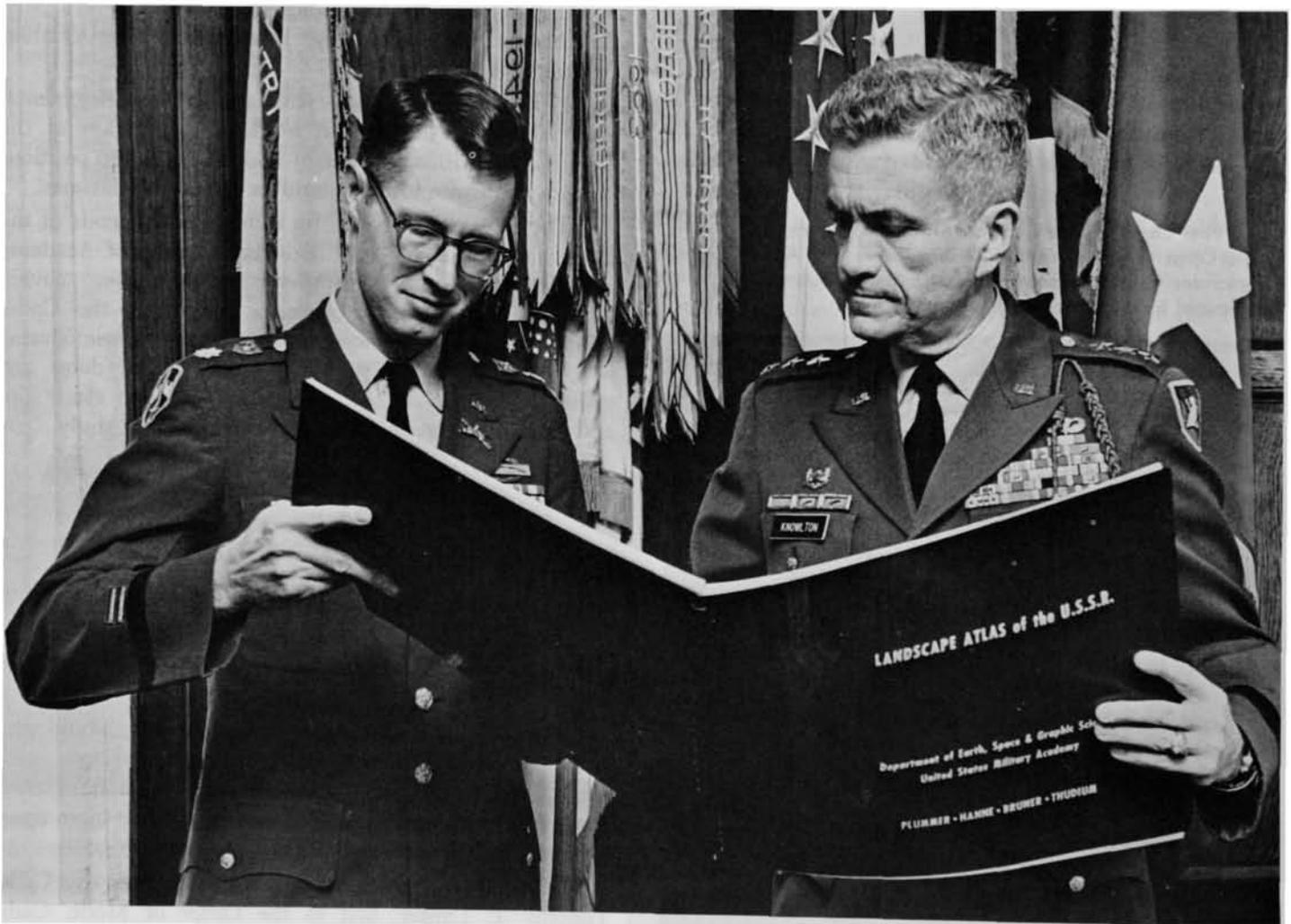


itary Police was filled third, Signal Corps fourth, Air Defense fifth, Field Artillery sixth and Armor seventh. Infantry did not reach the maximum quota.

Infantry, with its total of 268, had more future officers than any other branch. Second in size was Field Artillery, with 157, followed by 91 choosing Armor, Air Defense (72), Signal Corps (54), Corps of Engineers (50), Military Intelligence (37) and Military Police Corps (16).

Forty-eight cadets not fully qualified for all combat arms branches selected one of the seven technical and administrative services. Thirty-two cadets chose commissions in other services. Of those, 27 went Air Force, four picked Navy and one chose the Marines. Five foreign cadets accepted commissions from their countries: Panama, Jamaica, Korea, Uruguay and the Philippines.

Cadet First Classman Timothy T. Lupfer kicks off the annual Branch Drawing as he opts for Armor. He was the first of 779 Cadets to pick the branch he'll be commissioned into upon graduation.



LTG William A. Knowlton, Superintendent, reviews the new "Landscape Atlas of the USSR" with one of its co-authors MAJ Edward F. Bruner.

### **New USMA Textbook—USSR Landscape Atlas**

The only complete landscape atlas of the USSR available in the United States has been published by the Military Academy's Department of Earth, Space, and Graphic

Sciences for use in its courses. The atlas, funded by a grant from the Army Research Office, Durham, NC, contains 70 topographic map sections with accompanying text explaining how the natural environment has interacted

with various cultures to form the visible landscape depicted on the maps. The map sections, printed in five colors, are in a scale of one inch equalling approximately four land miles. Information for the atlas was obtained through field trips to the Soviet Union, the help of US Government agencies and civilian experts, and detailed map analyses conducted by the authors. Although the new USSR Atlas is not classified, its first printing is limited in distribution to the Academy and selected government agencies. The authors, Academy graduates and faculty members of the Department of Earth, Space, and Graphic Sciences, are MAJ Thomas F. Plummer Jr. '59, MAJ William G. Hanne '60, MAJ Edward F. Bruner '61, and MAJ Christian C. Thudium Jr. '59. Editorial assistance was provided by LTC John B. Garver '52, Associate Professor in the Department of ES&GS. This atlas is a major contribution to the academic community and to concerned government agencies.

### **Fifth Military History Symposium**

The theme for the Fifth Military History Symposium, to be held at the Air Force Academy on 5-6 October 1972, is "The Military and Society." Four working sessions and a banquet address have been planned: Session I, Keynote Address and Fifteenth Harmon Memorial Lecture to be delivered by Russell Weigley (Temple University). Session II, "Impact of the Military on Developing and Developed Societies." Session III, Banquet Address, "The Response of the Military to a Changing Society." Session IV, Panel Discussions, Panel A: "The Study of Military Affairs on College Campuses"; Panel B: "The Writing and Publication of Military History." Session V, "The Military as a Social Force in American Society." Participants include Barbara Tuchman, Frank Vandiver (Rice), Cyril Black (Princeton), Alvin Coox (San Diego State), Edward Coffman (Wisconsin), W. Bruce White (Toronto), Morris MacGregor (Office of the Chief of Military History, USA), Charles Moskos (Northwestern), Lou Morton, (Dartmouth), Gunther Rothenberg (New Mexico), Theodore Ropp (Duke), Robin Higham, John Loosbrock, and James E. O'Neill (National Archives).

For further information about the Symposium, including motel reservations, write Major Ronald Fogelman, Department of History, USAF Academy, Colorado 80840.

### **Supt. to Assemble Panel of Athletic Planning Experts**

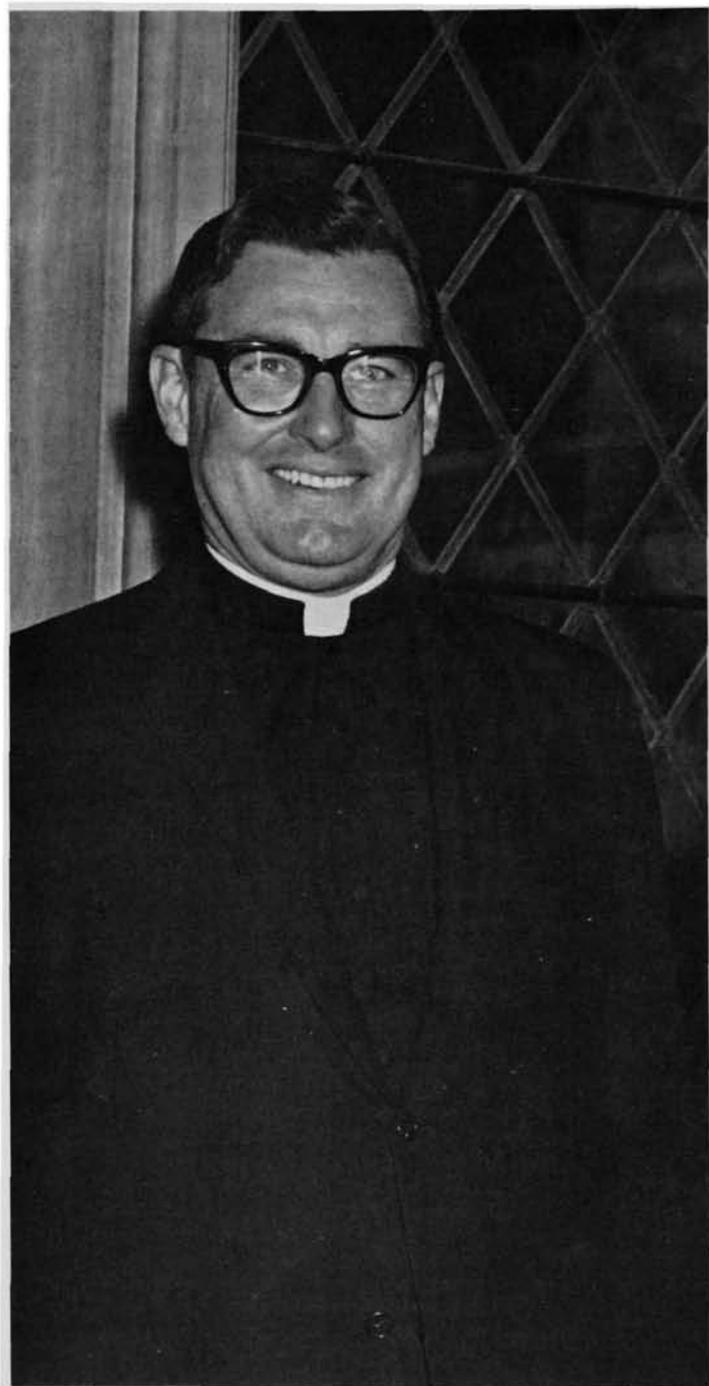
A panel of recognized experts in the field of athletic planning is being assembled by LTC William A. Knowlton, Superintendent, to review the United States Military Academy's athletic and physical education programs.

Encompassing all areas of the present athletic program, the panel intends to look specifically at the program's overall objectives, funding, organization, procedural operations, and relative athletic emphasis, both in inter-collegiate sports as well as intramural competition. Recommendations from the panel which are expected in May or June, should lead to modifications in consonance with the Academy's mission.

Chairing the three-man panel will be Mr. Ernie McCoy, Director of Athletics of Miami University.

### **Anniversary Celebration**

Holy Trinity Parish joined with Father Robert F. McCormick in celebrating the 25th anniversary of both his ordination to the priesthood and his assignment as a Catholic Chaplain at West Point. Many of his friends honored him on this double Silver Jubilee, in a Mass of celebration and a reception-buffet on Sunday March 19.





### Our Oldest Living Graduate

Brigadier General Louis M. Nuttman (Ret), the oldest living graduate of the U.S. Military Academy, celebrated his 98th birthday at his home in San Francisco on January 28.

General Nuttman, a member of the class of 1895, was presented a Swiss music box by Major General John F. Franklin Jr. (Ret), a member of the class of 1934, who represented the Association of Graduates, USMA.

The music box plays four tunes well known to General Nuttman—the *West Point March*, *Benny Havens Oh*, *Army Blue* and the *Alma Mater*.

During nearly 47 years of military service General Nuttman participated in the Spanish American War, the Philippine Insurrection, the China Relief Expedition and World War I.

He has been awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, the Croix de Guerre by France, and the Silver Star with three Oak Leaf Clusters for gallantry in action in Cuba, China, the Philippines and France.

He retired in January 1938 and became the Academy's oldest living graduate when Colonel George Houle, a graduate of the class of 1893, died on 19 December 1969.

### Cadets to Confer With USMA Grads

First and Second Classmen had the opportunity to find out what the "real" Army is like when they met with recent USMA graduates in conferences and informal discussions during the annual Recent Graduate Returnee Program, 16-20 April. Sponsored by the Office of Military Instruction, 17 junior officers of the classes of '67, '68, '69 and '70 returned to West Point for the annual program.

"We hope the cadet can glean from the junior officers what the Army is all about," MAJ Robert R. Rumph, projects officer for the visit, stated, "and increase his motivation towards an Army career."

This informal contact with junior officers, staff and faculty will maximize the benefits from this program," according to MAJ Rumph. "By relating their experiences through informal discussions with various cadet groups, they can assist in bridging the gap between the cadet's ideas of a military career and the Army as it really exists."

The program stresses the application of leadership principles in dealing with such problems as drug abuse, race relations and superior-subordinate relations.

COL Gilbert W. Kirby Jr. assumed the position of Head of the Department of Earth, Space and Graphic Sciences effective 1 March 72 upon the retirement of BG Charles R. Broshous. COL Kirby graduated from USMA in 1949 and served as an instructor and assistant professor in the Department of Military Topography and Graphics from 1956 to 1960. He was appointed Professor and Deputy Head of the Department of Earth, Space and Graphic Sciences in 1967. COL Kirby was graduated from the USA Command and General Staff College and the Army War College. He received his M.S. (CE) from the California Institute of Technology. He is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers and American Society of Engineering Education and is a licensed professional engineer in the State of New York. COL Kirby and his wife Patricia have four children: William, 19; Anne, 16; Clare, 13; and Elizabeth, 10.





Can you identify any of these Junior Black Knights of yesteryear? If so write Archives, Library USMA.

The Marquis de Lafayette, French general and hero of the American Revolution, seems to gaze down approvingly from his portrait after New York Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller signed a resolution proclaiming March 16 as West Point Day in New York. Governor Rockefeller chats with LTG William A. Knowlton, Superintendent, and COL Clayton L. Moran, Deputy Commandant. At right are BG John R. Jannarone, Dean, and Cadet Robert L. Van Antwerp, First Captain and Corps Brigade Commander. The ceremony held in the governor's office commemorated the founding of the Academy 170 years ago.



*From the collection of the U.S. Military Academy Library*



LTG William A. Knowlton, Superintendent, congratulates Cadet Gary Topping, who was named top performer in the Army-Navy game by the Chevrolet Motor Division of General Motors Corp. The Academy was presented a gift of \$1,000 for having the outstanding performer in the classic. Linebacker Topping was Army's leading tackler in the Cadets' triumph over the Mid-dies.

Winning a 3.0 grade from the Physics Department is no easy task; however, Cadets Metheny, Flyer and Weeks accomplished this feat recently. They correctly calculated the length of time that West Point could operate on the electrical power derived from the fusion of heavy water (deuterium) in two gallons of ordinary water. Checking the quantity of water are, left to right, Cadets Robert Metheny, David Flyer, and Richard Weeks and MAJ Richard Jackson of the Physics Department.





# news from the SOCIETIES

## West Point Society of Philadelphia

The West Point Society of Philadelphia has a membership roster approaching 200 graduates, ex-cadets and honoraries. Activities range from screening cadet candidates to monthly luncheons; to major annual functions such as: the Army-Navy Pre-Game Rally at the Defense Supply Center, a joint Army-Navy Dinner Dance with the Naval Alumni and a large co-ed Founders Day Dinner Dance. President of the Phila. Society, Miers C. Johnson '49, is ably assisted by Darwin Ferguson '30, V.P., Frank Steadman '29, Secretary, and Bob Douglas '33, Treasurer. A 12 man Board of Governors rounds out the leadership of the Phila. group. Shane Olshansky ex '61, P.I.O. officer reports that the highlight of the monthly luncheon program was an address by General Harold K. Johnson '33, USA (Ret), currently President of the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge.

*Founders Day Dinner Marks 45th Anniversary of Philadelphia Society:* The Annual Founders Day Dinner Dance, held March 18 at the Union League in Philadelphia, was highlighted by inspirational remarks by Col. Burke Lee, CO, 2nd Rgt., USCC. The occasion of the 45th Anniversary of the Phila. Society was marked by reminiscences by Judge Meyer Casman, Jan '18 and Walter Tully '23, leaders of the original group. The more than 170 attendees included parents of current and future cadets. This continues to be an outstanding public relations program.

*Class of '62 Members Cheer '76ers:* Steve Holderness '62 and Tom Kilmartin '62 rounded up a dozen '62ers and friends in the area and got Don DeJardin '58, General Manager of the '76ers Basketball Team to host a mini-reunion at an NBA league game. Al DeJardin '62, younger brother of Don, handled the arrangements.

Who says Philadelphia is dead? The West Point Society of Philadelphia is alive and thriving. If your Society wants some successful ideas, write to Frank Steadman '29; 3600 State Rd. Drexel Hill, PA 19026.

## West Point Society of Michigan

1971-72 Secretary/ Treasurer's Report

*Roster*—New printing with improved format was ready for mailing 1 April 1972 to all members.

Northwest Ohio alumni, primarily in the Toledo area are being invited to join our society since there is none between Bryan and Cleveland, Ohio.

*Dues*—A record 66 members paid dues this past year, some even twice! Such a generous response has been gratifying, permitting our society to be solvent for the first time in several years.



GEN Harold Johnson '33 accepts greetings of Philadelphia Society. (L to R) Olshansky '61, PIO; GEN Johnson; and Miers Johnson '49, Society Pres.

*1972 Founders Day*—Sixty members and their wives and guests attended this year's annual meeting at Orchard Lake, Michigan on 25 March 1972. The third year of a "coed" affair produced, among other things, a fine address by LTG William A. Knowlton, Superintendent, USMA.

*1971 Army-Navy Party*—Twenty-two West Point Society of Michigan members, wives and guests and 34 Navy types made our Army-Navy party the largest yet. It was held at the TACOM Officers Club for the first time. We're still disappointed at the lack of moral support (Army bodies)—maybe next year!

*Administration*—During the past year \$99.22 was expended on various projects—\$15.58 for 1971 dues, notices, printing and mailing, \$11.90 for admissions support, \$20.09 for the Army-Navy Party mailing, \$10 dues to the WPS of New York (their pubs are helpful) \$26 to support the Parents Club meeting with prospective candidates and their parents 11-14-71, \$35.74 for a general meeting with Army football coaches.

## West Point Society of the San Francisco Bay Area

Each year, during the Christmas Holidays, the alumni societies of the four Service Academies sponsor jointly a dinner dance for the cadets and midshipmen home on leave. This year, the dance was held on 23 December at the Admiral Nimitz Open Mess, Treasure Island, San Francisco, and hosted by the Coast Guard. The USMA Admissions Office provided a list of cadets with homes of record in California, and individual invitations were sent to each cadet in the North Central area. This event is proving to be more popular every year. Next year, we intend to have dates for the cadets!

The annual Winter Dance was held at the Presidio of San Francisco on 28 January 1972. Parents of USMA cadets were extended a special invitation to join the alumni, and each class was well represented.

BG Sam S. Walker '46, USMA Commandant of Cadets, was the keynote speaker of the Founders Day Dinner 17 March at the Presidio of San Francisco.

This Society will give increased emphasis to the development of a more active USMA recruitment program which would involve the establishment of an office with secretarial assistance.

### West Point Society of Cincinnati

The West Point Society of Cincinnati has grown into an active social and Academy-oriented organization, providing entertainment and lines of communications for graduates and exes in the Greater Cincinnati area. Over forty dues-paying members and associates are aboard.

Wray White '41, city manager of Indian Hill Village and our president, has kept things running smoothly with varied and fun-filled activities. A stag Monday night TV football game dinner, organized by Ed Morgan '46; an Army-Navy game TV watching and luncheon at John Lee's

'41; and a delicious covered dish dinner and Monte Carlo night organized by Steve Gray '46, and numerous helpers was attended by over 100 members and guests—these are a few of our recent gatherings. On Founders Day we joined with the Societies of Columbus, Cleveland, and Dayton for our annual dinner where we learned that the Corps has.

Running monthly throughout the year is a friendly bridge group of five tables meeting in members' homes. We cover the Cincinnati area, with Jack West '32, the most way out at Morrow, Ohio, where we have our annual box supper. WPS C has challenged WPS Dayton to a softball game and bridge contest at our spring picnic.

A real indication of our planned permanence and secure standing can best be summarized by the fact that we most recently issued permanent name tags. Any of you with whom we are not in contact is urged to contact Ken Ludovici, 6064 Peachview Drive, phone 522-3269 (home), or 579-5808.



Society President, Miers Johnson '49, notes long list of past presidents with Judge Meyer Casman, Jun '18 and Walter Tully '23 as Bob Douglas '33 looks on.

Phila. West Point Society Members hosted by 76ers Basketball General Manager, De Jardin '58. (L to R) Burch '62, Olshansky '61, Bergeron '62, De Jardin '62, De Jardin '58, Kilmartin '62, Holderness '62, Smith, Kling '62.





# down the field...

by BOB KINNEY

**W**HEN football coach Tom Cahill launched spring drills, he established three immediate objectives —(1) to identify personnel, with a strong emphasis on newcomers emerging from the Plebe ranks; (2) to test offenses and defenses and (3) to do any experimenting that might be done.

Needless to say, quite a bit has been accomplished in the interim, although there have been very few adjustments made on the two starting units. Tom Cahill didn't expect many there, for with the return of 27 lettermen from last year's improved 6-4 squad, he knew he could rely heavily on an experience factor. Of the 27 letter-winners returning, 14 were starters during the second half of the 1971 season.

A general lack of depth at most positions, plus the absence of overall team speed, are the two problem areas which most concern the ARMY coaching staff. "There's very little we can do about the speed factor," says Cahill, "but we're taking a good, long look at several people with the hope of building some depth." Close to 140 players were on hand when spring drills began in early April, and only a few less than that are still being carried on the roster.

With practice sessions reaching the halfway point, daily lineup sheets list lettermen in starting positions at ten spots on both the offensive and defensive units. These,

too, do not include kicking specialist Jim Barclay (Chattanooga, TN), who topped the Cadets in scoring a year ago with 41 points, and punter Ron Danhof (McMinnville, TN), who is seeing duty with the ARMY baseball team this spring.

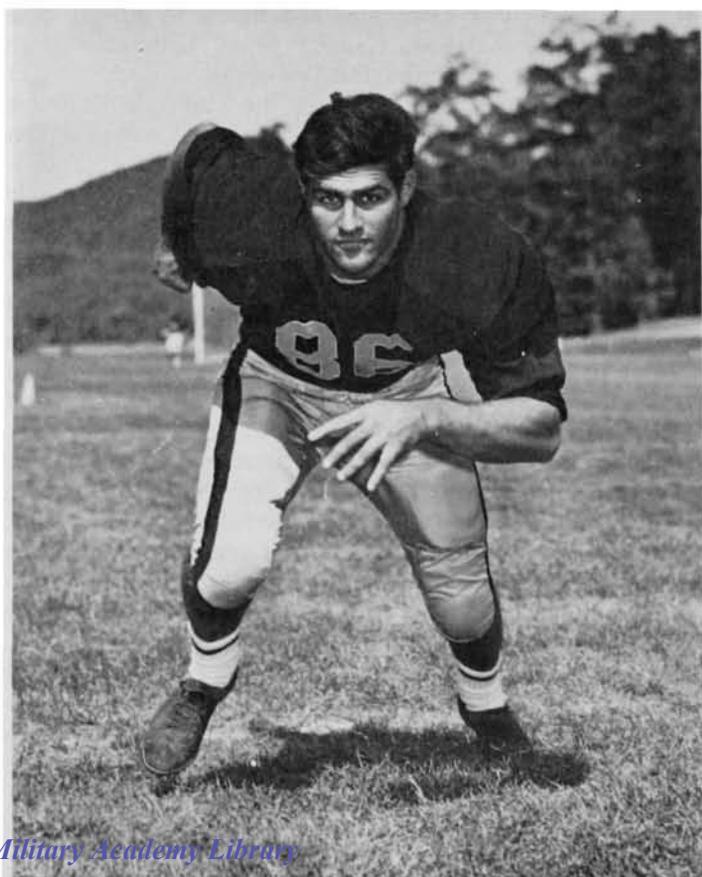
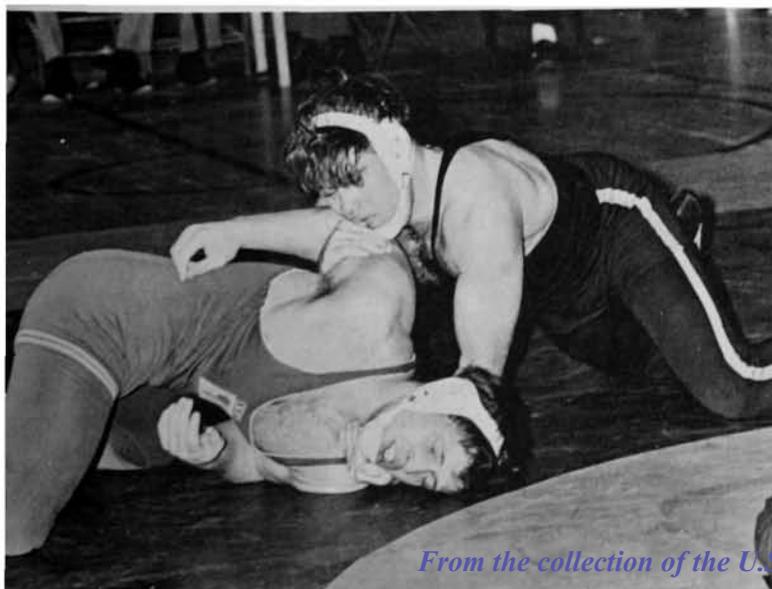
The only non-letterman holding down a starting berth on the offensive unit is guard Glenn Webster (Baton Rouge, LA). He barely missed earning his letter last fall, though, and has a good deal of playing time to his credit. Offering stiff challenges are Roger Mills (Schuylerville, NY) and tight end transplant George Chobany (Portage, PA).

Cliff Volz (Newark, NJ), one of the finest centers in the East, will bolster the offensive line from his pivot spot. Surrounding him will be guard Bill Barker (Rochester, NY) and tackles Ted Krawczyk (Convent Station, NJ) and Mike Flannery (Bloomfield, NJ). Ed Francis (West Haven, CT), second in receiving last year with 23 receptions, figures to move from flanker to split end, while Joe Miller (Worthington, OH) will be at tight end. Miller was a starter for half the '71 campaign.

Most of the starting backfield which claimed a 24-23 victory over Navy in last year's grand finale returns intact. Calling the signals will be Kingsley Fink (Eau Gallie, FL), who passed for just under 800 yards last fall and quarterbacked the Cadets to wins in four of the last five contests.

**TEAM LEADER FOR 1972 SEASON**—That's defensive end Steve Bogosian, the captain for the '72 football season. Bogosian, a prime candidate for all-America recognition, has been called by Tom Cahill "one of the finest football players I have ever had the privilege of coaching." Cadets open '72 schedule against national champion Nebraska Sept. 23 at Michie Stadium.

**PINNING COMBINATION**—The idea in wrestling is to pin your opponent, which is precisely what the Army grappler is trying to do here, as 190-pounder Dale Morgan works on NYU's John Hohmann.





CLOSE CHECKING—Army's Ken Vogel (15) takes this New Hampshire skater out of the way as Matt Eaton (6) and Pat McGarry (20) try to set up score. Cadets dropped a 4-0 decision to New Englanders.

Supporting him will be Dick Atha (Worthington, OH), a two-year letterman and the starter for the first half of the '71 season.

The running back spots should be well manned with the return of lettermen Bob Hines (Chester, PA) and Bruce Simpson (Rome, NY) and reserve Bob Portante (Windber, PA). Hines and Simpson ranked second and third in rushing a year ago, and figure to provide the Cadets with a balanced running game. Lettermen Mike Gaines (Atlanta, GA) and Jim Ward (Silver Spring, MD) were engaged in a fierce battle for the flanker berth, but a broken leg suffered by Ward will keep him out of action for the rest of the spring session.

Defensively, the biggest job has been filling the hole left at defensive end by the departure of John Roth, last year's team captain and all-East performer. The top candidate at present is Bob Souza (Mansfield, MA).

There will be no problem at the other defensive end spot, though, where all-America candidate Steve Bogosian (Massena, NY) returns. This year's team captain, Bogosian is rated by Cahill as "one of the finest football players I have ever had the privilege of coaching."

Four veterans return at defensive tackle. Charlie Mitchell (Allentown, PA) and Gerry Markham (South Milwaukee, WI) have looked the best during spring drills, although Doug Hartline (Balboa, Canal Zone) can't be counted out of the race. There's also Kevin Craig (Ocean-side, NY), excused from spring workouts because of duty as a first baseman with the baseball team.

Gary Topping (Columbus, OH), a candidate for regional honors, and Tim Pfister (Hamilton, OH) key the linebacking corps, and can count on help from Skip Whit-

man (Manasquan, NJ) and Dave Molten (Scotch Plains, NJ), a converted halfback. Manning the corners should be Joe Furloni (Barre, VT) and Scott Beaty (Tulsa, OK), both lettermen, with Jim Cisek (West Sayville, NY) not far behind.

There's plenty of talent available in the defensive secondary, as well. Matt Wotell (Delran, NJ) is rated one of the best halfbacks in the East, and will be joined by the likes of Mercer Ferguson (Kansas City, MO), Grover Dailey (Conyers, GA) and Jim Bryan (St. Louis, MO). All four are lettermen with plenty of game experience.

With lettermen forming what is hoped will be a solid nucleus, newcomers figure to have a rough time breaking in. There are three that could make their presence felt soon, though. Offensive ends Fred Pakis (Willowick, OH) and Barry Armstrong (Baltimore, MD) bring strong credentials with them, as does center Neil Begley (East Northport, NY). Pakis has been excused from spring practice due to knee rehabilitation.

Since Tom Cahill took over the head coaching chores in 1966, he has never known the luxury of 27 returning lettermen. It's a feeling he rather likes.

#### WINTER ROUNDUP

The 1971-72 winter season may not have been the most successful one in the annals of sport at the Military Academy, yet by the same token it was far from the most disastrous.

True, there were shortcomings as four varsity squads finished below the .500 level. Yet seven others were on the winning side of the ledger, with many showing marked

improvement over the previous season. There was a national championship won, too... also an undefeated record and all-America and all-Sectional honors for several individuals.

The bad news first, and best forgotten. In head-to-head competition with arch-rival Navy in nine winter sports, the Cadets could come up a winner only once. That lone victory came in rifle, and helped Coach Al O'Neill's sharpshooters complete a perfect 10-0 season.

As a result of the dismal 1-8 showing against Navy during the winter competition, there is now no way the Cadets can take the annual series with their Navy counterparts. Five events will be contested this spring, yet a clean sweep in all five wouldn't be enough to erase the 10-3 advantage currently held by the Midshipmen.

The disappointing news second. Tailspins at the end of their respective schedules cost the basketball, hockey, swimming and gymnastics teams winning records. The cagers dropped six of their last seven... hockey managed only three wins in its final eight outings... swimming lost its last four meets... and gymnastics suffered losses in five of its final six contests.

Now for the good news. As previously mentioned, rifle posted an undefeated mark to stand atop the rankings, while pistol (11-1), squash (12-4) and fencing (10-4) all were over the .700 level. In addition, winning records came from the wrestling (13-6-1) and indoor track (6-5) teams.

Overall, the final winter record read 93 victories, 61 defeats and one tie. With a little arithmetic, that figures out to a winning percentage of .604.

Following are highlights of the winter season:

**BASKETBALL (11-13)** — First-year coach Dan

Dougherty would like to forget the final three weeks of the season, but not what happened before that. Only that disastrous tailspin prevented his cagers from completing the campaign with a winning record. Looking at the last six defeats alone, five were lost by a combined total of only nine points!

February began well enough with victories over Buffalo and St. John's, and that's putting it mildly. Buffalo came to West Point red hot, with an offensive scoring average close to 100 points per game. But the Cadets were not to be denied that night, and behind a career-high 37-point performance by guard Bobby Sherwin (Anaheim, CA), downed the Buffaloes, 80-74.

Sherwin continued to provide the spark three nights later at St. John's, hitting for 27 big ones in leading Army to an upset 73-70 decision over the Redmen, a team later invited to the NIT. Sherwin wasn't alone that night, either, as the entire ARMY team played key roles in stunning the home crowd at the Jamaica gymnasium.

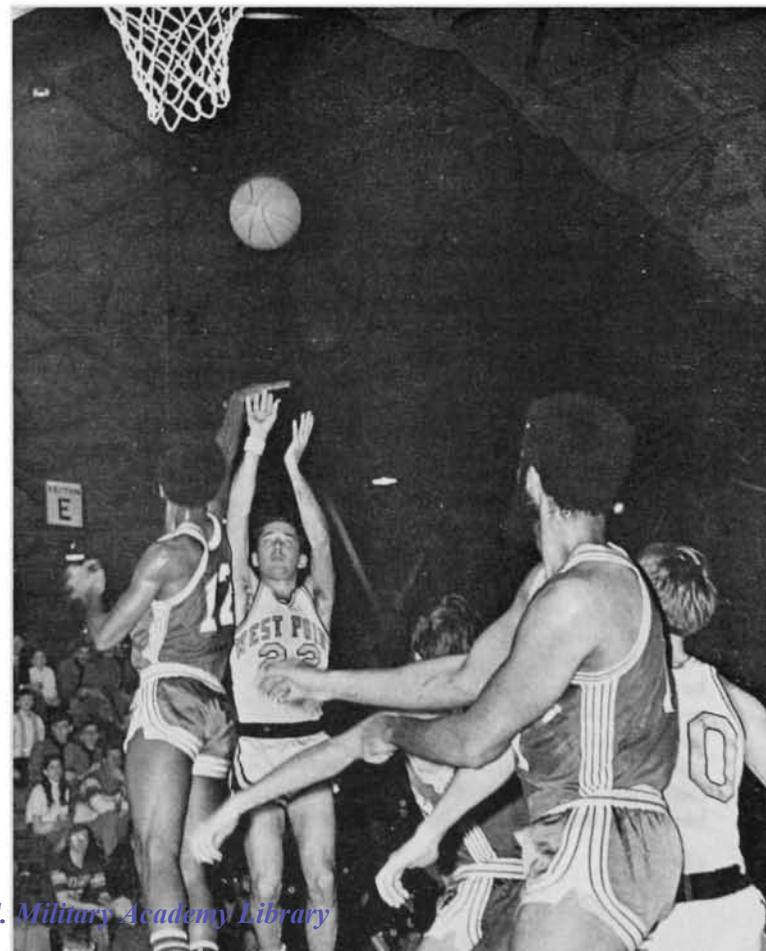
But then the foundation began to crack, and the Cadets were to win just one of the remaining seven games on the schedule. They lost by single points to Rutgers, Navy and Northeastern, by two to Iona and by four to Manhattan. The Navy loss was disappointing for a number of reasons, and marked the first victory by a Middie team over ARMY in nine years.

Sherwin, elected team captain for the 1972-73 season, reaped well in post-season honors. First, his selection as captain for next year. Then a berth on the all-Metropolitan team, as chosen by the NY Basketball Writers Association. And finally recognition for his outstanding scoring all year long. In final NCAA statistical (Continued on page 45)

**TWO FOR MUELLER**—Army captain Ed Mueller goes up for basket during annual clash with Navy, despite roadblock set up by pair of Middie defenders. Navy rallied in closing seconds to take a 61-60 decision, in the process stopping an eight-game Army winning streak in the series rivalry.



**ON TARGET**—High-scoring guard Bobby Sherwin lets fly with field goal attempt during scrap with visiting Manhattan. Jaspers defeated Cadets, 87-83, despite 27-point effort by Sherwin. Final NCAA statistics had Sherwin, captain-elect for next season, among leaders in scoring and free throw percentage.



## Second Careers

Continued from page 17

desirable civilian job after leaving active duty. The remaining respondents said that they had had an easy time. One explanation for such a large proportion experiencing difficulty may be that laws (e.g., Dual Compensation) and other proprieties have restricted or excluded USMA graduates from certain civilian jobs. In fact, approximately half of the respondents stated that they had been affected by these restrictions. The influence of inadequate preparation for transition to civilian employment, as discussed earlier, should also be considered. Since most of the respondents left active duty prior to the current job market squeeze, it is safe to say that the tight job market existing today had little effect.

### CIVILIAN JOB

One of the most striking findings from the questions that were asked in regard to the respondents' civilian occupations was the diversity of occupations in which the USMA graduates found employment. From the total of 58 specific occupations presented, the respondents listed 43 as their civilian occupations. The 58 categories were broken down into 10 broader divisions and appear in Table 2. More respondents fell into the professional, technical, or kindred worker field than in all the other areas combined. The salaried manager, official, or proprietor field was a distant second, and a sprinkling of retirees were found throughout most of the remaining fields. Typically, the jobs that the respondents held were with large organizations, with 30 percent indicating that they were part of a 10,000-or-more employee organization. Only 14 percent worked for a firm with less than 25 employees.

The most frequently used index to judge occupational success is annual salary. The annual salaries of those employed either part-time or full-time appear in Table 3. As can be seen from the table, the modal category is \$15,000-21,999. However, it must be realized that this table includes not only full-time but also part-time employees. No doubt, there would be a shift upward if the part-timers were eliminated. In terms of total annual income, the most common range was from \$22,000-29,999. Total annual income included salary, military retirement pay, interest, and anything else that added to an individual's yearly financial income.

Perhaps the ultimate standard that can be used to gauge success in civilian life is to find out how the respondent himself perceives his total civilian situation. One question in the survey gathered information on this point and asked each retiree whether or not he considered himself to be a success in civilian life. Ninety-one percent stated that they were an unqualified or qualified success. Only nine percent said no. Apparently, the vast majority feel that they have been able to close the gap between the military and civilian situa-

tions and perceive themselves as successful in the latter.

To gain further qualitative data on civilian success, a question was included which asked the retirees to list some of their significant civilian accomplishments. By far the two most prevalent accomplishments concerned work and civic-community affairs. Close to 70 percent of the respondents listed some kind of achievement in their work as a significant accomplishment. One individual said that he was in the construction business and making over \$300,000 per year. Another was the president of a \$6,000,000 corporation. One respondent stated that he was making only \$5,000 a year as a security guard, but that he was happy in his retirement because he did not intend to do much. As far as civic-community affairs are concerned, 56 percent of the respondents indicated that they had achieved something significant in this field as a civilian. Many were on the boards of voluntary and charitable organizations. Others were active in such diverse programs as improvement of education, sewage disposal, and recreation facilities. The remaining categories, in decreasing order, used to describe significant civilian accomplishments, were primarily concerned with writing, family life, and teaching. It should be noted that the percentages tally to more than 100 because each respondent was allowed to list more than one accomplishment.

### RECOMMENDATIONS BY RETIREES

Information in regard to what recommendations or changes should be made in the retirement system came mainly from one open-ended question and several multiple choice questions. The most common essay answer concerned recomputation. Thirty percent of the respondents listed this as a necessary change, primarily because an inequity exists in the present system between the compensation paid to older retirees and those more recently retired. In answering one of the multiple choice questions on this topic, over 85 percent of the respondents indicated that recomputation was an important issue.

Thirteen percent of the respondents feel that more counseling or advisory information should be given in the year prior to retirement. One retiree recommended that a placement service for USMA graduates be set up. He believes that there are civilian employers looking for the unique abilities and character

that USMA graduates possess, but that these employers are not widespread and that the individual West Pointer has difficulty in locating them. A placement service would eliminate this difficulty according to this retiree.

Fringe benefits were also listed by 13 percent of the respondents as an area that needs changing. Many feel that their fringe benefits have gradually eroded over the years. Some point to base closings (with subsequent loss of PX and Commissary privileges), restriction or elimination of medical care at some bases, difficulties with Medicare after the discontinuation of CHAMPUS at age 65, and lack of dental care for dependents as areas in which they would like to see improvements made. Another area that needs changing, according to the 13 percent of the respondents who listed it in their essays, is the regulation on mandatory retirement. One retiree expressed the sentiments of the others when he said that neither age nor length of service should be the criterion for mandatory retirement; only a demonstrated incapacity to do one's job should serve as the major criterion. He claimed that his enforced retirement at age 52 was a waste to the Army of unique experience and competence. A second retiree added a sequel to this when he stated that, granting Congress does (and probably must) set very specific limitations on the number of regular, active duty officers in each grade, there still should be ways of not wasting these resources. He claimed that the answer lies in creating a separate pool (large enough to hold those officers of high caliber) of "retired and immediately called back to active duty" officers for those jobs requiring maturity and long experience. Put them in civilian clothing if you will and bar them from further promotion, but use their know-how. The cost would only be the difference between retired pay and active duty pay plus quarter's allowance—a pittance!

The remaining responses to the essay question concerning desired retirement system changes were spread throughout many different areas. Included were improvement of survivors benefits, elimination of dual compensation laws, more retirement pay, and placing the personal into personnel. The most optimistic responses were given by 20 percent of the respondents who indicated that they could think of no changes that were needed or were satisfied with the present system. These respondents are best represented by the retiree who said that the fringe benefits of having a service career are presently a great help to his retirement.

Perhaps the overall value of the present retirement system can be aptly summed up by looking at the responses to one of the multiple choice questions which pertained to that type of retirement system the retirees preferred. Seventy percent replied that they prefer the present system. Twenty-three percent wanted greater retirement benefits but lower pay while on active duty; and the remaining seven percent wanted lower retirement



benefits but higher pay while on active duty.

It should be recalled that all of the above information has been supplied by USMA graduates who retired after 20 or more years of active duty. However, graduates who left the service prior to 20 years of active duty were also surveyed. A few words highlighting the major differences in the responses of the over and under 20-year groups should give a better understanding of the data. For the sake of clarity the under 20-year group was broken into two parts, those with five years and less active duty, and those with six to 19 years of active duty. Perhaps the most significant finding was that there was a slight trend to place more value on USMA's academic and non-academic training for one's civilian occupation the less time a graduate was in the military service. In other words the graduates with five years and less of active duty placed greater value on their USMA education than did the other two groups; and the 20-year and more group placed the least value on it. However, all three groups considered their Military Academy education as valuable for their civilian occupation. What this appears to indicate is that even if an individual does not make the military service his career, he probably will find his training at USMA to be of high value in his civilian occupation.

The trend noted above was reversed when it came to the value placed on service experience to one's civilian occupation. This makes sense since the less time a respondent spent in the service the less chance he had to avail himself of service education and training.

One last trend that will be pointed out is for annual salary from their civilian jobs. All three groups are about equally represented in the middle ranges, \$11,000 to \$29,999, but fewer graduates with more than 20 years of active duty are represented in the \$30,000 and over bracket. The annual salaries of the two under 20-year groups are roughly comparable.

This article has not exhausted the information that was obtained from the graduates. Only a small segment of the total number of questions asked has been reported upon here. Future investigations will include the effects of education, career branch, age at retirement, and specialist versus generalist orientation upon civilian employment experiences.

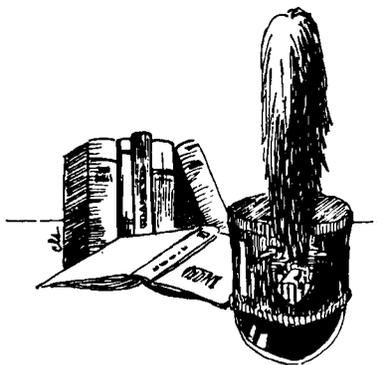


## Leadership Evaluation

Continued from page 21

**Chain of Command Component**—The Chain of Command component consists of performance ratings administered on all cadets by their cadet superiors within the Cadet Chain of Command. This rating is accomplished three times during the academic year and once during summer training.

SPRING 1972



**Position Component**—The Position component consists of a relatively small weighting designed to give additional credit to cadets who are performing in positions which require relatively greater effort, more time, and additional responsibility. It is also designed to allow some weight in the system for the "make list" procedures and results which do constitute a slightly different and additional evaluation of a cadet's leadership potential and performance.

To provide a gross indicator the four components of the system are combined proportionally to make up a single index of relative leadership ability. This indicator is called the Leadership Evaluation Score and is expressed in terms of a leadership order of merit. Scoring is computerized and all numerical information is consolidated periodically throughout the year. The LES order of merit is the determinant of the leadership grade input to the General Order of Merit; it is also an important factor in the "make list" selection process, and is a means of flagging those cadets in need of the counseling and guidance efforts of the Tactical Officer.

The quantification of the subjective evaluations must not be over-emphasized, however. Measurement in human systems is at best crude. The Tactical Officer can get a rough indication of a cadet's current state of leadership development from the numbers, but nothing further. Rather, the most important portion of the leadership development program is accomplished by the wide variety of specific information supplied on each cadet by the system. It is the detailed explanations of numerical ratings provided by the Cadet Chain of Command, classmates, instructors, and all other raters that allow the Tactical Officer to accurately determine if there are leadership problems involved, and what course of action is necessary to facilitate im-



provement. The case of each cadet is unique and necessitates a thorough analysis and an individualized program to ensure development. Everyone involved must bear in mind that numbers are only indicators.

## CONCLUSION

The purpose of the Leadership Evaluation System is to provide accurate, usable information about ability and performance on which to base the guidance and counseling that will ultimately lead to improved performance. The system provides for rewarding leadership proficiency, for separating those cadets who do not possess sufficient military leadership potential for commissioning, for emphasizing specific behaviors which relate to the Academy's core values, Duty, Honor, and Country, and to provide practice for cadets in evaluating leadership behavior. The system is largely dependent on subjective evaluations and is designed to evaluate a cadet from as many different views and perspectives, in as many different situations as is possible. The system is under continuous study to ensure its predictive validity, to verify the relative validity and weightings of its components and to improve the quality of the data it transmits. In accomplishing its mission, the Leadership Evaluation System is successfully serving today's West Point, and tomorrow's Army.



## Down The Field

Continued from page 43

rankings, Sherwin was fifth in free throw percentage (.880) and 40th in scoring with his 22.6 per game average.

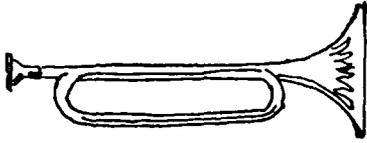
Three lettermen—Ed Mueller (Lima, OH), Wally Wojdakowski (Gunnison, CO), and Skip Loucks (Dayton, OH)—will graduate in June, but Dan Dougherty can anticipate the return of four others, as well as a group of newcomers emerging from the Plebe squad which compiled an 11-6 record. In addition to Sherwin, others returning will be Chris Petersen (Roselle, IL), John O'Maley (Loogootee, IN), and Doug Crewse (Bell Gardens, CA).

**FENCING (10-4)**—Victories in five of the final seven matches carried John Gera-ci's fencers to another winning campaign. They weren't able to add Navy to the list of victims, but did outduel such schools as Air Force, Princeton, and Pennsylvania.

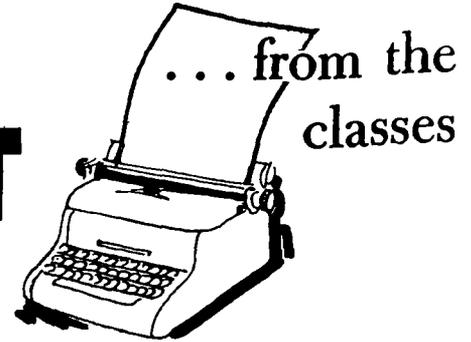
Dave Huntoon (Baltimore, MD) distinguished himself at year's end with a fifth-place finish in the NCAA sabre competition, good enough for all-America status. George Weightman (Eden Mills, VT), who enjoyed a fine year in the epee class, was voted captain for 1972-73.

**GYMNASTICS (4-6)**—The gymnasts split their first four meets right down the middle, but the schedule caught up with

Continued on page 96



# REPORT



## '03

MG Max C. Tyler  
3901 Connecticut Ave., NW,  
Washington, DC 20008

Satilla Franklin reports from Morristown, TN, that her husband John F. Franklin is sick in the hospital. Their son MG John F. Franklin graduated from WP in the Class of '34 and after a distinguished active service retired in 1970. He lives in Hillsborough, CA.

"Jakie" Wuest reports he has been on sick report since 23 Feb; major surgery of small intestines not yet fully recovered but sweating it out in his own home with the assistance of nurses around the clock. He sends best wishes to all. Lewis Turtle (The Silurian) reports that he had considerable pain whenever he stood but did not dare investigate until his Income Tax Return had been mailed. The trouble was finally found to be Arthritis and he was forced to bed and was almost unable to attend Founders Day Dinner where he had been the Oldest Graduate for years but he barely made it with much assistance from MG Russ, USMA '35, next to whom they are most fortunate to live.

Clifford Jones reports they were still in FL (14 Apr) but expected to be back in Norcross, GA in two weeks. Mary regrets having to leave her yard of flowers. Their son Clifford Jones Jr. is driving down from DC to drive them to Norcross. He graduated from WP in '55 and is a LTC in R&D. Clifford says Mary and he have been fairly well this winter but he finds his 92 years are beginning to have some effect. Marion Howze passed his 92d birthday anniversary successfully last Feb. He still looks very young and is by far the most active of those left in '03.

Denise Schley, widow of our Julian Schley, that great Ch of Engrs of the Army, keeps in touch with Florence Farnum in Cumberland Foreside, Portland, ME by telephone or visits. Puss Farnum is far from well. Denise drives her own car, rain or shine, day or night. She helps her many friends who can no longer drive by furnishing them transportation. Tess Milton, our "Johnny" Milton's widow has not yet fully recovered from her broken hip but she can walk a little with a cane. The Doctors consider it unsafe to remove the many pins at this time.

## '07

COL Alexander W. Chilton  
PO Box 27  
Mesilla Park, NM 88047

All of the '07 members have now corresponded with the Scribe. Some of the responses have been minimal, but others have shown a gratifying warmth. Dick Park wrote at length from Greece, carefully avoiding the political situation. Wisely, perhaps, for his wife has another year of service with the central

Our Association membership of 20,908 represents over 97% of our living graduates.

Graduates and former cadets who are not now members of the Association are cordially invited to contact the Secretary for the appropriate application form.

His address:

Secretary  
Association of Graduates  
West Point, NY 10996

government. I talked with Eddie Householder by telephone, and learned that he is still enjoying the house he built near Banning, CA, with its gorgeous view of the San Jacinto Mtns. He leaves his pleasure dome to make frequent trips to friends and relatives in adjacent parts of CA. A letter from MacLachlan late in Jan completed my roll-call of the Class. Skinny began late, but he promises to be one of the Class Founders—of descendants, that is. For his son William I. '50 has presented him with five grandchildren, and his daughter, with two. Skinny has been refused a driver's license by the state of CA but his wife Mildred is a willing chauffeur.

Valerie Hayden sent me a most pleasant letter, inspired by her reading the note about the scholarship founded in memory of Wagner. In the year before his death, Herbert began arrangements (which were ably completed by his widow) with the USMA for establishing the Herbert Bainbridge Hayden Memorial Award. The Academic Board decided that the award should go to the graduating cadet standing highest in the basic sciences. It was first awarded in 1971. Too, Herbert arranged to lodge with the Special Collections Section of the USMA Library the Bainbridge-Reynolds-Hayden Collection of his own papers of interest, those of his great-grandfather Bainbridge, USMA 1824, of his grand-uncle Bainbridge, USMA 1856, and of his grandfather Reynolds, USMA 1843, the hero of the first day's battle at Gettysburg.

Oliver Wood writes that he, too, had established a scholarship fund—this one for students at the U. of AR. Tom Spencer must be accorded the title of "Traveler of the Year." Before Xmas, he spent some weeks in Mexico, at the hottest of the hot spots for the Jet Set—Puerto Vallarta. On 4 Feb, he was scheduled to leave for Colombia, Peru, the Chilean Lakes, Buenos Aires, and Rio, as a starter. Then he was off to visit in South Africa, thence to a half-dozen cities in Australia, to New Zealand, to San Francisco, followed by a month in CA to check up on his prune orchard. Father Time will come up panting when Tom shows at WP for our 65th anniversary.

I wonder if I am the only one to regret a change of emphasis in the June Week ceremonies for the returning graduates of an earlier day? Surely, the meeting of the AOG is not our reason for coming back at five year intervals. The Assn could meet in the Houston Astrodome, so far as its business is concerned. No, if it isn't a sentimental journey, it is only an inconvenient trip. Nor is that sentiment satisfied by greeting contemporaries to whom I am no longer important. The compelling reason is the Antaeus-like one of touching a re-vivifying soil. Fifteen years ago, at my 50th anniversary, I was invited to the Supe's reception for the graduating class, to the Scholarship and Athletic Awards Review, to the Sat afternoon contest with the Navy, to an attendance at Cadet Chapel, to Graduation Parade, to the graduation exercises. This time, I am not asked to any of them. I don't suppose anyone would throw me out if I went to any or all of them, but that is not the point. I don't want to go as a spectator. I want to go as belonging, as renewing an essential part of me. I want those few moments of unbelieving but joyous amazement when I remember that I was a member of that vigorous body of young men I see in front of me, and did what they are doing. I want to recall that

"I too walked in gray  
Under these trees,  
And heard the call of May  
Come on the breeze."

## '10

BG Burton O. Lewis  
The Berkshire, Apt. 6016E  
4201 Massachusetts Avenue, NW,  
Washington, DC 20016

We are most happy to report the marriage of Mrs. Gwladys O. Leonard and COL Carey H. Brown on Sat afternoon 4 Mar 72 in the Chapel of the Presidents at the Nat'l Presbyterian Church of DC. A small group of relatives and close friends attended the wedding which was followed by a reception at the A-N Town Club. Miss Eleanor Porter of Brooklyn, NY, who had been Gwladys' Maid of Honor at her marriage to Joe Leonard, again served in this same capacity. Carey's eldest son Herbert was the Best Man with P. D. Uhl and your Scribe as Honorary Ushers. COL and Mrs. Brown will make their home at the Westchester Apts, 4000 Cathedral Ave., NW., DC 20016.

Fritz Strong who had been vacationing in FL did not make the wedding but arrived the following week and hosted a '10 Dinner party for the newlyweds. Fritz then stayed on for several days visiting friends in and around DC before he departed for his home in Orchard Lake, MI

A grand letter recently received from Genevieve and Mike Dawley, who still live near Carmel, CA, saying "Cheerio" and extending best regards to all of '10.

We are sad to report the passing of Portia Wagar Marshburn at her home in Georgetown after a long illness. COL Herbert E. Marshburn died in '43 and their only child, LT H.E.M. Jr. USA was lost in action during the Korean War. Portia had no immediate survivors.

Olive Wilson continues to live very comfortably in their home in Arlington, VA with a housekeeper companion who also drives Olive around in her car.

# '11

BG Harold F. Nichols  
2040 Franklin St., Apt. 903  
San Francisco, CA 94109

A call in early Mar to Margaret Crawford brought word that Jimmie was home after a month in the Ft. Benning hosp. and was steadily improving and putting on some lost weight.

Helen and John Hatch especially enjoyed their 1971 Xmas with a homecoming of numerous descendants including two great-grandchildren. John also wrote that he had received a good letter from Phil Kieffer's son, LTC William Brett Kieffer, USAF, USMA '38, who was retired in '70 and now lives in Edmundson, New Brunswick, Canada. He also had heard from the GEN's mother, Beatrice Brett Kieffer.

A mid-Feb note from Edna Gilbreath said that all was well with her and that she had preferred staying in her Austin home to accepting an invitation to a Xmas trip to Mexico City. For Edna and many of us, there is no place like home!

It is sad to report the death on 14 Feb '72 of Jeanette Howard Hardigg, at "Colonel's Vantage," the home near Madison, IN, where Bill settled his family on his ret. in 1946. Jeanette was a niece of his first wife, Josephine Brew, and a wonderful mother to Josephine's children. Speck Wheeler reported the interment in the Hardigg plot in Arlington Cemetery on 18 Feb. Survivors are the two Hardigg sons and daughter and their families.

Cherry Lockwood has quite recovered from a cataract operation in Feb, and Gerry Stanton recently returned to her Oakland home after an interesting cruise of several months around South America on a Norwegian freighter—not the one that went aground down toward the South Pole.

Referring to the Hatch item above, your Scribe and his Gerta were a part of a cheery family gathering in Carmichael, CA, the Xmas Eve group totaling in the 20s and including seven great-grandchildren.

The local San Francisco Bay Area gang, the Bagbys, Cowles, Lockwoods, Nichols, Helen Shekerjian, Gerry Stanton and Mollie Weaver, continues much the same with perhaps a few extra twinges credited to old age or carelessness. Sorry there is not more news of classmates elsewhere.

# '13

COL Joseph W. Viner  
936 Cardinal Road  
Virginia Beach, VA 23451

Our Class of '13 regretfully announces the loss of two classmates, "Sonny" Gibson and Bob Van Volkenburgh. Both were buried at WP—Son on 15 Feb and Bob on 13 Mar. Our ranks are thinning as we lost Rafferty, McMahon, Underhill, Corlett and Toohey in '71.

Have had no serious news from others save some have arthritis while most all the

SPRING 1972

Ladies of the Class report "OK" and most taking trip to some place. Keep well for '73 as this is our 60th Reunion year and we hope to muster 100 per cent. Time and place later in year.

Thru generous gift of "Tex" Davidson plus our Class Fund we gave in lieu of flowers, carpet for the church in Espanola, NM, in memory of Pete Corlett.

Had a newsy letter from Ella Roberts (wife of Wm. L. Roberts). We forgot to mail her our Xmas letter so Priscilla Newgarden told her to get one from me. Did I miss anyone else?

Minna Crutcher wrote that in falling she had cracked a bone so was in the hospital for a month—out and "OK" now. Had a visit from her sister Evalyn Bixel (Bixel '27) and GEN Bixel who were on way to Mexico.

Did "Pinky" Crane and Lois tell you of the big 50th Wedding Anniversary they had on the VA farm last 20 Jun. More than 20 of the family joined in the event.

I visited "Bones" and Lucile Kimmel in Hampton, VA, on 16 Mar. I do this each year prior to the USMA birthday party at Ft. Monroe where I have been for years the Oldest Grad. Both are well and a fine classmate to visit.

Archer Dorst phoned me in Feb about Bob Van Volkenburgh being sick. Jean (Bob's wife) is ill and in a nursing home. Archer tells me that after graduation in '13 he joined the Engrs at Ft. Belvoir, VA, and on work on banks of Potomac he lost his '13 Class ring. In Oct of 71—some 58 years later—a trooper looking for old relics found the ring and returned it to him. The relics were British cannon balls from shelling of DC in 1812 War.

Ella Considine reports a lengthy trip to S. America in 71 and a visit to her son Mike who works in a Panama bank. Her other son John Jr. works in CA.

Harriet Foote was in VA Beach at Xmas time. Her son Morris, who graduated from USNA a few years ago, has been given his own ship, the USS Green Bay—home port Norfolk.

Any '13er visiting DC should call on the Army Distaff House to see Dorothy Young, Cornelia Peale and Helen McCuniff.

No word from Lathe Row of Lead, SD. Perhaps he's in 5 ft of snow—though he said he might get out and go to Guadalajara, Mexico, for the winter.

Junius Jones and wife Anne took a trip West last fall and stopped in San Antonio for a party with Nelson and Frank. All reported "OK." Jonnie and Doris Johnson paid the Joneses a visit at their LA plantation—called "Centenaria." Perhaps we ought next winter to hold our 60th Reunion at such a Southern place.

Selby Frank reports the whereabouts of his Army family. One daughter (Ret. Air Corps) is in Wichita, KS, one son (Ret. AF) is in Nashville, TN, one son-in-law is in Germany commanding the 8th Div., and one son (Ret. Army) lives in Capetown, Africa. He says it takes all summer to visit all.

Marquerite Spragins also writes of her family. She keeps traveling to see all and wants to come to WP for our 60th. One in HI—BG Chas. Nichols Spragins. One, BG Robert B. Spragins is Ret. and lives in Huntsville, AL. Another son, COL Stewart Van Vliet Spragins is a Wg Cmdr in England and was of late Asst Comdt at AF Academy.

As to the Viners all are OK.

# '14

COL John H. Carruth  
504 Tanglebriar Lane  
San Antonio, TX 78209

This is being written on 14 Mar, and my deadline is tomorrow, so I'm rushed and must connect up with my Class Letter for the Winter, 1972 issue, which hasn't yet arrived. The AOG of the Academy has taken over the job of handling the publication of the REGISTER OF GRADUATES AND FORMER CADETS, in addition to ASSEMBLY, and has a new editor for ASSEMBLY—quite a lot of editing and publishing responsibility, "in addition to other duties," which I'm sure explains the slowness in the arrival of ASSEMBLY. Fortunately, I have a typewritten copy of my Winter, 1972 letter.

This will be shorter than the last letter, due to the dearth of Class news; and I'm sorry that some of it is not "glad tidings." We're all getting older and moving slower as the days fly by, and this is perfectly normal. At least, we are living in an exciting and momentous age, and should be grateful to be able to see history unfold via the newspapers, magazines, radio and television. On television, Earl and I enjoy watching election news, golf, baseball, hockey, pro football and especially the A-N game, "win, lose but not draw"; and listening to news of a world in turmoil, full of problems to be solved. I, for one, believe they will be, because they must.

The present officers of the Class, since Skimp Brand and Empie Potts died, are, as most of you know, Tooley Spaatz, Pres, Dad Ingles, VP, Holcombe, Treas and I am still Sec'y and "Scribe" for '14 in ASSEMBLY. There have been several deaths or changes of address since Skimp got out his Class list dated 10 May 69, so I plan to get out a new list as soon as I can find the time. It will be confined to the '14 living graduates and non-graduates, and '14 widows, giving their present addresses.

From all reports, John Henry Woodberry is continuing to make progress, and Ike Gill is looking much improved and is more cheerful and taking part in social events. We see Cecile Clark almost weekly and she is well. Earl and I saw Cecile Clark, Tim Rees, and Ike Gill at a dinner party at the Ft. Sam Houston Club last night, all looking fine. The Founders Day Dinner will be at the club on the evening of 16 Mar, and the address will be by the Commandant of Cadets. Tim, Ike and I will, I suppose, sit at the head table, as we have for the past two years. This means we should be in "tuxes" rather than in regular suits. The attendance is large and the address and menu usually both very good.

Before I forget to mention it, I received from Muriel Thurber, in addition to her Xmas card, an Xmas note. In the note, of particular Class interest was her mentioning that she still has her house on the shore of Lake Washington in Seattle and her cruiser, and that ever since '48—for the past 23 years—she has entertained the members of the WP Soc of Puget Sound at a swim, boating and supper party. It is clear that Phil's being a WPer means much to her. As usual she is wintering at the Royal Hawaiian Hotel, Honolulu, Zip 96815, until 15 May.

In my last Class Letter, I wrote of the serious condition of Francis Kerr through a letter from their son, Robert J. Kerr II, of Newport, RI. I had photostats of the letter and sent them to Dad Ingles, Tom Monroe, Charlie Gross, and Bill Ryan. Francis enjoys

47

hearing from members of the Class. Please write him through his wife Marion at their home address, 1217 Green End Ave., Middletown, RI 01840. Several days ago I received a letter from Marion. She wrote that after eight months in hospitals and nursing homes the therapist who has cared for Francis told her that he will walk again. He sits up in a wheel chair daily, and can now move his right leg and right arm slightly, reads a little, talks a little, his memory is slowly returning, and he shows interest in fighting to recover. Marion believes he will be able to return home before very long. He is now in a nursing home in Newport, RI. Their son Bob has been of great help to Marion, and brings her from home at 1217 Green End Ave., Middletown, RI 01840, to the nursing home at 1:30 PM, where she stays with Francis until 6:30 PM, when Bob takes her back home. I am very happy to include such an encouraging report. Please drop a line to Francis, care of Marion.

I am very sorry to have to report the death of Pink (Orlando) Ward, on 4 Feb in Denver. The funeral was on 7 Feb at St. John's Cathedral and burial with full military honors was at Fairmount Cemetery in Denver. Dad Ingles sent flowers for the Class and wrote Edith. I also wrote her expressing the sympathy of the Class. The home address is: 1133 E. 3rd Ave., Denver 80218.

Also, I must report that in a letter from Dad Ingles dated 9 Jan 72, he informed me that Dabney Elliott has had a severe cerebral hemorrhage and was in WRGH, in a coma. The doctors held out no hope for his recovery; however, in a later letter, dated 6 Feb, Dad wrote that Dabney has greatly improved. He now sits up in a chair, knows people, and can talk a little. Dabney and Betty had recently moved to a new address: 4000 Massachusetts Ave., Apt. 717, DC 20016, only about a block from Dad Ingles.

That's about all the news, some good, some not, but that's life. My very best to you all. Try to keep in touch with our Class Widows. Few take ASSEMBLY and must feel pretty lost if living in isolated places.

# '15

BG Hume Peabody  
Chaptico, MD 20621

**TRIPLE TROUBLE.** Sorry, but we have bad news: Joe McNarney died 1 Feb in La Jolla. After private services, interment was in Forest Lawn Cemetery, Glendale. We have learned that Josephine Emery passed away recently but have no details. Josephine Swing died 4 Mar in San Francisco. Graveside services were held 7 Mar at Arlington, Class members joining a large group of DC friends. The Class extends its sympathy to the bereaved families.

