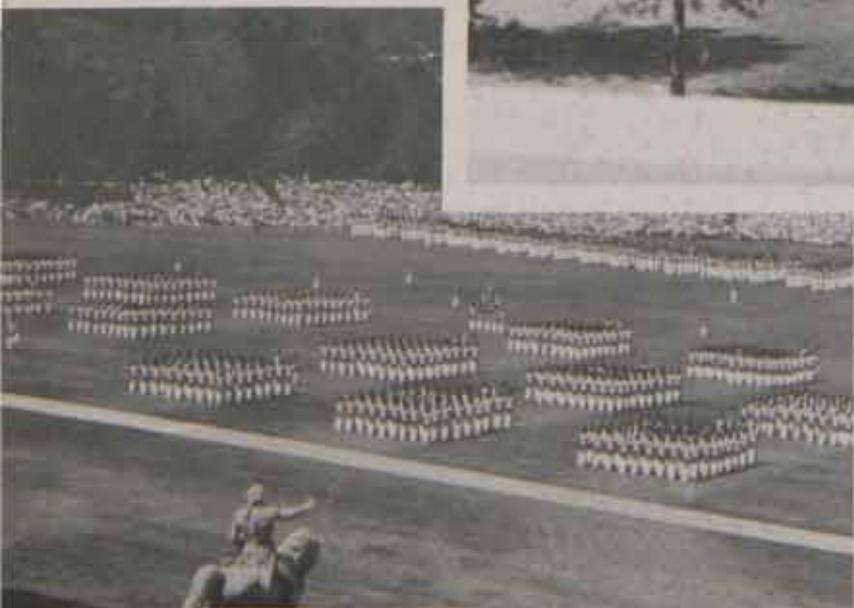
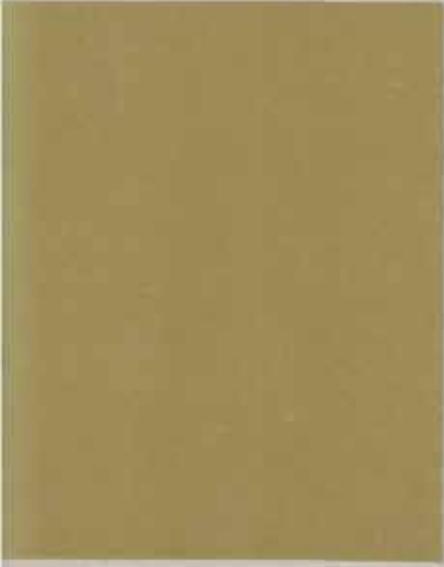
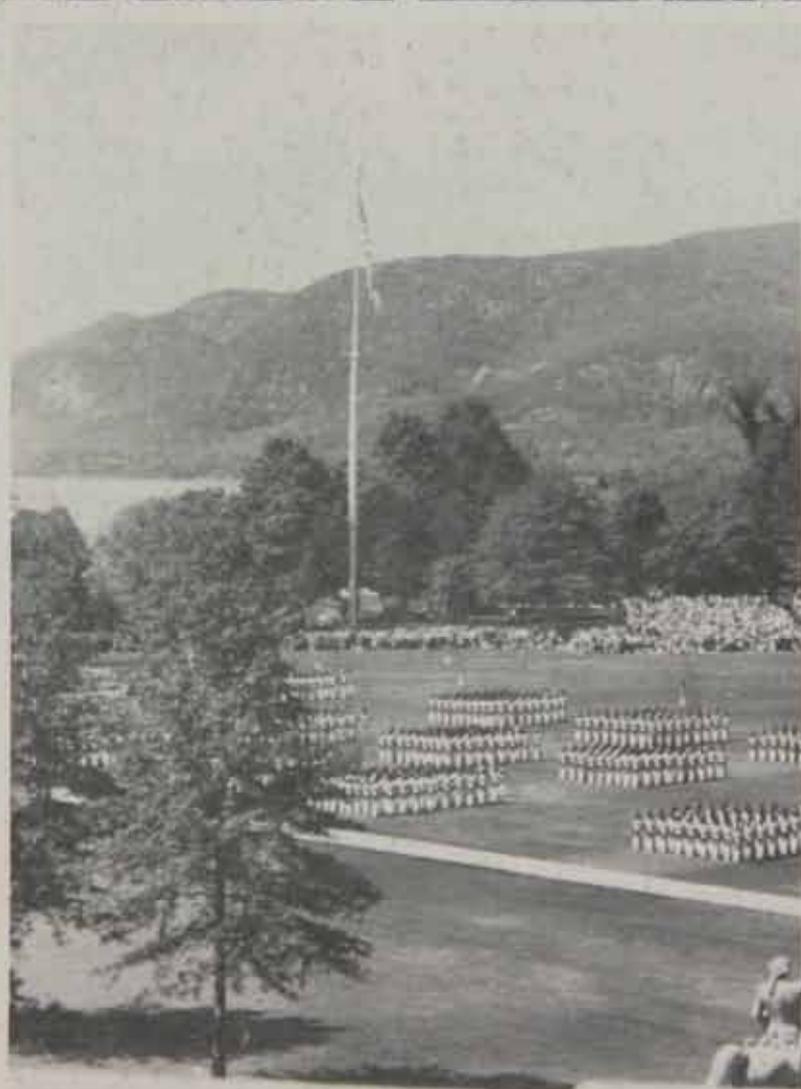
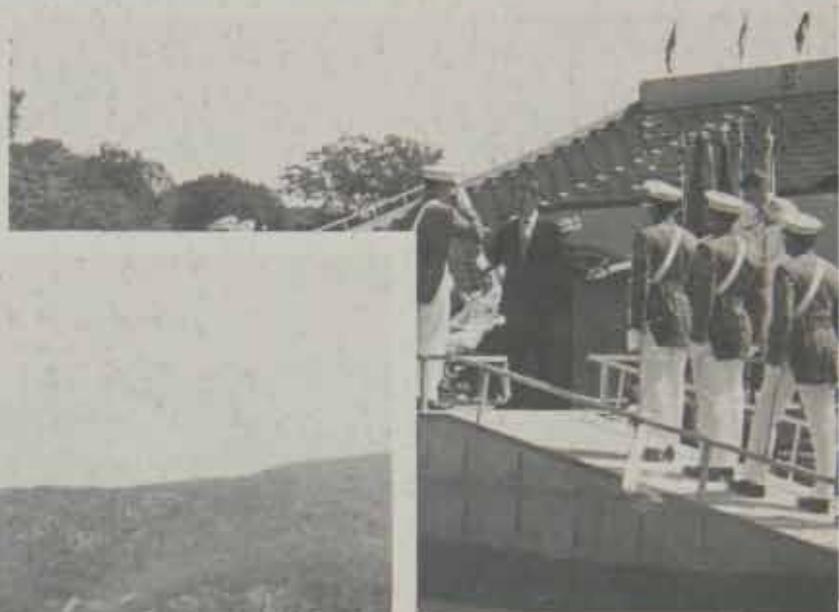
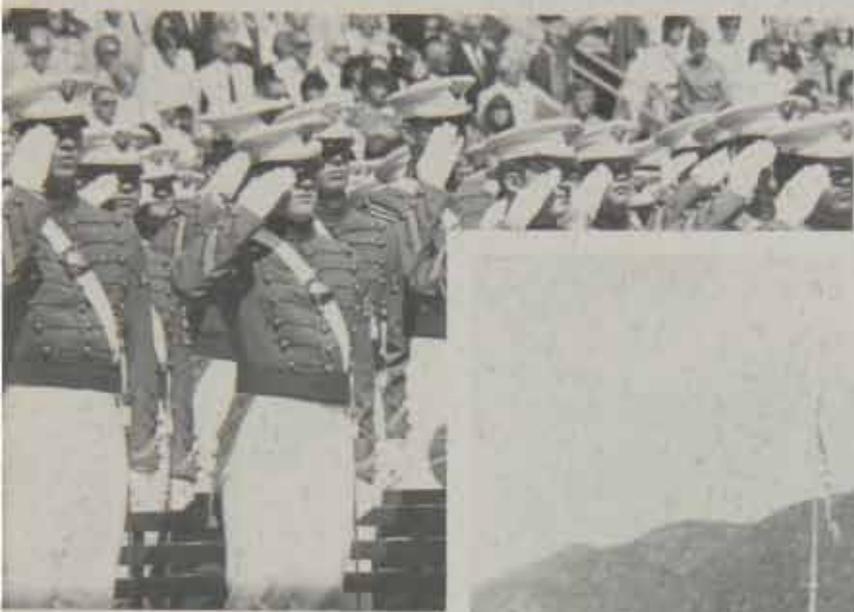


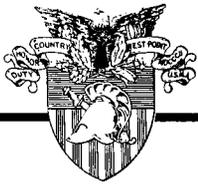
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4 August 1983

Dear Fellow Graduates:

At the annual meeting of the Association of Graduates that was held during Graduation Week, Mr. George Dixon, USMA 1940, very graciously thanked the Military Academy and the Association for the service opportunities he had been provided during three consecutive terms as the elected President of the Association of Graduates. As I stated at that time, the Military Academy has been most fortunate to have had an individual of George's talent and dedication to serve in that prestigious position. He and his charming wife, Candy, have given themselves totally towards the betterment of West Point for the past three years. On behalf of the Military Academy and the Corps of Cadets, I express sincere appreciation to George and Candy Dixon for their untiring and most successful efforts on behalf of West Point.

While it was difficult to bid farewell to George Dixon, it was, at the same time, a great pleasure to welcome General Michael S. Davison, USMA 1939, as he assumed his duties as the forty-ninth President of the Association of Graduates. We at the Military Academy look forward to working with him. I am confident his vast experience and leadership ability will provide great benefit to the Association of Graduates and to the Military Academy.

On a very warm and muggy July 1st, the USMA Class of 1987 entered the Military Academy. It was a pleasure to be with many of the parents of the entering class during the day and to watch as 1434 members of the class were sworn in on The Plain late in the afternoon. Based on our normal indicators, the Class of 1987 is certainly well qualified to enter the Military Academy and begin their development to be great Army officers. The mean Scholastic Aptitude Test scores of those admitted are 560 verbal and 640 math. Approximately 15 percent of the entering cadets graduated first or second in their high school class. A total of 1237 were varsity letter winners in high school and, of those, almost 700 were team captains. They are being ably led by USMA 1984 during their training as New Cadets in what has been one of the hottest and most humid summers ever.

The Association of Graduates announced in the June issue of *Assembly* that General James Harold "Jimmy" Doolittle will be the twenty-sixth recipient of the Thayer Award. The Association and the Military Academy plan to honor this fine American and to present the Thayer Award medal to him during ceremonies on Thursday, September 29th, 1983.

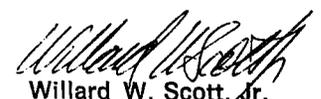
Planning for the Army-Navy football game in Pasadena, California continues smoothly as we point to a victory over the Blue and Gold on Friday, November 25, 1983. Kick off will be at 11:45 AM, Pacific Standard Time, and the game will be televised over the ABC Television Network. Both the Military Academy and the Naval Academy are delighted that the game this year will be played in the Rose Bowl. It will be the first time in thirty-nine years that the annual classic will move from what is considered to be the traditional battle ground in Philadelphia and will be only the second time ever that the game has moved from the East Coast. It was played in Chicago in 1926.

The primary purpose for the move to the Rose Bowl this year is to enhance awareness of the two Academies and to enable retired and active duty personnel from around the area to attend the game. We hope that many of you will be among the expected sell-out crowd of about 106,000. Early ticket sales have been brisk.

This one-year deal (the game moves back to Philadelphia next year) is being hosted and arranged by the Army-Navy Foundation in Pasadena. The Foundation's telephone number is (213) 796-7049. Playing the game on the West Coast involves many negotiations between Pasadena and officials from both Academies. The entire Corps of Cadets and the Brigade of Midshipmen will be moved, housed, and fed at no cost to the government and with minimum disruption to their class schedules. Local families in the area will host most of the 8000 cadets and midshipmen attending.

Enthusiasm and optimism continues to grow as the football season draws nearer. Football practice begins the 15th of August pointing first to our opening game on the 10th of September against Colgate, less than four weeks later. We feel that Jim Young and the excellent coaching staff he has assembled will bring exciting and winning football to West Point. BEAT NAVY!!!

Sincerely,



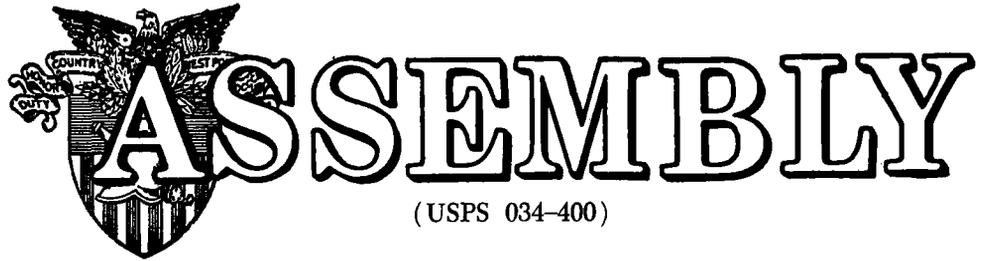
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GRADUATION 1983



THE Class of 1983, entering USMA in July 1979 with a strength of 1411, including 130 women and 6 foreign cadets from the Philippines, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Dominican Republic, and Panama added 869 Regular Officers to the ranks of the Army: 854 on graduation, 25 May 1983, and 15 on 24 June 1983. It is expected that 6 will graduate in July and 12 more in December 1983.

The number one Distinguished Cadet, Mark S. Martins, was selected for a Rhodes Scholarship. The First Captain, Lawrence J. Kinde, was selected for a Marshall Scholarship at Oxford. Robert Schultz was selected for a Hertz Scholarship.

Over 50 percent of the Class will be stationed in Continental United States, 30 percent in Europe, and less than 10 percent in Korea and Panama. Eighteen graduates were accepted for medical school, and 100 for Army flight school.

Secretary of Defense Casper W. Weinberger was the graduation speaker and addressed the graduates and a crowd of over 20,000 in Michie Stadium as follows:

"Much has been said here throughout your years about the great responsibilities the graduates of West Point have as the guardians of our nation's freedom. Indeed, in a few moments, those of you graduating today will take a solemn oath to defend the constitution of the United States against all enemies. As you accept those

responsibilities all of us here today, indeed all Americans, will be placing in you our highest trust.

"But there is a second reason why we have placed in you our highest trust, a reason that people sometimes forget to mention—because you are also the guardians of our nation's values, the keepers of the flame.

"In some ways this second responsibility outweighs the first, because, without values, our freedom can be meaningless; and our lives a mere exercise in self-indulgence. Indeed, the reason we so cherish our freedom is because we believe our values are worth protecting as much as, and sometimes even more than, our very lives.

"To protect our nation's freedom will require of you great commitment and great discipline. It will mean hardship and peril; and it may someday mean that you must make the ultimate sacrifice.

"But to protect our nation's values, far different things will be required of you. It will mean that every decision you make must be based on principle rather than expediency; it can mean that you stand steadfast while others around you choose an easier, more popular course of accommodation; and it may someday mean that you must stand alone, supported only by your conscience, before the ridicule or derision of many of your fellow countrymen.

"In some ways this second responsibility—your duty to your conscience to protect our values—will be even more difficult for you to carry out than the first responsibility to protect our freedom. For if you succeed in your first responsibility your victories will be marked by parades and applause, and your country will reward you with honors. But if you succeed in carrying out your second responsibility your victories will be quiet ones, marked only by the inner knowledge that you were right, and that you stood fast.

"Perhaps these words sound strange to you, and the images they conjure up, foreign. But this is as it should be. For the past four years you have lived amidst a community whose code is duty—and honor—and country. You have been nurtured and taught by men and women who try to live their own lives by the principles they teach to you. Whatever temptations you may have had over these four years to let your standards slip, or your values tarnish—even just a little—many of you have overcome. Every time you lowered your head in doubt, you could raise it up again to see a young instructor or a fellow student whose example fortified your own resolve. But today you are leaving this community and entering a world which is not so guided, nor so permanent.

"As you move from one assignment to the next, travel to different outposts of the

Branch assignments for the 1983 graduates

Branch	Male	Female
Air Defense Artillery	63	4
Armor	150	2
Chemical Corps	4	2
Corps of Engineers	107	4
Field Artillery	167	6
Infantry	220	N.A.
Military Intelligence	29	6
Military Police	8	4
Ordnance	17	9
Quartermaster Corps	9	8
Signal Corps	21	8
Transportation	14	7
Total Commissioned:	809	60



Cadet Thomas Morgan Jr.
with his father
CSM Thomas Morgan Sr.



Steve Gricoski, the
unofficial goat of the
Class of 1983.

earth, and pass from one phase of your life into another you will see all around you transformation, evolution, metamorphosis. Your generation, more than any which has come before, will experience as Spenser called it "The Ever Whirling Wheels of Change"—where the norms of everyday life last but a moment before they are replaced by a newer set of norms.

"You will be told by many you encounter that a world of instant communications no longer requires mental discipline; that a world of modern conveniences no longer requires physical discipline—except perhaps on the tennis courts; that moral discipline no longer fits into a world where things are constantly changing and all values are relative. They will tell you that patriotism is a phrase wheeled out by tired politicians, that the only duty you owe your country is to pay your taxes on time, that the only person you have to serve is yourself.

"These exhortations will come in different ways, cloaked in subtle words. They will have one thing in common—they will ask that you foresake the values you have been taught here. And they will at times be very tempting, for they will promise you instant gratification, an easy time of it, and respite from always having to do what you know is right.

"When these times come, as no doubt they will, I ask that you reflect on two days you spent here at the Academy. Remember 2 July 1979, when you walked through these gates to choose a school and a profession which were not then popular. On that day you made a decision based on your inner conviction and came here without the support and encouragement of many of your peers. And for four long years you stuck by that decision.

"Remember also this day, when you walk out of these gates, and know that times have changed, that America's mood has changed. You now have the respect and even the envy of all Americans, young and old alike. As President Reagan is fond of saying, "It is once again an honor to wear the uniform."

"In thinking about those two days you

The Graduating Class.

will come to realize that America is a nation of change; that the attitudes that seem fixed today can easily shift tomorrow. But if they do, you will be ready. You will be our island of calm and certainty in a sea of change.

"And I devoutly hope that as you go on

your journey you will always have the gratitude of all of us—because you may have to give up some of your freedom, so that we may have all of ours.

"Most of you have what it takes to weather those times. You had the courage

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Class of 1983

GRADUATION EXERCISES

Wednesday, 25 May 1983

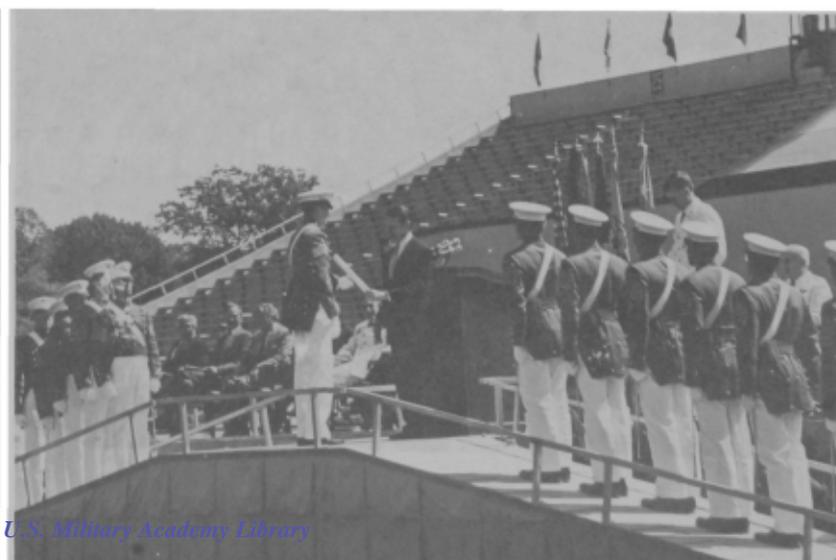
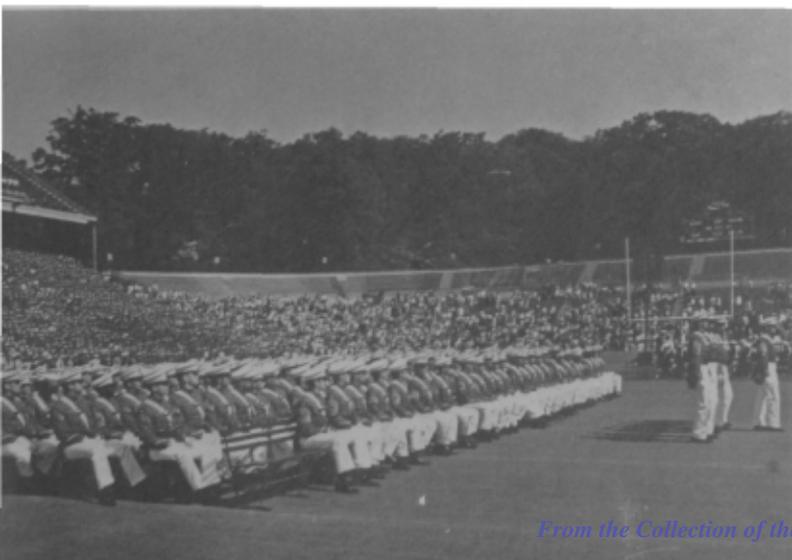
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THE NATIONAL ANTHEM	U.S.M.A. Band
INVOCATION	The Reverend James J. Tubridy Pastor, Catholic Chapel
REMARKS BY THE SUPERINTENDENT AND INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER	Lieutenant General Willard W. Scott, Jr.
GRADUATION ADDRESS	Honorable Caspar W. Weinberger Secretary of Defense
"THE CORPS"	Combined Chapel Choirs
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Secretary of Defense Weinberger awards diploma to distinguished cadet graduates.



Reunion 1983

OVER 700 GRADUATES returned to West Point, 18-21 May for Class reunions. Reunion classes present included June 1918, November 1918, 1923, 1928, 1933, January 1943, June 1943 and 1953. The Class of 1953 had the largest number returning with over 170. Among the distinguished graduates present were Generals Truman H. Landon '28, Theodore J. Conway '33, Gabriel P. Disosway '33, James H. Polk '33, William A. Knowlton Jan. '43, Louis T. Seith Jan. '43 and Bernard W. Rogers June '43. The oldest graduate present was BG Hammond M. Monroe '18.



A TIME to look back to 1915, when 188 of us endured two weeks of Beast Barracks, then summer camp. Three years later, 137 of us marched off to a war that ended without our help in combat. Too old for WW II front line combat but Barth, CO 357 Inf, fought from Normandy until badly wounded at Metz and Foster, CO 330 Inf, twice wounded, fought from Brittany to across the Elbe. "I shall not be bluffed!" declared the Hero of Berlin, our famous classmate, Clay, when the Russians blockaded the city. His widow, Marjorie, was with us for our reunion. It was very emotional for me, with my classmates, to march at the head of the column of grads at the Memorial Service in the Field House. The rains of Thursday and Friday did not dampen our spirits. We were happy to be together again.—Gruhn



SINCE A YEAR ago when first we began planning this 65th we realized it could well be our last organized one. We wanted it to be an intimate occasion, with time for companionship at the Thayer. We hoped for a good look-see at the Corps, a chance to learn what we could about it, and to sense it's morale.

One third of our surviving classmates came—18 out of 55, and most from west of the Mississippi. From the many reports since received it appears we achieved our first objective.

The second developed gradually as we viewed the Supe's quarters, the restored old First Division and a section of new barracks; at the Alumni Dinner and Luncheon; during that memorable ceremony in the Field House; but perhaps most directly through association with our three splendid Class Aides.

We left knowing that standards and training are superb, and that morale is high. We came home thankful and inspired.—Wanamaker



1923

THE LONG GRAY LINE beckons again to 1923, our 60th reunion. The aides and their wives were immensely helpful. Our classmates came from AL, ME, FL, CA, HI, VA, MD, PA, NC and Mexico to sign in at Bear Mountain Inn. That evening we spent on General Scott's vessel where we renewed our friendships—stronger than ever. Next morning after a bus trip around the Post, we visited Quarters 100, built in 1820. Luncheon at the Golf Club gave all a continuation of our comradeship.

Rain forced the Alumni Parade and ceremony into the Field House. We marched before the bleachers where friends of the reunion classes sat. Waves of recognition were exchanged between the marchers and the spectators. It was a success, and it inspired us and made us feel those memorable cadet years.