**FOUR SCORE CLUB.** Honorably enrolled since New Year's, Walt Hess, Jim Van Fleet and Jack Davis.

**CAPITAL CAPERS.** The monthly Class luncheons at the A-N Club bring forth a fairly steady six to eight doughty trenchermen. The Jan feast had as guest Sam Smith who left us at Xmas '11 due to an unfortunate disagreement with P-Echols. The Feb gathering was augmented by Hank Aurand, lost, strayed or stolen from the vicinity of Busch Stadium. The Distaff Hall Gals hold their luncheons monthly also and usually have a larger attendance than the men folk. In Feb Det Ellis chauffeured Jack Davis, Hank Aurand and Doug Weart to the A-N Club Annual Meeting where "Knights of the Golden Cir-

cle" Aurand and Weart snooted the riffraff by dining at a special table. (On ambrosia, no doubt.)

**WHO WENT WHERE AND WHY.** In late Dec the Wearts hied to Maxwell AFB for the wedding of a granddaughter and then on to San Antonio for visit with daughter Gertrude and husband Oscar Ogren. And Bea Boye, returning from Xmas with daughter Joan in CA (stopping off in Tucson to see the Strongs) was house guested in San Antonio by the Taylors. This resulted in numerous socializings including mini-reunions by the Ogrens and Taylors. Attendance was near max with the home guard augmented by guests: Taylors' daughter Hazel and husband Tom Kingman; COL and Mrs. Daniels, daughter and SIL of the Woodruffs; and GEN and Mrs. Charles W. Ryder Jr. Cles Tenney, returning from Xmasing with daughter Joan and four grandkids in Phoenix, stopped off in Tucson for a chat with the Strongs, whose Xmas was brightened by the presence of Bob Jr. and family. Both Strongs were well but Bob's orbital velocity was greatly reduced as a result of falls from a tree and ladder. (One of each, for gosh sakes!) This puts Bob one up on Jack Harris who Walter Reeded for a bit after a fall (just one) in their apt. Mason Young was in DC late Jan to visit his Foreign Service son presently domiciled in Chevy Chase. He then departed for Danville for more family visiting while at the same time ducking the rest of NH's winter.

**OTHER CHITCHAT.** Mary Larkin, while visiting daughter Betty and family in Dayton, planned to look up Doc Waldron's daughter Helen Waldron Woolard whose husband is at Wright-Pat. Gene and May Leone are wintering in Sunny CA. The Mike Davises report a fine GA visit with young Mike and family. The Halcombs have just returned from a relative visit in Houston. Two of the Weart grandsons progress with one graduating from Craig AFB Flying School and one from basic at Ft. Sill. Jack and Mildred Harris will head for SC come Spring. We hope nothing serious comes from Cliff Jones recent consorting with the medicos. Gibby Gibson is away ahead playing the ponies with mind bets only. Jim Van Fleet is off for Korea in Apr and then goes to Greece in May. Itchy feet? The Det Ellises are off for their semi-annual to SC; back to DC about mid-Apr. John Henry Cochran's best efforts brought forth only a paucity of Gator Gossip: He and Mary Welby aren't complaining and Betty Thompson is also doing well when last seen; Ned Zundel says he has no news; Dutch Gerhardt allows both are fine and busy with company, grandkids and church work; and no news from the Robinsons so they must be "On tour" and out of communication.

**FINALE.** Ha! What did I tell you about those New Year Resolutions?

Hasta otra vez.

# '16

BG Dwight F. Johns  
55 Park Way  
Piedmont, CA 94611

We all owe our dedicated Secy-Treas, Fay Prickett, our sincere appreciation for the work he has recently completed in tidying up our financial affairs so that '16 will always be solvent. If you have not yet responded to his request for a "final" dues payment, please do soon.

Bob Walsh made a quick trip to CA in Jan for the funeral of his cousin, Mrs. Helen Wynn Hunter, widow of Francis R. Hunter '09.

It has just recently come to my attention that Phoebe Peyton, our Tom's widow, died at Richmond, VA, in May 71. She was buried at WP with Tom.

Blanche and Roland Shugg spent Xmas with their daughter, June Woodcock and her family at Corvallis, OR. While there, they were presented with their first great-grandchild, little Sophie Elizabeth Woodcock, born on Xmas Day. She is number 29 on our list of "greats." And Fay Prickett tells me that Bill Hoge has acquired two more great-grandchildren for a total of four. So my tally sheet now numbers 31 total.

Helen and Ferdie Gallagher enjoyed a fine Caribbean cruise in Jan and then stayed in Miami two weeks after the sailing days where they enjoyed the companionship of the Brannons '19. Helen and Ferdie traveled to Logan, UT, in Mar for the wedding there of Virginia Frances White, their first grandchild to marry. The groom is LT David Callaway, Ord Corps, a graduate of UT State U. and of Ft. Belvoir OCS. After the wedding the Gallaghers flew to San Francisco where they received the "16" treatment from the Bay Area '16-ers. They then drove south to Carmel, Santa Barbara and Los Angeles and flew home from there.

Cramp Jones wrote that Harriot and he are busy as usual with social affairs, projects, chores, gardening, etc. Keep up the good work, you two, including your sermons in Juarez, Cramp.

Your Scribe went to DC in Jan to attend the MacArthur memorial dinner on the GEN's birthday, 26 Jan. While there he called on Harlan Mumma at WRGH where he had undergone major surgery for the removal of his spleen. Harlan was cheerfully confident that this would correct the physical troubles he had suffered for several months. He has since been discharged and is at home. I learned from Juliette and Harlan that they have a second great-grandson, John Harlan Redington, born 17 Nov at Ft. Rucker, AL, the son of CPT James H. Redington. This young man is No. 32 on my tally sheet.

I also called on Marquenta and Dick Levy at their Chevy Chase home. They are both looking better than I had seen them in quite a while. Eve and Bob McBride are welcoming a new grandson, born 11 Feb, whose father is MAJ Stephen Place, AF (USMA '57).

Carl Doney has finished his cobalt treatments at Letterman Hosp., which he was receiving following his surgery.

Laura and Dwight Johns went to DC in May for the annual meeting of the Soc of Am Mil Engrs, of which Dwight is a Charter and Life Member and past Nat'l Pres. They stayed with daughter Liz (Mrs. R. M. Rufsvold) and her husband (USMA '46) at Springfield, VA. They then sailed from NY on 15 May on the Queen Elizabeth II for Cherbourg. After a few days in Paris and Strasbourg they went to Karlsruhe, Germany, to help great-granddaughter Dena celebrate her first birthday. Thence to Ireland for a few days, whence they flew home in early June.

Peggy and Fay Prickett celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary in Mar with a family dinner at the Club and a cocktail party given by their three daughters.

Fay Prickett sent me letters written him by you classmates when you recently sent him your checks. I extract items of interest from them here.

Elizabeth and Dick Birmingham spent the winter in their apt at St. Petersburg, FL, which will probably be their permanent home. For now however they still return to their

house at Clarks Summit, PA, for at least half the year.

Marie and Babe Weyand wrote from Southern Pines, NC, where they went to escape the ice and snow of NY. Have a "lovely apt, full of antiques." Babe says it makes him "feel like a Bull in the China Shop!" Son Alexander '51 is nearby at Ft. Bragg.

Gus Mangam wrote from San Augustine, TX, that he was "doing pretty well." Tom Martin from Tucson said of '16, "It's a good class; I'm proud to have belonged." Hear! Hear!

Stanley Reinhart wrote that Stanley Jr. '50 and Permanent Assoc Prof EE Dept is scheduled to start a year of sabbatical leave on a fellowship on the faculty of the AWC after which he will return to his assignment at WP.

APR  
'17

BG Harold R. Jackson  
814 Albany Avenue  
Alexandria, VA 22302

Linc Daniels reports that he and Jean have moved from their home in La Mesa, and that their new address is 2727 Miradero Dr., Santa Barbara, CA 93105.

Word has just been received from Arthur Harper's son-in-law that Arthur died on 23 Feb in St. Anthony's Hosp, St. Petersburg, FL. Some time ago Harper moved from TX to FL, and at the time of his death he had been living with his daughter and son-in-law, COL and Mrs. W.M. Sloan, at 5630 Oakhurst Dr., Seminole, FL 33540.

In Feb a letter came from Bert Morrow's daughter Ann Morrow Misdorn. She says, "My father was COL Bertrand Morrow, of Indianapolis. I am writing to tell you of his death on 12 Jan of this year. He is survived by three daughters and ten grandchildren. I am the youngest, have four children and live outside Boston in Dover. My two half sisters are Mrs. Robert K. Whitley (Kate), of Pasadena, CA, and Mrs. Robert H. Joost (Sheila), of Lafayette, CA. We, his family, shall certainly miss him and think of him often. WP, the men who have gone there, the discipline, the high ideals—these were always in his mind and heart."

In Mar Joe and Gladys Collins vacationed in Sea Island, GA. And from mid-Dec to mid-Mar Dot Eley was in Albuquerque, NM, where she visited her daughter Mary Jo (Mrs. I. Jackson Harrell) and her family. Also, in Mar and Apr Emily Tully visited relatives and friends in CA and IL. While she was in CA she spent a pleasant week at Smoke Tree Ranch.

Our reunion committee, Dan Noce, chairman, Fred Irving, Jack Stewart, Jim Hayden, and Bill Heavey, member ex-officio as Class Secy-Treas, with an able assist from our Class Pres, Louie Ford, have been busy many months planning for our 55th Reunion. Our sincere thanks to our Class officers and to our Reunion Committee for all they have done for us.

AUG  
'17

MG William O. Reeder  
6200 N. 28th Street  
Arlington, VA 22207

Faust had a bad attack and now has to have a gouvernante. She will accompany him from Beaulieu, France.) Not bad turnout for a smallish Class whose minimum age is now over 75. Thoughtfully, Biff Jones has arranged a program suited to our limited capabilities.

But we hope to have more. Teddy Buechler wrote back in Jan, "Mary must be credited with a remarkable performance in her role of family communicator and caretaker of her dizzy (physically and mentally) consort. Moreover, she's still learning. On a recent trip, her sister Grace taught her to use and enjoy commercial air lines. So she should have no excuse for missing the 55th."

Age makes us all dilatory. No answer yet from Troland, Lewis and Harding all of whom are only a hop, skip and a jump away from the Point and in good health at last account. E.T. Brown will try to get over from Gloucester if possible. May Heavey wants to come but she is recovering from a severe case of pneumonia and must wait to see how fast she recuperates.

Illness or distance keep many away. However, Red Warner, Red Durfee and Harry Rising cleverly scheduled operations and the like so as to complete their rehabilitation in time for the 55th. Hi and Rae Ely are going to call a truce in the battle to preserve their historic neighborhood long enough to join us.

For the benefit of the lame, halt and lazy we will have a bus from DC to WP and return. Your Scribe is the factotum: several folks hesitated to use it until they were assured that he will not be the driver of the bus.

The more hale members of our Class have itchy feet. Mildred Delehanty is off to Europe again next summer. Ed and Ruth Leavey couldn't make the Reunion because of a long-planned trip to Europe and Heaven knows where else. Loessa Coffey skips out to MN to attend grandchildren while son John and wife spend three weeks in the Holy Land. Ellanor Sharp took a month's breeze around the Pacific, ending up in Japan to visit old friends for several days.

Bob and Marjorie Hasbrouck tried out the AMTRAK dodge of having the car ride the same train down to FL. Last heard of, they were in Naples where we have a couple of classmates, Frank Meade and Wren Timberlake.

Of course the Joneses can't stay home: the honorary skipper of the Norwegian fleet must feel the pulse of the deck beneath his feet. So they just had a cruise, albeit a short one. Rather like getting in the necessary flying hours so as not to lose flight pay.

Jack and Florence Johnson get about but San Antonio seems to be as far north as they will venture. They have just finished a trip to some of the Caribbean islands and littoral upon which no Johnson foot had previously trod. Jack says there are other places you should visit before going where they went. Mexico looked very good when they returned.

It is a delight to have no really bad news.

JUN  
'18

COL Walter E. Lorence  
R. R. #2  
Littleton, NH 03561

In our Feb Class Letter your Scribe wrote that it was with great sorrow he reported the death of classmate Tom Kern, who died suddenly of a heart attack in DC on 30 Jan.

Tom was our Class Treas for a good many years and shall be missed by the Class and his many friends. Tex Mussil wrote that Tom was his chess adversary during cadet days. He would make nightly visits to Tom's div by using the roof of the stoop as passageway. Tex said he avoided trouble by keeping one eye on the chessmen and the other on the clock in order to get back to his room in time to answer his "all in." "Tom," wrote Tex, "was a real friend." And Pat Casey hit the nail on the head when he wrote that "Tom was one grand person in his quiet, retiring manner which hid a great mass of genius and ability." Murray Neilson wrote that he could not believe his eyes when he read the Class Letter that Tom had passed away on 30 Jan. Just three days earlier, on one of his hops from KC to DC Bill Barriger drove him out to visit Sue and Tom at their home. While Tom did not seem to be entirely over his heart attack of the previous Aug, he appeared to be coming along nicely. Your Scribe had quite a bit of correspondence re Class finances during this same Jan with Tom. Tom wrote with pride of the arrival of Thomas Francis Kern III and of Tom Jr. who is an assistant prosecuting attorney in Ft. Lauderdale, FL. He wrote that daughter Susan and her petroleum engr husband were bound for Australia where he was to assist in drilling operations. Our heartfelt sympathy to you Susan and the family. Mike Grenata has taken over as Class Treas and in his letter describing the impressive chapel and graveside services for Tom at Arlington Nat'l Cemetery wrote, "Here is God's peace to another dedicated classmate."

I shall devote the remainder of the column to comments received with reference to our 55th Class Reunion in answer to your Scribe's Nov and Feb Class Letters. To date only four classmates favored Homecoming Week and two of those have since switched to our traditional June Week. All of those who voted for June Week are in favor of the Holiday Inn Motel leaving the Thayer to the 50th reunion class and the new future grads and their families. Two classmates and wives have definitely decided because of ill health they will be unable to attend.

Here are a few of the majority comments favoring traditional June Week: Mussils: "I wholeheartedly support your view (Motel and June Week). I do not think the homecoming date will draw a representative turnout, especially those that have to come a long ways. Our Class is growing smaller with each passing year and it is essential that we have a good turnout. The graduation week offers too many more attractions to rekindle precious memories which is about all that is left to us. The pleasures and gaiety of being all together as a Class is only a part of the satisfaction that we as graduates receive by participating in all of the activities of June Week. Our loyalties must be first to the Academy and secondly to the Class. Therefore, I along with my Grace put in our humble two cents worth for a June reunion."

Mewshaws: "We are 100% in favor of Holiday Inn, particularly because I think Alexia can make it, since there will not be too much walking."

Bellingers: "One vote for the 55th in June with less rigorous weather and more relaxing accommodations."

Clays: "I think I would agree with you that the Motel would bring us closer together if we have a fairly large turn-out. If only a few come then I think we would be lost in the Motel environment."

**Fosters:** "The Inn sounds like a good replacement for the Thayer. I still remember the Thayer dining room and the difficulties getting breakfast."

**Ethel McKee:** "After my latest four in one surgery last Jan I feel in much better health. If all goes well I may be able to attend the 55th."

**Wards:** "We both agree with you that the Reunion at the Holiday Inn was much more fun, with more 'togetherness' and facilities to hash and hash over old times. The bus with the communal singing, usually out-of-tune, but hearty, was a very good idea. Frankly, we did not like the Thayer, and the little rooms for Class get-togethers were too small and did not generate the right atmosphere."

**Axelsons:** Norma wrote, "I'm hoarding my energy as we want so very, very much to be in shape June 1973." Scip wrote that they agreed on the Inn "because after all we want to see our classmates, the Thayer didn't permit that."

**Hoffmans:** "Charlie said they are sold on the Motel as he and Rita felt the Thayer was somewhat of a pain in several places for Class activities, large or small."

**McKees:** "We too are looking forward to visiting with you good folks at our 55th. We join with our vote for the Inn. The Thayer reminded me of Beast Bks all over again. Rush! Rush! Rush!"

**Rundells:** "As for the 55th Reunion. Would that we could join you and serve that same round of drinks after parties that we did for our 45th! It was such fun. Conditions could not have been better as far as location, busing and parties are concerned."

**Smiths:** "Health permitting we plan to attend the 55th and should be happy to leave the selection of quarters to you and Growley."

**Offleys:** In connection with our 55th Bob wrote he hopes and prays that circumstances will be such that he will be able to attend. He agrees that the Inn would be ever so much more desirable than the Thayer.

**Caseys:** Pat wrote that your Scribe's comments in the Feb Class Letter on the 45th Reunion brought back many happy memories, including the added note about Dorothy leading the singing on the bus, and then the postmortem proceedings in Rundell's room at the Holiday Inn. However, Pat continued, "as to time and place, we might very well consider homecoming time for once when, unlike the 50th we don't hold the center of the stage. It would be good to get the whole Class assembled together at the football game—perhaps the first time since our graduation. I hold no brief either for the Thayer or the Motor Inn, though the Thayer would bring us in closer contact with others near our time and the foliage at that time should be beautiful too."

For those of you who may have overlooked the announcement, the Winter 1972 Issue of ASSEMBLY officially listed Homecoming 1972 from Fri 27 Oct thru Sun 29 Oct with Miami as the guest football opponent on the afternoon of 28 Oct. It would be worth your while to study this compressed into a one full and two half-day program, and its lateness in Oct. What to expect in '73 is questionable and would be too late to change decisions.

Our 50th Reunion was a warm, exhilarating experience. We didn't mind being rushed along the set time schedule because we were the VIP's of June Week. What many who wrote, did mind, was the fact that when the vacating notice became effective, they never

had time to visit with old friends that they had not seen for many years; nor to stay for graduation or visit the familiar places nearby. Your Scribe has even had questions from classmates as to where Newburgh was, as if it were a far off city rather than just over the hill on the superhighway from the Parade Ground. Of course, after Homecoming is over you can stay on, but doing what? Cadet classes begin early Mon morning and their daily routine will be in full swing three days after your arrival. For some of you this is long enough, especially if you want to attend a football game; for others who have more time and leisure, it is not time enough.

Your Scribe realizes that even though our 55th is only a little over a year in the offing, many of you hesitate to make these decisions at our age of life. They recall that ancient proverb "Man proposes—but God disposes." AM and your Scribe prefer a simpler phrase "God Willing." To us a year or so away is a better deal than six yrs. away. So, here are two votes for June Week and the Inn. Get your vote in to Growley because even a "God Willing" head count is necessary for good planning and careful management. And we the folks of Jun '18, "God Willing," will make it a success.

And you of Nov '18 who may happen to read this, give it a thought. Jun '18 and Nov '18 to this Scribe's mind, have the closest of ties, experiences and friendships.

NOV  
'18

BG Bryan Conrad  
Sunnybrook  
White Post, VA 22663

The Hastings are off on a tropical cruise on the Q.E. 2 through the Caribbean. Before going Kester sent in what news he had gathered. Charlie and Edna Hixon had a visit from their daughter, Marge, who lives in New Orleans and came to DC for Mardi Gras, which sounds sort of reversed. Jimmy Peckham went through some rather severe surgery in WRGH during Feb, but is mending well now. Betty Snow has been to several parties in DC during the winter looking as lovely as ever. Buddha Groves has gone through the throes of streamlining many years' collection of cherished possessions in order to move from that large apt into more compact quarters at Distaff Hall, where the Class is already represented by Laura Belle Badger, Muriel Searby and Millie Stice.

Jes and Mimi Norman, after a month in FL, went on to visit the SW. Lem and Alice Pope and the Valentines, who are away in CA and ME in the summer, are in DC for the winter. As she usually does, Gene put on a beautiful Valentine party on the appropriate day.

The Holbrooks are back from a splendid trip. Willard describes it so well. Here is his own description: "Helen and I left DC on 18 Dec to spend Xmas with Willard III's family at Clark AFB, and to see some of the Orient. We went over by way of San Francisco and Honolulu to Manila. We were in touch with the Butlers by phone—all well there. In Honolulu we found that Marge Aaron was in Perth, Australia, with her daughter. After a rewarding ten days in the Philippines, we flew to Bangkok where we spent four days, thence to Hong Kong and the luxury of the Peninsula Hotel. This was the highlight of the trip. We took the hydro-

foil to Macao, where Linson Dzau met us at the wharf. From there we went to his school, an unheated, two-story building surrounding a court. Macao was chilly, 50 degrees that day, but school was in session—we could hear the recitations through the open windows. Dzau gave us a rundown of his difficulties and successes with his school. His financial difficulties were insurmountable; the student body was down to 200 from 350; his bank account showed a large overdraft and bills were coming in almost every day. The good Chinese custom required that they be paid by the Chinese New Year. He felt the situation was so bad that he had applied to enter Red China but was turned down. His talk led me to believe that the school was to be closed. After I returned I found this was erroneous. His outstanding ability as an educator was shown in the success of his graduates—most of whom received honors in college. After our talk, Dzau took us to a very nice Chinese restaurant where I showed my newly acquired ability with chopsticks. After lunch we toured the Island quickly and made the return hydrofoil. We came away with the firm impression that Dzau is a highly respected teacher and personage in Macao. However, he is receiving little financial support there and is looking toward the US as his only hope. I feel, as do others who know the circumstances that his chances to continue the school much longer are very slim for many reasons. After a tearful goodbye we returned to Hong Kong, passing the still smoldering Queen Elizabeth. A day later, laden with many purchases, we flew home via Honolulu and Los Angeles, arriving in DC on 14 Jan. In Los Angeles I phoned Fred Sherrill—he and Martha were suffering with the Hong Kong flu. When I got home I found that I had the real thing from Hong Kong—not the American variety! I am O.K. now."

Monk Dickson writes: "We received an announcement of Kit Vidal's marriage to Mr. James Clarence Smith on 24 Aug 71 at New Canaan, CT. There was no 'At Home' card with the announcement so we have no address. I am still running a temperature of 105.6° F. and a blood pressure of 3,000 lbs. per sq. in. after hearing on TV the Hero of Chappaquidick call all members of the Confederate forces TRAITORS until Strom Thurmond made him crawfish."

Al Miller writes: "Since becoming champion of the Newport Harbor Lawn Bowling Club Charlie Morrison has been elected president of the club and also pres of the Coast League of seven clubs. It is of interest to note that the ball used in lawn bowling is not truly round and is weighted on one side so that it curves when rolled, which makes Charlie's mastering the game more to be appreciated. The McAllisters sustained greater loss than was thought. Mac built what was hoped to be a fireproof storehouse with a "fireproof" safe. Before leaving on their fishing trip they had put all valuables, jewelry, records, etc., in the safe. The building was burned and the contents of the safe practically a complete loss. They may save 50 of their orchard of fully producing avocado trees. The garage was rebuilt and extensive repairs made on the house while they lived in a trailer. Heat had ruined nearly all the equipment inside and out. The repairs were about complete when a three-day wind storm at 70 mph or more in gusts, came over the charred hills covering everything with one half inch of black soot, making another clean-up problem. After Xmas a heavy rain washed dirt and boulders down through the orchard,

tore out water lines and cut the road and electricity.

Charlie Morrison has called attention to an error in ASSEMBLY—it was Morrison's granddaughter, not daughter, who was married in Oxnard to Michael Stallings of Ojai, CA. The Gildarts celebrated their anniversary and Thanksgiving with their nephew, COL Wm. J. Gildart '40, at Fern Park, FL. In Dec they went to Mexico City and joined an archaeology tour which gave them a kaleidoscope of Aztec, Toltec, Almec, Mayan and Zapotec culture. They saw Uxmal, Chichenitza, Monte Alban, the La Venta sculptures, the pyramids near Mexico City, and Mitla. After three days rest in Acapulco they flew home on Xmas day. Chuck gives the tour a high rating.

In early Dec the Pintos took a trip on the MS Weststar to Honolulu and Tahiti. They report Tahiti just another HI. Rene sings with the "Rejects" which gave a Xmas concert to overflow crowds at two performances. Winifred sings with the "Mello Dears." Both groups consist of residents of Rancho Bernardo and are well known and sought after in the San Diego area. Paul and Ruth Kendall are both making progress and feeling better. Eddie and Alice Pope are building a house in the Carmel Valley and will move from Lake San Marcus in the next few months. They were in Burlingame in Feb and entertained the Butlers and the Millers at a delicious luncheon. Mac Monroe reports that Helen is improved. In Aug their daughter Martha and her family visited for a week. Murry Carter had a wonderful trip back east to WV and upstate NY, returning by way of Santa Fe just in time for the 1 Nov party at Rancho Bernardo. Jack Winn says things with them have improved. Pete Goerz made one trip last year to spend two days at Carmel with his grandchildren. Lark Gilland and the doctors at Letterman have been battling his heart irregularity for some months, though he says it is not immediately serious and he is without discomfort. Ramona Hughes wrote on their Xmas card, "Johnny and I are like a pair of old winter flies, buzzing and circling slower and slower, but still eluding the Swatter." While in Phoenix in Jan the Millers visited Jerry Cambre in the hospital recovering from a serious heart attack. Last report from Rita is that Jerry is at home and making progress.

Chief Brimmer has an appointment at Fitz 10 Mar, but doesn't know whether the medicos will do a cataract operation then or later. He hopes it will not interfere with the Denver WP Soc Founders Day dinner on the 17th. At present indications the oldest graduates who might attend the dinner in this area are Brimmer, Blair and Hahn, vulnerable in that order for being called on to address the assemblage as the most senior in years. Cornie and Helen Hahn have been in Dallas and Sherman, TX, visiting Helen's and son Dave's families. Percy Banister writes that Prescott, AZ, has such an attractive climate and magnificent scenery he would recommend it as retirement country for WPers. Josephine Eddy had a very nice trip to Australia, New Guinea, Indonesia, etc., last fall. John Buchanan would like to be near Letterman but hasn't made definite plans to move back to the San Francisco area yet.

Bill Blair has had several letters from Lawrence Bixby who inherited a remarkable collection of rare Burmese things from his grandfather, Moses Homan Bixby, a missionary in Burma about the time of our Civil War. Bix has given this collection,

appraised at \$10,000 to Dennison U. Recently Bix offered his services to the OR Museum of Science and Industry and the Lewis and Clarke Archaeological Society. He is now to: (1) Give a talk to a class of H.S. srs. on what a future would be for them as individuals in the field of archaeology; (2) Make a landscape model to illustrate the principles of ecology and environmental control in the Willamette Valley; (3) Build a 4 ft by 2 ft model of life in an Indian Village of the Great NW.; (4) Prepare an exhibit of a huge collection of stone arrowheads, knives, drills, and scrapers made by Bix who had previously written a technical article on "Flint Chipping," published by Harvard U.; (5) Build a model to illustrate "Environment." (Bix said it wasn't specified what kind of environment, and that he was tempted to ask about [censored]).

Chorpening writes from De Land, FL, that he has heard from the Fred Stevens that Gorman's widow died 29 Nov 70 and is buried at Arlington. Jim Christiansen came out of the hospital in Dec after a two week stay and is now back to par. Corp also reports a most interesting letter from Tiny Schow, but did not pass any of the details on for Class Notes. I am intrigued as to just what they are corresponding about. Kaye Leng Lenoir wrote in a pleasant Xmas note to Corp: "Could you mention that you have found me down here and I'd love to hear from those who remember me." But as there is no address given you will, I suppose, have to address your notes to Kaye in care of Corp. Howie Canan has been in De Land since late Jan. Howie and Corp have been playing golf three times a week and will continue until Howie goes north about 1 Apr.

Fred Pearson writes complaining that 15 of his constituents, both classmates and widows, failed to answer his letter despite his enclosed self addressed envelope in which he hoped they would send him news of themselves and other classmates. He hopes that they are just forgetful and not ill. He reports Howell Cocks not only busy with the oil business but much interested and involved with Shreiner Junior College, of which he is a Trustee. Shreiner is reported to be without hippies and a good place to send your grandchildren. The Cocks are off for a trip to FL where they plan to see the Colwells and other classmates. Marie Hillard has been badly troubled with allergies affecting her eyes, throat and has been only rarely able to leave her house. Doc Johnson was hard hit by Hong Kong flu and pneumonia in Dec, but has recovered. He has moved to 2508 Broadway, Columbia, MO. Marie Keasler is home in El Paso after a trip to Honolulu, her first visit there since 1964. She visited all the islands while there. George and Elsie Keyser celebrated their 50th anniversary on 2 Mar. Their daughter Mary Irby was with them with all four grandchildren, the twins, Susan and Stephen, Mark and Ike. Susan, who has her Master's Degree, works in Denver. Mark an ex-Marine with RVN service, is taking his Master's Degree at the U. of AR. Vivian Sawtelle reports that Don Jr. is slated for the AFSC at Norfolk. Jim Styron didn't take a tropical trip this winter but stayed at home to coddle an ulcer with milk and oatmeal, preparing for a trip to Hot Springs to take the baths and bet on the horses. Fred Pearson says that he himself is in good shape and proposes to take good care of himself so that he can stay that way. He plans to accept Sam Walker's invitation to visit him in El Paso and

enjoy a Mexican dinner in Juarez with Sam and Pansy.

Nancy McCone has moved to FL. She is now located at Apt. A-2, 1335 U.S. 19 South, Clearwater, FL 33516.

Mike Quinn is back from a trip around the world. He spent Dec with three of his children at Ft. Lewis, WA, The Presidio of San Francisco, and Garden Grove, CA, then visited the Azores, Spain, Yalta, New Delhi, Bangkok and Manila.

The Bryan Conrads flew to England 24 Jan for the wedding of a lovely English girl who visited them and hunted one of their home bred hunters several years ago. They were loaned a house in London for a base and visited old friends throughout the south of England and spent a day with the Vale of the White Horse Hunt and another with the Hampshire. In London they enjoyed Crufts, the big dog show, the theaters and restaurants, and observed the London Bobbies' tactful and effective supervision of a few rioting Irish. Fortunately they missed the full effect of the miners' strike. The electricity was not turned off until the day they flew home. The most enjoyable visit of all was to GEN Arthur Goschen, aged 92, to whom Bryan was AdC almost half a century ago when GEN Goschen, about to take command of "The Shop", The Royal Military Academy at Woolwich, paid an extended visit to WP, studying thoroughly all phases of cadet training. Shortly after their return, on the night of the big wind, the metal roof on the big barn at Sunnybrook was wrecked. The half west of the ridgepole was gone, only bare rafters remained. The east half was rolled up, but could be nailed back for temporary protection. A lot of good timothy hay was ruined, but no animals were injured.

'19

BG Richard P. Ovenshine  
2111 Jefferson Davis Hwy.,  
Apt. 504-S  
Arlington, VA 22202

Jim Phillips wrote that he and Mary had spent Xmas at Leavenworth with the family of their younger son Davis who is in RVN, and then went on to Ft. Hood, TX, to visit their older son Jim and his family. Jim said that he keeps busy as Chairman of the Board of a small savings and loan association, and that he occasionally sees Tom McGregor, who is still active in real estate. Linc and Elsie Dillaway planned to go to FL in Mar to visit their youngest son and his wife, then to MA to visit other relatives. Elsie has recovered nicely from a severe sick spell last fall. Al and Dade Wedemeyer took a brief trip in Jan to visit the Mayan country in Yucatan, Mexico.

Fred Drury said that Fred Jr. is still in business in Manila, but hopes to be back in the States "permanently" by next fall. Younger son Dick commands a wing on an AF base in TX. Packy McFarland wrote that his wife Elaine had been sick, but was back at work. It seems that during her illness Packy had taken over some of the household chores, and had not yet been able to shed them. Packy, too, had seen his doctor, but didn't seem to think much of the advice he received—to stop drinking!

Tom Waters reported that some months ago a fire in his house had caused the loss of many things of value, including many books, records, and photographs. He particularly regretted the loss of three HOWITZERS, including ours, three volumes of Cullum's REGISTER, and our "30-Year Book" (I think he meant "50-Year Book"). If anyone

knows of a surplus volume to replace his loss, Tom would like to hear from him.

Bunker Bean wrote an excellent article for inclusion in a veterans publication. In it he succinctly discussed and supported the current plans and actions for development of a fully volunteer army. He said that during the last year he had visited more than 20 Army posts, Air bases, Navy and Marine Corps stations, and that he had talked to many officers and enlisted men concerning the changes which are taking place. He found the vast majority of those men, both young and old, very much in favor of the current experiments.

Don Nelson wrote: "Since losing Edwina and retiring from the bank, I have gradually pulled in my horns till I do little more than empty the waste baskets and polish the spittoons for our small outfit. But marksmanship is often poor, and I'm kept busy. I live in a hi-rise teeming with lonely widows and have daily emergencies here, too. Anything from doing a 1040 to simply procuring a fifth of hooch—quick. Our two boys who are grads have retired. Ed is busy with a think-tank working out of Albuquerque. Bob is still in hospital. Don Jr. of Field Commission vintage continues in R&D at LK where he's been climbing the ladder since graduating from MIT nearly 25 years ago. Three grandchildren in college. One great-grandchild! I am mobile, getting around to inspect boys and families from time to time, and squeezing in a vacation where I can—on my way to La Paz next weekend."

Stu and Helen Barden spent three weeks in Jan visiting his sister and brother-in-law, Admiral W. R. Smedberg, in Crystal River, FL, where he played golf with them; they also visited Helen's cousin, COL L. S. Moore, USMC, in Vero Beach before returning to Bethesda. Ham and Marge Young also spent some time in Feb and Mar in FL looking at possible places in which to live after moving from DC. At last word they were inclined toward Vero Beach.

In Jan Alex Kirby visited his son Alex Jr., Cmdr, USN, in Japan. He later visited his daughter, wife of CPT Thomas W. Cuddy, USN, in Fairfax County, VA. At this time, he managed to see a number of classmates in the DC area, and attended the monthly stag luncheon in the Officers Club at Ft. McNair on 7 Mar.

Chic Noble wrote that Packy McFarland had been reminiscing with him about a time of long ago when, after a few drinks, they were "organizing" a Class Polo Team, to consist of Gene McGinley, Fred Makinney, Stu Barden, Packy, and Chic. Chic also said that Bob and Rhoda Springer, again victims of the wanderlust, are planning a trip to Europe.

Count Wilson wrote that Lester Rhodes is suffering from Parkinson's disease. We hope that he can get help from a new "miracle drug." Ike Ritchie also was reported to have been in ill health—best wishes to him for an early recovery. Joe Odell underwent an operation in WRGH in Feb, but is making a good recovery. Patty Martin is recovering slowly from her recent stroke while Doc is busy looking after her. Horace Speed has had Parkinson's disease for many years, which greatly limits his mobility. He would enjoy seeing classmates or hearing from them. Eddie Strohbehn wrote that Disney World has Orlando flooded with tourists and most hotels within 50 miles are booked ahead for six months; plan your trip early.

On 14 Jan 72 Harry Barrick died of cancer in the U. of CA Med Ctr in San Francisco. He had seemed to be in perfect health at our

50th Reunion, but afterward had suffered ill health for about two years. As a young officer he had participated in national rifle and pistol matches, and after ret he was active in church affairs. He is survived by his widow Pearl (Peggy), four children, and 14 grandchildren.

Al Moore died of carcinomatosis on 25 Jan in a San Jose, CA, nursing home. He is survived by his widow Mary of San Jose, two daughters, Mrs. Anne Golden of Walla Walla, WA, and Mrs. Kathey Koski of Seattle; a son, MAJ D. W. Moore of Ft Hood, TX; and seven grandchildren. Interment was in San Jose.

After a brief period in WRGH, Gene McGinley was transferred in Jan to a convalescent home in DC. On 12 Feb he succumbed after a long struggle against cancer. Gene had been a strong polo player in his early service, and was a fine golf player in more recent years. He is survived by his widow Peggy, who is continuing to live in DC. In thanking the Class for the flowers sent to Gene, she said, "We have a wonderful class."

Ted Meyer died of a stroke on 4 Mar and was buried at WP. He had lived in Cornwall, and had been of great help to all of us in preparation for our 50th Reunion; he suffered a stroke not long afterward. He is survived by his widow Rita, his son COL Henry R. '50, and three grandchildren.

Rooney Taylor died suddenly of a heart attack on 5 Mar while visiting in Ft. Lauderdale, FL, and was buried in Arlington. He is survived by his widow Gertrude, and daughter Elizabeth Anne, wife of Dr. Carl C. Clark.

Al Gruenther's grandson Ralph, son of COL Donald Gruenther, was killed by the accidental discharge of a revolver held by another youth on 29 Jan. He was 20 years old. Our deep sympathy goes to Al and Grace and their children in this tragic loss.

When an ASSEMBLY is received, all classmates are urged to make note of the date when the next Class Notes are due at WP (see p. 34 of the Fall 71 issue, the last received at this writing), and plan to get your notes or letters to your Scribe two weeks before that deadline, to permit him to consolidate them and retype them in time to meet his deadline.

Notice of change of address: W. G. Stephens to Washington Manor North, 3109 Campus Drive. Of the 284 who graduated 1 Nov 18, 145 are still living, 137 have died, and the status of two (Jack Hyland and Hal Marsden) is unknown. It is just two years until our 55th Reunion.

# '20

COL James A. Samouce  
408 Argyle Drive  
Alexandria, VA 22305

Peggy Gailey had a happy Xmas. Her card from Kalamazoo to the Holles said: "All three sons now Stateside after RVN bit. My cup runneth over. Both girls at U. of MI. Am alone but busy as ever."

George Bare's card from Tacoma spoke of his and Mildred's travels in OR, CA, and Africa with plans for Xmas in HI. Son Bill has now been MIA over RVN more than four and a half years.

The DC area bunch welcomed Charlie West at the Jan monthly Class luncheon. (Remember, they're on the second Mon each month at 12:30 at the A-N Club. Drop in whenever you're in jet vicinity.) Chet Hine also made a rare appearance.

Charlie West came from nearby Baltimore where he spent Xmas with family of daughter Hortense Marie, wife of COL Elazar Parnly IV '46 who is PMS at Johns Hopkins. On 26 Dec she managed a warm holiday gathering of grandparent classmates (West from Gainesville, FL, and Chitterling with wife Ruth from Annapolis), classmate parents (Parnly and Krens with wife Elizabeth Jane, Ruth's and Chit's daughter, from Columbia, MO), children and grandchildren.

Ruth and Chit lunched with the Sharrars of Salisbury, MD, on 1 Feb. We're all glad to hear that Beryl had improved enough to be with them at a downtown restaurant. Chit hopes to recruit Red for the DC Class luncheons.

Clovis and Marie Byers left DC mid-Feb to visit son Clayton and his family at Greenville, SC, before going on a six-wk. jaunt to the Caribbean and then Naples, FL. Connie Sturman left Cohasset, MA early Mar for a two-mo. visit to old-loved haunts in Naples, FL. Her brother is nearby there. The John Mitchells exchanged some Vienna, VA, winter cold for Everglades sunshine in FL.

Sid and Gina Hinds have been wintering in CA and HI as usual. Sid wrote: "... no great changes, which in our present state of health and antiquity, is good news... Eddie and Dottie Plank just returned from a trip up the Coast to Portland to visit their daughter and two grandchildren; the Rhu Taylors, Alex Sand, Culletons and Amazeens well and able to take both solid and liquid nourishment; Bill and Ruth Bartlett are back at Aptos after four mos in FL testing the relative effects of the Alligator type and CA brand of sunshine on the golf swing; Pete and Emily Howard both well after severe bouts with flu and the Herb Reuters holding forth at Monterey after tending the family forest in the Great NW... The migratory Hinds, after a Space A trip to HI, are getting braced for the return motor trip to Falls Church after an unseasonably cold, rainy and otherwise foul golf winter in CA—handicap up four points—Farrell, Rehm and Cassidy please note." Sid was expected back in time for the DC Mar luncheon but they must have heard that the weather is still frigid (68 degrees) here and are tarrying on the way.

At the Mar luncheon Bill Mitchell recalled a KW incident when Hank Hodes was CS of Matt Ridgeway's Eighth Army and his and Laura's son John (COL '49) commanded a Co. in the 1st Cav Div. When John was very badly wounded Bill reached him even before Hank did. He found him unconscious on the operating table with the surgeon and aides busily tending him. Returning soon after, John's first greeting was, "GEN Mitchell, did we take that hill, did we take that hill?" A true chip off the old block! Hank was almost similarly wounded in the hedgerows of Normandy when a COL leading an Inf Regt. He wasn't expected to pull through but made it to earn four stars later.

Lemnitzner was in Charleston 8 Mar to speak at The Citadel and before a gathering of The English Speaking Union. He visited the Honnens at nearby Ft. Moultrie and found George and Helen in usual good spirits. While with them a call came in from the Chitterlings who were on their way to FL—which goes to show you that the '20 communication lines stay in good order. Lem has speaking engagements lined up for the LBJ School of Public Affairs at the U. of TX 14 Mar and, later, at the U. of RI, U. of VT and Dickinson College of Carlisle, PA.



1920: Colorful painting "The Roman Invasion of Britain" by artist C. Gregory Stapko. This is the fourth and last in the series of paintings comprising 1920's gift to the Academy.

The WP Soc of DC quarterly dinner on 14 Jan was replete with the Burns, Byers, Casgrains, Cassidys, Fisher, Farrells, John Mitchells and daughter Nancy, Rehms, Routh-eaus, Samouces and Tullys in attendance. Guest Speaker Frank Dorn '23 made a very pithy size-up of present-day mainland China based on his vast experiences there which began in WWII with Vinegar Joe Stilwell—most interesting and particularly timely in view of President Nixon's coming historic visit there a month later.

Chesty and Eulamay Haswell have already laid plans to attend the ARMY-TX A&M game next 30 Sept and ask all classmates who'll be in the vicinity to let them know. As an added inducement, Chesty says, "If you fellows could see my wine lab and adjoining cellar you would wonder how I ever missed rating No. 1 on P. Wirt Robinson's poop sheet."

One more '20 couple, Peanut and Charlie Ivins, had a Golden Wedding Anniversary, making it nine so far revealed. The occasion was amply observed. Here's how Charlie tells it: "Priscilla & 'Van' Van Sickler, together with... the... Ivins made a two-wk. tour of Mexico in Feb in order to properly celebrate the birthdays of both ladies, ninth and 19th, resp., the 46th Wedding Anniversary of the Van Sicklers and the Golden Anniversary of the Ivins. Each of the celebrations prompted a forced issue of cake and champagne. The tour is said to have included Mexico City, Guadalajara, Aca-pulco plus a number of interesting attractive towns along the route, but nobody knows for sure. Quien Sabe? In spite of tourist shops being declared strictly off-limits, the gals managed to accumulate enough souvenir material to start a shop of their own while badly deflating husbands' wallets. Notwithstanding the above diversions, all climbed to the top of every Aztec Temple, went through every Cathedral and Museum and accomplished everything expected of tourists."

George and Rosalie Doolittle's 20th annual edition of their New Year's Greeting begins with, "The most noticeable difference between the first (edition) and this one could be waistline." Their daughter Jeannette, in

LA with husband Don Ingram and four children, is up to her ears promoting HMS Queen Mary as a Marine Museum; son Jim, wife and three children are moving from Albuquerque to beautiful Shoemaker Ranch he bought in Watrous, NM with an abode dating to Civil War days; and son George Jr., wife Mikie and two children are in Portland, OR, where Jr. is leaving banking to work for Merrill Lynch. Last year, George and Rosalie spent a winter month on Diamond Head and Coco Head in Honolulu where Jeannette and Mikie with baby Andrea spent two wks. each with them. And last Nov they took a tour with the American Rose Society to the First World Rose Convention in New Zealand. There and in Australia, Rosalie was one of the judges in the Nat'l Rose Shows. From there they took in beautiful Fiji, Tahiti and exotic Moorea where "South Pacific" was made.

The peregrinating Kreuters had an exciting year, almost round-the-world. Here's Bob's microcosmic brief of it: "We departed Travis AFB, CA, 10 Feb 71, the day after the earthquake in the LA area. It took us 28 hrs. to phone our son to find that our home hadn't collapsed. Our MAC flight took us to Bangkok with short stops at Tokyo, Clark AFB and Saigon. After a couple of days our next stop was Vientiane, Laos, where we visited friends at the US Embassy for two wks. Very few tourists there then.

"Back via Bangkok to Calcutta for a week, arriving there on election day 9 Mar. About 35,000 troops had been turned out to keep order—which they did.

"Next, five days in Katmandu, Nepal, to see Mt. Everest. Of course the nearer mountains looked much larger than that peak in the distance but the beauty of the sunrise over the snow-capped Himalayas more than repaid us for the rough 25-mile Landrover ride in the darkness.

"During our two wks. in New Delhi a three-day visit to Agra to see the Taj Mahal and an evening at the Red Fort for the 'son et lumiere' show stood out among the many interesting sights. When West Pakistan invaded Bangla Desh on 25 Mar we sensed the resentment among the Indians.

"Flying homeward we had 10 days in

Bangkok, a week in Taiwan, three wks. in the Philippines (including a very pleasant week in the home of Pacing Martelino at Roxas City on the island of Panay), four days in Okinawa and two in Honolulu.

"After four days at home in Santa Monica we drove east to Betty's 45th reunion at Wellesley. En route we decided to join friends in Heidelberg to motor about Europe in July and Aug. Two months motoring on the European continent passed much too quickly. Leaving our Heidelberg friends we motored by ourselves in Wales and southern England in Sept.

"Reasoning that Africa is closer from there than from LA we decided to include our long-planned visit there in the same trip... Insufficient time to obtain visas restricted us to East Africa and Ethiopia. Flying to Nairobi 1 Oct we enjoyed sightseeing on our own till we joined our 18-day camera safari mid-month. The magnificent spectacle of the wildlife in seven national park game preserves in East Africa was most satisfying. A half day fascinating launch trip on the Victoria Nile below the Murchison Falls in Uganda gave us a close-up exposure to great numbers of hippos, crocodiles, elephants and varied bird life. The evils of poaching were emphasized by the fact that among the myriads of game animals we saw only one leopard and one cheetah.

"During our tour of Ethiopia in the first wk. of Nov we were impressed by the deep poverty, the rugged, greatly eroded and almost treeless terrain and the amazing ability to farm difficult mountain sides. Among sights of note were the falls of the Blue Nile a few miles below its source in Lake Tana and the old churches of Lalibela carved from solid rock.

"To add more to my verbose account we fly 7 Feb 72 to Barbados in the Caribbean for visits to that island, Antigua and Puerto Rico with Wy and Cort Schuyler. Leaving them 29 Feb we fly to Jamaica five days, Guatemala eight days and Mexico three wks., returning home early Apr.

"8 May we have reservations on the Delta Queen from Cincinnati to New Orleans, a cruise long anticipated. Beyond that no travel plans." Bob and Betty, that should really hold you for a couple of days!

Artist C. Gregory Stapko's beautiful painting, "The Roman Invasion of Britain," was finished last fall. Mr. Egon Weiss, USMA Librarian, wrote Charles Holle 3 Mar that it has arrived there and that Bill Bessell was highly laudatory when he inspected it. This is the fourth and last of the series of paintings comprising '20's Gift to the Academy. It will be formally presented at a suitable time in the near future.

The Holles made a five-day tour, 13-18 Mar to St. Louis, Wichita, Tulsa, Dallas and Pine Bluff where Anne spoke before the State Chapters of the Nat'l Soc. Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America of which she has been Pres. for the past two years of her three-year term. As before, Charles was her General Aide, banker and before-and after-hand arranger throughout. In St. Louis they found Robby and Alice Robinson in good spirits. In Dallas they tried to contact Al and Katrina Fulton but could not.

Very sadly I must report late word of two deaths: Joseph Farrell, brother of our Frank and Eddie McGaw, both of heart failure.

Frank Farrell's brother died 20 Mar at Ft. Lauderdale, FL. Frank and Anne had visited him just before and had just returned to their Arlington, VA home when they received

the sad news. He was buried in Rutherford, NJ, which was his home before his wife died only six mos. before. We extend our deepest sympathy to Frank and his loved ones.

Eddie McGaw died 19 Mar at Letterman GH in SF where he and Lillian had just arrived for a visit from their home in Laguna Hills, CA. He was buried at WP after services at the Old Cadet Chapel. In attendance besides his widow Lillian were their daughter Lillian and her husband, COL Alan W. Jones Jr. '43 (who had flown in from Holland where he is with HAFCE), and their three grandchildren. Among others was the USMA Supt., LTG Knowlton. Classmates honoring Eddie there were the Bessells, Farrells, Lanahan, E. C. Johnston and Reierson. We shall all miss Eddie very much. He was always such a warm, vital person and an inspiration to the many, mil and civ, whose lives he touched. Our sincere condolences go to Lillian, her daughter, her grandchildren and their loved ones.

'21-'22

COL Harry H. Haas  
6895 Howalt Drive  
Jacksonville, FL 32211

#### 50th Oriole Reunion

Of the 119 members of the Class (1921-17 and 1922-102) 66 have survived to celebrate the 50th anniversary of our graduation. On 15 Mar, the date of writing these notes, 45 classmates had signified their intentions to return to WP for June Week. Your Committee on Arrangements had extended itself to do everything possible to get a 100% attendance, but despite those efforts the best it was able to do was get about 68%. The letters received from those who could not make it expressed their deep regrets, asked to be remembered to everyone and for the most part gave the reason for not attending a matter of health. This, of course is understandable. But what is difficult to understand is that there were a few who did not have the courtesy to answer any of the bulletins or letters sent them about the Reunion. By the time these notes are published our Reunion will be history, but we are sure that those who did attend will have had no regrets at once again seeing and



1921-22: Lucile and Granger Anderson with a koala bear at Brisbane, Australia.



1921-22: At Johnny Johnson's home in Miami Beach, FL. Left to right: Jim O'Connell, Hazel Haas, Harry Haas, Helen O'Connell, Frank Crary, Johnny Johnson.

talking with classmates and perhaps for some of us for the last time.

#### Miscellaneous

Bev Ellsworth (Kane) and her husband, Len, stopped in for a short visit with the Haases on their way to southern FL to spend some four months basking in the sun away from the northern wind and the ice and the snow. They found a comfortable set of quarters around the corner from the Andersons in Deerfield Beach.

Edna and Johnny Johnson entertained some of the FL classmates at their home in Miami Beach for cocktails and dinner at their Country Club (La Gorce) last Feb. The guests were the Andersons, Ellsworths, Haases, O'Connells, Crarys, Sally O'Connell (Jim's daughter), Dot Spalding and Bob Murphy. This "Snow-Bird" reunion was not as large as those of prior years, but it was just as enjoyable and many thanks to Edna and Johnny.

Hazel and I were guests of the Johnsons for a couple days prior to our departure on a three days cruise to Nassau in the Bahamas. Five couples had planned to take this cruise, but one after the other dropped out for various reasons. While at the Johnson's cocktail party the Andersons said they would like to go if accommodations were available. The ship just had another stateroom so the Andersons climbed aboard with us. We all had a ball. No, Howard Hughes did not invite us up to his apt. nor did we break the bank at the Casino. It was a most enjoyable trip but much too short.

Allie and Fritz Lee spent a couple months on the west coast of FL at Casey Key last winter. On the way south they stopped off in DC where Fritz had a check up at WRGH. You will recall Fritz had a very serious operation last fall. The Doctors gave him a clean bill of health. The DC classmates delayed the monthly luncheon so that Fritz could attend. With exception of Babe Bryan they had 100% attendance. The Lees had a very comfortable little cottage facing the gulf with the very ultimate in privacy. One unfortunate incident happened. The Lees' dog got in a fight with another

dog and two others joined in. Fritz piled in to break it up and ended the fight, but his dog wound up in the Vet hospital and Fritz with broken glasses and at the dentist getting a broken tooth repaired. Sorry Fritz.

This DC Class monthly luncheon reminds me that some time ago I suggested that someone act as Secy at these luncheons and send me a copy of the minutes. So far they are batting .000. So that it is not a hardship on any one person the Secyship could be rotated, a different one each month or each one would get the chore about once each year. Please huh?

Pat Wardlaw wrote me at some length about his activities last fall. He and Gyp had dinner with the Marcuses in San Diego. According to Pat, Connie and Morris had just returned from their granddaughter's wedding somewhere in AZ. This was their second granddaughter to get married. Pat also talked with Jimmy Spry while in San Diego. I have not been able to verify this directly with Clarence Dean, but Pat stated that Clarence is "somewhat of an athlete now—or at least an outdoor sportsman." He is a shuffleboard enthusiast. He entered various tournaments, beat the Santa Barbara representative and



1921-22: Sisters with their husbands at the Boca Raton Club. Left to right: Clare Crary, Jim O'Connell, Helen O'Connell and Frank Crary.

has gone up to entering the Nat'l Tournament. Power to you Clarence, we are rooting for you.

"PD" Lynch sent me a progress report of his activities during the past year. He and Bea toured FL last fall. They evidently skipped Jacksonville because I didn't get a call from them. They also visited Bea's relatives in Annapolis, MD. "PD" says they avoided the DC traffic. Since his retirement as a professor at the U. of TX, he has kept himself busy with routine house maintenance—painting and repairing. If you don't like that sort of "pastime" I have a solution: rent an apt., let the landlord do it.

Last Feb the O'Connells gave a cocktail party at their home in Boca Raton. Those present were the Andersons, Crarys, Ellsworths, Johnsons, Dot Spalding and Monna Tyler. This was followed by a dinner party given by the Andersons at the Deerfield Beach Country Club. It is always fair weather when good fellows get together and that is what it was at these parties. Sorry we missed them.

If each member of the Class would do what "PD" Lynch does, send me a progress report about his activities once a year, this job of Scribe would not be too difficult. But believe me it "ain't" easy to fill up some space in this magazine when you ain't-got-nuttin-to-write-about. So all youse guys what ain't got nuttin else to do to keep busy drop me a line once in a while.

After completing these notes and just prior to mailing I received a phone call from Bob Taylor who told me that "PD" Lynch's wife Bea had passed away. Bea had had a heart attack some few years ago but recovered from that, but the attack this time proved fatal. Bea was buried in Annapolis MD on 16 Mar. In addition to her family she is survived by four brothers all of whom live in Annapolis.

# '23

COL Harold D. Kehm  
8754 Preston Place  
Chevy Chase, MD 20015

Eighteen classmates attended our Feb luncheon at Ft. Myer. Included were Jim Early and Ken Sweany from the Baltimore area and Archie Coleman from Norfolk. Adams reported that the Class Fund now stood at \$1,804.00 and had a net profit of \$13.24 in 71. He observed that while this is not as great as it was in 70, it is in sharp contrast to the recent budgetary deficit of Uncle Sam. At the end of the year the share per classmate was \$9.34! We were glad to learn that the fund had been audited by Timberman. Our next luncheon was scheduled for 19 Apr and a co-ed brunch was set up for 21 May with Timberman again the whipper-in.

THE REUNION was the major subject of discussion. At that time 46 Classmates had indicated their intention to attend. This would indicate that we will reach the 100 goal. The 50th Reunion Fund stood as follows on 12 Mar: Cash received—\$7,812.00, interest \$113.00, pledges \$2,710.00 for a total of \$10,635.00. This, it was felt, indicated that we could beat the estimate of \$12,000.00 with a little more effort. The contributions came from eight widows and 102 classmates (including seven non-graduates).

The discussion on the nature of the Class gift brought out several ideas on a tribute to MacArthur and scholarships. The liveliest was



1923: Les and Tom Maddocks at their Wedding Reception.

on a proposal to endow special lectures on leadership. King and his committee will keep these and other suggestions under study along with those suggested in Academy and AOG reports and discuss the matter with Academy authorities in the near future. In the meantime, further suggestions from you are invited.

In spite of all this business there was plenty of time for lively BS. We would like to see more of you at these affairs. Anyone of the DC Group can give you details.

#### Now Hear This

Pinky Dorn gave an interesting and stimulating talk on China before the local WP Soc in Jan before President Nixon went to China. If we can credit press reports on that trip, Pinky's observations on the reactions of Mao and Chou were prophetic.

#### May They Rest in Peace

On 25 Jan Jim Torrence lost his battle with emphysema. He was buried at Arlington with a number of classmates present. Dorothy is remaining in their home in Chevy Chase. Their son Ronnie lives in the DC area. Jim gave much time and effective service to our Class and the DC Group over many years.

In response to my card to Gilmartin for notes for ASSEMBLY, Mary wrote me that Gil had died at Fitzsimons on 8 Feb after a long illness. He was buried at Ft. Logan, Denver.

Since the last ASSEMBLY we have also learned of the death of Bob Hallock's wife Lillian and of Wally Burnside's wife Mary as well as the deaths of Lucile Tudor and Mildred (Mrs. C.W.) Stewart, both widows of Classmates.

#### Social and Personal

Maddocks was married on 29 Jan as prophesied in our last notes. They expect to be in their new home by the time you get these notes.

P.D. Michelet's daughter lives in the DC area. She tells us that he still lives in Gordonsville, VA, but is not very well.

Dan Chandler replied to my request for poop that our Class ex-Senator Ralph Yarbrough was running again with favorable odds, but he guessed that Jimmy the Greek would give our DC Senators who defected

to TX, only 100 to 1. After they traded Denny McLain, Dan changed that to 99 to 1.

Goddard confirmed his new Sun City address and gave me such a glowing commercial on the place that I felt like getting in my car, that is billed as the kind in which to "see the U.S.A.", but I have resisted so far.

When he wrote me early in Mar, Dwyer was preparing to take a party of 10 or 12 people to the Philadelphia Founders Day Dinner; editing and publishing the second edition of the 20-page news sheet of the 102nd Div, "The Ozark Notes"; keeping tab on his diet; kibitzing the defense coaching of the ARMY football team and keeping track of nine children and grandchildren! No wonder he has lost 30 pounds.

Stu Cowles says he and Ethelyn are in good health after a junket that took them around the world from Charleston to Bangkok via Pakistan and India, then to Hong Kong and Taipei where they got a C5A to Japan and Travis AFB from where they returned to Charleston commercially. They cite Bangkok as their favorite city but said they were royally entertained in Taiwan by a native Chinese. (Note: This was before the President's talks with Mao!)

Molly Chambers writes that she is feeling fine after having been under a doctor's care for six months and has gone back to her work in the Little Theatre.

Meta Beckley's son LTC S.A. Beckley has retired from the Army and returned to Thailand for two years service with USOM. Meta herself is planning a trip to Austria at the end of Mar.

A letter from Clyde Rich laments that few of our travelers come to Spain. He gave it a big boost which Dorothy and I second. He said they had a Founders Day Dinner at Torrejon last year and that this year he will be the oldest grad. He reported seeing Betty (Mrs. H.V.) White at the hospital. She was there for just a few days before returning to her home in Mallorca.

Trooper Price informs us that he has dropped fiction writing and submitted a non-fiction manuscript, "Foreign Devil in Chinatown," for publication. He enclosed the picture of the Palmers and Marion Harmony that appears in this column.

Lyle Rosenberg tells us that Dave Dunne has recently been elected to a second term as mayor of Carlsbad. Unhappily he also had to report that his daughter Mary Lou had died suddenly in Feb and that Louise Stone was facing cataract surgery.

Coleman brought us the news that Tormey is now out of the hospital and that the Hampton, VA, WP Soc had presented a plaque to Krueger commemorating that he had been



1923: Pinkie Palmer, Elizabeth Palmer, Marion Harmony.

their first president and designating him as President Emeritus of the organization.

Lily Noyes wrote that she was planning to bring her son Eric to our 50th Reunion. Eric was born just about the time that Judge Noyes lost his life in an airplane accident while serving as A.G. of the Alaska Nat. Gd.

Gettys sent in a report on western Florida. Extracts follow.

"We have some 15 classmates on the FL West Coast roster. I believe I am the only one still working for a living! I have talked to as many on the phone as I could reach—results summarized below. Allen Raymond is our undisputed champion grandfather. The number of grandchildren seems to have stabilized at 29—but don't bet on that as the upper limit. He is content to settle for a three-way tie for the most sons in the Long Gray Line. Gene Harrison is busy with many civic activities, including president of the local hospital board, running the charity ball, etc. Jimmy Bowen has been quite ill—unable to attend Founders Day and other USMA activities. He likes for his friends to drop in but he doesn't get around much. 'Pooper' Grove says that he is about to retire completely. He is phasing out of his last job as director of the local United Fund. Says he and Betty will be with us on Founders Day. Eddie Love's widow has remarried. She is now Mrs. Robert W. Smith—no change of address. I see them from time to time. H.H. Curry, A.C. Johnson and R.H. Hall, all Ex-'23, take an interest in the USMA activities. They were at last year's Founders Day and I expect to see them this year. A.C. Johnson and R.B. Evans have had recent bouts with the surgeon but are now on the mend. Cecil Nist and Battle Horton send greetings but plead no news of importance."

#### Address Changes

Goddard, 13804 Whispering Lake Dr., Sun City, AZ 85351; Maddocks, 419 Crosswinds Dr., Baywood Village, Palm Harbor, FL 33563; Keane, 1543 Babcock #906, San Antonio, TX 78229; Mrs. S.T. (Mary) Vincent, 7202 11th Ave. West, Village Green, Bradenton, FL 33505.

#### Postlude

Breidster sends his best wishes to each of you and his thanks for your support of Class activities. King asks for more replies to Reunion Bulletin No. 2 particularly suggestions for the Class gift and the program. Kehm asks for more poop please, Sirs.

# '24

COL John I. Hincke  
5605 Bent Branch Road  
Washington, DC 20016

Duke and Lib Arnold were visited in Lake Forest, IL, over the Xmas holidays by their son Joseph '64 and his wife and small son. Joseph is attending Rice U., studying for a Master's Degree in History. Daughter Betty Dallman (husband James H. Dallman '45) and grandson Jim Jr., accompanied Duke and Lib to Pittsburgh to attend their granddaughter's debut on New Year's Eve. They also visited their son William H. Jr., who is Engr Mgr for Nuclear Power at Westinghouse, and whose wife Jodie is the daughter of Ed Routheau '20. Duke keeps himself busy with the USO, membership on the Board of Directors of the First Nat'l Bank of Highland Park, on the Loyola U. Ex Comm for the Annual Cardinal Stritch Dinner, and on the U. of Chicago Citizens Comm. Duke and Lib plan to spend part of Mar and Apr at Vero Beach, FL.

The Hist Soc of Montgomery County, PA,

assembled last fall in Norristown, the county seat, to honor the memory of the late MG George W. Smythe. George was born in Norristown and graduated from the local high school in '17. One of his high school classmates read a paper eulogizing George and recalling his distinguished combat record as CO of the 47 Inf in the capture of Cherbourg and later in the successful defense of the northern shoulder of the German penetration in the Battle of the Bulge and also in the defense of the Rhine River bridgehead at Remagen. The occasion at Norristown was attended by Susie and her son, LTC John '53, now stationed in the Pentagon, as well as 18 members of George's high school class.

Dick and Betty Prather report that the most important events in their lives during the past year were the birth of their eighth grandchild Cathleen Prather Adams and the marriage of their youngest daughter Nancy Levinia to Mr. Harold D. Kahn of Philadelphia.

Willie Schaefer's third book, "A Citizen's View of Current Issues," has just been published and is well reviewed as a timely discussion, involving the traditions of Jefferson as possible solutions for the problems now affecting life in America. \$4.95. Consult your local dealer.

Marion Weinaug spent a few weeks last Aug visiting her son in CA where he is stationed at Vandenberg AFB. In Dec, she spent the Xmas holidays with friends in Vientiane, Laos, and in Bangkok and Chengmai, Thailand, returning to the US through Europe.

Earl Scott reports that he has much to be thankful for during the past year. Mabel's health has improved greatly and his second cataract operation resulted in restoring his 20/20 vision with glasses for the first time in six years. However, his side and vertical vision is still impaired. Although his physical activity is restricted, he still feels pretty good for a lad of 73.

Tad Tasker sends the following report on the activities and status of the Tasker tribe. Son Bill is in Atlanta but has changed from the food business to real estate. Tad and Brad are the two grandsons in that area. Daughter Karin Tasker Borden lives in the new planned city of Columbia, MD, and her husband is a research analyst with the C&O/B&O Railroad. Richard, Steven and Brian are grandsons numbers three, four and five. Son Peter, formerly a CPT in the USAF, is employed with the Mitre Corp. of Bedford, MA. David is grandson number six. Daughter Joan Tasker Grimbert (pronounced Grambear, if you please) returned from Paris with her husband and they now live in Chicago where he is a commercial photographer. No grandsons there yet.

Red and Mary Bruce Mead are active in charities in Williamsburg, VA, Red with the Cancer Research and Mary Bruce with the March of Dimes. Pete and Bobbie Lee are active in church work in the same city.

Bob Lawes spent Thanksgiving with his oldest son Dr. Bob Jr., who is assoc P of music at VA Commonwealth U. He spent Xmas with his other son Ph.D. Billy, who is on the faculty of the U. of VT. While there he visited Ft. Ethan Allen where the sight of their old quarters brought back pleasant memories. Although the Army post has closed out, many of the old buildings still remain.

Dave Page wrote from Australia and enclosed his annual dues in the form of a bunch of refund checks in small denomina-

tions from Montgomery Ward which Dave says he can't use in Australia. He spent last summer in Mexico and Spain taking three courses in Spanish and says he can now order a drink or breakfast in that language but will have to study more before he can manage lunch or dinner.

Sam and Emo Fisher had a delightful visit with the Vaughns during the Xmas holidays in the Vaughns' new home in Carmel, CA. They also saw Tom and Gwen Malin, Harry and Betty Van Wyk, and Corinne Outcalt. As far as anyone knows, Sam is the only member of the Class, or any other class, who has attained prominence in the sport of lawn bowling. Sam won the singles and was on the team which won the triples in the annual 1971 tournament of the Santa Barbara Lawn Bowls Club. He has played in three Nat'l Open Tournaments and hopes to make the '72 affair which will be held at Niagara Falls in Aug.

Another sportsman of uncommon fame is Jack Hitchings who has become a devotee to the art of sail boating, sometimes called the Sport of Kings or the Queen of Sports. After ret in '48, Jack and Rosanna boarded a 34-foot yawl, the "Fair Winds," which they had waiting for them in the Savannah River. They lived aboard ship as a permanent home almost ever since. Although their first venture to sea ended abruptly when they ran aground five minutes after shoving off, they spent the next 15 years cruising along the East and Gulf Coasts, dodging fish traps in the Chesapeake and coral reefs in the Keys. Later they sold the "Fair Winds" and moved to England where they purchased a small British sloop named "Barbara" and continued the adventurous life, sailing along the North Sea coast of England and in the waters of Holland and France. Their travels carried them into the Mediterranean and they eventually settled in the port town of Tarragona where they now rent a villa and where "Barbara," when not under sail, is moored at the Club Nautico, the oldest yacht club in Spain. They find the beautiful and protected waters of the Cote d'Azur the best cruising ground they have experienced. Recently the Club honored them with a special fiesta where they were toasted in champagne and presented with certificates naming them honorary graduates of the Club's Navigation School. Jack says that all credit for sailing their small craft into the ports of eight nations, for 23 years without a shipwreck, belongs to Rosanna.

Jerry Hulley, accompanied by Jim's daughter Althea Hardman and granddaughter Anne, spent Xmas week in Bermuda. They report the prices sky high.

Rags and Catherine Raguse had a happy Xmas holiday visit with their son and his family in Chattanooga.

The social season for the Alamo Chapter of The Thundering Herd opened on 27 Jan with a dinner at the Ft. Sam Officers Club. The following classmates, wives and widows were present: Haydon and Dorothy Boatner, Bob and Taggie Cullen, Chick Darling, Margaret Hames, Jags and Louise Eyerly, Hannah Hawkins, Bob and Peggy Harper, Maude Ives, Gen Jennings, Howard and Ruth Kessinger, Ralph and Alice Koch, Joe and Nugie Massaro, Mac and Jane McHugh, Wally and Anne Short USNA '24, Marcus Stokes, Jesse and Fran Traywick, Harriet Wells, George and Irma Wrockloff. At the last minute the flu bug prevented Marie de la Rosa, Winnie Ramsey and Agnes Stokes from attending. All those present appeared to be holding up well and carried their

years with ease and grace. The annual selection of chapter officers resulted in the unanimous choice of Bob Harper as Pres, Chick Darling as VP, and Nugie Massaro, assisted by Joe as Secy-Treas for the coming year.

For the past 18 years, Tommie and Lucille Holmes have lived at Oaklawn Manor on Bayou Teche near Franklin, LA. Tommie is curator and Lucie is hostess of this historical pre-Civil War estate which has been restored to its former elegance and is now a monument to the Old South, visited annually by hundreds of tourists and sight-seers. Tommie's endeavors also include publishing. His "Bayou Cook Book," with illustrations by the author, is in its third printing. He and Lucie recently celebrated their 50th anniversary of meeting when Lucie came up to WP on a blind date from The Castle at Tarrytown, and converted Tommie into a True Southerner, which he has been ever since.

Bill and Fiona Triplet recently visited the Jack Hitchings in Tarragona, Spain.

There is another outfit that has stolen our name. The brokerage firm of Merrill Lynch, in its advertising material, refers to itself and its collective clients as The Thundering Herd. This is in keeping with the company's widely broadcast TV commercial which shows hundreds of steers wildly charging across the TV screen to the accompaniment of a loud rumbling crescendo of thundering hooves. If you open an account with this company, you will receive a letter from the management, welcoming you to The Thundering Herd, with a comment that they are proud of that name. So are we.

John Hill visited his son BG John Jr. and family in the Philippines last Dec. John Jr. '46 is stationed in RVN but came home while John was there. Later they all flew to Bangkok and spent a few days sight-seeing in this photographer's paradise. John returned to the US via Hong Kong, Taiwan, Okinawa, Guam and Honolulu. He reports favorably on the progress being made in Thailand and Taiwan and of the commercial activity in Hong Kong, but takes a dim view of the situation in the Philippines, which has gone down hill since their independence, and in Okinawa which is depressed due to the declining presence of the Americans. While in Hong Kong, John tried to see Chang, now living in Macao, but Chang was unable to come to Hong Kong because of illness.

Ernie Merkle writes from El Paso that he and Ora are busy staying put and doing nothing of any consequence. Ora has switched from knitting to beadwork but does not completely neglect her organ. Ernie is still piddling with unsuccessful gardening, makes an annual batch of wine, and plays around with acrylic painting.

George Lightcap reports from Sun City, AZ, that he seldom sees any of the Herd but that they do have a fine WP group of 12 in the area and plan to apply for a WP Soc charter. They got together with the local Navy people to view the A-N game in Philadelphia on the TV. George says that '71 was not too good for him healthwise. Recovery from surgery a year and a half ago has been slow and he is just now getting back in shape.

Dan Healy claims to be the perennial oldest graduate present at the annual Founders Day dinner at Ft. Polk, LA. He and Margaret spent Thanksgiving in Houston where their son Dan Jr. and family, are living. They also have two daughters in Houston. Occasionally they see a classmate in that city.

It is with deep regret that we announce

the death of Albert G. Foote at McLeansboro, IL, on 5 Dec; Andrew P. Foster at Columbus, GA, on 9 Dec; Charles G. Stevenson in NY State on 25 Dec; George A. Millener at Knoxville, TN, on 21 Feb; and George V. Pope at WRGH AMC on 5 Mar.

# '25

COL Floyd E. Dunn  
132 N. Wayne Street  
Arlington, VA 22201

The happiest part of our Mar monthly luncheon was welcoming back both Ed Jones and Don Dunford. Ed went out of circulation on 13 Dec and followed doctor's orders most carefully until he now appears in top shape and working part time. Don has had quite a siege for several months—many trips to WRGH but able to keep active by driving his own car and taking walking exercise. We hope to have both with us regularly for the foreseeable future.

The Finns are scheduled back in town any moment and Russ plans to attend our Founders Day Dinner here. The Clelands are expected later this month for a visit before taking off for Spain.

Bee and Count Cavelli in Mexico City the latter part of Feb where Bee took part in an Internat'l Bridge Tournament. They then proceeded to Acapulco for an enjoyable week.

Jean and Soap Suttles wrote from the Raffles Hotel in Singapore after stopovers

in Bangkok, Penang and Kaula Lumpur. They have enjoyed some four weeks of warm weather (around 90°) and are due home soon.

Bill Wright writes again from Honolulu stating that this has been one of the best winters in years for "beaching."

We have heard twice since the holidays from Reno Dowling who greatly appreciated greetings from classmates. Reno handles the English language with considerably fluency and we are considering mailing some of his notes to you verbatim.

John Dansby writes to chide us for addressing our last notes to his old address—guess he is taking Ralph Bartz's place on our back! For the benefit of all of you—we keep a pretty accurate and up-to-date Class List for emergency use but we have a great number of "envelope sticker addresses" for which we must substitute corrected ones each mailing time—occasionally we place an old sticker on even though the master list has been corrected. So.

Maurine and John Dansby enjoy apt. living and are happy to be relieved of taking care of a house. By moving to San Antonio they are near all three of their daughters and families (one in Bryan, one in Kerrville and one in Alice, TX). They wrote from Palm Springs where they had been enjoying some six pleasant weeks but expect to be home for Founders Day—and a chance to visit the local contingent (Peoples, McCormicks, Bradfords, Kidwell, et al).

Robertson was down from NJ for our Feb luncheon but was unable to be here the first Thurs in Mar. Linkswiler, however, flew up the second time making both the Feb and Mar luncheons.

The Hopkins are circulating somewhere in FL but the McManuses failed to check in this month so we assume they are either on the way South or in the midst of plans for another extended trip.

Dave Bradford sent the sad news that Aggie Kidwell passed away 20 Feb. Her brother-in-law (LTC Paul S. Vanture) lives in Alexandria and we talked with him, by telephone, when he arrived home from the funeral at the Ft. Sam Houston Cemetery. You perhaps recall that Aggie had undergone extensive heart surgery.

Our last notes to you had a PS re the passing of Walter Bryte. Walter never recovered from the operation of over one year ago despite having the best of care. Jeannie left recently for a two months stay in Palm Springs where she will contact classmates as well as receive treatments from a famous eye specialist there.

The Carl Meyers are in HI and enjoyed a visit with Lani and Ernie Holmes who gave them a nice sight-seeing whirl.

The Boudreaus are having a great time in the Orient—Jim writes that over the years he has seen quite a few cities in the world but that Hong Kong stands near the top. They viewed the new territory at Hong Kong which (he says) is as near to China as he wants to be! Next week their schedule calls for Bangkok and then on to the Fiji Islands via Australia where they will cruise on the Blue Lagoon for a week.

Mitch Giddens seems to have started off '72 about the way they did '71—stating that, presently at least, he must stay close to a GH where they have Intensive Care Heart Units. He has had a few "atrial fibrilla-



1925: The Dunns in China: In rickshaws (two on left); taking pictures; and among friendly natives.

tions" where medication was necessary to get the old ticker back to a regular beat. He was enjoying rounds of 18 hole golf before his children made him see a doctor who, but promptly, put him on a limited schedule. They are living at their El Paso address where they will remain for awhile before returning to Denver. Audrey and he have visited in Dallas, Ft. Worth and Pampa, TX; Denver; Santa Monica, CA, and Albuquerque—with sons, daughters and grandchildren. They were so busy with kin that they missed classmates in several places. While in Santa Monica daughter and husband took off for Greece leaving them to baby-sit for two weeks with two little boys (one and three years old). We judged that didn't help his heart condition but they are willing subjects to the little ones just like all of us. It was real fun to see Mitch (an old "K" Co. stalwart) when he came through here over a year ago.

A very interesting letter from Jo-Jo Kuhre's sister Mabel who has lived in "Loveland," CO for many years. This lovely and beautiful little town (a gateway to the Rocky Mtn. Nat'l Park) was once our "base of operations" before WWI. Over the years, it has become known as "The Sweetheart Town" due chiefly to her husband's initiative in arranging for the re-mailing of Valentines with appropriate verses and inscriptions yearly. Mabel is recovering nicely from her knee operation and expects to be quite fully recovered before Spring.

One of our last news flashes from San Antonio mentioned that Enid Deery was on her way to visit Jim at Temple, TX, where he has been in the VA Hosp there for some three years. As no bad news has been reported we will assume that Jim (another old "K" Co veteran) has improved.

Every so often we have a letter from Ray Toms promising to send pictures of that Fabulous English Country Home they are so proud of. We continued to urge him as we are concerned about those 90 MPH jaunts he takes into London Town so frequently—he would be about as safe here in the so-called 500 races!

We also await a report from Sally (Sharon) Parker re that trip planned for the Caribbean. Incidentally Clare and Ed Jones had to cancel out of their cruise although Biff and family (plus one of Clare and Ed's daughters) are there now.

Despite frequent good news from the Kearns we now hear that Parson is in critical condition—they live in the vicinity of the Underwoods who relay reports via the Crandalls!

For those of you who have written about "Survivors Benefits" please be assured we are working at top speed on this subject and expect to have a report for you in the next notes mailed direct.

Exhausted from viewing endless TV football we were then caught in the late hours not wanting to miss any of the winter Olympics—then followed the China reports, which came both early mornings following late night broadcasts!

Do any of you remember Pryor Ledgerwood, who graced the ranks of "K" Co. for one year? Pryor was on duty in the Pekin Compound and escorted us from time to time while we were there. We recall one most fabulous chinese dinner, the menu of which we have some place among our souvenirs. Please write.



1926: Dick McMaster—"Advanced equitation?"

# '26

MG Francis L. Ankenbrandt  
681 King's Town Drive  
Naples, FL 33940

This issue turns out to be another "frantic" deadline, what with the busy winter season down here in southern FL, a few short trips to various places, and the very short time since the last deadline, 5 Jan etc etc. However, we'll do the best with what we've got!

Two letters from TX have given me some news from that area — and it's really great. The first report was from Ralph Osborne, outlining the "jackpot" item, which is that Nancy and Egon Tausch had girl twins at San Antonio Methodist Hosp. on 20 Jan; twins, mother and father are doing fine altho' father is more than a little "chesty." Four days later they returned to their home, which is Still Waters Ranch in Wetmore, TX, not too far away. Ralph suggests that we in our Class sign up two of our grandsons for blind dates at our 62nd Reunion — with no worries because we understand the twins resemble Nancy, not Egon! A very fine letter arrived from Egon himself with more details: Fredrika weighed 8 lb 11 oz, and Liesebet 6 lb 15½ oz; he sez "no wonder Nancy didn't look so slender at the Reunion in June!" Egon reminds us that the twins have an older brother Rickey, who is a 30 yr old CPT and on the faculty up at USMA. He also says "most belatedly, please thank everyone for being so nice to Nancy during Reunion week — she was quite naturally a bit apprehensive at her first big outing with the Class, but very quickly got to know and be fond of all my wonderful Class. Thank you."

Two moves are also reported by Ralph, as follows: Lew and Wis Griffing have closed shop in Lawton, OK, and moved to El Paso, where daughter Jane is nearby. Their new address is Hillmark, 5000 Alabama St., 79930. Skeet and Rozie Van Meter have finally completed their long planned move from Amarillo to 1308 Cisler Drive, Marietta, OH 45750. He failed to give any personal news of either of the families, and the same goes for the Osbornes themselves. As Dick McMaster sez, "One might say El Paso is bulging at the seams with '26ers—Harry Johnsons, Griffings and McMasters. Frank Miter moved out just in time to avoid overcrowding!"

Speaking of Dick McMaster, a note from him enclosed a snapshot, printed herewith, of an "advanced equitation class" he attended last fall in N. Africa—looks pretty "dicey"! He also said that after the illnesses which

prevented their attending the Reunion, he and Jane were able to take the Kungsholm trip in Oct without any difficulty — and that it was wonderful, doing southern Europe, N. Africa and even up the Amazon in Brazil! Connie and I want to take a trip of that sort before too long — sounds absolutely great! Dick also sent the following graffiti, quoted herewith: "ATTEND YOUR CLASS RE-UNION; GET TOGETHER TO SEE WHO'S COMING APART."

A letter from the Heiberger brought me up-to-date on their activities. Glad to know Vald got over his bout with pneumonia OK and he and Evelyn were able to be in FL for five weeks starting in late Jan. Quoting: "In our travels this year, we did not get to the Naples area, but saw most of the east coast plus the St. Pete-Tampa-Clearwater area; while in the latter, had a nice visit with Ev House in her lovely apt., and a scrumptious meal with Maurice and Ruth Condon. We missed Bill House, who was away working on some project at the time." I gather they are looking over different areas down here with a view to moving down permanently in two or three yrs, "maybe."

Spud Murphy gave me a good rundown of activities in his area. The annual dinner-dance for WPers was held at the Presidio in late Jan, and drew the Fordes, Kaylors, Nurses, Bradys, Murphys and Kay and Mac McFarland, who were down from ID at the time. "We had a good dinner and some of the younger members even danced!" Elsie and Freddy Munson were in the Bay area in early Feb, visiting Freddy's mother, now 96 years old, and other friends and classmates, before hopping over to HI for a while to soak up some sun. Babe and Tommy deShazo were also in the Bay area for the month of Feb, evading the DC winter! Their daughter and family live in Tiburan, one reason for a vacation in that area. They stayed part time down in Monterey, where they got together with Beth and Ken McNaughton for a "few rounds" and dinners. Ken McNaughton had lunch at the Carmel Valley CC with Paul Black, Paul Hamilton and Johnny McFarland; he and Johnny also spent a day at "The Crosby." Spud sez Ken surely must be our most enthusiastic and successful sportsman, and quotes from his note: "Had a great season at Tule Lake on geese and ducks — got a buck at Hunter-Liggett, as well as doves and pigeons — but the best of all was a 10-day fishing trip up at Ketchum, ID, with son and daughter's families." (Ed Note: Johnny Johnson down in Harlingen, TX, are you going to take this statement lying down?) By the way, Spud put on a PS that the Bay area classmates sent the Tausches' twins silver baby cups in honor of their arrival!

Your Scribe and Connie had a recent and very pleasant trip to Los Angeles and environs, then over to Dallas, visiting son Jerry and family in Palos Verdes, and daughter Joni and family in Richardson, TX. We had a gay time at both places, and found the five grandchildren growing up awfully fast! Jerry has three, oldest Karen, almost 12, and Joni has two, oldest Kimmie, almost eight. The youngest is Kathryn Ank, almost four! While on this trip, we had a bonus of two days at the "Bob Hope Desert Classic" down in Palm Desert and finally two hectic days at the Mardi Gras in New Orleans. It was absolutely incredible — our first and probably our last! Finally, we just returned from St. Pete, where we attended the Founders Day Dinner with Maurice and Ruth Condon, John and Marge Roosma and Hazel Toftoy, having had an informal gathering in our room in the Sheraton BelAir beforehand. Missing

were the Deyos, he pleading business at the U., and the Huses, reasons unknown. It was a fine affair, and well attended generally. It turns out that Hazel Toftoy is now in business in St. Pete, owning and operating an up and coming Photo-Portrait shop there. She looks like the work is good for her — and all wish her good luck in this venture. Maurice is still "Mr. Clearwater" and his S & L organization is most successful and expanding all over the area! Both he and Ruth look in the pink, as does Hazel. On our way back from St. Pete to Naples (160 miles), we stopped for lunch with the Roosmas in their new and most attractive small condominium on the Gulf of Mexico in Siesta Key, south Sarasota — address: 5858 Midnight Pass Rd., Apt. 27, Siesta Key, FL. They are happy as larks in their new winter place and proved most adequate hosts. It was fun seeing also Harris and Gretchen Scherer, who live nearby, and Herb and Annabelle Jones, down for a few weeks visiting from DC.

Yrs 'til the next deadline.

# '27

BG Gerald F. Lillard  
4543 N. 40th Street  
Arlington, VA 22207

Our big news, of course, should be that which deals with the 45th Reunion, 31 May-3 June, but at this mid-Mar deadline those happy days are still far away. Woody Burgess will have sent out all his "Bullets," and hopefully you will have acted upon them, sent in the good word to Mac Miller, and therefore you will have been well housed, wined, danced, and exhilarated by That Reunion by the time that you read this column—and you will be at home again.

The Scribe hopes that all of you who were frolicking so recently about the Plain and its delightful environs got good snaps among the many that you took—and that you will send them in posthaste! Let your sprightly memories accompany, also, so that our eventual post-Reunion column will remain a stimulating reminder of the delights of that renewal of old friendships, even though too briefly experienced at the old, and new WP.

Now to start more or less chronologically, one of the highlights of the early season in the DC Area was the "co-ed" dinner of the WP Soc of DC at Patton Hall, Ft. Myer. The principal speaker, Frank Dorn '24, gave a discussion of his experiences in China in the 40's. His remarks on Chou En-lai, with whom he was associated for many months while serving with GEN Stilwell's US Mission to China, were excellent, thorough, and



1927: Jo Martin, Harry McKinney, Jean Burgess, Tony Luebberrmann, George Martin, and Bea Luebberrmann at Casey Key, FL.



1927: From left to right, Burgess, Spike and Helen Webb, Jean Burgess, McKinney.

provocative, providing his listeners with much information to serve as a background for the then approaching China trip of President Nixon. The Class of '27 was represented by the Lowes, Bixels, Collinses, Pences, Asensios, Millers, Zwickers, Burgesses, and Lillards.

Dorothy Ostenberg is again a proud grandmother: daughter Jane Ostenberg Florence's third son was born in Columbus, OH, on Christmas Eve. Dorothea reported, "Young Patrick Thomas is the pride and joy of the parents and the other two sons." Congratulations!

Chris Nelson sent in another welcome report on the gatherings of the San Antonio group at their monthly luncheons, the latest reported being one which included Dutch and Donnie Holland, in town for an important general staff meeting of the MOWW of which Dutch continues as Nat'l Commander-in-Chief. The gals were also present at this luncheon—a fine addition! Chris sent in some good snaps; accompanying the column is one of the best which shows five of the group, the only one left out being, regrettably, Ven Kaylor. All of local '27 was apparently present except for the Cy Williamses and Carl Graybeals, Watlington and Kunesh "absent, locality unknown," and Mike and Verna Williams who were off "on a jaunt to HI."

And speaking of geography! NM has won out over VA!—and not in a political primary. Ken and Vivian Thiebaud, after count-

less years in Arlington, always as an integral couple of the DC Area '27 group, gave up in Mar and flew off to Albuquerque. There, of course, they will be near to daughter Jane and her husband, and in a new climate, "sunny and dry." As Ken saw it in a report just beating deadline, "I'm sure we'll enjoy living here: an expanding area, beautiful communities." So all classmates please notice this displacement; the actual address will be presented as soon as the new Thiebaud house is constructed and occupied.

Jean and Willis Matthews are rather constant travelers from the DC area. One brief report, en route, from Las Vegas, stated that lucky Jean had picked up \$5 on a 15-cent deposit in a charitable slot machine. They enjoyed San Antonio: "We had a ball, for we knew so many there." They did get to CA, however, as they reported upon their return to Chevy Chase in early Mar. They had there pleasant visits with Verone and Gar Davidson and Betty and Woody Hocker, and Willis talked by phone with his "old roommate" Roy Axup. All in all, they had another great trip!

Harry McKinney just beat the deadline with a fine, newsy letter, containing some interesting prognostications as to who would make the Reunion from FL; by now, of course, his estimates can be accurately assessed by the Scribe, ahem. Mac paid a sincere tribute to Woody and Jean Burgess for their exhaustive, if pleasing, travels to whip up interest in attendance at the Great 45th. He and Helen were "steamed up" for the Reunion!

Tom and Marge McManus "combined, land, sea, and air, family friends and classmates, plus business and pleasure" on their trip of Feb and Mar from the SF Bay Area. Paul Berrigan in his Mary Fay gave them a "waterborne sendoff," and they then went by ship through Panama to the Bahamas and back to the DC Area for a Mar week of watching son Jim's progress in a DC tennis tournament. Jim is a touring member of the US Lawn Tennis winter circuit; "his sphere of action is the world." Tom also attended to business in DC, getting firsthand observation of the work progress of his own company's portion of the ever ongoing DC subway system. However, he took time to host a luncheon for local classmates, a gathering which brought out Charles Bixel, Bobby Lowe, Bill Pence, Jack Sterling, Mac Miller, and Woody Burgess, plus Tom's brother George of '25 and Walter Stanton



1927: Griffith, Nelson, Lepping, Holland, and Aloe at San Antonio.



1927: Woody Burgess and Scoon Gardner "renew grips" after 45 years.



1927: Mike Pegg relaxing for the Reunion.

'26. The rest of '27 just couldn't make it on that festive day.

Our column in the last ASSEMBLY reported the **Burgesses'** summer Reunion "promotion and pleasure" trip. This column continues their peregrinations.

After Xmas at home and their annual New Year's "wing-ding" at the "House of **Burgesses'**" in Vienna, VA, Jean and Woody again took off in Feb for FL. There they actually were to see all 16 classmates in the Sunshine State! En route down they had pleasant meetings with Meta and Nellie **Fooks** and Mary and Stu Wood. Then in FL, they completed the roster: they saw Howell **Jordan** and the **Mechlings** in the NASA region and the **Dickersons**, **Ewings**, and **Garlands** in the Dearfield-Pompano cluster. At Coral Gables they saw the **Ted Weyhers**. They took only time out around Key Largo for Jean "to flaunt her fisherman's skill." Then they cruised through the Everglades to Naples and a lunch with Ethel and Larry **Kuter**. Then they moved to occupy Helen and Harry **McKinney's** "lovely guest cottage" at Lake Wales and accompanied Mac on day-time trips to seek out other classmates. In the Orlando area they saw Joe **Potter**, "our famous ex-'27er hard at work in his Disney World exploits." They also had lunch with Palmer and Ani **Edwards** and toured Disney World. Next day they had lunch at the **Luebbermann's** on Casey Key, with Joe and George **Martin** also present. That afternoon they "stopped for a drink" with Spike and Helen **Webb**, and the next day hit the Tampa area, where they found Freddie **Day** and his bride Beth at home and saw the **Chester Dunhams** and the **Soon Gardners**. Woody missed seeing **Thelma McNamee**, but did succeed in reaching her by phone. A visit with Jack and Jo **Burdge** came just before their start back northward, during the first leg of which **Bus Howard** was reached by phone. **Bus**, **Woody** stated, was just "defer-



1927: Lucile and Jerry Lillard talking of the 45th.

ring a hernia operation." In Columbia, too, they saw **Ray Stanton**, "doing a great job of TLC for **Gene**, who is totally non-ambulatory."

Two days at Myrtle Beach were spent with **Woody's** cadet wife, **Mike Pegg** and his real wife **Helen**. The **Burgesses** were back in Vienna next day: "three weeks, 4,000 miles, and 21 classmates later." As **Woody** summarized this second, and last, of his fine trips, "It was great, and a recommended interlude for all those who like to travel and renew friendships." Accompanying the column are several photographs which record parts of the adventure.

Surely the attendance at the 45th can in no small measure be attributed to this "labor of love," this "beyond-the-call-of-duty" performance, which the **Burgesses** demonstrated in their extensive fall and spring trips. To them go the thanks of the Class of '27 for a successful job of Reunion promotion!

Also, as a passing note of importance, the **Burgesses'** grandson **Louis Burgess** has a Presidential appointment for the Class of '76 at USMA!—and he looks like certain football material! Cheers!

The one perhaps unexpected picture with the column—that of the beaming **Scribe** and his smiling **Lucile**—is presented just in case something prevented one or both of those **Lillards** from actually making the recent 45th. It is offered in the Reunion Spirit!—and, anyway, it's their first good picture in years!

Send on your pictures and the poop!!

## '28

BG **John D. Billingsley**  
701 Hilltop Lane  
Fredericksburg, VA 22401

The Class suffered the loss of another member when **John Gilchrist** died at **Fitzsimons GH** on 21 Dec after a brief illness. Burial took place on 23 Dec at Ft. Logan Nat'l Cemetery. Jack was Exec VP of Adm and a Dir of Financial Program at the time of his death. This reduces the number of graduates in the Class to 178, answering today's roll call.

**Myrtle** and **Bill Billingsley** were involved in a one-car accident on 9 Jan just south of **Petersburg, VA**, en route to FL. **Myrtle** suffered two cracked ribs and has fully recovered. **Bill** is still handicapped with two crushed vertebrae in his back. **A. B. Denniston** was a frequent visitor to see **Bill** while the latter was hospitalized at **Kenner AH** at Ft. Lee. **Denny** is leading the life of leisure and enjoying it at his home in **Hopewell, VA**.

**Ruth** and **Ralph Butchers** have been visiting Mexico. They saw **Russ** and **Sunny Blair** and **Web** and **Virginia Anderson**. The latter are staying in the **Warrens'** home while the **Warrens** are sojourning in **Singapore**. A former comrade reports on the outstanding work of **Bill Prunty** in connection with the "Mounted Horse Platoon" at Ft. Carson as follows: "During the last five years, **COL Prunty** has done more to improve, train, secure approval and defeat a recent and ill-timed attempt by a staff officer to eliminate the fine Platoon... as an unnecessary expense... or words to that effect." The descriptive folder states that a retired officer, **COL Carroll Prunty**, the famous "Lone Rider" of the **Carson** ranges, began schooling the Platoon in cav saber charges, the thrilling event which has vaulted the glamorous Platoon into new heights of fame.

Attending the Jan Dinner of the WP DC

**Soc** were the **Butchers**, **Haskells**, **Raymonds**, **Smiths**, **Tottens**, **Lanes** and **Betty Daly**.

**Luke Finlay** reports: "During a brief winter holiday in FL, **Annie Sue** and I had a most enjoyable reunion with a number of classmates and their wives—thanks to the genial hospitality of **Del** and **Ginny Spivey**. The scene was their lovely apt at the Harbor Club in Belleair Bluffs the evening of 3 Feb. The others present were **Paul** and **Meb Adams**, **Paul** and **Jeannette Breden**, **PooPoo** and **Billie Smith** and **Buck** and **Catherine Wiley**, along with **Kai Rasmussen**, who started with us but finished in '29, and his wife. It was a most enjoyable evening of getting up-to-date with old friends, some of whom we had not seen in a number of years, reminiscing about the past and exchanging views on the present state of nat'l and internat'l affairs. Later in our trip, we spent another happy cocktail hour with **Joe** and **Ruth Potter**, while visiting friends at the Bay Hill Country Club, near Orlando. We had previously visited **Disney World**, of which **Joe** was one of the creators and which we heartily recommend to one and all, and it was a treat to hear from **Joe** about the imaginative and intricate planning, the massive restructuring of the countryside and elaborate building and the program for recruiting and training the huge staff needed for its operation. The combination of these activities greatly impressed us on our visit and **Joe** tells us that attendance to date has far exceeded their planning estimates. I'm glad to report steady progress after my massive surgery last Sept."

**Verdi Barnes** informs us that **Jean** is recuperating well from a detached retina operation.

Late news just arrived that **Johnny Upham** was struck with a slight stroke 6 Mar—prognosis good.

## '29

BG **William J. Thompson**  
3506 Patterson St., NW  
Washington, DC 20015

**Travel Notes.** **Joe** and **Jean Horridge** closed their **Chambersburg, PA** place for a couple of months and jaunted to Europe, where they bought a car and drove nearly 4,000 miles. Strenuous but fun, they say, and few tourists in winter. British roads and inflation are terrible. Italian super-highways are super. The **Horridges** have a new granddaughter, which makes 7 grandchildren. Congratulations to all.

**Kirk** and **Edie Wee Kirkpatrick** likewise took a two-mos. jaunt—a cruise which carried them from **Melrose, FL**, to the **Canaries**, **Spain**, **Italy**, **Greece**, **Lebanon**, and much ocean. **Kirk** had a sudden but brief bout in the hosp. before departure, but all turned out well, as did the cessation of the dock strike just in time for their scheduled sailing. **Kirkpatrick** daughter **Patsy** and family are still in **Rye, NY**, but son **Terry**, MAJ '61, is now a student at the **Air C&SC** and moonlighting for an **MABA** at **Auburn U**.

**Don** and **Maggie Graul** spent nearly two mos. in **New Zealand** and **Australia** during the winter (here) and report that a fine time to be down-under.

In Memoriam. **David Ferdinand Brown** died in **Austin, TX**, on 13 Feb. **Dave** had been hospitalized with a mild stroke a few days earlier and had been making a good recovery when he suffered a massive stroke. Interment was in the **Ft. Sam Houston Cemetery** with members of the **San Antonio** and **Austin** contingents of the Class in at-

tendance. The Class extends its sympathy and condolences to Irma Jane Brown, whose address is 5205 Ridge Oak Dr., Austin 78731.

Jessie Royce Landis Seitz died at Danbury, CT, of cancer on 2 Feb. Her distinguished career as a principal player on stage, screen, and TV brought delight to millions. She had appeared in more than 45 plays in Chicago, NY, and London. A thorough professional, she chose her parts with skill, and astutely took many parts far beyond her years. She was Grace Kelly's princess mother in the film "The Swan," and in another picture played Cary Grant's exceptionally well-preserved mother when she was actually younger than Grant. We extend our sympathy and condolences to Jeff Seitz, whose address is Old Branchville Rd., Ridgefield, CT 06877.

**From the SF Bay Area Gp. Theimer sez:** Tiny and Caroline Jark stopped by San Francisco to see friends and the No. 1 city of the world on their return from HI. Tiny's golf is still good, even though his long ball isn't as long as it used to be. They planned to visit Caroline's brother Whit Miller in San Pedro and Pinky Wetzel in San Diego.

The Theimers spent a couple of days golfing with Paul and Mary Anne Freeman in Carmel. Paul has severed his various business connections except for one and is concentrating on golf. He specializes in first tee moaning and then clobbers you with his long ball. They are extending their golf to HI in the early spring.

Doug and Elio Dwyre will also be in HI for a mo. (probably getting his swimming back in shape). Jack Geary spent a while in a hosp. in Walnut Creek for surgery. He says he's fine, but will never be the same again.

Andy and Charlotte Samuels are moving to 309 Gaines Mill Lane, Hampton, VA 23369, planning on arrival the last of Apr. They hope to attend the DC Gp activities if Bill Thompson and Jupe Lindsey will put them on the mailing list. (Will do. WJT) Andy says they'll be five minutes from where he can launch his boat and go fishing.

Glen Williamson announces his engagement to Mrs. K.D. Garrett (Mary) of Columbus, OH, widow of an AF officer. Glen and Mary first knew each other before her earlier marriage, when she was secy to the Chief of AF Plans in the Pentagon. A Sept wedding is planned. The Class extends congratulations and best wishes.

**From the DC Gp.** Satan Buck has undergone major abdominal surgery here at WRGH and at this writing is making a good recovery. Satan was ret. on physical in 48 and has lived in Covington, VA, his home town, since then.

Jupe Lindsey saw George Lynch in Columbus, GA, on his latest junket for the Army Distaff Foundation. Phil and Ethel Draper were absent from Columbus, in residence at their Ft. Lauderdale, FL place.

Alice Nesbitt had a fine telephone visit with Don Stevning here on a business trip from his citrus groves in Redlands, CA.

Herb and Ida Milwit got that fifth member of the basketball team when son Sandy and wife produced the required boy baby.

Tom and Marion McDonald came up from FL to the DC area this spring for the birth of their fourth granddaughter, courtesy of son Randy and daughter-in-law Mary. This is the first child for this young couple; the other three pertain to McDonald son Tommy '57, LTC, Sig C, also stationed here, but due to go to Ft. Campbell soon, where he will command a Sig Bn. Tom and Marion were in good shape, though Marion's neck

vertebra problem requires constant attention.

So far as I know, Bozo and Gertrude McKee are the sole members of the Class to have two professor sons—Christopher, a Ph.D. in Astrophysics, is an Asst P at Harvard; William, a Ph.D. equivalent in law (whatever that might be), is an Asst P at the U. of VA. This news, developed at a recent Coord Comte luncheon, brought the inevitable complimentary remarks that we hadn't realized Gertrude was quite such an intellectual.

Also developed at that meeting was the fine progress of Project Fifty, to which the Class initial response has been magnificent. We already have over \$10,000 cash-on-the-barrel-head deposited at WP drawing all that lovely interest. You will receive a detailed status report in the near future.

Fred and Win Chaffee celebrated springtime by winging off to London and Paris for two weeks. Nick and Jackie Nichols plan a 28-day round the world trip in the early summer, going counterclockwise through Asia. They will stop in Teheran to have some of that lettuce washed in soap and water and dried on a clean T shirt with Ken (and Pat?) Zitzman '32, and of course include Jackie's Paris.

The next DC Gp gathering will be the family picnic at the Ft. Belvoir Riverside Club on Sun, 23 Jul. Come One, Come All.

# '30

COL Alexander G. Stone  
2 Quincey Street  
Chevy Chase, MD 20015

Dear Gang:

It is with deep regret that I have to report two more additions to the "In Memoriam" list. Percy Brown died on 8 Mar in St. Petersburg and was buried in Arlington Nat'l Cemetery on 14 Mar. Ray Brisach and a number of the DC area classmates were able to represent us at the funeral services. We understand that Nancy plans to stay on in the St. Petersburg home; and the Lindquists and Timothys will try to keep a friendly eye on her. The other loss, report of which is much delayed, is that of George Rogers, who died in May of 71. His widow Lenore wrote of it to Hubert Lewis last Sept and Hubert informed me of it this past Feb. While George didn't graduate with us, he was one of three classmates (Turk Nelson and Hall Stokes are the other two) who made a career of the military, gained regular commissions, and retired as COLs. We've always considered them definitely members of "The Gang." George had three sons, two of whom are WP graduates, clear indication of how he felt about our Alma Mater. To the memory of these two useful soldiers, our reverent salute; and to their families, our abiding sympathy.

The memorandum that I sent out with the Spring address list covered the major items of current interest. There have been a few other communications, at least one of which falls into the category of special interest—might even be called "the solution to the great mystery." Way back when I was trying to put together our Thirty-Year Book, the bare-bones biographies that I perpetrated were of necessity drawn, and rather hastily at that, almost entirely from official records, supplemented in some instances by personal knowledge or correspondence with the individual concerned. This obviously was not the most satisfactory answer to the problem, but it was the best I could come up with at that time. (At least, no one sued me for

libel!) In the case of Howie Quinn, referring to his WWII service, I used the expression that he "had not received as much official recognition as some others in the Class." (I was thinking in terms of promotion to star rank, well-publicized citations and similar public recognition of outstanding service.) Now, a dozen years after I wrote that and some thirty years after the fact, the truth has outed. Seems that early in 1942 a hot potato was passed from the White House to the CS (GEN Marshall), thence to GEN Eisenhower, and on to GEN Somervell. The "potato" was the fact that the top brass had concluded that sooner or later the Allies would have to mount large-scale water-borne landings in every theatre of the war. The only problem was that we had practically zero landing craft of any description and only a rather embryonic competence in the techniques of their manufacture and employment. GEN Somervell solved the problem, as far as ASF was concerned, by the simple expedient of directing a member of his staff, one MAJ Howard Quinn, to produce the necessary numbers and types of craft to support all of our landing operations—North Africa, Sicily, Salerno, Anzio, Southern France, the Pacific island-hopping and then, of course, the Big Daddy of them all, the Normandy invasion. Howie was given a big stick of authority and plenty of official backing; but all of his operations—one might almost call them machinations—were classified "SECRET," and under this label he labored for more than two years. Historically, the results speak for themselves. But it is ironic that the one individual most responsible for ramrodding this extraordinary production effort to a successful conclusion should have received so little official recognition. Belatedly, he was recommended for the DSM, but the citation got bogged down in end-of-the-war red tape and was never acted on. Typically, Howie never complained or even mentioned his exceptional contribution to our WWII effort. Only this past winter did he and Jean confide the (documented) story to me. It is with deep satisfaction that I have forwarded this bit of history to the archives at WP, to set the record straight and to add one more gem to the tiara of Class accomplishments.

A letter from Slat Schlatter gives news of his busy life. He wrote: "I have several responsibilities, including county C.O.P. treasurer; trustee for our local Community College, where we are being sued for not putting a new branch campus where the suer wanted it; Lay Reader and Sunday School Supe at St. John's Episcopal Church; and director of a small, struggling technological company trying to avert going bust. All these jobs have two big things in common: (a) There was no opposition, and (b) There's no money involved—just trouble, time and gas expense. I also tell Bidy how to be chairman of the Melbourne-Eau Gallie library board, and she has done an outstanding job by ignoring all of my advice. Both my daughters are married, Judy to a sales type in Atlanta, who gave us our first grandson (he is obviously bomber-oriented), and Susie to a lawyer here in the county seat. She provided our granddaughter." He and Bidy celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary in May, and it certainly sounds as though they are busy and happy.

A note from Ross Sampson gives their new address: 19800 SW. 110th Court, Miami, FL 33157. Ross says both he and his wife are in the teaching business and enjoying it. LATE FLASH: Just had a note from

Jerry Pospisil with the sad news that Clare died on 29 Jan. She had suffered from rheumatoid arthritis for many years, which was one of the reasons they moved so many times, trying to find a climate that would be easiest for her. Jerry says that a big piece of him died with her, which I'm sure we can all understand.

# '31

COL Philip B. Stiness  
4131 Harrison Street, NW.  
Washington, DC 20015

It is with sadness that I report the death of Gus Schomburg of a heart attack in early Jan. Gus died at his home in AZ and was buried at Arlington Cemetery. Del Del Campo and Swede Carlson were among the pall bearers.

Another card from the traveler, Bob Johnston, this time from Mexico. He mentioned that he saw a few friends in San Antonio, but did not give any other details. Stand by for the next card from somewhere exotic. Those accident prone Webers (Maggie and Agnes) (see a past column) are at it again. Daughter Marty fell in a super-market and managed to fracture a bone or two. I am happy to report that she has recovered and is now re-engaged in her favorite indoor sport, gourmet cooking. Otherwise the Weber family is doing fine and living up to their family motto "Our acquisitions dept creates synergetic situations." Ernie and Dolly Peters have announced the marriage of their son Donald to Miss Dorothy Dyer on 15 Jan. A card from Jeanne Cusack to report that she is recovering from her latest crisis, a bone fracture. (Maybe we all need some more Grade A to build up the readers and especially the correspondents of this column.) Bill and Betty Chandler spent the Xmas holidays visiting young Bill at Leavenworth amid the toys and the boys and the resultant noise. I think our English P's used to call that onomatopoeia, if that is how you spell it. Bill and Betty are off for Europe in Feb to spend a month or so traveling around the western part of same.

Chet and Gin Diestel report a growing awareness of belonging to the older generation but still haven't found any senior citizen group to their liking. Ted and Nina Parker were in Miami Beach in Dec, where Ted had to go when he was "required" to attend a transportation meeting. Nina admits to a liking for that part of his job. Wilbur Skidmore says that his son William will be in the Pentagon directory beginning in Mar. We received a Xmas card from Marge and Jim Pumpelly with not much news, so we can assume that all goes well with them. Speaking of Spain, Don Armstrong was in Madrid in Nov and tried to call Marge and Jim but no answer. Don, by the way was in Spain returning from a trip around the world. Apparently our influence on Bill and Ella Mae Woodward's son, John, at the Reunion was not all bad. He has been offered a two-year tour after completion of his school. If you need still another good reason to visit San Antonio, Jim and Speed Mooney offer you the hospitality of a good cup of Louisiana coffee. Betty and I had some when we visited them at Pass Christian and the coffee is superb.

The DC bunch had a cocktail party at Ft. Myer recently. Present were: John and Janet Berry, Eddie and Mike Brown, Earle and Jessie Cook, Johnny and Wilma Davis, Ted and Suzanne Decker, Del and Dorothy

Del Campo, Louie Guenther and daughter Terry, Bill and Gussie Hardick, Dick and Pat Harrison, Budge and Betty Howard, Ockie and Doris Krueger, Clyde and Georgia McBride, Charlie McNair and his wife of two months (they were married in Dec and I am ashamed to admit that I cannot remember her first name, I think it was Sue), Roger and Maggie Moore, Pas and Marian Passarella, Jake Smart, Betty and me, Trick and Lucy Troxel, Peter Otey and Allison Ward, Fred and Marie Warren, George and Marion Wertz, Curly and Marian Wilson, Pat Hunter and Marion Hockenberry and, of course, the most gracious host and hostess, Steve and Bindie Hammer. At one time during the evening, those present were invited to estimate the number of beans in a jar. To allay the suspense, that the Math teacher, me, came the closest and received the center piece bouquet to take home. Despite repeated requests and much pressure, I refuse to divulge the complicated mathematical method that I used to arrive at my answer. You may possibly hear from some of those present that I made a lucky guess, but that is just sour grapes.

Pat Carter sent along a brochure on the George Marshall Library Museum in Lexington, VA. As you may know, Pat is president of this organization. Shorty and Alice Rothrock sent a card from New Orleans at Mardi Gras time. They made a real party out of the celebration, staying there for two weeks, although they didn't say if the time was necessary to prepare for or to get over from the celebration. They are doing a good bit of traveling in their trailer, having spent a month and a half last summer gallivanting around Canada from east to west. Another traveling member of the Class, Deac, has been around various places in the past few months. He had to spend some time in Nov having his trailer repaired and then went down to Mexico for a month. Coming out at El Paso, he had to have some more work done so spent his time wisely visiting with classmates in the area. He sent along some snapshots that he took of the crew there. He also visited the Harry Coopers and the Phil Bethunes and saw Klem and Norma Boyd who were on their way to take a railroad trip through some Mexican mountains. Deac left El Paso heading for Anococo, but had to stop in San Antonio to get the motor in his trailer replaced, for which he had much help from John and Florence Sullivan. He didn't say which one held the motor while the other bolted it together. I sometimes get confused by the multiplicity and speed of Deac's trips, but I guess it must have been earlier that he and Ding Carter headed for FL and stopped by to see Mac and Lillie Mae McGowan in Collins, MS. Mac and wife are running a tree farm in the vicinity of Collins and invite you to drop by sometime and watch the crop grow. Deac and Ding also saw Jack and Gwen Barclay whom they report being in great shape. I'm sure they made more stops along the way, but I have reported those I know about and also that stand reporting. Charlie and Marcia Raymond spent a busy year with family and friend. They went south to FL in Apr and made the return trip by water and bus, in that order, going by water up the intra-coastal waterway and then by bus back to NY. Charlie and Marcia also toured the eastern Canadian Provinces in Aug and of course, Charlie made his voyage on his homemade raft on the Boltenkill on 4 July.

We have the following additions to the

list of those who have paid their lifetime dues. Johnny Waters and Betty Frederick who sent the dues in memory of Freddy, who was killed in action in Italy in 1943.

I think I have already mentioned that Bob and Fran Bard have moved to FL and are building a new house—no address as yet. With reference to the paragraph above, there is another member of our Class who could have qualified as doctor or banker on his penmanship. Betty and I finally figured out that Johnny and Anne Waters had gone to Asheville to help their daughter settle in at the U. of NC, which is why they missed our Feb bash.

No one can accuse me of not trying to save the Class money. I sent a reply card to Ding Carter and only put a one cent stamp on it and it went through, saving us a nickel.

I just received a card from LTC W. J. Dick (Ret). I used to know a W.W. Dick, but maybe he changed his name as he fled from the CA authorities, since Bill and Fran are now in DC in the Springfield area. Also there was a six-page note (thank Goodness) from Bill Jones. Bill sent along a picture of himself and Truxton saying that obtaining that picture is the reason for not writing for some time. The ubiquitous Deac is the only classmate to have visited him lately, but Bill says that Wheeling is now connected with the outside world by Route 70, so there is no excuse for not going down that way. The older Jones boy, Jim is a lawyer in DC, but according to Bill, charges exorbitant fees. Bill Jr. is in ME, and the two daughters are in Charleston and Cincinnati. All are married and if I can count correctly, Bill and Trux have nine grandchildren. As might be expected with that prolific clan, they generate a good deal of their own social activities.

Once again, I end with the thought that there has been much left unsaid, but I have said enough for now. A happy 4th of July to you all.

After these notes were submitted I received news that Scott Dickson died of heart attack on 17 Mar. Scotty died while on a business trip to DC and was buried in Duanesburg, NY, on 21 Mar. Ted Parker represented the Class at the funeral. We will all miss Scotty's blithe spirit.

# '32

COL William G. Davidson Jr.  
3601 Prince William Drive  
Fairfax, VA 22030

By the time you read this it will be "old hat" but you can read it in retrospect. You have just received (circa 10 Mar) the no. 3 Bulletin and reservation blank for the "40th." Enthusiasm here is rampant. Rewards are due to Archie Lyon and Ed Burke. To show the interest, hear this! Roy E. Moore sent a letter from Germany to the effect that he and Gerda were sure to come but had misplaced his poop sheet. A hurried reply was mailed promptly. That afternoon I received a Stateside phone call from Roy who is here on a protracted business trip. We filled him in orally and advised checking his mail upon return to Germany. En route to CA he could not be on hand for luncheon.

Through Al Clark to Ed Howarth from AN Club in DC, Al says that his future is very clouded (he's been in Dacca). He left E. Pakistan 15 Oct with the intent of returning 1 Dec but things there had changed. Al was in the middle of the initial struggle working for Acres Internatl in things like

ASSEMBLY



1932: BG Archibald W. Lyon as George Washington at Mt. Vernon Citizens Assn Annual Birthday Ball.

flood control, irrigation, food crops and power sys. In between opps he and Kay heard nightly gun fire, mortars, arty and the rumbling of tanks. He dropped Kay off at the apt they own in Spain and headed for the DC and Toronto, Canada area. It is a most interesting recount of a spectator's observation of revolution and resultant confusion but space limits more details. Al adds a footnote "See you in June" . . . latest report he and Kay have settled in Niagara Falls on the Ontario side.

Bill Means sends regrets for the 40th but adds "there is no telling what will happen in Jun." He reports that WP activities are zero. On occasion he sees Jack Price who was about to go back to Europe for awhile. Bill Powers sent Ed Burke his poop sheet w/comment that Lil and he will certainly be there for the whole program. Bill Powers took charge of Bill Smith's funeral arrangements. They could not find any Army uniform so Bill was buried in his WP Blazer. In closing Bill Powers says: "I'm very busy (?) working 3 days a week as Gen Mgr of the FL Inland Nav Dist w/loads of time for golf, fishing and bridge." How lucky can one get! The John Bowens will attend. I have a note which was too late for last issue but still news. Johnny is active as head of ROA in CA and reports that a comm headed by an Asst Secy of Def has made certain recommendations to the White House that brings present retirees fully up to the current rate; also the Survivors' Benefit has been scheduled for a vote on the House floor when it will be sent to the Senate where Sen. Muskie has introduced an identical bill. At this date I am unable to discover the results which, no doubt, are hanging fire during the primaries and conventions. John finalizes by writing: "We are holding together our part of the corporate body and soul of the Class."

New blood in the Class luncheons! Some of you may recall it was decided to incl the wives occasionally. Original suggestion was by Luke Morris and later propelled by Marv Iseley. Thurs, 9 Mar we duplicated with equal success though not as large in attendance:

Essie and Charlie Baer, Helen and Archie Lyon, Vi and Johnny Gavin, Fran and Alex Graham, Eloise and Oley Hansen, Joslin and Luke Morris, Fran and Johnny Pugh, Marjorie and Dan Sinclair, Jackie and Bob Schukraft, Janie and Red Smith, Aggie and Jim Woolnough, Esther and Stan Wray, Dossi and Bill Davidson, soloines Nora Gerhardt (Al in NYC attending funeral) and Helen Hunt, Al Schrader from Harrisburg way, Frank Besson and Marv Iseley and Charlie D'Orsa escorting Margo Mauney. At the Feb luncheon Johnny Pugh had a very interesting and distinguished guest, Junius Bird, Curator, American Museum of Natural History—now in Panama digging up "old things."

Late in Jan Jackie Schukraft called to inform me that Ralph Davey was in WRAMC for a serious operation and Maurine was with him. Jackie's calls kept me informed and when visitors were allowed, I went out after the preliminary investigative operation (which in itself is major and dangerous regarding the aorta). Expecting to see a tired, worn out guy barely breathing, I was happily surprised when ol' Ralph walked right up to me in the Ward reception room with a big smile on his face. All his life Ralph has had a phony aorta . . . something like a spare tire arrangement. When blood pressure is taken and they happen to hit the "spare tire" it indicates sudden death. They now use Ralph's X-rays for med lect. What a way to become famous! Maurine stayed with Baers and the night of his discharge from Walter Reed, Essie and Charlie had a victory celebration at their home attended by Wrays, Gerhardts, Huggins, Schukrafts, Lyons, Davidsons and Baer's son Charles, as well as other friends of Maurine and Ralph. In more tech vernacular, Essie explains that Ralph entered WR to have an Angiogram and when phys saw the records, he was admitted to Ward 14. Diagnosis from WP Hosp was a possible aneurysm of the aorta. After repeated cardiograms, plus the arteriogram, the aneurysm was disproved and final diagnosis was a curved aorta. No further treatment but regular checkups every 6 mos and Ralph was ordered back to full employment. Happy ending to story. After returning home, Maurine wrote inquiring about 2 classmates mentioned in this column some time ago. As "Class Historian" I rummaged through my alleged files to uncover the names so Daveys could be of help. I found one who has been ill a long time but not heard from directly for years . . . Charlie Herman. The others . . . Harriette and Jake Hassmann.

As Archie Lyon announced at the luncheon and many of us had seen in WASHINGTON STAR in the Bus and Fin sec: "Ret. MG Rush B. Lincoln Jr. has joined the Boston-based H.F. Livermore Corp., a manuf of textile mach., as Sp Asst to its Pres, Chester Hammond. Lincoln, a transportation sp while in the Army, will oversee new prod marketing for Livermore, concentrating on pollution abatement equip." Another announcement had to do with Jay Morris, son of Joslin and Luke, who is Chmn of the Young Republican Leadership Conf currently being held at the Sheraton-Park Hotel. One of the highlights was a dinner with VP Agnew. Jay is also Auditor of the Young Republican Natl Federation. Ed Howarth did not make the luncheon with Billie as he had just completed a series of X-rays to learn whether the old gallbladder was acting up plus their daughter Shirley was due to re-enter the hosp in connection with an

operation a yr ago. We all hope Shirley's stay is short and that Ed is still laughing about his good appetite!

Did you know that George Washington was a classmate? Or so it seemed when the Mt. Vernon Citizens Assn held its annual Birthnight Ball on 19 Feb and honored VA's first citizen. And George was indeed there in person—big as life. Publicity on the affair had mentioned George's connection with USMA '32. This seemed a bit puzzling until we were able to lift the wig and find our own Archie Lyon! Here we have pictorial evidence—George Washington come to life. One is of George (Archie) in full regalia and the other with the beautiful young lady in the re-enactment of the wedding of Nellie Custis at the Mansion when George (Archie) gave the bride in marriage. Archie is Natl Pres, Natl Sojourners Inc. and he and Helen are very active in civic groups and attend meetings of the State Legis in Richmond.

La Trelle and Pop Duncan were here from Atlanta for a brief stay when Pop was busy with budget affairs at NIH for his Ape-ee-ary at Emory U. Houseguests of Joslin and Luke, they were able to spend part of their visit with their son David in Wilmington, DE. It was all too brief a visit but we chatted over past experiences together at Benning, Schofield, DC etc. Joslin produces such gourmet delicacies I call her "Mme. Cordon-Bleu." At the class luncheon Joslin and Luke were discussing their plans for their annual trek to Europe in connection with the Internatl Transportation meetings. They plan on leaving 3 May arriving in London, Zurich and finally Salzburg on the 4th where they will spend 2 days and then rent a car and drive to Berchtesgaden, Garmisch and then to Munich for a week of business meetings. After the work is over they go on to Copenhagen where Joslin will linger awhile after



1932: Archie Lyon as George Washington "giving the bride away" in the reenactment of the marriage of Nellie Custer at the Mansion.

Luke returns home. All this and they'll make the 40th too! The Wrays youngest son Richard, who graduated from Richmond U. last Jun is due to report for active duty at Ft. Belvoir this coming week-end for 6 weeks. After that he is scheduled to go to St. Louis.

Pop mentioned having seen Carrie Bess and Pinkie Smith, and that Carrie Bess is taking very good care of her man and we all hope Pinkie continues to improve. We also wish Jo Huggins the best of health... she had a long stay of about 4 mos at NIH last summer and fall. Also good health to Ward Gillette... he was missed at the luncheon.

A final note of appreciation. Several months ago Ed Simenson sent me a very super memo book called the "Exec Planner" engraved on outside cover with Bill Davidson and on the inside with E.G. Simenson, 1132 Juniper Lane, Mt. Prospect, IL 60056. I use it for everything to include ref to notes for ASSEMBLY. As a result I have a master file—something I have needed right along but didn't know it. Many thanks, Ed.

The following is from Ken Zitzman in Tehran:

Well, sir, I may be a long way from the US of A but as long as there's a Pop Duncan, I'll always feel close to home. It says right here in the "Tehran Journal" that the Yerkes Inst for the study of higher primates at Emerson U. which Pop oversees with remarkable empathy for the residents, is conducting a 4 yr crs in comm between an orangutan named Biji and a seductive chimp called Lana. When the course is complete, they'll converse fluently in their own lang, called (what else?) Yerkish. The experiment will be successful because the rewards are high—the traditional bananas are peanuts in this case as there's music on call in response to the proper command and even "trips to the monkey playground." I'm sure that some day they'll have a student movement, chanting "Chimps are champs, Yerkes ain't jerks." But if I know Pop Duncan—and I do know Pop Duncan—those chimps are going to speak with deep AL accents and Pop is going to sulk because none of his classmates will talk to him in Yerkish.

Had a nice reunion here with Roy Moore, VP of Westinghouse Internatl, HQ in Bonn, when he visited the new office he had just opened in Tehran to svc the Middle E. Next immediate contact will be with Joe Gill when I go to Beirut soon on business and see how he has improved the American U there, after draining the U.S. Treas to do so.

And pardon the relapse into Cole Porter after 40 yrs, but not for all the tea in China, not for all the grapes in France, would I exchange the pleasure that I get from every measure of a letter I got from our sole surviving Thai classmate, Johnny Kambhu, who produces all the cement in Thailand in the two huge plants he runs. In the good old days, Johnny was a leading scorer on our soccer team and later was Thailand's Commercial Attaché in DC and NY for years, before going to a sub-cabinet position in his Govt and then to this. A big guy—5'11" by the tape, 10 feet tall in my book.

Another letter from Al Clark is not so happy. The guy (with his gal Kay) is more missionary than mercenary. A year ago, Al resigned his job as Pres of the Philadelphia Port Auth, sold his house and yacht there and went to E. Pakistan to run a huge reclamation and flood control project (having had much experience in similar work in W. Pakistan some years before and having developed a warm feeling for the place). Well, everyone knows the story. E. Pakistan blew

up and is now Bangla Desh. Al and Kay stayed on until all of the 27 expatriate families working for Al were repatriated, then they left.

Taking care of the troops is SOP with Al. In Italy during WWII, I was in GEN Keyes' tent when he awarded Al a SS for taking a bulldozer with no protection for the operator, across a creek under small arms fire to clear the way for a column of medium tanks right behind him. Al and Kay are now staying in the apt they own in Malaga on the Medit coast of Spain.

Finally, the Persian version. As everyone knows, Sat falls on Thurs here, and there is nothing I like to do better than hang around the corner rug store with Pat on a Thurs afternoon. Everything was fine until she went berserk one day and I dropped 600 bucks before you could say "genuine Cheki Ardabil, 320 knots to the square inch."

The following week she suggested we go to a brasserie. With fond memories of all the delightful brasseries in Paris where I had oysters and dubonnet for Sun brunch, I snapped at the idea like a trout leaving the stream to snatch at the cast of the fisherman. In her bright lexicon however, a brasserie is where you buy fine filigreed brass work and magnificent inlaid trays, with the result that I left another bundle after a few cups of tea but without having had a single oyster. Believe me, a few experiences like that can really make a Moslem out of you.

Well, that's it from here except that I'm in a slough of despond because the annual Founders Day Dinner is coming up this week. I like these affairs, never miss them including 2 within arty range in Italy during WWII but somehow, this will be different. In DC last year the '32 table was in the 3d row from the rear of the big banquet hall; pretty heady stuff in that league. This year, the alert LTC running the show, having been assured that I would be in town and would attend, said "Fine, sir, you will give the remarks as the Oldest Living Graduate."—What graduate? Me?

I see my duty and I'll do it. I'll fracture them with the b-ache my Beast Barracks roommate Jerry Cowan made for not having a shaving brush at our first display of field equip. (He used brushless Barbasol, never had owned or used a shaving brush.) Our tac, 1LT Maxwell D. Taylor whom you may have heard of, a French P during the academic year and really a warm-hearted guy, said, "Mr. Cowan, in the Army a bald-headed man carries a comb;—2 demerits."

I'll follow up with our graduation at the nadir of the Great Depression, when we drew the princely base pay of \$106 per mo and when the expression of the enlisted men—"another day, another dollar"—wasn't known because at that time, a buck private got 70 cents a day.

I'll try to make a great smasheroo that the Corps really has gone to hell but I don't think I can swing it. I get back to WP so often I think it's better than ever. Sorry.

If there's one wistful note in this column it's this, I wish my seats at the ARMY-Navy game would keep apace with my position at the Founders Day head table. Another is that I think you should write me at Box R-34, APO New York 09205 and tell me all your problems. Best as always, Ken Zitzman.

The annual WP dinner was a usual success. Reps of all classes were present to include Jackie Devers who headed the list from the Class of '09. 1932 was represented

by Baer, D'Orsa, Gerhardt, Huggins, Hunt, Lyon and Wray. Bob Schukraft was unable to attend as he was in WRAMC for a heart analysis. Surprising enough Bob is a non-complainer deluxe—emphysema, ulcers, touch of diabetes—name it and Bob's got it but one would never learn it from him.

# '33

COL Harrison King  
4623 Kenmore Dr., NW.  
Washington, DC 20007

Russ brought up our rear on 1 Mar. He and Barbara moved out of the qtrs at WP they've had for 26 years—"(We) have been jumping around like two bird dogs on a hot tin roof—getting ready to move out and I've spent much time at the office clearing out material, trying to save historical items and throw away the junk. We plan to store our furniture, leave here about 15 Mar, visit our son at Leavenworth, my family in Atchison, KS, Barbara's in Denver, to Moffett NAS in CA to see our daughter, on to HI for a vacation, then return and decide where we want to settle permanently." The ret. ceremony, at the Faculty Lounge, attended by son Rusty and his wife (on leave from Leavenworth) plus over 100 USMA officials, gave the Supe a platform to tell of some of the many things Russ has done for WP and, with Barbara's assistance, pin on the star. Pat Guiney read the letter from our Pres—"It's been a long time since we watched you kick those points—but we are cheering still." Decorations include a DSM for work in the redeployment of troops from the continent and a second DSM for service at WP from 47 to 72. One thing we'll remember is the time Russ kicked the point after touchdown to push us into a tie with Yale in 30; how the referee held his sweat jersey while Russ kicked that point. With his promotion, our star score is: GEN—5; LTC—15; MG—29; BG—41.

Red White ret. as Dpty Dir of the CIA. On 23 Feb he was awarded the Distinguished Intelligence Medal by CIA Dir Helms. The very impressive ceremony was in the CIA auditorium and was attended by several hundred CIA officials and guests. The citation reads in part: "...he was responsible for the establishment and direction of the complex structure which supports worldwide intelligence operations."

Pres Sparrow says the response to his



1933: BG and Mrs. Charles R. Broshous.

ASSEMBLY

40th Anniversary letter regarding the Class gift to WP at our gathering in 73 has been good. He says that all donations should be marked "Credit USMA '33" and that Bing Downing or Steve Fuqua should be informed of attendance intentions. Ted Conway writes: "We miss the 'excitement' of DC, but not the WASHINGTON POST. I have kept going to school and am in various community activities." Billy Harris supplied info from San Antonio: "Rosie Grubbs lives in IN where he takes care of his mother; he's having quite a bout with diabetes and emphysema; Janie is in SA, teaches school and manages an apt house. Fran Hill came to SA to visit Ann's father; he severed connections with the Little Theatre because the 'gay people' took control. Bill Frentzel expects to get an MA in math in May; when asked what he would do with the degree, he said 'Nothing—I started so I wanted to finish it.' George and Edythe Gretzer are still leaders in the local round dancing group. The pic shows Mac and Dodie about to unload in Leninograd during recent travels. Mac says 'The trucking business is rolling smoothly; we grossed \$6,000,000 last year.' Johnny Armistage is a prof at St. Mary's U. here. Tex Hetherington's outfit built, and sold, 33 medium-priced homes last year. The AUSTIN AMERICAN told of Blackie Myers' catch of a 5½ lb and a 4 lb bass in Lake Bastrop. Emile Greco (Star Route, Box 249, Burnet, TX 78611) writes from his 2-acre spread in cen TX: 'TX mountains on 3 sides and the lake about 400 yards to our front. Deer and quail are nearby and fish in the lake.' Tie Tieman is 'still teaching math and engr graphics at Blinn Jr. Col (Brenham, TX) and am involved in civic affairs (e.g. Chmn, Brenham Urban Renewal Comm). We have a boat on the nearby lake, where fishing is unusually good. Marjorie keeps busy with many clubs and helping her mother in the jewelry and gift business. Daughter Barbara, her husband, and their five recently moved from SAC Hq.—he now has Pentagon duty. Son Charles teaches at the U. of Houston and his wife teaches at the Pasadena (TX) High School. Mike, a senior ROTC stu at Texas A&M, is majoring in environmental design; he hopes for AD on graduation. We plan to make the 40th Reunion.' Fred (Asst. to the Dean of Engrg at Texas A&M) and Martha Thorlin 'one of these days will build our dream house on our lot in SA. Nope, we are not grandparents, yet. Geoff is the only one of the three who is married. Fred Jr. is wheeling and dealing in computer business. Lynn works as a home economist, when skiing is out of season.'" Thanks, Billy, for lassoing all that TX poop.