Our Class banquet on Friday night at Bear Mountain Inn aroused and imbued us with the spirit of being a strong and eternal part of West Point. It was heart warming to return to the Plain; it made us feel closer to Duty-Honor-Country. **GRIP HANDS—Tredennick**





OUR 55TH REUNION was one that we will treasure in our memories. 26 of us gathered along with 22 wives, 3 widows, 2 sons, a daughter, and grandchildren (including 3 cadets, one a granddaughter who graduated this year). Our accommodations at the Palisades and Academy Motels (just a mile south of West Point) were fine. Arrangements made for us by the USMA Staff were expertly carried out by our Class Aides. To those of you who couldn't make it—we missed you.—W. Dixon Smith

1928



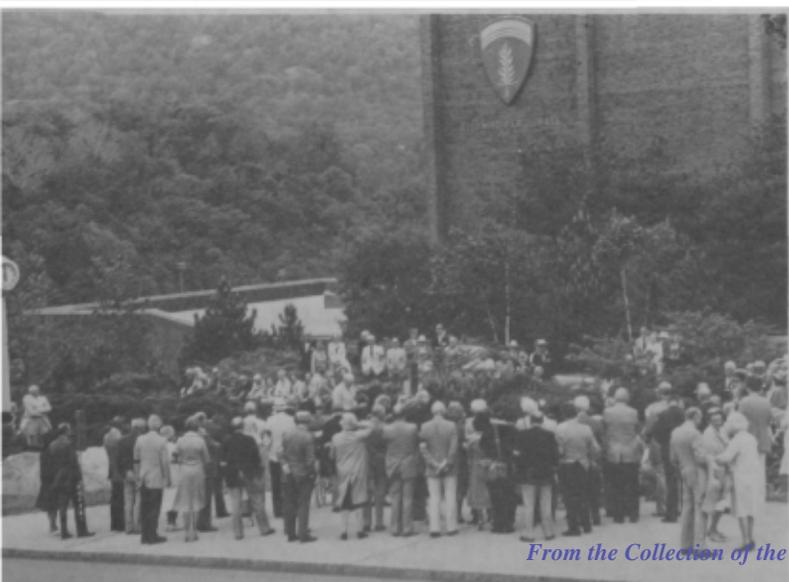
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1933

IMPRINTED on the character of every West Pointer are three short, deceptively powerful words that have in some measure shaped his life. Stamped in his heart, however, is a fourth—Classmates. Forged through years of shared experience, the bond between West Point classmates is unique, a brotherhood not quite like any other. Perhaps never before in the past half century was that bond more meaningful to us than during our 50th Reunion. The years dropped away, and we were all just classmates together again.

Rain washed out our Alumni Review, but what that traditional ceremony lost without the sweep and color of the Plain was replaced in the Field House by a poignant intimacy. The sun shone in our hearts as we swung past the cheering bleachers into a hollow square formed by a portion of the Corps. When the colors came forward, the cadets presented arms, and the chorus sang “The Corps” and the “Alma Mater,” they gave full meaning to the line, “We sons of today, we salute you!”—Rudolph



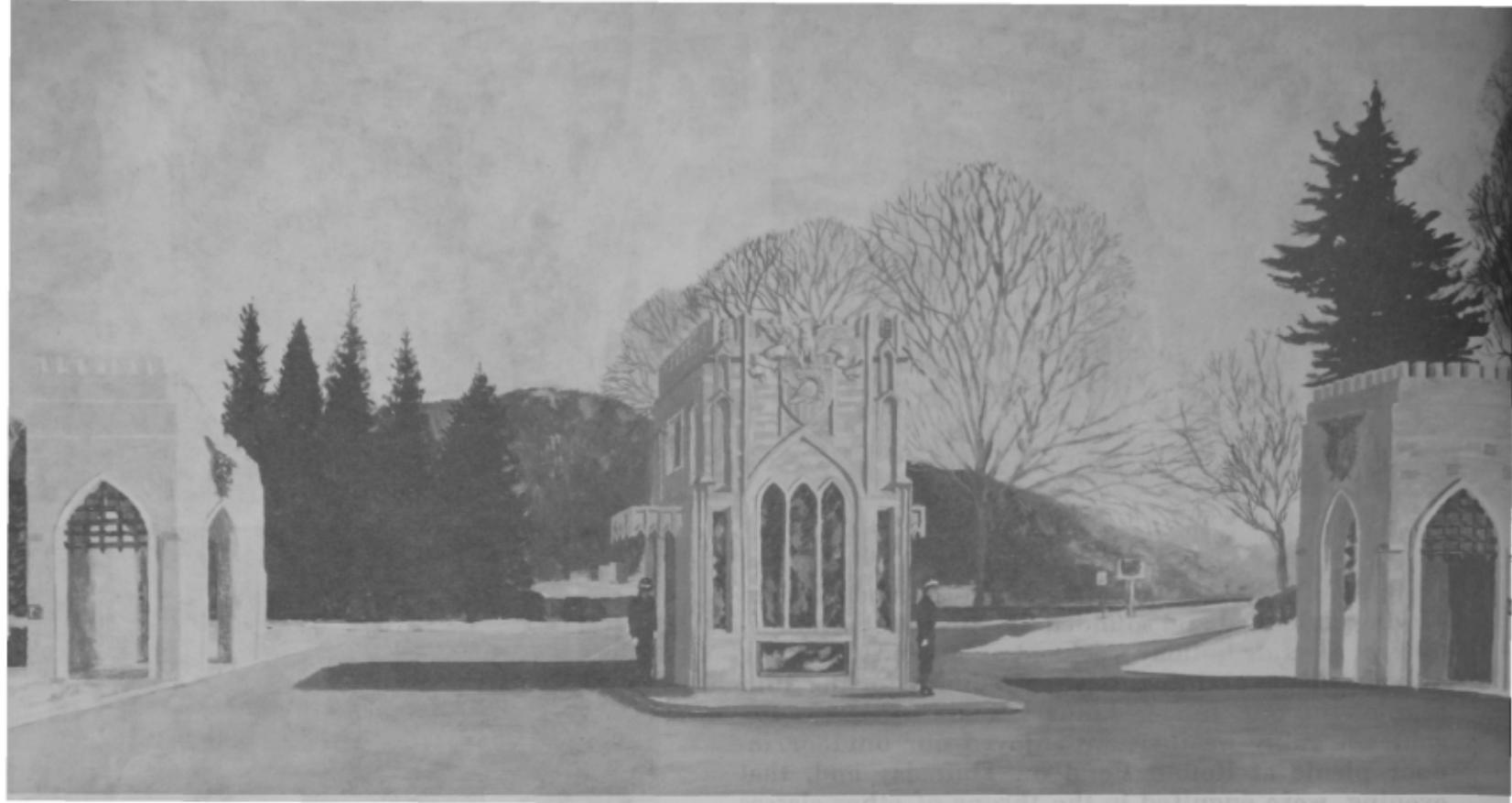


OUR REUNION headquarters at the Ramada Inn in Newburgh looked and sounded like Grand Central Station on a major holiday weekend as a record breaking 126 classmates and their wives assembled for the 40th reunion of our June-in-January Class of 1943. Despite the rainy weather, we enjoyed our outdoor/indoor picnic at Round Pond on Thursday and, that evening, were engulfed in the throng of other classes and the “come-on dance” music of the band at the Superintendent’s Reception in cavernous Washington Hall. On Friday, we visited the Post Cemetery and paused to reflect on our 25 classmates, plus wives and children, who rest there. For a class that graduated in the snow with a “band-box review,” the inclement weather alumni exercises in the confined space of the Field House on Friday were very nostalgic. Then, following the Alumni luncheon in Washington Hall, the Superintendent joined us for the dedication of additions and improvements to our Class gift to the Academy on Trophy Point. Friday evening, we re-assembled at the Ramada Inn to wine, dine, toast, boast, party and take snapshots. The following morning, we packed our bags and went our separate ways—but not without a promise to re-assemble in Florida in March 1984 for another mini-reunion.—Minckler



January '43





THE CLASS of June 1943 re-assembled at West Point for the 40th anniversary of their graduation and to re-dedicate themselves to the ideals of their Alma Mater. A grand total of 281 including 148 graduates, 127 wives and six widows of classmates returned for alumni exercises. At the reunion they brought to fruition the planning for the development of a South Gate to the Academy which will be architecturally consistent with the major buildings at USMA. It is the class hope that this will become their gift to the Academy at the time of the Class' 50th Reunion in 1993.

June '43





A SIGN of a successful event is one which provides prolonged excitement that builds to a peak as the event comes to an end. From sign-in on Wednesday to the class dinner on Friday evening, the party improved by the hour. The Class of 1953 Reunion was truly an outstanding affair. Each event was memorable, starting with the Wednesday evening dinner with tables arranged by company. Old friendships sparked back to life and as more classmates arrived, the party grew warmer and warmer. The next day proved exciting as we visited Bob Dean's sculpture of General Eisenhower and dedicated our class gift to West Point, a recreational reading room in the Library. Following a great picnic at Camp Buckner, Thursday concluded with Alumni dinner dance at Washington Hall where 53 packed one whole wing of the mess. On Friday after the Alumni luncheon, we observed a most moving memorial service to honor our fallen classmates. The final event, the class dinner, Friday evening proved the most memorable event. It was a rare evening enjoyed by all and capped a wonderful reunion that will be remembered by all for many years to come.



1953



USMA Admissions...

HOW THE CLASS OF 1987

by COLONEL MANLEY E. ROGERS

Director of Admissions, USMA

EACH R-Day, Reception Day, for the new class at West Point evokes a strong sense of pride in the West Point community. The first of July, 1983 was no exception. It was also the usual traumatic day for the new members of the Corps which the old Grads will be happy to know are perhaps the finest, by all predictors of success, in the recent history of the Corps of Cadets. Coming from every state in the nation and several foreign countries, the 1258 men and 177 women vowed to defend the country as they joined the U.S. Army and began the program designed to prepare them for a career of service to their country.

The class statistics show that despite the national decrease in the size (and top scores) of the total applicant pool, the Class of 1987 continued the trend of high quality sustained for the past thirteen years. Of almost 13,000 applications, the highest number in West Point's history, 2772 qualified for admission scholastically, medically, and in physical aptitude; 1950 were offered appointment; and 1435 were sworn in on 1 July 1983.

We measure quality by using the information in an application which best predicts retention, academic, physical and military performance. Contrary to the assumption made by some people, high school rank in class is the single most important predictor of college performance. National test scores come next. Extracurricular achievement, although an important factor, is a distant third.

The Admissions Committee usually qualifies only candidates who are in the top two-fifths of their high school class unless the candidate attends a selective school where most of the graduates go on to a four-year college. As Chart 1 indicates for the Class of 1987, 96 percent came from the upper two-fifths of their high school class.

Until we examine college entrance test scores nationwide for a comparable period, the apparent stability of our means is deceiving. Since 1972, the number of students scoring 650 or higher on the verbal scholastic aptitude test (SAT) declined from 53,794 to 29,236—although the number taking tests declined only three percent. Similarly, the number of students scoring 650 or higher on the math SAT dropped from 93,868 to 71,916. Not surprisingly, the mean SAT verbal and math

slumped during this period to levels of 426 and 467 in 1982, which are all time lows for tests originally normed at 500. The good news for West Point appears in Chart 2. Quality in terms of mean SAT scores remains high.

The national testing scores are the only common elements in the applications of all candidates applying from more than 2,000 schools each year. We use these scores as recommended by the testing agencies by combining them with the other predictors in the applicant's record to establish a whole candidate profile. No minimums are established. The mathematics score, however, is preferentially weighted to align with carefully derived validities in predicting success in the Military Academy's rigorous core curriculum,

which remains strong in the math, science, and engineering disciplines.

The admission process began for the men and women of the Class of 1987 when the Admissions Office, responding to inquiries from prospective candidates, mailed 65,000 kits containing necessary information for file initiation. Each name of those who started files was given to one of more than 800 Liaison Officers and Admissions Participants nationwide who constitute our working field force. Members of this group, made up of active Reserve Officers, graduates, and friends of the Military Academy, arranged visits to counsel the admissible candidates.

We have found that one of the secrets to success lies in the timeliness of attracting the very best of the country's

Chart 1 — HIGH SCHOOL RANK IN CLASS

USMA CLASS	PERCENT TOP TWO FIFTHS
'63	81
'64	84
'65	92
'66	95
'67	94
'68	95
'69	94
'70	94
'71	92
'72	94
'73	93
'74	94
'75	92
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'81	92
'82	93
'83	91
'84	92
'85	92
'86	92
'87	96

Studies continue to show that high school rank for students who complete a rigorous college preparatory program best predicts future success in the demanding USMA curriculum. We are pleased to see these data remain stable through the years.

Chart 2—MEAN SCHOLASTIC APTITUDE TEST SCORES

USMA CLASS	SAT (V)	SAT (M)
'60	550	630
'61	540	630
'62	530	630
'63	560	630
'64	570	640
'65	570	640
'66	570	640
'67	570	640
'68	580	650
'69	580	660
'70	580	650
'71	570	650
'72	580	640
'73	560	640
'74	560	630
'75	550	620
'76	550	620
'77	550	620
'78	560	640
'79	550	630
'80	550	640
'81	550	630
'82	560	640
'83	560	630
'84	550	620
'85	550	620
'86	560	630
'87	560	640

In the face of declining scores nationally for the college-bound population, USMA classes continue to reflect excellent academic quality.

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youth. Of the several programs useful in accomplishing this objective, a most effective one has been our Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT) search mailing project. By purchasing from the College Board the names of students who score well on the PSAT in their junior year, we target with promotional literature 50,000 of the nation's most competitive—and we do it first. By June of last year 10,000 had requested information as the direct result of this search initiative.

Another proven program coordinated by the Office of the Dean and run by the Commandant is the annual Invitational Academic Workshop. Last year 400 candidates and potential candidates attended the week-long orientation of math, science, engineering, humanities, and social science courses available to cadets.

The Admissions Office also conducts tours of the Military Academy for prospective candidates from September through April each year. The Cadet-escorted tour includes a film, cadet briefing,

class attendance, visit to the barracks, and lunch in the Cadet Dining Hall. The tour concludes with an Admissions briefing and individual counseling. Approximately 1,200 young people visited West Point for a tour last year.

All of the admissions programs support a single marketing theme. It constitutes our recommendation to students and to every member of the West Point family who counsels prospective applicants.

"In considering college, take a good look at West Point. The best approach is to start a file at the end of your junior year. Then read about West Point. Talk about it. Visit West Point. Force yourself to learn all there is to know about it. See all the USMA films. Discuss the opportunities and challenges with graduates and cadets. Stick with the process or drop the idea based on factual information about USMA, the Army, and yourself. Accept an offer of admission only if what West Point has to offer seems to be a good match

for your abilities and aspirations, and you desire to give the Army an honest try during the first five years of service. Do the same for the Army ROTC Scholarship and a college having Army ROTC."

Candidates for entrance to any Service Academy must qualify medically, pass a physical aptitude examination, obtain a nomination from a source authorized by Congress, and qualify scholastically. The Qualifying Medical Examinations are scheduled for all of the Service Academies by a Department of Defense Medical Examination Review Board in Colorado Springs. Candidates are examined at the nearest military medical examining centers of any service. Only those candidates who have a reasonable opportunity to be scholastically qualified are scheduled for a medical examination. The physical aptitude examination complements the qualifying medical examination by measuring strength, speed, coordination and agility through four exercises—pullups (flexed-arm hang for women), basketball throw,

Chart 3—1983 CONGRESSIONAL SURVEY

OBJECTIVE: To review congressional office procedures concerning USMA candidate selection.

RESULTS:

Method of Nomination	Total Members of Congress			
	Senators	Representatives	No.	%
Competitive	82	211	393	73%
Principal w/competing alt	10	54	64	12%
Principal w/numbered alt	8	62	70	13%
No reply	0	12	12	2%

Application cutoff dates:				
Prior to Nov	33	80	113	21%
Nov	31	140	171	32%
Dec	30	152	182	34%
Jan	3	18	21	4%
None	3	45	48	9%

Use Screening Board?				
Yes	51	236	287	54%
No	47	180	227	42%
No reply	2	19	21	4%

Chart 4—ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENT

USMA CLASS	VARSITY LETTERMEN	VARSITY TEAM CAPTAINS
'63	423	130
'65	*	257
'67	*	283
'69	*	377
'71	814	403
'72	956	423
'73	1068	480
'74	1070	466
'75	1029	416
'76	1112	446
'77	1079	458
'78	1137	499
'79	1138	529
'80	1199	562
'81	1219	654
'82	1161	599
'83	1148	629
'84	1226	688
'85	1268	692
'86	1210	690
'87	1237	690

* Data Not Available

"Every cadet an athlete" is a tradition to which USMA remains committed. Athletic achievement and team leadership continue as hallmarks of a West Point Class.

USMA Admissions...

standing long jump, and a 300-yard shuttle run.

The process of obtaining a nomination has not changed much in recent years. U.S. Senators, Representatives, the Vice President, the Delegate from the District of Columbia may each have five cadets attending West Point at one time. The delegates from the Virgin Islands and Guam may have two cadets each, the Governor of Puerto Rico, six, and the Governor of American Samoa, one. Ten nominations may be made for each vacancy. Most members of Congress use a competitive method, asking the Military Academy to rank the nominees in order of merit, while the rest designate a principal nominee, who need only meet our normal qualifying requirements, and nine numbered or competitive alternates. Each year, the Admissions Office conducts a survey of congressional offices to determine how nominations are administered. Chart 3 shows the 1983 results.

The Secretary of the Army is annually allocated cadetships in the following categories: Presidential, 100 for children of career military people; enlisted members of the Regular Army, 85; enlisted members of the Army Reserve/National Guard, 85; sons and daughters of deceased and disabled veterans, approximately 20; honor military and naval schools, and ROTC, 20; sons and daughters of persons awarded the Medal of Honor. Any number of applicants can meet the requirements for a nomination in these categories. Appointments to fill these vacancies are awarded to the best qualified candidates competing in each category. In addition, Congressional alternates and competitive nominees not otherwise appointed may be offered appointments on a competitive basis to bring the entering class up to strength.

Scholastic qualification of the candidates is a judgment made by the Admissions Committee from the record presented by the candidate. The Committee reports to the Academic Board and has fifteen members including junior as well as senior faculty, four representatives of the Commandant, the Director of Intercollegiate Athletics, and the Director of Admissions. COL Jack Pollin, Professor and Head of the Math Department is the Chairman.

The Admissions Committee begins its meetings in the early fall judging files of the early action candidates. To remain competitive with other highly selective colleges, West Point introduced an early action admissions plan for outstanding applicants who rank the Military Academy as their first choice among colleges of interest. Under this plan, those who complete an application file by 1 December, are notified of their status by January. This year more than 400 members of the

Class were granted conditional offers under the program. Beginning in January the Committee meets with increasing frequency. Most of the nominations are received from the Congress during the first six weeks of the year.

The Committee first determines, in the very experienced judgment of this group, if the candidate is scholastically and physically qualified to complete the programs at West Point. See Chart 4—Athletic Achievement. It is possible for a student from a succession of inadequate schools or a disadvantaged background to show up poorly with respect to the standardized file quantification procedure. Although the weighting of the admissions factors is determined by validity predictions made statistically from the performance of the previous classes, it is the Committee's responsibility to adjust scores subjectively. These judgments are influenced by factors such as the interview, number of schools the candidate has attended, strength of program attempted, grades received, competitive environment, special achievements, interview results, timely completion of requirements, and graduate work. See Chart 5—Citizenship & Achievement Recognition.

The Committee looks carefully at the transcript to note whether the student is prepared for college level work. West Point encourages a strong college preparatory high school program as a prerequisite for admission. The Committee

most favorably considers a five course load including four years of English; four years of math—algebra, plane geometry, intermediate algebra, trigonometry; two years of a foreign language; two years of laboratory science—physics, chemistry, biology; and a year of U. S. history.

The Admissions Committee then looks at the recommendations of school officials and the record of extracurricular achievement presented by the candidate prior to confirming or adjusting the calculation of a Whole Candidate Score.

Since 1976, women have been a valued component of the Corps of Cadets. All 177 women of the Class of 1987 won their appointments in direct competition with other categories of the candidate pool. Such also was the case for the Class of 1986. The Admissions Committee continues to meet a class composition goal for women of 10 to 15 percent, and considers the 10 percent figure a minimum in achieving a successful coeducational environment.

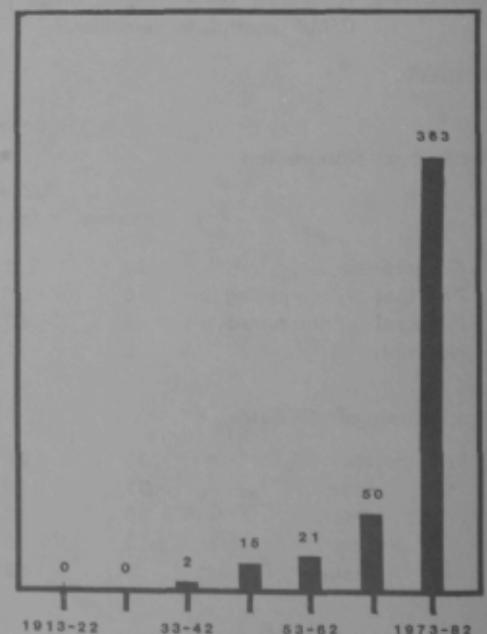
A special word should be said about minority admission. The Military Academy does not have a quota to meet in enrolling minority members, but it does share fully the Army's commitment to reach a representative proportion of minority members in its officer corps. A very energetic recruiting campaign led by two full-time members of the Admissions Office has helped us to meet or exceed Army

Chart 5—CITIZENSHIP AND ACHIEVEMENT RECOGNITION

USMA CLASS	
'69	582
'70	523
'71	529
'72	574
'73	654
'74	679
'75	652
'76	668
'77	646
'78	770
'79	757
'80	840
'81	866
'82	852
'83	847
'84	825
'85	896
'86	874
'87	899

The ideals of the National Honor Society closely parallel the Duty-Honor-Country motto of West Point and reflect good citizenship as well as commendable academic achievement.

Chart 6—BLACK GRADUATES OF USMA



goals for the past several years. See Chart 6—Black Graduates of USMA.

Minority members must take the same program, and meet the same requirements for graduation as any other cadet. The Admissions Committee accepts some limitations in academic background where there is evidence of compensating qualities such as strong competitive spirit, outstanding leadership in school or community activity, and excellent motivation. The committee, however, must be convinced that the candidate is a reasonable risk to successfully handle the program at West Point. This judgment is made for any candidate with exceptional qualifications, including minorities.

With the population of 18-year-olds dropping 20 percent in the next 12 years, it is clear that only an imaginative and well managed effort will enable West Point to maintain the quality of the last thirteen years. More outstanding secondary school students at the sophomore class level should be told about West Point opportunities and encouraged to apply in the spring and summer of their junior year. Our alumni can help by identifying likely candidates and encouraging them to write to the Director of Admissions, USMA, West Point, NY 10996, for information. With the enthusiastic support of our alumni, we should be able to maintain the superb quality of these recent classes.