Chet Degavre suffered a stroke affecting his speech and entered the Navy Hosp in Norfolk. But he is home now, taking cobalt treatments and carving ducks. Chet thanks the Class for the card, signed by all at our Jan luncheon. Treasurer Pope reports we have \$3,995.83 on deposit in his bank, which includes a 1¢ profit on our last cocktail party. Lincoln, Carver, and Whipple were named to plan the Spring party; it will be a dinner-dance at Myer on 5 May. At the Jan luncheon, Billy Harris played a tape recorded by Ted Marshall telling of Dan McGrew during Cadet days and up to Dan's plane crash in 35. Posie Neely writes: "Our stage career of singing and dancing is over. In the local Rotary Club show, Bob looked lovely in Fred Thorlin's daughter's shag cut wig; it was just the proper length for today's male hair style. Bee and Clyde Jones,



1933: Mac and Dodie McClelland.

minus their skis, visited us in Mar. (ATT: Mr. Ripley) I've been doing a little skiing cross country—it's kind of fun." Al Welling (1027 26th St., S. Arlington VA 22202—phone 892-2455) has returned to DC as Wyandotte's VP for Gov't Relations. Oscar Senter and Roy Reynolds are on the Bd of Govs of the DC WP Soc. Seuss and Claire Pritchard spent "—a couple weeks on St. Croix getting some sunshine to carry us over 'till spring. As mayor (of E'town)—my administration has raised taxes—so I've gotten my share of criticism, and more. Claire has a couple of such jobs. Katherine and John Berry are at the C&GSS. Jim and family are in Ft. Wayne, IN where he works for Phelps-Dodge. Tom and wife are here in E'town where she teaches and he soon will. I still plug away at my job as life rep for Travelers; it keeps me out of trouble and out of Claire's hair—and besides, business has been pretty good." 16 were at the Valentine's Day luncheon, including Dodd Starbird and Bill Quinn, who seldom get aboard. Bill and Marge Ryan go to Europe in Apr for a tour from Norway to Sicily by Eurail. Bill Jr. completed his VN stretch and is stationed at Savannah. Ruth Carroll's Bob (MAJ—USMA '62) married Betty Sue Garner (Depauw U.) of NYC at WP. Bud and Clo Powell took a six-week space-available trip to Europe in late 71. "Some of our travel was by train so we could see the country. Never drank so much beer and wine. I usually get up around 4:00 A.M. and get out of the house before Clo stirs and finds something for me to do." Ted Marshall says: "I could write a book about Las Vegas—outside of the hotels and casinos it has a small town atmosphere; at the same time the sophistication of an international resort is here. About once a month, Judy and I join the last of the big spenders and invest about \$5 each. She likes Keno—the game with the worst odds in the world—and last year came out \$4,000 ahead while I just broke even. You probably don't know that Judy was a singer and comedienne with Bob Hope and Bing Crosby and made movies with Mickey Rooney—so she enjoys music too and outdoes me on our organ. We both work; she in Public Relations and I as an Investment Programmer. I swam in our pool this morning; how's that for 19 Feb!"

The Glee Club was at Constitution Hall on 11 Mar; they're as good as ever. About 15 of us have signed up to join over 360 other grads at this year's Founders Day dinner at Bolling; and Lucy Lee Thompson will gather in our gals for a distaff counterpart. Bob Rayburn, who now lives in Eire (Ballina-

more House; Ferns Co.; Wexford, Ireland) writes: "Last year was our 6th in England, now Ireland. Ballinamore House is not an ivy covered castle but neither is it mortgage covered. Built in 1728, it overlooks the Bann River valley. Once last season in Berks, we had, on a hunt, a steady run of 6 miles. Son Bob is in the Christian Bros Sch in Ennis-corthy and Rosalie has entered Trinity U. in Dublin." In Jan, Ned and Gladys Gee drove to FL, got together with Harpo Chase, the Fletters, and the Shinkles, and spent the night at Cape Kennedy. About 8:00 P.M., they put the car on an auto-train, enjoyed a pullman ride to a point near Belvoir where they disembarked the next morning, with their car, and drove the short distance home. Ned reports tres bon service. Their Jane made them grandparents of a boy in Sept. Wagy Kleitz (phone: 684-6129) says that her Katy will receive an MA, with a major in flute, in Jun; Dorsey is a junior at Parde Col in NY; and Tony continues in Geneva to work for a Ph.D. Don and Molly Cubbison's Ted is here (821-8354) with the Environmental Protection Agcy and his brother Chris has moved to FL to work for the ST. PETERSBURGH TIMES. Hadley and Hester Richardson's Gale (Mrs. Ken Ritter, Packsonville, OR) made them grandparents of a girl on 12 Jan. Billy Clarke has "been visiting my children and grandchildren often in Richmond and Charleston. Lindy went, with their two boys, to Charleston, where her husband Mickey, now out of the Marines, is with a Chevrolet agency. I have to buy my next car, a Chevy of course, there. Bill is still putting together TV shows for Members of Congress and, as you might expect, is unusually busy this year."

'34

MG Charles E. Johnson  
3806 26th Street, N.  
Arlington, VA 22207

Greetings! We are indebted this time around for news largely to our AF classmates who came out of the wild blue and elsewhere to be heard. Unfortunately, it is not all good news. I deeply regret that I must report on the death of Bill Gross at his home in McAllen, TX, on the night of 2 Feb 72. News of his passing was conveyed by several classmates including Rip Winkle and a letter in considerable detail from Perry Griffith who flew in from Redlands, CA, with wife Florence for the funeral which was held at Ft. Sam Houston at San Antonio, TX, where Bill is buried. Ruth, Bill's widow, was accompanied by both their sons, Bill Jr. and Tommy, and GEN Otto P. Weyland, USAF Ret. A number of classmates attended and acted as honorary pallbearers, namely, George Dany, John Hutchinson, Charley White, Larry Savage, Rip Winkle, Fred Cook and Tom Wood. A tribute to the really illustrious career of Bill is in order. He was the first AF GEN officer in our Class and one of the very few officers who has attained this rank prior to completing 10 years of mil svc. During WW II he served long and gallantly in the ETO and distinguished himself as the Cmdr of the 1st Cmbt Wg (B-17 Bombers), 8th AF, as he personally led his Wing on countless hazardous missions over the enemy heartland, including those over Schweinfurt and Berlin. His accomplishments, attainments and cmbt innovations are praiseworthy but too numerous to recount here. He will be sorely missed by his family, friends and his country.

I received a heartening communique from a long-time-no-see classmate, Bunky Reeves,



1934: Army-Navy Game party in El Paso. Left to right: Polly Elliott, Dottie Waugh, Charlie Elliott, Evalie Piram, Joe Piram, Axel Waugh, Jim Winn, Eleanor Winn, Betty Moorman, Dick Moorman.

who is Pres of the AK Pipeline Co. with Hqs in Anchorage, AK. He deposed to the extent that he is happy in his work and life-style, is looking forward to celebrating his 37th wedding anniv with wife Willie Mae in Jun. He has one son who is an AF MAJ and another who is a civilian working in AK. Bunky conveys greetings to his classmates and urges any visiting the north country to savor Reeves-sponsored, big-size AK hospitality. Cheers and look out!

Now a flashback to Perry Griffith to whom I am greatly indebted. He and Florence reside in Redlands, CA; however, Perry is an Asst to the Pres of Analog Technology Corp of Pasadena and admits to never having it so good. He still flies light planes (undoubtedly terrorizing the airlines) and is an accomplished and indefatigable writer of magazine articles which he even sells shamelessly for gain. The Griffiths' son is a Marine CPT and is now qualifying as a jet flyer, while their son-in-law is just back from his 4th tour in RVN. That's real contribution, folks. Maintain it in the glide path, Perry! (Sic).

After a brief absence from these pages the organized El Paso gp came through again, although from the photo around here somewhere, it appears that some barely made it. The pic depicts a 1934 ARMY-Navy game bash as done in El Paso, and this and other news is via courtesy of Betty Moorman. Seems they had the entire local '34 inmates for a 2d time around to witness The Game appropriately. Also reported was a cocktail buffet hosted by Eleanor and Jim Winn at the Ft. Bliss Officers Club in honor of their house guest from the SF area, Eleanor Harrison. Thanks for the poop, Betty. You guys stay organized and keep those cards and letters coming.

This group also has the right idea about the Class 40th Reunion and is fearlessly pledging to attend "en masse." We hope that all of you out there are "thinking 74" and meaning it. More later on this subject from your Reunion Comm headed by Jimmy O'Hara. I might say that if the 35th Reunion was any criteria I urgently recommend that you drop everything and come.

I neglected to report previously on the fact that Ted Hoffman is alive and well and

coexisting with overwhelming naval superiority entrenched in San Diego and vicinity. It looks like a blue water navy for sure.

Had a phone call from Ace Brookhart who was in town for a periodic check-up at Walter Reed where he was found to be O.K. The Brookharts live the good life at Carlisle, PA, where golfing and fishing are prevalent. However, they are planning a visit to Chicago in Apr where they hope to rediscover Jack Lawlor and George Walton—from thence, thither to their ancestral reservation in Iowa.

At the Washington Boat Show a few weeks ago I ran unexpectedly into Frannie and Bert Spivy who were showing their sea-going house cruiser which is the last word in comfort, spaciousness and speed. The Spivys live near Annapolis and, when not fishing, Bert is the eastern rep of a western boat co. They are real salts like most ret. land dwellers.

The Class is in receipt of a letter from Tom Crystal's brother John expressing appreciation of the family for "kindness on the occasion of Tom's death and thereafter." Tom's remains were interred at WP on 20 Dec 71.

Our thanks to all those directly involved and particularly to Paul Hanley. Tom's brother, incidentally, operates a highly regarded mngmt svc in the DC area where he tries to prepare ret. folks for the horrors of a 2d career.

May I once again appeal to all readers to please make the supreme effort and get the news to me on time for the next submissions on 15 Jun, 15 Sept and 15 Dec. I have now made four miserable contributions, some of it fabricated from whole cloth and based on conjecture and interpretation. I would admire to hear it like it is, particularly from some new blood, you heah? Thanks.

A late bulletin from Tom Foote announced his liberation from the hum-drum and launched him and Foss into an exciting life in Ireland. They will live in Dublin for the next 4 mos with a view toward making it permanent, although at this time in history, they plan to return to the U.S. In the meantime their house is up for sale, furniture in storage and a sports car waiting in Europe. Eff. 14 Apr 72 their address will be: c/o C.M. Beeke, 81 Merrion Rd, Dublin 4, Ireland (The Mews). Well, don't that beat all!

# '35

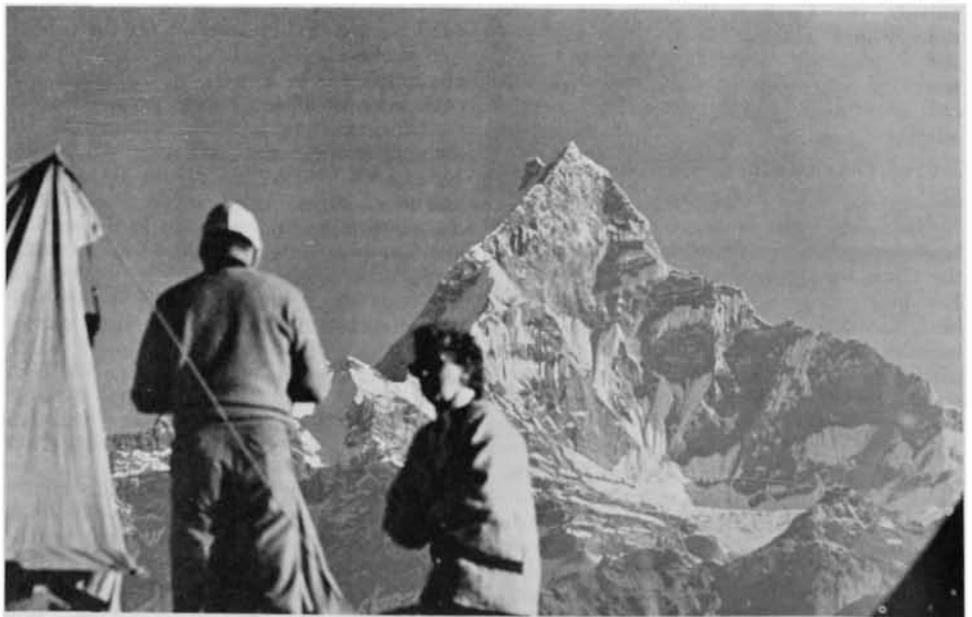
COL Ivan C. Rumsey  
9520 Riley Road  
Silver Spring, MD 20910

After a long and terrible illness our ex-classmate Harry G. Dalton died at the VA Hosp in DC on 29 Feb 1972. Although he didn't manage to graduate from WP Harry had determined on a military life and entered the AF. He ret. as a COL at Andrews AFB in 66.

The Class has received an acknowledgment of thanks for our contribution to the John M. Kemper Fund which has been established at Phillips Academy, Andover, MA, and which will be used "to bring to the campus . . . persons whose careers and ideals exemplify those personal and social values that John Kemper embodied."

George Eckhardt had been scheduled to ret. on 1 Mar 72 to take a civilian position with the same duties, but as this goes to press his ret. is deferred pending establishment of the position.

My latest report from Jim and Consuelo Alger is that they have completed a 9,000



1935: Frank and Edie Osmanski, Nepal, 1971.

mile tour of Australia and are heading home via Fiji, Samoa, Tahiti, and Hawaii. They give their address c/o McMicking and Co., 235 Montgomery St., San Francisco, 94104.

A nice letter from Edie Osmanski enclosed the accompanying photograph taken last Dec in the Annapurna Range in Nepal. Frank seems a bit shy. It was their 2d trip there from Saigon where Frank is Asst Dir/Log, USAID/VN, APO SF 96243. Edie says Frank is about to ret. again and they plan to start home in Jun 72, and also that they plan to make the next Class Reunion.

I am indebted to Somers Dick for sending a copy of the Dec issue of "Soldiers" magazine which carries an interesting article on war gaming using miniature soldiers and weapons. Featured in it is a large photo of Al duMoulin displaying his set of inf, cav, and arty which appears to number about 200 pieces. Al lives at 3014 Amherst Ave., Columbia, SC 29205.

At last report Stumpy Haug's address is Apartmentos Tumsa, #19 Torre Blanca del Sol, Fuengirola, Malaga, Spain. We have not yet received an answer to our note at Xmas so we don't know whether Stump is ret. again or still working for an engr firm.

Ed and Marie Ferris are having a hello-and-goodbye party, family style, on 18 Mar. Son Pat, who returned from RVN recently, will take his wife Lynne and daughter Debbie for sta. at Knox. Son Danny, USMA '71, who has finished Ranger Sch, etc., is off to assignment in Panama, so far no wife.

The last luncheon of the DC contingent held at McNair on 2 Mar turned out 20 including Ham Twitchell for the first time. It was the largest gathering of '35ers since the picnic at Breakefield's last Jun.

CPT Carole Hawkins, ANC, daughter of Russ and Ruth Hawkins, married CPT Terence Lee Babcock, MC, in San Francisco on 29 Dec 71. Carole is a nurse at Letterman GH and her husband is a doctor taking his residency there. They live in Greenbrae, a suburb of SF and expect to be there at least until the residency is completed. Russ and Ruth now live in San Antonio at 602 Fenwick Dr. CPT Babcock is the son of LTC (Ret.) and Mrs. Samuel A. Babcock of Silver Spring, MD.

A few evenings ago at a very nice buffet party given by Isabelle Bidgood and her daughter Jane Bidgood Best (MAJ Jim Best is in RVN), we were informed by MAJ Freddie Bidgood, USMA '60, who is currently assigned in the office of Protocol, HQ USMA, that in the numerous cribbage games there, he gets beaten by almost everyone except the Prof of Math, our own beloved classmate Somers Dick. The story goes that Somers plays cribbage well enough except for a certain lack of facility in addition. It could just be that Protocol was forgotten in reporting this matter.

# '36

LTC Philip S. Gage Jr.  
350/1100 Spring St., NW.  
Atlanta, GA 30318

"At this moment Gordon Austin is making with avidity and diligence to produce the best '35th Reunion that '36 has ever had." The foregoing sentence is not exactly accurate! It was written as the intro to these notes just one yr ago; therefore, the number "36th" must replace "35th." In every other respect the sentence is more correct than a yr ago. With Gordon's experience at success last yr and with the tremendous interest that the Air Academy concept is generating,



1936: Hayes, Gage, Kelly

I predict that our Jun 72 meeting could be the historical highpoint of our long, famous, and happy career. Some notes you might not have received (yet when you read this it will be much later): 84 Classmates said they were or would like to attend; the "available" VOQ accoms are suitable for family occupancy; and the AF gift—a duplicate of our gift to WP—has been paid for and will be ready for your dedication and presentation in Jun. When I say "paid for," I should wish to convey that any who planned to contribute to the AFA Gift Fund and have not yet done so—"should." There can, should, and probably will be unforeseen expenses not completely covered by donations.

A most surprising phone call arrived one weekend: it was Kelly Bagby calling from Portland, OR. He said he was fine and had a daughter in the WACC at McClellan, AL. Bob Burnett is a Kingsland, TX bank VP. He enjoys an abbr work scd and abutment to LBJ Lake Home. He contacted T. Willie Morris, who teaches math at Marble Falls high. He has also contacted banker, Bev Powell and has seen Jane Neff in San Antonio. Bob and Caye Curran sent some pics and the info that he'd been with Claude and Virginia Crawford and had chatted with Bee Kelly Suarez. Bob also started "in" on the young student of these days and of his unusual ways. I'm sure he and Partridge would have much in common to discuss.

It was the most unusually fair day in known history; and three days later there couldn't have been more marked change—it was freezing, rain, and sleet. This was the climate and the last day of one of our great friends. Always with desires for attainment yet thwarted by adversity, Hap Dalton's last day on earth set a record for warmth. Then 72 hours later nature and his Classmates Austin, Carmichael, Clifton, Dawalt, Gage, O'Brien, and Ike Smith shared a common chill mourning for this wonderful man as we said goodbye to him at Arlington.

Youngster? Larry Ellert turned in the astounding news that he and Eleanor have three sons—the youngest 17 mos!! (Please take note—Westy and TR Davis.) Larry also claims pres or past pres of every org in E. Cleveland in the past nine years (editor's report; not L's). Howell Estes wrote a lengthy letter concerning his World Airways and his expansive bus. opns. His travels seem no less than when with MAC; yet he eschews ret. and its inactivity—he thinks. He said he hopes to get to 36th Reunion. Jeanne Faiks and her daughter were supposed to have been in Atlanta in Jan. But never contacted them. Tom Hayes was also here from CA a couple of days making a "dam" speech to some engr. Jack Kelly, he and I did a little chatting. On his CA return Jean and he visited the Kinards in their hillside Carmel Valley home. Ace and Jean Miller were also there. Ace is West Coast rep for FORBES mag. Whitey and Helen Hess didn't realize

their dream of Vienna at Xmas as they'd anticipated; however, Glorious Rome was compensation. Peg and Larry Laurion were in town for a pleasant lunch in Jan. They went on down south—South America, and have been back thru Atlanta again. It would seem that to keep moving—helps! The last ASSEMBLY showed a group pic of all those who attended Westy's ret party for Bill Shuler. It was 13 Jan. Gifts were presented by Westy and Johnny Geist.

Received a very complete letter from Bruce Palmer. He enjoyed some of ARMY's better football scoring with Phil Greene and Art Kramer. Howell and Nan were in DC several times as were Steve and Elsie Holderness when he had his opn at Walter Reed. Bev and Eleanor Powell have visited in DC, and Bruce met with Mike and Jim Lampert overseas and in the Capital several times. The Palmers saw the Holtons at Benning and Clint True in FL. As of May, Bruce says Abe will have been in SE Asia five yrs.

Jack Kelly had Bruce come to Atlanta to speak at Founders Day. The 36ers expected were deLesdernier and Ham Morris. Charlie Redman wrote and indicated that he was corresponding with Jack and Lucy Chiles with whom he attended college. He says his wife Patti is engaged in many many hobbies—from fishing to drafting. Ed Wallnau received a letter of gratitude from WP for the gift of his pics and mementos accumulated over the years.

Last and certainly pleasant to report is that the Whispering Pines Annual Golf Championship is meeting in May at Dickens' NC beach cottage with Katz, Covington, Broyles and Page to discuss the Oct tournament. I am assured that this important and pleasant date will again be at Whispering Pines, 6-8 Oct.

A very sad post script: Tim and Fran Willis lost their lovely daughter Sophia to a terminal illness on 2 Mar.

# '37

BG Linscott A. Hall  
3907 Blackthorn Street  
Chevy Chase, MD 20015

Although the DC contingent of the Class has been quite active these past few months, relatively little news has come in from the rest of the class. Bob Gildart and I have assembled and mailed to those of you, of whom we have proper addresses, the latest Reunion bulletin and the latest list of names and addresses available. It is not expected that the list will be without errors and any corrections will be greatly appreciated. We have already had to make a few changes; for example, Johnny Stevenson's new address is 606 Milledge Rd, Augusta, GA 30904. As I mentioned in my last notes, Dick Klocko has ret. from his arduous task as Dir DCA and according to rumor at that time was headed for NC. I now understand that he is working with the GE Missiles Div in Philadelphia and he and Madelyn have moved to the Valley View Apts, E-114, 251 De Kalb Pike, King of Prussia, PA 19406. The time has also caught up with Jack Donohew, Swede Ohman, and probably Bruce Holloway. Although I have not been able to confirm Bruce's ret. date, the others are scheduled to ret. on 30 Apr. Jack is presently Cmdt of the Air WC at Maxwell and Swede is Cmdr, HQ Cmd at Bolling AFB. Jack and Dottie plan to settle in Montgomery, AL, while Swede and Cis apparently have not announced where they will live. As you know, Bruce



1937: Howard Smalley, Bill Bailey, Scott Hall, Bob Gildart, and Don Shive at the Gildarts' dinner party for Howard and Peggy Smalley.

has been occupying that "hot seat" as CINCSAC for the past three yrs. Other bits and pieces of news are that Tom and Kay Neier have departed the Carlisle area and are now settled in a townhouse in Indian Rocks Beach, FL; Bill and Gina Easton have settled in Bill's hometown of Stillwater, MN, where Bill is VP of one of the local banks. The Skeldons are temporarily in FL and Ginny Ressegieu has moved temporarily to Canada, apparently as a legal move relating to the settling of Fred's estate. Jerry Stumpf has a son graduating in the USMA Class of '72 and Obie Oberbeck has moved to Crystal City here in the DC area. Obie has also been accepted in the U. of TX Law School.

The Class luncheons here in DC continue to be well attended. Unfortunately I missed the Feb one, since Ann and I were able to get away for a week in Puerto Rico; however, there were 21 members present in Jan. *Everyone is reminded that the luncheons are held on the 3d Thurs of each month at the Army-Navy Town Club on 17th St in downtown DC.* The Jan group included Choppy Brett,

Bill Cain, Freddy Diercks, Bob Gildart, Scott Hall, Andy Harnett, Bill Hipps, Kelly Lemmon, George Maliszewski, Lee Martin, Dave Parker, Jim Pearsall, Moe Preston, Sally Salientes, Don Shive, Johnny Stevenson, Bob Taylor, Finn Unger, Wil Wilhoyt, and Bud Zehner. Sally was in the country conferring at that time and also getting his daughter married. He gave out swagger sticks to the oldest and youngest classmates present. I will be kind and not mention who they were! The Class was also well represented at the WP Society of DC dinner in Feb by Bob and Ginger Gildart, Gus Prentiss and Corinne Robertson, Kelly and Mary Lemmon, Sally Salientes, Johnny and Tug Stevenson, and Frank and Mary Taylor. The Class wives also had a luncheon gathering at Andrés French Restaurant in Alexandria and had a fine turn-out. The group included Marge Bailey, Mary Byroade, Bonnie Chabot, Pat Frazier, Kitty Green, Ann Hall, Lonnie Kennedy, Mary Lemmon, Louise Lutes, Sally Mercado, Vivien Mitchell, Mette Parker, Ginny Pearsall, Corine Robertson, Fran Shive,



1937: Marge Bailey, Fran Shive, Ann Hall, Peggy Smalley, and Ginger Gildart at the Gildarts' dinner party for Howard and Peggy Smalley.

Mary Anne Robbins and Jerry Stumpf—hostesses, Jo Walker, Dolly Wilhoyt, and Maggie Williams. These wives were responsible for passing most of the above news on to me. Many, many thanks.

These notes will probably be the last ones I will write as I plan to ask for a replacement at the next luncheon. As some of you know, I have done this task four times and for two years this last time. I have appreciated the numerous notes and news which have been sent to me. See you at the Reunion, Scott.

# '38

BG William K. Skaer  
1431 S. 21st Street  
Arlington, VA 22202

With deep regret I must report that Dow Adams passed away on 3 Mar at Walter Reed after an illness of about four months. Services for him took place on 6 Mar at the Ft. Myer Chapel and were followed by his burial in Arlington. A large number of his classmates were present to say "good-bye" to Dow and six acted as honorary pallbearers—Bill Smith, Bert Harrison, Mike Hayes, Tracy Harrington, Bill Beverley and Al Hulse. Al Weinnig did a magnificent job of giving the eulogy. Our deepest sympathy and best wishes go to April.

For those who did not read it in the latest REGISTER, two other classmates not reported in this column joined the Long Gray Line during the past two years. George Abert died in July 70 at Winter Park, FL, and Ralph Lister in Apr 71 at Buffalo, NY.

Unfortunately the deadline for this submission is a few days before Founders Day Dinner, so news of the occasion will have to await the next ASSEMBLY. From all indications, though, the DC contingent of '38 will turn out en masse to hear the wise pronouncements of our No. 1, Johnny Jannarone, who will journey from WP to be the occasion's principal speaker and guest of honor.

Jesse Thomas who arranges such things has increased the frequency of our Class luncheons in the Pentagon to every other month. Our Feb get-together saw USAF CS Jack Ryan joining a host of his ret. classmates including Tracy Harrington, Bill Smith, B. J. Stout, Joe Connell, Jim Taylor, John Healy, Bob Brown, Des Brown, Bill Beverley, Arp Kopsak, Trevor DuPuy, Joe Missal, Jim Mrazek, Thack Thackeray, John Damon, Jesse Thomas and Ken Skaer. Trevor DuPuy looked hale and hearty and well-adjusted to his new marital status as husband of a beautiful, tall, blond Swiss lady named Nana. Thack Thackeray came in for the luncheon from his farm in northern MD near the PA border. He works for the MD Roads Comm in Frederick, but his real interest is his 160-acre farm which he bought sight unseen while still on AD in Europe. He is very happy with his decision and says that he is just waiting for his land to appreciate in value (which it is doing).

In late Feb I received a nice letter from Shirley Lotz in Brussels who asked that I include the following in this column: "From Brussels, Belgium, where Junie is the Dpty DG of NICSMA, a NATO comm agency, Shirley and Junie wish to express their thanks and appreciation to all the classmates who were so generous with their help and expressions of sympathy during their recent family tragedy. For those who may not have heard, their son-in-law, Jeremy Elms, was killed in an auto accident on 16 Dec 71 in Norfolk, VA, when the driver of the other car failed to stop at a red light. Jerry was attending the AFSC as a student from the



1938: Pardue, Stilwell and Byars at Fort Campbell Founders Day Dinner, 18 Mar 72.

Staff of the CIA. Their daughter, Shirley Lotz Elms, and two grandsons reside in Springfield, VA."

Shirley added that they have no classmates with them in Brussels, but they hope to have the Collinses and Mearnses visit them soon. Myrt and Gene Kelsey were to visit them in mid-Mar and go with them to the Founders Day Dinner at SHAPE.

Other news from the ret. front has Don Williams ret. the 2d time—from his job as Mgr of the Ops O of the Hanford Plant of the AEC (since 1965). The Williamses plan to stay right in Hanford which they know and like so well. A letter from the Wairakei Hotel in Wairakei, New Zealand, written by Ginny Isbell, just arrived with the startling admission that summering in New Zealand was to Alaskans, Jim and Ginny, Utopia. Far away from home the Isbells were doing a bit of trout fishing in the North Isl., to be followed by a flight to Christchurch and the South Isl. for a week—then on to Fiji for three days and home by HI. Sounds great.

A final note—Max Murray wrote that he had left his arduous duties as Borough Mgr of Red Lion, PA, last summer and moved to Gen. Del., Wauwinet Rd, Nantucket, MA. He bought a partly finished house and is completing it himself. He is also a consultant for public works and city mgmt. He says that the latch string is out for any classmates who may pass his way.

# '39

Mr. Wilbur W. Bailey  
7009 Roundtree Road  
Falls Church, VA 22402

As near as we can determine at press time there are still 23 Class of '39ers on the AD list; 18 in the Army and 5 in the AF. Our list shows 4 GENs, 5 LTGs, 13 MGs and 1 BG.

At our Feb luncheon at the Pentagon, Dan Minahan joined us. He was in town from Ann Arbor, MI where he and Ed Latoszewski are working at the U. of MI. Dan is doing research in auto and highway safety. He also reports that Jack Schrader, who is a banker, is doing well in Lansing, MI.

This welcome news came from Dottie

Hull in early Feb: Joe and Sarah Walker were in NY at the turn of the year for the wedding of their son. Young Walker is a producer in a Broadway Theater and it is reported that the wedding was a first-class "production." Speaking for Speedy and herself, Dottie reports that Speedy is off on another of his sports trips to include Moscow, Donetsk, Zhdanov, Yerevan, and Alma Ata in the USSR, with stops in Rome, Munich, and Frankfurt on the way home. Speedy is Pres. of the American Bureau of the Inter. Amateur Boxing Assn. with his office in Cresskill, NJ. Frankie Joe and Lydia Kobes left for Rio de Janeiro and another one of Frankie Joe's CISM sports meetings. He had recently returned from a round-the-world junket to include a CISM Congress in Bangkok. Sports activities certainly take Frank and Speedy to every corner of the globe.

In a recent note from Columbia, SC, George and Lucille Winton report that George is knee-deep in alligators "finishing up his dissertation while also teaching freshmen." He reports that Pete Clifford is also living in Columbia and is teaching in high school. George says that Heinie Wohlfeil is living nearby in Florence, SC. The Wintons were guests of the Pattersons at Hilton Head for a week-end in Jan. Speaking of Pat and Hallie Patterson and Hilton Head, SC, Pat

sends word that numerous '39ers are in residence there and it sounds truly delightful. But let me quote from Pat's letter: "This part of the world is known by various terms. The Low Country, Golden Isles, Coastal Empire to name a few. No matter what you call it, the attraction for ret. military, West Pointers, and '39ers is overwhelming. Stick your neck out the window and yell and you can have any kind of a formation you want. In residence on Hilton Head, '39ers and spouses: Jim Muir; Pat Patterson; Jack Dobson; Ken Collins; P. D. Wynne. In residence sometime: Ed Hoopes; Ed Smith. Property owners who intend to build in Hilton Head; Jim Keller, Fritz Fredericks; Jack Boles; Walt Higgins. In nearby Beaufort, many more property owners: Fred Boye, Van Harlingen. In Savannah, GA: Vic Johnson; Dave Goodwin; Bob (Preacher) Williams. In Savannah to come soon: Burnham Batson. I am sure there are more but you get the picture. We are busy with various projects, civic and otherwise. We see one another frequently and still enjoy being together. It's a strange wonderful world, becoming smaller each day. I stood on my dock last year with Vic Johnson and Ed Hoopes, whom you will remember were roommates of mine at various times at WP. Hoopes and Patterson from PA and Johnson from NY, all together in SC 35 years later."

From Fort Hamilton, "Higgy" and Ann Higgins send these news-packed items: "At the Navy game, I saw sitting in the '39er section the Trahans, the Hulls, the Kails, the Krismans, and the Kurths who valiantly sat through the rain and cheered the final touchdown by ARMY and the holding off of the Middies in the closing minutes to win the game.

"I had the privilege of sitting in the Supe's box where I saw Dutch and Bea Kerwin, and John McCoy. As I will ret. on 30 Mar 72, and do not intend to get exposed to the rigors of the Navy Game environment again, having the privilege of sitting on the 50 yard line was a fitting climax to my years of dedicated attendance at the ARMY-Navy Games and the many years on the 20 yard line!

"I recently visited Frankie Jo Kobes who has just returned with Lydia from a lengthy tour of SE Asia and other points between here and there. It apparently was a wonderful trip and they did have a chance to see classmates around the world.

"We had lunch in DC with Mary McCaffrey (Bill's wife who is my wife Ann's sister, and our classmate Dick Curtin's sister) while Bill was attending the Army



1939: 22 Feb Luncheon at Pentagon.

Comdrs' Conf. Mary lives in Bangkok while Bill is running the Army in Long Binh, VN. Bill is continuing to do an outstanding job, and Mary is ever alert as the 'camp follower' should be to assist her 'soldier' whenever possible.

"We recently took a trip to our ret. area (Hilton Head Island). While there, we attended a party given by Ken and Allie Lou Collins, at which we saw Pat and Hallie Patterson, and Jim and Lucille Muir. Pat looked well after apparently having a bout with the medics last summer. Jim was resplendent in a complete beard, and projected his usual enthusiastic enjoyment of life. We also went to the lovely new home of Jack and Teet Dobson, which has a beautiful view of the waters and marshes on the northern part of the Isl. in the Spanish Wells area. Jack's and Pat's golf is outstanding and gives me hopes that perhaps I can acquire some of such skills to 'approach their professionalism.'

"I noted that Dave Goodwin is the Pres. of the WP Society in Savannah, in which area Bob Williams is also located. We hope to see them in the coming spring.

"A recent letter from Dick Curtin indicates he is doing well in his role of VP of Jacobs Co. in Chicago."

Many thanks Higgy and we'll sincerely miss your faithful reporting from NY and environs. Our best wishes to you and Ann as you move to delightful Hilton Head.

A card from Carl Buechner, in late Jan, Altamonte Springs, FL, reports that he's off to Europe for several weeks and hopes to return to DC in time for our '39 class party at Arlington Hall Sta. scheduled for 11 Mar.

Bernie and Phyllis Teeters recently gave a small dinner party in their beautiful new Beltsville, MD home. Among other guests, including Bernie's brother and sister-in-law, were the following '39ers: Bill and Kay Bailey, Buzz and Dottie Chapman, Ed and Grace Hamilton, and Jack and Mary Alice Meyer.

The photo was taken at our 22 Feb class luncheon in the Pentagon. Seated, left to right are: Al Ginder, Bernie Teeters, Buzz Chapman, Norm Farrell and Art Allen. Standing, from left to right (rear to front) are: Chuck Parsons, Bull Davis, Line Simon, Ed Smith, Browner Brownfield, Scott Kurtz, Ed Hamilton, Tommy Thomason, Charlie Kipple, Bill Preston, Jack Meyer, Bob Camp, George Pickett, Gene Trahan, Dick Cleverly, Bill Bailey, P.J. Long, Bob Dickman, Dutch Kerwin, Dick Morrison, and Bill Smith.

## '40

LTC Henry R. Brewerton  
New York Military Academy  
Cornwall-on-Hudson, NY 12520

On 14 Jan 72 a letter was sent to all known addresses of the Class explaining the need for a bit of financial help in order to underwrite the stain glassing of a window in the old Ft Myer Chapel now turned over to Arlington Natl Cemetery. Akin to old fire horses answering the bell over 200 classmates responded within a period of three weeks. The window is oversubscribed but the money is all tucked away in a savings account and the excess, as explained in the original letter, will go to Hank Adams for the Class Fund which had become withered and sere.

If you read this and did not get a letter, write me at address above, and I will surely see you have a chance to donate. If you forgot... here is your chance to remember.

The Willet Co. of Philadelphia, which



1940: Howard W. Penney, Defense Mapping Agency Director.

has done all the stain glassing for the Cadet Chapel, has been commissioned to put the window in and it will be ready with the window of the USNA Class of '40 by the end of May. The window will be dedicated on a Sun in Jun. Since this column does not get to your eye until about that time, I shall refrain from naming an exact date. I am not sure of the date at the time of this writing.

As a rep of the Class of USMA '40, I was present at the discussion concerning design. Being of the Humphrey-Bill Bennett-Chuck Oglesby Sch of Drawing at USMA (and being ranked by all of them in that subject), I merely nodded my head sagely, stroked my chin wisely and agreed.

But even the engr's will like this. The window has a central theme which will run through all the windows as established by the Chaplain's Corps. The Army window, represented by USMA Class of '40, has the USMA seal on it and our class seal, and above is the Cadet Chapel about which is placed deftly "The Corps and the Corps and the Corps."

It is truly a class window with donors from all over the U.S. but only from our Class. No collections were made from those who were not graduated or who had not at one time been in our Class.

I am not given to writing such impersonal reports... but really the idea of this window spawned by the DC group gets to you and you wonder what it is that causes a group



1940: Dave Parker shows Jack Wright the Panama Canal.

of men 32 years past their graduation to be drawn together. I am not given to philosophy either but something must be there!

"The Corps and the Corps and the Corps!"

## '41

COL Burton C. Andrus Jr.  
505 Hidden Valley Road  
Colorado Springs, CO 80907

"Sir, there are 71 days until June Week!" Spring - Red Bud - Forsythia - Lilac - and '41ers bestirring themselves - doing things for God, Country, and Fellow Man.

And we have done it again! Others have noted our special flair and decided to go the same rte. To make us really pop our chests up, it was a class very much our senior, the Class of '27. The thrust came from a guy who has considerable, Car Davidson. He wrote Woody Burgess, Reunion Chm, suggesting that '27 use our golf hat and class num idea. We are indeed flattered and honored and wish the '27ers well for their 45th!

Founders Day for the WP Soc, Pikes Peak Reg, was held at the Off Open Mess, Ft. Carson, hosted by the CG, John Bennett '45. It was a smashing success. From the moment we were greeted at the door with the Hellcats blaring out of a well-placed stereo to the last one-for-the-road, it was beautiful. And to make the '41 Chapter's eve brighter than ever, we had in our midst Davie and Tom Cleary who popped out of the NY smog for a visit to Davie's home state. Betty and George McIntyre, Harrie and Ben Spiller, Vivian and Al Hayduk, Kay and I rounded out the '41 table.

We have had a visit from the AF Compt. Pete Crow was kind enough to invite me to the Dining In which was held at Lowry by the AF F&A Ctr. It was a grand evening conducted with the warm camaraderie and meticulous care that reflected Pete's leadership.

In Jan, Curt and Terry Chapman paid a visit to Terry's home town beneath Pikes Peak before Curt pressed on for some TDY in the Seattle area. We look forward to the day when they add their names permanently to the list of great '41ers in CO.

In Feb, Jim and Phil Healy came out for a week of skiing. We had a chance to see them at Winter Park, and on the return leg, they spent the night with the Spillers where the view makes you know what the buttons mean which say "Have a Nice Day!"

Traveling with a dog and pony show has brought me into contact with '41ers in WA and TX. At Tacoma Joe and Fran Myers held a bash which included Martha and Bert Rosenbaum and Tommy Thompson. Burt continues to prosper in the golf bus, Tommy is working for the State, and Joe relishes his job with Proj Transition - helping the young soldiers grasp the importance of continuing their education. Didn't get to Seattle but did receive a nice note from Ernie Whitaker with a gentle needle about putting too many T's in his name. He rues the scarcity of '41 visitors and plans some traveling when No. 6 leaves the nest. Steve is an Inf LT in Korea. At Spokane George Adjemian came in to see our show. We had a long conversation regarding our concern for the image of our profession. George, who has joined the select ranks of the PhDs, recommends that we survey the Class and announce the number who are continuing to serve the Nation, but in a different colored suit. If the figures are as high as he predicts, other classes should run

about the same and it might be a project for the AOG. I'll forward his idea and questionnaire.

On a trip to Austin, I found Audrey and Ken Kennedy looking very young and vigorous. They are going through the throes of the adjustment as Ken works on a State proj.

For those who may be interested the American Libr Svc, New City, NY 10956 sent me a list of scarce, out-of-print books about WP. They included testimonials from the USMA library and other reliable sources to show the qual of their svc.

The mail bag is in unusually good shape. I'm thinking of opening a bumper sticker printing business. My first product would say, "4lers do it Better!"

Wally Lauterbach has sent me the material I requested on the prog he is backing called "TIP" which means Turn In Pushers. This prog which started in Tampa is doing a very fine job in a critical arena. For more info, write to Wally at Brewster, WA 98812 - and drop a check into the envelope while you are at it!

Your outgoing Secy Herb Stern turned in the best annual report I've seen. The new Class officers are: Pres - Fred Ascani; VP - Buster Boatwright; Sec - Jim Healy; Treas - John Deane; USMA Dir - Chuck Schilling; USAF Rep - Gordon Gould; USA Rep - Burnside Huffman; Non AD Rep - Howdie Clark. Just as this went to press, Fred Ascani phoned to reemphasize the fact that the luncheons are being held every 3d Tues. He asked me to phone him back with some hot news on the Class, but I went the wrong way on time zones and blew it. He did say that the hottest item in DC is Joe Reed's beard. Oddsmakers are quoting 7 to 5 that it will reach his waistplate by Jun Week!

Jack Millikin dropped a note to keep in touch. He is Dir of Development (fund raiser) for the St. Albans Sch. He says it is a most interesting job and a most rewarding arena!

Rip Collins sent a clipping attesting to the need for contributions for the Olympics. Wray White invited everyone to the WP Soc of Cincinnati's Monte Carlo Nite for next yr. Potts Campbell very kindly suggested that the Xmas Letter's annual linkup will probably mean more to us as we ride into the sunset. Ben McCaffery noted that Ray Schnittke was wintering "on the boards" at Aspen. Fox Rhynard will tell you how to make a bunch of bucks if you write to him at 5025 NW Highland Dr, Corvallis, OR 97330.

Ruth Sharkey has recently received a well-deserved promotion in her job with DASA. She has recently been sent to Albuquerque for a Nuclear Weapons Crs. How about that? Sybil Wilson (Lokker) wrote of a wonderful Xmas with both grandchildren present. David and his wife Ketta live in Toledo with son James, age 2. Betty Irwin told a cute story of being invited to the Supe's following one of the home games. Also present at a large cocktail party was the Asst Secy of State by the same name. The wife of one of the top gents in the DOD assumed she was the other gal and Betty said she never had such VIP treatment at a cocktail party. It couldn't happen to a better gal.

I trust that by now you have all heard that Bill Seawell was featured in a "Fortune" article in the Jan issue. As Pres of Pan Am, Bill is in a real contest and I wouldn't want to be one of the guys betting against him. Flash: Today's paper reported Pan Am's announcement that Bill had been promoted to Chm of the Bd. Heartiest congratulations Bill!

Julie Easton wrote her usual bouncy letter

in spite of the problems she is tussling with. John's doctor, who was the country's leading authority on "this damn disease," died of a heart attack and John's med ins is all used up, so is CHAMPUS at 25 percent, and Julie sprung her back slipping on an icy driveway. But she continues to be her wonderful, cheerful self and John continues his gallant battle. The newly organized Myasthenia Gravis Foundation, 2 E. 103d St., NYC 10029 would be a good place to send a tax deductible check to help in the fight against this dread disease no longer considered rare.

Jean Moody wrote that she couldn't make the Xmas letter but that all was well with her. "The girls are all well and happy. The eldest, Judy, is still at Quantico with her husband, Tom Williams; Jay and her husband, Joe Ramero, added a BOY to the family last Feb and he's certainly a new experience for all of us! Joan is working in DC having graduated last May and Joy is a sophomore at Notre Dame in Baltimore."

Paul Skowronek writes, "My exams for a diploma in Slavonic Studies (Soviet and Yugoslav) will be over in late Jun, after which we want to move to HI where Virginia and Patricia will settle for a couple of yrs while I put all of this acad work together for a PhD. Then I'll be ready to get back to matching wits with the European Communists - someone else will have to worry about the China variety."

Received a good letter from the Ft. Carson Chm of the WP Adm Prog. Chapters are org near you. Have you taken the time to contact them or to try to find some prospects among your nearby high schools? This is a problem that needs constant attention.

Your old Bugler's buddy, Ben Spiller, not content with being the VP for Marketing of Systemation Inc, which features a VA approved crse in Systems Analysis (the profession predicted to have the greatest increase in manpower requirements) has located a real live Gold Mine. Don't laugh, the freeze at \$35/oz. does not apply to jewelry and dental bridges. And Jim Sykes is considering a pipeline across a large chunk of the Middle East. Who says we're heading for the rocking chairs?

Please keep the AOG apprised of your correct address. Now that the Bulls are back in the Market Pl and there is a surplus of bus trans, why don't you tour out to CO this summer and visit us in our glass house on top of a pile of rocks? Yea Furlor!!!

# '42

MAJ Kenneth F. Hanst Jr.  
5597 Seminary Rd. #610  
Falls Church, VA 22041

Please note the new address which I hope we'll have closed on in early May. Ugh! Other moves on the agenda take the Eisenschmidts to 311 N. Jefferson Ave., Clearwater, FL 33515, the Koisches to Engr with USAREUR, the Raymonds to the S. Atlantic Engr office in Atlanta and bring the Rip Youngs to this paradise so that Rip can undo all of Danny's work!

It has been a bad quarter for '42. Thanks to George Hesselbacher's sharp eyes, we have learned of the death of Al Otis on 7 Sept 70. It's a shame to have such a thing happen. Please let's do all we can to avoid such occurrences in the future, and if any of you are in touch with the family, do extend sympathy from the Class. In early Jan, Nick Nickodem died in his sleep at home in Fair-

fax. A goodly number of the locals attended services at Arlington with Gini and the family, and the Class sent flowers. Then came word from Mercedes Townsend that Bob had died of a hemorrhage of the brain in Barcelona on 20 Feb and was interred there. AMAA is helping Mercedes who expects to remain with the children in Spain. And while on that subject, I'm not sure that we've done all we can to assure our widows that they will always be a part of '42 and are most welcome to participate in all our activities. The same should be said about our ex-classmates who should all be aware of our 30th and feel welcome—which I'm afraid may not be the case. Incidentally, someone must assume the preparation of obits for these classmates. If it should or could be you, PLEASE let us know.

Retirements as of the moment include Butch Offley and Jim Obenchain. Butch is now a small business consultant as a franchisee of GBS; Jim has not advised of his plans.

Notes from: Tom Rienzi saying that Ray Murphy had been through and looked well-prepared for the ordeal. Murph has since written of the joys of being a "shameless, preposterous, brazen faced, U. S. imperialist aggressor"—which we all knew. Also enclosed was a picture of Ray at his first meeting. Oh, joy; oh, rapture; oh, boredom. Vive le Murphy. A second enclosure was a picture of Reinbold from the Journal—comic, of course. When will those left-handed, hook-shot artists get serious?!?!? Tom continued with word of a visit from Jack and Mary Barnes for a MAAG conf., a get-together at the Lu Clays when Frank was on his way to or from RVN and a favorable report on Bob Blair and Poncho Palfrey.

Josendales brightened the social scene when they came back in early Jan to see son Peter wed. A local contingent plus a plane load of their St. Joe friends made for such a delightful occasion that I spent the next week in NYC with my witch doctor! Their other sons (3) are in school, fortunately, as Jim studies expansion prospects in S.A., a take-over in Europe and Far East possibilities.

Harv Shelton sent pix of our holidays with them (sob!) and word that Jane Grimshaw and her mother were due. And in case you were lucky enough to turn on the hockey game on CBS on 12 Mar you got to hear Kathy Grimshaw do a beautiful job on the National Anthem.

Jack Barnes sent a summary of the CID findings in the Herbert case—an incredible exercise to refute the claims of a self-confessed self-seeker. But I'm sure the radio-TV-press have all fully enlightened you—hah!

John Sheffey reports a visit with Olmedo Alfaro and the John Bakers in Panama and a visit in Palm Beach with the Zimmermans. Bill is dabbling in Australian real estate in case you need a weekend commute.

John Mattina sent regards and a VERY handsome check. Money has slowed to a dribble—but dribblers are welcome, too! I would like to know how come Roy Ballard's contribution was in a Madison Hotel envelope and postmarked DC, and yet he didn't announce his presence here!!!!

Pat Williams sent word of another stop in Vegas for Pete Fountain appreciation, his and Betty's ascension to grandparent status and another splendid transfusion for Project '72. Bless that Georgia boy!

On my jaunt to Usmy in Feb, Ec Cutler



1942: At the 12 Feb frolic at Ft. Myer. Left to right: Ken Hanst, Nancy Russell, Bob and Ali Clagett, Butch and Bobbie Offley, Bob and Nonie Terry, Mary Ann and Bill Harrell, and Rene Murray.

came by to report and I got a boozy look at the Michels' new home in Cornwall and great view of the Hudson. Also saw the Markses plus Kathy and what's-his-name Flanagan! In March I had a hello with Lee Hamerly and a session with the Halpins. Now that Dan has finished lending ASSEMBLY a helping hand, he and Ree are heading South to seek a little sunshine and browse around a bit.

The Fort Myer Club was the lucky host to '42 on 12 Feb. Somewhere during the evening Dan Raymond was elected to be our leader, Bill Harrell our vice, George Hesselbacher our Treasurer and Ed Farrington our Secretary. The Horridges came down so Dick could report on the book, Butch Offley provided the taped music (our kind) and it was a gas. In fact, Don Bolton finally had to push us out! John Westenhoff wasted most of his drinking time taking a jillion pictures, bless him. The motley K Co. group on display was the worst. The Markses joined for before and after cocktails, taking time out to go see ARMY's basketball team lose to GW. Including them, we had 35 couples in attendance—if you cheat and call Marcie Bringham (Bob was feeling poorly and has since been hospitalized at Belvoir for Utility problems—infection of the water works!) and Lydie Foster a couple. I would call them a pair—and what a! Charlie Mizell and Floyd Robinson were our arrangers and a great job they did.

Incidentally, with Dan Raymond's departure for Atlanta, he turned back to the Chmn of the Nominating Comm—Bob Terry—and appointed him to fill the unexpired term as Chmn. Talk about the worm turning!

Saving the best for last, Frank Koisch, Bill Kraft, Tom Rienzi, Bud Ryder, Bill Shedd and Rip Young have been nominated to be members of the permanent two star set. That is truly great, and we can undoubtedly all count on a free drink in Jun—or sooner—or both!

By the time this gets to Phoenix, we'll have been to Newburgh—missing those of you who couldn't make it and shaking heads at those who could have but didn't. With a little help from my friends, lots of aspirin and Bloody Marys and a shaky pen, I'll try to give a censored version in the next column.

## JAN '43

Rex D. Minckler  
4032 North 40th St.  
Arlington, VA 22207

As a bit of a warm-up for our 30th Reunion, a goodly group of the DC contingent of our Jun-in-Jan clan assembled at the Bolling AFB Officers' Mess on 14 Jan in the spirit of ye olde Benny Havens Oh! Among those present and accounted for were Jack/Jackie Armstrong, Bob/Robin Baden, John/Jane Baer (John has announced his ret. from the AF as Dpty Dir Opns for Stri Fcs on 31 Mar 72), Ed/Dot Bennett, Wendell/Nancy Bevan, Doug/Shirley Blue, Joe/Marie Conny (Joe just departed the COLs' Div of DCS-

PER to become Dpty Cmdr of MDW), Bill/Dorothy Degruchy, Rex/Marjorie Dettre, TQ/Mara Donaldson, Ben/Jane Anne Edwards, Bill/Connie Fritz, Ace/Lorrie Elliott (Ace's with the Army Rev Bd), Tom Farnsworth (who's in town for a period of time), Bob/Ginny Harrington (B-Ball is now with the ACS Int Hq, USAF), Charlie/Margaret Heltzel (and Chas. is now Asst to the new DA of the VA), Gregg/Billie Henry, Walt/Jo Hogrefe, Sam/Marion Karrick, Stew/Jane Meyer, Boots/Rex Minckler, Bill/Dolly Neale (and Bill's now DCS Int First Army), John/Irene Norris, Don/Gerry Powell, Harry/Nancy Pritchett (who are the proud owners of a magnificent, new, free-form, backyard swimming pool), George/Jean Rebh, Elvy/Drucilla Roberts, John Ross, Jack/Dee Russell, Al/Jackie Saari, Saint/Penny St. John, Jim Schofield, Ted/Marge Seith, Ed/Jean Sheley, Snuffy/Dorothy Smith, Fred/Isabel Spann, Milt/Marilyn Stevens, Tote/Louise Talbott (and Tote was the MC for the evening), Don/Dawn Thompson, Charlie/Yutta Wirt, and Jack/Cecily Wood (Jack's our 30th anniv Class Pres).

Meanwhile, down in the sunny clime of San Antonio, the following members of the clan raised their glasses in a toast to our 29th Reunion: the Danny Bogans, Jack Dayes, Bob Fiss, Mitch Goldenthals, Bob McDermotts, Bill Stewarts, and George Sykes. Missing, though reported in the San Antonio area, were the Gene Winks and Roy Wilsons.

Members of the DC contingent of the clan present at our 3d quarter luncheon in the SA's Mess on 10 Jan 72 were Jack Armstrong, Bob Baden, Johnnie Baer, Ed Bennett, Ed Belecki, Doug Blue, Jim M. Cobb, Joe Conny, Clarence Davenport, Rex Dettre, T. Q. Donaldson, Ben Edwards, Walt Hogrefe, Bill Hume, Stew Meyer, Rex Minckler, Jim Moore, Johnnie Norris, Harry Pritchett, George Rebh, Em Reynolds, Elvy Roberts, Jack Russell, Adrian St. John, Jim Schofield, Ted Seith, Ed Sheley, Tote Talbot (our ret. Class Pres), Don Thompson, and Jack Wood.



JAN '43: A few of the Washington clan bend an elbow on the occasion of Harry Pritchett's coming of age (50, that is); from left to right are Jacques Wood (Class Pres), Don Thompson (Class Treas), Harry Pritchett, George Rebh, Tommy Farnsworth, Rex Minckler, and Charlie Wirt. The candid photographer was none other than the new Dpty Asst Secy of Def for Manpower Rsch & Utilization, George Daoust (USMA '45).



**JAN '43:** Two of the oldtimers in Vietnam are Eppy Epperson (left), who has completed his doctoral studies and three years in RVN, and Bill Hensel (right), who is the facilities engr mgr at Cam Ranh.

Chas Heltzel advised me that Bob/Ruth Cook are finally returning from the Far East this summer and that Bob will be asgnd to the Army Rev Bd. From the West Coast, Ernie/Dot Raulin wrote to say that house-building is not just an experience, but a new form of education. Nonetheless, they have managed to include such conveniences as a sewing closet for Dottie and a stereo closet for Ernie. Meanwhile, their daughter Jean was recently married to Harry Alexander Frere of London, England. The young couple now reside in Paris. A card from Mike Robinson in Spain indicated that he's left NA Rockwell's Space Div (after 15 yrs) and was touring Europe before settling in Mexico.

The Supt, Bill Knowlton, reports that all goes well at the Rock and that Peggy and he had been looking forward to the return of their son Bill from VN. Bill was recently wounded for the 2d time with the 11th Cav and has returned to CONUS with BSM and PH for re-asgmt to Ft. Carson, CO. Bill also reported that they've recently heard from Marilyn/Bob Beightler and Debbie Farnsworth, who's very much involved with int decorating in a Portland (ME) dept store. Bill's Founders Day circuit of speeches this year included Ft. Knox, Ft. Bragg, NYC, Boston, and Detroit. He saw Pappy/Jane Doyle, Jim/Jo Hackler, Ralph/Sally Hofmann, the Tibby Andersons, Harold Walker, Frank Shaw, Ralph/Mary Cadwallader, Wes/Irene Curtis, and Doc/Kate Armstrong.

In closing, we extend our sincere best wishes for continued recovery to Jim Richardson at Rehoboth Beach who has recently suffered a series of traumatic heart attacks, but is now back on the job with New Castle County in MD.

**JUN  
'43**

**COL Marvin E. Childs**  
4007 Pinebrook Road  
Alexandria, VA 22310

The "Gloom" period has ended but the news from the Class this time was almost negligible. Even the class party scheduled for Mar in the DC area had to be re-scheduled on account of the weather. The party is now scheduled for Apr and I will give you the details in the next issue. As the story goes, there was some good news and some

bad news. First the good news. The AF announced the promotion of Kit Carson and John B. Hudson as permanent MGs. They also announced the promotion of Vern Turner and Lemon Blank to temporary MGs. Of the 142 remaining on active duty in the Class, we now have one LTC, 22 MGs, 18 BGs, and 111 COLs. It's hard to believe but by next Jun, only about 70 classmates will be on active duty. It is also hard to believe that 29 yrs have passed so rapidly.

Now the bad news—Steve Sherrill's wife Harriet passed away in Jan. Representing the Class at the beautiful services in San Pedro, CA were Chuck and Marion Dickinson, Pres and Ann Easley, Norm and Ruth Pehrson, Bill and Miriam Roos, Danny Shea, Dick and Alice Wheeler, and Juanita and Dave Schwartz. We all join Steve in his bereavement. Ernie Cragg's wife Helen also passed away in Jan. The interment was held at Arlington with many classmates in the DC area in attendance. Ernie has been re-assigned from DC to V Cdr, 2d AF at Barksdale, LA. We all wish him the best in his new job.

We regret to report the death of Harriet Hersberger on 17 Nov 71 in an auto-truck crash and fire in which son Richard was critically injured. Richard was released from the hosp in Feb and was able to attend funeral services with Bob and the other children. Burial was at WP on 3 Apr 72. Bob ret. from Grissom AFB, IN, in 64 and is teaching math. He completed a Master's degree in Math while teaching at Ball State U. last year. Bob and Richard reside at 25 James Dr., Peru, IN, and are planning to spend the summer vacation in AK.

Betty Anne's mother "Nana" passed away in Jan. John Hudson's father died in Mar and Norm Keefer's mother the same month. I am certain that there have been other parents who have died as all of us are reaching that age. So much for the bad news.

Dave Schwartz reported from CA that Pres and Ann Easley held a class party in the L.A. area. Pres Jr. is in his second year at the Naval Acad. Bruce Pehrson is now an ordained minister and Bill Roos Jr. is now in his 2d yr at UCLA Law Sch. Bob Dwan and Chuck Warburton stopped by to see Brian Schwartz, Dave's son, at Davis Monthan AFB. Dave asked you West Coast types to write him at 712 S. Fernwood Ave.,

West Covina, CA. His phone is: 213-339-6833.

Bob Plett had a card from Gordon and Dec Schraeder who are living at 20 S. Pinecourt, Belleair, FL 33516. Gordon opened a business there called Schraeder Enterprises, Inc. We all wish him the utmost success.

Had a note from Bill Scott who is still in the attaché bus. in Moscow. To give his letter a little local flavor, there is a picture of Harriet on the streets of Moscow. Carolyn Shaefer was here recently on her periodic trek to Andrews Hosp and she reported that she and Dick were enjoying their European tour. Dale and Bettye Sweat and Ralph and Tody Hallenbeck are scheduled for return home soon, but I have not gotten their new addresses.

Jim and Bobbie Keck, Nan Bucher, Betty Anne and I spent an enjoyable afternoon at Constitution Hall hearing the AF Band's Spring Concert.

Lee Hogan recently had a bout with the medics but is now well on the way to recovery.

Please keep in touch with your regional reps and remember that any news we get does not get published for about three mos. Any of you who return for June Week this year, please let me know about the festivities.

Cheers until the next time—

**'44**

**MG Foster L. Smith**  
Director, J5  
HQ, USEUCOM  
APO New York 09128

It's a witchin' night outside, one for a trench coat and a turned-down hat brim. The fog is smothering Stuttgart, sprawling over the hills and there's an eerie dripping quiet outside. Winter tried, struggled 2 or 3 times but never got off the ground in Europe; it has been pinned, helpless and green from effort, between fall and spring. Every street light is halo-ed; Poe's raven sits outside the door.

Our family is scattered from here to yonder: One daughter is with Eastern Air Lines in Atlanta checking bras, hemlines and hairlines of the stews as a personal appearance supervisor—and does more flying these days than her fighter-pilot father. Another daugh-



**JUN '43:** Harriet Scott in Moscow.

ter, on 2 mos vacation from U. of Regensburg, dropped off her skis, put on her Allie McGraw cap, a back pack and headed for France, Spain, Italy and Greece alone. (Lord, protect her!) Audrey was last heard from en route Egypt and Israel. On the day due in Cairo, the Egyptian Army went on adv alert. She probably set back the Mid-East talks a year. Not-so-small son and I hold down the fort; I left him in charge during an overnite to Madrid.

I beware the Ides of Mar, always and seriously. This year it's ASSEMBLY deadline.

McClothlin writes from Lackland AFB, TX, that he's busy with a houseful of teenagers hunting and fishing at Matagorda Isl when he can get away. His oldest boy plays football for DE.

We regret to hear that Frank Greenhill is in Wilford Hall GH, Lackland (Zip 78236) seriously ill. We hope he responds to the intensive therapy being given and that publication time finds him fit and well.

On a trip to Langley AFB, VA in Jan ran across Bob Royem listed as DCS/Pers 9 AF. My boss, just back from a trip to Iran in Jan told of seeing Patton and that Ollie had shot a 600 lb. boar there. In the Pentagon in Jan saw Bill Sullivan for the first time in years, still lean, hard-bellied and with all his hair. Bill's in the Air Staff with Ray Dunn, Dusty Rivers and Bob Brotherton. George Brown was down with GEN Goodpaster from SHAPE. We were happy to have him for dinner one evening. We're pleased to have John Donaldson join us in Europe as the Def Attache in Paris. George Brown talked to him recently. Welcome, John.

On 28 Jan the AF announced the selection of Bill Fairbrother for promotion to BG. Bill is DCS/Distr, AFLC at Wright-Patterson. Congratulations!

On 2 Feb I stole Lew Norman, visiting here from Hq DCA, for lunch. Lew is enjoying his job; Joan is enjoying DC.

In the AF roster of key personnel, Gordy Burrell is listed as Comdr, 6596 Instr Sq, Vandenberg AFB, CA. I believe Gordy keeps track of our satellites and test missiles for us out there. Lois probably has a bigger problem keeping track of Gordie.

Well, I guess old VN is going to get its acid test. After softening up Bien Hoa with Charlson, Smith, Bottomly, Charlson (again) and Steger, the AF has assigned as new comdr there Greg Click. He'll give the VC fits.

Got a wire from the bush revealing that Dick Nalle is our Def Attache in Kinshasa, Zaire (Congo, that was). A happy note from Meg Johnson tells that young Johnny has received an appointment to WP. In these tuition days that's a \$20-grand present to Mom and Dad from a real fine young man. Congratulations.

A delayed Xmas card from the Moores in Guam tells that "Guam is Good" and that 362 fine youngsters in Johnny's school keep them busy, along with Dottie's music and usual range of activities. Best, you all! (P.O. Box FB, Agana, Guam 96910.)

Had a wonderful evening with the McGuires in mid-Jan. Tom and I were in meetings for two days at Langley AFB, VA during which I was still cold from Germany. Then we flew south to Tampa, where Tom is now in Hq US REDCOM, having just arrived from Europe (where they have lived 11 years total). Although just getting settled, they kindly had me by their house after a lovely dinner and evening at the Tampa Yacht Club.



1944: Sandra & Bill Miller at St. Vincent Island, Antilles.

Tom, who is DDP&P there, supplied me with some addresses:

Johnnie Desmond (BG) is at Hq USSOUTH-COM, Quarry Heights, CZ; Doc & Jean Greaves have moved on to 508 E. Broadway Ln, Tempe, AZ 85281; (COL) Bill Humma is at 307 Adair St, Apt 5-H, Decatur, GA 30030. George Wear is CG, USA FCS MR-II, USARV, APO SF 96350.

Jack Cushman is CG, 101 Abn Div, Ft. Campbell; Rog Hempleman is teaching math in a Catholic girls' sch in Spokane; Tom Tarpley, who had the 101 Div in VN, replaced Cushman as CG, Delta MACV. Deeter is Compt of USARV; Charlie Johnson went to II MR Adv Gr from Sweden. Some change, eh, Chuck? Mac McKeever is still with USACDC at Belvoir.

A nice Valentine card from Dottie & Dick McPherson told of visiting the Bingham in NY in Nov, and that Pattie & Spike Geltz have just moved to Orlando on Spike's ret (we'll miss the 2d Field's finest in the AF, Spike!) Bob Sellers, still with Boeing, Seattle, was at Cape Kennedy recently and checked in; they hope to visit the McPhersons in Apr.

The Sellers are at 12622 SE 49th Pl, Bellvue, WA 98096. Their Dick is 16; a junior and in Mtn Search and Rescue; Bob is 19, Wash State Sophomore, 6'4"; Cathy is 21, now working and still the apple of papa's eye. Bob reports Ele is still as young looking as ever after 26 years with him, now studying in-house care and feeding of a mature man, who has been with Boeing 12 years and in the same house 6.

Jim Connell reports the sad news of Frank Mahin's death in Dallas on 28 Jan. Frank is survived by wife Claudine, his mother in DC and 4 children. Attending Arlington services on 1 Feb were the Altiers from Rochester, NY, George & Barbara Hayman, Jim Cumberpatch, Harry & Pat Grace, McElvey, Cooper, DeArment, Ed Murphy, Bob Murphy, Howie Richards and Connell. Bob Murphy came up from Air WC, Maxwell AFB, where he is Sr Army Adv. On behalf of all of his classmates who were not at services, I extend our condolences to Frank's family. We shall miss him.

Bill and Sandra Miller sent a pic which makes me long for some soft breezes and waving palms. Anybody wanna see a new volcano? Bill has one right there on St. Vincent's Isl in the WI. Bill, you're gonna have company one of these days.

I guess we're getting long in the tooth

from the viewpoint of some of our younger grads. This year Founders Day in Europe was hosted by Phil McAuliffe at SHAPE on 10 Mar, Doc Hayward at Heidelberg 17 Mar and your scribe last night in Stuttgart, 18 Mar. By Editorial dispensation, I write this en route NY to report on the 4-square class. At the dinners at SHAPE and here at Stuttgart we prevailed on GEN Goodpaster to speak, which he did, briefly and well.

At the SHAPE Founders Day dinner on 10 Mar, McAuliffe, George Brown, and John Donaldson, up from Paris, made up the '44 contingent. Don Carter was occupied with confirmation ceremonies for one of his daughters in Brussels and could not attend.

At the Heidelberg Founders Day, Doc Hayward, Joe Cutrona and Frank Cash represented the Class. Then on the next night, 18 Mar, Frank Cash came on down here to keep me from going it alone. We weren't many, but we sang loud!

A press handout announces that John Eisenhower, our former Ambassador to Belgium, has been elected Chmn of the Bd of Allegheny Natl Life Ins Co. & Pension Life Ins Co, subsidiaries of Amcom, Inc. of King of Prussia, PA. He replaces Sen. Edward Brooke. The handout reports another Eisenhower book is gestating.

A letter arrived just at press time (with a check) from Dave Henderson in Canberra, Australia. Dave was recently back in HI where he spent some time with John Susott, who is just about to get started building a house there. Dave reports that Bo & Betsy Bottomly are going into the horse bus. and that Bob Ginsburg is expected to visit the Hendersons in mid-Mar. Dave reports his job is busy, challenging and that he gets a lot of flying. Frankly, I think Dave is getting mellow; now that he is flying transports in connection with his job (CINCPACREP Australia and USAF LO to the RAAF) he gets to drink coffee while he's flying! Soft life! (the truth is I'm jealous; I don't fly anything.)

Just got a letter from Bill Steger, reporting that he and Mазzie will visit us here in Stuttgart 18-20 Apr during a petroleum conf. Bill now runs the DOD's petroleum ops for the DSA, DC.

My secy reminds me I should quit this and get working on my income tax. Speaking of money, some small comfort comes from Jack Peterson's pic, which stares sternly from a clipping at me (to send off my income tax!) It seems that in response to *fin*. pécadillos of some enterprising mgrs of svc clubs, DOD has made Jack the "Club Czar" of 17,000 NAF actvs with \$6 Billion in assets and a half-billion handle. I offer you, "Godfather" Jack, a proposed org—sealed in the blood brotherhood of '44—for "Our thing"—

Ralph Sciolla will handle the restaurants, Jaz O'Conner for mouthpiece, Jim Connell—broads, Charlie Daniel—banks, Ragland—bars, Ely—booze, Staser, Merritt and McClothlin—muscle, Bill Miller and Nick Fuller—conventions, passports and hide-outs, Jack Johnson—hits, Mitchell and Silver—musicians, Rivers—antiques, Bob Ginsburg—culture and couch, Marty McCoy & Bill Pugh—slots, Algermissen—demolition, Morrison—cloak & dagger, Czapar—investments, Ed Samuel—fuzz fixer, Sanders—cars, Greenhill—getaways, Douglas—insurance, Shady Lamp—enforcer, Lew Norman—comm, Vitullo—Mayor; Hoxie, Hennessy, Blanchard, Donaldson, Bressler and Patton—the Council, Johnny Moore—funerals, Nick Creed—flowers, Boyles—treas.

My fee? Connell will take care of me; and I don't cost much anymore.

Just 2 more years until our 30th. What a thought!

The Founders Day Dinner in DC (Andrews AFB) found '44 represented by Campbell, Connell, Czapar, Dancy, DeArment, Maish, Martin, Ott, and Scott.

# '45

COL Levin B. Broughton  
Box 1145  
Fort Myer, VA 22111

On behalf of all ASSEMBLY readers I extend our thanks to Aus Yerks for his fine job over the past three years in writing the class column. He has earned the right to add scribe emeritus to his long list of honors.

### CONGRATULATIONS

To Jerry Holdridge for the prominent place he occupied on the US Team which Pres. Nixon led to China. *Newsweek* described Jerry thus: "Since 1969, the National Security Council's senior staffer for East Asia ... tall, fair-haired and handsome ... graduated from the USMA in 1945 and learned fluent Mandarin at Cornell and Harvard ... congenial, hard-working and creative ... colleagues call him 'a hell of a knowledgeable guy' ... saw duty in the Foreign Service in Thailand and Hong Kong, and served at the State Dept's intel rsch branch before assignment to the White House ..."

To Rock Brett for his promotion to MG, USAF; To George Bush, Dick Groves, and Bob Mackinnon for their promotion to MG, USA; To Boots Blesse, Walt Galligan, and John Pauly for their selection for MG, USAF; To Del Fowler for winning a Fed Ex Fellowship to the Brookings Inst; To Skip and George Hoge on the birth of their granddaughter, Jennifer; and To Lois and Bob St. Onge on the marriage of their son, Bob Jr. (USMA '69).

### SECOND CAREERS

Kris Kristoferson has ret. and is now the Chief of Const. U. of TX Sys, at Austin. Moe Wright also doffed the Army Green and signed on with Kris. Vern Pinkey ret. recently in Tulsa. Tom Longino ret. at the end of Jan at Ft Polk and, according to report, headed for Australia where he will certainly run into Ted McLendon. Bill Ochs is working in the Political Div of the Republican Natl Comm with a special interest in ballot security and special ballots. Marty Brewer, Vice Cmdr, AF SWC, presented the LM (see photo) to Bill Blessley upon his ret. recently at Kirtland AFB. Bill was Dpty Cmdr, 4900 Flight Test Gp, AFSWC. In 27 years Bill flew 90 different aircraft and racked up 3000



1945: Bill Blessley receives the LM upon his retirement.

hours in active flight testing. He and Lynn are still in the Albuquerque area with ultimate destination undetermined. Lucien Truscott is also retired in ABQ. His editorial, "Duty, Honor (and Self)," on the subject of moral principle in the Army appeared in the 4 Feb issue of the *N.Y. Times*. Rolfe Hillman ret. at Carlisle Beks recently. He and Calista are living in Carlisle.

### THE PASSING PARADE

19 Feb found J.M. "Fitz" Fitzpatrick flying a Beech Bonanza, which he owned jointly with Toby Gandy and Nel Armstrong, from Houston to DC. Over hilly eastern TN Fitz was afflicted with engine failure. No stranger to this sort of thing, he made his fifth wheels up landing—in a small bean patch. It was his first accident in over 20 years, though, and also his first in a plane not owned by Uncle Sam. Since Toby was moving to Vandenberg AFB and Nel to Cincinnati they were going to sell the plane anyway. Now the insurance co. is buying it.

Rachel and Bob McDaniel at this writing (7 Mar) are skiing in Garmisch. Bob who is with the Office DDRE, OSD, will take time out to attend the Quad A Conv.

Les Ayers writes that he and Audrey are busy tending four acres of grapes, pears, walnuts, apricots, etc., in Sonoma, CA.

Harry Drake who retired 1 July 71 is staff engr with Avco Electronics Div in Cincinnati. And thanks for the substantial check for the Memorial Fund, Harry.

Dipper Dallman reports from Lake Forest, IL, that Larry Hardin lives up the road a piece in Lake Bluff and works for the State of IL Inst for Environmental Control. And just a bit further up the road in Milwaukee is Warren Stumpe who is Dir of R&D for Rex Chainbelt. Dipper bumped into John Neff and Al Muehlke at Ft Sheridan recently. John is in Madison, WI, as the NG Advisor and Al is similarly engaged in Indianapolis. Jim Gilland is the Dpty Dir of the North Central Engr Div in Chicago but has orders for DC.

Ken Lessey, VP Shearson, Hammill & Co., 14 Wall St, NY, writes of travel to the fabled Orient late last year during which he visited John Carley and Jim Herbert in Saigon, Paul Braucher in Seoul, and June and Clair Whitney in Tokyo. Saw Tom Devlin at the annual Class of '45 George Washington's Birthday Brunch. Tom is Mgr, Avionic Sys Engr, RCA, in Van Nuys, CA. His boss is Joe McCaddon who brought Tom on board from Boeing. Tom said that this item should be billed as "two old goats who made good." Incidentally the brunch, held at the Ft Belvoir Officers' Club again, was acclaimed a success with over 100 of the faithful showing up. Frank Pavia is now the Washington

rep for Teledyne Ryan Aero. Jim Root is now employed in Carmel, CA, with Allstate and spends his weekends swinging on the golf course. Betty wrote: "That's his grin you see lighting up the Peninsula. He also drives a new, Gemini-blue Porsche to go with his baby-blur eyes." Marsia and Ky Murphy are building a palace in Costa Rica. Ky leaves shortly for the Near East to represent several U.S. corps and will rejoin Maria in Costa Rica, presumably when Casa Murphy is completed.

The Class of '45 still has a goodly number of folks who refuse to succumb to the temptation to ret. early on New Year's Eve. A few are shown in the photo taken at the Ft Belvoir Officers' Club during the waning moments of 71. From l. to r.: Harriet Eyster, Ed and Dot Gudgel, George Hoge, Lillian Elkey, Jeanne and Cor Westerhoff (daughter and son-in-law of Alice and Aus Yerks), Alice Yerks, Bob and Gene Ives, and Leila Broughton. Present for the gala but not shown were Skip Hoge (the photographer), Jim Elkey, Aus Yerks and your corres.

### PCS

Barbara and Arch Arnold to Salt Lake City, UT, where Arch is the Adv to the UT Army NG. Their comment on leaving the DC area: "We've enjoyed our friends in DC—but that's all we will miss by moving to SLC." Lois and Dave Thomas to Heidelberg where Dave will be assigned to the Office of the IC, Hq USAREUR. Dave returns (returned when you read this) from VN in Apr. Cliff White from Carlisle Barracks, PA, to Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD 21005 (Qtrs 52). Ray McFadden from Fort Monmouth, NJ to J6, HQ REDCOM, MacDill AFB, FL, 33608. Bill Stites to CS, USATC Engr and FLW, MO 65473. Bill McGlynn from Sandia Base to Engr Tech Div (AFSC) WP AFB, Dayton OH 45433. Bill Blum's new address is 5516 Meadow Oaks Park, Jackson, MI 39211. Hap Argo will become the Dpty Chief of Mil Hist, HQ DA, this summer. Bunny and Bob Hall from Ft Ritchie, MD, to Ft. Belvoir, VA, in July. CB and Tom Maertens from Alaska to Clemson U. where Tom will replace his brother George as PMS.

### TAPS

Bob Woods wrote the class column the sad news that Bob Bartron died this past Xmas Eve in King's College Hosp, London, of hepatitis. Bob is survived by his wife Carol, and his son Chuck, and daughter Samantha. Their address is Glendale Hatch Lane, Liss, Hampshire, England. We are all the poorer for Bob's passing and send our sympathy to his family.

### CLASS BUSINESS

It looks as if we will have a 30 Year Book. Something more definitive on this will be forthcoming soon. Please send news items to: L. B. Broughton, Qtrs 15, Ft Belvoir, VA 22060.

# '46

Mr. Samuel E. H. France  
22 Mountain Road  
Verona, NJ 07044

(102). Ski season, what there was of it, is over. Here in the NE, it was a season of little snow compared with the normal. I also understand even the Swiss Alps had similar problems. Unfortunately, the end of the ski season also brought the Navy down full tilt, since we lost in darn near all events, including basketball. It's time to get even this spring. Your Scribe weathered the winter somehow, with numerous crises from time to time, like



1945: New Year's Eve at Ft Belvoir Officers' Club.



1946: The Governor Warren E. Hearnes Multi-Purpose Auditorium, U. of MO, Columbia.

four snow tire flats, at least not all in a row. I also found it necessary to change jobs and ended up doing it twice. Hopefully this one will last awhile. For all practical purposes the same kind of work in the same area, etc. Present employer—Assoc Air Products, West Orange, NJ. Hope you ski bugs do better next year, but for my purposes keep it elsewhere.

For those of you who were able to attend the largest Class meeting ever, held during last June Week's 25th Reunion festivities, perhaps you will recall the discussion concerning the Class gift of bookends given to each classmate's son upon his graduation from USMA. I have received word from Dave Bryant that 29 sets of bookends, made in Taiwan, but not quite of the quality currently being presented, are being made available to any member of the Class at \$15 per set plus postage. Dave states that the sets are attractive and nice looking. In the meantime, Dave is working with Twill Newell in Madrid to see if we can establish a source there for bookends. Dave states that if it works out, the Madrid bookends could also be sold to classmates, price to be established. The available bookends may be procured, first-come, first-served, by writing Dave at 2305 Wittington Blvd, Alexandria, VA 22308. Dave also would like to announce his ret. as of 1 Feb 72, and his new association with the DC office of the law firm of Royall, Koegel & Wells, 1730 K St., NW, Wash., DC 20006.

Harl Koch mailed a beautiful postcard showing the peak of Machhapuchhare (22,958') Pokhara, Nepal, to let us know he and Judy were on their annual buying trip in Feb. He had just spent five days with Jack Hoeffling at his post in New Delhi. Jack, brevet BG, is the US Def Rep to India stationed with American Embassy. I would suggest he has been quite busy the last nine months. The Hoefflings, Jack, Pat and their 6'-2" son, made the Koch's stay magnificent and just like family. Harl mentioned that he hoped to see Frank Blazey (BG) in Saigon.

It is with sad heart that I report the passing of Steve Pagano on 12 Feb 72 at Walter Reed. I have a Washington Post article which indicated that Steve died possibly of pneumonia. Steve was 49 and was on AD as chief of coproduction mgmt with AMC's Dir of International Log, Gravelly Point office. He was Def Attaché at US Embassy, Honduras, from 1966-69. May I express to his wife Gloria and three children, Stephen, James and Anne, 4013 N. Stuart St., Arlington, the Class' deepest expression of sympathy.

George MacDonald mailed a clipping from the Daily Tribune, Royal Oak, MI, dated 15 Jan 72, indicating that George Griffith who is works mgr of the Hydra-matic Div, was elected Pres of the GM Mgmt Club of

Detroit for 1972. He is the club's 35th pres. MacDonald indicated that this is "no idle honor in this town" (Detroit).

Received a short note from Llewellyn Stannard enclosing a photo of her and John on the occasion of a dinner party given by Adm and Mrs. Horacio Rivero, CINC AFSE, Naples, Italy. In the photo is LTC Ewell '39, who is CS, Hq AFSOUTH. John is ACS, Plans & Policy Div, Hq AFSOUTH.

Yes, Jim and Angele McClure made their trip to Europe, referred to in Fall 71 issue. They first went to Lisbon where they missed seeing the Stan Blums (Military Attaché there) because the Blums were on leave in Greece at the time. From Lisbon to Madrid, where they did spend a couple of delightful evenings with Jim and Pattie Dixon, MA there. Next to Paris, but no classmates to meet. On to Germany, where they spent the night with Jack and Packie Whitener in Heidelberg. Jack and Packie were nice enough to have an informal get-together of classmates as follows: BG Charles R. (Bob) and Wini Myer who wears two hats as CG STRAT-COMEUR and DCS C&E Hq USAREUR; BG Will and Chris Persons who is JA, Hq USAREUR; John and Dooley Callaghan, CS CSC USAREUR; Kyle and Betty Bowie,



1946: John and Llewellyn Stannard with LTC J. J. Ewell '39 behind.

ADCS/O P&O Hq USAREUR; Reid Wallace, C/P&O Div, ODSCS/Per Hq USAREUR; and the Whiteners. Jack is G3, Hq CENTAG (NATO).

Strike up a first for Gov. Warren Hearnes (MO) upon the dedication of the new multi-purpose complex at the U. of MO—Columbia named after Warren. I'm sure no other classmate has had such an honor before. The complex covers four and one-half acres and includes an auditorium, field house and other athletic facilities. Warren helped secure the funds for the facility during his first term as Gov. A visit would do more than words to show the vastness and extent of the building.

Bob Kren, Dir, PIO at the U. forwarded the above data. Bob also noted that during Xmas he was in MD, along with his in-laws, M. P. Chitterlings '20, and that he attended an open house at Lea and Marie Parmly's in Baltimore. Lea is PMS at J Hopkins and is working on advanced degrees. The affair was in honor of Marie's dad, BG (Ret.) C. W. West '20, former Law "P" during our cadet days. Also present were classmates Jack Morris, Bob Strudwick and their wives.

Recently named Dir of Rsch at Edison Electric Inst in NY was Lou Elsaesser. The Inst is the principal trade assoc of the nation's investor-owned electric power companies. He joined EEI as Asst to the Dir of Rsch in Jan 70, following his ret. In Jun 71 he was appointed Asst Dir of Rsch. The Elsaessers live in Summit, NY. Lou served in VN in 1966-67 and he has earned a master's degree in chem engrg at OH St U.

Johnny Castle has proven that we are not as old as we think we are! He recently received his jump wings from Bob Tully, Comdt of TIS, Ft. Benning, GA, upon completion of the course there on 3 Mar 72. John is CO 1st Aerial Port Gp, and wanted to better understand the airborne tactics of the combat controllers within his group as well as those of the regular ABN troops with whom he will work in such exercises as Opn "Brave Shield." The course is designed for young men, but not limited thereto. John, in the words of a Sgt instructor, "was having no problems keeping up with the younger fellows." He completed the five jumps necessary to earn the basic parachutist badge and has now returned to his cmd. Listening to my cadet son and his classmates talk about airborne gives one a better understanding of the bold step John took. Patty Castle sent the article from the Langley news while waiting for John to return to their quarters, 46-B Bowen, Langley AFB, VA 23365.

'47

COL Norman R. Rosen  
4907 Bristow Drive  
Annandale, VA 22003

By the time you read this the 25th will have come and gone. But as I write it plans are moving along well and a good crowd is expected. This might be a good time for a reminder. My deadlines are normally 5 Jan, 15 Mar, 15 Jun, and 15 Sep for issues published about two and one half months later.

A sampling of returns to Harry Kain for the reunion locates some of the class not previously reported here: Doc Blanchard, Comdt of NMMI; John Novomesky back from Paris and living in Briarcliff Manor, NY, working in the big city; John Piepenbrink back from Mexico City with Philco Ford Purchasing in Philly; Bob Moore in Real Estate in CO and Bu Biggs working with him;

Bob Short in Real Estate in San Jose, CA; Don Schnepf a civilian at Redstone Arsenal; Al Learmonth headed for Saudi-Arabia; Willis Knipe in Kokomo, IN; Tex Hightower in Orlando, FL; Pete Karter in Old Lyme, CT; George Heisser moving to St. Petersburg, FL; Ted Garrabrants the Civil Engr at Fairchild AFB, WA; Jim Egger a NG advisor in San Pedro, CA; Al Cretella's return address reads 99th Dist. CT House of Reps.

Last issue I mentioned the Leblancs and can now report they are in Metairie, LA.

Al Van Petten writes from Woomeera, So. Australia, that he is unable to make the reunion stating "I'm trying to straighten out Australia. You fellows take care of the U.S." Bill Baron (Ciamprone) writes from Abidjan, Ivory Coast. He is based in Tangier but travels throughout West, Central, and North Africa for A.I.D. providing engr evaluations to auditors on capital assistance projects.

Jim Tatum reports two daughters getting married in Jun and Les Stevens reports two daughters graduating from H.S. at the same time.

Ron Heiser returning from MACV in Jun to be DCG Ft Lewis, WA; John Culin from ODCSOPS to Brussels; Shelton Biles to command the 130 Engr Bde, V Corps at Hanau, Germany.

Kudos to Al Haig who had the 2d star pinned on 1 Mar. Wayne Hauck promoted to Asst VP, Natl Bank of Washington. Wayne is in the Trust Dept of the bank and I have found him quite helpful in planning for the future.

The following was received from Jane Shields: "Please convey my thanks to all in '47 for the beautiful flowers we received for Charlie. You know I'm sure, the affection he felt for all of you." Jane is planning on staying in the DC area for a while.

Notes from Marjorie Kennedy and Willy Munroe both report on John Kennedy's recent 13 hour opn for an exotic neck cancer, rare enough to make him a medical oddity. He's, as of this writing, back at Fitzsimons undergoing cobalt treatment to insure no spread. For those who might pass by or drop a line, it's COL J.L. Kennedy, 2506 Hercules Dr, Colorado Springs, CO. Meanwhile, we all wish him a complete recovery.

An earlier note from Willy Munroe is so full of poop that I think I'll just extract most of it here:

"I noted your plea for more 'reports from the field'—so will utilize this first a.m. of the New Year to send along a report on the Munroes—ex of Cape Cod.

"Due to the serious illness (asthma) of my youngest child—we have up and settled way down in Tucson—about as far from Cape Cod as one can get and still be a citizen! A couple of years ago, after another long hospital bout, my wife got desperate and flew Buffy down here to AZ, pending her entrance to the Children's Asthma Rsch Ctr in Denver (CARIH)—and within a matter of a week, she was so improved that we cancelled her 'reservation' in Denver. I commuted back and forth to Cape Cod—six months there and six months here—for two years. This summer I turned my motel over to a rapidly growing hotel chain—in which I am now a VERY silent partner.

"Mary and I have bought a beautiful home up in the foothills looking down on Tucson. We have adjusted well to this fantastic country—and often talk of 'what we would have missed' had not Buffy been so ill those eight years. We have a huge motor home that we use to cruise the Southwest in—just got back from five day trip to L.A.—where I

had a wonderful conversation with Judge George! (Dell, that is) I knew the little devil was a wheel of some sort and had a hell of a time tracking him down—found the right Court thru the operators, but none of his cohorts would give me his phone number nor address. Maybe when you are a Judge, you develop a group of folks who would like to drop in and discuss things with you! At any rate, George and I have made plans for mutual visits—especially in that my older daughter will enter college in L.A. next fall and we'll be travelling that way often. I also located Jim Colburn after a couple of false starts—Jim has left Continental Airlines and is with Flying Tiger—maybe this is already known to many. Jim had dropped in to see us on Cape Cod several years ago—and we look forward to seeing him and family in the coming years.

"The only known classmate to have inhabited these parts of late was Bob Curtis who was here at the U. of AZ getting himself educated. It was a long process (by his own admission)—but he is now DOCTOR Curtis—well versed in some form of nuclear shenanigans which I am unable to comprehend. Bob and Madeline have a great family—and we enjoyed some fine parties back and forth. We miss them greatly—although I MUST say that I do not seem to miss the 'morning-after' effects that seemed to be a part of each gathering! You might ask Bob about the night he turned left rather than right and wound up 80 miles away before he realized he was off course. (Some very helpful men in blue uniforms gave him quarters until his wife was able to retrieve him!)

"I got myself licensed last winter in such fields as Stocks, Bonds, Mutual Funds, Life Insurance, Disability Insurance, etc.—and set out to establish a new career in the world of finance. However—I started to develop a group of people who were calling me all too regularly with suggestions on what I should do with the stocks I had sold them(!) and I have taken off on another tack! I'm unable to invest for myself—how the hell can I tell others what to do?

"We still have a foothold in the ME woods—where I hope to spend part of every year—I miss that a lot.

"Needless to say, we'd more than enjoy having any classmate and their brood drop in on us in Tucson. With this motor home, we have a real fine "guest house" on wheels—and those who arrive need never feel they are imposing. We've got a heated pool—a fantastic view—and a lot of time to visit and entertain. Our phone is not listed, but can be obtained by merely asking Information for same—remembering that my name is spelled Munroe—we have, unfortunately, missed a couple who passed this way because they gave the operator the wrong spelling.

"Mary and I send our best to all of '47—and hope you'll take our invitation to visit seriously... "Willy" Munroe, 4960 N. Calle Esquina, Tucson, AZ 85718 (602-299-9402). P.S. If ANY classmate has a child—or knows of anyone with a child—who is severely affected with asthma—we'd love to have them contact us so we could give them the benefit of our knowledge—people were so great to us that we would like to reciprocate."

The new year has brought a letter from Bob Curtis now a Ph.D.; as noted above with Argonne National Labs working on safety of fast reactors and living in Hinsdale, IL with Madeline.

A note from Al Cretella sends along a picture of Mike Maloney, Doc Blanchard and himself taken at the Annual Walter

Camp Football Foundation Award Dinner in New Haven at which Doc was the recipient. Phyl Gaddie writes from Frankfurt where John is ACS/Mat'l, HQ V COSCOM, that they expect to be returning stateside this summer for the 26th move in 25 years. (Can anyone beat that?) No. 1 son is a senior at UNM in Albuquerque, No. 1 daughter a soph at FL Presbyterian College, St. Petersburg, No. 2 daughter graduating from Frankfurt H.S. and No. 3 daughter a 5th grader.

On 6 Mar, U.S. News & World Report carried an interview with Bob Montague on building a new Army. Bob says they quoted him well. I'm sure most of you saw Brent Scowcroft in China with the CINC on TV and in the mags. Dick McAdoo planning a move from XO to the Chief of Engrs to Dep Div Engr in Omaha this summer.

Saw Hank Emerson at Ft. Lewis in Feb where he was giving his Leadership pitch to the Army Scientific Adv Panel. Then went down to Ft Ord and visited Bill Webb DCG of the ArTC. Bill and Muriel have a busy schedule coming up. Two sons in the Class of '72 and then Bill is right off to Ft Lewis to run the ROTC summer camp.

Last reporting from the Far East: Jim Johnson spent 30-days leave with Kay in the Philippines and Bangkok. Kay is enjoying her stay while Jim is in RVN and has travelled to Taiwan among other places. Pam returned from France for a stay. Pete Boerger keeping busy in Seoul. Daughter Judi visited Pete and Betty from U. of MD for Xmas.

Came awfully close to beating '48 with winter edition, but need just a little more help from you all. The next one should be easy with the 25th to report on, but don't rest.

Postscript: At Founders Day in DC on 17 Mar were Bill Henry, Bill Sullivan, John Miller, GG Kent, Wayne Hauck, Dick Littlestone and yours truly.

Late assignment: Dick Steinborn from PMS Rose Polytech to Ent AFB.

# '48

Lowell B. Genebach Jr.  
11607 Sourwood Lane  
Reston, VA 22070

It is most distressing to report that Al and Austy Pabst's son-in-law, Mike Minor, has been killed in VN. Mike apparently was on an air mission at the time of his death. Our deepest sympathies go to Signe and her parents. He was a fine young man, and I was most impressed by him, even though I spent only a brief time talking with him at their wedding last fall.

Two of our AF men have been nominated for a 2d star. The congratulations of all go to Otis Moore and Jim Allen. The only sad note is that rumor has it that Jim and Kitty will be leaving the area. Haven't heard about Otis' and Annelle's plans.

Ft Hood gained Gar and Lenora McSpadden recently when he took comd of the 2d Bde, 2AD. They join the McEnerys, Packards, and (unless orders were changed) Hendricks there. Walt and Katy Plummer, now at Ft Lewis, have a new daughter-in-law. Son Andy took the plunge some mos back. Congratulations and best wishes to them both.

While on the subject of marriages, Donn and Letty Starry have had 2 recently. On 26 Feb son Mike, now a LT in Germany, married Bonita Faye Hosteller in the chapel

at Ray Barracks, Friedburg. His parents had spent 4 yrs at that same kaserne some yrs back. Then Mike's brother Paul, now in college in CA, was wed to his fiancée. Name and date are lacking, but I'm sure she's a lovely girl. I base this upon the Starry taste in women and the fact that she is an airline hostess. We wish both couples many years of happiness together.

Pete and Lila Shively gave their daughter Pam in marriage to Crandel Combs on what undoubtedly was one of the worst days weatherwise this winter. It was really a family affair, with brother Jim as best man, and young Pete as an usher. The icy conditions and the snow held down the number able to attend, but those who did saw a beautiful wedding and a great reception at Bolling. Lila, I might add, could have been the bride herself she looked so lovely. Lou and Doris Schalk made it through the weather, and had to attend a 2d wedding that evening at Ft McNair. I trust they didn't try getting home afterward. I barely made it myself on glare ice which formed before nightfall.

Jack and Ann Brennan are scheduled to arrive momentarily for asgmt here. We look forward to their arrival. Bud and Jane Wagoner are still living it up in Pretoria. Jane assures me that one can travel to see them on far less than the figure I quoted in the Fall ASSEMBLY, which they received about 3 mos late. Bud's golf handicap continues to shrink. He may take over Gary Player's place on the pro tour if that keeps up.

A note on the ski lodge. Pledges received to date total about \$48,000, with cash in hand coming to about \$22,000. We still have a way to go.

Jim and Gen Jones appear headed for a stabilized tour here. Jim takes over as Ch Engr Office DCA in June. You may recall that Ben Jacobellis was civ dpty and tech dir of that org a few yrs ago.

Tom Ware is due home around income tax time. Whether they will stay or move is not known at this time. John Bellinger is due home in Jun, and it appears that he and Anne will remain among us. Bill Ryan has convinced Mary Lou that life would be sweeter on the beach. He is retiring in the late spring from the Navy Dept, and they will move to their house at Rehoboth, DE. His next career will be in real estate there.

Because of the foregoing, we have asked Tom Jones to accept the post of treas (actually, this is a subterfuge to get Gerry to our meetings). Incidentally, Tom was commenting that the Jones had received a large amount of space in the Fall issue. I probably should have entitled it "Everything You Wanted to Know About the Jones, But Were Afraid to Ask." To keep their many friends apprised of Al and Ginger Sylvester's doings, let me report that he is now with CDC at Ft Belvoir, having left PRC. The day of the Shively wedding they were up in New England at their eventual ret home—probably snowed in, if my guess is correct. Jim and Pickle Barnett are leaving Governor's Isl and returning to DC, he to be with OCRD. This should make their 4th tour here.

The annual Spring dinner-dance was held at Bolling 11 Mar. Tom and Smockie Hoffman outdid themselves in decorations. They designed a menu complete with a pic of the ski lodge and the class crest upon it. The turnout was close to 100. Out-of-towners included Russ and Ducky Ball, Roger and Bobby Conover, Carl Schmidt, Joe and Massie Dorsey, Bob and Beji Ward, the Ed

Bertrams who are at Ft Monroe, and Bob and Sally Marshall who are at Ft Ritchie. Ashby and Marian Foote came over from Ft Meade, but we really consider them part of the local group. There undoubtedly were others, but our pres, Ennis Whitehead, could not recall them. Next day Jim and Chris McCray hosted a crepe fete for the visitors. The invitation, in French, defied translation by our son, but one of his friends had paid better attention in class and helped us out. Reports of the fete indicate yet another smashing success.

The 25th (you must be kidding!) comes on apace. Start planning now—it may take a while to save up the money.

# '49

Mr. Francis A. Hinchion  
11405 Duryea Drive  
Potomac, MD 20854

The AF provided the "star" news for this issue. Jim "Mighty Mouse" Hartinger was selected as our 2d recipient for MG, joining Bob Pursley. New BG's are Jack Albert, Chick Cleveland, Dick Henry, Dick Schoeneman and George Wentsch. Dick Henry already has orders effective 1 Apr assigning him to Hqs TAC as the new IG for the Cmd. Jim Hartinger moves up from the 2d slot to DCS/Plans for NORAD. Joe Guthrie is now the Cmdt, ARP Sch at Edwards AFB. On the new Def Attaché list, there is a COL J. F. Marr as DA in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, that has to be our Jim. Ted DeMuro leaves Andrews in Jun to become CO of a Comm group at UDORN in Thailand.

On the Army side, Clay Buckingham, Joe Kingston, and Kirby Lamar—all in the DC area—have donned their stars. Clay has moved from OACSFOR to Dpty Dir of Opns; Kirby is in OACSFOR while Joe is finishing up a yr's fellowship with the State Dept. Jerry Lauer is attending the U. of Pittsburgh Mgmt Crs for a couple of mos. Ken McIntyre is the DE in WV. Ran into Tom Stockton visiting the Pentagon from Ft. Hood where he, Jack Hodes and Al Hale represent the 49ers. Joe Schmalzel is the Army attaché in Lima, Peru. Jack Madison is back in town from Ft. Lewis, now in the CP at JCS. Buzz Barlow, now Dpty Co AD Agcy at Ft. Bliss. Dan Williamson left the Wpn Anal Gp at the Pentagon for an Arty



1949: Chris A. Lay, General Manager, Fairchild Space & Defense Systems.



1949: COL Joseph R. (Dick) Stauffer, "P" of Military Science, Army ROTC, U of Miami, Coral Gables, FL.

Gp in Europe. Bob Lynch, still on S&F at Carlisle, joined the DC group at their Jan luncheon, Joe Muckerman new arrival at ODCSOPS, Dene Balmer and wife Doreen are the latest claimants to the title of having the youngest child in the Class—born last fall—any other aspirants to the title? On the other hand, Jack and Jane Cronin are expectant grandparents, one statistic that is sure to be on the upswing. Lou Baumann due back at OCRD in Jun.

On the civ front, Hugh Kinney has left Auerback for a new position at Burroughs. In the Orlando, FL, area, besides Toth, Ivy and Carroll, we've located Dave Hendrickson who is working for Chrysler at Cape Kennedy and Frank Bondurant who has forsaken the cosmetics business to teach school in Winter Park. Charley Lehner has returned to DC from the West Coast, still with Aerojet, we believe. Joe Yeats has ret. and is at the Detroit Ars doing program mgmt work on tanks. Fred Johnson is in McLean, VA, a recent arrival from upstate NY.

Letter from Ted Swett, who is heading up the 193 Inf Bde at the CZ. Mentions Jack Bender defending the Northern frontiers at AK, Terry Powers, the USARSO, G4, and Harry Griffith, who has MCA responsibility in the CZ as Mobile DE and visited the Swetts there, Tom Coughlin is PMS at Loyola U. in Chicago, Ted and Cay arrived in Panama from Nicaragua in Aug and have room for any '49 travelers passing through. Their tour lasts until the summer of 73.

Bill Streett is teaching Math and football at a boys' school in MD, still living in Springfield, VA; Pat Vollmer has a bde at Ft. Polk. Dene Balmer passed on word of Ed Cave now with Teledyne in Atlanta, Bud Strohecker, DE in GA, and Jack Saylor, head of Saylor Marine Const in Savannah, GA.

Van Vander Voort leaves for Brussels in Jul, leaving a vacancy as luncheon chmn for the DC group. Van has done a great job over the past three years. Dick Stauffer has taken over the PMS job at the U. of Miami, FL, after a tour in Carlisle as Dir Strat Studies. Chris Lay, otherwise known as Andy, has

been promoted to Gen Mgr of Fairchild's Space and Def Sys Div in Syosset, NY.

John and T. C. Magnotti were the hosts for about 40 members of the DC contingent at the Gaslight Club in town—a gala evening helped out by Bev Chamberlin and Arden Madison joining with the Club MC during the entertainment. The Kembles were in town for the eve and created a surprise when they revealed that Bob is ret. this summer and will become Pres of the NM Mil Inst where he joins Doc Blanchard who is Cmdt of the sch.

Dave Rogers has entered the realty bus with Town & Country Realty in the VA area. Rocky Marder has completed the requirements for his broker's license and will soon set up a partnership in the realty bus in VA. Lou Bayard has ret. and joined the B. F. Saul Co. in DC.

Latest word from Gus on the '49 Memorial Fund indicates that as of the middle of Feb, we have pledged \$42,846 with \$24,208 already paid. The DC group under John Chandler has an effort underway to contact people in this area who have not responded as yet. Time grows short; when you read this article, we'll have just two years remaining to achieve our goal.

Also, by the time you read this column, our Class will have its first sons graduate from our alma mater—our congratulations to Steve Main, Dale Eaton, and Steve Tallman and to their parents.

# '50

COL William B. DeGraf  
7822 Midday Lane  
Alexandria, VA 22306

With Spring almost upon us, many orders will be out soon; hope you'll let me know what they are.

On 6 Mar 72 Biddy Hoffman was the guest artist at the Veerhoff Galleries here in DC. Robin and I drove in with Rose and Lou Genuario, and we were all impressed with Biddy's talent as we looked around at the variety of her paintings. It was a sort of miniature '50 Reunion, for we saw the Brinkerhoffs, Easleys, Ferns, Lucy Gard, Bob Hugheses, Olivers, Johanna Price, Ann Streit, Spike and Helen Wood, plus Ed West who was down from Pittsburgh. Biddy's paintings were beautiful, and we were all certainly proud of her that evening. That was a hectic week for Dick and Biddy, for the packers were coming the day after the exhibit, and the movers a couple of days later—to get them on their way to Brussels.

In Jan, soon after the last column was mailed off, I had a note from Bess Banister, who had just received the previous ASSEMBLY column. She couldn't believe we hadn't reported that Al Crawford received his star on 9 Sept 71 at Ft. Monmouth, NJ. All I can say is "Nobody told us." The PIO at Benning sent the word about Paul Gorman (after the deadline; the editor had to stick it in at the end of the column), and we never have had any news about John Wickham's promotion, but presume it went well, too. All we need is to have someone take pen or typewriter in hand.

Had a nice letter from Pris Glenn in Nurnberg, sending the following news: Jack Maxwell is leaving Brussels this summer, going to Cambodia as an attaché... Faulkner Heard is in Brussels working in MAS... In Germany, Bill Knapp is CO of the 210 Arty Gp... Walt Adams, in Bamberg, has the 3d Bde, 1 AD.

Dave Monihan finished up 3 yrs. in Vene-

zuela, then a year in VN, and now is back in the area, for he's assigned to CDC at Belvoir... Tex Ritter is also at Belvoir with the CSC... Sandy Oliver has the Engr. Sch Bde there, Ben Lewis has MERDC, and Dunc Joy is DOI with the Engr Sch... We're taking over that place!... Emmett Lee is on his way to Jacksonville, FL, where he'll be the Dist Engr... Jim Thompson is going to Benning to take the 931 EGP... Jim Lynch is Dir Opns, O-Engr Hq USAREUR—that ought to catch you up on a few Engrs, anyway...

Gray Tate is in Korea for the yr, and Anne and the youngsters are here in Alexandria. She received the good news that Gray will be part of the Harvard Adv Mgmt Sch which will be given in Hawaii at the end of the tour, and she hopes to go over the last week or two; then they go to Sill in Sept...

Andy Byers will be starting a new career as a civ in Apr, when he goes to work for the Welfare Dept in NYC. Doris and the girls will remain here til school is out, and then they'll be moving up to Fun City... Lyman Hammond will be Dpty CO of Ft. Richie... Ed Boyle will join the Faculty of the AirWC at Maxwell this summer... Jack Hurst is enjoying his job with Eastern in Miami, and he and the family swim in their own pool every day—sounds good to me!

Bill Curry is Vice Wg Cdr of the 354 TFWg at Myrtle Beach, SC. He's flying A-7s, and the family is with him there, having packed up in Jan and deserted us all here... John Murphy was one of four Congressmen appointed to the USMA Bd of Visitors... Leo Wegner will be going to Lebanon the end of May, where he'll be the Attaché...

In a previous column I mentioned that the Class of '50 has taken over the responsibility for the DC area ARMY-Navy Cotillion for this year. Adelaide Bolte, Phil's mother, is making a banner for the Cotillion, to be presented in the Spring, and the committee thinks it's pretty lucky to have that busy lady make such a contribution—they're right!

JoAnn and Hale Hubbard had their first child, a boy, on 14 Oct 71. They named him Trent Hale, and he weighed 7½ lbs. Congratulations are late, but none the less sincere!

Clark Martin took Marty Small's job with MACV in Saigon in Feb. Marty is on leave right now, for his family is here in Alexandria; he will go to El Paso next, and the family will join him in June...

There are a couple of weddings to report: Phil Samsey and Pauline Murphy McDonald were married 13 Nov 71 at Ft. Myer; they're now at Ft. Hood, TX... Rebecca Loper (Tom and Jinny's daughter) and David Anthony Alderson were married in Jackson, NC 30 Dec 71...

Penny Phillips had a letter from Lou Lunn in Feb. She and Bob are in Germany; they went to Greece over Xmas and had a wonderful time; they see the Koehlers frequently; Emmett and Rowland Lee have been nearby, but now are on their way to FL, as mentioned above. The Lunn's were looking forward to going to Worms where they would see Sue and Lu Rising (coming from Amsterdam) as well as the Reins and Hindses.

Dave Cameron is preparing to give the first installment of our Memorial Fund to the Supt, so that the restoration of the Thayer collection can get underway. He plans to turn over \$10,000 at this time. Many thanks to all of you who have sent in contributions. For those of you who have put

it off, please send Dave a check soon, for we would like to have as much work done as possible before the 25th Reunion, and contracts cannot be let until money is in hand. Dave's address: COL David Cameron, 80 Partridge Pl, West Point, NY 10996.

We have a couple of sets of grandparents: Lou and Rose Genuario's oldest daughter Donna had a 9 lb. boy on 12 Mar 72... Bob and Dolores Hoisington's oldest daughter, Mary Beth had a little girl on 2 Mar. How about THAT?

Had a good letter in Jan from Eddie Ramos, who was named Cdr of the Philippine Constabulary shortly afterward. He reports Ming and the four girls are fine; Ming is Registrar of the local Internatl Sch, so she has plenty to keep her busy.

Les Holcomb wrote a newsy letter from VN in Jan, shortly after the last column had been mailed to WP. Les is out of the svc, but has been down in the Delta since Dec 70 when he joined AID to become a Prov. Sr. Adv in CORDS. Les says he sees a lot of Ross Franklin, who is Sr Adv to the ARVN 21st Div and Chuck Butler who is with the 21st as G3 Adv. He'd seen John Wickham who came on an official visit, and watched part of the A-N game with Ed Crockett in his office; Ed is the MACV SJS. Carmen and their daughter, Amaya, are in Australia where they have settled, and their son Leslie is at Gonzaga U. in Spokane.

Since the last roster went out in Sept for the DC area classmates, we've added a few: Reed Davis, Dunc Joy, Howard Mitchell, Dave Monihan, Clay Weight and Frank Zagorsky. Some are new, others are returning for 2d tours. While I'm on DC area people, I don't think I've mentioned that Phi Hutcheson has ret. and is working for Gulf Oil. He and Mitch both seem to be kept busy, and they really like their new life.

Best news of all, five of '50 were on the list when the AF published its new selections for BG. Bennie Davis, Charlie Gabriel, Dick Leavitt, Lou Leiser, and Skip Scott had good reason to celebrate. Congratulations to all!

This is a short column this time; help me out by letting me know your latest news, and any you might have of classmates you've seen or heard from.

# '51

COL Peter J. Foss  
7600 Mahoney Drive  
Lorton, VA 22079

This is my first effort at putting together the class column for the ASSEMBLY and it is done at the expense of an overlooked deadline.

The new AF BG list was highlighted by the name of Hoyt S. Vandenberg. Congratulations Sandy, on the selection for a star!

The Army's top wife selected to compete for the title of "Military Wife of 72" is Ruth Sheridan, wife of COL Stan R. Sheridan. Ruth was chosen as ArMC Wife of the Year and competed with wives of all major cmds for the honor. Congrats to Ruth for a well-deserved honor.

Jim Guyer writes from his new address, 2034 Crestwood St, San Pedro, CA 90731. He states that he moved from the job of Continental Can mgr in San Antonio to be plant mgr for the Terminal Isl plant in L.A. Harbor. Jim states that he has taken up sailing in earnest and that San Pedro is a delightful place to live. George Shibata is only a short drive down the highway from



1951: Bud Conti getting promoted.

there. Jim passes on greetings to everyone in the Class.

Clint Granger, ex-scribe (and better organized than the current one) writes that there are 4 known 51ers in Korea. John Glossbrenner is flying F-4s, Jim Semmens is ret. from the Army and is running the FEMCO (Whatever that is!) opn, and Lou Michael cmds the 2 Bde of 2 Div. Clint cmds the 3 Bde of 2 Div at Camp Howze and states that life is busy to say the least.

The front pages of the DC papers in Mar had pics of a very tragic fire that destroyed 2 homes and took the lives of 2 young children. The fire took place in the Canterbury Woods subdivision in Fairfax County and one of the captions on the pic stated that the photograph was taken by COL Edward P. Lukert, who lived only a block away from the fire. Ed's camera captured the action and the tragedy of the occasion.

By now most of the classmates have seen our latest TV star. Appearing nightly on TV is "Buzz" Aldrin, who is now making a pitch for the "small car." Buzz is reported to be ret. this summer from the AF. He has had a most remarkable mil career culminated by that fantastic first trip to the moon.

Johnny Byers has checked back into the DC area after finishing a tour as Bde CO in the 4 AD. John is now on the Joint Staff.

Herman Vetort reports that Carlos Mena is now in DC. Carlos was at the Founders Day Dinner at Bolling AFB on Fri, 17 Mar. The Dean, GEN Jannarone, was the main speaker, but only 7 '51ers were in attendance.



1951: Ruth Sheridan, 1972 Army Wife of the Year.

Most of us have missed Carlos since graduation and there are many of us who will be looking forward to seeing him in the big crowd of classmates here in the DC area. Herman is assigned to SGS, DA and I run into him in the halls of the Pentagon now and then.

There is a class party scheduled for Sat, 27 May at the International Rm at Bolling AFB. Red Forrester and Jim Barron head up the party committee. I saw Jim and Gus and their family at the Ft Belvoir Chapel services recently. Jim is at the NWC.

In word just received here there is the item that Ted Charney has assumed cmd of 1 bde at Ft. Dix and he and D'Arcy will remain there for awhile.

John Tatum has transferred to Ft. Jackson to take over the Compt shop there. I saw John in the halls of the Pentagon and he was looking fit and has made a remarkable recovery from his heart attack of last fall.

Bill and Betty Grugin are here in DC. Bill is in ODCSOPS. Betty relates that their oldest daughter Kim has been accepted at VPI.

Bill Louisell was on a merry tour of Europe in Feb and Mar heading up one of the CS briefing teams that was touring the cmds and passing out DA policy. Bill is assigned to ODCSPER.

Saw Bob Flanagan at a conf at the Recruiting Cmd. Bob is at CONARC and is in the info bus. Tom and Barbara Aaron are also CONARC assignees.

Several names have appeared on the ret. lists. Two recent ones were Lew Casbon and Ronnie Milam. Quite a few classmates will be joining the civ world now that 20 years have passed since pinning on the gold bars. It is hoped that these friends will keep in touch with us.

In a list received by the Scribe, Gil Stephenson is listed as "lost." According to the word we have here, both Gil and Joe Fant are regt cmdrs at the Acad. Let them know at the AOG where you are Gil!

Pat Pattillo still heads up the Inf Br in OPO and is the chmn of the Fund Raising Comm for the class memorial. A principal item of discussion during the 20th reunion class bus meeting was the dedication of a permanent class memorial at WP during our 25th Reunion. When you are contacted by the comm for a contribution please respond promptly and give this most worthwhile project your full support.

Also in OPO is Dan Sharp who is listed as the Exec in the Off Pers Dir.

This about winds up the column. Summer is the time for change and I hope that you will drop a line when and if you get a change in orders.

'52

LTC John B. Garver Jr.  
Dept of ES&GS, USMA  
West Point, NY 10996

It is with regret that I report Bill Finn's untimely death of a sudden heart attack, 5 Feb 72, in Bellevue, WA. Bill left the Army in 56, worked for GE and Lear Jet, before joining Sunstrand Electronics in the DC area. Last Oct he was appointed a VP of the co. and transferred to the home office in Seattle. Bill will be returned to USMA this summer for interment in the WP Cemetery. The Class extends deepest sympathy to Corinne and the four boys.

Dr. (LTC) Bob Day had several busy "days" last Jan when a trailer housing area



1952: New Jersey State Senator Jim Wallwork.

near Ft. Rucker, AL, was struck by a devastating hurricane. One of several Army doctors called to assist in the emergency, he was recently commended for his outstanding performance in the rescue effort and med treatment of the most seriously injured. Bob received his MD from Temple U. in 63, later served as Div Surg, 82d Abn Div, at Ft. Bragg and RVN, and is presently Chief of Prof Svces at Lyster AH. Bob and wife Ann reside at Ft. Rucker.

Don Richardson, with his son Brad, passed through WP in Jan for the first time in 19 yrs, and was amazed at the many changes—new bldgs, acad curr, etc. Being a computer bug, he was particularly impressed with the computer facilities and instr program available to cadets. After resigning from the AF in 62 (now a USAFR MAJ), Don went to work with Texas Electronics, a computer hardware co., and later established his own firm, Logic Systems Inc., in Houston, TX. Don deals primarily with the complex problems of interfacing disparate computer sys, having recently completed a major job for Mobil Oil Refinery in Paulsboro, NJ. He reports that bus is good—excellent, in fact. Don plans to make it to the Homecoming Reunion in Oct and looks forward to seeing some of the old F-2 gang at that time.

Congratulations to Bill Reilly who was recently awarded the MSM for his distinguished performance with the OCE, USA TOPCOM. He is presently assigned with the Prog and Bdgt Div, OCRD. This summer, Bill returns to stu status at the NWC, commuting across town from his present home in Springfield,



1952: Jerry Kutz and Ray Koestner at pre-20th "reunion" in Tachikawa, Japan.

VA, where he lives with wife Peg and daughters.

Received a note from Ray Koestner reporting the visit of Jerry Kutz to Fuchu Air Sta, Japan, on an "inspection" trip. Ray has been with the 5th AF Hqs for over three yrs as Ch, Req Div, and lives at Tachikawa "where the welcome mat is always out." Ray, Juanita, and girls have done much traveling in the Orient, having thoroughly enjoyed their overseas sojourn, but are now looking forward to a CONUS asgmt. Apparently, Jerry's insp junkets have taken him around the world and back to Norton AFB, CA, where he functions with the USAF Safety O. and resides with his wife Jackie and two daughters.

Tom Courant is the co-author of a fine article, "Toward More Credible Force Planning," in the Mar 72 issue of MILITARY REVIEW. The article stemmed from research done by Tom and several other AWC students in evaluating and then modifying a Theater Combat Model developed by RAC. Impressive! Tom is now with Hqs, 7th Cps Arty in Germany.

Another "returnee" to WP in Jan was Bruce Pickering, bringing college-bound son Steve "for a look at the place." A visit to Adms, lunch in the Mess-hall, and tour of the cadet area escorted by a cadet, made for a full day. Then on to New Eng with his two oldest sons, Steve and Mark, for a weekend of skiing. Sounds like a good plan for other classmates with college-age sons. Bruce heads up the Bruce Pickering Co., a firm that provides tech know-how and machine parts to the paper-making ind. Bruce, his wife Claire, three sons and daughter, live in Downingtown, PA. He also plans to be back for Homecoming.

Dave Lyon reports that on 1 Feb 72 "The Class" in the DC area met for their quarterly luncheon at Ft. Myer Officers' Open Mess, with over 50 classmates present. "These are now regular events, held the first Tues of Aug, Nov, Feb, and May—with any classmates passing through the area welcome to attend." Dave noted that instead of the luncheon this May, there will be a dinner party on the eve of 3 Jun at "The Firehouse," a DC restaurant, to celebrate our 20th. Classmates from far and wide are welcome (with their ladies) and are asked to indicate intention to attend by contacting Bill Raiford, 12011 Old Bridge Rd, Rockville, MD 20852, phone 881-4427. Hopefully, this ASSEMBLY will be out before Jun and may add a few classmates to the festivities.

Special thanks to Jim Sullivan for news of other DC activities. He attended the quarterly meeting of the WP Soc of DC on 14 Jan 72 and was surprised at the small turnout of '52ers—Bob and Alice Craig, Al and Cathy Griffin (Al is Secy of the DC Soc), Tom and Ann Murphy, Bill and Chase Raiford, and Jim Woodward. To quote Jim S., "We had a tremendous time both reminiscing and prognosticating. Tom Murphy revealed that he is still nurturing a hidden ambition, i.e., to be a BP at WP. Under interrogation, he may claim the 5th, but print it." I prefer to think that Tom meant "be a 'P' and not a 'BP.'" Well, Tom, what do you say in def? With over 100 classmates in the DC area, Jim and Al hope for larger rep in the future. John Kenney is currently attending a course in ADP. Upon completion, he will become C/AOC in the Pentagon. Jim has been spending his time either in Walter Reed or at his home, 6805 Custis Pkwy, Falls Church, VA 22042, phone 703-534-0843, and offers his help to any classmate passing through or wanting info on the DC area.

With many more Class members now clus-

tered in the DC area than elsewhere, a situation that will continue to hold in the foreseeable future, it would seem appropriate and desirable to consider a change in the location of the Class Exec Comm from WP to DC. Ed Gilbert, Class Pres, is empowered by the Class Constitution "to change the location of the Class Exec Comm at any time he feels that the adm of Class bus could be better carried out at a different location." A consensus of the seven remaining classmates at WP suggests that the time for change has come. If you have strong arguments for or against, send them soonest to LTC Charles Watkins, O. Dir of Adm and Registrar USMA, West Point, NY 10996, who will in turn pass them to Ed for consideration. Ed will undoubtedly make this a point of discussion at the Class Meeting on 28 Oct before any decision is made.

Some other bus items for the 20th Reunion, 27-29 Oct 72:

1. Election of New Class Pres. Ed Gilbert reminds us that the Class Constitution states that a new Class Pres will be elected every 10 yrs. Further, that the Exec Comm (present incumbents: Charlie Watkins, John Garver, and Jerry Brisman) will appoint a Nominating Comm for the purpose of electing a new Class Pres with all Class members eligible for nomination. Notification is hereby made that nominations will be accepted from any member of the Class. Send your nominations for Class Pres to Charlie Watkins, above address. Closing date for acceptance of nominations is 15 Jul 72. From this list a final slate of three nominees will be submitted to the Class as a whole at the 20th Reunion Meeting, Sat, 28 Oct 72, for election of the new Class Pres. Absentee ballots will be mailed to each Class member (with known address) at least 60 days prior to the election.

2. Memorialization of the 25th Anniversary of our graduation. Additional returns from Bob Haras' Aug 70 letter to all classmates and Paul Child's situation report in the Winter 71 ASSEMBLY have been reviewed and tabulated, with these majority opinions: a. Yes, we should memorialize the 25th anniversary. b. It should consist of something for the Acad in the name of the Class. c. A reasonable fin goal is from \$15,000 to \$20,000. d. A comm at WP should be formed (it has been) to recommend specific proposals for further consideration by the Class. These specific proposals will be presented at the Class Reunion Meeting, 28 Oct 72.

3. Reunion Highlights. Fri eve, 27 Oct—Class Cocktail and Supper Party. Sat, 28 Oct—'52 Memorial Svc, Class Meeting (& Wives' Coffee), Alumni Exercises, Class Luncheon, Football Game (Army vs. Miami), Class Dinner Party. Sun, 29 Oct—Class Brunch. More detailed Reunion info was mailed in Apr 72 to all classmates (with known addresses) from the WP Reunion Comm. But help us get the word out—and, a reminder to make hotel/motel res early!

Hearty congratulations to NJ State Sen. Jim Wallwork who was re-elected to the NJ Senate last Nov, having served in that august body since 68. By good fortune I have read several newspaper accounts of Jim's many public svc contributions and can assure you that he is doing an outstanding job, compiling an impressive record in the fields of environmental problems, education, and public health. Jim authored *Direction for Urban Progress*, a legislative study of solutions to NJ's urban problems that has received natl attention—evidenced by this quote from Roscoe Drummond's column in the *Washington Post*: "I have just read the forthcoming report by Sen. James H. Wallwork's Select Legislative Comm

on 'Direction for Urban Progress' and it is stirringly innovative and practical." At present, he is Chmn of the Senate Air, Water Pollution and Public Health Comm. In addition to his pressing legislative duties, he manages to sandwich in a 40-hour week as VP of Wallwork Brothers, Inc., Newark and Montclair plumbing, heating, and refrig. wholesalers. Resigning from AD in 55, he has maintained interest in and connection with the Army, attending the C&GSC Assoc Crs in 60, and serving as a MAJ in the NJ NG. I have the distinct feeling that we will hear much more of Jim in the field of public svc. Jim, his wife Lark, and five-year-old daughter Lyric, live in Short Hills, NJ.

And congratulations to our new Army and AF full COLs, recently promoted: Lon Churchill (AF), Danny Danford, Tom Fitzpatrick, John Foley, Ralph Girdner, Jim Jagers, Howie Jelinek, John Keeley, John Kenney, Homer Kiefer, Dick Larkin, Tom Leggett, Hank Lowder, Bob McGarry, Bob McGowan, Bill Moore, Tom Nelson, Steve Nichols, Harvey Perritt, Lloyd Riddlehoover, Harry Roper, Bob Sears, Bob Smyth (AF), Ed Thompson, Walt Ulmer, Gar Weed, Sam Wetzell, Drake Wilson, and Clint Winne (AF). My pessimistic note in the last ASSEMBLY has changed to a more optimistic view for classmates on the new Army list, as the "unofficial" promotion proj for next yr anticipates their promotion to COL by May of 73 or earlier!

Finally, from Class Pres Ed Gilbert and the small but spirited WP contingent of Ackerson, Brisman, Deverill, Fitzpatrick, Garver, Juvenal, and Watkins—a toast to the Great Class of '52 and best wishes to classmates around the world on the eve of the Twentieth Anniversary of our graduation.

# '53

LTC Kenneth J. Sweeney  
1906 Franwall Avenue  
Silver Spring, MD 20902

Looked at my watch the other day and suddenly realized that time is growing short if we are to make any plans for a 20th Reunion. The first decision to be made is when to hold the event. The two prime candidates are Jun Week 73 or Homecoming Weekend in Oct 73. If we hold the reunion during Homecoming Weekend chances are excellent that we would be the "senior" class on campus and could enjoy the privileges of such a status. The football game would be a bonus factor.

On the other hand, Jun Week has always been a wonderful time at WP. No need to describe the "week" as I am sure we all recall pleasant memories of Jun Weeks gone by. The major disadvantage of holding our Reunion during Jun Week is that we would be "lost" among old grads. So, what are your druthers? If you have a pref please send a note to COL Joe C. Williams, 6307 Shopton Pl, Camp Springs, MD, or to me at address shown above. It's your Reunion so make your desires known.

Received a nice note from Rich Leonard. He said that '53 is well represented at AWC. The contingent consists of George and Joann Brosious, Tony and Kathy DeLuca, George and Jo Egbert, Ken and Lois Heitzke, Bernie and Kathy Hughes, Jim and Ann McCluskey, Don and Dorie McNutt, Si and Edie Nerone and Don and Fran Ramsay. Chuck Lowman is "road running" with Frankie remaining in DC area. Art and Jerry Brown join Rich and Ann as our AWC faculty reps. Rich also said they have had plenty of visitors join the

contingent for the numerous parties throughout the year. Two '53ers were official visitors to the col, Dick Durham from the Arms C&D Agcy and John Seigle from the Dyn Tng Bd, Ft. Benning, renewed old acquaintances during their official sojourns. In case you want to drop Rich a note - LTC Rich Leonard, Box 404, USAWC, Carlisle Bks, PA 17013.

Amid lots of hearts and flowers some "old men" waltzed some beautiful women around the floor on 12 Feb. The Valentine Dance at Cameron Sta was a huge success and all assoc with it deserve a great big "thanks," particularly Jerry Goetz who headed the show. Those who participated in the festivities were: Ed and Jan Andrews, Dick and Judy Benz, Tom and Ruth Brain, Neal and Joan Creighton, Bob and Jane Daly, Ed and Betty Davis, Larry and Vi Davis, Ray and Louise Eineigl, Chuck and Edy Fiala, Sam and Joan Fisher, John and Nettie Fitch, Jerry and Ann Goetz, Ralph and Charlotte Greer, Bob and Jean Kaplan, Bill and Jeane Jolin, Clif and Jan Landry, Tom and Tardy McGregor, Jack and Barbara Merrigan, Cliff and Mary Lou Neilson, Jack and Minn Neuberger, Max and Priscilla Noah, John and Edy Oblinger, Wally and Mutt Parker, Jim and Nell Pigg, Fred and Dorothy Reynolds, Don and Sarah Shaw, Joe and Barbara Sheard, Ralph and Ann Sanders, John and Judy Smythe, Bill and Sanelma Sutton, Ken and Joan Sweeney, Tony and Kathy DeLuca, Bud and Florence Tardiff, Steve and Marjorie Vogel, George and Barbara Waters, Stan and Dorrie Wielga, and Joe and Ann Williams. Pat Siebert and Steph Jewell, who are "waiting wives," joined in the fun and Weemo Wubbena dropped by for a cocktail. Rog and Liz Peterson popped in later on. Much fun was had by all.

Word from OPO is that at least three more classmates will be going to AWC. They are John Oblinger, Early Rush and ye olde Scribe. OPO did say a few more could be selected from alternate list—will try to catch them for next writing.

Chuck Fiala tells me that he, Jim Lammie and Norm Delbridge are going to be fighting ecologists, civic minded gps, and numerous politicians this yr as they head up engr dists at Louisville (Aug), San Francisco (May) and Pittsburgh (Jul), respectively. This is the first yr our yr gp is elig for dists, so it is quite an honor for these three - congratulations from all of us.

Tom Brain reports '53 had good rep at the DC Founders Day bash. Everyone thought that after almost 20 yrs the Class would be seated reasonably close to the dais; however, that was not the case. '53 was so far back that Neal Creighton stood on Max Noah's shoulders and reported what was going on to Mike Cousland, Ed Andrews, Chet Friedersdorff, Val Heiberg, Pete Conzelman, Jack Neuberger, Cliff Worthy, Jack Reynolds, Ray Eineigl and Bill Sutton. Everyone enjoyed the party, nevertheless.

Tom also said he had to report to Ft. Campbell on 10 Apr to assume cmd of 101st Abn Div Supt Cmd. This means that Tom will not be available to preside over Class meetings so he has turned over the duties to the VEEP, Joe Williams. We appreciate Tom's efforts and direction given the Class this past yr. We'll miss Ruthie and him but are happy for them with the new asgmt - felicitations.

John Smythe took his family on a houseboat cruise down the Potomac R. last summer. He enjoyed it so much he has decided to spend another yr at the Pentagon just to do it again this summer. Not sure anything can be that good. John reports that Dave Wells left his bride in Reston, VA, when he went

to Korea. He also said Jim Wade, now a civilian, lives in Reston and travels in "high govt circles." I hope not too high that he can't keep in touch.

Received word that several classmates have been, or will be, assigned to DC area. These include: Pete Conzelman, ODCSLOG; Ed Burdeau in ODCSPER; Chet Friedersdorff, OCRD; Bert Fuller, OJCS J3; and Tom Nesbitt and Bill Cole to the Army Staff.

Keith Born is with DCAS at Cameron Sta. Keith was Dep Adv to Ch, Ord while in VN. Speaking of Nam, Bill Jewell returned there after spending two wks at home.

Another classmate is in line for kudos. Bill Burdeshaw will go to Korea in Aug to become 2 Div Arty CO—Congrats. Hank Purcell has been asgd to REDCOM, McDill AFB, FL. Seems to me Hank has been in FL before. Bob Schroeder finally got the cast off his foot. He said it was from skiing or something like that, but I know he broke it kicking posteriors at JCSSAGA.

When last heard from Lee Crosby was playing OZ at the Engr Sch, Ft Belvoir, while Bob Segal was investigating the "Legend of Sleepy Hollow" at CONARC HQ, Ft Monroe. I think Al Grum is moonlighting with SRI while getting his PhD from Stanford. More power to him. Don't know what they are doing but understand Dan Rickard is with Proj MASSTER and Dave Rumbough is in Iran.

Bob Boxell sent his "once-a-decade" note to the Scribe. He is currently asgd to USA Tng Device Agcy which is located on the Navy Base in Orlando, FL. His job is akin to a proj mgr's only he has several tng devices instead of one system. He finds the working conditions "strenuous" - golf 12 months a yr, with trips to England and Germany in between matches. Bob said Vandy van den Berg and Frank Gay are law partners in Orlando. Vandy is the Orlando city atty. Bob's address is 645 St. Dunstan Way, Winter Park, FL 32789.

Tom McGregor to become "the eyes and ears" of the Army in Berlin, Germany. I'm sure Tardy and all the little Macs will enjoy camping throughout Europe.

Here's a couple of quickies. Barbara Dawson writes Ken and kinder are located at 5909 North Hills Dr, Ft. Worth, TX 76177. Sally Thomas and family are settled at 3000 Alton Dr, St. Petersburg Beach, FL 33706. Chuck Neal finally came home after spending five yrs at Bonn, Germany. He promptly left for VN where he is DPCA/Security for Quang Nam Prov. Chuck is with Adv Tm 15, APO SF 96349. Pat and children are at 6426 Wornall Terr, Kansas City, MO 64113. Pat, who is conducting tours of the Nelson Art Gal in both English and German, reports the family is fine.

I tried to get copies of the orders for those classmates in the senior svc schs so that I could include their new duty stas in this report. The off notification will take place after I write 30 to this acct; however, I was able to obtain the "unofficial" orders. While some asgmts could change, my informants say these asgmts are rather firm. Those asgd to DC area are: Chuck Lowman, George Brosious, George Egbert, Bernie Hughes, Jim McCluskey, Don McNutt, Don Ramsay, Ray Eineigl, Bob Joyce, Don Davis, Brent Brentnall, and Joe Wilson. Tony DeLuca is scheduled to replace Mike Cousland at USMA Prep Sch, Ft Belvoir. Ken Heitzke goes to Ft Monmouth while Si Nerone goes south to Ft Benning. Hiram Tompkins will get a cmd with the ALMC in St. Louis. Bob Karns goes to merry olde England to become an Asst DO for a Recce wg. Bill Campbell joins

the 1st TF Wg, McDill AFB, FL. Congratulations to one and all and the best of luck in your new asgmts.

Don't forget to send in your desires concerning the Reunion along with any other news you may have. We especially need pics of classmates, families, or activities. You can't print what you don't have.

Until the next, best wishes to all.

# '54

Louis Joseph Bahin  
Brook View Court  
RFD 6, Box 230-31  
Raleigh, NC 27609

Just to keep those of you who might be inclined to assist your Class Scribe with helpful bits of information off guard, we have moved again. The new address, shown above, is about five miles NW of Raleigh and can be found, if you happen to be passing through the area, by calling 787-1955 for directions.