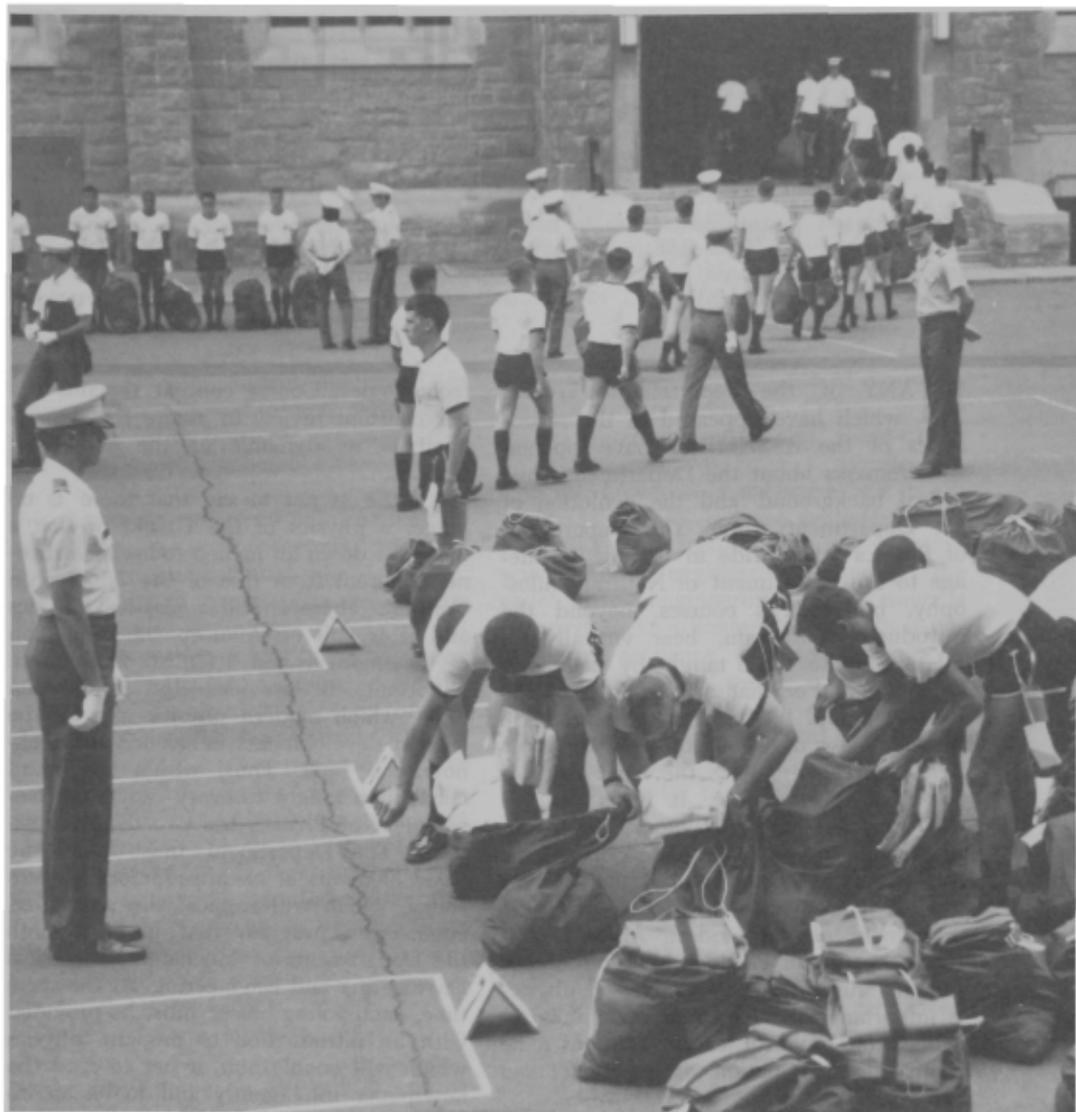


Chart 7—PROFILE—CLASS OF 1987

	Total	Men	Women
A. Volume of applicants, by number in class:			
Applicant files started	12,678	11,126	1,552
Nominated and examined	6,220	5,444	776
Qualified (academically, medically & in physical aptitude)	2,772	2,450	322
Admitted	1,435	1,258	177
B. Rank in class by percent of class:			
First Fifth	85.3%		
Second Fifth	10.6		
Third Fifth	3.2		
Fourth Fifth	0.4		
Fifth Fifth	0.2		
Did not graduate	0.2		
C. Academic honors by number in class:			
Class Valedictorians	119		
Class Salutatorians	93		
National Merit Scholarship Recognition	363		
National Honor Society	899		
D. Activities by number of participants in class:			
Boys/Girls State Delegate	346		
Class or Student Body President	310		
Debating	170		
Dramatics	237		
Scouting Participants (Eagle Scout for men and First Class for women)	120		
E. Varsity Athletics by number in class:			
Letter winner	1,237		
Team Captain	690		
F. Mean SAT Math (Preliminary)			
	640		
Mean SAT Verbal (Preliminary)			
	560		

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THE DEPARTMENT

by JAMES S. WILLIS, JR. and EDWARD A. SAUNDERS

MANY of the departmental articles which have appeared in the recent issues of the ASSEMBLY have opened with remarks about the Department's historical background and the evolution of the Department name. The Department of Physics takes pride in tracing its lineage to the Department of Natural Philosophy, but today's courses, beyond the introductory program, bear virtually no relationship to those taught by that early department. For that matter, little of the content would be familiar to a graduate of the Class of 1950, for physics is as lively and changing as the front page of the New York Times. It is as new as the computer chip, the laser, fusion energy and optical communications. It is the common sense behind the current nuclear controversies. It is alive in the equipment of the modern Army and is the basis of the President's vision of our military future. A knowledge of physics is important to the learned man; it is essential to a military leader. Without it he limits his imagination as to what man can do.

Today's Department of Physics was born in the age of space as America rode the crest of its greatest scientific and engineering achievements. In 1967 the Department of Physics and Chemistry was separated into two departments. The new Department of Physics was headed by COL Edward A. Saunders of the Class of 1946 who continues to provide its leadership today. Over the sixteen years of the department's existence its courses have continually changed to match both the evolution of the curriculum and the rapid development of scientific ideas and new

technologies. Course content remains under constant review to assure the department is as dynamic as the subject it teaches.

All this is not to say that there is no longer a physics of the Greeks or that a ball rolls down an incline today in a manner different from that of the Nineteenth Century. There is still a classical physics and it is still essential to the education of an engineer and scientist. Even more important, it provides the foundation upon which modern physics and all the current developments in science and technology is built. Thus, within the broad curriculum taught to every cadet, the Department of Physics has two distinct missions. The Department must teach the basic elements of an introductory physics course which will support the structured engineering program that leads through the Departments of Mechanics, Electrical Engineering and Engineering. At the same time, each young officer must be provided with an introduction to modern physics which will enable him or her to read the newspaper intelligently and to be an informed and knowledgeable participant in the decision making process, whether in his or her position as a professional Army officer or as a citizen of the nation.

Changes in the curriculum in the late 1970's reduced the required program of physics from three to two semesters. Initially, the content of the three-term program was consolidated into two terms and both classical physics and modern physics were taught within the reduced time frame. The first year the consolidated program was offered it became painfully obvious that it was a failure and that we

were serving neither side of the academic house adequately. The most serious deficiency of the consolidated program was the inadequate foundation provided for those cadets pursuing science and engineering programs during the balance of their academic career. Basic materials which are logically and traditionally a part of an introductory physics program had to be retaught later in the programs. That, in turn, detracted from the time available to treat more advanced subjects. After extensive discussions at all levels, to include the Academic Board, the decision was made to devote the two available terms to a strong, in-depth treatment of classical physics and to drop modern physics from the curriculum. All agreed that the absence of an introduction to modern physics was a serious deficiency in the education of officers who are to serve in the modern Army, but under the circumstances there was no good alternative. The restoration of modern physics was a major force driving the curriculum revisions which took place in 1979 and 1980 for full implementation with the Class of 1985.

A primary feature of what is now known as the "1985 Curriculum" is the acceptance of the philosophy that the content of at least some basic courses may well be different depending upon the use to which the student expects to put those courses. That concept is now referred to as "tracking" and it was a key figure of the revisions which took place in the physics program. The student who will pursue a program in science or engineering must have an in-depth, calculus-based, university-level sequence in classical physics,

With the subcritical nuclear reactor, cadets can study neutron distributions, neutron absorption, and the majority of the major phenomena which occur in a full-size nuclear reactor.

A variety of multichannel analyzers are used both in research and in classroom instruction. This is the newest and most modern and includes computerized linkage with the linear accelerator output.



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OF PHYSICS

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COL Edward A. Saunders, '46, Professor and Head of the Department of Physics, has a Masters Degree in Elec Engr from Purdue University and a PhD in Nuclear Science from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. He served in Europe, Korea and Japan with the Corps of Engineers before being appointed a Professor, USMA, in 1961. He has been the Head of the Department of Physics since 1967.

and the Department had learned earlier that this requires a minimum of two academic terms. For that student, a third term must be added to the program to teach modern physics. On the other hand, the student of the humanities or social sciences does not require the same depth in classical physics, either for the follow-on work in the USMA curriculum or for purposes of general education. With that student, it is possible to reduce the rigor and depth of the coverage and to present it at a faster pace. In that way, room can be provided within a two-term sequence for an introduction to the ideas of modern physics which is so much a part of general education in today's world.

The 1985 curriculum contains two distinctly different versions of the physics core program. Cadets pursuing programs in the social sciences and humanities can be provided with the necessary foundation for the balance of the engineering sequence at the Academy and with an introduction to the concepts of modern physics in a two-term sequence. To provide the student of science or engineering with the more rigorous foundation necessary for the pursuit of in-depth undergraduate programs and for possible future graduate work requires a three-term sequence. The first two semesters cover the classical subjects of mechanics, electricity and magnetism, and optics. The third semester of physics for these students is devoted to modern physics, and again there are two versions. For the cadet in an engineering program, heavy emphasis is placed upon the applications of the concepts of modern physics to current tech-

nology. For the student interested in physics a more theoretical and mathematical version of modern physics is offered. The latter is also a valuable alternative for those cadets interested in the more theoretical aspects of electrical engineering and chemistry, or for those anticipating entering the study of medicine.

In addition to the missions the Department of Physics fulfills relative to all cadets, the department also offers advanced programs for cadets wishing to pursue physics in greater depth. Many of the courses making up these programs support the nuclear engineering program and, to a somewhat lesser degree, other engineering programs. The physics programs are designed to provide breadth and flexibility of coverage of the fundamental technical and scientific areas. Because of this characteristic, they provide an exceptionally flexible foundation in support of future graduate work or technical specialization for the Army officer.

Cadets who are interested primarily in physics may pursue programs with emphasis on general physics, applied physics or nuclear physics. Within each of the three subcategories, the student must choose a minimum of six courses from a list of physics and related elective courses. Over and above the six courses required for the concentration, the cadet may take two additional electives chosen from any of those offered at the Academy with no restriction whatever on the subject.

Cadets may also study for a major in engineering physics. Again the student must select six physics electives. The list, however, is more restrictive than for a concentration and emphasizes subjects

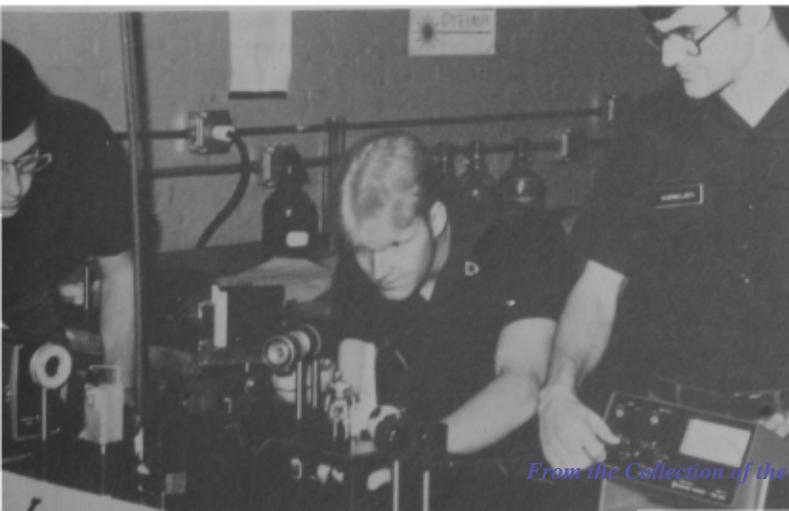
which are essential elements of a physics major at other colleges. Cadets in the majors program must also select their other two electives from a specific list. The list, however, is extensive and in addition to physics courses includes many physics related courses in mathematics, science and engineering. Finally, the cadet in the engineering physics major is required to coordinate his First-Class engineering sequence with the balance of his program. The result is a program which combines a solid physics background with a substantial and well coordinated engineering sequence. It offers special attraction for that cadet who feels he or she wishes to pursue a program in some phase of engineering at the graduate level but is not certain just what the disciplinary area will be.

In support of the Nuclear Engineering program mentioned earlier, the Department of Physics teaches a course in Nuclear Reactor Physics, an advanced elective which is required of the nuclear engineering students. Many of these students also take other supporting physics electives such as quantum mechanics, electromagnetism, plasma physics and nuclear physics.

To support the above programs, the Department of Physics teaches a variety of electives. Some of these, such as theoretical mechanics, electricity and magnetism, statistical mechanics and quantum mechanics, will be found in any reputable physics program and are now almost classical in nature; that is, although they are enlivened by modern applications, their content changes little with time. Other

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The Department has lasers of several energies and a variety of light frequencies. This particular one is set up to make the three-dimensional hologram.





PRESIDENT'S NEWSLETTER

ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATES, USMA, WEST POINT, N.Y., SEPT., 1983

A Personal Message . . . From The President

MICHAEL S. DAVISON



GEORGE F. DIXON, JR.

AT the winter meeting of the Board of Trustees of our Association, which was held at West Point last February, one of the actions which the Board approved was the initiation of an annual letter from the President of the Association to all Association members and ASSEMBLY subscribers. The broad purpose of this program is to increase support for the Military Academy by improving communication between the Board of Trustees, our Association's governing body, and our members and friends. This is the first letter in the program and, as the Association's newly elected President, I have the privilege of addressing it to you.

It is appropriate in this letter in the first months of my term of office to reflect upon George Dixon's extraordinary performance in serving the interests of West Point during the three years of his presidency, just past. During the first year of his administration, having concluded that the Association needed to plan its future course, he conducted a planning conference of all of the senior members of the Board of Trustees and committee chairmen on 27-28 June 1981. Out of that meeting a consensus evolved that the Association should become a more active and affirmative instrumentality in carrying out the Association's purpose of "furthering the ideals and promoting the welfare of the United States Military Academy."

In keeping with this consensus, the Association, acting primarily through our Ad-

missions Committee, chaired by Mullane '52, has taken steps to create more positive support among our graduates for the Academy's admissions program. In addition, the Association will undertake the establishment of closer relationships with the West Point societies with a view toward coordinating the societies' participation in carrying out the Association's mission, increasing dissemination of information and developing a stronger public relations program. A necessary corollary to this objective is a strengthening of relations between the Association and the USMA class organizations.

Another major program initiated under George Dixon's administration, one which will also affect the future of the Association for many years, is the modernization of the Association's official records, including addresses, biographical information and fundraising data. After a major study effort concluded that the rapid growth in our graduate body caused by the enlargement of the Corps of Cadets in the late sixties would make the old record keeping system infeasible, the Board of Trustees approved a fundamental change in the way the Association maintains its records and directed the purchase of the necessary computer hardware and software to carry those records into the 21st century.

I believe that these new, dynamic programs, along with our already established and successful publications and fund-raising programs, place our Association in a posture for a significant improvement in our assistance to West Point. This is *right* for the Association of Graduates.

As I pointed out in my remarks at the Annual Meeting of the Association, held at West Point on 20 May, the Military Academy is the wellspring of principles, values and ideals which have profoundly influenced the lives of our graduates. We return to class reunions not only to rejoin

our classmates, renew bonds of friendship and relive past experiences, but also to draw once again on the source of our life-long motivations. It is in this latter sense that we all feel to one degree or another a sense of obligation to West Point and a desire to discharge that obligation. What better way to do this than to serve the interests of West Point through the Association of Graduates!

The Association provides a channel through which our alumni and supporters can assist West Point in carrying forward its important mission . . . a mission which is perhaps more important today and for the years ahead than it was in the past. The organizational elements to assist us in moving forward are in existence and functioning—the Association's Board of Trustees, the Association's committee structure, the West Point societies and, most importantly, the class organizations. Through active participation within this organizational structure and in the various programs now in place, and in those to be offered, our alumni can render increasingly meaningful support to the interests of West Point.

It is my hope that, building on a strong base, the Association of Graduates, working closely with the Superintendent and in conjunction with the societies and class organizations, can serve as a catalyst to create ever stronger support by graduates and friends of West Point for the Military Academy. The stewardship of George Dixon has clearly identified this goal for the Association and I propose that we all get on with the task of accomplishing it.

MICHAEL S. DAVISON
General, USA (Retired), President

1983 Annual Meeting of the Association of Graduates—USMA

THE 114th annual meeting of the members of the Association was held in Washington Hall at West Point on 20 May 1983. Following lunch, which was attended by the members, their spouses, and two cadets per table, the President of the Association of Graduates, Dixon '40, called the meeting to order.

In opening his remarks to the membership, Dixon noted that a report on the affairs of the Association had been distributed to each table. The report is also included at the end of this article. Dixon informed the members that the Treasurer's Report would be published in either the September, or December issue of ASSEMBLY.

In addressing the meeting, Dixon made these remarks: "Before proceeding with our agenda, I want to take this opportunity to express to you, our members assembled, as well as to those who could not attend this meeting, my feelings of appreciation and honor for having been afforded the opportunity to serve West Point, first, as a Trustee and for the past three years, as President of our Association."

"Over this period, I have been impressed with the competence, professionalism and dedication I have observed in the Corps of Cadets and the Staff and Faculty, starting especially at the top with Generals Goodpaster and Scott, with the Dean, Fred Smith, and with two Commandants, Generals Franklin and Moelling. It has been very apparent to me that West Point has adjusted in many and necessary ways to the changes in our national life and at the same time retained what most of us believe to be the essence of the Academy—its concepts of Duty, Honor and Country. I have also been very impressed with the continuing loyalty and interest of our graduates and their willingness to serve the Academy. The Officers and Trustees of the Association, our Committee Chairmen and members, our West Point Society and class officers, those hard working graduates across the country who assist with the admissions program—all are making significant contributions to the future well-being of our Alma Mater."

"Finally, I want to express my official and personal appreciation to the Association's staff, who, on an everyday basis, perform many of the routine, but no less important, functions which keep our Association running and which contribute to its progress."

"As I observe West Point and our Association of Graduates today, I am proud to have been and to be a part of their service to the Army and our nation, and I am full of optimism for their future."

"This completes my report to you, the members of the Association of Graduates, assembled here in Washington Hall in annual meeting."

At the completion of the President's remarks, he introduced the Superintendent, Scott '48.

The Superintendent thanked the President of the Association for his comments and extended a hearty "Welcome Home" to the returning alumni—eight reunion classes.

General Scott spoke first of the Corps

of Cadets, assuring the graduates that the Class of 1983 is prepared to provide leadership for the continued defense of our country. The Classes of 1985 and 1986 have had successful yearling and plebe years respectively and 1984 has demonstrated that it is ready to assume the leadership of the Corps. The Superintendent reported that enrollment for the Class of 1987 was complete with another increase in the number of applicants and in the number qualified for admission.

Turning to the academic program, General Scott informed the graduates that the Department of the Army had approved the offering to cadets the option of 16 academic majors. The "primary major" will remain for all cadets, Professional Army Officership. A secondary major will be entirely optional for each cadet.

The Superintendent then commented on the physical changes to the future West Point scene—the lease of and planned move to the old Ladycliff property; the construction, already underway on the new "Multi-purpose Sport and Physical Development Center" southwest of Michie Stadium and west of Howze Field; construction, also underway, of the new Jewish Chapel; and the magnificent Eisenhower Monument with Statue, which was dedicated on 3 May 1983.

General Scott discussed the athletic program, noting that the past year's results were mixed, with results against Navy "not good." The records in lacrosse, soccer, rifle and indoor track were good. With new coaches for football and basketball those sports will turn the corner during the coming year and that will provide the incentive for necessary improvement in other sports.

The Superintendent reported to the graduates that, based upon the final report of the Superintendent's Honor Review Committee and in his own observation and findings, there is cause for much satisfaction with the status of Honor at West Point and, because Honor is and will remain a very fragile ideal, also continuing concern. He pledged that those responsible at West Point will continue to monitor the health of the Honor Code and System closely.

General Scott informed the Graduates that the Chairman of the Board of Visitors for the Academy this year is Shirley M. Hufstедler, who was Secretary of Education during the Carter administration. She is the first female chairman of the Board of Visitors. He also noted the appointment of a distinguished graduate and former Superintendent, Davidson '27.

The Superintendent concluded his address by observing that the four year cadet experience continues to be a very fine one, indeed. The changes that USMA brings about in a young man or woman are changes that support the survival of the Academy. Sometimes, we members of older classes need reminding that West Point continues to do its job of providing professional officers to the Army who have a strong commitment to the concepts of Duty, Honor and Country. He assured the graduates that West Point is doing that.

The Superintendent then expressed his appreciation and the appreciation of all

concerned for the extraordinary contributions of Dixon '40 as President of the Association. General Scott presented to Dixon a specially designed and drawn and handsomely framed scroll attesting to that appreciation.

After thanking the Superintendent for his remarks, the President proceeded to the next agenda item, the election of the President and Trustees. To present the report of the Nominating Committee Dixon introduced the Chairman, Parker '31.

Upon completion of the Committee report, Dixon returned to the lectern and conducted the election.

The slate as recommended by the Committee and the Board of Trustees was unanimously approved by the membership and is pictured in the September 1983 issue of ASSEMBLY.

Dixon called upon the newly elected President, Davison '39, to offer his remarks to the graduates. Davison expressed his mixed pride and humility upon his election. He accepted the challenge of serving West Point and the responsibility of the office with enthusiasm. He emphasized in his brief remarks the obligation each graduate has to West Point and the opportunity we all have to repay that obligation through our Association of Graduates.

After Davison's remarks Dixon asked the Superintendent to join him for the last item on the agenda, the announcement of class gifts to the Academy. In order, gifts from the classes of June 1918, 1928, 1933, January 1943 and 1953 were announced. The Superintendent expressed the Military Academy's appreciation for the generosity of the classes.

Dixon then noted a special gift from Mrs. Lucius D. Clay, widow of one of West Point's most distinguished graduates. The gift, a 15th Century Russian Icon, was accompanied by a letter by General Walter Bedell Smith, when he was Ambassador to Russia. Mrs. Clay was asked to stand to receive the applause and appreciation of the gathered graduates.

Following the announcement of the gifts, the President entertained a motion for adjournment, after which Chaplain Tubridy gave the Benediction.

The report of the affairs of the Association of Graduates 1982-1983 follows:

1. *Membership.* Membership stands at 29,622 including 385 Associate members and 841 members of the Class of 1983, 93.3% of the class strength. Of all living graduates, including those of the Class of 1983, 97.3% are Association members. During the past year, 226 members have been dropped from the rolls because of death or other reasons.

2. *Publications Program.* The total number of subscribers, either to ASSEMBLY magazine, the REGISTER OF GRADUATES, or both, increased from 19,862 to 20,068. As a consequence of production cost savings and reduced cost inflation, the Board of Trustees approved a continuation of the previous year's subscription prices—\$15 for the ASSEMBLY/REGISTER package and \$10 for separate subscriptions to both ASSEMBLY and REGISTER. The broadest possible subscription support from members of the Association and friends of West Point is essential in order to continue the quality publications and a minimum subscription price.

3. *Funds Development Program.* Through

its West Point Fund Committee, the Association continued and expanded its program of fund raising for the benefit of the Military Academy, the Corps of Cadets and the Association itself. During the year, approximately \$1,075,200 was received in contributions, bequests, grants, royalties and cash realized from gift annuities, of which amount \$13,900 was for the Endowment Fund; \$953,500 was for the West Point Fund; \$18,500 was for the Operating Fund; \$46,600 was for the Eisenhower Monument Fund; and \$42,700 for other, small accounts. Over \$875,000 was expended for projects and activities which are of benefit to the Military Academy and the Corps of Cadets and for which designated contributions are received and/or public funds are not available. During the year the Association developed or was informed of the creation of 6 new life income gifts with a total value of \$40,375. This included, as an additional element of our Planned Giving Program, 4 gift annuities with a total value of \$29,000. The Association's need for unrestricted contributions for the West Point Fund and for additions to the Endowment Fund grows each year. Restricted use gifts remain, however, a very desirable way to contribute to the continuation of a margin of excellence at West Point.

4. *Gift Shop.* The Association continued its sale of West Point gift ware and other items which promote the Military Academy. Net sales for the year ending 31 March 1983 were \$221,108.45, up \$7,891.92 from a year earlier. Net gain after expenses for the most recent year was \$9,509.79. The Association continued to seek ways to improve the quality of its Gift Shop service and merchandise and to broaden its selection of gifts.

5. *Financial Status.* The formal report of the Treasurer, based on the annual audit of accounts, will be published in ASSEMBLY magazine. The audit will be performed by the firm, Main Hurdman, of New York City. The financial statement

for the fiscal year 1983 (1 April 1982-31 March 1983) reflects that total assets increased 8.26% during the year, from \$11,472,739.96 to \$12,420,298.70 and that operating funds increased \$77,763.60. The operating fund's increase was partially offset by a decrease in the value of the Gift Shop inventory of \$25,840.86. During the year, the acquisition (book) value of the principal of the Endowment Fund, including the options portion, increased 3.78%, from \$5,070,575.11 to \$5,262,289.03; the market value increased 29.9% from \$5,040,166.25 to \$6,549,289.75. The value of the West Point Fund increased 12.43% from \$4,929,278.81 to \$5,542,405.39. The remainder of the assets, \$1,615,604.28, consists of the Eisenhower Monument Fund, the Operating Fund and other, small restricted use accounts.

6. *Oldest Graduate.* On 15 February 1983 the Association recorded the death of its oldest living graduate, BG Arthur W. Lane, Class of 1905. General Lane celebrated his 99th birthday on 22 August 1982. Colonel Carey H. Brown, Class of 1910, became the oldest living graduate. Colonel Brown will celebrate his 97th birthday on 2 May 1983.