There was an outstanding turnout for the DC area Class party on 25 Feb. The party was organized by Dick Ziegler who I found not only referees high school basketball, as reported in my last column, but also college games including a number of ACC games here in NC. I had a very brief discussion with Dick and with Paul Jenkins, our Treas. What started out as a "business" meeting soon ended in an acquaintance renewal session. More business perhaps, on one of my frequent trips to DC.

Some families new to the DC area include Bill and Etta Mae Hannon, Dick and Maxine Littlefield and George and Jean Stenehjem, Bill is assigned to OAVCSA, Dick to DIADE, and George to OCRD. Wade Hampton who I reported as being in RVN last fall, now lives in Fairfax, VA, and is assigned to OPO. We also talked with the Hilsmans, Obendorfers, Bards and the Ballantynes. Di Johnson just had time to tell me that he is now with the Environmental Protection Agency before one of the local protest groups carried him off. On the Washington party circuit Yale and Phil Weatherby are making themselves known with a series of bashes especially for members of '54.

Elsewhere in the country, Gerry and Willy Vigeo now live in Birmingham. Gerry teaches Chem Engr at the U. of AL. Bob and Thirra Garwood are now at Otis AFB where Bob is an air opns officer with the 4784 AB Gp. Bill and Joyce Thomas are in Dayton, OH, where Bill is assigned to AFSC, Wright-Patterson AFB. Ken Haff is currently assigned to the 33 TF Wg at Eglin AFB.

Our congratulations on the newest addition to the Class. John and Irene Klein have just adopted a little girl, Nancy Elizabeth, who is, and I quote, "an absolute doll." By the time you read this, if my arithmetic is correct, Nancy Elizabeth will be 10 months old. John reports that they were recently visited by Gene Breeding who had just returned from Vietnam. At Homecoming last fall, at WP, they also ran into Bob Bullock and wife and Tom Stark and wife.

Back home in NC I received a welcoming letter from Perin Mawhinney. He and Dee live a short half hour from here in Chapel Hill where he is attending UNC and doing some home construction in his spare time. Perin passed along news of other classmates in the Tarheel State. Bob Elton is the 82d Abn Div G3, Jack Miller is the Div Engr and Bn CO, and Fletch Ware is a Bn CO. Bud Boose is also at Ft. Bragg, job unknown, and Larry Drum is at Pope AFB.

Finally, from Germany, Carole Reed writes that Bob completed his tour as CO of the

3/2ACR in Amberg last Jul and is presently Dep G4, V Corps in Frankfurt. Also in Germany are Price Darling, CO 3/14ACR in Bad Hersfeld. Lenny Fuller is CO of an Arty Bn in Giessen, and Ed and Joan Hart, stationed in Bamberg.

To close, I would only ask that those of you who have written, write again; if you haven't, please do. Let us all know where you are, what you are doing and who you have seen.

# '55

LTC C. Fred Bliss III  
6019 Amherst Avenue  
Springfield, VA 22150

The news during the "gloom period" has been somewhat on the sketchy side. . . . This is the lull period prior to the release of orders that will undoubtedly see a number of transfers being made during the summer. The first news to report is that taken from the home town news releases; some of this news is rather outdated, but it does provide information on selected classmates who may not have made the Class news for quite some time. . . . Example: As of last Aug, John Karnes was on duty at Tan Son Nhut AB, RVN. John is a senior navigator. Sandra, his wife, is from San Francisco; I don't know if Sandra is staying in San Francisco during John's absence. . . . As of last Sep, Don Poorman had entered the Air WC at Maxwell. Don will be there for a 10-month tour at this U. level course which provides senior officers and civilians a better understanding of nat'l power and aerospace resources. His wife Margaret is with him. . . . While at Carlisle Barracks, Ted Bishop received the MSM. There should be a picture accompanying this article that shows Ted with his wife Nancy and MG Davis, AWC Comdt. Prior to going to Carlisle, Ted was with the DSPG from Sep 69-Jul 71. The Bishops have two girls, Cynthia, 12, and Pamela, 10. Congratulations, Ted.

Speaking of Carlisle, word from Tom Huber, who is Class of '60 and brother-in-law of Bill McWilliams, is that Bill will be attending Carlisle this coming summer. Bill flies in and out of the DC area quite often from the Homestead, FL area. . . . An interesting article was carried in the personalities section of the 3 Mar 72 issue of the Washington Post. The article concerned "Al Worden, the Poet." Portions of the article follow: "Al Worden doesn't know what has come over him. But he has been writing poems ever



1955: LTC Ted E. Bishop (center) receives the MSM from MG Franklin M. Davis Jr., Commandant of the USAWC, with Nancy Bishop looking on.

since he got back from the Apollo 15 Moon Mission last Aug. The 15 or 20 poems, mostly in free verse, examine the image and reality of explorer, pilot and astronaut, and ponder the fate of mankind from the viewpoint of outer space. He hopes to publish them in magazine or book form.

"I think once you've seen the earth from out there and you realize how fragile the whole thing is, you realize how imprisoned we are on our own planet," he said, in an attempt to explain his missionary point of view. Al is now back in training as backup command ship pilot for the final Apollo Moon Mission in Dec. He has taken some joshing as the result of his sudden poetic musings. "Some of them have started calling me Byron or Al Tennyson." All of us look forward, Al, to your poetic offerings.

And now some news from the DC area. . . . Jim Ryan reports that he will probably have some news for the summer, which means that Jim and Pat probably anticipate some changes from their present status in Jim's assignment with the ACS/C&E. . . . Jerry Denman passes the good word that he will be going to Anchorage, AK, with his family with a reporting date of 1 Jul 72. Jerry has been with ODCSPER. If you recall, Dave Pemberton was also in AK. . . . Dick Wargowsky tells me that he is now working in the Air Staff, R&D, Nuclear Div. Dick and Sandie live in Camp Springs, MD. Dick returned from SEA in Nov 71 where he flew Air Force gunships.

Gerry Samos and Ron Rule are also in R&D with Dick. These three, plus a large number of additional AF types are all to be congratulated on their recent promotions to LTC. It has been a long time coming to a large group of well deserving classmates. . . . I reported in the last Class news that Joe Franklin would be going to the Air WC. Joe tells me that he has the unofficial word that instead of Maxwell, he will be going to Carlisle. Joe attended the Navy C&SC, so some Army engr types changed their minds and decided that Joe should be brought back into the Army. Incidentally, Joe has been with the Joint Staff, J5. Joe has indicated that the Nat'l Sec Council work has been quite busy, particularly during recent times. . . . Congratulations to Mike and Lorna Malooley who have increased their family by "one." Mike tells me that the count is now three boys and one girl. . . . Al Edwards is among the group with Jerry, Ron, and Dick

who were recently promoted to LTC. Congratulations, Al. Al, who works with Jack Doyle on the NASA Council, tells me that Jim Fleeger is apparently due to join him this coming June. . . . Ron Rule reports that Paul Martin has gone into the hospital for a gall bladder operation on 7 Mar. No follow-up word as of this writing; our best wishes are with you for a speedy recovery, Paul. Paul and Marlene have recently joined the AF R&D community. . . . Word from George Page is that on 1 Feb he assumed duties as Dir, Dept of Applied Engr, TES, Ft. Belvoir. This is the dept that teaches combat engr subjects. . . . Walt Campbell says that he has orders to report to HQ CINCPAC (J2OC) not later than 25 May 72. . . . Another move for Bill Parks who has a PCS to Ft. Lee, VA, tentatively set for Apr 72. Bill has been with J3, OJCS. . . . And, as reported in the last news, Fred Woerner will be going to Carlisle this coming summer. . . . Jim and Bev Eddins will be going to Benning where Jim will command an Armor bn.

Another sad note for the Class from the Torrence family. Jim's father, COL James F. Torrence Jr. passed away since the last report. Jim Ryan sent a sympathy card to the family in behalf of the Class.

As I reported in earlier reports, the Class Exec Comm is now established in the DC area. Administrative matters have been taken care of to establish Comm Treas (Woerner, the primary, and Dick Baker, the alternate). They have signature cards with the Marine Midland Bank. Our Class fund has a balance of about \$2,400.00.

This closes this report. Request that you keep the news coming in. . . . Also, don't hesitate to call me at OX 5-6533.

# '56

Mr. Stanley E. Wilker  
7121 Avenida Altisima  
Palos Verdes Peninsula, CA 90274

Many thanks to Bob Schuler who took the time to tell us about another noteworthy achievement by a '56er. Heath Twitchell has been awarded the Allan Nevins Prize by the Society of American Historians for the best dissertation by a doctoral candidate in the field of American History. This is considered to be the most prestigious award of its type and Heath will receive \$1,000 and



1955: BG Sam S. Walker, Commandant, congratulates LTC Carl H. McNair Jr., of OMI, after presenting him a plaque from the U.S. Army Aviation Digest in the Commandant's office. LTC McNair received the award for writing the best article in the February issue of *Aviation Digest*.



1956: Members of the Class at the West Point Founders Day Dinner, Fort Leavenworth, KS, 28 Mar 72. Front row (L to R): Jerry Huff, Frank Sharer, Joe Gleason, Jim Bauchspies, and Paul Westcott. Back row (L to R): John Liwski, Gene Lynch, Jim Spires, John Utz, Reid Barrett, Roger Redhair, and Dick Washburn.

a guarantee of publication. He is the first active duty Army officer to receive the coveted award. This is also the first time a dissertation in the field of Mil Hist has received the award. His dissertation subject was MG Henry T. Allen, who was comdr of U.S. forces in Germany following WWI. According to Bob Schuler, Heath's dissertation will be published by Harper and Row. The Society of American Historians is a 200 member "by invitation only" group which includes noted authors Barbara Tuchman (current Pres) and Arthur Schlesinger, who introduced Heath at the award banquet held at the Harvard Club in NYC on 8 Mar 72. Heath accepted this honor while on TDY from his asgmt as an ARVN regt advisor.

Elsewhere in NY, Bob Farris was promoted to the position of Principal in Cresap, McCormick and Paget Inc., an inter mgmt consulting firm. Bob will continue to be assoc with CMP's Eastern Region cons staff, hqd in NYC. He will supervise mgmt cons studies concerned with computer activities in higher education and health insts.

Last Jan, Fred Rall and Walt Knudsen graduated from the AFSC in Norfolk, VA.

We had a pleasant phone call recently with Jerry Skatvold. Jerry is now with the Marketing Dept of the CA Steel and Tube Co here in Los Angeles. The Skatvolds have taken to the snow in a big way and have recently purchased a condominium at the famous Mammoth resort in the Sierra Ne-



1956: At the Army War College, left to right: Keith Barlow, Fif Bahnsen, Doc Bahnsen, Kay Barlow, Ann Conrad, and Mike Conrad.

vada Mts of CA. Their perm res remains in San Marino, near the City of Los Angeles.

WEST POINT. This has been a very quiet winter at WP with little to report. Just as I was ready to give up, however, Doc Bahnsen came galloping to the rescue with the latest poop from the AWC. Doc and Fif will be staying at Carlisle for the summer in order for both to finish their Master's degrees—Doc in Public Admin and Fif in College Counseling. Keith Barlow and Mike Conrad will head for DC after graduation—Keith to the OCS DA, and Mike to the DA Staff. Doc will set sail in the fall for Ft Knox and the Armor Sch. Thus ends this rather truncated report. Next time, I promise more poop, as I'll cover the departures from our rapidly thinning ranks. Joe Carraway.

# '57

LTC Wm F. Carroll  
Dept of Engineering, USMA  
West Point, NY 10996

Some of you may have noted John Little's name inside the back cover of last ASSEMBLY. John died of a cerebral hemorrhage on 4 Feb in Terre Haute, IN. At the time, he was teaching math and pursuing a Ph.D. in Opns Rsch at Purdue. He is survived by his wife, Marie-Noëlle, who is expecting their 2d child, and by his three children from an earlier marriage living with their mother in CA. Burial was at West Point.

In the midst of gloom period '72, the irrepressible Tony Bullotta was again irrepressible. He came home one day in Feb with TWA's "Co-pilot of the Year" award for TWA's NE region crew groups operating from JFK airport. Each member of the winning crew group (pilot, co-pilot, and flight engr) receive similar acclaim. Congratulations Tony.

In my last column I mentioned Bill Campion's graduation from AFSC in Jan and departure for an assignment in Turkey. But I wasn't aware that at about that time he also was awarded the MSM for his earlier service as Dpty Compt in AVSCOM in St. Louis. Congratulations to you too Bill, belatedly.

Speaking of MSM's, Tim Lawton had one pinned on at Taipei Air Sta, Taiwan, recently

(see photo). Tim distinguished himself as a special investigator while serving in the OSI in DC. He's with a similarly named office in Taipei Air Sta now.

I received a letter from Doug Stockton in Jan with a return address, "Rocket Alley." Doug's flying A-37 super tweets out of Bien Hoa and really logging in the missions in the tri-country area. Earlier he graduated from AC&SC and Auburn U. with a master's degree in business. His family is in Austin, TX, for the year and his step daughter, Viki, is a freshman at the U. of TX! That shakes my complacent reverie a bit; I hadn't yet given much thought to college entrance for sons and daughters of '57.

Doug also mentioned he ran into Bill Carter in Thailand. Bill flies F-4's for the 8th TAC Ftr Wg and is the proud owner of a farm of considerable acreage in upper NY. His wife Shirley and children are there for the year.

A note from Ed Olivares revealed his whereabouts. Ed works for Litton Ship Sys in Culver City, CA. He tells me he's helping build a destroyer for the Navy. Ed's stock broker is none other than Marv Nilsen.

Rich Daluga, a faithful corr. and ex-scribe, writes from Leavenworth that our gang out there is awaiting the end of their educational experience and anticipating eagerly bigger and better things. Rich is going to the DLI for 18 wks TDY and thence to MAAG Thailand. Hal Carter, originally destined for the S&F at Leavenworth, now thinks he's headed for either DA or Europe, and Don Pope is going somewhere in Europe. Buz Kolb has been nominated for the Office of the IG at DA and Bob Reynolds for ODCSLOG at DA. Bill Seely and Don Tribe go to MACV; this will be Don's 3d tour in RVN. John Stokes will go to graduate school at Kansas St while Gordon Rogers and Don Press remain with the S&F. Darrold Erickson will take command of the Cps Spt Sig Bn at Ft Hood, TX. Hanging loose as of this writing are Fletch Elder and Phil Stein. I'll try to say more about them next time if someone will tell me where they're going.

Johnny Hocker writes from Phnom Penh that his is one of the most interesting jobs in SEA. I believe him; dealing directly with the Khmer Army GS, he visits and inspects all bdes and bns in the entire Khmer Army. And with Barb and the kids in Bangkok, he's managed to dull the sting of the "unaccompanied" part of the tour.

Johnny mentioned a few of our classmates in RVN with whom he's crossed paths. In Saigon there are John Wilkinson and Jim Siegal in CORDS, Jack Cooper in MACV J3, and JJ Cortez. And in my old stomping



1957: Tim Lawton receives MSM at Taipei Air Station, Taiwan, from BG Donald Ross, Cmdr, 327th Air Div.



1957: Founders Day 72 at West Point. Seated L-R: Herk Carroll, Bruce Turnbull, John Ramsden, and Mac McCullom. Standing L-R: Len Wishart, John Blanck, Jim MacGill, Marsh Moore, Bill Sowers, and associate Ed Koury.

grounds, Pleiku, Dave Schorr is advising the Ranger Gp.

Charlie Hindman took over as Class Rep at the AFA recently, relieving Giles Harlow who goes to the NWC at McNair this summer. Charlie relates that Mike Keating goes to the AirWC at Maxwell AFB and Larry McNeil (on last fall's LTC list) is an alternate for any senior svc sch. Bob Gadd has left AFA and is in training at Homestead AFB prior to assignment in Kunson, Korea, this summer.

News of other AF types includes Dave Bernd's recent accomplishments. Dave got his Ph.D. from AZ State and is assigned at Kirtland AFB in Albuquerque. Dave Ray is an AF exchange officer with the CG in Elizabeth City, NC. Moon Mullins leaves the NWC for Seymour Johnson, NC and Bill Webb leaves the NWC for the JCS.

In case you wondered about the picture of AF types in the last issue not mentioned in the column, you weren't alone. My old C2 chum, Bob Markham, got that pic in somehow. It's a good one and it shows the gathering at the ARMY-AF football game last fall. For next fall's ARMY-AF game, "blue" '57 has intimated a willingness to cover all bets on whether it'll be donkey fur or falcon feathers flying.

In conversation with Champ Buck, I learned the status of the Class effort to establish its Bd of Govs. in the DC area. A class group met and came up with two nominees for each position. The slate was distributed with a request to get the votes in to Jim Edgar by 15 Mar and the results were to be announced at the Class Luncheon on 18 Apr. The lucky winners will serve till sometime after Homecoming this fall. The nominees were: Chmn: Ed Soyster or Dick Scholtes, VChmn: Don Winters or Bill King, Secy: Larry Murphy or Don Kutyna, Treas: George Iverson or Julio Heurtematte, Soc Chmn: George Richardson or Warne Meade.

We at USMA will be much smaller in numbers next year. There are 18 of us assigned and "working" here now; 8 will be reassigned and one, John Peckham, is expected in. I mentioned the Leavenworth/AFSC nominees last time. From USMA this gp includes Jim Armstrong, Jim Chernault, Mac McCullom, and Bill Sowers. Sid Britt leaves after four years of indulging in Napoleonic history for assignment with the 82d Abn Div at Bragg and Marsh Moore will spend a year in DC

studying Arabic prior to assignment in Saudi Arabia. Jim Newson and Bob Tener know they're leaving but don't know which dir. or which gate to leave from yet. Tom Olson, John Ramsden, Wally Summers, and Herk Carroll would otherwise also leave, but were extended a yr. The others, Andy Foster, Jim MacGill, Chuck Radler, Bruce Turnbull, Len Wishart, and John Blanck, will be here for at least another yr. Also as you know there are 15 or so civilianized classmates living in the immediate area and whom we see from time to time, and half a dozen associate classmates assigned here.

I chuckle every time I go to a Founders Day celebration here. They're the only times I ever get to go in civilian clothes. We had an interesting celebration this yr and GEN Maxwell Taylor was guest speaker. He didn't mention the little "talk" he gave '57 in the Gym after Graduation Parade on 3 June 1957, but we at the '57 table reminisced about it. I've included a photo to prove the civilian clothes bit.

Lest you've forgotten and the years have slipped by too fast and unobtrusively, it's 15 yrs this Jun since we "broke and ran." Start thinking about coming to our 15th reunion during Homecoming Weekend next fall. We'll begin (officially) on Fri 27 Oct and end on Sun 29 Oct, celebrating wildly our great win over Miami and our "up till then unbeaten" season. Not much is firm in the way of plans yet, but they will be. And if you've got ideas and energy you want to contribute, whip them on us.

I close with the observation that I still don't know what's happening out there. Poop on what you all are doing is as hard to come by as are hard working First Classmen. If you each wrote me one single page letter per year citing your activities and one or two other classmates', I'd be literally swamped. So a dare...swamp me. Have a good summer.

'58

LTC James B. Hall  
Office of the Dean  
West Point, NY 10996

Spring has arrived! It's time for many to think of moving vans and new asgmts. I've tried to relate below those changes known at this time—although, as those expecting

re-asgmt well know, things are currently in a state of considerable flux.

Our thanks to Bill Parks for the photos of the Leavenworth gang. They were taken at Pete and Carol Groh's "Beat Navy Party." As many of you have probably heard—a number of significant changes are being made in the CGSC curriculum, and the housing situation is on its way up. George Sibert provided most of the info appearing below on asgmt orders for those now at CGSC.

We now have more than 100 classmates in the DC area. They are all remarkably silent! Do the hours, traffic, and prices decrease your willingness to communicate? If you haven't written your friendly scribe for a few years (some haven't since they graduated), or even if you have, please make a note to drop me at least a postcard by 10 Jun (next deadline). Family pics would be especially appreciated.

AIR DEF ARTY: Jack Crandall is winding up a tour with ARADCOM in Colorado Spr, and will attend CGSC this Aug. He must be trading places with Glen Hall who departs CGSC for ARADCOM, Colorado Spr. He'll be joining George Lancaster, who is currently asgd there.

John Sampson leaves CGSC for the Safeguard prog at Ft. Bliss, TX. John Shetler is departing Leavenworth for an asgmt with JUSMAG, Korea. Otto and Shirley Thama-sett also leave Leavenworth for the SAM-D prog at Redstone Ars, AL. Wally and Jo Ward will be joining the DC crowd, where Wally will work at OACSI.

ARMOR: Mike Mahler writes that he is now in USAREUR SGS, and suggests that "being an Asst. SGS in USAREUR HQS is a little like being in the English Dept." He and El report a great week of skiing at Arosa, Switzerland, and were planning a later trip to Selva, Italy. Life is hard! The ski season in the WP area was a disaster.

Having inspired all CGSC attendees in recent years to greater writing proficiency, Don Martin is departing for either DC or Korea. Let us hear where you wind up Don.



1958: Dick Price in press release photo upon graduation from AFSC in Norfolk, Jan 1972.



1958: Fort Leavenworth Gang. Front: Laurie Groh and Heather McGrew. Standing, left to right: Mary Jane and Bill Parks, Cindi and Bob Julian, Palmer and Ceda McGrew.

Stan and Mary Ann Maxson leave Leavenworth for DC, where Stan will work for ACSI. Bob Moscatelli worked at an adj desk with Mike Mahler in the Mil Pers Div in USAREUR for six mos, prior to Mike's reasgmt to SGS.

**CHAPLAIN:** Ted Hepner is a chaplain with SETAF and sta. in Vicenza, Italy. Mike Mahler reports running into him at HQ, USAREUR when Ted was up for a chaplains' conf.

**CHEMICAL:** Bob Gall leaves CGSC for the Nuclear Weapons Surety Group at Ft Belvoir, VA.

**ENGINEERS:** In the last column I reported that George Robertson was hoping to time a leave from RVN to coincide with the baby's arrival date. He made it! Little did he expect it would be two baby girls, however. Congratulations Gale and George! Christina and Robin were born four weeks early on 10 Feb. Their weights: 5 lbs 4 oz and 4 lbs 15 oz. All are doing well and Gale reports "Double the Fun." George is due to return to OPO in DC when he gets back in May.

Sam Collins departs WP this summer for Germany. Mel and Kay Farrar are with ARADCOM in Colorado Spr. Pete and Carol Groh leave Ft. Leavenworth for St. Louis, where Pete will be DDE. Bob and Cindi Julian are at the Brit Staff Col. Bob graduated from CGSC in 71, but remained at Leavenworth until the course began in England.

Bill and Mary Jane Parks will be returning to a familiar DC area after CGSC. Bill is headed for DCSOPS asgmt. Better get your golf time in at Leavenworth, Bill!

Jim and Mary Ruth Peck will not be moving far from Ft. Leavenworth. Jim is slated to become DDE in Kansas City. Tony Smith recently joined the '58 "brain trust" in GEN Depuy's office. Also working for the CAS are Jack Bradshaw, Tom Carpenter, and Bill Tuttle.

**FIELD ARTY:** Paul and Elaine Bons are leaving CGSC this summer—they think. Their destination at this writing is unknown. Jack Bradshaw departs DC for Europe, where he will join the 3 AD. Bill and Jan Edwards are due to leave WP this summer, but no orders have been received to date.

Corky and Ann Henninger will join the DC crowd this summer. Corky will finish up work on a Masters at the U. of MO. Kansas City prior to reporting for work in



1958: The Robertson TWINS.

DCSPER. Bob Higgins graduated from AFSC in Norfolk and had orders for RVN. Jack and Elizabeth Madigan depart from WP and the Engl Dept for Ft Leavenworth and the "best year of their lives."

Tom Morgan is reported still working in CONFOR, part of CDC at Ft Leavenworth. Karl and Sue Oelke leave WP this summer. At last report, Karl still expected an RVN

asgmt. John and Barbara Raymond are headed from CGSC to USAREUR asgmt in Germany. Kyle Rector left AFSC in Norfolk for RVN.

Dusty Rhodes leaves ES&GS at WP this summer for CGSC. Gene and Eleanor Wilson depart Ft. Leavenworth for Bethesda, MD and an asgmt to STAG (Strategy and Tactics Analysis Group). I had to look that one up, so thought I'd save some readers the trouble.

**INFANTRY:** Jim and Carolyn Brooks are at Ft Leavenworth, where Jim is assigned to COMS Gp, CDC. Jim Davis reportedly has a bn cmd in the 3 AD in Germany. Dick Kittelson is Asst G1 for the 4 Div at Ft. Carson, CO.

Palmer McGrew has completed his grad work in Russian Studies at the U. of KS. He is headed for Germany. Ken and Mary Montgomery depart CGSC for ORSA studies at the U. of Rochester. Joe and Brenda Shea leave WP this summer, but Joe has no orders at this writing.

George and Judy Sibert depart Leavenworth for Ft. Carson, CO. Enjoy the sun and the mtns folks. All aspiring skiers would like your new address!

Dick Thomas has joined the Heidelberg gp, and will work in the USAREUR Compt's office. Mike Mahler reports that the Thomas's were expecting their 3d child momentarily.

**INTELLIGENCE:** Stan and Carol Dus will be leaving Ft. Leavenworth. No word on their destination yet.

**MIL POLICE:** Bob Donovan is DPM at WP. He and Anne Marie are the proud parents of a baby girl, Jennifer Anne, born 7 Dec 71. The Donovans have three fine young boys—Tom, Bob, and Billy.

**ORDNANCE:** Jerry and Gloria Betts are leaving WP and the Dept of Mech this summer for Gallup, NM, where Jerry will be a depot CO. Vic and Carol Gongola are headed from Leavenworth to Redstone Ars. Fred and Helen Hall are coming from CGSC to the Math Dept at WP. Welcome aboard!

Bruce and Nancy Packard are going to TACOM in Detroit from Ft. Leavenworth. Wayne and Ruth Ann Wyatt are also leaving Leavenworth, but their destination is unknown.

**SIGNAL CORPS:** Dave and Judy Kyle departed AFSC in Norfolk in Jan. I have



1958: Fort Leavenworth Gang. Front: Stan Dus. Ladies left to right: Helen Hall, JoAnne Wentworth, Patricia Burke, Barbara Raymond, Judy Sibert, Carol Gongola. Men left to right: Gene Wentworth, Jack Burke, John Raymond, George Sibert, Vic Gongola, Fred Hall.



**1958:** Fort Leavenworth Gang. Front: Wayne and Ruth Ann Wyatt. Ladies left to right: Jo Ward, Ceda McGrew, Eleanor Wilson, Nancy Packard, and Carol Groh. Men left to right: Wally Ward, Palmer McGrew, Gene Wilson, Bruce Packard, John Shetler, Ken Montgomery and Pete Groh.

no report on Dave's present asgmt. Jack and Jeanne Peters are in Manhattan, KS where Jack is working on a Masters at Kansas St U.

Jay and Bobby Tirre leave CGSC this summer. Jay expects to get back to sch in St. Louis. George and Sandra Wees are also leaving Leavenworth for—would you believe—Naples, Italy. "All good things come to he who waits." Gene and Joanne Wentworth depart CGSC for Ft Hood, TX. Gene has been assigned to DISCOM in TRICAP.

**TRANSPORTATION:** Bill Tuttle leaves the "brain trust" previously mentioned for Germany and the 3 AD.

**AIR FORCE:** In the last issue I reported classmates on board at WP. We are also well represented at the AF Acad. by the following souls: Jack Bujalski—Math; Tom Davies—Math; Mike Dugan—Gp Cndr; John Galen—Engr Mech; Chuck Mitchell—Elect Engr; Paul Ruud—Math; Louis Prime—Engr Mech; Chuck Profflet—Civil Engr; Bob Shellenberger—Math. Looks like the AF recognizes that good math prep.

Gary and Tommye Durkee are at Ft. Leavenworth where Gary is in the AF Sec, S&F, CGSC. Jack and Arlene Halsey proudly announce the birth of their 2d daughter and sixth child—Jennifer Jill, born 8 Dec 71. Jack is an AFIT stu attending San Diego State U., where he expects to remain until Jun 73. The Halsey's have generously invited any classmates in the San Diego area to join them for cocktails, dinner, and reminiscences. Their address: 11026 Sagittarius Rd., San Diego, CA, 92126. Phone 714/271-9017.

Bill Stambaugh graduated from AFSC at Norfolk in Jan 72. His current assignment is unknown.

**CIVILIAN:** Congratulations are in order for Hal Lyon, who has just been named Dir of the Office of Gifted and Talented Education, Dept of HEW. The new office was created to give increased attention to the education of the estimated two million gifted and talented elementary and secondary sch stu in the U. S.

Hal was previously serving as DAC for Libr and Educ Tech, following a yr's asgmt as the Horace Mann Lecturer at the U. of MA. Keep up the good work Hall



**1958:** Hal Lyon is named Director of the Office of Gifted and Talented Education, Dept. of Health, Education, and Welfare.

That's all for this issue, folks. If you have any tales you'd care to relate about yourselves, or your classmates, please write. Many thanks to all who provided input for this issue.

'59

MAJ Broder L. Jervell  
Dept of Social Sciences, USMA  
West Point, NY 10996

From the bowels of the Rock a cheery—and very brief—hello! Winter at WP wasn't very much this year, having come and gone with little ado and even less snow. Matter of fact, the dearth of snow was surpassed only by the paucity of class news—I may soon have to start writing fiction. Anyway, 100th Night Show last weekend—a superb produc-

tion!—followed by Founders Day frolic, serves as reminder that the Class of '72 will soon defy Gray Gravity. Were that not sufficient reminder, one has but to wander up to street level (and at our advancing age that might almost be cause for cardiac arrest) to note an inundation of Corvettes and other hot bodies (not all 4-wheeled) doing the Not-So-Grand-Prix around the Thayer Road-Cadet Chapel-Lusk Reservoir circuit.

A few little tidbits of poop to titilate your tastes... Saw a note in our Daily Scandal Sheet (DB) today, that LTC P. M. Dankins will speak to the Class of '72 on VOLAR. I derive 3 conclusions from that notice: (1) either AG goofed, or Pete Dawkins is coming incognito, (2) the '59 LTC designates have finally attained their somewhat more elevated status, and (3) DA has gotten off top-dead-center and promotions are once again opening up. Editorial comment in order of appearance above: Tsk Tsk! Congratulations! Thank God! Heard a rumor that Lou Schroeder is getting hitched. Care to confirm or deny that bit of scuttle, Lou? Saw Johnnie Gunter in NYC last week, for the first time in 13 years. He is working in Rochester, NY, has his PhD in Physics, has multiplied 5 times over, and relates that Bernie Dorshow is working in NY, helping to support Wall St. Now should I hear from Mike Morales, that would bring Rm 1143 au courant.

Jerry Stadler, still with the Hist Dept, passed on a few items which I render to you verbatim: "At 2 a.m. not long ago, my phone rang, rousing me out of a sound sleep. On the other end was Paul Freeman, ex-59/F-2, who is currently a consulting geologist in Houston. Paul was breaking bread, among other things, with John and Marti Harrell, who have also recently settled in Houston, where John is with IRD Mech analysis. All sent along their greetings and invite 59ers in the area or passing through to drop by and see them. From Fred McConville, received info that Denny Walter, who left the Army 1½ yrs ago, has rejoined in Jan 72, in the FC, and will be on the way to VN shortly. Also, on his last visit a few mos ago, John Harrell told me he had stopped by to see Larry Struble in Warren, OH. John says Larry is in good spirits and welcomes any 59ers nearby or passing through to stop and say 'hello.' He lives just off the turnpike, 3250 Northwest Blvd."

Other words received from afar: Lou Schroeder and Rush Yelverton are advising respectively the Comdt of Cadets and the Dean of the VN NMA. Dick Welsh has by now replaced Rush, who moves on to El



**1959:** Lou Schroeder, Rush Yelverton and Vietnamese counterparts.

Paso for a brief pause prior to Leavenworth. Word from Skip Tyler, advises that no one except Skip currently serves with the 2 Div-Arty in Korea. He serves as the DivArty S3, and has left Linda, Tammy (11), Kathy (6), and Skipper (4) at 140 NE Dr, Patrick AFB, FL.

And with that, CHEERS!—Zxybgplk

# '60

CPT Charles T. Schmitt  
HQ MACV SJS Economic Affairs  
APO San Francisco 96222

Those fleet, brave, and trusted carriers of the Nation's mail and, more specifically, the lads in the MACV mail room have voted me the Class Scribe Least Likely to Succeed. Their resources haven't exactly been taxed to the limit with reports of class comings and goings. Well, in truth, I should say that I do hear from Charlie regularly, but he is always doing the predictable. And Leroy Schmidt writes occasionally asking if I got his laundry. Then too, my Mother writes asking me to return her Amer Exp Credit Card. Lately I've been hearing from the AF Home Town News Ctr telling me what the guys from the Class of '60 from the AF Acad. have been doing.

Bill and Ann Willoughby are in Atlanta with Boise Cascade. Bill recently completed an MBA in Opns Rsch at Tulane U. and, more recently, has been appointed Mgr, Sp Prods, of the Boise Cascade Mobile Home Div.

Mike Plummer completed AFSC at Norfolk in Jan and is on his way to Korea.

Herb Barnett wrote that he had a new offspring but neglected to provide any statistics such as sex, length, name, Mother's health, etc. Herb has petitioned the publishers of the '60 HOWITZER to recall the entire issue to excise his biographical sketch.



1960: Brady, Schmitt, and Kouns, the host, in Saigon.



1960: George Finley receiving another ARCOM from MG Shedd at USAREUR.

Herb lives at 9749 Larsen St, Shawnee Mission, KS 66214.

George Finley is with the Arty and SW Div, ODSC/O, Hq USAREUR.

Tom Veal has opened an office in Oxnard, CA to practice Orthodontics. He worked for an MS in Orthodontics at Loma Linda U. in San Bernardino and has a part-time practice in Bishop which is on the road to that great skiing in the High Sierras. Tom would welcome any classmates passing through his area. He's about 60 miles north of LA on US 101. His address: 605 North A St, Oxnard, CA 93030.

Walker and Helen Flint recently purchased an old home in Peoria, IL. You'll recall that Walker is in noise abatement business at Caterpillar. Their address: 1209 W Stratford Dr, Peoria, IL 61614. Sparky reports an address for Terry and Sue Gill: 1200 Ems Road E., Ft Worth, TX 76116.

Jim Sinclair finished 2d at the Brit. Staff Col. They have an odd system there in that no one finished first. One of the more obscure Engl. customs, I expect.

# '61

MAJ John F. Votaw  
Dept of History, USMA  
West Point, NY 10996

Not much in the way of info traversed the difficult labyrinth to my cubicle in Thayer Hall since the last column, but here's what is available: From USMILGP, Bolivia, (ARSEC), the Chan Greenes announced the birth of their son Channing Miller Greene Jr. on 14 Jan 72. I rushed the photo of Dick and Kathleen Skaggs into the last issue, but was unable to pass along the info in Dick's letter, to wit: Dick has put in his claim as the last classmate to tie the knot in Co. G-2; any challenges? Chuck and Karen Hansell and Ham and Ann Evans traveled from Ft. Leavenworth to Lincoln, NB, for the ceremony. Dick heard from Chuck and Nicky (apologies if it is Micky, but Dick's handwriting...) Welsh at Xmas time. They make their res in Federal Way, WA, (Seattle area) where Chuck is busy as an airline pilot and sky-marshal. Thanks for the news Dick.

Mike Breslin received his JD degree from the U. of Toledo in Dec. Mike served as a legal intern under an OH program that allows law students to prepare and participate in the trial of civil and criminal cases in OH's courts. He was the first TU law stu to argue a case before the OH Ct of Appeals. Mike and Diane make their home in Toledo, but have plans to return to his home in Albany where Mike will seek admission to the NY bar and practice in the Albany area. Bruce Holmberg recently graduated (21 Jan) from the AFSC. Bruce passed thru WP on his way to the 2d Inf Div in Korea. Joan and the children (Anne and Leigh) will make their res in Rockville, MD. Dale Himes dropped me a nice note in Mar. He and Deanna (married 4 Oct 71) will be moving from the PI to Korea where Dale will take over the Piedmont Internatl Ltd office there. Dale mentioned that he had spoken with Ty Cunanan on the phone while in the PI, but didn't get a chance to visit with him. Dale's new address is I.P.O. Box 2071, Seoul, Korea.

The following info was provided just before press time by Jim Harmon: From somewhere in Germany, Howard and Edda McCreary announce No. 4 for the McCreary family—John Patrick William, born 1 Jan 72 in Landstuhl AH; that's 2 boys and 2 girls. Dan and Maria Halpin are in Champaign, IL where he



1961: Mac and Nancy Greeley with Robby and Lowry.

is completing his PhD while employed by the Army CE (as a civ) at the Const Engr Rsch Lab. Dan will present a paper in Sweden in May. Larry and Sue Smalley are now living in Columbus, OH, where Larry is employed with an architect-engr firm engaged in sanitary engr. Tom and Judy Mercer, having left WP earlier this yr, are in CA where Tom has joined Train Air Conditioning Corp. Mac and Nancy Greeley (married in Dec 71) are stationed at MCAS at Cherry Point, NC (address 2 Buchanan). Jennifer Offringa reports that Pete is now the Bde Engr of the 3 Bde 1 Air Cav Div at Bien Hoa. Frank and Betty Egan are now in GA where Frank is working for Merrill-Lynch in Atlanta. George Joulwan has reported to WP for asgmt to the TD.

Monty Harden asked me to notify the class of the death of his wife Carolee on 20 Feb at WP after a long illness with cancer. Interment was at WP. Mikki Wilder (Mrs. Sam) died on 19 Feb at St. Albans Hosp in NY as the result of complications following surgery. Interment was in New Haven, CT.

Ron Hannon dropped me a short note from NC; he indicated that Bill and Ann Gavan will be arriving at WP this summer. Bill is just finishing grad school at NC State and expects to be asgd to the TD. Also, Chuck and Ann Randolph are living in Kinston, NC (1600 Sabra Dr., zip 28501) where Chuck is the Pres of Randolph Const Co and Ann is busy as a real estate agent.

My last piece of info in this skimpy excuse for journalistic comm is to remind those of you who ordered a Reunion Booklet (remember???) that those documents should have reached you by now. If not, please notify Jim Tedrick (Engl Dept) or Pete Heimdahl (Mech Dept) for appro action. Those who have not, but wish to do so, should direct orders to the same stalwart team. Till next time.

# '62

MAJ James R. Ellis  
Dept of Social Sciences, USMA  
West Point, NY 10996

Perhaps this fate befalls every Scribe from time to time. Almost everyone in the Class decided not to write for this issue. I hope it is only a temporary lull, as classmates decide reunion plans, and the input will pick up before the next issue. Thanks to Rufus Crow (his second letter in six months), we have an update on activities in the Rochester



1962: Tom Faley speaking at Army-Navy Rally.

area. Helen Bernitt had a boy (their 3d) last summer. Charlie, and Al Biddison will receive their MBA from Rochester Inst of Tech in Jun. Pete Siedzick is still with Kodak, but has moved to Lake Grove, Long Island, NY. Rufus will soon leave Kodak for 3M Co. to be an industrial engr in Cynthiana, KY.

Bill Dieal is in Korea with the Korea Spt Cmd. Will Harrison writes that he and Millie left Tulane U. last summer, spent a few months at Ft. Belvoir in CDC and is now in CDC at Ft. Leavenworth. His job will keep him there for two years more then a short walk over to the school probably in summer 74. Craig Richardson is also in CDC with Will.

Here at the old school, Sue and Buck Lair announce the arrival of Meredith Hanes (2d daughter) in Feb. Matt Kambrod has recently come aboard and is with the Flight Det. A Class Pre-Xmas Charity Auction was very successful. Over \$500 was turned over to several of the major charities in the area including Middletown State Hosp, Letchworth Village (NY home for the retarded) and the Class education fund. We hope to continue this activity as long as class size at WP warrants. That's it. Hopefully more will be coming for the next article. Work proceeds on the Reunion plans—please send your ideas.

# '63

MAJ Dean E. Dowling  
Dept of English, USMA  
West Point, NY 10996

I suppose there really isn't any justice. I seem to either have too much poop or none at all... Maybe now that gloom period is over folks will crawl out of the walls and



1963: Golf Clubhouse.

begin writing again. In spite of gloom period (or perhaps because of it) babies continue to be born—Bill and Inge Smith had a future Class of '94 member, William Dixon Smith III, born 20 Feb here at WP. And I know there was a baby girl born on 26 Feb into Art Meier's family up at RPI, but the name escapes me.

The number of '63 classmates here has increased by one since the last column. Bill and Carole Kelley have joined the Physics Dept as of 7 Feb. They have two kids, Bill (2 1/2 yrs.) and Jeff (15 mos.); big Bill just spent two yrs at the U. of IL and is now teaching Yearlings. Bill, incidentally, brings our number up to 72.

Frank Gibbs wrote from Arlington, MA (188 Westminister Ave.) that all goes well towards the law degree from Harvard. He'll be going to Dallas in Jun for a "summer job" as law clerk with the firm of Jenkens, Spradley & Gilchrist, so take this as a warning, all you classmates in the Dallas area... Frank claimed in his letter not to have seen Buzz Rolfe and Time Sanchez in awhile, but he's sure they are studying hard—from the picture I published in the Winter ASSEMBLY I'm sure Frank is right! Ha. The question also came up over our '63 Class Reunion—



1963: The gang.

it is not in Jun, but rather in the fall of 73—on a date to be announced in Oct.

And while I'm conducting business, the Class letter—which in the Winter issue I said you all should have received by Mar—I know you have by now. Notice, please, that there are two articles of business to attend to in that letter: the class yearbook and the class educational fund. The fund has now been incorporated, and any contributions will be appreciated. Try not to throw this letter away—we need the information in a big way.

George Lippemeier arrived at Kunsaw AB in Korea around 1 Feb from Nellis AFB in NV. And Jack and Violetta O'Donnell have moved somewhere following Jack's graduation from AFSC in late Jan; the same situation applies to George and Judy Moses, too—George was in the same AFSC class as Jack.

As usual we threw a party up here at Woo Poo, this one in Jan, and while most people were still standing I took a few pictures. Gary and Mary Jane Sausser signed the sheet first, naturally, and they were followed closely by Gordie and Dottie Arbogast. Jerry and Sharon Harrison were there, as were Kip and Judy Jenison, Bill and Inge Smith, Lynn and Al Scott, Bill and Carol Coomer, Rudy and



1963: Left to right: Dick and Joan Gallagher, Carol Coomer, Jerry Harrison, Ginny McCormack, Ginny Brennan.



1963: Left to right: Jean Grogan, Anne Willson, Bambi and Lou Sturbois.

Sandy Ehrenberg, Dale and Linda Means, Bob and Donna Bruce, Fred and Betty Lou Cantzler, and Dave and Connie Cole; also: Bambi and Lou Sturbois, Gini and Tom Brennan, Joan and Dick Gallagher, Gini McCormack, John and Harriet Dorland, Jerry and Maureen Andersen, Art and Pat Ryan, Bob and Donna McGarity, Bonnie and Al Genetti, and Frank Cardile. Finally, Dud and Sue Hartman attended, along with Dave and Judy Sallee, Bill Boice, Marty and Carol



1963: Left to right: John Dorland, Dave Sallee, Harriet Dorland, Judy Sallee.



1963: Left to right: Dale and Linda Means, Dackie Blackwell, Libba Asbury.



1963: Frank and Donna Hall wedding.



1963: Frank and Donna Hall wedding. Left to right: Jay Westermeier, Dorothy Thomas, Matt Miller, Frank Hall, Donna Hall, Janet McClatchey, Jay McClatchey, Joannie and Dewey LaFond, and Pat Stevens.



1963: Left to right: Sandy Ehrenberg, Betty Lou Gantzler, Maureen Andersen, Rudy Ehrenberg, Fred Gantzler.

Ischinger, Tim and Jean Grogan, Dick and Cynthia Guthrie, Dan and Anne Willson, Gene and Dackie Blackwell, Lloyd and Libba Asbury, Mike Vopatek, and I believe that Kris and Jerry Orlicki rolled up about the time Karen and I were leaving.

Bill Grolemond sent a "hello" card to Lou Sturbois back in Feb—it was mailed from St. Thomas, VI—and Bill sent no news along with it... just "hello." What's the story,

Bill? From both Gary Coe and Jay Westermeier came word of Frank Hall's wedding. Frank is—or was by the time you get this—assigned to the Office of ASD (LA) and supposedly left for Korea on 1 May 72. Anyway, Frank married a gal named Donna McDonald on 15 Jan in an afternoon military wedding. Classmates Matt Miller, Pat Stevens, Jay McClatchey and Jay Westermeier played usher along with Steve Warner from the Class of '62. Frank and Donna honeymooned in Majorca and are now living in Oxon Hills, MD.

Jay Westermeier also writes that Pat Stevens had a cocktail party on 3 Mar at his apt honoring Matt Miller, Norm Betaque and Frank Hall. Matt left for the Lawrence Radiation Labs, CA, on 15 Mar following his graduation from the Engr Adv Crs. Norm turned in his Army uniform effective 1 Apr, and as of this writing he wasn't sure exactly what he would be doing. Joanie LaFond and Janet McClatchey gave Pat a hand with the "vittles" and the attendees included Norm and Arleen Betaque, Don Byrne and his date Debbie, Frank and Donna Hall, Roy and Angeline Kingry, Dewey and Joannie LaFond, Matt Miller, Dave and Carol Knowlton, Ty and Judy Tyler, Mike and Claire Vopatek,



1963: Left to right: Jerry Andersen, Lloyd Asbury, Gordie Arbogast, Tom Brennan, Dick Guthrie.

Alex and Claire Whitaker, Jay Westermeier and his date Dorothy, Pat Stevens and his date Beth (who was a college roommate of Judy Brendle), and Jay and Janet McClatchey. Jay, by the way, is off to RVN in Sep.

Alex Whitaker graduates from GWU Law School in Jun, and he and his lawyer-wife Claire are thinking about practicing law in ME. Roy Kingry has another 2½ yrs to go on his residency at Walter Reed as an Orthopedic Surgeon, and he reports that Dave Marbardy's wife is one of his patients. Mike Vopatek recently became the mgr of the Bethesda office of Ferris & Co. Stock Brokerage Firm.

Homer Holland came to DC for his two weeks of active duty. Homer and Penny stayed with Norm and Arleen Betaque while there, and Homer successfully defended his doctoral dissertation at GWU while in town. Congrats, Homer, how would you like to defend mine? And Dewey and Joannie LaFond will be headed for WP in Jun to join the Tac Dept.

Bill George and his wife Glenda are now living in Arlington, VA. Bill is a consultant to the Metro subway system being built in the Capitol area. And I know there was a 9th Reunion party planned in the DC area for 3 Jun. Guess I'll just have to wait for a report on that one. Oh—Mike Emerick left in Dec and is now in MACV Hqs, RVN.

Finally, I would like to offer the sympathy of the Class to Bob and Susie Coulson on the crib death of their young daughter, four months old. It somehow seems inadequate, but I know no other way to express the feelings of so many of our classmates who know and cared.

My thanks to all of you who wrote—let's keep the '63 column alive.

# '64

CPT Arthur M. Kelly Jr.  
Dept of English, USMA  
West Point, NY 10996

Seems as if the time between deadlines is becoming shorter and shorter. This month's column will be shorter than usual due to the fact that the poop is low. Denny Gillem continues to be the most consistent corres. He writes that he and Marilyn are expecting their first child in Apr. Denny also sent a pic which Hal Winton took at the O'Connell's house last fall. Hal is staying at Stanford for more study before reporting to the hist dept.

Larry Herdegen received the BSM at DaNang sometime in Jan.

Frank Collins called about two wks ago. He is back from RVN and will be stationed at Ft Monmouth utilizing his MBA.



1964: Front row, left to right: John and Bonnie Leyerzaph. Second row: Pearl O'Connell, Hal and Barbara Winton, Ken Kvam and date. Rear row: Marilyn and Denny Gillem, Lois and Tom Legan, Hank Thomas, Frank and Doreen Mashburn, Pat O'Connell, Leon Yourtee and date, Mont and Jil Hubbard.

Roy Buckner was back for a wk last mo. He took leave, hopped a flight and flew from RVN to Kennedy Airport. From there he took a cab to WP, called Eileen from town and said, "Come and get me, I'm in Vail's Gate." Poor Eileen was sort of shook. Roy is back in RVN now and expects an assignment with Dist Engr's O. in FL this summer.

Jeff Louis called yesterday and gave me some information on classmates in the SW. Jeff was on a trip for the adms office. He saw or spoke to several classmates in the Dallas-San Antonio area.

Ken Eklund is out of the svc and is working for the Southland Life Insurance Co. John and Glenda Kyle and their two children live on the same street in Dallas as Chris and Susanne Kite-Powell. John is working for a Dallas law firm and Chris Kite-Powell is working for Elec Data Sys.

Two classmates at Ft. Sam Houston, near San Antonio, are Jed Brown who is on the Fifth Army staff and Jack McWatters who is a Dr. at the hosp.

Founders Day was held here at WP on 14 Mar. We had about 25 classmates present. Some had school or other commitments and so couldn't make it. It was a fine evening.

Jim Jinks has been selected as "the most outstanding ROTC Instr of the yr" in Sixth U.S. Army. Congrats, Jimmy.

The C&GSC list came out several mos ago and quite a few classmates will be going this summer, our first yr of eligibility. Among those on the list are: Andy Andrews, Jay Cope, Mike Davison, Dan Evans, George Fisher, Len Hardy, Barry Hartman, Ted Kobayashi, Jim Koster, Bob Michela, Jim Muir, Jim Pittman and Tom Reese.

Those of you who will be in the area this spring or summer and would care to join in some of the festivities please contact Mike Cook (Math Dept) for a run-down on what is happening. Michele and I and "der kinder" plan to head across the U.S. this summer in our VW Camper if I can get leave arranged suitably. My next asgmt (Jun 73) will probably be a short tour since I trfd

from Sig to Inf in late Jan. That last should get some comments!

See you June Week or whenever. Take care. WRITE, please.

# '65

CPT Robert T. Frank  
Dept of History, USMA  
West Point, NY 10996

This is my last column from Southern CA. It is difficult to believe that two yrs have gone by so rapidly. As you can see by the new address, I am transferring my ops ctr to the Hudson R. Valley. The location of the Class Scribe at WP yields several benefits, which I hope to be able to pass on to you in terms of better service. The recent formation and activity of a Class org at WP will facilitate our being of assistance to any and all members of the Class. I hope you will avail yourself of the better chances to get

info, or to forward news, or even to relate some "war stories," if you are so inclined.

John Swenson has been keeping me posted on the Class activities at WP. You can see from the photo that the Class officers are young, healthy, and a cheerful lot, ready and willing to do abundant labor. John sent me some misc tidbits in the random order that only an English "P" could get away with: Steve Olson was a member of the Squad Tac Comm at TIS as of the ARMY-Navy Game. Phil Harper is knocking their eyes out around the U. of Miami Law School with his new Corvette. It is good to know that he has finally ended his long convalescence. Apparently John does much of his socializing at Michie Stad. He saw Jim and Connie Mirando there. Jim and Jerry Eichelberger are partners in EME Const Co working out of Harrisburg, PA. John also saw Dave Hurley and his wife at the football games. Dave is living in NJ and commuting to "the City" (New York, of course). Bruce Hulin also lives in the area and works for an oil co.

There are four birth announcements: Heather Lynn born in Dec to Carolyn and Buddy Bucha, and Laura Harmon born on 4 Nov to Jeanne and Jim. Jim is an asst DA in Manhattan. Born to Casimera and T. J. Kelly, Joel Kieran on 8 Dec at Hull AFB, UT. T.J. is there skiing and in his spare time he works on Titan II and Minuteman sys. For all three families, it was the 2d addition. Phyllis and Bob Wolff unveiled Allen Drew on 7 Jan, but I am not sure what the headcount is in the Wolff household. After receiving his doctorate in Water Resources Planning, Bob went to work in the OCE in DC.

News from Chuck Moseley is that he left SF and the Army to join Carolina Power and Light in their nuclear power div. He took the family's newest addition "Chip," (born in Nov) to grow up among the Eastern pines. Chuck explains that the others in the photo work in the SF area: Duncan for Hewlett Packard's laser div, Denny for Memorex, and Don works at Livermore Lab. Further news was that Chuck Shaw can be found in Houston; Jack Jannarone joined the contingent at Tempe, AZ, to work on a Masters. This fall, Ed Simpson will be going to Med Sch somewhere on the East Coast. Perhaps he will stop by WP. Bill McKemey is now at Cornell for more schooling.



1965: San Francisco gathering: From left to right: Duncan and Jeanne MacVicar, Chuck and Cathy Moseley, Denny and Karen Sellers, Don and Marilyn Knowland.



1965: Class Luncheon 23 Feb at WPAM. West Point representatives, Class of '65 Officers, with the Superintendent. Left to Right: Clair Gill, VP, Dan Christman, Pres., LTG Wm A. Knowlton, John Swensson, Secy, and Jim Golden, Treas.

Going through schooling of a different sort is Jim Coughlin. Jim finished the primary helicopter course at Ft. Wolters and started more adv tng at Ft. Rucker in Feb.

The only other news I have is of Bob Mace. Bob was in LA for TDY to check on some computer sys that Litton is producing. Bob got his MS in computer sciences and was then assigned to the CDC element at Ft. Belvoir.

Well, gang, there wasn't much in the mail bag. Hope some will be awaiting me at WP. Bob Doughty and John Howell are also headed in that direction this summer. That leaves only Joe Anderson to hold "the fort" in LA. He has been doing an admirable job of that so far.

## '66

CPT Wesley K. Clark  
Dept of Social Sciences, USMA  
West Point, NY 10996

Greetings, friends! The year seems to be absolutely hurtling—whirling by (why did they never go this fast when I wanted them to?) and once again the deadline for our class news has come and gone.

Our congratulations to Rick Sonsteli, who writes that he and Cindy were married in Sept of 1970; Rich Hlista, and Bill Kakel were in the wedding party. Rick says he has a great job now—one of two soldiers among 4000 civilians at the Los Alamos Scientific Base. Rick reports that Charlie Moore is stationed at Sandia Base in Albuquerque and that Rock and Heather Salt are at the U. of CO.

From CA Lynn Hunt writes that he and Alice are living in Claremont, where he is Asst PMS at Claremont Col. Lynn says he is enjoying teaching mil hist. Our congratulations to Lynn and Alice on their first child, Cynthia, born last 3 Jul.

We also congratulate Cooper and Lee Wright, who were married in Huntingburg, IN, on 11 Sept. Coop finished his Master's Degree in Const Engr and is now working in the office of the DE at Los Angeles. Also at Purdue with Coop were Berry and Marcia Morton (Berry completed his MS with a straight A average), and Mike Husted, who is bound for WP. Coop says Gary and Kathy

Israelson are in the Los Angeles area and doing fine. Gary is out of the svc and working for Pacific Tel and really enjoying it. The Israelsons join the happy throngs of parents with their young daughter Kelly—congratulations, Gary and Kathy.

At last we have heard from our contingent at the AF Acad. We knew you were there! John Kelsey writes that he and Deane Drury are teaching pol sci, Mike Wynne is teaching engr, Bob Ramsay is with adms, and Bill Kakel is teaching math. John says that as an honorary AF officer, he is not only enjoying teaching but really living well.

We also heard from Jack Wheeler recently. Jack has been newly appointed as senior planner for the VP of planning at AMTRAK in DC. Our own first railroad tycoon is working to rationalize AMTRAK'S station and terminal activities nationwide. Jack says he is enjoying the challenge of his work and life in DC immensely. In addition to railroading he is also into the real estate dev business (along with Art Mosley) as a Dir of Van Es Asso and is also teaching mgmt to students at the Episcopal Seminary in Alexandria.

Frank and Sheri Hartline, who just joined us from Wharton, report that Barry and Patti DeBolt and John and Mary Ford were

also in Philadelphia. John graduated from Wharton in Dec and is working for U.S. Trust in NY City; Barry is also studying banking and will probably finish in Aug.

We hear that Don and Jane Moffett are finishing up a full tour in Germany and expecting to return to the States soon. Don has been busy with company comd in Bamberg and many, many O.R.T.'s.

Our congratulations to Deme and Diane Clainos on the birth of their daughter Victoria Marie on 6 Feb. Deme left the Army in Sept 70 and is now in grad sch in Tucson.

From WP we have some good news, too. We congratulate Jim and Pat McCallum on the birth of their 2d child, first son David on 29 Jan, and Tom and Janet Farewell on the birth of their 3d child, Joanne on 13 Mar.

Since you won't be reading this until summer, I want to extend our invitation to all of you to join us for Homecoming next fall. Although we aren't one of the "official" reunion classes we still plan to have a party and get together during the weekend. As they say where I grew up, ya'll come.

Thanks for writing. How about some more letters and some pictures?

## '67

Mr. Henry J. Berthelot  
132 Livingston Pl. W.  
Metairie, LA 70005

The Founders Day celebration for the contingent here in the New Orleans area was held 18 Mar at Kolbs Restaurant; '67 had 6 classmates at the affair. Terry McMahan and Jim Vance are studying ORSA Engr at Tulane. Andy Nusbaum is out of the svc and residing in Bronxville, NY. He is a golf pro, and was here for the Greater New Orleans Open.

Phil Burkett and Larry Marlin visited us during Mardi Gras; they are both in the Inf Adv Crse at Ft Benning. Diane and Lee Murfee had a dau, Lisa Paige, 13 Mar. Lee completed his Master's at Tulane in May, and is now a math inst at WP.

Carol and Chuck Swanson are at Ft Ord where Chuck is S4 of the 14th Engr Bn. Suda and Cal Delaplain are assigned with the DLI, Presidio of Monterey, where Cal is studying Thai in preparation for a tour in Thailand. Mary and Ed Sullivan are in Jolon, CA where Ed is assigned to the CDCE Spt Bn, as CO of the Instrumentation Co.

At the FA Adv Crse at Ft Sill are Magda and Dave Baggett; Dave recently completed



1967: 1972 Founders Day Dinner—New Orleans. Left to Right: Terry McMahan, Jim Vance, Andy Nusbaum, Hank Berthelot, Al Seyfer and Jim Weller.



1967: Army-Navy Football Party—Ft. Ord Officers' Club. Left to right: Chuck and Carol Swanson, Suda and Cal Delaplain.

a tour in Nam as DSA in Vinh Binh Prov. Bob Shadburn returned to the FA Adv Crse, having served in Nam as AdC to the CG of DRAC. Also in the crse are Greg Crawford, Gary Frazier, Randy Kinnard, and P.J. Penny. Rick Fischer is an inst. in the Gunnery Dept.

Tom Still is on the G3 Staff at DRAC, running his 3d lap around the Asian track.

Gary Wikert is at Chuchon (Camp Page) Korea as Asst Cmd S3 with the 4th Msl Cmd. Jeff Mills was also assigned there with the 4th as CO, 161st Engr Co, but in Mar returned stateside to the Engr Adv Crse. Ward Dean is Civil Affairs O. in the 23d Spt Gp's Hqs Co. at Camp Humphreys.

# '68

CPT David W. Carraway  
Hq 3d Sqdn, 1st Cav ICD  
Ft. Hood, TX 76545

The news from RVN and the rest of Asia this time includes an ARCOM for Tay Yoshitani as an aide in Japan early in Jan. I heard that Pres Miller was flying U-21's out of Phu-Bai then and I received an announcement of Joe Henry's marriage to Carla Redemann on Okinawa in Jan. Dan Carroll's mother wrote to say that Dan was ops officer for 7/8 Cav in RVN in Jan. In Feb Rick Mason was flying U-21's and Hank Spengler was flying Cobras for the 201st Avn Co and the 1st Cav respectively. I also heard that Jim Greenburg was flying in RVN at about the same time. That wraps it up for Asia now—on to CONUS.

Jack Cochran wrote from U. of MI in Jan. He was there with the Nettesheims and he mentioned Brian and Stevie McKenna bound for the Math Dept via a Master's at Stanford. The Fehers were also in EOAC then and due for the Math Dept. Jack mentioned Bill Robinson's marriage New Year's eve; Harold Yager in Fayetteville on an MI assignment; Mike and Donna Brennan and their first son named after Rick Hawley; Eric Thomas at Harvard Bus. Sch; Chuck Jones, CO of an Engr Co. at Benning; Chuck Canella studying EE at "ole Miss;" Mike Bruce, Gil Tijerina and Tom McConnell, all recent Flt Sch grads; Bob McDonald who was married last fall; Mark and Dottie Spelman bound for Korea; Bob Adams at U. of NB studying CE, and Larry Hart throwing weights for the Army track team and hopeful of the Olympics. Eric Thomas

and Jack suggested the idea of establishing a memorial for Rick Hawley—a sword or plaque to the last man in the class for determination, hard work, etc. If we asked for \$2.00 per man or went to the class fund (Jim Madora, where are you?) we could easily manage the finances. This is another suggestion to accompany Bob Corbeer's earlier one and for the Class to think about. Pat Jonas wrote in Jan about a weekend he and his wife spent with Bob Henderson, Tom Stites, Howard McElroy and their families in CO. Bob was doing well in Law Sch at U. of UT then, Tom was on a finance team at Ent AFB, Howard was an invest for MI in San Diego and Pat had an avn plit at Ft Riley. Pat also mentioned Malcolm Murray (AF at Myrtle Beach, NC); Frank Robinson, Harvard Bus Sch; Don Davis and Rich Brooks, both with DEROS's in Mar and Jack Gerke, who married Mary Ellen Hoppers last Oct and now at Knox. In Feb I heard from Terry Holland with news from Belvoir; some of which I've noted before and more as follows: Terry's EOAC class included Russ Fuhrman to Chem Dept via grad sch at Penn State; Andy Dull to Mech Dept via grad sch at GA Tech; Fred Reynolds to grad sch at U. of WA; Hugo Croft to Mech Dept via Stanford; Mike Fellows to Phys Dept via MIT; John Dodson to flight sch; and Ted Trauner bound for CE via grad sch at Berkeley—keep a low profile, Ted! In the latter part of Feb a classmate who signed himself anonymous sent a long letter with news about Jerry Weeks, MI at Ft Holabird; Rich Sweet, med sch; Bill Campbell, Ft Lee; Jim Locher at OSD in DC (he, Norma and son Jay live in Springfield, VA); Bill Clark studying for his Master's and working for GE; Gordy Sayre flew Cobras in RVN, now in 82d with Alix and daughter Danielle; Bill McCrone and Carol at Law Sch at U. of VA; Ralph D'Allesandro was recruiting at S.F. Presidio, Rich Goodell and his wife had a son, Christopher, in Jan and was studying in CA for his Master's; Pete and Cathy Swan are with the AF in Albuquerque; Mike and Carol Trollinger were bound for Adv Crs at Aberdeen; Wally and Sue Magathan and daughter Anita were at Ft Rucker; Skeeter Kympton was getting a Master's in Nuc. Physics at NC State and then to Korea; Al Vitters was in the Old Guard in DC; Walt Kurl was in med sch at Duke; Steve Caldwell went to Bus Sch at Harvard; Barry and Diane Conway were



1968: Dec 1971, left to right: Gordy Sayre, Chuck Vehlow, Bill Clark, Jim Locher. Taken at Locher's.



1968: Tay Yoshitani's wife Kathleen and his daughter Kristen look on as he receives ARCOM from BG Richeson, outgoing CG, U. S. Army, Japan.

living in Dallas where Barry was working for Texas Instruments; George Gardes was working for DIA at Bailey's Crossroads, VA; Art Coogler was at Dental Sch in NC and Chuck Vehlow, who flew Cobras in RVN and earned a SS and 3 DFC's was working as aide for BG Scott '44. News from Bill and Suzanne Nash included Walt Meinshausen's asgmt to 4/68 armor at Bragg and John Frinak's to Phyllis Teague. Odds and ends from various sources had Maurice Adams in CDC at Ft Ord and Joe Mance and Chris Iaconis at ADA Adv Crs at Ft Bliss.



1968: 68ers and wives in Colo. Left to right: Bob Henderson, Tom Stites, Pat Jonas, Howard McElroy.



**1968:** May 71 in Bob Brace's back yard at Belvoir. Left to right: Eric Thomas, Don Jacques (non grad), Bob Adams, Chuck Olvis, (blond head), Becky Fellows (holding son Christian), Mike Fellows, Dan Lynes, Bub Younts' wife, mistress, girl, someone?, Bub Younts, Steve Caldwell, Denny Burrell, Dan Taylor, Dorinda Burrell (daughter in front), Terry Holland, JoAnn Brace, Bob Brace, Russ Fuhrman, Bevi Cochran, Jack Cochran, Brian McKenna, Stosh's date, Stosh Parker.

In Europe Mike and Sue Toole were expecting this spring, John and Sylvia Gonzales had a boy last Oct and Lee O'Reilly took cmd of a sp troops co. in Heidelberg. Founders Day here at Ft Hood saw Rich Desjardien, newly asgd to ICD, Tom Burnette, Jerry Hansen, Ross Irvin, Bruce Korda, Lou Schlipper, also newly asgd to ICD, Randy Sprinkles and Dave Taylor. We all reminisced and listened to GEN Hamilton Howze speak on the nation's defense policy.

So much for now, see you all again next quarter.