7. *Class Reunions.* The Association provided assistance for class reunions held at West Point by the Classes of 1912, April 1917, August 1917, 1921, 1922, 1927, 1932, 1937, 1942, 1947, 1952, 1957, 1962, 1967, 1972 and 1977.

8. *West Point Classes and Societies.* The Association continued to provide maximum practicable assistance to USMA classes and West Point societies. The number of societies at the end of the year was 75.

9. *Founders Day.* The Association provided administrative and other support for Founders Day celebrations at 55 locations in this country and abroad.

10. *Sylvanus Thayer Award.* The 1982 Sylvanus Thayer Award was presented to Mr. David Packard at West Point on 14 October 1982.

11. *Travel Program.* The Association continued its limited travel program for alumni, wives, widows and friends with a Western Mediterranean cruise in September 1982 and a Suez Canal-Egypt tour in February 1983.

12. *Admissions Support Program.* During the year, the Association continued its support of the USMA admissions program and the administration on behalf of USMA of the Civilian Preparatory Scholarship Program. During the 1982-1983 academic year, a total of 26 scholarships were awarded. The cost of the program for both scholarship and administration expenses was \$48,275.26.

13. *Eisenhower Monument.* During the year, the Association completed its special fund-raising program for the Eisenhower monument, bringing the total contributed or pledged to \$383,627.89. By year end the statue was being cast in Florence, Italy and plans were completed for dedication ceremonies on 3 May 1983.

14. *Building Fund.* The Board of Trustees has approved the establishment of a special Building Fund to be used by the Association to satisfy its future needs for adequate headquarters space. No special solicitation is currently planned, but contributions are being accepted.

15. *Association Staff Affairs.* Planning for the automation of addresses, biographical data and fund-raising data was completed and the hardware for the automated system was purchased. As of year end, the site for the computer operation was being readied for installation and operation of the system.

16. *Summary.* The loyalty to West Point of members of the Association of Graduates, the Academy's many friends, the extraordinary cohesion among members of West Point classes and Association members' support of the Association's programs continue to enable the Association to improve and expand its assistance to the Military Academy.

The Case for Fund Raising At West Point

THE Association of Graduates (AOG) is an organization of USMA graduates and former cadets whose broad mission is to promote the welfare of the Academy. The successful accomplishment of that mission is largely dependent upon voluntary contributions by loyal members and friends of West Point. As the extent and quality of the service the AOG can deliver to the Academy depend on its available funds, voluntary contributions become a critical factor.

Contributions, up to the early sixties, were largely in the form of bequests. The most notable of these in the early going was that of Major General W. Cullum, 1833, who willed \$250,00 for the construction (1898) of the building which now bears his name. Other gifts, which have also become integrated into the tradition at West Point, were the result of popular subscription. Prominent among these are Sedgwick Monument (1868); Thayer Monument (1883); Battle Monument (1897); and MacArthur Monument (1969). The Eisenhower Monument, dedicated last

May, will one day assume its place in the foregoing category.

In 1961 the Superintendent's Fund was established in order to finance, with private contributions, projects and activities of benefit to the Academy for which government appropriations were not available (the name was changed to West Point Fund in 1969). Two years later, fund raising on an organized basis was instituted under the aegis of a special committee chaired by the late General Lucius D. Clay, June '18, who advocated from the start that the approach be "low-key." The rationale behind the initiation of organized fund raising for USMA was the need to enhance the total undergraduate environment at West Point in order to further its reputation as one of America's premier educational institutions. There were those who felt (and some still do) that although soliciting funds for the AOG's needs was "permissible," such an activity to raise money for a government funded institution should not be permitted.

The needs, however, as defined by the Superintendent, persisted and competition for students seeking higher education, especially among the other Service Academies, grew more intense. In 1972, the West Point Fund Committee was created

as a standing committee of the AOG and given the mission of raising money for projects and activities of benefit to the Corps and the Academy as well as for the AOG's requirements. For the past ten years, the West Point Fund Committee (currently chaired by Brigadier General

LUCIUS D. CLAY



ASSEMBLY



JOHN R. JANNARONE

John R. Jannarone '38), using as its principal tool an annual fund drive carried on by direct mail over a 6-month period (October-March), has solicited funds for the above stated purpose from among graduates and friends, including parents of cadets in the Corps. That the low-key approach has been adhered to can be

demonstrated, for example, by the fact that the total receipts for the 1982-83 annual fund drive amounted to just over \$750,000 (the highest total to date), whereas the annual drive figure for some 800 publicly funded four-year colleges and universities in the U.S. averaged just under \$5 million (1981-82 figure).

Looking toward the future, while mindful of the thoughtfulness of graduates and friends who have remembered West Point in their wills (\$6 million plus), we have developed an excellent program of planned giving. Interested individuals are invited either to make bequests to West Point or to commit an amount to one of a variety of life income plans with West Point as the beneficiary. Participation in this program has expanded to the point that a separate office has just been set up to administer it.

It was stated at the outset that funds Point Fund. That which is designated for the AOG either goes to the Endowment Fund or is used for operations. Monies designated for the West Point Fund are, if restricted, used for the stated purpose, e.g., class gift projects, cadet activities and library support. Unrestricted monies are used, at the discretion of the Superintendent, for a variety of purposes according to existing needs. An important use of West Point Fund money, for example, is

in support of Faculty Development and Research, and endowment whose income enables the Academy to expand its program of graduate study and travel for faculty members.

Over the years of its existence, the Military Academy has provided its graduates with the academic, military, moral-ethical and physical bases for their lives. We have benefitted from this background, whether in military service or civilian pursuits. One important way in which we can discharge any obligation we may feel for that benefit is participation in our fund raising program. Such participation, of whatever amount, may be in the form of annual contributions, planned giving for USMA and the Corps of Cadets, for AOG Operations and Endowment, or some combination thereof. The important point is *participation*.

The Association of Graduates is convinced that our approach to fund raising is well ordered and that it will maintain its appeal to West Point graduates and West Point's growing number of supportive friends. Our confidence stems from the fact that for the past decade we not only have shown steady increases in contributions, we have received the stamp of approval through surveys among our constituents and have enjoyed Academy support during the administrations of four Superintendents.

AOG Seeks Ways To Improve Assistance to USMA Admissions Program

ONE of the most important programs your Association undertakes is support of the Military Academy's Admissions effort. We strongly believe that assisting West Point in recruiting the best possible candidates is the most important way that we, as graduates, can insure the continued health and strength of the Academy.

Management and direction of the Association's Admissions Support Program is vested in the AOG Admissions Committee, chaired by Denis Mullane, '52. The Committee, consisting of 12 graduates, meets two or three times a year in conjunction with meetings of the Board of Trustees. The USMA Director of Admissions is an advisor to the Committee, and he, the Deputy Director of Admissions, and the Director of Athletics attend all committee meetings and provide valuable advice and counsel to the Committee.

Funding for the Admissions Support Program comes from the West Point Fund. Each request for funds to finance a special project or program for admissions support is presented by the Director of Admissions to the AOG's Admissions Committee. The request, with the Committee's recommendation, is then passed to the West Point Fund Advisory Committee for approval. Of course, the Committee considers only those programs and projects for which appropriated funds are not available.

Our Admissions Committee works throughout the year with West Point societies around the country, urging them to support the admissions effort and providing assistance and guidance where it is needed and welcomed.

We believe that highly motivated West Point societies can be a solid base for identifying and encouraging outstanding candidates for the Military Academy. As an initial step, the Admissions Committee last year developed a Five Point Program, that, when implemented by West Point societies, should contribute significantly to improving the admissions program. Under the Five Point Program, societies are urged to (1) vote the corporate support of the society to the USMA Admissions Field Force in their area, (2) pledge funds for local support of USMA admissions programs, (3) designate a society member as the local point of contact for society members who desire to help in the admissions effort, (4) vote to recommend society members to participate in the grass roots work of the admissions program under direction of the local USMA Admissions Office Area Coordinator, and (5) encourage all USMA Admissions Liaison Officers to become members of the society.

Committee members have contacted over twenty West Point societies, and all have agreed to fully support the Five Point Program.

Also under the umbrella of the Admissions Support Program, the Association manages and supervises the Civilian Preparatory Scholarship Program (CPSP). Initiated in 1979 at the request of the Superintendent, the CPSP provides partial scholarships to preparatory schools and four year colleges for recruited athletes and other candidates. In the first three years of the program, scholarships were provided to 62 candidates, of whom 16 were recruited athletes. At the end of their preparatory year, admission was offered to 46 candidates, and 43 accepted and entered the Military Academy.

The photograph accompanying this article shows Steve O'Borsky, a recruited athlete from Hutchinson, Minnesota, who



STEVE O'BORSKY

attended Berkshire School in Massachusetts under the CPSP in 1980-81. Steve lettered in hockey as a plebe and yearling, and is one of the leading scorers on Jack Riley's team.

We expect to provide partial scholarships for 30 candidates during the coming academic year. Six or seven will be athletes recruited by the Director of Athletics, but who need an additional year of academic preparation before entering the Military Academy.

Funds for the CPSP are provided by the West Point Fund and by the income from five endowed scholarships. Each of the endowments provides enough income to finance one scholarship grant annually. The program is now in the fourth year of a four year trial, and it will be evaluated during the coming year to determine its future.

During the next few months, the Admissions Committee assisted by the AOG Staff will be engaged in studying new ways of helping improve the Admissions effort, and we will keep you advised of our progress.

AOG ELECTION 1983

PRESIDENT

MEMBERS OF THE Association of Graduates at the annual meeting at West Point on 20 May 1983 elected a slate of graduates to serve as President, Class Trustees, and Trustees-at-large.

Elected as President of the Association succeeding George F. Dixon '40 was M. S. Davison '39.

Ten Class Trustees representing reunion classes of '34, '38, '44, '48, '54, '58, '63, '68, '73 and '78 were elected for a one-year term. Twelve Trustees-at-large were elected to serve three years.

A complete listing of Officers and Trustees of the Association can be found on the contents page of each issue of ASSEMBLY. Biographies of Officers and Trustees are available in the latest REGISTER OF GRADUATES.



Michael S. Davison
'39

CLASS TRUSTEES



Ralph E. Bucknam Jr.
'34



Elliott W. Amick
'38



George S. Blanchard Jr.
'44



Donald B. Swenholt
'48



John T. Miller
'54



James H. Ramsden
'58



Emile A. Robert Jr.
'63



Paul A. DeCoursey
'68



William H. Pearce
'73



Robert F. Olds Jr.
'78

TRUSTEES AT LARGE



Stanley R. Larsen
'39



Edward N. Robinson
'45



Sam S. Walker
'46



Thomas B. Tyree
'48



Denis F. Mullane
'52



Lee D. Olvey
'55



Lewis S. Sorley 3d
'56



Gregory J. Kadlec
'59



Joseph J. McCann Jr.
'61



Robert B. Ramsay
'66



James D. Fowler Jr.
'72



Robert L. Van Antwerp Jr.
'72

General Alfred M. Gruenther

U.S.M.A. '19 1899-1983



RETIRED Army General Alfred Maximilian Gruenther, 84, former Supreme Allied Commander in Europe and President, American Red Cross, died of pneumonia at Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D.C. at 6:00 A.M. on Memorial Day, 30 May 1983. He was buried in Arlington Cemetery in an inspiring ceremony with full military honors. Honorary Pallbearers were: General Lyman L. Lemnitzer; General J. Lawton Collins; General Lauris Norstad; General Albert C. Wedemeyer; General Cortlandt Van R. Schuyler; Major General Herbert M. Jones; Brigadier General Lester D. Flory; Brigadier General Elton F. Hammond; Brigadier General Richard P. Ovenshine; and Colonel Edward O. Hopkins.

Coming from solid Nebraska stock, Al Gruenther remained proud to the end of both his Platte Center roots and the institution which served to crystalize his character. His parents sent no unprepared farm boy to West Point on that day in June 1917. Al Gruenther had already spent four years at St. Thomas Academy in St. Paul, Minnesota and eight months at a preparatory school in Washington, D.C. At the early age of 13, he had taken a summer correspondence course in memory. At 16 he had written a very perceptive paper on Militarism vs. Pacifism which he published later in his father's newspaper, *The Platte Center Signal*.

General Gruenther's father, Christian, died in 1923 before his talents gained him national recognition but he was, by then, well known throughout Nebraska as the Nebraska manager of William Jennings Bryan's third and last presidential campaign and President of the Nebraska State Democratic Club, among other things. But Christian had instilled in his son a sense of discipline and a thirst for knowledge which, along with his God given brilliance and sense of humor, led Alfred Gruenther to greatness.

General Gruenther graduated from West Point, fourth in his class, at the age of 19 on 1 November 1918 (just 10 days before the Armistice). His class had spent less than 18 months at West Point before being commissioned and sent off to France. In spite of this truncated academic exposure, Al Gruenther went on to receive honorary degrees from 38 universities including Harvard, Yale, Dartmouth, Columbia and Holy Cross.

To dwell on General Gruenther's military accomplishments would be like describing Moses to the Israelites. He earned his reputation as a wartime staff officer during World War II. He went to London in 1942 as Deputy Chief of Staff of the Allied Force Headquarters under General Eisenhower with whom he had become closely associated. Later in World War II,

he served as Chief of Staff of Fifth Army and 15th Army Group under General Mark Clark. General Gruenther was the principal planner for the Allied invasion of North Africa in 1942 and the later invasions of Sicily and Salerno. A close associate from those days, Major General Charles E. Saltzman, USMA '25, has this to say of General Gruenther:

"As his deputy during World War II, I was privileged to see a great deal of him in a lot of different situations—some very difficult. Besides being a delightful companion, he exhibited what to me was an unique brand of excellence, particularly in two respects; he seemed to have an unlimited capacity for detail while never losing his perspective or getting his eye off the main, long-term ball; when the going was really tough, e.g., Salerno; and when, with such responsibilities that his nerves might understandably be the most frayed, he was at his very best, with his judgment and sense of humor the keenest and his consideration of subordinates most sensitive and thoughtful. He was an extraordinary human being."

When the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) was authorized in December 1950, General Eisenhower was serving as President of Columbia University. General Gruenther had been Director of the Joint Staff and later Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans, Department of Army, positions from which Eisenhower relied on him for briefings on defense matters. When Eisenhower was chosen as Commander of Supreme Headquarters of Allied Powers in Europe, he selected, without hesitation, an old friend, Al Gruenther, as his Chief of Staff, promoting him to four star rank in 1951. In 1953, when General Gruenther was being recruited for a high position in industry, Eisenhower, now President would not accept his application for retirement or resignation, stating that Gruenther could not "possibly leave at this time without inflicting a sad blow amounting to near destruction of NATO." About that time, General Ridgway, who had succeeded Eisenhower as Supreme Allied Commander Europe (SACEUR), became Army Chief of Staff. President Eisenhower appointed Gruenther as SACEUR with unanimous Senate confirmation. When General Gruenther retired from the Army after three years as SACEUR on 31 December 1956, Lord Ismay, a Briton who was NATO's Secretary General, called him "a great soldier statesman." Eisenhower had described him as "one of the ablest, all-around officers, civilian or military, I have encountered in my fifty years."

Refusing several job offers with private industry, General Gruenther accepted the

position as President, American Red Cross, on 1 January 1957. During the next seven years and three months, Gruenther wrote some 30,000 letters, traveled over 700,000 miles and made over 800 speeches spreading the Red Cross gospel and becoming internationally known as a great humanitarian.

As if these two distinguished careers were not enough, he was on the board of four corporations, Dart Industries, Federated Department Stores, Pan American World Airways and New York Life Insurance. He served on three Presidential Commissions—Arms Control and Disarmament; Heart Disease, Cancer and Stroke; and All-Volunteer Armed Force. He was Chairman of the English Speaking Union and Honorary President of the World Bridge Federation. In the course of his military duties, General Gruenther was decorated by 20 nations and received many civilian awards. When he received the *Medaille Militaire* in 1956, it had only been granted by the Government of France to four other foreigners—General Pershing, President Roosevelt, General Eisenhower and Prime Minister Churchill.

For eight years during the period 1928 to 1937, Gruenther served three tours at West Point, where he rose to the position of Assistant Professor to Colonel Chauncey L. Fenton, Professor of Chemistry and Electricity. By this time Al Gruenther had already become an expert player of Contract Bridge. His extraordinary talent in organizing West Point Bridge Tournaments impressed some of the world's outstanding bridge experts whom he sometimes lured to the Academy as referees or instructors. On one occasion, one of the experts, Julius Goldman, asked him to conduct a big tournament in New York City. Goldman especially stressed that Gruenther enforce "military discipline" on the players who straggled in late and delayed the game. Remembering Goldman's order on punctuality, Gruenther arranged for alternates to be present and announced that play would begin promptly at 8:15 P.M. At the precise time, all players had arrived except Goldman and his partner. After allowing an extra 60 seconds, Gruenther requested that the alternates fill the two chairs and the tournament was begun. Five minutes later, Goldman and his part-

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WEST POINT FUND

As is its custom, your West Point Fund Committee publishes in ASSEMBLY each September a summary report of all AOG fund raising activities for the fiscal year which ended on the preceding 31 March. A copy of the complete report will be provided on request. Members of the West Point Fund Committee as of 31 March 1983 are listed below.

A comparison of total receipts by the AOG for FY '82 and FY '83 is shown below:

	Direct Contributions	
	FY '82	FY '83
Number of Gifts	7,901	8,475
Total Value	\$1,169,012	\$1,043,299

	Deferred Gifts	
Bequests Received	\$ 196,056 (10)*	\$ 17,550 (9)
Life Income Gifts**	\$ 422,565 (4)	\$ 40,375 (6)

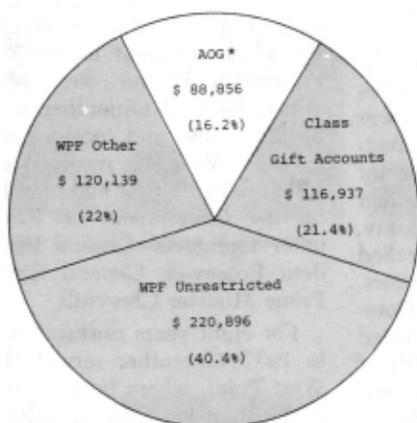
* Figures in parentheses indicate the number of such gifts received.

** Generally, the remainder interest does not pass to AOG until beneficiary has died.

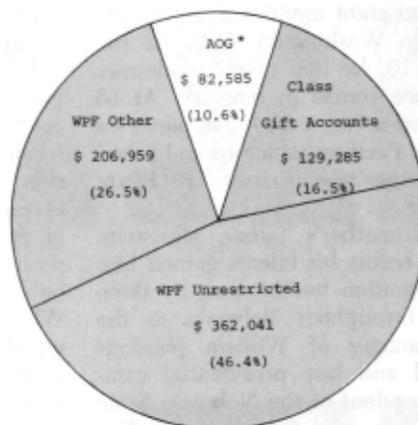
Again this year, total direct contributions exceeded 1 million dollars (\$1,043,299 to be exact) and were almost as high as in FY '82 when the campaign to raise money for the Eisenhower Monument was in full swing. Planned Gifts (Bequests and Trusts) were down in comparison with the dollar amounts received last year. "Bequests Received" reflect funds actually received, not pledged amounts. "Life Income Gifts" are irrevocable trusts or other legal instruments wherein the remainder interest normally does not pass to the AOG until the beneficiary, who is receiving the trust's income, has died.

Annual Drive. It is AOG policy to encourage all of its graduates and friends to give during the six month period which is designated for the Annual Drive (October through March). In that way we will minimize the "hassle" which would accompany a twelve month annual drive. The responses to the FY '82 and '83 Annual Fund Drives are compared in the two pie charts below:

FY '82 \$546,828



FY '83 \$780,870



* Includes Funds to Eisenhower Monument

These charts show the relative popularity of giving for various general purposes during the six month drive. A part of the white portion of the pie reflects the very small percentage of contributions (usually under 5%) which goes to the AOG. The income from the AOG Endowment Fund (not shown in this fund raising report) is sufficient to pay AOG operating expenses and still permit a generous annual grant for West Point Fund unrestricted use. Also in the white portion is money collected during the year for the Eisenhower Monument Project which was dedicated at West Point on 3 May 1983.

The shaded portion of the chart reflects all annual drive

gifts for the benefit of the West Point Fund. These funds will eventually be used by the Superintendent to support projects and programs for which government funds are not available. Contributions to Class Gift Accounts continue to be a significant source of support for West Point and for the Corps. West Point Fund Unrestricted is perhaps the most important category of funds solicited and also the most difficult to obtain. This category of money is allocated by the Superintendent to support projects of greatest need—such projects which cannot be supported through government funds and which are not picked up as class gift projects.

A breakout of projects supported during FY '83 with *West Point Fund Unrestricted Funds* is as follows.

WEST POINT FUND COMMITTEE MEMBERS: BG JOHN R. JANNARONE '38, *Chairman*

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GEN DONALD V. BENNETT '40
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MG CHESTER V. CLIFTON, JR. '36
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DR. EDWARD H. ERATH
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BG ROBERT F. McDERMOTT JAD '43
MR. DOUGLAS J. O'CONNOR '54
MG GEORGE H. OLMSTED '22
MG GEORGE S. PATTON '46

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BG PAUL W. THOMPSON '29
MG WILLIAM F. WARD, JR. '50

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LTC CLIFFORD J. LANDRY '53

MR. MARTIN M. MALONEY '47
LTC REX D. MINCKLER JAD '48

COMMITTEE REPORT

FOR FISCAL YEAR 1983

Admissions

Admissions Support	\$ 1,600
Equal Admissions—Minority Recruiting	2,600
Recruiting Promotional Items	2,500
	<u>\$ 6,700</u>

Cadet Glee Club, Gospel Choir, Cadet Chapel Choir, Mountaineering Club, and Honoraria for other clubs & activities)	\$ 108,085
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Cadet Activities

Support of over 30 Cadet Extracurricular Clubs & Activities (Cadet Fine Arts Forum, Rabble Rousers, WKDT, Sailing Team, Slum and Gravy, Cycling Team, Sports Parachute Club, Cadet Hop Bands, Computer Science Seminar, Riding Club,

Academics

Library Collections Restoration	\$ 10,000
Schley Collection	5,000
Student Conference on United States Affairs	15,710
Senior Conference	6,000
Operations Crossroads Africa	14,000
Faculty Development & Research	39,126
	<u>\$ 89,836</u>

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Contributions by Class FY '83 (Bequests & Life Income Trusts not included)

This table is a record of all gifts received during FY 1983 from graduates and ex-cadets without regard to purpose of use.

Class				Class				Class												
# of Donors	Total Amount of Donations	% of Response	Balance in Class Gift Account on 3/31/83	# of Donors	Total Amount of Donations	% of Response	Balance in Class Gift Account on 3/31/83	# of Donors	Total Amount of Donations	% of Response	Balance in Class Gift Account on 3/31/83									
1907	1	\$ 1,876.19	100%	\$ *	1932	52	7,492.50	36%	73,713.01	1957	55	2,530.00	14%	1,493.67						
1909	1	100.00	33%	*	1933	80	16,364.79	40%	41,239.22	1958	91	8,818.00	17%	11,042.98						
1910	2	10,200.00	50%	*	1934	43	3,155.00	27%	1,851.62	1959	62	3,404.00	13%	573.78						
1911	0	—	0%	*	1935	52	5,870.00	29%	11,283.76	1960	90	5,013.00	17%	3,960.53						
1912	2	1,050.00	25%	*	1936	55	8,520.00	29%	6,775.42	1961	83	3,133.00	17%	591.99						
1913	1	100.00	20%	*	1937	87	11,392.00	44%	25,649.14	1962	76	3,360.00	13%	1,877.84						
1914	1	1,000.00	14%	*	1938	79	6,635.00	38%	14,273.17	1963	65	2,510.00	14%	1,023.28						
1915	7	17,875.00	47%	*	1939	135	12,682.00	40%	30,257.35	1964	90	4,088.00	17%	814.31						
1916	9	390.00	60%	619.52	1940	112	77,088.88	34%	11,993.00	1965	84	3,587.00	15%	1,475.17						
1917 (Apr)	7	575.00	47%	*	1941	61	5,566.00	20%	32,925.33	1966	90	3,833.40	17%	3,518.68						
1917 (Aug)	1	1,417.72	4%	*	1942	70	5,035.00	26%	19,286.37	1967	98	4,625.00	18%	743.69						
1918 (Jun)	4	435.00	27%	*	1943 (Jan)	71	4,367.50	25%	247.77	1968	116	3,165.00	17%	744.53						
1918 (Nov)	33	7,606.00	55%	*	1943 (Jun)	92	15,459.38	24%	55,129.82	1969	134	5,344.69	17%	1,164.44						
1919	26	2,255.00	33%	*	1944	73	73,378.00	19%	12,869.90	1970	109	3,033.00	15%	836.98						
1920	23	1,997.00	31%	*	1945	116	23,020.88	16%	6,579.03	1971	120	3,120.00	17%	2,825.37						
1921	6	1,245.00	67%	2,337.52**	1946	216	33,419.50	29%	30,258.57	1972	121	3,514.12	15%	1,299.67						
1922	18	2,827.00	51%			1947	94	16,934.25	35%	7,579.94	1973	129	3,116.73	14%	839.32					
1923	31	2,269.00	37%	*	1948	60	7,424.00	23%	53,547.37	1974	139	4,477.00	17%	3,168.29						
1924	44	5,789.52	35%	11,416.88	1949	72	10,535.75	15%	9,895.53	1975	140	3,437.00	16%	497.36						
1925	27	2,844.00	38%	*	1950	131	14,216.00	23%	4,571.13	1976	150	3,918.00	18%	2,251.60						
1926	23	1,589.00	32%	3,651.83	1951	55	16,993.37	13%	373,467.60***	1977	118	2,449.00	16%	2,280.46						
1927	38	9,010.00	45%	20,842.67	1952	53	6,481.00	11%	7,407.88	1978	171	4,367.70	17%	763.46						
1928	51	9,512.07	40%	8,352.62	1953	159	22,113.00	34%	58,142.70	1979	132	3,323.00	14%	2,786.43						
1929	37	8,308.00	28%	2,908.79	1954	107	9,790.50	18%	45,168.91	1980	133	2,644.00	15%	480.80						
1930	43	5,002.00	38%	10,313.87	1955	97	10,163.94	22%	35,130.45	1981	125	2,763.00	13%	8,465.90						
1931	51	6,793.00	30%	79,271.56***	1956	62	6,796.68	14%	30,715.54	1982	139	5,574.00	16%	10.00						
TOTAL					TOTAL					TOTAL										
					5,631				\$ 632,108.06				20%				\$ 1,195,205.32			

* These classes have already transferred their entire class gift account to West Point Fund Unrestricted Account.

** Class gift accounts combined.

*** Includes Securities.

The Top Ten Classes

In Dollars		In Donors		Percent Donors #	
Contributed, FY '83		FY '83		FY '83	
1940	\$ 77,089	1946	216	1921	67%
1944	73,378	1978	171	1922	51%
1946	33,420	1953	159	1927	45%
1945	23,021	1976	150	1937	44%
1953	22,113	1975	140	1928	40%
1915	17,875	1974	139	1933	40%
1951	16,993	1982	139	1939	40%
1947	16,934	1939	135	1925	38%
1933	16,365	1969	134	1930	38%
1943 (Jun)	15,459	1980	133	1938	38%

Classes prior to 1921 are grouped together for this comparison.

GRADUATES REPORT

DURING 1981, a survey of graduates was conducted by the USMA Department of Chemistry to determine the use of chemical knowledge by USMA graduates. This article will give the background and will report some of the results of the survey. It will also show how the department is using the results of the survey.

During the 1978 curriculum revision, which was prompted by the Department of Army Study Group recommendations, the Department of Chemistry, as well as other departments, was asked to justify the inclusion of its subject matter in the core curriculum. In addition to the general requirements for technical expertise in our graduates, the department's offerings were based on the requirement for chemical knowledge in subsequent courses in the curriculum. The most recent curriculum revision moved General Chemistry from Yearling to Plebe year in order to expose cadets earlier to the science and engineering component of the curriculum and to provide more basic science experience earlier in the curriculum. (June 1982 *Assembly* article: "The New Chemistry Curriculum")

As part of the internal justification for chemistry in the curriculum, a paper was developed by Major JD Hopkins (USAR) while he was serving his two week active duty period in one of the departmental MOBDES positions. The paper, entitled "Why Chemistry?", was completed in October 1977. A second effort by the department to codify specific curriculum requirements was a formal survey of the other Math-Science-Engineering departments at USMA to determine their specific requirements in the curriculum for chemistry knowledge. This effort was aided by another USAR officer filling a departmental MOBDES position, Major Thomas Hightower. The result of these two efforts were presented at the national meeting of the American Chemical Society in March 1980.

The Hopkins paper developed a model for evaluating the need for chemical knowledge in graduates as their careers progressed. In transmitting the paper, Major Hopkins made a recommendation for a survey of graduates in order to seek graduate input into curriculum development and to attempt to validate the proposed model.

Many of the concepts in the basic chemistry course content are dictated by the subject matter of subsequent required

science and engineering courses. But the classroom demonstrations, illustrations of applied theories used, and some of the remaining material are flexible. The department thus sought graduate input in order to make the course as relevant as possible. The department also sought graduate input to validate the Hopkins' model.

The survey questionnaire was designed to find out how frequently graduates

needed to know something about certain chemical concepts and how valuable the knowledge was. The subjects covered on the questionnaire are at Table 1. Graduates surveyed were asked to rate the frequency of use of a concept on a scale of 1 (never) to 5 (very frequently) and importance on a scale of 1 (not sure), 2 (no value), to 5 (of extensive value). Graduates were then asked to indicate three of the concepts which should re-

Table 1 — OVERALL SURVEY RESULTS

Concept ²	Percent of respondents who reported use of subject ¹			Percent of respondents who attributed value to subject	
	In Military Career	In Graduate School	In Personal Life	Some/Extensive ³ Value	Slight Value
Atomic Structure	26	32	34	56	32
Periodic Table	16	27	25	44	35
Nomenclature	25	32	39	46	37
Electromagnetic Radiation	36	30	34	50	32
Chemical Bonding	13	24	23	26	41
Chemical Equation	13	25	22	25	43
Gases	39	35	51	56	33
Liquids & Solids	44	34	57	55	33
Solutions	22	23	31	37	37
Electrochemistry	27	25	35	37	38
Chemical Kinetics	10	18	14	20	36
Chemical Thermodynamics	18	29	23	31	36
Acid and Bases	29	28	46	47	37
Oxygen and Hydrogen	24	27	40	39	38
Non metals	20	20	27	29	40
Metals	38	29	48	50	32
Organic Chemistry	14	20	28	30	38
Nuclear Chemistry	52	32	38	56	29
Qualitative and Quantitative Analysis	15	22	20	23	36
Separation and Purification	15	12	20	21	38
Chemistry of the Human Body	36	23	54	59	23
Explosives	68	14	29	59	25
Chemical Warfare	72	9	18	64	21
Chemical Safety	72	20	57	72	18
Fuels, Lubricants and Energy	65	27	67	67	23
Corrosion	51	20	60	44	32
Polymers	14	13	25	25	33
Laboratory Experience	56	58	69	72	19

¹ Percentages were calculated using the number of respondents who reported sometimes, frequently or very frequently using the concept.

² Each subject was accompanied by some description: e.g. liquids and solids (Boiling point, freezing point, vapor pressure, heat of fusion, phase diagram, crystal structure).

³ Combined percentages of respondents who reported that the concept was of some or extensive value.

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VALUE OF CHEMISTRY

ceive additional emphasis. Finally a space was given for additional comments. The survey was mailed to 450 randomly selected members of the Classes of 1950 to 1977. One of the most impressive aspects of the results was the return rate. The completed surveys were returned by 262 graduates and a significant number (82) of the returned surveys contained written comments which elaborated on respondent's experience or made additional suggestions.

The tabularized raw data from the survey are shown in Table 1. The raw results give us some interesting information. For example, non-metals as a subject was reported as of very little use in any of the categories and was ranked relatively low in importance. This could be interpreted to mean the subject should be eliminated, but, on the other hand, such data may also reflect an inadequate emphasis on the practical value of non-metals. In this case the emphasis that the instructors place on the importance of oxides of nitrogen (non-metals) governing the quality of air in our environment may have to be improved. (This is especially important to residents in major cities such as the Los Angeles and Denver areas. Due to the build up of NO₂, the clear morning sky is replaced

by a reddish haze as the day proceeds. Most of the NO₂ in the air is produced from the oxidation of NO, nitrogen oxide by atmospheric oxygen. The NO is an unwanted byproduct as internal combustion engines oxidize atmospheric nitrogen to NO.)

The raw data also show several areas where the department could increase emphasis as time allows and reinforce the requirement for a significant laboratory experience. When asked to list concepts needing additional emphasis in the curriculum, the respondents considered the following (in order of importance) to be most relevant: chemical warfare, laboratory experience, nuclear chemistry, explosives, and chemistry of the human body. These are all classified as practical chemistry. The restructure of the chemistry curriculum reported previously (June 1982 *Assembly* article: "The New Chemistry Curriculum") should help to enhance the laboratory experience. Further, an intra-departmental study of the laboratory program is being conducted currently by LTC James B. Allen (USMA '67). The objective of this study is to improve the relationship between chemistry laboratory work and "how science is done." The other subjects above could receive better emphasis by increasing the number of

practical examples included in course materials. While these practical subjects were rated as important and requiring emphasis, there were a significant number of respondees who cautioned that the chemistry course of study should emphasize traditional chemistry content and not be converted to military chemistry. This is certainly consistent with departmental emphasis.

Another example of the type of information the survey produced is shown by a comparison of survey responses for two concepts: "Electrochemistry and Corrosion." The chemical theory involved in corrosion is taught in electrochemistry. Thus, one would expect that graduates would respond similarly on the two concepts. But the results displayed in Table 2 indicate there is obviously some work to be done in the classroom to show the relationship between these two concepts. While responses of graduates who took only general chemistry and those who took additional chemistry courses were similar for the importance of corrosion, their responses were disparate on the importance of electrochemistry. Interestingly, there is no significant difference in the same analysis between groups of respondees based on graduate education. None of these

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Table 2 — COMPARISON OF RESPONSES FOR ELECTROCHEMISTRY AND CORROSION BY VARIOUS GROUPS

Demographic Group	ELECTROCHEMISTRY			CORROSION		
	Some/ Extensive value	Slight Value	Use-Military ¹ Career	Some/ Extensive value	Slight Value	Use-Military ¹ Career
Those who took another chemistry course beyond the core	46	38	40	52	20	28
Those who took only General Chemistry	35	37	26	54	32	55
Those who attended Graduate School in a Physical Science	39	39	31	53	27	60
Those who attended Graduate School in an area other than Physical Science	38	36	26	52	34	45
Those who have not attended Graduate School	36	35	21	60	32	54

¹ Percent who reported some or extensive use

THE COM REPORTS...

by BG JOHN H. MOELLERING, *Commandant of Cadets, USMA*

AT the time of this writing Beast Barracks and Camp Buckner are in full swing and we have cadets scattered all around the world. May 25th marked the graduation of an outstanding class—one which you will be proud to receive as both members of the Long Gray Line and of the U.S. Army.

Beast Barracks is a week longer than last year—now seven weeks. This year we've added nuclear biological and chemical defense training, extra bayonet training with the inclusion of mechanical targets, and squad training utilizing basic individual assault skills. We've reintroduced double timing when out of doors in a cadet area and not in formation.

Beast Barracks has traditionally had a dual purpose—that of providing basic training to the incoming plebes, but also importantly that of providing leadership experience for the first class cadre. LTC John Ellerson has run Beast Barracks this year with a view toward allowing the first class cadre much more latitude in running the entire operation. The results have been most impressive. Cadet Wes Gilman did a most professional job as King of the Beasts on first detail, ably assisted by his Deputy Commander, Cadet Millie Wright and the cadet company commanders. The second detail is headed by Cadet Dick Hewitt and his XO, Cadet Leon Moores. They are doing an equally impressive job. Incidentally, being the father of a member of the Class of '87, I now find certain channels of information and perspectives available which I previously knew little about. I'm happy to report that most of the feedback has been extremely positive and that things are still a very significant challenge to all of our new plebes as you and I would want them to be. Early indicators are that the Class of '87 is one which will make us all proud some day.

At Camp Buckner field training for the Class of '86 places emphasis on the fundamentals of combat arms. The 101st Airborne Division is providing the same

outstanding support this year as they did last. The most significant change this year saw the introduction of MILES (Multiple Integrated Laser Engagement System) to produce realism in infantry training. It has truly revolutionized our tactical training and will contribute tremendously to yearlings understanding of the real battlefield. The center piece of our infantry training this year is a two-day FTX incorporating MILES. We also have reintroduced hand-to-hand combat and a seven mile forced march which culminates with the always exciting slide for life and infantry confidence course at Lake Popolopen. This year for the first time we have introduced tac fire equipment into training, have significantly increased the number of actual Soviet vehicles used in OPFOR training and have increased amount of training time available on the new M1 Abrams tank and Bradley Infantry fighting vehicle at Fort Knox.

Cadet Bill Rapp, '84, was the first detail Buckner commander, assisted by Cadet Chris Wilson. Their outstanding performance has been matched by second detail commander, Bill Miller and his exec, Todd Sherrill. I believe that we've succeeded in making the Buckner summer training a more realistic approximation of actual field and combat conditions this year. Nearly all instruction was conducted by members of the cadet first class, assisted by the 101st Airborne Division.

The Class of '85 has been well occupied this summer with their summer leadership training program. This summer 653 cadets took part in the Cadet Troop Leader Training (CTLT) program in 16 CONUS installations as well as Hawaii, Alaska, Panama, Korea and USAEUR. The Drill Cadet Program (which consists of cadets acting as drill sergeants in basic or advanced individual training units) had an all time high of 477 cadets participating at eight TRADOC training posts.

In addition, the Class of '85 attended seven military skills schools during the summer. Four hundred and eighty-three went to Airborne at Fort Benning, 211 to Air Assault school at Fort Campbell, Kentucky and for the first time at Fort Hood, Texas, 103 to Flight Orientation at Fort Rucker, 153 to Jungle school in Panama, 71 to Northern Warfare Training at Fort Greely, Alaska, 77 to Survival Evasion Resistance and Escape (SERE) at the Air Force Academy, and ten to the demanding rigors of the Navy's SEAL school at Coronado, California.

Particularly outstanding performances were turned in by Cadet Dan Cox and Shawn Dodgson who were both distinguished honor graduates in the Air Assault school. Cadet Greg Pearce received

the Army Achievement Medal for actions he took in rendering first aid and organizing the evacuation of wounded soldiers after a serious training accident at Fort Bliss, Texas. And we were particularly proud of Cadet Christopher Casey who graduated first of 379 in his class in the Air Force Academy's SERE course. This was the first time in the history of the Air Force Academy that a West Point cadet had graduated first in the course.

This summer also saw the changing of the guard in our Department of Military Instruction. Colonel Pete Walton, '55, who served ably in that difficult and demanding assignment decided to retire after 28 years of service. He was replaced by Colonel Tom Bullock, '56, who brings with him an outstanding record, most recently having been Chief of Staff, 2d Infantry Division, in Korea. Tom is an outstanding soldier who is extremely well suited to oversee all the military training of our cadets.

As we move toward the football season which we're all anticipating, we have been deeply in the throes of logistical planning for the movement of the Corps of Cadets to the Army/Navy game in the Rose Bowl at Pasadena. Plans now include deploying the Corps from Stewart Field in 13 or 14 wide-bodied jets beginning deployment on the Wednesday before the game with redeployment commencing the Saturday following the game. Most cadets and midshipmen will be billeted in private homes. The plan now envisions a parade by the Corps of Cadets and Brigade of Midshipmen following the traditional Rose Bowl parade route preceding the march-on. We are looking forward to this unique experience and particularly toward the opportunity of whipping Navy for the first time ever in the Rose Bowl. See you in Pasadena. BEAT NAVY!

New Cadets, 4 July 83





news from the SOCIETIES

West Point Society of D. C.

The spring luncheon of the Society of D.C. was held at Fort Myer Officers Club on May 12, 1983. More than 200 members and guests attended.

Mr. Charles Corrdry, defense correspondent for the *Baltimore Sun*, was guest speaker. He was introduced by LTC Frank A. Camm '43, who summarized Corrdry's journalistic activities. Among them, Corrdry is a regular panelist on the weekly television program, "Washington Week in Review." Before coming to the *Baltimore Sun* in 1967, Corrdry reported on aviation for United Press International. A 1941 graduate of American University, in Washington, D.C., he has covered the Pentagon since the 1950s.

Corrdry opened his remarks by acknowledging a number of West Point graduates with whom he has been associated journalistically over the years. He said: "I've had a long association with the Army and developed many friendships with West Pointers like Generals Blanchard, Medaris, Eddleman, and others."

He discussed his visits to military activities in foreign places, such as Europe. Describing the new capabilities of the Army in Europe, Corrdry noted that training there is constant and challenging.

Touching on certain national issues, he said the President and Congress are "moving to the center from the right and left." He said: "We are seeing a new approach to arms control."

The catalyst for the change, he pointed out, was the report of the President's Commission on Strategic Forces (Scowcroft Commission). He praised General Scowcroft, saying he represents a "surrogate Secretary of State and Defense combined."

He saw this report as a way of solving a number of problems, for both the President and the congress.

West Point Society of Los Angeles

The West Point Society of Los Angeles hopes that all graduates of the Military Academy who come to the Army-Navy Game in Pasadena have a wonderful time. The Society has arranged for selected graduates to be the focal points of contact for their classmates. Over 90% of the classes from 1920 through 1982 are represented. The names and phone numbers of the class contacts are listed below.

Tickets may be obtained from the AAA or the Army-Navy '83 Foundation, Attn: Ms. Jan Rozema, 11 West Del Mar, Suite 201, Pasadena, California 91105. They are \$25 and \$50 each depending on location. Please come to California in November and help cheer. Queries should be directed to W.J. McLaughlin '60 (714) 624-4010.

West Point Society of Connecticut

We have experienced a rebirth of activities in Connecticut during 1983. On 3 May the Connecticut Society held its first meeting in over 10 years and was fortunate to have Army Chief of Staff, General "Shy" Meyer '51 as guest speaker. 117 graduates, spouses and guests attended the dinner meeting held at the Quinnipiac Club in New Haven, CT. The highlight of the evening was GEN Meyer's address which focused primarily on the readiness and quality of our Army today. He expressed his pride in the qual-

ity of personnel that the Army is attracting and indicated that he was confident in the individual soldier's ability to perform his job in wartime and peacetime. GEN Meyer also emphasized the need for graduates to get involved in Admissions work, commented on several recent changes at the Academy and expressed his pleasure in the acquisition of our new Head Football Coach, Jim Young.

New Officers who will be guiding the Society through its revitalization period include: Vince Bailey '52, President; Jim Tanski '68, President Elect; Steve Allaire '69, Vice President; Al Paulekas '53, Treasurer; John LaBella '76, Secretary.

There are over 350 graduates residing in the State of Connecticut, about 50 of whom are still on active duty. During the business portion of the meeting, Vince Bailey '52, the new President, stated that the CT Society would be working toward the 5 point program developed by the AOG Board of Trustees Admissions Committee. As part of this program non-graduate Admission Participants will be invited to join the CT Society and more graduates will be encouraged to join the Admissions field force.

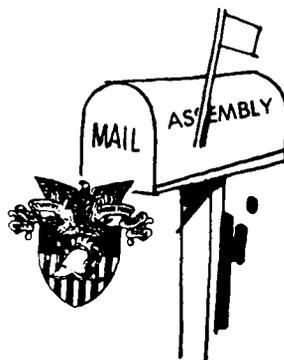
The next dinner meeting of the West Point Society of Connecticut is scheduled for 13 September 1983, again at the Quinnipiac Club in New Haven. Carl Ullrich, Director of Intercollegiate Athletics will be the guest speaker.

Plans are also underway for a Founders Day dinner dance in March with speaker and place to be announced. Bailey '52

CONFIRMED CLASS CONTACTS - 1983-ARMY-NAVY GAME

Class	Name	Phone	Class	Name	Phone	Class	Name	Phone
1920	Robert Kreuter	213-393-3590	1946	Marty Feldman	213-827-4369	1964	Dick Carr	714-982-3191
1924	Ken Strother	213-393-7770	1947	Bernie Greenberg	213-342-7918	1965	Richard Pullen	213-373-5942
1926	Harold Doud	714-992-4833	1948	Charles Crouch	213-931-4824	1966	Fred Ulrich	213-462-3809
1928	Everett Peddicord	213-Te3-4291	1949	David Hendrickson	714-626-2268			or 859-0592
1929	Keene Watkins	213-792-0344	1950	Tom Fife	213-378-4876	1967	Thomas Swett	714-985-3839
1930	Robert Watson	213-799-8461	1951	Merton Bangerter	714-770-7013	1968	Ed Larson	213-616-1572
1931	M.L. Levenick	213-799-7648		Buzz Aldrin	213-535-2318	1969	John Roundtree	714-626-2744
1932	B.G. Wm. Garland	213-454-4341	1952	King Coffman	213-957-5432	1970	Jonathan Severson	213-594-0214
1933	Doug Cairns	714-793-1631		Jim Spence	213-642-3151	1971	Larry Socea	213-864-9368
1934	Dale Huber	213-377-6125	1953	Jim Dade	213-246-6927	1972	Fred Sherman	714-989-9245
1935	B.G. John Cole	213-256-2370	1954	James Randall	714-861-8338	1973	Scott Barry	213-395-8977
1936	Bill Jones	714-832-6160	1955	Roy Thorsen	805-495-8211	1974	Ted Taylor	213-842-5444
1937	James Peale	213-691-3887	1956	Stanley Wilker	213-377-7780	1975	Tony Cerri	619-252-3410
1938	John Pitchford	213-548-3524	1957	John McSpadden	714-781-7942	1976	Rhinnie Rohrback	805-987-8057
1939	Charlie Medinnis	213-345-0512	1958	Donald DeJardin	213-795-5066			or 982-7236
1940	Sal Rizza	213-547-3442	1959	Bill Cohen	213-794-5998	1977	Jerry Porter	619-386-3366
1941	Norman Coker	714-879-7875	1960	Jim Fairchild	714-780-1391			or 386-1233
1942	John Atwood	213-472-2214	1961	Burt Mucho	213-671-5300	1978	Bill Houtz	714-987-2619
1943	David Barger	213-377-2614		Joe McCann	213-454-6876	1979	Doug Anson	619-386-1347
1943	Norman Pehrson	213-377-5961			or 647-5233	1980	Francisco Linares	619-386-1318
1944	Channing Gilson	213-465-1539	1962	Jim Boyle	213-664-1127	1981	Allen East	408-899-4150
1945	Lorin Peterson	805-259-1028	1963	Parker Cowgill	213-449-0865	1982	William Cronk	619-386-1545

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Letters to the editor should cover subjects pertaining to the Association of Graduates and the USMA which are of interest to alumni and friends of West Point. All signed letters received will be considered for publication. The editor reserves the right to reject or edit letters.

View from the Bottom

Editors Note: The following letter, written in response to an AOG survey questionnaire sent to a random sampling of young graduates, is published with permission of the writer.

Lest my comments seem too critical I would like to tell you about a few experiences since my commissioning in 1971. You can get career details from my file. I wish to describe some feelings I have had since leaving West Point. I want to make clear that I'm an ardent fan and somewhat of a "grey hog," and that I do love the Army and my country.

I've had some mixed feelings from time to time because I'm not sure that people want to hear the truth. I've kept quiet for ten years and I've finally decided to speak out.

First, there is both prejudice (or bias if you prefer) for and against West Pointers in the Army. Prejudice against us is in the form of a constant barrage of snide remarks, ribbing, and petty put-downs. On the serious side, there are many officers that like nothing better than to "test" W.P. officers on a continual basis. Many make no bones that they "hate" West Pointers. This creates an unnecessary stress and a less than professional atmosphere in which to defend one's country. It is an insult to me to hear comments from NCO's and officers like, "... You don't seem like a West Pointer—you're not a jerk..." or, "... I know all about your W.P. protective society..." (it's never protected me if there is one), or, "... You guys get all the breaks..." or, "Hey sir, you're not bad for a West Pointer." What do we do as a group to deserve this? I don't like it and I get awfully tired of dealing with it, but then I will continue to deal with it by doing the best job I can and by ignoring it to the best of my ability. Personally, I never "put someone down" for being ROTC or OCS. It is damaging professionally and it hurts. Why do we as an officer corps condone it? On the other hand, I have seen W.P. officers (more than a few) who are complete asses and elitists (usually these two go hand in hand). I enjoy being among West Pointers for the most part however. We do have

a certain esprit that is born in hardship and fostered by our common experience. This does not give us the right to think ourselves better. We chose our path. Our bond should be one of brotherhood not elitism.

Yet it exists. West Pointers have, and will protect each other sometimes justly sometimes not. And so an image grows that we have a protective society. Have you ever been in a group that is largely made up of West Pointers? The conversation becomes exclusionary. If I were a non-grad, and a little jealous, I'd invent "societies," or at least have suspicions of them too. So I guess I'm angry about this. I'm tired of putting up with the "put downs" and I wish we'd save our reminiscing for Benny Havens.

In either case, the bias and prejudice is there on both sides and it seems to be getting worse. We West Pointers must be the center of changing these practices.