# '69

CPT Robert M. Kimmitt  
6004 Copely Lane  
McLean, VA 22101

A marked decrease in the number of letters I've received since the last edition has led to what is probably the shortest column in about two years for our Class. Don't forget: *this column is only as interesting and informative as you, the Class, make it.* So if you've been meaning to write these past three years (seems hard to believe, doesn't it?) but just haven't, now is the time to change that. I don't care if you write on bonded stationery, a c-ration boxtop, or a memo routing slip; I'd just like to hear from you. So would the Class.

The 1971 REGISTER contained an error on page 786 that quite a few people have mentioned in their letters. It lists Bill May as having died on 31 Oct 70, and I'm happy to report that this is completely untrue. In fact, Bill is recovering exceptionally well from his VN-related wds and as of this writing is still in grad sch at U. of VA. Also doing well in his recovery is Don Crosby, who wrote that although he was in the hosp again for a short while, his progress continued to be excellent. Don mentioned that Hank Schroeder was still in Walter Reed, but that he was expecting to get out very soon.

Jack Gloroid sent a letter and photo from the Ranger Camp in FL and had some news about classmates who had been at Becky's and his wedding. Dan Horne had applied for Med Sch, while Ralph Artigliere had finished flight sch and was flying COBRAS in RVN. In flight sch at the time were Tony Singer and Dave Hofstetter. Others mentioned were Pete Heesch at Ft Riley, C. J. Nesbitt in RVN, and Kip Schaaf, who Jack claims is still running people off the Autobahn in Germany with his Corvette. Jack and Becky were scheduled for a six month tour at the Chilean Army Mtn Sch and seemed pretty excited at the prospect.

I was very surprised, yet very happy to get a call from Jim and Peggy Isenhower, who were living in Mineral Wells, TX, while Jim was going through flight sch at Ft. Wolters. Also at Ft. Wolters were Rene Copeland, Fred Dibella, Pres Forsythe, Johnnie Grant, Doug Johnson, Doug Madigan, Ron Lucas, Lee Rimmel, Cor Westershoff, and Doug Williams. Jim also mentioned

that Walt Mischler was with HQ. USARV, while Austin Yerks and Swede Parmeter were with Inf units in Korea. Speaking of flight sch, I also got a call from Bill Taylor (F-3) who was starting at Ft. Wolters with Terry Strickler who had just left Ft. Campbell.

The long-awaited return of the 101st Abn Div to Ft. Campbell has taken place and many new faces are joining those of us who have been here awhile. Ken Bevis, Bill Johnsmeyer, and Jim O'Toole have reported for duty and say that a good number are to follow. I'll miss some of them, for I'm scheduled to report to Ft. Sill for the Adv Crs in Jul. Fred Edwards is also leaving (for duty in the Marshall Isls) but it appears everyone else will be here until the summer of 73.

Other Stateside news found Linda and Walt Ballenberger set to move into a new house near Ft. Huachuca after a honeymoon in Aspen. Jon Smrtic wrote from Ft. Riley, where he was joined by Gary Fahl, Bill Gregor, Greg Jones, Pete Heesch, and Steve Overstreet. Jon plans to get married around May in Tacoma, WA. Bob Seitz was back from his extension in RVN and was bound for the 82d ABN at Ft. Bragg. He mentioned having attended Bob St. Onge's wedding in Feb. Also there were Dale Cross, Steve Fall, H. Lobdell, Mike McGovern, Mike Nardotti, Bill Taylor and Jim Walkenbach. Bob Berry wrote that Tom and Teri McCaslin and Chris and Hazel Fransden had passed through DC, and that he had seen John Brundage, Ken Christian and Skip Bacevich during a stop at Ft. Lewis, WA. Finally, Kathy Harmeling wrote to announce the birth of Henry Harmeling IV on 14 Dec 71. Congratulations to both Dutch and Kathy!

The "waiting wife" mail continues to be plentiful and very much appreciated. Laura Seck passed along that John had made his switch to MI and was a ground sensor advisor for MACV. She also announced the birth of their first son, John III, who was born while John was in school near Baltimore. Laura said that Bill Barnett, George Barstis, and Jack Guernsey had recently arrived in RVN and that Bob Brambila had just returned. Barb Whitaker wrote that she had just returned from an R&R with Tom in HI where she had seen Dottie and John Rountree. Tom was in DaNang with Bob Anderson, Bill Holbrook, Denny Moen, Mike Steele, and Tree. Barb also mentioned that Diane Pitz wrote to say Bob was with the 3/82 FA near DaNang.

Tina Brown also had spent an R&R in HI. She said Al had been in various units with



**1969:** West Pointers at Becky and Jack Gloriod's Wedding. Left to right: Joe and Linda Javorski '68, Phil Burkett '67, Linda Gass, Dan and Susan Horne, Susan and Greg Foster, Becky Gloriod, Mike Wright, Jack Gloriod, Pete Heesch, Susan Bandy, Bobbie and Jim Mesite, Sue Singer, Gayle Artigliere, Tony Singer, Ralph Artigliere, Larry Saska (ex-69), Steve Rader '68, and Linda Gardner.

the 101st and was expecting to be assigned to Ft. Campbell when he returned. Pat Barszcz sent a long letter from NJ where she and her two sons are awaiting Mike's return from an aviation tour in RVN. Pat located Jim Adamson, Jimmy Ford, Mike Matthews, Barry Robella, and Bill Zook, all of whom were either in flight school or en route to flight assignments in RVN. She had also seen or heard from Marilyn Hammond, Mike McGovern, Joe Schatz, and Jeff and Marcia Thompson. Mike was a Co CO at Ft. Dix, Joe was still in Harvard Bus Sch, and Jeff was in law sch in TX.

Bob Brigham, Jay Harper, Bill Leppig, and Randy Peters sent the only letters from RVN this go-around. Bob had just arrived in-country and was running the 3d Bde, 1st Cav Drug Rehab Ctr. He had run into Bill Burke, Gary Cantrell, Bob Hoffman, Reggie Pettitt, Vic Smith, and Brian Wells in and around Long Binh. Jay was in the 7/17 Cav near Quinhon with Dave Belden, Chris Cole, and Guy Miller. He also updated the whereabouts of quite a few classmates formerly in Co E-2 at school: Jim Bacht (MACV), Terry Bacon (Ft. Sheridan), Terry Craig (Ft. Bliss), Dick Luecke (WP), Bruce McBane (196th Bde), Wayne Renner (Europe), Tom Kiehne (101st), Bryan Schempf (U. of MO Law Sch), Hank Russell (Europe), Mike Speltz (Ft. Hood), Dale Straw (Europe), Max Terrien (Mtn Ranger Camp), Dan Tigges (Ft. Belvoir), and Bill Ward (AK). Bill Leppig was finishing his tour in RVN and was on orders to Ft. Sill for instr duty. Randy had just returned from extension leave and already had orders for recruiting duty in his hometown of Milwaukee. Lastly, Ron Hudak's father wrote that Ron had left Cam Ranh for the 97th Evac in DaNang.

The only letter from Germany was from Dicksie and Roger Loder. Roger had finished up his aide duty and was the AG for VII COSCOM. He said he might be in Germany until the summer of '73. Roger also mentioned that Steve McGue had left Ft. Bragg for RVN.

Well, my desk is clear of letters and cards, so I guess I'll close. Please note that I've put my home address atop the column again, for I'll be en route to Ft. Sill when this edition is mailed. If you have a minute, drop a note and my parents will forward it to me. Photos are also greatly appreciated, so if you've had any Class reunions, chance meetings with old friends, or the like, please share the occasion with the Class through me.

Till next time—God bless to all in '69.

# '70

LT Thomas C. Schmidt  
HHC, 1st Bn (M) 39th Inf  
APO New York 09034

The news for this spring edition of the '70 class report may come slightly incomplete due to a shortage of letters. We here in Germany are already enjoying a warm beautiful spring and an abundance of opportunity to enjoy the outdoors; however, we enjoy it mostly with other soldiers!

Greg Webb is planning on coming to sunny Germany to visit Steve Rank in Berlin, Dave and Debbie Trammel in Illesheim and Jean and me in Baumholder. Here in Baumholder Art Alden is CO for Co A, 1/13 Inf, Skip and Sherry Pease are expecting a new baby shortly. Skip is the Svc BC with 5/83 Arty. Herb Roberts moved from the U. S. Prix Le Clerc team to become S3 Air at 2d Bde 8 Div. Also working in opns are Jerry Wood and myself. Jerry is holding



1970: Joe Aldrich (upper left) in Vietnam.



1970: With the 11th Cav in the jungle. Left to right: Bachman '68; Red Cross Attraction; Knowlton '70.

down the S3 job at 1/87 Inf and I am the S3 at 1/39 Inf. Mike Grove is S2 with 1/13 Inf. Ross Williams also left the Prix Le Clerc team to become aid to BG Heistand, AdC 8 Div. Nick Sebastian is Bde HRO here at Baumholder.

Witt and Nancy Wise are moving to USAREUR Hqs at Heidelberg where Witt will join the MP br. Fred and Lisa White have moved to Stuttgart where Fred is the Bn S2 as his first assignment in his new MI branch. Fred is going to become jumpmaster qualified after a one year layoff from the T-10. Chuck, Maryanne and Scotty Schafer moved to Goppingen near Stuttgart in Feb. Chuck also is in MI now and is the XO of his unit. John Connors is the CO of a tank co. in Mannheim. Maryanne and her mother recently visited Baumholder while John was here training. Maryanne is due with a new Connors shortly.

Barney Forsythe wrote from Berlin where he is the XO of B Co, 2/6. Joining Barney, Jani and Niffer in the Divided City are several other classmates. John Cogbill is a company XO. He and Janet are expecting this spring. John O'Connell is the aide to MG Hayward and Roger Rains is the aide to BG Miller. Ray Gibbons is working at G3 plans at Bde. Also in Berlin are Rudy Sigesmund, Bill Wattendorf, Bruce Peltier, Tom Page, Steve Rank, John Veenstra, Chris Keegan and Bill Hagan.

Connie and Terry Young have recently moved from Augsburg to Goeppingen near Stuttgart with the rest of the bn. Terry is the XO of the new Cmbt Spt Co.

From the forgotten war in Korea we heard from Carl Linke. Carl is the aide to the CS of I Cps GP. Carl saw Roger LeDoux as they ended up opposing each other in a football game. Kirk Rorick is the aide for the ADC. John Bryant, John Holme and Guy Drab are all with the 2 Div Arty. Beaming Bob Bauman is with the 2 Engr Gp in Kimpo and Tom Miller is sta. near Pusan.

Chuck Ennis wrote from AK where the days were very short (7 hours daylight at the end of Jan) and cold and the hunting very good. Chuck said they just finished a cold snap of -40 degree weather and they were sun bathing in weather hovering around zero. Chuck and Chris Stall were going to Japan in Feb to participate in a ski competition. Also in AK is Gary Gracias who was planning a Mar wedding. Jim Price is the CO for HHD of the Spt Bn and Mike Anderson, still a bachelor, is working with the drug prog at USARAL staff. Chuck saw Tom Maertens who was visiting his parents while en route to flight sch. Tom DeLeo recently changed jobs and brass as he went from S3 of the NCO Acad to the MP Co.

From RVN we heard from several people. Doug Drake is still on the lookout for the infamous human wave assault which he swears is coming soon.

Mike Jones wrote with news about several classmates. Mike is holding down the Liaison slot for the 2/11 ACR. Lee Carlson has the sensor plt for 3/1 Cav. Lynn Moore and Joe Fineli both got jobs with the 75th Rangers of the 1st Cav as the Screaming Eagles stood down. Greg Vuksich will take over Tom Martinez's job as aide to GEN Hamlet when Tom goes home. In the 11th ACR Bill Knowlton and Pete Jones have plts and Clint Anker is A Co XO. Jim Roland is reported to be with MACV in Pleiku and Bill Prince is with "L" Co 75th Inf. Mike Mullady presently has an MP Plt in Long Binh.

Rick Keller wrote while on leave from

Walter Reed Hosp. Rick was medivaced from RVN with an injured knee while serving as a plt leader with B Co, 2/1 Inf, 196th Inf Bde in Da Nang. Ed Hirsh, Ray Cossette, John Calocicco and Scott Knight are all with the 1/1 Cav in Da Nang. Ed and Ray expect to be home in Apr. Les Kahalekai is working with the city police in Da Nang.

Fred Carroll wrote to announce his engagement to Mary Winn. Many of you might remember her as Fred's frequent drag at sch. Fred is with 2/8, 1st Cav. He reports that the weather is warm and the war is not quite over.

George Stewart a member of Co A, 1/327 Inf recently visited San Mateo, CA, to thank the city for their thoughts and gifts to their adopted unit while in RVN.

Jerry Minor wrote from sunny FL with news from our Zoomies. Jerry sees jungle ranger sch from a different angle than most as he flies for Sp Opns. Buzz Shiely is an instr pilot at Phoenix. Jim Avery is flying for the "72 Berlin Airlift." He and his wife Pam had a baby girl in Aug. John Young is now flying from Thailand. "Super Gator" Temp Cumisky is a GIB in F-4's flying around Shaw AFB. Mike Minor got married as Larry White, Warren Geiger, Jerry Minor and Dave Dawson looked on. Signe is expecting while Mike is in Nam.

Thank you for your letters and keep them coming.

'71

LT Richard G. de Moya  
A Co, 1st Bn, 5th Inf  
APO San Francisco 96557

As these notes find me in transit, and corresp. with our still settling classmates is minimal, my remarks will be brief.

As you read this article, our "non-Promotion" party will be a thing of the past. What could be worse than extending as a 2LT; 9 Oct cannot come too soon!

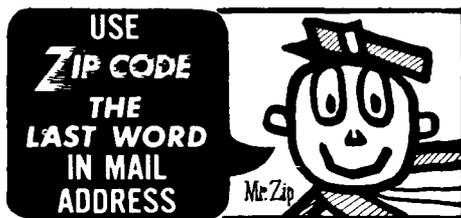
We have now finished all our pre mil schooling and have taken our amassed knowledge (in most cases, rather minimal) to our first unit. I heard from Dell Dailey at Ft. Carson where many of our classmates reside. Dell leads a plat in B-1/61 Inf along with Bob Kramer and Lyle Nelson. Also in the same bn is Dino Danielson, A-1/61 Inf; and Scott Crandall C-1/61 Inf. Supporting the Inf at Carson are the likes of Bill Currie, B-4/70 Armor; and Dave Coughlin, Hq-4/70 Arm. The Arty finds Dave Bernard and Chris Benham manning their btrys at this "VOLAR" post. It's interesting to note that Tom Cafaro and Greg Doepke, former mainstays of the Army Lacrosse Team, have landed in a co. commanded by another Army lacrosse grad. What can I say?

Here in HI, no less than 30 of our classmates make efforts at leading. John Beard commands a plat in A-1/5 Inf. John and Cindy have just invested in buying a house in Ewa Beach on Oahu. Don Hassin, Bard Mansager and Joe Thomas all find themselves working in C-1/5 Inf while Dave Hardman and Dave Sitler round out the bn in D-1/5 Inf. While driving cross-country to

meet his port call Don Hassin lost a wheel on his Corvette and barely escaped injury. Seems his rear axle broke in half. Still in the 25th Inf Div, Buster Hagenbeck and Mike Kendall are in A-1/14 Inf, while Jim Floyd and Pat MacDonald are plat leaders in C-1/27 Inf and Warren Greer commands the 4.2 plat in D-1/14 Inf. Chuck Armogida heads up a Nuclear Demo Engr Plat. Chuck incidentally gave the Founders Day speech here at Schofield Bks. The old Grads found the Class of '71 hard to believe. Bob Kulbick is the XO of a Med Co at Tripler Hosp. One amusing anecdote here is told: Imagine the brand new aspiring 2LT leading his plat in dismounted drill. While giving a flank movement command, he trips, falls, rolls over, gets smartly to his feet, says "As you were" and marches off, unknowingly with his helmet on backwards. John Beard, our subject, says he is making the movement part of his plat SOP.

As usual, we have our list of new engagements and marriages. No accurate count has been made, but conservatively half of our classmates are now married. New engagements include Pat MacDonald to be married in Sept, Chris Benham in Jun, Warren Greer in Jul, as is Larry Varnas and Don Hassin in Sept. Others include Dave Sitler, Glenn Weidner and Dan Howard. Recent marriages include Tom Donahue, Al Threat, Dale Abrahamson, Joe Yakovac, Mike O'Brien, Pat Rivette, Ron Barnabei, Max Miller, and Jim Melesky. Congratulations and Best Wishes to all.

As you have seen, my remarks have been limited to two areas, Ft. Carson and HI. I would like to hear from any and all classmates and their respective units, posts and most of all, families. Look soon in your mail for a 1971 Questionnaire. Until the next issue—"ALOHA."



## Down The Field

Continued from page 45

them after that as some of the top teams in the country represented the opposition. The Cadets were able only to defeat Syracuse in the final six dates, bowing to Penn State (Eastern champion), Air Force, Temple, Springfield, and Navy.

Coach Frank Wells will lose seven key participants through graduation, so must anticipate a rebuilding program of sorts. Back to help form the nucleus will be team captain Jack Rutherford (Alexandria, VA), Bob Cadow (Levittown, PA), Jim Hayes (Woodland Hills, CA), and Pete Longdon (Pittsburgh, PA).

HOCKEY (11-14) — A late-season drought likewise affected the skaters, who could manage victories in just four of their last dozen games. Six of those defeats, too, were by the painful margin of but one goal.

Fortunately, Coach Jack Riley can expect the return of ten lettermen for the 1972-73 campaign. What's more, that list of returnees includes the top five scorers from this past winter—namely, Ed Roubian (Burlington, MA), George Clark (Winnetka, IL), Jeff Woloshyn (Des Plaines, IL), John Dowalgo (West Haven, CT), and Matt Eaton (Darien, CT). Roubian was the top scorer, firing in 13 goals and

26 assists for a total of 39 points. Clark was next with 20 goals and 13 assists.

PISTOL (11-1)—Only a loss to arch-rival Navy prevented the pistolmen from recording an undefeated season. Coach Leonard Ross' team fared much better against the other service academies, though, defeating Air Force, Coast Guard, and the Royal Military College from Kingston, Ontario.

A telegram at the end of the year from the NRA informed the Cadets that their score of 1140 fired on conventional targets in the NRA Sectionals in March was the highest score posted by a college pistol team in the nation this year in sectional competition. Firing that total were Jim Ritter (Riverside, CA), Dave Galloway (Chicago, IL), Lee Pollock (Chicago, IL), and Bill Epley (Pacific Palisades, CA).

Honors didn't end there, either. Epley, who will captain the pistol squad next year, Pollock, and Ritter were named to the first team all-America roster. Second-team honors went to Galloway and Phil Neil (Wichita, KS).

RIFLE (10-0)—Rifle started its season with a victory and ended it with one. In between, there was more of the same as the final record showed a perfect 10-0 slate, including ARMY's only win over Navy during winter competition.

Season highlights included a record score of 573 by Blake Gendron (Iron River, MI), which established a new Academy high. Gary Stinnett (Ariel, WA) likewise fired a 573 during the season, but Gendron had a better score in the standing position.

All-America recognition was forthcoming, as well, as captain Bob Strong (Carlisle Barracks, PA) was accorded second-team selection.

SQUASH (12-4)—Ron Holmberg's second season as squash coach was considerably better than his first. Last year the Cadet racquetmen finished with a dismal 4-8 record... this year they tripled their victory production in logging a 12-4 mark.

The only losses came at the hands of squash powers—Harvard, Pennsylvania, Navy, and Yale. Princeton, normally one of the top teams in the country, fell by a 5-4 margin.

Individually, nine players posted winning records. The best came from Joe Cyr (Alexandria, VA), who won 12 of 13 matches. Other top marks were authored by Lou Reyna (El Paso, TX) at 12-4, Ivar Kaardal (Redwood Falls, MN) at 12-4, and Mark Griffith (Lexington, NC) at 12-4.

The 39th annual National Intercollegiate Squash championships were held at West Point the first weekend in March. Ray

Continued on page 112

# Be Thou At Peace

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.



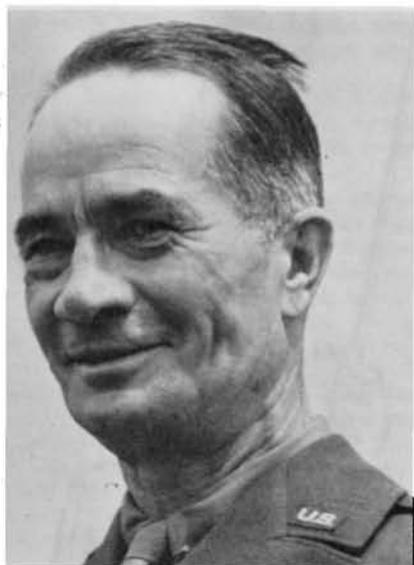
<i>Name</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>	<i>Page</i>
ALLEN, TERRY DE LA M.	Ex-1911	12 September 1969	98
ATKINSON, FREDERICK D.	1930	18 October 1971	108
CORLETT, CHARLES H.	1913	14 October 1971	100
ELLIOTT, ESCALUS E.	1920	26 December 1968	106
FREDERICK, ROBERT T.	1928	29 November 1970	106
HOLDER, WILLIAM G.	1920	6 January 1972	105
HUFFSMITH, VICTOR C.	1934	4 August 1970	109
JACKSON, CHARLES R.	1919	4 May 1971	103
KEATING, JOHN W.	1969	27 February 1970	108
KEELER, HARPER B.	1957	30 January 1969	111
LAWRENCE, IVAN C.	1919	18 August 1971	102
LOVETT, ROBERT G.	Nov 1918	8 November 1970	101
McMAHON, JOHN E. JR.	1913	27 June 1971	99
REYNOLDSON, CHARLES L.	1945	18 December 1968	110
SEARCY, FRANK T.	1920	20 July 1971	105
SHEETS, HENRY B.	1919	3 August 1970	104
SMITH, JAMES L.	1969	15 February 1971	111
THOMPSON, MERLE R.	1929	11 March 1971	107
TOMPKINS, FRANCIS P.	Jun 1918	10 July 1971	100
UNDERHILL, LEWIS K.	1913	25 February 1971	98

\*\*\*\*\*  
**Terry de la Mesa Allen**

EX-CADET OF 1911

Died 12 September 1969 in El Paso, Texas, aged 81 years.

Interment: National Cemetery, Fort Bliss, Texas



TERRY DE LA MESA ALLEN

"HE LOVED EACH ONE of his men, and his men loved, respected and followed him." This characteristic made Major General Terry de la Mesa Allen one of the outstanding general officers of the United States Armed Forces.

His career spanned thirty-three years of service in the United States and abroad during World War I and World War II. He served on the Mexican Border patrol with the 14th Cavalry unit until he went overseas in 1918 with the 90th Infantry Division as a Battalion Commander and as acting Regimental Commander of the 358th Infantry. In World War I he participated in the Saizerais defensive sector, the St. Mihiel and Meuse-Argonne Offensives. He was wounded three times and received several decorations for gallantry in action.

His love of fine horses continued long after the last cavalry horse was retired from the Army. He was one of America's great polo players, and represented the United States Army in the Olympics in Brussels in 1920.

During World War II Allen was the Commanding General of the 1st Infantry Division in the North African landings and through the Tunisian and Sicily Campaigns. He received the Distinguished Service Medal for these actions.

One year later he led the 104th Infantry Division (Timberwolf Division) into combat in Holland and Belgium. Three weeks later his 104th Division relieved the 1st Division in the Rhineland. That day was almost like a homecoming for Terry Allen, as he went about the 1st Division shaking hands and visiting with his old friends with whom he had fought in the Mediterranean.

"Terrible Terry" Allen introduced night fighting in World War II with his 1st Division, improving the technique with the Timberwolves. He was the leader in this field, first using this tactic in World War I with the 90th Division. "In this way we can take our objectives with the minimum cost to

our men." Under General Allen's skillful leadership, the Timberwolf Division with masterful night fighting tactics terrorized the enemy.

General J. Lawton Collins, VII Corps Commander (later Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff) issued the following commendation: "The mission of seizing the great industrial complex, Eschweiler-Weisweiler-Stolberg was a difficult, nasty task. The Division cleared this important area in much shorter time than I expected and with the minimum of loss. The speed with which this was accomplished is a tribute to the leadership, dash and sound training of the Division. The second phase involving the crossing of the Inde River and the advance to the Roer was even more difficult, but with the characteristic skill and dash, in a series of brilliant night attacks, the 104th in a few days cleared its entire sector to the Roer River. I REGARD THE OPERATION AS ONE OF THE FINEST SINGLE PIECES OF WORK ACCOMPLISHED BY ANY UNIT OF THE VII CORPS SINCE D-DAY. WE REGARD THE TIMBERWOLF DIVISION AS ONE OF THE FINEST ASSAULT DIVISIONS WE HAVE EVER HAD IN THIS CORPS."

When the Germans surrendered, the 104th Division, after 195 consecutive days in the front lines, was in the front of the Armor-Infantry wedge aimed at Berlin. It had participated in the Belgium-Holland campaign, the drive through the Siegfried Line from Aachen to the Roer, the seizing of Cologne, the drive to Paderborn and the encirclement of the Ruhr valley, and the drive to the Mulde River—winding up fifty-three miles short of Berlin.

A war correspondent described Terry Allen as "THE GENERAL WHO NEVER LOST A BATTLE IN TWO WARS AND LED TWO GREAT DIVISIONS TO VICTORY."

British Field Marshall Sir Harold R.L.G. Alexander called him the finest Division Commander he had seen in two wars.

His decorations include the Distinguished Service Cross, Distinguished Service Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Silver Star, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Purple Heart with one Oak Leaf Cluster, French Legion of Honor, Croix de Guerre with Palm and the Most Honorable Order of the Bath (British) and Order of the British Empire.

The Honorable Richard C. White, United States Congressman, stated before Congress: "He was born to the Army life; he loved it, and his devotion included an unflinching sense of duty and love of country."

General Allen retired from the military services 31 August 1946, and became an active civil leader in El Paso, Texas. He was a legend in El Paso, as he was in military circles. He constantly warned against the American people being allowed to let down their guard saying: "We cannot depend solely on diplomacy to enforce our demands for worldwide PEACE and security. If we have the strength and the guts to do so, WE CAN INSIST ON INTERNATIONAL SANCTIONS TO OUTLAW WAR."

His son, Lieutenant Colonel Terry Allen Jr., while leading a Battalion of the 1st Division, was killed in South Vietnam 17 October 1967.

General Allen is survived by his wife, Mary Frances, and three grandchildren, Consuelo Maria Allen, Alice Genevieve Allen and Mary Frances Allen.

—Leo A. Hoegh

\*\*\*\*\*  
**Lewis King Underhill**

NO. 5117 CLASS OF 1913

Died 25 February 1971 at Berkeley, California, aged 82 years.

Interment: National Cemetery, Presidio of San Francisco, California



LEWIS KING UNDERHILL

"MAJOR" AS ALL HIS CLASSMATES affectionately called him died in a Berkeley, California, convalescent home at the age of eighty-two years after a two-year siege of illness with a reluctant heart.

He was the son of the late George and Louise Underhill of San Francisco where he had his early schooling. "Major" graduated (at an early age) from the University of California at Berkeley in the Class of 1908, prior to entering West Point in 1909.

We all recognized an aura of wisdom and compassion in this fine person. He was a cadet and classmate who loved people and was always able due to his advanced education to help us in many ways. Most of us had scarcely finished high school, and had never been away from our farm or small city homes. As he had been a Major in the Cadet Corps at the University of California, he had a good supply of "know how" that he cheerfully passed on to his country boy classmates. It was a humanizing experience to be with the "Major."

As a cadet he was not too athletic, but was a class leader in all our four years. Our 1913 HOWITZER lists him as, Corporal, Sergeant, Lieutenant, Sharpshooter, Engineer, Football Team, Broadsword Squad, Furlough Book Board, and Assistant Editor of the 1913 Class HOWITZER.

The "Major" took little interest in "femmes" but after our 1911 furlough we discovered why—soon afterwards he announced his engagement to Mary Ada Pence. After his graduation in 1913 they were married on 10 July 1913. "Major" and Mary Ada had one child, called Mary Louise, but this daughter died on 26 January 1921 at the age of five.

While "Major" was in the top ten of his Class all four years, he decided to cut the Engineers and chose the Infantry. While in Infantry he served with the Pershing Mexico Expedition—but "Major" was a lawyer at heart, so devoted most of the rest of his Army life to the Judge Advocate General's

Department. He was admitted to the Bar of the State of California in 1919.

In 1933 he graduated from the General Staff School and was at once "hooked" as he said, for a faculty member. In 1936 to 1940 he specialized in Military Law—so became indispensable in World War II as a law professor at the University of Virginia School of Military Law and Government. His record in this job was outstanding. As a result he was commended in 1943 and also received the Legion of Merit in 1945.

His commendation by Major General Allen W. Gullion, the Provost Marshal General in 1943, reads:

"Recognized in the Army as an able instructor, he organized the course of the Principles of Military Government, and its legal phases, created the Moot Court Program, conducted the lectures on the subjects to which he was assigned, and as Chairman of the Curriculum Committee revised and improved the curriculum of the school. His powers of analysis, his accurate methods of thought, and his brilliant expositions have made a deep and lasting impression on both faculty and students."

His citation for the Legion of Merit reads in part: "Colonel Underhill's brilliant mind and outstanding organizing ability molded the school doctrine along lines that encompassed important principles and allowed details to be as flexible as the situations in which they might arise. He instituted a series of seminars with student officers during which each subject of the course was explored and an exchange of ideas initiated. As a consequence, the military service was benefited greatly by the graduation of many hundreds of officers who, under his leadership, attained a clear picture of the mission of military government. A major share of the credit for the education of military government officers is due to his intellectual resourcefulness, constant initiative and fine training program."

In 1944 he did get to Europe on a short temporary duty tour in England. In 1946 "Major" retired and returned to San Francisco to live.

Were we to choose one facet of his personality it would be his gentle and considerate nature. He went out of his way to help his classmates. We all really admired him.

His wife died in April 1964. The survivors of his family are his sister, Mrs. E. Wilson Lockwood of Berkeley, California, and two brothers, Robert M. Underhill (former Vice-President of the University of California in Berkeley), of Oakland, California, and Lieutenant General James L. Underhill, United States Marine Corps Retired, of Carmel, California.

—A Classmate—Joe Viner



JOHN EUGENE McMAHON JR.

Jack should have chosen to follow the family tradition in the Army. He was appointed "at large" to West Point and entered with the Class of 1913 in March of 1909. Jack was a good student, stood well in the class, was still able to make the football and basketball squads, and to become Assistant Manager and then Manager of Baseball. He had many close friends and was a great favorite with all his classmates.

On graduation, Jack followed in his father's footsteps and chose the Field Artillery.

Interesting troop duty in San Antonio and on the Border was followed by a detail in the Mathematics Department at the Military Academy, beginning in 1916, and in 1917 by a summer assignment to the Reserve Officers' Training Corps at Fort McPherson, Georgia. From there he was ordered back to the Military Academy to teach Math until the following summer when relief finally came; in July 1918 he was ordered to the Field Artillery Central Officers' Training School (FACOTS), Camp Zachary Taylor, Louisville, Kentucky. He stayed there until soon after the Armistice when he took a special short course at the Army War College for staff officers intended for overseas assignment if the War had continued. During the summer of 1919 a tour of the battlefields and short courses at the Field Artillery School at Trier, Germany, were interesting, but there remained the deep disappointment of failure to get to the War.

The years between the wars were busy ones for Jack, with a succession of assignments that reflected growing appreciation by the powers that be of his outstanding professional qualifications, as well as his very attractive personality. He was one of the first small group of Field Artillerymen selected to establish college Reserve Officers' Training Corps units, and was assigned to Princeton, where polo contributed to his success. There followed a tour in Hawaii with the 8th Field Artillery. He then went to the Field Artillery School at Fort Sill.

In 1927 Jack married Marjorie Robbins. She died in 1942 just as Jack was leaving for the landing in Normandy. They had two daughters, Judith, born in 1928, and Margot, born in 1930. Judith went to Medical School in California, and married a classmate, Dr. Anton Musladin, and they both practice in Los Gatos, California. Margot also married a doctor, Dr. Glenn Heltné, of Orinda, California. They have four daughters.

Soon after their marriage, the McMahons were stationed at Fort Leavenworth, where Jack was a member of the Class of 1930 at the Command and General Staff School. The "Depression" found Jack Professor of Military Science and Tactics at Purdue University, followed by a detail to the Army War College, Class of 1934. On graduation, he stayed in Washington on duty in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of War until 1938, when he returned to troops to command the 2nd Battalion, 76th Field Artillery, at the Presidio of Monterey, until July 1940. The expansion of the Army required a move to Fort Ord, California, to become Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4 of the 7th Infantry Division, where he remained until transferred early in 1942 to Fort Jackson, South Carolina as Artillery Commander of the 77th Infantry Division then being organized. Promotion to Brigadier General followed at once and Jack had the distinction of organizing and training the artillery of the Division which made a splendid record in the Pacific.

As the expansion of the Army continued, Jack was assigned to VIII Corps as Commanding General VIII Corps Artillery and in this capacity took part in the landing in Normandy and fought on through to the end of the war in Europe. This was certainly a fitting climax to a distinguished career, involving the breakthrough at Avranches, followed by the cleanup of Brittany, and then the advance across France in the First Army to the Ardennes Campaign. The surprise German counteroffensive from the Ardennes struck the wide, weakly held front of the VIII Corps first, and penetrated until the front was restored by our violent counterattacks on the sides of the salient. Jack had his full share of combat, and served with great distinction.

His decorations included the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Legion d'Honneur (Chevalier), Croix de Guerre with Palm, and Belgian Order of Leopold.

At the end of the war in Europe, Jack returned to the United States as Commanding General of a personnel center at the height of redeployment and demobilization. This was followed by two years with the Fifth Service Command and the Ohio Military District, stationed at Fort Hayes. His last assignment was as head of the Retirement Board at the Presidio of San Francisco.

In 1949 Jack married Charity McAleer of San Francisco, and after his retirement in 1950, they settled in Saratoga in a beautiful old house which gave them and the girls great pleasure. They settled later in a smaller and equally satisfactory house. They had many happy years here, with Jack's daughters and the four lively grandchildren living nearby.

In 1968, Jack became seriously ill, and during his last years was obliged to live the life of an invalid, first at home, and finally in a hospital.

We remember Jack as the rugged, upstanding military figure he was throughout his active service, and remember also his vigorous, conscientious, intelligent performance of difficult duties that led to a very successful career. And we remember, too, his sense of humor and fondness for people that contributed so much toward the happiness of his life.

The Cadet Prayer was read at his funeral. To all who knew him well, it seems to us that here was a man who lived up to all those strengths asked for in the Prayer, and summed up in his devotion to Duty, Honor, Country.

—A Classmate

\*\*\*\*\*

## John Eugene McMahon Jr.

NO. 5129 CLASS OF 1913

Died 27 June 1971 in Saratoga, California, aged 80 years.

Interment: Madronia Cemetery, Saratoga, California

JACK WAS BORN 11 September 1890 at West Point. His father, Major General John E. McMahon, was a graduate of the Military Academy, Class of 1886, and his mother was an Army girl, daughter of Colonel Dallas Bache, Surgeon General, and a direct descendant of Benjamin Franklin. Jack's grandfather, Colonel John E. McMahon, Union Army, was killed at Cold Harbor.

With this background it seems natural that

\*\*\*\*\*

## Charles Harrison Corlett

NO. 5193 CLASS OF 1913

Died 14 October 1971 at Espanola,  
New Mexico, aged 82 years.

Interment: Santa Fe National Cemetery,  
Santa Fe, New Mexico



CHARLES HARRISON CORLETT

IN MARCH 1909 our class entered West Point: three months early so as to experiment on fletcherizing—i.e., chewing our food and water fifty times before swallowing. Among us coming up the “long hill” from the West Shore station was a cowboy from Colorado who we later called “Pete” or just “Cowboy.” He came from Monte Vista, Colorado.

“Pete” became one of our beloved classmates. He was quiet, seemed to have much innate “know how” on most all questions that came up and took a lot of class athletic participation. Corlett was on the wrestling squad and football squad for four years. Also served on the Classbook Committee.

Pauline, his wife, shall remain living at Los Huertos, Espanola, New Mexico.

No better history of this fine classmate and a distinguished officer could be given than that which appeared in the *Rio Grande Sun* of Espanola.

“Major General Charles H. Corlett (Retired), a veteran of both World Wars, was buried Monday afternoon in the Santa Fe National Cemetery with full military honors.

“The general, a resident of the Espanola Valley for nearly twenty-five years, died early Thursday morning in the Espanola Hospital after a brief illness.

“A Requiem Eucharist was held in the St. Stephens Episcopal Church in Espanola Monday morning, with Reverend Fernando H. Salazar and Reverend David B. Tod officiating.

“Funeral services were conducted that afternoon in Block’s Chapel in Espanola, with Reverend Salazar officiating. The body was then taken to Santa Fe where an honor ceremony was conducted at the graveside.

“Escort guard commander was Brigadier General Lloyd L. Leech, Jr., Assistant Commandant, United States Army Air Defense School, Fort Bliss, Texas. Music and taps were played by the 5th Infantry Division band from Fort Carson, Colorado, and the escort guard company was made up of school troops from Fort Bliss.

“The troops fired a thirteen gun salute over the casket followed by the National Anthem, the benediction, three volleys of musketry by the troops and then taps. The flag was folded and presented to his widow.

“Military personnel served as pallbearers, and honorary pallbearers were Roy Honstein, G. Kenneth Brashar, Dean Prentice, John C. Whitcomb, Federal Judge E. L. Mechem, Lieutenant General George Forsythe, Colonel Joseph Viner, W. P. Cook, Carrington Wooley, William Sultemeier, Robert McWilliam, Quincy C. Cornelius, Jere C. Corlett, Judge Paul Larrazola, Colonel Roy Craft, Claude Corlett and Dr. Michael Pijoan.

“Survivors include the widow, Pauline W., of the home in Santo Nino; a brother, Claude, Monte Vista, Colorado, attorney; two sisters Mrs. Nelle Cornelius, Monte Vista, Mrs. Maude Taylor, Fort Collins, Colorado; and a nephew, Jere, Santa Fe attorney.

“Corlett was born in Burchard, Nebraska, 31 July 1889, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Corlett. The family moved to Monte Vista, Colorado, when Corlett was one year old.

“He attended grade school and graduated from high school in Monte Vista. He was appointed to the United States Military Academy in West Point in 1909, and as a cadet was captain-manager of the polo team, and played football.

“He graduated as a second lieutenant in the Regular Army 12 June 1913, and was assigned at Fort Michael, Alaska. Corlett returned to his regiment in San Francisco in July 1914, and Christmas Day 1914 he was transferred to Plattsburgh, New York.

“In the spring of 1916, he was transferred to San Antonio, Texas, and helped clear the area where Fort Sam Houston is now located. A few weeks later, his outfit moved to Eagle Pass where action in the Mexican Campaign was expected.

“When nothing developed, Corlett was assigned to the National Guard Brigade in Maryland, and 11 October 1916 as a new first lieutenant was sent to Fort Sam Houston and then Brownsville, Texas.

“With the declaration of World War I, Corlett was assigned as Assistant Signal Officer of the Eastern Department in New York and was soon promoted to captain, then major.

“He went to France in January 1918, assigned as Deputy Chief Signal Officer, and in October of that year was promoted to lieutenant colonel. Just before the St. Mihiel offensive, he was stricken with pneumonia but was on duty in Paris at the Armistice.

“As a result of the pneumonia, Corlett’s health was poor and in 1919, he resigned to become general manager of the Quemado Sheep and Cattle Company in New Mexico. The company owned the historic Baba Location, 100,000 acres in the Jemez Mountains, and the Ramon Vigil land grant of 32,000 acres.

“The life outdoors improved his health and in November 1920 he returned to military duty as a major, and was assigned at Fort Harvey J. Jones, Arizona.

“In 1926, Corlett was assigned in Albuquerque and it was here on 29 August 1926 his wife, Amy Bond Corlett, daughter of Frank Bond, whom he had married in 1917, died after a short illness.

“In 1934, he was detailed in Washington, D. C., and after several other assignments, was named Provost Marshall of the Hawaiian Division. In September 1940 he assumed command of the 30th Infantry Regiment in San Francisco, as a lieutenant colonel.

“In September 1941 he was promoted to brigadier general and detailed to command Fort Greely, Alaska. His wife, the former Pauline Wherry, whom he had married in August 1928 was with him but with the threat of a Japanese invasion, civilians were evacuated and she went to live at the ranch Las Huertas in Espanola.

“In World War II General Corlett headed a Task Force which took Kiska and commanded a contingent which took Kwajalein in the Central Pacific under Admiral Nimitz. From there he was sent to command the XIX Corps in the European Theatre. His Corps made the historic breakthrough at St. Lo, captured nineteen miles of the Siegfried Line and were the first Americans in Germany. Later, again under the command of Admiral Nimitz he prepared and began to train an Army to invade Japan through the Carolinas when the atom bomb was dropped and Japan surrendered.

“General Corlett was retired in 1946 for illness and came to live on the family place near Espanola, New Mexico. Since then he has been active in community work.

“He was state Commissioner of Revenue under Governor Mechem. He organized and directed the first Onate Fiesta; was on the Board of Espanola Hospital for many years; conducted the first hospital drive for a pediatric wing of the hospital and was on the managing board of the school of American Research. He was sent to Mexico by President Eisenhower to conduct the fight on the Hoof and Mouth Disease outbreak and many other activities.

“General Corlett’s decorations include two Distinguished Service Medals (one from the Army and one from the Navy), Chevalier of Legion of Honor from France, Star of Abdon Calderon from Ecuador, Victory Medal with three stars, Silver Star from the United States for gallantry, Legion of Merit, Mexican Border Service Medal, Commanders Order of Leopold with Palm, Croix de Guerre with Palm from Belgium and Grand Order of Orange and Nassau from Holland.”

—A Classmate—Joe Viner

\*\*\*\*\*

## Francis Parker Tompkins

NO. 5966 CLASS OF JUNE 1918

Died 10 July 1971 at Randolph,  
Vermont, aged 74 years.

Interment: Northfield, Vermont

FRANCIS PARKER TOMPKINS, Tommy to his many friends, was a descendant of one of the longest unbroken lines of army ancestors.

His great-grandfather graduated from West Point in 1820 and served in the army until his death in 1861. His grandfather, General Charles H. Tompkins, was the father of three sons, all later to become Colonels of Cavalry. The oldest son, Selah Reeves Hobbie Tompkins (Tommy’s uncle), was the famous Tommy Tompkins of the Old Cavalry. The second son, Frank, was our Tommy’s father, who after retirement became Commandant at Norwich University.

Tommy was born 6 October 1896 at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, where his father and mother, Alice Barr Tompkins, were stationed at the time. As his father changed assignments, Tommy grew up and went to school at various military posts in Kansas, Arizona, Georgia, Vermont, Cuba, and the Philippines. He also attended St. Luke’s School (now Valley Forge Military Academy) at

ASSEMBLY



FRANCIS PARKER TOMPKINS

Wayne, Pennsylvania and prepared for West Point at Shadman's in Washington, D. C.

With his army background, he had no other thought than to go to West Point, so he succeeded in securing an appointment from Arizona, where his father was stationed at the time, and entered the academy in 1915.

Militarily and scholastically, Tommy was a fine cadet. He was 1st Sergeant of his cadet company and finished high enough academically to be assured of his first choice of branch, his beloved Cavalry.

His first assignment was with the 8th Cavalry on the Mexican border. After his tour on the border, he was assigned as Assistant Professor of Military Science and Tactics at Norwich University in Vermont. It was here he met Ruth Johnson and on 28 July 1923 they were married at Montpelier, Vermont. Tommy and Ruth had two daughters, Julia and Frances. Both are married. Julia is now Julia Ramsey and has two daughters. Frances is now Frances Fletcher and also has two daughters.

After an assignment with the 6th Cavalry, Tommy went to Fort Riley, Kansas, to attend troop officers and advanced equitation classes. In 1930 and 1931 he trained horses at Fort Riley for the Olympic Games Teams which competed in Los Angeles in 1932. Unfortunately, he just missed a place on the team himself.

After attending the Command and General Staff School he took command of a troop of Cavalry at Fort Knox and while he was in command, it was converted from horse to mechanized.

As a major, Tommy attended the Army War College and then was assigned to the office of the Chief of Cavalry as an Armored Advisor.

Just prior to this country's entry into World War II in March of 1941, he was a U.S. observer in the Middle East, working with the British and French in Palestine against troops of the Vichy French.

After returning to Washington, while serving as a General Staff Officer, one of the things he considered as among his greatest accomplishments, was his part in the creation of the famous "JEEP." He was one of a group of four officers who drew up the rough specifications including the size, shape, performance requirements, turning radius, speed, etc. All this was done in one day at the Bantam Car Company. Tommy said,

"They worked all night and had a mock-up for us the next morning. We gave them orders for three hand-tooled models. The first was completed in about thirty days and, with very few changes, that was the vehicle that performed so nobly in the war and since."

In 1942 he was Deputy G-2 on the staff of Omar Bradley's Twelfth Army Group and later became Senior Intelligence Officer on the staff of Field Marshal Montgomery. That was the start of a long career in intelligence activities. He commanded a highly specialized T-force just prior to the capture of Paris. The job of the unit was to capture and safeguard intelligence targets (valuable installations and persons such as scientists) and keep those targets operative for our benefit.

Tommy finished the war in Europe in a combat command in the 7th Armored Division, leading it through the Battle of the Bulge and to the end of the war.

He completed his World War II service in Europe by running a European Intelligence School at Oberammergau, Bavaria.

He retired in 1947, but was returned to active duty at his own request during the Korean War, serving with the Central Intelligence Agency before retiring finally in 1951.

Tommy was married a second time in March 1946 to Leonora Inchcape, and they had one son, Charles. Charles enlisted in the Army in October 1970 and is currently a Specialist 4th Class serving in the 1st Armored Division in Germany. Tommy would have been happy to know that Charles flew from Europe to serve as one of the Military Pallbearers at his funeral. Since Tommy's death Nonie continues to live in Northfield.

Tommy, in a Memorial Day address delivered a long time ago, speaking of the heroic dead had said, "They were called upon to pay the supreme sacrifice; all have served honorably and faithfully and all have answered 'Here' when their country called." Tommy, whose whole life was Army, and descended as he was from a long line of soldiers, also answered "Here."

—W. M. M.

\*\*\*\*\*

## Robert Gilbert Lovett

NO. 6053 CLASS OF NOVEMBER 1918

Died 8 November 1970 at Homestead Air Force Base, Florida, aged 71 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

ROBERT GILBERT LOVETT was born 6 February 1899 in Waco, Texas, the son of Thomas and Olive Lovett. Before his fourth birthday the family moved to San Diego, California, and it was from there he was appointed by the Representative of the 11th Congressional District of California to the United States Military Academy.

Bob adjusted well to cadet life. He wore a gold star for excellence in academic work, wore the chevrons of corporal, sergeant and lieutenant, was an expert rifleman, a member of the wrestling squad and a participant in the 100th Night Show. At graduation he was commissioned in the Corps of Engineers.

Before World War II his assignments included duty as a student at the Engineer School and at the Command and General Staff School, as an instructor at the Engineer School and at the Engineer Reserve Officers'

Training Corps unit of Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Oregon, with troops in the Philippines, in Hawaii and within the continental United States, and on the civil works of the Corps of Engineers in the Chattanooga Engineer District and in the Gulf of Mexico Division Office at New Orleans.

It was while Bob was a first lieutenant and a student at the Engineer School, Fort Humphreys, now Fort Belvoir, Virginia, that on 6 October 1923 he married Elizabeth McLemore at Atlanta, Georgia, and in one of the small quarters of the Post known as the "Honeymoon Bungalows," they began what can be truly termed a lifelong honeymoon.

In December of 1940, Bob, then a major, was charged with the construction of an air base in Jamaica. He completed this task in April 1942, ahead of schedule, while maintaining high morale and producing results of the highest quality working in a colonial possession of the United Kingdom under unfamiliar laws and customs with respect to a large construction job.

After five months in command of the 94th Engineer Regiment, he was assigned to Headquarters XV Corps. During this assignment he was Chief of Staff of the Desert Training Center in California and was awarded the Army Commendation Ribbon with the following citation: "In addition to active supervision of the immediate and continuous problems connected with the training, administration and supply of a force in excess of 160,000 men spread over a vast expanse, he skillfully coordinated and supervised the planning and operation of a drastic reorganization of the Center as a model theater of operations. By his outstanding service, Colonel Lovett won the respect, admiration and confidence of his superiors and subordinates and contributed to a marked degree towards the successful accomplishment of the mission of the Desert Training Center."

In January 1944 Bob took command of the 1117th Engineer Combat Group, and in November became Corps Engineer of the XX Corps. The Legion of Merit was awarded to him "for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services as Commanding Officer, 1117th Engineer Combat Group, from 2 May 1944 to 22 November 1944. Colonel Lovett's unit was in close support of the XII Corps and during this period, due to his aggressive action and strict adherence to duty, he contributed materially



ROBERT GILBERT LOVETT

to the success of the Third Army during its critical period. When the enemy counter-attacked, Colonel Lovett used his engineer personnel as infantry and defended the newly constructed assault, timber trestle and pontoon bridges which were of vital importance to our armies."

Bob was also awarded the Bronze Star Medal for going forward on the night of 18 August 1944 to direct engineer reconnaissance and prepare bridges across the Loire between Blois and Orleans for demolition. This award was followed by the award of an Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal with the following citation: "Colonel Lovett by his display of tremendous energy and constant drive was unceasing in his efforts to expedite construction. By coordinating and directing operations, and in reconnoitering routes to be followed, he contributed immeasurably to the success of the XX Corps drive across Europe. Colonel Lovett's genius for organization and unusual grasp of complicated factors reflect great credit upon himself and the Army."

In a letter of commendation, the Commanding General of the XX Corps wrote to Bob: "Not only was the speed and efficiency with which your men bridged the Moselle at Dienloupard a compliment to your professional skill, but the courage and tenacity with which you defended this bridge against direct enemy fire was a high tribute to your infantry training as combat engineers. I consider that the manner in which you effected the crossing of the 80th Infantry Division was a major contribution to the successful envelopment of the city of Nancy, and to the advance of our Corps to the east."

After the war, Bob became the U. S. District Engineer at Vicksburg, Mississippi, with responsibility for flood control and maintenance of navigation for a large sector of the Mississippi River and its tributaries. When he left Vicksburg in June 1949 for duty in the Office of the Chief of Engineers, the Mayor of Vicksburg and the Representative of that Congressional District wrote to the Chief of Engineers testifying to the high regard as an engineer and as a citizen in which Bob was held by the community.

In the Office of the Chief of Engineers he was Director of Military Supply and Procurement. Here again his skill in organization resulted in an increased efficiency in his directorate that received the commendation of the Chief of Engineers. During this tour of duty Bob was promoted to be Brigadier General.

In November 1951 Bob entered on what was to be his final assignment. It was to form the East Ocean Division with headquarters at Richmond, Virginia. Its mission was to supervise and carry on to completion the construction of air bases in Greenland, Labrador, Newfoundland, New Brunswick, Bermuda, The Azores, Morocco, Libya and Saudi Arabia. In directing these farflung activities he had assembled a loyal and competent staff. One of them has written: "RGL had a very clear and concise way of conferring, of arriving at a decision and of giving instructions. He was never arbitrary. Everything he did was based on logic. His straightforward character carried with it the ability to delegate authority and tasks and to stand firmly behind this delegation. He never passed the buck." Another member of the staff, a civil service employee, wrote: "General Lovett was the finest man under whom I ever had the privilege of serving. His technical qualifications as an engineer, his executive and administrative capabilities and his dedication

to duty made him looked up to and respected by all."

Bob went on the Retired List in June 1954. At that time the Chief of Engineers wrote to him: "The East Ocean Division which you have commanded for the last three years has had one of the toughest missions ever assigned the Corps of Engineers. Marvels of construction have been accomplished in the most remote corners of the globe under conditions never faced before in the history of man. Perhaps only your brother officers and civilian employees will ever know and fully realize the magnificent task you have done under the most difficult circumstances. You have eminently distinguished the dual role required of an officer of the Corps of Engineers as both an Engineer and a Soldier. You will never be forgotten as one of our finest Engineer Troop Commanders of World War II. The courage you displayed and your disregard of danger is already legendary among the younger officers of our Corps."

Very shortly after going on the Retired List Bob joined Rader and Associates, a firm of consulting engineers in Miami, Florida, and remained with it until a couple of years before his death. He and Bess then established their first permanent home in a commodious house in a suburb of Miami. This home was later supplemented by a summer home in the mountains of North Carolina. They were both active in the social life of the community. Bob was a director of Big Brothers of Miami, a member of the Army and Navy Club of Coral Gables, the Century Club of Coral Gables, the West Point Society of Miami and several professional societies. He is survived by his beloved wife Bess and by their daughter Libby, the wife of Dr. W. Emmett Wilkin-son of Baltimore, Maryland.

\*\*\*\*\*

### Ivan Crawford Lawrence

NO. 6262 CLASS OF 1919

Died 18 August 1971 in Sarasota,  
Florida, aged 75 years.

Cremated ashes scattered over the Gulf of Mexico

BORN IN A SMALL TOWN in western Minnesota, 17 April 1896, the son of a Baptist minister, and grandson of a Baptist minister on his mother's side, his father wanted him to become a medical missionary to Africa. But "Ike," as he was known to many of his friends and classmates, was destined for other things. At an early age he became a member of the Calvary Baptist Boys Brigade in Minneapolis, and later was chosen to teach military drill to members of the Newsboys' Club of Minneapolis.

While attending the University of Minnesota, he was a member of the Cadet Corps and the Crack Drill Squad, advancing to Color Sergeant and Cadet Officer. It was there he became acquainted with then Captain Bernard Lentz, United States Military Academy, Class of 1905, Commandant of the University Cadet Corps, who suggested applying for an appointment to West Point, but warned it would mean a lot of hard work to get through the Academy.

In characteristic fashion, Ike went to the library and boned up on West Point, its educational program and traditions, and decided to apply. A year later he received a principal appointment from Senator Knute Nelson, the "Grand Old Man of the Senate," and entered West Point as a New Cadet 14 June 1917. Cadet life was to his liking, even to



IVAN CRAWFORD LAWRENCE

being "crawled" by upper classmen, knowing as he did it was all part of the program to develop obedience and military bearing.

Ike entered into cadet activities with enthusiasm, taking part in Camp Illumination and Hundredth Night, and becoming a member of the Cadet Choir. He early decided to "bone Engineers" and at the initial assignment to sections on the basis of merit, landed in the first section in all subjects, where he remained until graduation. Entering his Yearling year with stars on his collar and chevrons on his sleeve, it seemed he had achieved his first objective.

Then suddenly on 1 November 1918, his class, then Yearlings, was graduated, and eleven days later the Armistice was signed. On 1 December 1918, his class was returned to West Point as Student Officers, being graduated once more as the Class of 1919 on 11 June 1919. To Ike who had learned to love West Point, this came as a great disappointment—not being able to complete four years at the Military Academy. As a Student Officer, he was elected to the Board of Governors of the First Class Club, served as Advertising Manager of the HOWITZER, and commanded one of the six companies of the Student Officer Battalion.

Graduating seventh in his class and assigned to his chosen branch, the Corps of Engineers, his first military assignment was Regimental Supply Officer of the 4th Engineers at Camp Dodge, Iowa. Following this duty he was sent to complete his studies at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering.

His next assignment returned him to his native Minnesota, where he became assistant to the District Engineer on River and Harbor work in the United States Engineer Office in St. Paul. While there he was married on 27 June 1922 to Margaret Kathryn Nicoll of Minneapolis in a military ceremony at Simpson Methodist Church, the church home of the Nicoll family. Becoming affiliated with his wife's church, Ike took part in Sunday School work where he taught an active group of young men of high school and college age.

A year later Ike and Margie celebrated their first wedding anniversary aboard ship en route to their new station in Hawaii, where he was assigned to the 3d Engineers at Schofield Barracks. There he served as a company commander with various special

duties including Trial Judge Advocate, Defense Counsel, and Regimental Boxing Officer. An expert with the rifle, pistol and automatic rifle, he won the Officer's Gold Medal in the Hawaiian Department Rifle Competition.

Because of the reduction of the Armed Forces following World War I and the introduction of the Single Promotion List which dropped him back many files to Second Lieutenant, Ike decided to leave the Service in 1926 to cast his lot in civil life. He entered the construction field in Los Angeles as a designer and builder, where his business prospered until hit by the depression in the early thirties. He and his wife with their three daughters returned to Minnesota, where he entered the employ of Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company as an industrial engineer.

With his customary zeal and hard work he progressed rapidly to Industrial Relations Manager, Director of Personnel Administration and Vice President of the company. During World War II the company was engaged ninety per cent in the war effort and his duties expanded to include employment, Selective Service Administration, supervisory training, and wage and salary administration.

Throughout his business career he was active in civic and professional work, serving on the Civil Service Personnel Committee and the Governor's Committee to Employ the Handicapped. He was co-founder and first president of the Twin City Chapter of the Society for the Advancement of Management. He was an active member of the American Management Association, the National Industrial Conference Board, and the St. Paul Committee on Industrial Relations, serving as its president.

Then in 1954, the children having grown up and married, Ike decided to retire from business, before—as he put it—he got too old to enjoy it. He designed a thirty-five-foot house trailer in which he and Margie toured the country for several years, visiting forty-four states and traveling 40,000 miles, finally settling on the Gulf Coast of Longboat Key in Sarasota, Florida. His interest in photography led him to organize the Twin Shores Camera Club and he became its first president. He enjoyed taking movies and synchronizing them with musical accompaniment. His large film library included sixteen hundred feet of movies taken at West Point on the occasion of several class reunions.

In 1962, and again in 1967, to celebrate their fortieth and forty-fifth wedding anniversaries, Ike and Margie returned for extended visits to their beloved Hawaii, where they had spent three years of their early married life and where their first daughter, Claire Virginia, was born. Together they enjoyed many happy trips to foreign shores including South America, the Caribbean, the South Seas, the Orient, Europe and Africa, on all of which Ike was busy with his camera, and pictures of which he enjoyed showing to family and friends.

His love of West Point never dimmed, and he served his class as Third Army Chairman for the 50th Class Reunion and as a member of the committee to develop a lasting class memorial gift to the Corps. Generous in his support of the Military Academy, he was active in the West Point Society of the Florida West Coast, serving as President from 1968 to 1970. His energetic leadership in this capacity won the enthusiastic support of the membership. In a letter to him upon his retirement as President, General Clyde D. Eddleman wrote:

"As President of the Association of Graduates, I extend to you my most hearty congratulations on a job well done as President of the West Point Society of the Florida West Coast for the past two years. Your unwaivering support of the Academy and the Association are deeply appreciated. Your undaunted efforts to reconstruct an active and vigorous society reflect deep loyalty to the Academy and its objectives and a sincere belief in the valuable role of the alumni in furthering the goals of the Academy.

"In particular, your enthusiastic and persevering efforts to increase the membership of your society are commendable. Equally noteworthy are the society's emphasis on fellowship and the assistance to the admissions program incorporated into the constitution while you were president. As you retire to a less conspicuous role in your society, I am sure your enthusiasm and initiative will continue to guide the West Point Society of the Florida West Coast."

Ivan will be remembered by his family—his wife Margie, their three daughters: Claire, wife of Henry C. Tiling of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida; Beverly, wife of David A. Bennett of Grosse Ile, Michigan; and Marjorie, wife of Colonel John C. M. des Isles, USMA '51; his two sisters: Mrs. David Crouse of Long Beach, California, and Mrs. Vanda Myers of South Gate, California; and his ten grandchildren, as a devoted husband, father, brother, and grandfather; and by his many friends, associates and classmates as a warm friend and loyal Son of West Point.

—His loving wife, Margie

\*\*\*\*\*

## Charles Ream Jackson

NO. 6433 CLASS OF 1919

Died 4 May 1971 in San Diego, California, aged 72 years.

Cremated ashes scattered at sea off coast of San Diego, California

CHARLES REAM JACKSON was born in Petersburg, Virginia, on 14 July 1898. His parents were Montgomery Chamberlayne Jackson and Isabel Biscoe Jackson, and his only brother is Montgomery Chamberlayne Jackson.

In June 1917 Charles entered the United States Military Academy at West Point and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in



CHARLES REAM JACKSON

the Regular Army on 1 November 1918 as a member of the Class of June 1919. After a month's leave, Charles re-entered the Academy as a member of the Student Officers' Battalion on 1 December 1918. During his stay in the Academy he developed an interest in history, especially in Roman history, that he never relinquished. Any mention of a name, place, or date of the Roman era to Charlie brought an immediate response with complete factual information of the background, action, and results connected with the subject.

Charlie went overseas with the Class during the summer of 1919, returned, and served in the Army until 19 January 1920, when his resignation was accepted. He then accepted a commission as a First Lieutenant in the Virginia National Guard on 20 February 1920 and held it until 17 June 1920, when he resigned.

Shortly after leaving the National Guard, Charlie accepted a commission in the Regular Army Infantry on 30 November 1920, transferring to the Coast Artillery on 8 June 1923, where he was promoted to First Lieutenant on 25 July 1924, but for some unknown reason, resigned on 27 July 1925.

From 23 October 1925 until 11 April 1927, Charlie held a Reserve Officer's commission as First Lieutenant, Infantry, but had no active duty. During this period he worked for awhile for the Dupont Chemical Company.

Charlie's Marine Corps career began when he enlisted at Detroit, Michigan, on 3 September 1927 as a private. He served in China for a total of almost three years, Nicaragua one year, and the Philippines for one year. He now was a First Sergeant, but became a temporary Sergeant Major on 14 August 1940. Meanwhile he was sent to Pearl Harbor, 2 July 1940, and to China on 14 November 1940, then returned to the Philippines on 1 December 1941.

When the Japanese invaded Luzon after the Pearl Harbor attack, Charlie was active in the fighting in Bataan, his unit, the Fourth Marines, being stationed on Corregidor. Charlie said he was verbally given the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, but no papers were issued, and after the war no records were available. I think Charlie was correct. When I was in Sixth Army Headquarters, 1948-51, I remember someone asking me if I had a classmate who was a Marine officer on Corregidor, but unfortunately I had to reply that I did not know.

During the fighting on Corregidor, Charlie was awarded the Purple Heart on 2 May 1942, and a Gold Star in lieu of a second Purple Heart on 6 May 1942. He also was awarded the Silver Star on 13 April 1942 for his bravery in saving the lives of his comrades while under direct enemy fire.

After the surrender of Corregidor, Charlie was taken north to Cabanatuan. There he managed to escape from the Japanese, and helped a small group of Americans to organize a Filipino guerrilla unit to harass the Japanese. When the Japanese organized a major retaliation against the guerrillas, Charlie started south on Luzon, hoping to work his way to Borneo or to Australia. While traveling south he contracted a severe case of malaria and became unconscious. He had given away most of his supply of quinine. When the Japanese found him, they gave him quinine and recaptured him. He was held in Manila for awhile, and then sent to Japan. There he worked in a copper mine and in the scrap metal department of a Japanese steel mill until the end of the war.

On his return to the United States, Charlie reverted to his enlisted rank, and then was appointed a Commissioned Warrant Officer, United States Marine Corps, 13 November 1947. On 7 April 1949, Charlie married Margaret MacRae in Alexandria, Virginia.

His serious eye trouble, a result of vitamin deficiency when a prisoner of war, forced Charles's retirement on 1 November 1951, when he moved to San Diego and lived there until his death.

After retirement, Charlie pursued his hobbies of gardening, painting, and reading as much as his diminishing eyesight would permit. He was a substitute lecturer at California Western University in the early 50's. When I was working for my Master's Degree in history, I often found Charlie a most interesting and exhilarating person to talk with.

But his eye trouble became worse, until in 1970 he was practically blind. This, plus the fact that he was developing Parkinson's Disease, so depressed him that on 4 May 1971 he took his life.

Charlie is survived by his wife Margaret.  
—Alexander G. Kirby



HENRY BENNETT SHEETS

in each company. Competitions held during the winter months enabled his Regimental teams to win all Army championships with ease.

His work benefitted him, personally, as well. He was a member of the Infantry Rifle Team for several years and obtained his Distinguished Marksman Medal in 1924. At one of the National matches at Camp Perry, Ohio, he fired a record for consecutive bullseyes at 700 yards that may still be on the books. He earned a berth on the United States Olympic Rifle Team. However, the Marines defeated the Army badly that year at the National matches continuing their complete domination of several years.

The Chief of Infantry selected Sheets to prepare a program to end this dominance. Although it cost him his berth on the team, he accepted the challenge with relish. His results were successful and from then on the Infantry team was a match for the Marines and all others.

Ben's skill as a marksman was to affect his entire future. The Infantry team trained at Fort Niagara, New York. While there, he accepted an invitation to a party at Niagara-on-the-Lake, across the river in Canada. There he met Evelyn Rand. They were married in 1922 and shortly thereafter built a home at Niagara-on-the-Lake to which they returned whenever possible.

In 1925 Ev and Ben were transferred to the 35th Infantry at Hawaii. In addition to his regular Regimental duties, Ben played on General, then Major, George S. Patton's polo team.