My other complaint, if you will, is what I call "combat arms compartmentalization." This is defined as: if you aren't a combat arms officer, then you must be incompetent as a leader, lazy, cowardly, and somewhat less professional than those who are. I was commissioned FA and transferred to AG in 1974. AG is a good branch. We are small, energetic; and very good at our trade. The number of deadbeats in our branch is no more or less than anywhere else. Believe it or not, we're good leaders too. Some of us "even" went to West Point. The combat arms are a good experience for everyone—personally I feel that every officer should spend some time in one. But, the Army functions as a unit and as such should be a blend of officers from all missionary sources in all branches. I never thought of myself as less than my fellow combat arms officers—but many of them do think that way. Ask yourself, what is the first thought that rolls through your mind when you see a combat service support officer? Is he/she a "wimp," a "low-life staff-puke," or is he/she just plain not as good as you? I submit that many officers, senior and junior, react this way. To my mind this form of prejudice is just as bad as racism, or anti-semitism. Don't rationalize it away.

All of these conditions exist within the officer corps today. I have seen it and experienced it. The question should be, "does this officer do his/her best in his branch according to his/her talents?" As with St. Paul's advice to the early Christians when he spoke of the body's parts, we should all exploit our individual talents. There are good and bad officers in all branches. We should be most concerned in helping the officer develop in that branch where he and she can make the biggest contribution to their country, their Army, and themselves. In the final analysis we all have to be prepared to fight as infantryman if the need arises. My branch has nothing to do with my courage, my honor, or my integrity. I served well as an artillery officer, I have served well as an AG, and I have no small amount of pride in serving as a foreign area officer. I enjoy my work and I welcome the challenges.

I had a short service break (15 months). This gave me an opportunity to see the "outside" (and the Army) from a different perspective. I can say one thing with certainty. Whatever our differences as people, Army officers are a damn fine bunch of men and women. We are what we are because we are dedicated. I have met any number of "grads," who though they are "out," continue to serve their country through participation as solid citizens. Many wish they hadn't gotten out, many are happy they did, but they are all uncommonly dedicated to their country, to the Army, and to West Point. Many of us came back in. Personally, I didn't know my own heart well enough. I learned a lot, and I'm a better officer for it. My disappointment, when I was out, was the lack of contact with my service roots. I feel that West Point societies and the AOG can do more, in this sense, to spread their abilities and talents. I propose that we take a more outward look. I have done recruiting for you and looked for student athletes, and other applicants, formally and informally. It is rewarding. I generally disdain showboating and prefer a quiet approach, but either way—if I can help send a good man or woman to West Point (or at least spark some interest) then I feel good. Conversely, I feel that societies and the AOG can do more to help those who retire or leave active service to transition to civilian life. We can also do more in the community to raise the image of West Point indirectly by sponsoring activities that benefit the community. I'd rather contribute my time than money—all I need is some direction and support. West Point and the Army did a lot for me and I don't mind spreading the word to others.

I'm not certain what I've accomplished (if anything) by this letter. I hope it is read, and I hope there are a few bits of useful insights contained herein. I like to think I am aware of the view "from the bottom" or the grass roots level. If my perceptions are correct they may hopefully be of use to you. I sincerely hope my remarks can be taken as participative criti-

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THE DIA REPORTS

by CARL ULLRICH

DIRECTOR OF INTERCOLLEGIATE
ATHLETICS, USMA



I would like to try to respond to a letter from a graduate of the Class of 1932. He says, "I viewed with dismay the overall totals set forth in the 'Varsity Sports Summary' in the June issue of ASSEMBLY and the record vs Navy is shamefully pathetic. I believe I speak for hundreds of graduates in wishing to have an explanation as to why we do not seem capable of competing on an equal footing with Navy. There have to be reasons. Please let us have them."

There certainly are reasons for our poor performance against Navy. Unfortunately, it is not always easy to pin them down, but I can assure you there is great effort by me personally, our staff and coaches, and by our cadets to determine those reasons and deal with them. In some sports there is a decided difference in talent (let's face it, because of the easier lifestyle, proximity of a city like Annapolis, for example, Navy can appear to be a more attractive place to attend school). We need to look for the youngster with good character, superior academic skills and background, and the willingness to take the tough road, the hard challenge, and, of course, have the talent to contribute to the quality of our athletic program. We believe we can convince this kind of student-athlete that Army is the place he should select. We need the support of the institution, and we certainly have that at the top from General Scott, our Superintendent. We need the support of the Corps of Cadets and that support has been evident in many ways, perhaps most overtly during our last lacrosse season on several exciting occasions. A great deal of the root of the problem at this point in time seems to be that beating Army at Annapolis is more important than beating Navy here at West Point. We are working hard to change that attitude and have started with our incoming Plebes. I further believe that as Jim Young places

our football situation into a winning position this victory image will rub off on our other sports and in all of our competition with Navy. This certainly was the case at the Naval Academy 10+ years ago when our roles were reversed.

Jim Mitroka has been elected Captain of the 1983 Football Team. Jim won a first-team berth during pre-season drills a year ago and then went on to start all 11 games at the middle linebacker position. He played junior varsity ball his first year at the Academy and as a sophomore saw reserve duty only in seven games, but he never relinquished his starting job in the defensive lineup once the 1982 season began. Mitroka completed the season with 101 tackles, a total second only to that of All-America safety Mike Williams.

Four of the top athletes in the graduating class — All-America safety Mike Williams, All-America half-miler Cardell Williams, Eileen Mulholland and Chris Mozina were the recipients of the top athlete awards presented during the annual Superintendent's Review.

Mike Williams, from Hampton, VA, and Mulholland, from nearby Mahopac, NY,

received the Army Athletic Association Trophy for "most valuable service to athletics" during their four years at West Point.

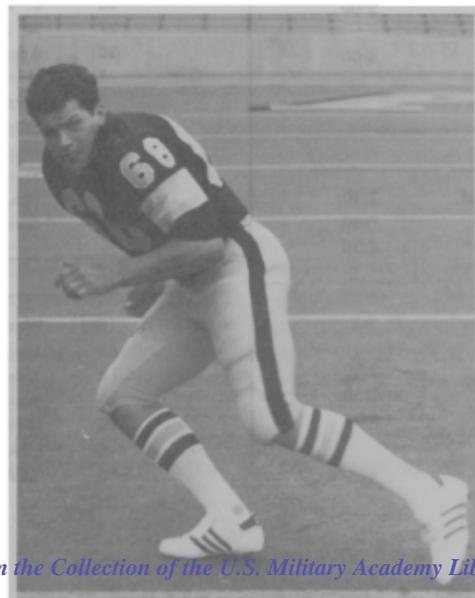
Cardell Williams, from New Orleans, LA, received a special Army Athletic Association award for outstanding achievements and exemplary leadership in athletics, while Mozina, from Brookfield, WI, received the Eastern College Athletic Conference Merit Medal presented to the cadet excelling in athletics and scholarship while at the Academy.

The co-captain for the 1982 Army Football Team, Mike Williams, earned three varsity letters while at West Point. He climaxed his career by being selected a third-team All-America defensive safety by the Associated Press.

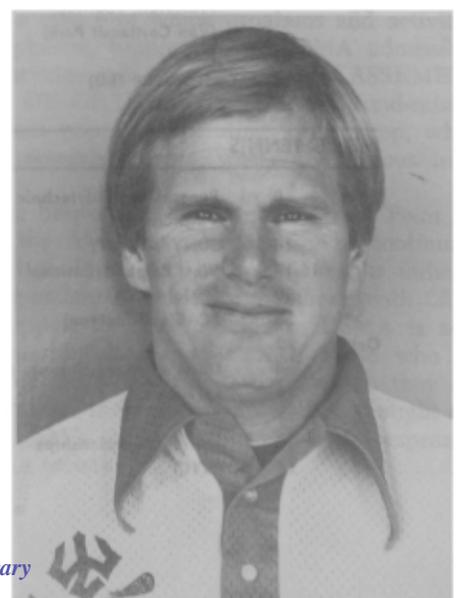
Mulholland is a three-year letter winner in Women's Softball and she was a member of the Women's Basketball Team for three seasons. She served as captain of the Army Women's Softball Team this past season.

Cardell Williams is considered one of the finest middle distance and distance
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Jim Mitroka



Jack Emmer, new lacrosse coach.



USMA FALL SPORTS SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time - PM
VARSITY FOOTBALL		
Sept 10	Colgate	2:00
17	Louisville (A)	7:00
24	Dartmouth	2:00
Oct 1	Harvard (A)	1:30
8	Rutgers	2:00
15	Notre Dame (Meadowlands)	2:00
22	Lehigh (Homecoming)	2:00
29	Air Force (A)	1:30
Nov 5	Boston College	1:30
12	Pittsburgh (A)	1:30
25	Navy (Rose Bowl)	11:45 AM

150 LB. FOOTBALL

Sept 23	Univ. of Penn	3:30
Oct 1	Princeton (A)	1:30
7	Rutgers	3:30
14	Cornell (A)	7:30
21	Navy	7:30
28	Univ. of Penn (A)	1:30
Nov 4	Princeton	3:30
12	Navy (Pottsville, PA)	1:00

SOCCER

Sept 9	Fordham University	4:00
13	Manhattan (A)	3:30
17	Rutgers (A)	2:00
19	Seton Hall	4:00
21	Holy Cross (A)	3:00
24	Union College (A)	2:00
28	Adelphi (A)	3:00
Oct 1	West Chester State	2:00
4	St. Peter's College (A)	3:30
7	Syracuse	4:00
11	Rensselaer Polytechnic Inst. (A)	2:30
14	Colgate	4:00
18	Marist (A)	3:30
21	Fairfield University	7:30
25	U. S. Merchant Marine Academy	4:00
29	Air Force (A)	10:00 AM
Nov 1	Iona College	4:00
4	Navy (A)	4:00
8	LaSalle (A)	2:30

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Sept 9	Iona, C. W. Post, Fordham, Canisius, N. Y. Tech	4:00
16	Syracuse, Albany, East Stroudsburg	4:00
30	Cornell University (A)	5:00
Oct 7	Princeton Tourney (Van Cortlandt Park)	3:00
21	Navy	4:00
28	Heps (Site TBD)	

MEN'S TENNIS

Sept 8	Rensselaer Polytechnic Inst.	3:30
9	Vermont (A)	7:00
14	SUNY/ALBANY	3:30
16-17	West Point Invitational	
20	St. John's (A)	
30-	ECAC's (Princeton)	
Oct 2		
4	Univ. of Massachusetts (A)	3:00
9	Lafayette	1:00
11	Siena	3:30
13-	Metro Championships	
14	(NYC)	

Date	Opponent	Time - PM
WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL		
Sept 9	USMA Prep School	4:00
11	Princeton Tourney (A)	8:00
16-17	Providence Tourney (A)	4:00
23-24	Temple Tourney (A)	4:00
27	Marist, Fordham, St. Thomas Aquinas	4:00
30-	Univ. of Massachusetts	6:00
Oct 1	Tourney (Amherst)	
11	Sullivan County Community College	4:00
13	Dominican College	4:00
14-	Univ. of Southern	6:00
15	Connecticut (New Haven)	
21	Northeastern College	7:00
29	Air Force Academy (A)	7:00
Nov 5	Navy	7:00
10	Marist, St. Francis Colleges	4:00
14	NYSIAAW (Site TBD)	

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Sept 13	Pace College	3:30
17	Lafayette (A)	1:00
27	Wagner College	3:30
30-	Easterns (West Point)	9:00 AM
Oct 2		
4	C. W. Post (A)	
6	Western Connecticut	3:30
8	Union (A)	1:00
12	Vassar College	3:30
18	St. John's University	3:30
22-24	NY States (Port Washington)	
29-30	MAC Tournament (St. Peter's College)	

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

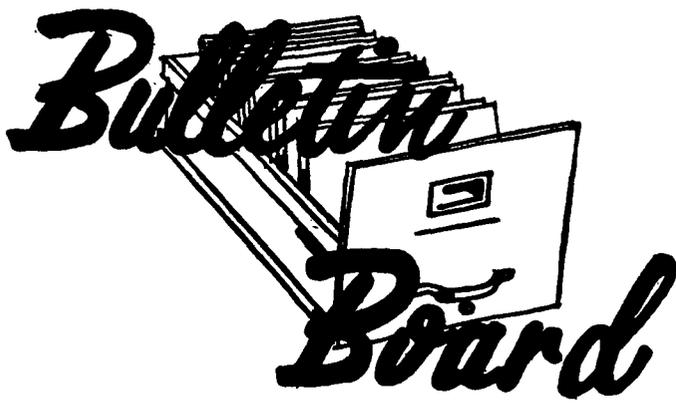
Sept 9	Edinboro, N. Y. Tech, Fordham	4:30
16	Syracuse, East Stroudsburg, St. John's	4:30
30	Cornell University (A)	4:30
Oct 7	Princeton, St. John's, Fordham (Van Cortlandt Park)	
14	Holy Cross Invitational (A)	
28	NCAA Regionals (Site TBD)	

BASEBALL

Sept 6	St. Francis College	3:30
8	N. Y. Tech	3:30
13	Jersey City State	3:30
15	William Paterson College	3:30
17	Siena College (2)	1:00
20	Pace University	3:30
23	C. W. Post College	3:30
27	St. John's University	3:30
30	Adelphi University	3:30
Oct 1	Manhattanville College (2)	1:00
4	Fordham University	3:30
6	Wagner College	3:30
9	Ithaca College (2)	1:00
13	Staten Island College	3:30
15	John Jay College (2)	1:00
18	Queens College	3:30

GOLF

Sept 10-	West Point Fall	8:00 AM
11	Invitational	
16-18	Yale Invitational (A)	
24	Walter McLaughlin	
25	Invitational (Bethpage, L.I.)	
Oct 6	ECAC Qualifications (Site TBD)	
15-16	ECAC Finals (Site TBD)	



AOG Board of Trustees Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Association held its regular Graduation week meeting in the Thayer Award Room, Building 600, on 20 May 1983. The President of the Association, Dixon '40, called the meeting to order at 0850 hours. The meeting adjourned at 1015 hours, in sufficient time for the members to participate in the Alumni Exercises, which, because of rain, were held in the Field House. The cadet Alumni Review was cancelled.

Before introducing the Superintendent for his traditional remarks to the Board, Dixon noted that this was his last Board meeting as President and he expressed his appreciation to all for their interest and assistance. The Superintendent gave a brief report to the Board on the affairs of the Academy and the Corps of Cadets. Since he made more detailed remarks at the Annual Meeting of the Association, his remarks are summarized in the article covering the Annual Meeting, elsewhere in this issue.

Following the Superintendent's report, the President asked Gruenther '46, AOG representative for an alumni package trip to Pasadena for the 1983 Army/Navy game, for a report on plans for the trip. Noting that the primary Pasadena Chamber of Commerce planner for the game was Arnhyrn, USMA 1953, Dixon asked him for remarks on the details of the planned activities in Pasadena.

The Board of Trustees received reports of several committees. It considered and approved the action taken at the regular meeting of the Executive Committee. The Membership Committee recommended approval of Regular Membership for Kim R. Wright, USMA 1973, and Associate Membership for Donald B. Smith, Ex-1939 and Craig S. Mitchell, Ex 1962, all of which were approved by the Board.

Reports were also received from the West Point Fund Committee and the Eisenhower Monument Committee, neither of which required Board action. The Board did approve a minor modification of the FY84 budget caused by availability of fiscal year end data which had not been available when the budget was originally approved in February.

The President announced that the next meeting of the Board will be at West Point during Homecoming, with the first session on Friday, 21 October and the second session on Saturday morning, 22 October

Association of Graduates 1984 Travel Program

The Board of Trustees of the Association has approved a Travel Program for 1984 which consists of three trips.

The first will be a 15 day fly/cruise program in the islands of South China and Java Seas aboard Royal Cruise Line's Golden Odyssey. Departure for Hong Kong will be on 26 January with other stops at Manila, Zamboanga, Bali, Surabaya, Jakarta and Singapore. The return flight from Singapore will be on 9 February. Brochures announcing this trip have been mailed.

The second program will be a fly/cruise/land program starting on 28 May with three nights in Interlaken, Switzerland, cruising the Rhine and Moselle Rivers on a newly built Dutch vessel for five days and ending with two nights in Amsterdam, before returning to the US on 9 June. Brochures announcing this trip will be mailed approximately six months before the trip.

Our Association membership of 29,904 represents over 99% of our living graduates.

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

His address:

Executive Vice President
Association of Graduates
West Point, NY 10996

The third program for 1984 will be fly/land/cruise program starting 26 August with three nights in Moscow, a flight to Kiev, eleven days cruising the Dneiper and Danube Rivers on a new Russian vessel and ending with two nights in Bucharest, before returning to the US on 11 September. Brochures announcing this trip will be mailed approximately six months before the trip.

Anyone who does not receive a brochure and who desires to receive one should contact the Secretary, AOG, at West Point.

Alumni Survey Results

In order that the Board of Trustees of the Association of Graduates (AOG) and the Association's staff may evaluate certain of our programs and activities, the Association, from time to time, seeks graduates' opinions on a variety of issues through the use of a survey of a sample of our graduates. Such a survey was mailed in March 1983 to approximately 3500 graduates. Of that 3500, 800 were individuals selected because of their position on the Board of Trustees and on governing bodies of West Point societies and USMA classes. Twenty-seven hundred were sent out to a random sample of each USMA class between 1920 and 1981.

Of the 3500 surveys mailed, we received responses for a total of 1322, or 38%. Three hundred and fifty-six, or 44%, of the selected individuals responded. Nine hundred and sixty-six, or 36%, of those selected at random responded. This report provides the results based on the 1322 total responses. Should any member desire more detailed information on the results of the survey, he or she should address an inquiry to the Secretary of the Association at West Point.

The survey was divided into 5 classes of questions. This report will be similarly divided.

I. *General Questions.* The questions in this section concerned the overall operation and administration of the Association. Of those respondents who indicated they had an awareness of the level of the AOG's accomplishment of its objective to further the ideals of USMA and promote its welfare, 98% believe the AOG performance to be either outstanding or adequate, with 43% indicating outstanding; *but* 44% of all respondents stated they have no awareness regarding the level of accomplishment.

With regard to a choice of which programs and activities the AOG should emphasize, support of the USMA admissions program holds a slight edge over the publication of ASSEMBLY and the REGISTER OF GRADUATES, with our fund-raising program somewhat less popular. Operating a gift shop, while included among the possible choices, was not a serious issue with respondents.

The relationships between AOG members, West Point societies, USMA and the AOG headquarters are of continuing interest to the Board of Trustees. The survey results indicate that 48.9% of the respondents are society members, with 32.1% reporting that the support societies provide to USMA is adequate and 16.8% reporting it inadequate. Of those who responded to the survey, 33.5% indicated that, though they are not members of a society, they might join if they thought the society was helping USMA. A relatively small 17.5% expressed no interest in joining a society.

The Association is currently in the fifth year of its Travel Program, under which our members and friends join together for trips to selected places around the world. For example, the 1984 program is announced elsewhere in the issue of ASSEMBLY. In choosing between various combinations of numbers of trips to be offered each year, respondents to the survey favored, by a large margin, the lowest number—one or two trips a year. (The three trip program for 1984 was approved before the survey results were known.)

In response to a question concerning how well informed our graduates are about USMA and the AOG, a large majority, 83.5% believe they receive enough information, with 11.7% indicating they would like to receive more information.

II. *Alumni Activities.* Questions in this section concerned participation in alumni activities.

Increased participation in the support of the affairs of USMA received a positive reaction from 73.8% of the respondents, with a similar percentage indicating that they desire to return to USMA as often as possible. A somewhat smaller percentage, but still a majority, indicated they desire to attend Founders Day functions every chance they have.

III. *Publications—ASSEMBLY and REGISTER OF GRADUATES.* The objective of questions in this section was to obtain members' attitudes toward certain aspects of the AOG publications program.

A question of major importance concerned the effectiveness of ASSEMBLY. In response, a large 84.8% reported that ASSEMBLY is very effective or moderately effective in maintaining interest in USMA. An almost insignificant 1.3% believe ASSEMBLY is ineffective in maintaining interest.

Of the various sections in ASSEMBLY, by far the most widely read is the Class Notes section, with the Superintendent's Letter and Obituaries approximately tied for a rather distant second place. The Book Review section is the least read with News of the Societies and Letters to the Editor gaining the dubious honor of runner-up for least read.

One of the distinctive characteristics of ASSEMBLY is the absence of any form of advertising. Over the years, when the issue of introducing advertising into the magazine has been raised, the decision has been made, for a variety of reasons, to leave it out. In response to a survey question concerning the inclusion of advertising in ASSEMBLY, 83% of those responding indicated that dignified, eye appealing advertising would not make them less likely to subscribe.

In another important question, this one concerning the frequency of publication of ASSEMBLY, 82% responded that they prefer the present quarterly publication schedule compared with more frequent publication (with added subscription price) and less frequent publication (with lower subscription price).

Over the past 13 years, the Association's publications staff has instituted a number of space saving features in the REGISTER OF GRADUATES. Yet, with the continuing graduation of larger classes, inevitably additional measures will be necessary. When asked to indicate the best of three ways to solve the potential problem of having more information for the REGISTER than can be published in one volume, responses were as follows:

- Publish changes only every year, with complete information on each graduate less frequently—preferred by 54.5%.
- Publish in two volumes every year and accept higher subscription price—preferred by 28.5%.
- Reduce the amount of information about each graduate and publish every year—preferred by 13.1%.

(This question was in three parts; approximately 4% did not respond to at least one part.)

IV. *Fund Raising.* The Association's fund-raising program is an important channel, through which graduates and friends of West Point may contribute to insuring that the Academy maintains a margin of excellence. The Association has exercised its fund-raising program through low key appeals for funds to assist the AOG and to support USMA projects and activities for which Government funds are not available.

In response to a survey question concerning the fund-raising program, the Association's approach received a strong vote of confidence, with 74.9% agreeing that "the low key approach,

which the AOG presently uses in soliciting funds for margin of excellence items, is correct." Only 8.7% chose the next most popular approach, which was that the AOG should solicit private funds more aggressively.

The West Point Fund Committee and the Development office are, of course, interested in why those who do not contribute choose that course of action. With 40.7% indicating they have not contributed during the past 3 to 5 years, three reasons were predominant—an inability to afford to contribute (16.0%); a lack of knowledge concerning the uses of the contributed funds (10.5%); and a belief that all funds for USMA should be provided by the Government (6.1%).

The survey also sought to gain certain other information concerning some details of the Association's Annual Giving and Planned Giving Programs. The response to the survey questions on those issues showed that the details of those programs are not widely enough understood to produce valid survey results, other than the lack of understanding itself. Nevertheless, anyone who is interested in the results of those issues may write to the Secretary of the Association for the survey results.

V. *Explanatory Questions.* The final section of the survey offered respondents an opportunity to expand on other questions and on various issues concerning the Association. As might be expected, the comments were many and diverse. Of the thousands of comments offered, three ideas were most often expressed in one way or another:

- Readers of ASSEMBLY and REGISTER OF GRADUATES are quite satisfied with the Association's publications program.
- Survey respondents believe the Association should participate more actively in support of the USMA admissions program.
- Survey respondents believe there should be a more active inter-relationship between the Military Academy, the Association and the West Point societies.

(Editor's Note: Anyone who desires further information concerning the results of the survey should address a query to Secretary, Association of Graduates, West Point, New York 10996.)

Homecoming 1983

This year the Classes of 1963, 1968, 1973, and 1978 will have reunions at West Point during the period 21-23 October 1983. The following is a schedule showing the major alumni activities during Homecoming Weekend:

FRIDAY, 21 OCTOBER 1983

1200—Alumni Headquarters Opens, Cullum Hall
1700—Reunion Class Social Activities
2000—Alumni Headquarters Closes

SATURDAY, 22 OCTOBER 1983

0800—Alumni Headquarters Opens, Cullum Hall
1010—Assembly for March to Thayer Monument
1020—Alumni March to Thayer Monument
1035—Alumni Exercises, Thayer Monument
1100—Alumni Review, The Plain
1400—Football, Army vs Lehigh, Michie Stadium
1800—Alumni Headquarters Closes
1900—Cocktails, Washington Hall
2000—Alumni Dinner, Washington Hall
2100—Superintendent's Reception and Informal Dance, Washington Hall

SUNDAY, 23 OCTOBER 1983

0800—Alumni Headquarters Opens, Cullum Hall
0800, 0900, 1030, & 1200—Catholic Mass, Holy Trinity Chapel
1030—Protestant Services, Cadet Chapel
1200—Alumni Headquarters Closes

A more detailed schedule of events will be included in the Homecoming Reunion Bulletin which was mailed to each reunion class member in late August. That bulletin also included information about obtaining the tickets required for both the Alumni Dinner Dance and the Homecoming football game. Alumni planning to attend who are not reunion class members may obtain a copy of the bulletin by writing to the AOG or to the Directorate of Alumni Affairs, USMA, West Point, NY 10996.