In 1929 Sheets was assigned to the United States Military Academy at West Point. After post-graduate study in law at Columbia University, he joined the Law Department at the Academy as an instructor. He subsequently became the Assistant Graduate Manager of Athletics.

In 1933 he was selected to attend the United States Command and General Staff College. He was one of a very few from his age group so selected. However, a serious polo accident at West Point, as a result of which he ultimately lost his leg, interrupted his career. In 1934 he received the greatest disappointment of his life when he was retired for physical disability. He continued to ride and became Secretary of the East Aurora Hunt.

Nineteen thirty-five was a difficult year to start a new career, but Ben attacked the problem with his usual determination. He joined the Marine Trust Company in Buffalo, New York, and gradually worked his way up to Vice-President.

Always fond of young people, he built a shooting range in his attic and each year trained a class of his friends' sons and daughters in the use of firearms. He was especially pleased with his girls' team which, to my embarrassment, continually outshot the boys' team.

The approach of World War II gave Sheet the chance he was looking for to get back into the Army. At that time it was practically impossible for a man with his disability to be returned to active duty. However, his persistence paid off and in February 1941 he was placed on active duty and assigned to the Office of Chief of Ordnance.

This was the period of the major expansion of the Army. None of us will forget the picture of wooden tanks and guns used in the Louisiana maneuvers while German panzers were conquering Europe. Sheets was instrumental in the success of the effort that fielded such superbly-equipped armies. As Chief, Contract Section, Tank and Automotive Branch and later Chief, Administration Branch, Office Chief of Ordnance, Sheets coordinated the activities of the Ordnance field offices, issuing and supervising the vital contracts that built the American war machines.

In 1944 with the build-up essentially completed, Sheets was appointed Chief, Boston Ordnance District. Here the problem was soon to become one of contract termination. With customary foresight, the Boston Ordnance District was fully prepared to wind down the war effort when the time came. In recognition of his outstanding achievement, Sheets was awarded the Legion of Merit.

Retired in 1946, Sheets returned to Buffalo and the Marine Trust Company. After many years he was finally able to indulge in his favorite sport of duck hunting. A charter member of Ducks Unlimited, Ben and two close friends had acquired prior to the war a small, but prolific, marsh in one of the finest hunting grounds in the east. Although the Bank and civic activities took much of his time, there was always enough left for the "Midmarsh Gun Club."

My fondest memories of him are the conversations while sitting around the fire after a day's shoot discussing the really important things—why don't the ducks use Number 1 pond, where are the black ducks this year, etc., and especially the reminiscences of the Army as it was between wars, the anecdotes and the stories. If there are inaccuracies in this biography, they can be traced to the lateness of the hour and perhaps a bit of duck hunter's license.

Ben retired from the Marine Trust Company in 1963. This gave him more time to travel, which he and Ev loved, and especially to garden. Coming from North Dakota, he loved trees and shrubs. He introduced English Holly to the area around Niagara-on-the-Lake and was famous for his dogwoods, many of which he gave annually to the town.

Throughout his life he lived the West Point Motto—"Duty, Honor, Country." He died peacefully in his home at Niagara-on-the-Lake on 3 August 1970. He is missed by a host of friends but especially by his wife Evelyn, and son, Henry B. Sheets Jr.  
—Henry B. Sheets Jr. '49

\*\*\*\*\*

## Henry Bennett Sheets

NO. 6497 CLASS OF 1919

Died 3 August 1970 in Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario, Canada, aged 73 years.

Interment: Forest Lawn Cemetery,  
Buffalo, New York

HENRY BENNETT SHEETS was born in North Dakota on 2 July 1897. Ben's boyhood was built around the outdoors—hunting, riding, and shooting—activities he loved all his life. I could listen for hours to him telling stories about the early days on the prairies. Prairie chickens were so plentiful that Ben would fill his shotgun with black powder and gravel and kill his supper at the end of the street.

Ben's life ambition was to go to West Point. Obtaining an appointment was no problem, but passing the entrance examinations was something else. Ben went about his preparation with the determination that was characteristic of him. He overlooked only one thing. He failed to meet the minimum weight requirement by a considerable margin. However, he talked his way into a conditional acceptance and entered with the Class of 1920.

The pressure of World War I shortened the Academy course and the class graduated in 1918 only to be returned for further schooling as Second Lieutenants. The experiment was not particularly successful and it was with considerable relief on both sides that the Class of 1919 was re-graduated.

I know of no man more ideally suited to the life of a Regular Army officer than Ben Sheets. His love of shooting and riding made him one of the top rifle and pistol shots in the Army, as well as a fine polo player. In addition, he was an outstanding company commander.

Stationed at Fort Crook, Nebraska, Ben was assigned responsibility for the rifle marksmanship program. Although funds for target practice were severely limited, Ben found that caliber 22 ammunition was plentiful since there were no facilities for firing small-bore weapons. He scrounged the material and labor and constructed small-bore ranges

\*\*\*\*\*  
**William Gordon Holder**

NO. 6622 CLASS OF 1920

Died 6 January 1972 in Santa Barbara, California, aged 71 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia



WILLIAM GORDON HOLDER

WILLIAM GORDON HOLDER, son of William Holder and Grace Gerlach Holder, was born 8 August 1900 in Cincinnati, Ohio, where he lived and attended school for several years before moving to Wilson, North Carolina. He graduated from Staunton Military Academy, Staunton, Virginia, before entering West Point 13 July 1918, one month later than most of his classmates.

With his Staunton experience behind him he suffered no handicap from missing Beast Barracks. He found life at West Point pleasing and encountered no difficulty with either the Academic or Tactical Departments. He enjoyed Saturday and Sunday afternoon hikes and canoeing and excelled at swimming for which he maintained a life-time enthusiasm.

Bill, as he was known to his classmates, was quiet, unassuming and pleasant. He had a good sense of humor, dry and sometimes wry. He was a loyal friend. He was conscientious and efficient and somewhat of a perfectionist. He was the essence of dependability and sincerity and of unimpeachable integrity. Naturally, with these attributes, he was held in high esteem by all close associates, junior, contemporary and senior.

His class was scheduled to graduate and be commissioned after only one year in order to meet the critical need for officers during World War I. When the war ended seven months before scheduled graduation, a state of limbo existed until it was decided that the class would stay two years. All got down to work on that basis.

Upon graduation in June 1920, he was assigned to the Coast Artillery Corps. During the years before World War II his duty was entirely within that branch and covered about every type of armament both seacoast and anti-aircraft. He even had one tour as commanding officer of an Army Mine Planter, a ship of some 600 tons. He served in the Philippine Islands, Panama Canal Zone and Hawaii. He was fortunate enough to have two tours of duty at Fort Scott in San Fran-

cisco as well as other assignments on the West Coast, a part of the country he came to love and to which he returned when he retired.

While returning from Corregidor on the Transport *Thomas* in January 1924, he met Beatrice Wyer, daughter of Major Harry G. Wyer, Medical Corps. They were married in El Paso, Texas, in 1926. They have two children: Evelyn, now Mrs. Earl A. Harris Jr., of Newtown Square, Pennsylvania, and Anthony, now living in Raleigh, North Carolina.

During World War II Bill's service was with Anti-aircraft Artillery, his principal assignment being Executive 54th AAA Brigade, in England, France, Belgium and Germany. He has credit for four Battle Participations and was awarded the Bronze Star Medal. Later he served as a member of the Military Government Court at Dachau, Germany. His final assignment was Executive Officer of the Review Board Council, Office of the Secretary of the Army. He retired in 1953.

Upon retirement Bill and Bee established a home in Santa Barbara, California, where Bee still lives. There were spacious grounds and in addition to very attractive landscaping Bill established and nurtured a considerable planting of avocado trees in several varieties. In addition to his horticultural pursuits there was swimming in the Pacific Ocean.

Bill died at St. Francis Hospital in Santa Barbara on 6 January 1972, after a short illness. Graveside services with full military honors were held at Arlington National Cemetery, with classmates acting as honorary pallbearers. His daughter Evelyn, in a brief eulogy at the interment, paid a beautiful tribute to her father as a soldier, as a husband, and as a father.

He will be sorely missed by all.

—J. D. Mitchell

*His Classmate, Roommate, Friend*

\*\*\*\*\*

**Frank Thweatt Searcy**

NO. 6759 CLASS OF 1920

Died 20 July 1971 in Thomasville, Georgia, aged 74 years.

Interment: Laurel Hill Cemetery, Thomasville, Georgia

"THE OLD CAMPAIGNER," as Frank Thweatt Searcy was known to his classmates and intimates was as "natural born" soldier as one would encounter in a lifetime. Straightforward, capable and outstandingly conscientious, often apparently pessimistic but yet enthusiastic in the performance of his duty, Frank was a soldier's soldier and as such was loved and respected by all whose paths crossed with his during thirty-six years of devoted service. A few of the official commendations read, "... sound judgment, outstanding technical competence and understanding leadership..." by General LeRoy Lutes; "... sound judgment, foresight and keen devotion to duty..." General Alvin Gillem; and "... you have been an inspiration to those officers and men surrounding you..." General Robert Beightler; these substantiate the high esteem in which Frank Searcy was held by his comrades who knew him best through day to day service life.

Born in Georgia of Georgian parents, both of whom pre-dated the War Between the States, he attended elementary and secondary schools in Cairo. He continued his education at the University of Georgia, entering



FRANK THWEATT SEARCY

West Point after three years of college work and a preparatory session at Marion Institute.

At the Academy Frank was a good student, attaining a middle of the class standing with only a modicum of apparent effort in academics. That he was soldierly is attested to in that he was on the first list of "makes" following the early graduation of the upper classes and the take-over of the responsibilities of The Corps by the infant Class of 1920.

Upon graduation he was assigned to the Infantry and to Fort Benning which was "back home" to Frank. While stationed there he and his "One-And-Only" femme, the charming Grace Higdon of Calvary, Georgia, were married. The team of "Frank and Grace" was known throughout the Army for over three decades as true exponents of the old southern hospitality—loved by all.

Frank was one of the first two classmates to be selected for assignment to Tanks, which duty and interest continued intermittently through his service. With this tank background he was selected as a pioneer for the first Tank Destroyer battalion in the Army in 1940 and to lead the 1st Tank Destroyer Brigade to Europe in January 1944. For this latter command he was awarded the French Croix de Guerre with Palm for its part of the Brittany Peninsula reduction and the capture of Brest. The Bronze Star for Valor followed for distinguished and meritorious service with the XIII Corps in the difficult campaign between the Roer and Rhine rivers.

Between Tank assignments, and eventual transfer to Armor in 1942, he served with distinction with infantry regiments in The Philippines, at Fort Sill, Fort Sam Houston, Fort Warren, Wyoming, and The Panama Canal Zone.

Details as Reserve Officers' Training Corps instructor at Clemson College, student at the Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, General Staff duty at Third Army and Army Maneuver Headquarters, all with the highest praise and official commendations, were sandwiched in between pre-World War II troop assignments.

Post-war troop command included Combat Command "A", 5th Armored Division, Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, following which he was again called to General Staff duty as G-1, Fourth Army, Fort Sam Houston, Texas. In that responsibility he provided guidance

and leadership in the solution of the difficult personnel problems of the early 1950's with two commendations by the Army commander for his superior performance of duty.

Colonel Searcy's final active duty was with the Military Aid and Assistance Group in Portugal in 1953.

The following year a heart condition forced his retirement from the Army to his beloved Georgia where he lived the life of the legendary country squire. There among his family and life-long friends he enjoyed to a passion the bird hunting and fishing along with gardening of prize plants. Joining the Rotary Club in 1955 and participating in local civic affairs through the Chamber of Commerce, Community Chest and the Red Cross, he contributed in his ever generous way toward the betterment of his community while enjoying "the good life" in retirement from active military service.

The following tribute by classmate Frank Roberts portrays a true picture of Frank Searcy:

"Frank Searcy was my classmate and one of my dearest friends. We served together for the first seven years of our commissioned service and I came to know him very well indeed and to appreciate his fine qualities. He was a gentleman and a gentle man, always kind, courteous and considerate. He was also tough-fibred, firm and resolute in both thought and action.

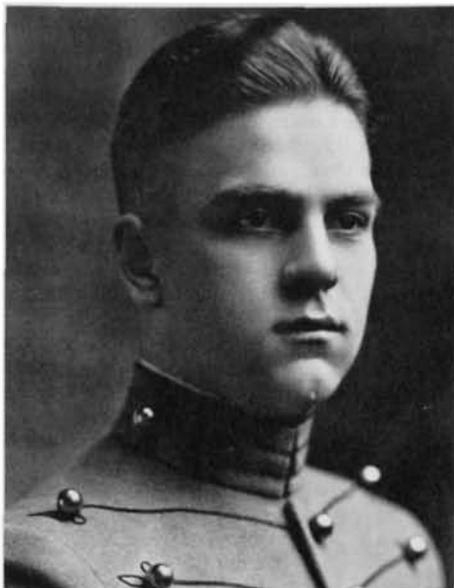
"We took the Infantry School Basic course together; then I went to the Infantry School and he to the 15th Tank Battalion at Benning. I joined him there two years later, just prior to our departure for the Philippines, where he was in the 57th Infantry and I in the 15th, both at Fort William McKinley. During most of these seven years, we were practically inseparable, and I came to admire him more, the better I knew him.

"He was quiet and reserved, unless and until his anger was roused; then, you had better stand from under. To those who knew him well, Frank's quiet, unassuming manner could not conceal the loyal, true, and devoted man beneath his calm exterior. I was proud to know him and his lovely wife Grace, and it was my loss that after our return from the Philippines, we never served together again. He was every inch a soldier, and I never knew one who so constantly lived up to the motto of his alma mater: 'Duty, Honor, Country.' God rest him!"

A sudden massive heart attack took this stalwart son of the South and of West Point on 20 July 1971. His devoted life partner, Grace, survives him in their lovely home in Thomasville.

Frank Thweatt Searcy's final commendation, graveside, by Dr. Marshall Woodson, was, "... Thank God for this man—he was, and is, a good soldier."

—S. R. Hinds



ESCALUS EMMERT ELLIOTT

8th District of Virginia—his father's boyhood home was in Petersburg, Virginia.

Our Class HOWITZER records of his Cadet days that Essie (as we called him)—"As a Plebe, was inclined to regard with disdain, the corrections of the file-closers. However, after recognition, he blossomed forth strong; hops, boodle-fights, and the old Red-Comforter were pleasures of camp that he never missed."

Upon graduation on 2 July 1920, Essie was assigned to the Infantry, but before reporting to his first station was transferred to Field Artillery. His first duty station was as a student in the Basic Course, The Field Artillery School, Camp Knox, Kentucky. Here he met his future wife, Miss June Sara Hebel, of Louisville. They were married immediately after his graduation, on 22 August 1921.

From Camp Knox, he was assigned to the horse-drawn Field Artillery, and served in that branch in Texas, Oklahoma and the Philippines. He then transferred to the Coast Artillery Corps, and served with it at Fort Monroe, Virginia, and Fort Shafter, Hawaii. In 1936, he returned to his first love—the Field Artillery—and was assigned as Assistant Professor at Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, where he remained until June 1940.

When he returned to duty with troops, he was assigned to Fort Bragg, North Carolina, until October 1944, at which time he was assigned as Commander, 63d Field Artillery Battalion, 24th Infantry Division. In this post, he served during the Leyte Campaign in the reconquest of the Philippines. Upon the successful completion of this campaign, he served with the Army of Occupation in Japan, first as Headquarters Commandant, USACOMC, and later as Commanding Officer of the Yokohama Base.

From February 1948 to October 1949, he was Training Officer, Pennsylvania National Guard, and later, Division Instructor, 37th Infantry Division, Ohio National Guard, until his retirement in 1963.

In addition to being a graduate of The Field Artillery School Basic Course, he graduated from both the Field Artillery and Coast Artillery Battery Officers' Courses, and The Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

He was authorized the following decorations and awards: Bronze Star Medal, Distinguished Unit Emblem, World War I Victory Medal, American Defense Service Medal, American Campaign Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with three Bronze Service

Stars, World War II Victory Medal, Army of Occupation Medal with Japan Clasp, National Defense Service Medal, and Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one Bronze Service Star.

The four years the Elliotts lived in Columbus, Ohio, during Essie's Reserve Officers' Training Corps assignment, and their second four year tour of duty with the Ohio National Guard there, influenced their selection of Columbus as their retirement home. Late in 1968 he was hospitalized because of an ailing heart. He was released from the hospital to spend the holiday season at his home. The day after a happy Christmas with his family, his weakened heart failed, resulting in his death. He is survived by his widow, June Hebel Elliott, 105 West Jeffrey Place, Columbus; two sons, Escalus E. Jr., and Harold Hebel, also residing in Columbus; a brother, Henry H. Elliott, of Washington, D. C.; and six grandchildren. His younger brother, Colonel George E. Elliott, USMA Class of 1924, predeceased him.

"Rest thou in Peace."

—Leslie B. Downing, Classmate



## Robert Tryon Frederick

NO. 8349 CLASS OF 1928

Died 29 November 1970 at Stanford Hospital, Palo Alto, California, aged 63 years.

Interment: National Cemetery, Presidio of San Francisco, California

SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL is said to have described Bob Frederick as one of the Allies' finest fighting generals. Certainly, he was one of the U. S. Army's youngest major generals of World War II and his many decorations and the almost reverent affection of the rugged men he led attest to the high quality and devotion of his combat leadership.

Born in San Francisco on 14 March 1907, the only son of Doctor and Mrs. Marcus White Frederick, Bob was a true heir to the West's adventurous spirit. From the outset, his unusual physical, spiritual and intellectual capacities marked him as a man apart, able to conceive and accomplish swiftly and with quiet, elegant thoroughness what most others would not consider undertaking. At fourteen he worked his way to Australia and



ROBERT TRYON FREDERICK

ASSEMBLY

## Escalus Emmert Elliott

NO. 6774 CLASS OF 1920

Died 26 December 1968 at his home in Columbus, Ohio, aged 67 years.

Interment: Union Cemetery, Columbus, Ohio

COLONEL ESCALUS EMMERT ELLIOTT, son of Henry Harold Elliott and Rose Charlotte Elliott, was born in Washington, D. C., on 3 January 1901. He attended grammar, high, and preparatory schools there, and was appointed to the Military Academy from the

back as a deck hand on a freighter. Still fourteen, he enlisted as a private in the National Guard, becoming a corporal at seventeen shortly before entering West Point on 1 July 1924.

His cadet career displayed the diversity, competence and leadership that were to mark him later as a commissioned officer. One of the youngest of his class, ranking well academically, he was deeply and creatively involved in a host of cadet activities from company commander to business manager of the HOWITZER which aptly stated, "His inherent ability to make friends, command respect, and get things done will make a great career in the Army." On 9 June 1928 he began that career as a Second Lieutenant, Coast Artillery Corps. On the same day he joined in marriage his charming and attractive Cadet sweetheart, Ruth Harloe, who shared with him the trials, suspense and achievements of the next forty-two years.

Bob's training and service for the next thirteen pre-war years were remarkably thorough and diverse. He served in every area of Coast Artillery, seacoast and anti-aircraft. As one of the first administrators of the Civilian Conservation Corps, his activities were so exceptional that three officers had to take over his duties when he left. His experience included commander, staff officer, administrator, instructor and student—continuously building toward a demanding future. He and Ruth and their young family were constantly on the move—San Francisco, New York, Panama, Oregon, Boston, Fort Monroe, Leavenworth, Hawaii. December 1941 found them in Washington where Bob, as a new lieutenant colonel, was a member of the small War Plans Division, General Staff, under General Eisenhower.

In the winter of 1941-42 Winston Churchill embraced the idea that whoever attained mobility on the snow cap of Europe would possess a critical advantage over his opponents, and he resolved that the Allies should achieve this mobility. Churchill pressed General Marshall for the United States to develop the required vehicles and organize the men to launch simultaneous destructive raids on the heavy water plants, dams and tunnels of Norway and Northern Italy and on the oil fields of Roumania. Although as a staff officer Frederick had recommended against this undertaking, Marshall accepted the task, named Frederick to command the effort, and promoted him to colonel in June 1942. Bob's solution was to create a United States-Canadian unit of 3,000 volunteers, organized as assault infantry, equipped with the Weasel which was designed and created for them and named the unit the First Special Service Force as part of their secret cover plan. These American-Canadians were rugged men who became a proud, confident, highly trained, closely-knit fighting unit under Bob's leadership. Initially they trained in Montana in Arctic assault operations, as parachutists, ski troops, demolition experts and small unit fighters without equal. When the original mission changed, they added amphibious assault and pill-box destruction to their skills—all techniques they were later to use in combat. The Force spearheaded the Aleutian Island Kiska operation on 15 August 1943 and five days later was returned at Churchill's request through the United States and Africa and launched into combat in Italy north of Naples in late November 1943. Its feats in spearheading the drive to Cassino, later at Anzio, and into the heart of Rome, became a legend of such skill and valor that the Force was made the official ancestor of the

Army's Special Forces units of a later era. Bob was the driving spirit that put this unit together, shaped and moulded it, and then led it in its finest hours. On the road, he collected the DSC, DSM, six of his total of eight Purple Hearts, the rank of brigadier general and the enemy's accolade of "The Devil's Brigade" for the Force.

In July 1944, Bob was promoted, at thirty-seven, to two-star rank and directed to assemble the First Airborne Task Force, a provisional division of parachute and glider forces of United States and British units organized to execute the airborne phase of the invasion of Southern France on 15 August 1944. Bob's skill in quickly putting this unit together, developing tactical plans and personally spearheading the action, added a classic chapter to airborne history. The airborne assault complete, the division turned east on foot to protect the Seventh Army's right flank and in the process, drove the remnants of two enemy divisions into Italy and liberated the French Riviera and Monaco.

In early December Bob assumed command of the 45th Infantry Division then moving through the Vosges toward the Rhine plain. Within ten days the division was embroiled in the eastern thrust of the Battle of the Bulge. Bob's skill as a commander and fighter, teamed with this battle-seasoned division, wrote a new chapter in the proud history of the Army. His skill in defeating the enemy's best was classic.

In the subsequent offensive he broke through the Maginot and Siegfried Lines, crashed through the Palatinate and swiftly crossed the Rhine to encircle Aschaffenburg. He then drove on to assaults on Bamberg, crossed the Danube, took Dachau and ended the war with the capture of Munich. At thirty-eight, Bob ended the war as one of the youngest, most skilled and experienced major generals in the Army's history.

He returned to the United States to command the Coast Artillery School, move it from Fort Monroe to San Francisco, then leave to become the Army's senior representative at the new Air Force University at Maxwell Field. In early 1948 he returned to Europe as commander of United States troops in Vienna. In 1949 he assumed command of Fort Ord and used his rare training skills in preparing men for the Korean War. Wanting a command in Korea, he was disappointed in being sent instead, in 1951, to head the mission in Greece. From this tour he was evacuated, ill, to Walter Reed and retired for disability on 31 March 1952. Thus at age forty-five, Bob prematurely ended a distinguished career, recognized by eighteen United States and ten foreign decorations and the respect and affection of thousands of soldiers and associates.

Bob returned to the San Francisco area and busied himself with the family interests and the needs of his former soldiers until his death on 29 November 1970. He is survived by his wife Ruth; two daughters, Mrs. Jane Fee and Mrs. Anne Hicks; and eight grandchildren and a legion of friends and former soldiers to whom he is a legend of military achievement and friendship.

—KGW, friend and comrade



\*\*\*\*\*

## Merle Russell Thompson

NO. 8527 CLASS OF 1929

Died 11 March 1971 at Winchester, Virginia, aged 66 years.

Interment: Culpeper National Cemetery, Culpeper, Virginia



MERLE RUSSELL THOMPSON

THE CLASS OF 1929 lost one of its most valued members on 11 March 1971 when Merle succumbed to a heart attack in Winchester, Virginia. Merle was one of those steady, dependable citizens who are of utmost importance to our country as a whole and the Army in particular.

He was born at Swan Lake, Minnesota, on 20 April 1904, and lost no time in joining the Army, having entered it at the age of eighteen. His first service years were spent in Hawaii where he took the entrance examinations for West Point. His past enlisted experience stood him in good stead for the disciplines of our Alma Mater, and his natural intelligence enabled him to graduate near the top of the Class.

Assigned to the Coast Artillery upon graduation, he stayed with it until his retirement (though the branch name changed), serving in Hawaii, Fort Totten, Fort Monroe, Panama, and Fort Sheridan. During the early assignment at Fort Totten he was sent on detached service with the Civilian Conservation Corps to the high Sierras from May to December 1933. He also attended the Regular and Special Courses at the Coast Artillery School at Fort Monroe.

When the Japanese struck, Merle was at Fort Bliss with an anti-aircraft regiment, but soon left for Camp Hulen to activate and train the 436th Anti-aircraft Automatic Weapons Battalion, which he took into the North African invasion in November 1942. The amphibious invasion was made at Fedala, French Morocco, and he then moved on to Casablanca and Port Lyautey protecting airfields. In 1943 Merle became Anti-aircraft Officer of the I Corps Headquarters, helped make the plans for the Sicilian invasion, and made the amphibious landing at Gela, Sicily, as Anti-aircraft Officer, Seventh Army. His innate ability was next put to use helping to plan for the invasion of Southern France, where he landed near Toulon with the Seventh Army. In recognition of his work under General Patton and later under Gen-

eral Patch, Merle received the Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Bronze Star, and the Croix de Guerre with Palm.

After the war Merle was head of the Tactics Department of the Antiaircraft School, served two years in the Headquarters, Army Ground Forces, and three years with G3, Organization and Training, in the Pentagon. He was a student at the Ecole Superieure de Guerre in Paris from 1950 to 1952, followed by a year at Supreme Headquarters, Allied Powers, Europe. Again he served in the Pentagon with the Joint Staff and with G3, U.S. Army, then left for Fort Totten in 1954, where he served as Deputy Commander, First Region, Army Antiaircraft Command.

Merle retired in 1957 at his own request after more than thirty years service to head the Foreign Relations Department of the American Iron and Steel Institute in New York, where he proved his ability again, this time in the field of industry. When this job lost its interest Merle was asked to be the Director of Development for Converse College, Spartanburg, South Carolina, where he succeeded in raising about \$2,500,000 for the College before he decided to retire with his beloved wife Ella, at a home they had found near Middletown, Virginia. This home they re-modeled and beautified extensively. Before long he was a vestryman for Christ Episcopal Church in Winchester, Virginia, where he and Ella made numerous friends once more, as attested to by the large attendance at his final services. During these same years he became interested in the ruins of an old chapel (St. Thomas) in Middletown, succeeded in raising a considerable sum of money and support for its restoration, which is still in progress. He got the floor replaced, found the long-lost pews and original bell, got the chapel air-conditioned for better preservation. Services have been held in it, thanks to all of his work and devotion.

Merle is survived by a daughter by his first marriage, Marie Lawless, who gave him three grandsons and a granddaughter, and by a step-daughter, Mary Ellen Voci, who also presented him with two granddaughters. His wife Ella Luke Thompson, now lives at 826 King James Street, Apt. C, Roanoke, Virginia 24014.

Merle will be sorely missed by his classmates in the Washington area where he often attended Class luncheons, cocktail dinners and picnics with them. The Long Gray Line was surely enriched by this member.

\*\*\*\*\*

## Frederick Dwight Atkinson

NO. 8935 CLASS OF 1930

Died 18 October 1971 at Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland, aged 66 years.

Interment: Fort Lawton, Washington

FREDERICK DWIGHT ATKINSON—soldier and teacher. Fred excelled in both capacities and he made an indelible imprint upon his military associates and students alike.

Fred was born in New Cumberland, West Virginia, on 9 July 1905, the son of Charles S. Atkinson and Flora (Garlick) Atkinson. He died at Malcolm Grow Hospital, Andrews Air Force Base, on 18 October 1971. His beloved wife, Claire, had preceded him in death on 3 July 1970. He is survived by a daughter, Elizabeth (Mrs. R. W.) Deputy, and two



FREDERICK DWIGHT ATKINSON

grandchildren, at 1280 Jamaica Road, West, Jacksonville, Florida; a sister, Mrs. Curtis A. Schrader, of Camp Hill, Pennsylvania; and a brother, Charles W. Atkinson of New Cumberland, West Virginia. He was a Master Mason of Lawton Lodge No. 292.

Fred was graduated from Washington and Jefferson College in Washington, Pennsylvania, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1925. He originally planned on a career in medicine but while at Washington and Jefferson he became interested in West Point. After teaching in New Cumberland High School for a year, he entered the Military Academy in July 1926.

Having already spent four years in college, Fred took West Point in stride. Academics were no problem and this period of his life can best be described by the 1930 HOWITZER:

"Success at the Military Academy or anywhere for that matter, consists chiefly in implanting a feeling of respect and admiration in the minds of your fellow-beings. Based on this criterion, we proclaim Freddy an unqualified success. His sterling worth and dependability are common knowledge to his vast number of friends. There is a maturity and depth to his character rarely found in a cadet."

Upon graduation, Fred was commissioned in the Field Artillery and was serving with the 8th Field Artillery Regiment at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, in 1935 when he met and courted Clara Berry. They were married at Ft. Lewis, Washington, on 7 April 1938. From July 1941 to December 1943 Fred was Instructor and Assistant Professor of Chemistry and Electricity at West Point.

Fred served in the Pacific during World War II as Executive Officer of the 418th Field Artillery Group and later in Korea as Assistant Artillery Officer, Headquarters Eighth Army, FECOM. In March 1947 he became Assistant Transportation Officer, FECOM, and he transferred to the Transportation Corps in 1950. In that branch he served as Post Commander of Fort Lawton, Washington, and as Deputy Terminal Commander of the Brooklyn Army Terminal. Fred was promoted to Brigadier General in August 1956. From 1956 to 1959 he was Transportation Officer, USAREUR, and upon his retirement in August 1960 he was Commandant of the Transportation School at Ft. Eustis, Virginia.

Following retirement, Fred returned to

his old love: teaching. Having received his Master's Degree in Education from George Washington University in 1963, he accepted a position teaching Chemistry at Oxon Hill High School in Maryland. He enjoyed his work and most of his students will well remember the effective but sometimes unusual and far-out teaching methods of "Mr." Atkinson. As sponsor of a Civil Air Patrol Squadron, he taught close-order drill and military courtesy and donned the light blue uniform of the Air Force in the grade of Captain. He was almost as proud of those silver bars as he was of his Army stars! As Fred once wrote to his classmate, Sandy Stone, "It is just about where I 'came in' some thirty years ago!"

Fred became chairman of the science department at Oxon Hill High School before his second retirement in 1968.

Shortly after Claire's untimely passing, Fred's health failed and he followed her in death about fifteen months later.

Rare indeed is the man who *always* does a good job. Fred was one of that uncommon type to whom the description truly applied. No matter what task he had to perform, whether it be soldiering or teaching, it was always done with a thoroughness and efficiency that was the hallmark of the man. The word "dependable" and its synonyms, "trustworthy," and "reliable," probably best describe him. Yet he was extremely modest, sometimes to the point of being self-effacing. At his desire he was "Mr." and not "General" Atkinson after his military retirement. Again, as he expressly wished, rather than having a military service, his funeral service was a quiet one in the church where he had been Sunday School Superintendent years before. Not that he loved the Army less, but he didn't want to bother the troops!

A good man has gone, and the world is poorer for his loss.

—C. A. Schrader

\*\*\*\*\*

## John William Keating

NO. 9569 CLASS OF 1932

Died 27 February 1970 in Fort Belvoir, Virginia, aged 61 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

ON 27 FEBRUARY 1970, Brigadier General John William Keating, who had dedicated his entire adult life to the service of his country, died at De Witt Army Hospital, Fort Belvoir, Virginia. A memorial service was held in the Chapel at Arlington Cemetery on 2 March and interment was at West Point on 3 March.

John was born in Neenah, Wisconsin, on 28 May 1908. He attended the public schools in Neenah, graduating from high school in 1926. He matriculated in Lawrence College in 1927 and terminated his enrollment there to enter West Point in 1928 on an appointment from Senator Blaine. He graduated from West Point in 1932.

Big John chose the Infantry upon graduation and remained loyal to that branch until his selection to General Officer rank. He served with distinction as a student in a succession of service schools, as a faculty member of Service Colleges, as a staff member from the battalion to the Army level and as a commander. His exploits as Chief of Staff of the 66th Infantry Division during



JOHN WILLIAM KEATING

World War II were chronicled in various national publications of the period.

At the conclusion of World War II, John was assigned to Japan as Assistant G3, Eighth Army. In 1947 he returned to the United States to command the 3d Battalion, 38th Infantry, at the Artillery School, Fort Sill, Oklahoma. In 1949 he attended the National War College and following graduation was assigned to the faculty of the Army War College. In 1953 he left the faculty of the Army War College and went to Korea where he commanded the 223d Infantry Regiment, 40th Division, located in Ch'orwon Valley. In the spring of 1954, John was named Assistant Chief of Staff, G3, of the Eighth United States Army.

In the latter part of 1954, he returned to the United States and was assigned to the Office of the Inspector General, United States Army. In 1957 John became the Executive Officer of the National War College where he served until the summer of 1959 when he was promoted to General Officer rank.

Big John returned to Germany as Assistant Division Commander of the 8th Infantry Division and as Brigade Commander of the 8th Airborne Brigade. In 1960 John was appointed Director of Operations, Office of Deputy Chief of Staff for Military Operations, Department of Army. John retired for physical disability in the summer of 1962 with more than thirty-four years of service to his country.

John continued in the service of his country after his retirement from the Army. He worked as a consultant and as a Military Operations Analyst, authoring many noteworthy technical publications. It was during this period his disabilities began to take their toll. Although he was hospitalized frequently and his suffering was acute, he did not quit or complain but continued relentlessly to render an outstanding service and to exert his leadership. He was a man of great moral and physical courage who never sought an easy judgment or task.

All who knew Big John benefited from the experience. His six-foot, four-inch frame cast a giant shadow and his thoughtfulness and consideration of others highlighted his image. From his frequent battles with the Academic and Tactical Department to his final and inevitable battle with death, his love of life and keen sense of humor never faltered or diminished. We remember a class picture taken at Aberdeen during the Virginia trip in our First Class year. The class is posed

around and on a sixteen-inch gun. John can be identified on the extreme left of the picture as he can also be identified in a slightly different pose on the extreme right. This antic was characteristic of his life—Big John covered the spectrum.

John shared his career and his love with the one and only girl in his life. Soon after graduation he married Beatrice Haase, who had been a recipient of daily letters during his years as a cadet. John and Bedie were blessed with two sons, Michael and Patrick. Each son is a graduate of the Military Academy and dedicated to the service of his country. Could any man ask to leave a finer heritage? Big John!

—P. H.

\*\*\*\*\*

## Victor Charles Huffsmith

NO. 10123 CLASS OF 1934

Died 4 August 1970 at Loveland Memorial Hospital, Loveland, Colorado, aged 61 years.

Interment: Loveland, Colorado

THE WORLD is a little better since he passed this way. Without reservation he freely gave of himself as a soldier, a scholar, a scientist, an administrator, a banker, but most of all as a warm human who numbered among his friends the great and the unknown of men. Through his will, his spirit and example, he inspired men to actions far beyond their normal capacities. This man loved his country and was proud to serve its government and its people. In all the activities of his life he never forgot "his people" or his "Uncle Sugar."

A man who gave so much of himself and in turn asked so little was Victor Charles Huffsmith, born in Evans, Colorado, on 17 May 1909. Vic loved his Colorado with its hunting and fishing. The freedom of its mountain streams and the majesty and strength of its mighty peaks became part of him.

In a letter to Brigadier General Earl McFarland, written on 20 November 1942 after almost a year of leading his men through untold hardships in the Philippine Campaign, Major Huffsmith wrote:

"When I see pictures and read old accounts of Air Corps heroes from the Philippines



VICTOR CHARLES HUFFSMITH

being back in the States with their wives and families I become violently jealous. How I would like to be home with my family tonight and how I would like to see all my "heroes" of the Philippines home with their families, too. I swear that I am going to do my 'two bits worth' every day and on Sundays I will do an extra 'two bits worth' for Johnny, George, Ed, Al, Bob, Lee, Master Sergeant Richardson, and all the rest so that we can get this thing over with soon."

Vic attended Colorado A&M College before entering the United States Military Academy where he graduated in the Class of 1934. In the city of New York on 13 June 1934, Vic took Fern L. Kunce as his bride, and from this lifelong and happy union came a son Richard, and a daughter Nancy, a family of which Vic and Fern were justly proud.

In the military service of his country, Vic rose from Second Lieutenant to Colonel while serving as an Ordnance Officer. Colonel Huffsmith participated in the Philippine Campaign, the Southeast Pacific Campaign and on the Air Forces Board in World War II. He achieved military honors to include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star and the Presidential Unit Citation with three Oak Leaf Clusters. Because of wounds received in action, Colonel Huffsmith was medically retired from active service in 1946. This did not end his service to his country for he became Associate Director of Air Weapons Research at the University of Chicago. From 1948 to 1957, with the responsibilities of Associate Director, Vic was to administer and guide research projects at the University of Denver Research Center.

Of all his accomplishments in a life of service, Vic was very proud of being a banker. In the nearby growing community of Loveland, Colorado, a need existed for an Industrial Bank to attract and finance industry in the area, as well as to help workers and business meet the ever growing demands of the economy. In conjunction with some of the townspeople of Loveland, Vic co-founded, built and directed the Loveland Guaranty Industrial Bank. At the time of his death he was Chairman of the Board. He was truly a friendly banker.

After the children, Richard and Nancy, were married and had established their own homes, Vic and Fern returned to their mountain home "Ferdell" on the Big Thompson River near Loveland, Colorado. Retirement was not to be for the Huffsmiths. The population of the Big Thompson Canyon had grown and a mountain community needed a fire department. Unselfishly Vic gave of his time and resources and as a result the Big Thompson Volunteer Fire Department was established, and Colonel Huffsmith remained its guiding light the rest of his life. The canyon community was without television so at the request of many of the residents of the canyon, Vic, with his own resources, designed, engineered, constructed and maintained a community TV antenna system.

For sixty-one years Victor Charles Huffsmith trod this earth. Those of us who were fortunate enough to cross his path found the day a little warmer, the sun a little brighter, and the nights far less fearsome after he had passed by. On 4 August 1970 in his beloved mountains, that great heart burst, and while the body is laid to rest the spirit of Victor Charles Huffsmith lives in the hearts of "his people" who have sworn to uphold "Duty, Honor, Country."

—Lt. Col. John N. Horton

\*\*\*\*\*

# Charles LeRoy Reynoldson

NO. 14543 CLASS OF 1945

Died 18 December 1968 in Cornwall,  
New York, aged 47 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York



CHARLES LEROY REYNOLDSON

CHARLES LEROY REYNOLDSON—dedicated, patriotic American; devoted husband and family man; tireless worker; compassionate friend; true gentleman; wonderful human being! All of these things describe Chuck but they are not enough, and only through close association with him would one be fortunate enough to have the privilege of saying, "he was a friend of mine."

Chuck was born on 26 July 1921 in our Nation's Capitol and was imbued from childhood with the idea of service to his country. Woodrow Wilson High School, Washington, D. C.; Sullivan's Prep School, Washington, D. C.; and Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa, prepared Chuck for the United States Military Academy, West Point, New York, where he entered in July of 1942.

From the humble beginnings of "Plebe" life at West Point, it was obvious that Chuck and the Army were made for each other. In his characteristic way, Chuck took on all systems at the Academy wholeheartedly with the view of being successful in whatever was thrown at him. While Chuck never lost sight of his goal, that of being a professional engineer (and his top academic ratings attested to this ambition), he circulated just as readily and easily in the athletic and social worlds.

Chuck was a good athlete as many of the qualities that brought him success in the classroom also drove him to excell on "the fields of friendly strife." He started as the rankst beginner in lacrosse and persisted until he made Corps Squad and lettered for two years. He gave as much of himself to the midfield position and the team as he did to the parsing of a quadratic or contouring the Torne on the Schunemunk Quadrangle.

Chuck was also an integral part of the Plebe afterhours social and brass working fraternity, and the increased freedom of the following two upperclass years seldom found him in the barracks on Saturday nights unless the duty roster indicated other-

wise. His widespread acquaintances in his hometown of Washington gave his First Class weekends there a blurred unreality of life at twice normal speed. Play was as dedicated as his studies, but each had its place.

Suddenly, or so it seemed, his social activities centered on one location and on one person, and this concentration eventually led to marriage with Miss Dorothy Paine of Watertown, New York, on 24 August 1945 at Watertown. Dedication as husband, and later family man, joined that of his professional career.

After graduating into the Corps of Engineers and with the additional training at Fort Belvoir, Chuck sailed off to Korea to join the 13th Engineer Battalion as his first tour of duty in his long and active Army career. Among the many places Chuck served were: Sandia Base, Fort Belvoir, Harvard University, Germany, Frankford Arsenal, Saudi Arabia, Vietnam and Governor's Island. It is always difficult to determine the peaks of a career, but certainly Chuck's duty in Vietnam must be considered as one of his highlights from the point of view of interest and value to the United States Forces and those of South Vietnam.

During the period January 1962 to January 1964, Chuck served as the Academic Advisor to the Vietnamese National Military Academy. He was responsible for setting up and directing the academic program for the Vietnamese Academy. Due to the shortage of qualified instructors, Chuck had to outline the Program of Instruction and teach many classes. He met each problem as a personal challenge and from practically nothing could develop a workable solution. In addition to the academic responsibility, Chuck was the American Advisor for the continuing construction of the Military Academy. He was faced with one problem after another, and he met each one with understanding and forcefulness. The Vietnam Academy reflects his influence today.

Despite his heavy official responsibilities, Chuck always had time to help a friend, American or Vietnamese, and enjoy his family. Everyone at Dalat that knew him loved and respected him as a soldier and a friend.

In January 1964, Chuck returned home to his final tour of duty in the active army where he became the post Engineer at Fort Jay on Governor's Island, in New York City. At that time First Army Headquarters was one of the tenants. This was a mixed blessing for Chuck because of the top heavy rank situation on the Island, and the frequent comings and going of high ranking families, all wanting some little special consideration. However, he was up to it and all the problems, both engineering and house-keeping. When a water shortage threatened New York (and the Island), the golf course and the carefully kept shrubbery were to be sacrificed as a matter of public relations. Chuck's imagination and understanding of basic support problems for an old time fort like Jay led him to start researching old maps and drawings of the post. He found what he was sure was the main water cistern and spring on an old print, well over a hundred years old. When his men dug on the spot they found the old brick cistern full of water and a requisitioned water truck saved the greens and flowering landscape. Shortly thereafter, word came down that the old post was to be turned over to the United States Coast Guard. Chuck went to work again and was one of the busiest on the staff, working up briefings for the Coast Guard Officers.

He soon became a most sought after and most popular Army officer, being able to answer almost any question about the facility and at the same time showing his sincere concern and thoughtfulness for their problems. He was the best icebreaker the army could have and did a magnificent job in closing out this fine old army installation.

While it has been alluded to, little has been mentioned thus far about Chuck's family life. As in everything else, Chuck was the kind of man that few families are lucky enough to have. To say that he did everything at home would be an understatement and yet those words do describe him. An old friend and roommate at West Point once said the following: "On my one visit with them in the Bethesda area where they lived in 1962, I was very impressed with the outstanding maturity of the children. I consider this a major achievement, a living monument to Chuck and tribute to Dorothy, that their parenthood had endowed such a heritage on these kids. This despite the enforced separation of army life." In spite of all the pressures of everyday life, Chuck and Dorothy always had time for their family and friends—a rare occurrence in these times.

As Chuck prepared to turn over Fort Jay to the United States Coast Guard, thoughts of retirement were running through his mind and when the opportunity of becoming Post Engineer at the New York Military Academy (NYMA), Cornwall-on-Hudson, New York, was offered to him, he decided to take on his second career in an area where he could see more of his family, relatives and friends. The army lost a great officer, but Chuck was continuing to serve his country by preparing young men for college at an institution where the ROTC program was a way of life.

It was obvious that to keep Chuck at the Post Engineer level would not in any way exploit his tremendous talent, and he was almost immediately made the Director of Services at NYMA, which encompassed the Post Engineer position and all support services at the Academy. Under Chuck's expert direction, order was made out of chaos and the eighty year old institution began to take on a new look after many years of growing decadence. Chuck's programs for the future of the Academy were carefully planned and, today, several years after his passing, they are still the guidelines the Academy is following in its rebuilding program.

Chuck's untimely demise came on 18 December 1968 in the Cornwall Hospital of a massive coronary. Chuck was struck down while he and his son were skiing on the slopes of Mount Beacon, just across the Hudson River from Newburgh, New York. No words can express the feelings of his family and friends over the unexpected loss of Chuck. While the death of a loved one is never easy, it seemed doubly hard on everyone who knew him because Chuck was such a vital force in his home, where he worked, and in his community.

Chuck was buried in the cemetery at West Point where he would remain forever in the country-side that he loved so much and which played such an important part in molding his life. The large turnout of his colleagues and friends gave quiet testimony to this fine soldier. Chuck cared; he gave of his time to his fellow man; he could face his maker knowing it could be said of him "—Well Done!"

Chuck is survived by his widow, Dorothy, who has remained in Cornwall; his elder

daughter, Mrs. Barbara Heesch, and her two children; his younger daughter, Mrs. Kathryn Ward; and his son, Charles L. Reynolds, Jr.

—Philip B. Toon  
friend of the family

\*\*\*\*\*

## Harper Brown Keeler

NO. 21127 CLASS OF 1957

Died 30 January 1969 in Vietnam,  
aged 33 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

"TIME, LIKE AN EVER ROLLING  
STREAM,  
BEARS ALL ITS SONS AWAY."

—Isaac Watts, 1719,  
based on Psalm 90

"HOP" KEELER DIED as he lived, in the main-stream of life, always seeking the fastest water. In his short thirty-three years he accomplished more than most men who live their three score and ten to "... spend our years as a tale that is told... for it is soon cut cut off, and we fly away." —Psalm 90:9-10.

Harper Brown Keeler went down in flames on the night of 30 January 1969, doing what he felt was his duty. No man has taken his oath to uphold the constitution of the United States of America more conscientiously than he. His brief lifetime was a masterful orchestration of roles as a son, soldier, scholar, husband, and father.

Harper Brown Keeler was born in Galveston, Texas, on 9 August 1935, while his father was serving in the Coast Artillery at Fort Crockett. Although his father was a Connecticut Yankee, he proudly adopted his mother's Texan heritage and faithfully drove under its banner throughout his career. As the middle of three sons, he learned to compete at a very early age, a feat which stood him in good stead throughout his lifetime. A true descendant of the Long Gray Line, he took his first steps at another Coast Artillery post later to achieve its own niche in history, Fort Mills on Corregidor Island in the Philippines. His formal education began at West Point where his father, later a Brigadier General, USAF, was teaching mathematics. As a youngster his typical dirty little boy vigor—a legacy left to his two sons a generation later—kept him involved in whatever was going on. His father once remarked to his mother (shortly after a change of station): "I have just seen the saddest sight I ever saw, Harper Keeler walking all alone." This was truly a rare occasion for a boy who walked through life with a host of friends.

Hop completed his elementary education in Washington already destined to be a leader. Although the school officials wanted someone else to captain the school patrol, his classmates would have no one but Hop. Both this class and his graduating class chose him as their president. He won additional honors as the school's top athlete. One of his trophies most valued by his family was his first, won at this time, as "Outstanding Sportsman and Player in the Junior Night Basketball League of Anacostia."

Following World War II, when his family was living in England, he attended St. Paul's School in London for two years. This was a formidable experience, but he prevailed and completed a form known as Geography VIII, which later proved to be a fine back-



HARPER BROWN KEELER

ground for his doctorate. Over six feet tall at fifteen, he demonstrated his continuing athletic powers on the school tennis team. His accolades included the Best Colt (under sixteen) trophy in track, followed by the most valuable team member the following year. Although somewhat dismayed by the lack of basketball in England, he quickly transferred his skill to the local environment and earned his "colours" as a third rugger in their own game. By the time he graduated from high school in Frankfurt, Germany, his academic and athletic achievements were better known and he was selected as the Best Basketball Player in the European Command, 1953.

When the big transplanted Texan dropped his bags on 3 July 1953, he had overcome a personal struggle with high blood pressure that threatened to keep him out of West Point. Hop's cadet days are well documented. (Off the record are the hilarious letters home, setting forth life with such characters as Julio, Jerry, Waxey, Huck.) Roommates, company-mates, teammates, and classmates all join in their praise of his comradery and leadership. His generous donation of time to those less academically inclined did not detract from his outstanding academic achievements and his stars. As a first classman he commanded M-2, maintaining the hallowed traditions of M Company. During June Week 1957 he received the award for the Outstanding Company Commander.

Upon graduation, after another struggle with the medics to join the Air Force, he took a former London school friend, Gail Lautzenheiser, recently of Cornell, as his bride and announced "off we go." His roommate prophetically wrote in 1956, "For him success was inevitable."

After six months of pilot training in Florida, he returned to his native Texas, where he won his wings and Gail presented him with Susan Rebecca two days after she completed a round of golf. Whenever you wanted to find Hop you looked either toward the center of activity or out in front, his usual position. Greater evidence of his potential soon became apparent to both his peers and superiors. His first assignment to a squadron took him but thirty miles from Texas to Oklahoma where he spent five years learning his profession, raising his family, which now included two sons, Harper Brown Jr., and Michael Ross, while maturing into what

one commander called "the only potential general officer I've ever known."

An avid reader and student of the world, Hop was sent to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology to study Political Science prior to a tour at the Air Force Academy. While there, he excelled and was selected to continue for his Ph.D. After the degree was awarded in June 1966 he taught Political Science for two years, delighted with his chosen profession, doing a superb job because he loved life, people, and particularly youth. He sought to teach by giving of himself unselfishly. After his death, a cadet that had won a coveted Rhodes Scholarship commented, "No one person ever influenced my life so much."

The conflict in Southeast Asia concerned him, and he felt it was his duty to make his professional contribution. During the summer of 1968 he volunteered to enter combat crew training. He completed training in RF-4C Phantoms at Shaw AFB, South Carolina, before proceeding to Saigon in December. On his thirteenth mission, he was shot down near Nha Trang, South Vietnam, on a night low-level reconnaissance mission.

Major Harper Brown Keeler was buried at West Point on 19 February 1969, amid a congregation of friends and his family. One of his comrades who knew him well wrote: "He was a man full of love and courage, and life is stale without him..."

His enthusiasm and determination are gone but his spirit remains as an inspiration to those who carry on. He shared this characteristic with his wife, an inseparable part of a team, who continues to espouse his unending faith in mankind.

—G. D. H.

\*\*\*\*\*

## James LeRoy Smith

NO. 28275 CLASS OF 1969

Died 15 February 1971 in a helicopter  
crash in Vietnam, aged 26 years.

Interment: Blue Ridge Memorial Gardens,  
Beckley, West Virginia

JIM LOVED WEST POINT. His enthusiasm, drive, conscientious approach, and devotion to duty made him happy there and happy in his career in the Army.

He achieved so much in his short life. He began his education in a one-room school.



JAMES LEROY SMITH

There his teacher noticed his desire to achieve and commented that he would reach whatever goal he set in life. His high school records were even further proof of the success he was to attain. He graduated from Pineville High School in 1961 in the upper ten per cent of his class, of which he was president.

Pursuing a college preparatory course in high school, he was active in the Geometry and Science Clubs, and the Minutemen, Audio-Visual Aids, Pep, Conservation, and 4-H Clubs. He was also chosen to play the leading role in the senior play.

Following graduation, he worked in an effort to save money to further his education. He was employed at the R. M. Saunders Dental Laboratory in Roanoke, Virginia, and later worked part-time as an assistant in the display department of Coyle and Richardson Department Store in Charleston, West Virginia, while attending West Virginia State College.

He enlisted in the Army as a Private in September 1963 and completed basic training at Fort Knox, Kentucky. He completed the Field Artillery Course at the Advanced Training Center in Fort Sill, Oklahoma, 18 May 1964.

While at Fort Sill, he received two trophies, "First in Physical Fitness Trainee of Company" and "Outstanding Trainee of Company." He also received a Certificate of Proficiency, completing training with an average of 96.4, in the upper ten per cent of his class.

As he continued in the Army, his major desire was to enter the United States Military Academy. He was selected for and graduated, 28 May 1965, from the United States Military Academy Preparatory School at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. He then received a Regular Army appointment to the Military Academy at West Point, being nominated by James Kee of the Fifth Congressional District of West Virginia.

At West Point, he was captain of the Parachute Club, Collegiate champions in 1967, and received a letter of commendation for accomplishments during the Intercollegiate Parachute Championship conducted in Tahlequah, Oklahoma. Jim also met qualifications for an Instructor's Certificate in Sport Parachuting and received it on 11 May 1970.

While a cadet at West Point, Jim held membership in the Rocket Society, Spanish Club, and Scuba Club, and was Company HOWITZER Representative for Company G, Fourth Regiment. His Company G was presented the Best Company Award for the month of September 1968.

Jim also attended Airborne Training and Jungle Warfare School, while at West Point, obtaining certification in both.

Jim graduated from the United States Military Academy in June of 1969. He graduated number three hundred and twenty six in his class of eight hundred. Jim was named Outstanding Company Commander of the Fourth Regiment, United States Corps of Cadets and received a silver tray in recognition. On the morning of 3 June 1969, Jim graduated and culminated what, to me, was the fulfillment of a dream which came to him through dedication and his determination and effort.

Jim then attended and successfully completed the Infantry Officers Basic Course and received his diploma 14 October 1969. After Infantry Basic, Jim went on to become an honor graduate of the United States Army, Ranger School and graduated 16 December 1969. He was then stationed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, for three months before going overseas.

Jim looked forward to serving in Vietnam. Prior to beginning his year tour, he came home, bringing his fiancée, Monica Chelakian, of Jeffersonville, New York. During their visit, he did all the things he had enjoyed as a boy, fishing, hiking over the mountains, and being outdoors.

On 28 June, he began his tour in Vietnam. He volunteered to serve with the L Company Rangers, 75th Infantry, 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile).

On 17 November, he received the Purple Heart for wounds received in action. We did not know of this until after his death.

On the evening of 15 February 1971, he died in a helicopter crash two miles east of Pha Bai Airport in the Republic of Vietnam. A Ranger team was in enemy contact and had a seriously wounded team member. Jim had volunteered to guide the extraction aircraft to the Ranger team's location. After evacuating the wounded man, the helicopter lifted up into low lying clouds and heavy rain and lost sight of the ground. The pilot immediately went to radar control but the craft disappeared from the radar scope, and crashed.

Men of his company knew him as "Smiling Jim" as his was the first face many wounded men saw in the rescue missions he commanded.

He was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star Medal for Achievement with Oak Leaf Cluster, a second Purple Heart, and Combat Infantryman Badge.

Prior to his death, he was awarded the Army Commendation Medal, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Parachutist Badge, Expert Badge with Automatic Rifle Bar, and Ranger Tab.

Word has been received that Jim will receive the Armed Forces Medal, First Class, from the Government of the Republic of Vietnam.

Consolation is often hard to find when we think of losing a son at such an early age; but to us, he has sacrificed his life in the highest tradition of "Duty, Honor, Country." He will now join the silent members of the "Long Gray Line" and his name will be forever remembered in the history of his country and his Alma Mater, West Point.

—Family and Friends

## Down The Field

Continued from page 96

Federici (Paterson, NJ) and Kaardal played key roles in helping the Cadets to a respectable fifth place.

**SWIMMING (5-8)**—Despite the sub-par dual-meet record, the 1971-72 season should long be remembered here. That's the year the Military Academy hosted the NCAA Swimming and Diving Championships.

Sell-out crowds and coverage by ABC-TV Sports were just part of the three-day meet. The best swimmers and divers in the nation were in attendance, and before the final splash, ten NCAA and American records had been bettered.

Speaking of records, Bill Deatherage (Wayne, PA) and Tom Slear (Baltimore, MD) set new Academy standards during the regular season. Deatherage set his in the 1000-yard freestyle, while Slear had a 1:57.4 in the 200-yard butterfly.

Prospects for next year are promising. Only five lettermen graduate, with 11 letter-winners scheduled to return. This group includes Deatherage and Slear, as well as Bill Orton (McLean, VA), Terry Callahan (Des Moines, IA), Jeff Boat-

right (Memphis, TN) and divers Sandy Rubinstein (Monsey, NY) and Dave Siegel (Lodi, CA).

**TRACK (6-5)**—Injuries, especially in the distance running events, hampered the indoor cindermen considerably, and did a lot to keep the victory total down. Yet there were many individual highlights during the course of the season.

The most notable achievements came from sprinter Tony Dedmond (Pasco, WA), who was crowned the 60-yard dash champion in both the Heptagonal and IC4A championship meets. Dedmond and Marshall Best (Falfurrias, TX), who finished second in the Heps, both qualified in the 60-dash for the NCAA meet, but neither placed. Dedmond pulled a leg muscle and may miss some of the spring season as a result.

Two-miler Les Alm (Phillips, WI) broke the nine-minute mark in another outstanding achievement, thereby becoming only the third cadet ever to accomplish that feat. Alm had an 8:57.1 clocking in the IC4A meet at Princeton.

Consistent efforts came from Kent Butts (Daytona Beach, FL) in the 35-pound weight, captain-elect Jack Cerny (Osceola, NB) in the long and triple jump, Clint

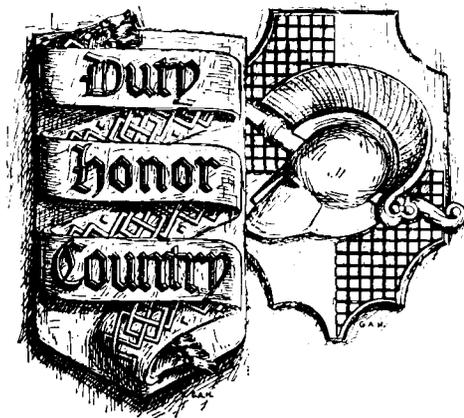
Miner (Ridgewood, NJ) in the mile, John Valant (Elmhurst, IL) in the hurdles and Cort Bivens (Midland, TX) and Steve Hannan (Wilmington, DE) in the 600-yard run.

**WRESTLING (13-6-1)**—This year's mat edition won more dual meets than any other ARMY team, despite a slow start in which the Cadets managed one victory in the first four meets.

Tournament competition left veteran coach LeRoy Alitz somewhat disappointed, however. ARMY finished ninth in the Eastern Tournament, and managed to qualify only three wrestlers for the NCAA championships. No one earned a place there.

Dual-meet competition saw several fine records. Dale Morgan (Canton, PA) at 190 and heavyweight, Ray Ritacco (Nutley, NJ) at 177, Bill James (River Falls, WI) at 134 and Bill Webb (Carlisle, PA) at 150-158 proved the most consistent. Yet in the Easterns both Ritacco and Webb failed to qualify for the nationals.

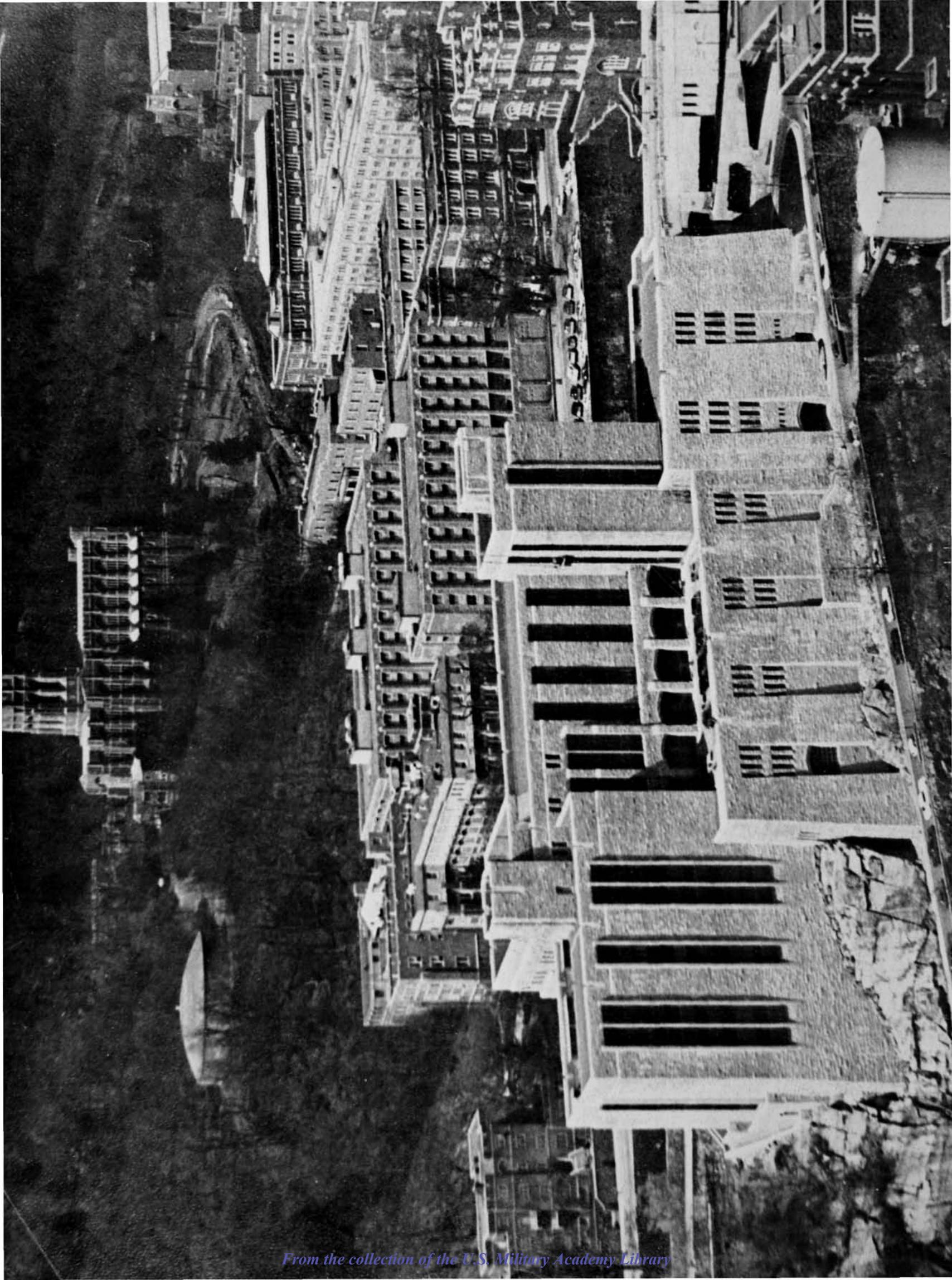
Morgan took a second in the Eastern meet, while James settled for a fourth. Nage Damas (Kansas City, MO) provided the most pleasant surprise when he battled back in the consolation bracket to earn a fourth place.



# Last Roll Call

Report of deaths of graduates and former cadets received since the publication of the Winter 1972 ASSEMBLY.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>	<i>Place of Death</i>
Robert H. Van Volkenburgh	1913	5 March	1972...San Francisco, California
Frank E. Emery Jr.	1915	15 April	1972...La Jolla, California
Clifford R. Jones	1915	12 March	1972...San Antonio, Texas
Earl M. Price	1915	17 April	1972...Cambria, California
Harlan L. Mumma	1916	2 April	1972...MacDill AFB, Florida
Louis A.V. DeCleene	Ex-1916	7 April	1972...De Pere, Wisconsin
Roy D. Paterson	Jun 1918	25 March	1972...San Francisco, California
Francis E. Rundell	Jun 1918	16 March	1972...Daytona Beach, Florida
John S. Winn Jr.	Nov 1918	9 March	1972...Carmel, California
Eugene McGinley	1919	12 February	1972...Washington, D. C.
Henry J. D. Meyer	1919	4 March	1972...Cornwall, New York
Edward J. McGaw	1920	19 March	1972...San Francisco, California
William W. McMillan	1920	19 December	1971...Rochester, New York
Charles H. Coates	1924	1 April	1972...University Park, Maryland
William H. Kendall	1924	4 May	1970...Sarasota, Florida
Philip M. Kernan	1924	27 October	1963...Tampa, Florida
George A. Millener	1924	21 February	1972...Knoxville, Tennessee
Walter G. Bryte Jr.	1925	24 January	1972...Washington, D. C.
George Asnip II	1927	2 March	1970...Savannah, Georgia
David F. Brown	1929	3 February	1972...Austin, Texas
Charles D. Wiegand	1929	7 March	1972...Fort Collins, Colorado
Percy H. Brown Jr.	1930	8 March	1972...St. Petersburg, Florida
Merwin S. Dickson	1931	17 March	1972...Washington, D. C.
William M. Gross	1934	2 February	1972...McAllen, Texas
Harry G. Dalton	Ex-1935	29 February	1972...Washington, D. C.
William W. Bailey	1937	29 March	1972...Washington, D. C.
George J. Bayerle	1940	6 March	1972...Montgomery, Alabama
Robert H. Townsend	1942	20 February	1972...Barcelona, Spain
Noble F. Greenhill Jr.	1944	6 April	1972...Lackland AFB, Texas
George E. Pickett IV	1944	30 March	1972...Little Rock, Arkansas
Robert F. Dickson	1946	30 January	1972...Valley Stream, New York
John N. Weiler	1954	6 April	1972...Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio
Robert A. Bethmann	1958	2 May	1972...Port Chester, New York
John M. Minor	1970	17 March	1972...Vietnam



*From the collection of the U.S. Military Academy Library*