New Building for the Association of Graduates

At its regular meeting last February, the Board of Trustees of the Association of Graduates approved a resolution recommending to the Superintendent a study on the feasibility and desirability of constructing a new building to house both a museum display and the headquarters of the Association of Graduates. The building would be constructed near the site of the old Hotel, east of Trophy Point and would be financed by privately donated funds.

The Superintendent has appointed a committee to conduct the study, to include consideration of alternate sites. The Committee will make a recommendation to the Superintendent (through the Installation Planning Board) on what construction, if any, should be authorized. Recognizing the substantial interest of alumni and friends of West Point in preserving the historic character and appearance of the Plain and Trophy Point, the Committee has determined that one or more public meetings will be held before any project is approved. If you would like to receive notice of these meetings, send your name and address to the committee chairman, Colonel Robert M. Wilson, Professor and Head, Department of Mechanics, USMA, West Point, New York 10996.

Nominations for 1984 Election of President and Trustees of the AOG and for 1984 Thayer Award

During the fall, Class Presidents, West Point Society Presidents and the Board of Trustees of the Association will assemble names of candidates for the 1984 Thayer Award, and for nominations to serve as President and Trustees of the Association beginning 1 July 1984. They will forward their nominations to the Association of Graduates at West Point for consideration by the Thayer Award Selection Committee and by the 1984 Nominating Committee. Members of the Association may submit their nominees through their class or society or directly to the AOG no later than 18 November 1983.

Reorganization of AOG Development Office

The President of the AOG, General Michael S. Davison, USA Retired, is pleased to announce the appointment of Colonel Robert A. Strati, USA Retired, Class of 1955, to the position of Director of Development on the AOG Staff as of 1 September 1983. Bob Strati replaces Colonel Richard L. Gruenther, USA Retired, Class of '46, who has assumed new duties as Director of Planned Giving on the AOG Staff.

Bob Strati comes well prepared to his new position following over 28 years of military service which culminated in a four-year tour on the staff of the Commandant of Cadets as Director of Cadet Activities. This important assignment, which demanded both business skills and in-depth financial management knowledge, saw Bob as the administrator of some 92 separate clubs and other activities involving the extracurricular life of the Corps of Cadets. In addition to his regular duties during the past several years, he has had several additional opportunities to develop an excellent background for the challenges of his new job. Significant among these opportunities were service as a Class Trustee on two occasions, ex-officio member of the West Point Fund Committee and member of the West Point Fund Advisory Committee. During the course of his career Bob had the usual troop and staff assignments plus diplomas from the Command and General Staff College, Industrial College of the Armed Forces and an MBA cum laude from American University.

In making way for Bob Strati, Dick Gruenther, who had been Development Officer for the past eight years, does not leave the AOG but merely steps out of the Development Office, taking with him one aspect of fund raising—planned giving. "Planned giving," sometimes called "deferred giving," came into importance on Dick's watch several years ago with the establishment of the West Point Pooled Life Income Plans and the initiation of a structured approach to seeking to interest alumni and friends (especially West Point widows) in putting West Point in their wills and/or making living trusts with West Point as ultimate beneficiary. Both interest and participation in this as-



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pect of fund raising have grown to such a rapid extent that a determination was made several months ago that one person could profitably devote himself exclusively to it.

No other personnel changes are foreseen for now.

Jesse Blackwell Sets Pace in Gift of Insurance

In recent years it has been AOG policy to publish a short Bulletin Board article when a donor makes a gift (\$25,000 level) to West Point through the AOG. Further, we have tried to announce with an article the gift of a trust instrument, regardless of size, in order to attempt to educate our graduates and friends on the benefits, sometimes rather complex, of such a gift. These past articles have seldom mentioned gifts of life insurance to West Point. To correct this omission, two such gifts are described herein.

One of West Point's strongest advocates of giving through life insurance is Jesse E. Blackwell, LTC, Retired, Class of 1956. In recent years he has transferred to the AOG, ownership of four policies on his life, which have an aggregate face value of \$81,250. The AOG has retained three of these policies while liquidating one small policy, with COL Blackwell's concurrence, to obtain its cash surrender value for current use. COL Blackwell has also named the AOG as a beneficiary of several other policies. Furthermore, he has given very generously with direct cash contributions and has presented historical prints associated with the Academy and military music.

COL Blackwell is retired from the Army and is currently living in Honolulu where he is employed as a Civil Service staff specialist responsible for contract administration. He has served his church as its treasurer and is also on the Board of a non-profit foundation.

Another recent example of a life insurance gift is a donation by Major General Joseph E. Bastion, Jr. '33, a widower with no children. General Bastion holds an Army Mutual Aid policy having a cash surrender value of about \$6,400 and a current face value of \$15,000. By transferring ownership to the Association of Graduates (which was already named as the policy's beneficiary), he receives a deduction to be taken on his federal income tax in the year of the gift which is equal to the surrender value amount. After a long and distinguished career, including 3 years as Commandant of the Armor School and 2 years as Deputy Commanding General of Fifth Army, General Bastion now resides at Hilton Head, South Carolina.

Many graduates and friends of West Point have found that they no longer need life insurance acquired to provide for their family in the event of their premature death. Others, who took out life insurance to provide a source of paying estate taxes, are no longer subject to those taxes because of the increased estate tax exemption and the unlimited marital deduction. (You should keep in mind, however, any death tax liability which might be incurred on the death of a surviving spouse.)

If you decide that you no longer need your life insurance coverage and are planning a charitable gift, you may wish to consider contributing your life insurance to West Point now. You will save income taxes this year. You receive a charitable deduction of approximately the policy's cash surrender value. Life insurance proceeds paid to the AOG are completely removed from your taxable estate. There will be no reduction, however, of your charitable gift by administration and probate costs.

Once the ownership is transferred to the AOG, we will either surrender it and receive the face value amount to be used for the stated purpose or we may keep it to receive the total worth of the policy at the time of the insured's death. The AOG generally chooses the former alternative unless the donor agrees to continue payment of the premiums which, of course, are deductible to the insured each year.

Some of our graduates who still need their life insurance to provide for family members have named West Point as a contingency beneficiary—to benefit in case the family members do not survive them. West Point can also be named as beneficiary of part of the proceeds. Designation of the AOG as beneficiary for a policy does not qualify the donor or a deduction from income taxes. Actual ownership must be transferred to take such action.

For further explanation contact COL Richard L. Gruenther, Director of Planned Giving, Association of Graduates, West Point, New York 10996.

Graduates' Records Modernization . . . AOG Installs Computer

Training of the Association's staff on the use of the new Wang Minicomputer began on July 11, and within a few months we expect to complete the changeover from our old addressograph system of file cards and graphotype plates to a completely automated operation.

Our project to modernize the records keeping function of the Association has been in progress for over three years, and we expect it will be at least three more years before we have completed the work. The records and modernization program is divided into two phases: phase one is the purchase, installation, and utilization of a minicomputer to upgrade our capability to handle address, biographical information, and fund raising data. Eventually, we also plan to use the computer to modernize our bookkeeping function and inventory control.

Phase two of the records modernization program will be the task of transferring all our individual graduate data files (Cullum Files to microfiche and microfilm. If you could see the 35 four drawer filing cabinets in the Association's address office, each stuffed full of graduates' files, you would appreciate the magnitude of the problem! These files contain newspaper clippings, vital statistics sheets that you send to us every five years, photographs, correspondence and other data and information concerning the life and career of the graduate and his relationship with West Point and the Association. They are difficult to work with, and the papers and the files themselves are aging, in some cases, disintegrating.

Altogether, there are over 29,000 files. Our staff estimates that it will take, on the average, 10 minutes to prepare a file for microfilming. That comes out to over 4800 hours of effort before we even turn on the microfilming camera! Then there are the photographs, which must be catalogued and stored separately. We estimate that the microfilming operation, which must be accomplished while we continue our normal staff operation, will take about two years.

Our minicomputer is a Wang MVP2200. We believe that while any one of several designs and makes would have met our needs, a major factor in our decision to purchase the Wang minicomputer was its representation to us by Jeffrey Shy Associates, Inc., a company that specializes in developing software programs for alumni organizations such as ours and which has placed Wang computers with the Shy software package in many colleges and alumni offices.

Jeffrey Shy Associates' software programs run on the Wang computer only, and our Wang minicomputer will have 135 million bytes of expandable fixed disk storage. Each of the four terminals for our operators will have a dual capability of data processing and word processing, and as a part of the overall system approved by the Board of Trustees, we have also purchased a 600 line-per-minute high speed band printer as well as a letter quality printer.

Also, as part of the same package, The Office, Director of Intercollegiate Athletics (ODIA) purchased software and Wang hardware from Jeffrey Shy Associates.

The ODIA (or Army Athletic Association) computer is tied to the larger AOG computer in Cullum Hall by telephone line, which will permit better coordination of addresses and other data. The overall system, that is, the major computer in Cullum Hall and the satellite computer in the AAA building, will have built in safeguards for the protection of information peculiar to each organization such as fund raising data and information from vital statistic sheets.

The addition of a minicomputer will provide benefits to both the Association and our graduates. We'll be able to respond to requests for address lists more rapidly. Our addresses will be updated with greater accuracy, and we will have an expanded, and more flexible capability to assist the Academy, classes, societies, and individuals. Subscription information for ASSEMBLY and REGISTER will be more timely. Biographical and fund raising data will also be improved, and employee time will be saved across the board.

We know that during the period of parallel operation of both systems and start up of the new system we will be particularly vulnerable to delays in service and mistakes. We are planning to reduce the probability of those problems occurring to a minimum, nevertheless we ask your forbearance when they do occur.

The automation of the Association's records is absolutely essential and is a major step forward for the Association. When the system is operational and complete, we will have placed the Association's records in an administrative mode which will support our continued assistance to the Academy for many years in the future.

AOG Group Tours China!

Twenty-two members of the Association of Graduates, wives, and widows, accompanied by thirteen Lehigh and U. of Arizona alumni, spent three exciting weeks in the Orient from May 1 through May 22.

We flew non-stop from San Francisco to Hong Kong, arriving in the early evening. After three fabulous days in Hong Kong, including an evening cocktail party aboard a yacht as it toured the harbor, our group flew to Shanghai. There we met our Chinese guide from the China International Travel Service. We visited six cities, and stayed two or three days in each. In each city we were joined by a local Chinese guide, and Robert Roy, an excellent guide provided by our travel agent, Alumni Holidays, stayed with us for the entire trip.

From Shanghai, we went by train to Suzhou. The trip from Suzhou to Wuxi was by Imperial Barge down the ancient Grand Canal that dates back more than a thousand years. It was like a step backward into Chinese history! From Wuxi, where our hotel overlooked famous Lake Taihu, we traveled by train to Nanjing. A three hour flight to western China placed us at Xi'an, the cultural center of the early Han empire. Here we visited the underground army of 6,000 lifesize clay warriors—an unforgettable sight. From Xi'an, we flew to the capital of China, Beijing, where we were privileged to stay in the State Guest House. A visit to the Great Wall and a briefing by the U.S. Defense Attache, BG Bernie Loeffke, '57, completed our visit to China. Of course, our group also visited the Beijing zoo, and said hello to the giant pandas!

China Tour Group



The alumni group included John and Dorothy Anderson, '34; Hilda and Frank Deisher, '32; Ann and Harry Floyd, '46; Faith and Morris Herbert, '50; Nancy and Al Hunter, '42; Miriam Keeler, '29; Mildred and Malcolm Lewis, '49; Mary Lynch, '29; Sachiko and George Summers, '49; Cornelia Tarrant, '28; Margaret and John Tolson, '37; Hugh and Janet Wallace, '38; and Margaret Wetherill, '40.

Names In The News

New Chief of Military History, DA

Leo Douglas Kinnard '44 has been appointed Chief of Military History, Department of the Army, replacing James L. Collins '39.

U. S. Ambassador to NATO

Nominated by President Reagan to become U.S. Ambassador to NATO is David M. Abshire '51, now president of Georgetown's Center for Strategic and International Studies.

French Wine Seller

Bruce S. Nevins '60, who brought Perrier to the United States in the 1970's, was named chairman and chief executive officer of Premium Wine Imports-Chevalier Corporation, a French wine importer. Since Nevins left the Army in 1964 he has founded four companies.

Rabbi Avraham Soltes, 66, Dies

Rabbi Avraham Soltes, Jewish Chaplain at the U.S. Military Academy, died 23 May 1983 at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York City. He began his service at West Point in 1963. He will be buried at West Point.

Dean of Engineering Retires

Robert G. Valpey '45, Dean of the School of Engineering and Technology at California Polytechnic State University for the past 11 years, retired 14 August 1983. During his tenure as dean Cal Poly's engineering school, second largest at the university with 3366 students, has become very popular with student applicants.

Alward Elected Executive Vice President Stock Exchange

The board of directors of the New York Stock Exchange elected Samuel A. Alward '56 executive vice president-operations and administration. He had been senior vice president-operations

and administration. Alward is currently a director of Securities Industry Automatic Exchange and the New York Futures Exchange.

Exercise Tiger

Survivors of E-boat attack on LSTs, or participants in convoy, Lyme Bay, Devon, England, 28 Apr. 1944, contact Ralph C. Greene, M.D., 6033 N. Sheridan Road, Chicago, IL (312) 334-6297.

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to choose the Academy in spite of the times in which you found yourselves, because you were drawn to the values and discipline and traditions which it represents. And the Academy chose you because it saw in each of you the fiber and mettle it takes to be the guardians of our nation's freedom, and the guardians of our nation's values.

"If America does occasionally lose sight of its values, remember that those values still remain within every citizen's heart—even if they sometimes lie dormant. You know this because each year you were here you saw hundreds of thousands of Americans make a pilgrimage to West Point.

"They come here to be reassured... to wander among the monuments to America's heroes... to visit the graves of those who made the supreme sacrifice for their country on battlefields throughout the world... to gaze on the quiet strength of the stone buildings built into the hills of your 'Rockbound Highland Home.'

Americans come here because West Point offers the comforting strength and feeling of security that we so desperately need.

"But most of all, Americans visit West Point to be reassured that America's traditional values are still alive. They do not seek, nor find, those values inscribed on lifeless parchment or stone monuments. Nor do they seek just the emotional experience of West Point—the exhilaration of the parade, the serenity of the landscape, or the haunting memories echoing from the hills and monuments as retreat is sounded at sunset. No, they look for a living testament to America's values—and that testament, young men and women of the Corps of Cadets, is you. It is you we look to to 'Raise a standard to which the wise and honest can repair.'

"It will not be easy for you to live up to their hopes or to carry out your two awesome responsibilities in our everchanging world. To do so you will need wisdom commonly believed to be beyond your years—but which I am convinced you have already acquired. You will need an understanding that takes many people a lifetime to achieve. But I believe that is why the

Academy chose you, and you the Academy. At a difficult time in our nation's history—you have rejected these passing trends and instead sought a career whose very being is honor—and duty—and country.

"In so doing you have come to an Academy known all over the world. But the greatest thing about West Point is not its faculty, renowned and celebrated as it is; nor its long and impressive tradition of training the soldier-citizen; nor its breathtaking physical beauty—no—the greatest thing about West Point is you—the young men and women who breathe life into everything around you, especially the values which you guard for all of us.

"You have the talents, and values and perseverance that it takes to be the real heroes of your generation. As I look out at all of your young faces, I am reminded of the writings of the ancient Greeks and Romans who reserved their greatest praise for the men and women who embodied not just the vigor of their countrymen but also their values. To them the greatest hero of all was the one who was brave in battles as well as virtuous in life—the

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soldier who fulfilled the two great responsibilities of his profession. And as it was with the citizens of Athens it is so too of the citizens of America.

"As I look out at you I am also reminded of what a Greek historian, Thucydides, once said: That 'The Bravest are surely those who have the clearest vision of what is before them, glory and danger alike, and yet notwithstanding go out to meet it.'

"You have that vision. Now go in Peace to meet what is before you. Godspeed."

The Department of Physics

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fundamental courses, such as nuclear physics, solid state physics, and applied optics, change much more rapidly due to discoveries in these active fields, even though they contain substantial elements which are constant. Finally, the department teaches courses in lasers, fusion energy and the physics of the energy crisis which are evolutionary, undergoing major changes almost every time they are taught. Through this variety, cadets learn the fundamentals while at the same time becoming actively involved in the constant and exciting changes which occur in the discipline of physics.

The Department of Physics is fortunate to have a variety of modern laboratory devices to support its programs. Twenty years ago some of our equipment literally dated back to the early 1800's. In fact, some has since been donated to the Smithsonian. During the past two decades, we have seen total replacement of laboratory and demonstration equipment, and today's equipment is the most modern available, the more sophisticated of which is computer controlled. Substantial quantities of research-grade equipment, including a linear accelerator, a subcritical nuclear reactor, an electronic paramagnetic resonance spectrometer, a number of multi-channel analyzers and a wide variety of lasers, are now on hand. Every cadet pursuing a program in physics is required to take a course in laboratory physics which involves participating in experiments utilizing a variety of these equipments. Advanced cadets also participate in fundamental research projects being conducted by the professors and instructors in the department and have had their names on research publications.

The department is also fortunate to have an outstanding teaching staff. They have graduate degrees from such colleges as the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Purdue and the Universities of California at Davis and Berkeley. Each year the new instructors coming from these major research institutions bring the fresh ideas and new knowledge so necessary to a dynamic department. That many of these students in only two years of graduate school complete most of the course requirements for a PhD attests to their tal-

ents, especially when one considers that it is normal to spend in excess of five years to obtain a PhD in physics. It is not uncommon for our instructors to complete the research and dissertation required for their PhD in physics during their teaching tour at West Point.

Although our past is a source of pride and history provides the physics teacher with a framework upon which to present modern developments, it is the present and the future which are the realm of the modern physicist. The Department of Physics has the facilities, the curriculum and the staff to provide the USMA graduates with the technical and scientific understanding and imagination which will permit them to lead the modern Army into the Twenty-First Century.

General Alfred M. Gruenther

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ner arrived only to find that they had been eliminated. Gruenther stuck by his guns and an angry Goldman stalked from the hall.

Gruenther's performance in sticking strictly to the rules in the face of a giant in the game won him immediate acclaim in the world of bridge. He became New York's favorite tournament referee and was later the chief referee of the celebrated Culbertson/Lenz matches in 1931-32. In later years Eisenhower and Gruenther were to become as highly respected at the bridge table as they were as a military team.

Working for Al Gruenther was never known to be a cake walk. He was a severe task master, yet his ability to blend his demand for excellence with good humor and personal respect for the individual will forever endear him to a generation of military men who had the great privilege of sharing their proud military profession with this fine gentleman, diplomat and soldier.

West Point Fund

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<i>Intercollegiate Athletics</i>	
Travel	\$ 53,800
Football Highlights Film	30,000
Lacrosse Locker Room	4,400
Half-Time Meeting Room	7,000
Portable Bleachers	3,000
	<u>\$ 98,200</u>
<i>Adjutant General</i>	
Cadet Awards Luncheon	\$ 3,500
<i>Association of Graduates</i>	
Scholarships	\$ 51,600
<i>General</i>	
Postage	\$ 1,577
Major Donor Plaque	1,054
Ski Slope Lighting	1,212
Unfunded Cadet Awards	379
Financial Services	765
Stationery & Printing	887
West Point Fund Committee	
Meetings	1,609
Flying Club	8,000

Honor Conference	550
AOG ASSEMBLYS	40
Miscellaneous	1,800
	<u>\$ 17,873</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$ 375,794*</u>

* Some of these funds were raised the previous year but their expenditure was authorized in FY '83.

Concerning the above uses of the unrestricted monies of the West Point Fund, one of the most noteworthy uses is that of "Faculty Development and Research." The Military Academy sees this program as having both direct and indirect benefits to the educational purpose of the institution. Both tenured and non-tenured faculty participate in the program. The non-tenured faculty members usually engage in individual research and publication, while the tenured faculty members usually engage in multi-year research projects with cadet collaborators. For the last several years unrestricted monies of the West Point Fund have been used to support the Faculty Development and Research Program until an adequate endowment can be built to a point when the interest earnings alone can be used to support the needs of the program.

Another important activity supported by West Point Fund Unrestricted Funds is that of the restoration and preservation of the collections of the USMA Library. Books or manuscripts damaged by deterioration in the past can, in some instances, be restored and repaired. More important, however, is that some deterioration can be prevented if remedial action is taken promptly. A comprehensive preservation and restoration program is therefore needed for the proper care of the Library's collection. This program is now underway, but much more work needs to be done.

A large sum of unrestricted monies of the West Point Fund are provided to the Directorate of Cadet Activities. There are now a total of ninety-two extracurricular cadet clubs and cadet activities for which the Cadet Activities Officer has the responsibility. Most of these clubs and activities need funds to provide for their support and each year unrestricted monies are used to help provide for that support. The various cadet choirs, which do so much for West Point as they travel and sing about the country, would be doing considerably less traveling without the monies provided from the West Point Fund. The cadet clubs and activities are most appreciative of the support provided by the West Point Fund.

Each year, a large sum of unrestricted monies is provided to the Army Athletic Association to help support some of its projects and programs. One of those most beneficial to our varsity teams is that of providing for the transportation expenses of the Army athletic teams to practice and compete elsewhere during the Christmas holidays and the spring holiday period. As do the athletic teams of many other colleges, most of our winter season

teams practice during the Christmas holidays and many of our spring season teams practice during their spring leave. All of the teams compete against other college and club teams during these trips. The cadets enjoy the training and competition, but, more importantly, they return with a keener competitive edge than they would have had otherwise as they begin their regular seasons. Most of the costs are borne by the West Point Fund of the Association of Graduates. The cadet athletic teams and the Army Athletic Association are appreciative of this support.

The Senior Conference, the Student Conference on U. S. Affairs (SCUSA), and Operations Crossroads Africa, which are probably familiar to most graduates, are other examples of excellent currently conducted programs which have been supported with unrestricted monies for the past several years. None of these fine programs could be conducted appropriately without West Point Fund support.

Bequests. As is our practice, the names, but not the amounts, of individual bequests to West Point during the year are announced in this summary report. The amounts of each gift are in the complete report which is available on request. These individuals are as follows: BG Arnold N. Krogstad '09; COL Frank J. Cunningham Nov '18; Mr. Willis McDonald '20; Mrs. Nelle S. Totten W'28; BG Ralph I. Glasgow '24; COL Marion Carson Aug '17; COL Andrew Frierson '24; BG Philip S. Gage, Sr. '09; and COL Alexander Graham Stone '30. Giving by will is one of the most genuine ways of expressing one's fondness for West Point. The Association of Graduates extends its grateful appreciation for these gifts.

Life Income Gifts. Since FY '78, this Annual Report has included an accounting of various irrevocable trust instruments which not only help West Point but also provide an income for the life of the designated beneficiary and certain income tax and estate tax benefits for the donor. This year two new types of instruments were added to those previously available which were the Income-Oriented Pooled Income Fund, the Unitrust and the Annuity Trust. A listing of donors to the new Growth-Oriented Pooled Income Fund (PLIF No. 2) and the new Charitable Gift Annuity are recorded as follows: COL Robert H. Kessler '36; BG John H. Dudley '30; COL Arthur R. Hercz '31; LTC Rex D. Minckler Jan '43; MG Lyle E. Seeman '28; and BG William J. Deyo, Jr. '26. Each of these gifts has been described in a Bulletin Board article in a recent ASSEMBLY.

Value of Chemistry

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groups related electrochemistry and corrosion. But, the data from all groups indicate that we need to do a better job of connecting the theories of electrochemistry to their practical application in corrosion.

The authors and COL Hoff, the Profes-

sor and Head of the Chemistry Department, wish to express their appreciation to those graduates who took the time to respond to the survey. We also wish to acknowledge the invaluable assistance of Dr. Richard Butler, Office of Institutional Research for his help in designing the questionnaire and analyzing the results.

Letters to the Editor

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cism. I do not intend them to be self-serving. I want to make the Army better.

—William R. Mann '71.

Military Service Beyond 30 Years

Milan G. Weber '31 has suggested we all push for legislation to allow military service beyond thirty years. Actually, the legislative initiative for his suggestion is a reality without any impetus from the alumni. There are numerous "Winfield Scott" proposals that will lock in our successors to a requisite age—if they desire a sustaining pension. Almost simultaneously, the public is being conditioned to view the military retirement system as overly "generous." Soon Milan, perhaps much sooner than we realize, the military will be expected to serve longer and retire on what is being viewed as public largesse. I believe that both these trends cannot fail to make young officers seriously doubt the feasibility of continuing in the service.

With Milan's comments in mind I read that copy of ASSEMBLY somewhat differently than past issues. The class notes, for example, were interesting. One general officer is reported as having opted for early retirement and is working for his former military boss—also a retired general. Most probably both are going to contribute significantly to defense preparedness. Ironically, the recent retiree is somewhat chided by the writer who seems to have been stationed in Washington, DC since Adam lost his rib. A few pages later is a picture of an alumnus being sworn in to a political appointment. He left the Army just after the obligatory payback period. These examples hardly assist any "re-up" counseling.

Even the obituaries were cause for reflection. Certainly, they are replete with descriptions of dedicated service. This is especially true of higher ranking officers recently deceased. But what of those killed in action during World War II, Korea and Vietnam? Lieutenants and captains, almost forgotten and just now honored. Their obituaries are preceded by a recent one extolling a gentleman who accepted a year's pay in lieu of a commission and parlayed it into a lucrative, civilian endeavor. No fault-finding there but not a good example with which to sell a service career.

It seems to me the officer retention problem has been with the Army longer than we care to admit. If it is reaching crisis proportions, the 50% level as alleged, then who is to blame? Our young officers now approaching the end of their fifth, obligatory year will not be swayed by annual,

March platitudes. They need example and can look for it only from individuals, institutions and even society at large. Lacking any consistent values in the latter two they will do that for which USMA has educated and trained them—"make a decision, Mister!" Perhaps that's what they are doing, deciding: as those who have gone before have done.

If the retention rate is cause for alarm then those who are resigning might possibly have more to tell us about problems within the Army infrastructure than those staying on would or could. What the alumni must push for is not legislation or political action. We have been victimized enough by that. Rather, there should be a collective impetus to solve problems—problems, not challenges, which affect the very existence of West Point. The Academy is in being to provide the Army with career officers. Failing to do so as a reasonable return on the nation's investment casts serious doubt as to why USMA should continue to function. I submit we had better get on the ethical stick before posterity relegates West Point to historical anonymity.

—Thomas H. Fletcher '59

The DIA Reports

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runners ever to attend the Academy. He earned 10 varsity letters in Cross Country and Track while here.

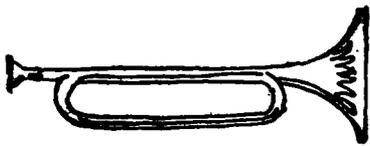
Mozina, co-captain of the Men's Cross Country Team, has earned eight varsity letters in Cross Country and Track. He helped lead the cross country team to a fourth place finish during the Heptagonal Championships this past fall, finishing 22nd among the individual leaders. His efforts in the distance events and the two-mile relay helped pace Army's Indoor Track Team to an unblemished 6-0 record during the winter season.

A new *National Collegiate Athletic Association regulation regarding recruiting student-athletes will take effect on 1 August, and it is important that alumni and friends of Army sports understand the regulation.*

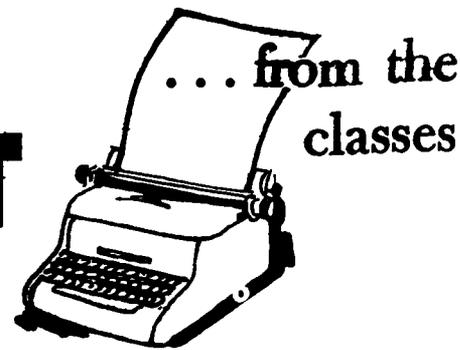
The regulation reads as follows: "All contact in person with a prospective student-athlete or the prospect's relatives or legal guardian off campus for purposes of recruitment shall be made by institutional staff members. Such in-person, off-campus contact by representatives of an institution's athletic interests is prohibited."

This means that effective 1 August, the only people who can have face-to-face contact off campus with prospective athletes are coaches and other employees of the U.S. Military Academy. Alumni and friends of the Army Athletic Association can help by phone and by their normal practice of sending in the names of prospects but cannot contact them face-to-face. This rule does not apply to Admissions participants and liaison officers who recruit all students for the U.S. Military Academy.

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REPORT



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Carrie Struble, wife of our classmate, H. Spencer Struble, died on 15 Dec 82. Beryl Goss Summers, widow of our classmate, Iverson Brooks Summers, died in Covina, CA, about 23 May 83, as the result of a broken hip caused by a fall. Two daughters survive, Mrs. John H. (Beryl Summers) Stowell, 404 Littletown Quarter, Williamsburg, VA 23185 and Mrs. Vincent J. (Polly Summers) Le Pore, 2095 Mesarica Road, Covina, CA 91724. BG Oscar John Ogren, US Army, Ret, died on 2 May 83 in San Antonio, TX. He was a son-in-law of our classmate, Douglas H. Weart. Among others, his widow, Gertrude (Weart) Ogren survives. COL Aldo Artiglia, also a son-in-law of Doug Weart, died about 16 May 83. Among others, his widow, Mary Ada (Weart) Artiglia, survives. The Class extends its sympathies to the families.

The following of '15 attended the historic dedication of the Eisenhower monument at West Point on 3 May 83: Helen & Jim Van Fleet; Dick Richards; Jake Meneely; Mary Ethel Hyde, widow of our Edward B. Hyde, Jr., her son and 2 daughters; Eileen Leonard, widow of our John W. Leonard, and her son-in-law, COL David E. Foster, US Army, Ret.; Frank J. Dunigan, son of our classmate, Frank J. Dunigan, and his wife, Claire. All enjoyed the historic occasion. See pages 2 and 3 of the Jun 83 ASSEMBLY for an article on the dedication.

Mary Ethel Hyde celebrated her 90th birthday on 23 Jun 83. Her children, Elizabeth, Eddie and Mary gave her a surprise party on that occasion, including a "Memory Book" by relatives and friends.

Our John K. Meneely expects to spend his summer at Chatham, on Cape Cod, as usual. By the time you read this, he will be back in Albany, NY, and preparing for his usual winter at the Cloister, Sea Island, GA 31561. His daughter-in-law and her husband will be his guests at both places. He wrote me "I have suddenly become a great-grandfather twice over, a true pleasure I can assure you." He also wrote me, "Now a word to my classmates and widows of 1915. I am the last of my generation of my immediate Meneely family. None of the rest of the family collects memorabilia, so I wrote to the Association of Graduates, West Point, NY 10996 asking what I might do with my beautiful diploma, hand signed by each of the heads of Department at West Point. It has the center spot over my desk, and is flanked by pictures of Ike and Brad and West Point. I immediately received a reply that the Military Academy is very interested in your West Point diploma. They then added that "The

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

the December issue by — 30 Sept 83

the March issue by — 5 Jan 84

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.

Special Collections Division of the USMA Library actively collects memorabilia of cadets, cadet life and West Point' and went on to say, "They are most anxious to have my diploma and that they desire any items, pictures or documents which I might provide." He wrote further, "I am delivering HOWITZERS of 1912, 13, 14, 15, and our Class 20 and 35 Year Books. They particularly desire HOWITZERS of any year for their permanent files. Here is a wonderful chance to preserve for posterity items of special interest, which otherwise might go to trash disposal when our work is done. I am directing in my will, that the diploma be sent to Mr. Robert E. Schnare, Chief, Special Collections Division, USMA Library, West Point, NY 10996."

By coincidence your scribe received a letter from Mr. Schnare on 10 June 83 about an Escort Wagon they have with "1915" on it in front. I replied on 10 Jun that the wagon was quite likely the one Ike Eisenhower drove with a load of generals of '15, at Gene Leone's home in Central Valley, NY! This was probably on a Sunday at our 35th Reunion in 1950, when May and Gene Leone had 1915 for a sumptuous dinner. As I recall it Ike was driving, with Omar Bradley and Gene Leone on the front seat with him, and the generals standing in the body of the wagon. Perhaps the Jun, or Sept, ASSEMBLY of 50 might help. I gave Mr. Schnare the address of Gene Leone—the only Permanent Honorary Member of '15—and of his son-in-law, LTC Thomas A. Mesereau, USMA '43, to get the real history of the wagon. *See page 4, Recd. 22 Jun 83.

Ruth Gerhardt, wife of our J. J. Gerhardt, wrote me on 14 Jun to the effect all is well

with them. He is doing much better than 6 months ago, but someone must be with him at all times, although health wise he is doing fine. She is happy to be driving again since her successful cataract removal and lens implant, but she does have minor problems with a leg and arm. Ruth then told of the interesting careers of 4 granddaughters—a busy bunch, but enjoying life. Their son, James Martin Gerhardt, USMA '52, is a PhD (Harvard), and Assoc Prof, SMU, Dallas, TX.

Our H. Spencer Struble, wrote me that if he is alive and ambulatory, he hopes to attend our 70th Reunion in 85. His son will take him there. These are also your scribe's thoughts, except that his oldest grandson and wife will drive him to West Point, as they did for our 60th, and 65th Reunions. After all "Our 70th" is less than 2 years away!

Hume Peabody feels the same way and is building up, and conserving, his energies for that historic occasion. He wrote me on 16 May that "At last I have overcome my procrastination and am catching up on my spring painting. Probably, with slowdowns due to relapses it will be fall before the job is completed." On 7 Jun he wrote "I will soon get into my painting clothes and start on the last section of that blankety-blank picket fence." So, all is well, and he will complete the job before fall.

Hazel Taylor visited her 2 daughters, Martha and Bootsie, and their families, in DC area 26 Apr to 10 May.

Alice Woodruff had an Easter note from Peggy Small, daughter of our Carl Hocker. Her husband is CPT (first name and initial?) Small, US Navy, Ret., 8318 Ashwood Dr, Alexandria, VA 22408. I think she has a sister. Alice also wrote that Bettie and Barney would visit her May 12-16. Dottie was to have a luncheon for Bettie and for some "Army Brats" whom she knows in San Ant, TX. Barney will visit her again this summer when he makes his annual trip west to his favorite fishing area in CO. This was also Woodies' favorite area near Gunnison, where they went for 18 years. For her 93rd birthday in Mar she took 6 to Los Patios for lunch. All were over 80, except her daughter, Dottie Daniels, who makes it possible to get around as she does all the driving.

*See Page 3, recd. 22 Jun 83. I received a letter of 20 Jun, on 22 Jun 83 from Mr. Schnare about "The Wagon." To quote, "The escort wagon has generated great interest at the Veterinary activities where it has a new home. Interest in the escort wagon has also been expressed by the hospital which would like it to become a Red Cross wagon ***They may be able to repair the wagon, but I am not sure if they will even succeed in having the mules to pull it*** I will write LTC Mesereau."

Please keep sending Class information to me well in advance of the deadline for the



'15 Notes to reach WP. The next deadline is 30 Sept. for the Dec. ASSEMBLY.

Today, 23 Jun 83, I received a note from **Vernon Evans**, our Class President, to the effect "Everything here is about the same. Best wishes to '15." He also enclosed a letter to him of 16 Jun 83 from Hofstra U, Hempstead, NY 11550, re Dwight D. Eisenhower Conference, March 29-31, 1984 Third Annual Presidential Conference. We will likely hear more about this later, as it is a "Call for Papers Third Annual Presidential Conference Dwight D. Eisenhower, Soldier, President, Statesman 1890-1969."

'16

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When this was written **Woody & Helen Woodward** were busily packing their belongings for their annual trip to the Tetons where they will spend the summer in their cottage. They are both in good health so they had a Russian Easter Open House—traditional food "like mother used to make." In May they went by car to San Luis Obispo to the wedding of her granddaughter. It was a beautiful affair held in the Old Mission followed by a big reception out of doors in a lovely garden. **Helen's** grandson (son of her oldest daughter) graduated with honors from the University of Chicago.

Cramp Jones is a very active member of the West Point Society at El Paso. The Society meets once a month and about 30 members attend. He is the oldest living graduate to attend these meetings and is always called upon for remarks. He can recall with pleasure the many years he lived at West Point. **Cramp** was operated on at Wm. Beaumont Hospital on 16 June. He expects very successful results.

Sidney & Bob Walsh and his daughter **Suzanne** were at West Point for the Centennial reunion of the Class of 1883. **Bob's** father, known generally as **Rosey Walsh**, because of his red hair was a member of the Class of 1882 and turned back in French to the Class of 1883. **Bob** says these occasions are well organized and well attended and those who are qualified to attend should not miss them.

Fleurette Rinearson says she doesn't do anything very exciting. She does talk to **JoAnne Newgarden** occasionally, who is still in a retirement home in San Antonio, but continues to talk of moving to Corpus Christi if a new home ever gets completed there. She says **Bob Whitson's** death followed an operation. He was alert until the end. He spent his last years caring for **Nell's** present and future needs. He disposed of their house and possessions and moved into the same nursing home to be near her. However, **Nell** did not improve and died shortly after he did.

Peggy Prickett, with daughter **Peggy Miller** had a weekend with children **Ginger** and **Lee Cage '42** in their newly refurbished home in Norfolk, VA. **Peggy** had a 10 day visit with children **Polly** and **Fran Roberts '42** in their lovely home in Pinehurst, NC. She even donned a bathing suit and "kicked up her heels" in the swimming pool. She says she is getting along fine, has gained some lost weight, enjoys family visits to her home and at the **Frank Miller '38** home.

Helen Abernathy writes that she and her sister continue to live on the old **Abernathy** home place, busy with Episcopal Church

work, occasional news reporting, while endeavoring vainly to ignore growing needs, spasmodic help and drenched hay fields. Her son, **T. Jerome '54** is now General Sessions Probate and Juvenile Judge of this county. Her **Nashville** grandson is in the Navy Air Force and granddaughter-to-be married in July. **Helen** says they will live very simply three miles from the court house. They would welcome any traveling classmates.

Maxie March has had a bad year, severe cold after Christmas which led to the hospital and while there a gall bladder operation interrupting an entire family gathering. There have been several minor disasters to the house since then, but all is better now.

Bobby O'Hare says she is close to being an invalid, but cares for herself in her Retirement Residence. She seldom sees a classmate since the class luncheons at the Army-Navy Club were discontinued. Her eldest grandson is a priest. The next grandson was married June 4th, so ill with the flu that he could barely attend his own wedding. The third is working in Washington and the youngest is still in college.

Charles Hoskins has been living alone in his home for the past two years. His wife **Mabelle** is in a local rest home. He says he has much to be thankful for. His big problem is with his hearing and walking.

Ferdie Gallagher has had a memory loss which prevents his driving. His daughters are taking care of him and have placed him in a retirement home which he accepts with good humor.

Eve McBride loves to read about her 1916 friends in ASSEMBLY. She keeps busy with volunteer work which proves a blessing since she lost **Bob**. She sees **Virginia Doney** now and then, who has her charming grandson with her this year, and her daughter comes often to see her. **Eve** talks with **Laura Johns** by phone but rarely sees the **Woodwards** since they live so far north of her. **Eve** plans to visit her son **Steve** and family in D.C. this fall and hopes to see her 1916 friends there.

Shugg says that the Class of 1916 is too old to "make waves," nevertheless he is trying to get the Field Artillery Journal to accept advances in technology which have propelled us into the "Age of Guided Missiles." He wants the Field Artillery to be "Power Oriented" not "Infantry Oriented." The class takes its hat off to the one member who is "making waves."

Stan and Mary Scott passed their annual physical examinations and with the help of a few pills to avoid any disaster for another year or so. They have 9 grandchildren, the oldest, **Bill** is a journalist in Italy; **Burton** and his wife are teaching in the University of Puerto Rico and **David** (age 17) spent 10 days in June touring Spain with a group from his St. Marks School. He will attend the Boy Scouts World Jamboree in Canada in July. **ILT Stanley K. '82** is stationed at Ft. Belvoir, **Lynne** and **Steve** are employed in Dallas, **Heather** (age 15), **Andrew** (age 11), and **Amy** (age 9) are straight A students with honors in school activities. **Heather** is participating in the Rotary Club International Mini Exchange Program. She is now entertaining **Heide** (a German girl) for three weeks in her home, and she will travel to Germany with **Heide** to spend three weeks with her family.

BEAT NAVY

AUG '17

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I received a fine letter from **Georgie Graham**. This was received too late for the last issue and really too soon for this one, but none the less was interesting and a fine letter. **Georgie** moved from her home into a retirement complex—**Foxwood Springs Living Center**, 405 Bowen Circle, Raymore, MO 64083, and she is enjoying an active and happy life in her little duplex. **Georgie** continues, "Recently I went on a trip to NE with my daughter **Marie** and son-in-law, **George Hammond**. We went to Ft Robinson where we were stationed before coming to Kansas City. It is now a State Recreational Park surrounded by the unusual Butte formations. But rain and snow shortened the trip. **Mt. Rushmore** was obscured by a blizzard and the badlands were drenched with heavy rains. Despite the unfriendly weather, there was much of interest to enjoy." **Georgie** sent along a generous contribution to our Class Fund. We thank you **Georgie** and hope, and expect to hear from you again.

Leo Conner writes that he and **Miriam** are both in reasonably good health and they are looking forward to their son's visit to DC in this month of Jun. He is coming from AZ, and more importantly, he, the son, is now the grandfather of 8, and you know that that makes **Leo** and **Miriam** the great-grandparents of 14. **Leo** says there is no wonder that he and **Miriam** feel their age.

Peg Kernan writes from **Atherton, CA**, "I am still in my too big house and it seems more and more empty to me, and yet I feel nearer to **Mickey** here than I would elsewhere. My oldest halfsister came to see me (going on 96 years). We get along so well always. She loves it here and will stay as long as the Good Lord wants her to stay. Thank God I am not alone. The children and grandchildren are all well. Daughter **Jeanie's** oldest will graduate from Stanford 12 Jun with a Master's in Business, and already he has a job—expects to go to Europe first. Our weather has been so strange, all seemed well on our place when on 5 May an oak tree on our neighbor's place toppled over right onto our back driveway. Fortunately, it did not hit any person nor any structure. My love to you all and God Bless you and keep you well." Just a real sweet letter and a pleasure to receive it.

Hi Ely reports from **Tampa** that except for a few creaky joints his health has been good. He goes on to add, "I have 9 great-grandchildren, the last jumped its mother's pouch in Australia last Jan; the mother is **Hope**, **Hi Jr.** daughter. **Hi** has a condo in Winter Valley, NH, where all go skiing. I would love to see anyone going Tampa way." As to his life style in Tampa, here is what he has to say, "I have been living in Tampa for over a year since my house in VA burned down with most of my possessions. I have about become acclimated to a 3 room apartment after years with 400 acres and 5 tenant houses, barns, and so on, to look after. No lawns for me to get mowed, no toilets to fix, no pipes to freeze in the winter; I have gotten so 3 small tools take care of all my needs. **Hope** is coming over this afternoon to hold my hand while we swim in our pool, often with sunbathing persons scattered about hither and thither. The weather here has

been delightful, all winter—no snow, hardly any rain, and good, clear, sunny days most of the time. For an old gentleman of 87 it is not too bad a life." Hi we all agree with you.

Nan Rolfe writes from FL, and gives us a rundown on the Winter Park's contingent. She and Pinky have been active with movies, NY Road Shows but sticking to matinees because Nan, like most of us, doesn't like to drive at night. The Rolfes are planning to spend Jul at Smyrna Beach, FL, where they have taken a cottage for the month of Jul. The Phil Days and the Rolfes are living at the same address. The 4 of them plus the Day's grandson dined at the Officers Club at the Naval Base, where it is reported that their prime ribs are out of this world. Nan tells me that Phil Day and Pinky stem from the same place, Concord, NH. Their fathers fought in the Spanish War together. For a short time Pinky went to school there. They both had appointments to West Point from NH, and now they live across the hall from each other. Quite an interesting world we live in.

Received a most interesting letter from Florence Johnson from Mexico. She is still "The World Traveler." She had a meeting with the Dalai Lama in India last year. He was interested in her trip to Tibet where she spent 8 days in Lhasa. Florence also went to Africa this winter for 3 months. She explored Egypt, Sudan, Lake Turkawa and Kenya. She reports that this was a "cooking and camping" trip, and she saw a lot of tribal life. Sounds pretty rugged to me, but she also flew on to Ethiopia for a weeks look-see, then to Mexico for a bird-watching trip to Panama, and then to Israel. Her immediate plans are soon to head for Newfoundland and Nova Scotia for a little bird-watching. Florence, you are an inspiration to us all. Florence also sent me a copy of an account that she wrote for a local publication in San Miguel of her meeting with the Dalai Lama and her visit to the Tibetan Children's Village in India. I am sure it will reproduce and if any of you would like a copy of it, just drop me a postcard.

A very delightful letter was received from Mildred Stenbridge. The first paragraph: "For so many years since Roger's passing, the Class letters have been a source of interest and pleasure, and I don't know why I haven't said so sooner." Newsletters were very good reading, kindling a continuing interest in the coming's and going's of people I had not been privileged to know as Roger's former associates and friends. Having myself reached that exciting age . . . somewhere between streaking and creaking . . . I could appreciate this gentle wit in handling the creakings of advancing years, and how interestingly he told of their travels (streakings), hobbies, and interests and their children and grandchildren." Well there you are Bill. That's the way we all felt about your letters. We thank you; take a bow. Mildred's letter continues in a most delightful way, telling of her family and herself. Roger Jr. went to Vietnam with the Marine Corps just after graduating from high school. On returning he resumed his education, and has been working in different areas of law enforcement with the City of Macon. They have a daughter, Audrea who is Mildred's pride and joy. Macon is only 30 miles away so she sees this little family often. Mildred's daughter, Katherine, is married to Jim Norris and they have 2 sons, ages 8 and 4. They live in Stone Mountain, GA. Mildred herself retired last

year from the staff of George College, and now has become "hooked" on catching up on her reading. Good luck to you and the family, Mildred, and don't ever lose that wonderful outlook on life that you have.

Loessa Coffey was made very happy and proud recently when she was notified that Jack had been honored by the Ordnance Corps. He was inducted into the Ordnance Hall of Fame on 13 May 1983. Loessa, all of Jack's classmates are happy and proud with you because of this honor and recognition coming for Jack at this time. It was earned and well deserved, we salute you, Jack, for your distinguished career. His nomination to the Hall of Fame is based principally on his record during World War II. Here is Jack's contribution to the US Army Ordnance:

"In May 1941, General Coffey was sent to England on a special assignment. Seven months later, with the United States entry into the War, he was appointed Ordnance Officer, European Theater. During the next 8 months, General Coffey helped with the groundwork for the logistics effort which would lead to victory in Europe. In Aug 1942, Gen Coffey was assigned as Ordnance Officer, Western Task Force. When his command subsequently landed an invasion force in North Africa, he was appointed Ordnance Officer, North African Theater and was responsible for providing support in North Africa, Sicily and Italy. In Aug 1943, Gen Coffey became Chief Ordnance Officer, Mediterranean Theater. For his outstanding performance and attention to duty in this assignment, Gen Coffey was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal. In Aug 1945, Gen Coffey assumed command of Letterkenny Ordnance Depot, the largest Army installation of this type at the time. For the next 2 years the depot under General Coffey's direction, assisted in the demobilization of the Army. The depot's mission expanded to include a whole range of activities designed to aid the recovery and final disposition of materials and supplies. General Coffey's leadership and management skills during this period were central to the successful transition of the depot from war to peace. Despite the advent of new missions in the face of reduced manpower and financial resources, he was able to maintain the depot's productivity. The resilience of the Letterkenny Army Depot was due in large part to General Coffey's post-war administration. General Coffey was appointed Ordnance Professor at the U.S. Military Academy in 1947 in recognition of this knowledge and service to Ordnance."

Our classmate Girard Troland has kept me pretty much up to date on his daily life and happenings, with humorous accounts of what has been going on. Several of his little vignettes certainly indicate that he still retains a keen sense of humor, and this is very good.

I had a delightful note from Betty Wilson. Betty, you will recall, is the wife of Bob, William Robert Wilson, who is the son of our classmate, William I. Wilson. Betty and Bob have 4 children and by now all have been graduated from Cal Poly. The oldest daughter is 29 and is presently in Australia. Linda is 27, now at home and planning to get married in Sept. Laura is 23 and is at home right now, but is leaving soon for a job in Mammoth Lakes. Bill is also 23 and is working on the ranch. Betty reported that Dagmar, Bob's stepmother, is in fine health and travels alot with her

daughter's family. It is good to know that things are going so well at Rancho Chapinos. Thank's for the letter Betty.

Bill Chapman does a good job of keeping up with "Our Gang" in CA, in the vicinity of Carmel. Virginia Harloe is well and told Bill she was going to write a letter, but so far it has not been received. Bill, I am sure is responsible for this nice letter that I got from Betty Wilson. My thanks to you all. Bill and Toodles have a painting of the review at West Point for Marshal Joffre in May 1917. He feels that it should eventually go to the Military Academy with a history of the event, and some mention of our Class and its record in World War I of which we all can feel proud.

Louise Paca has moved; the new address is Health Center, Cokesbury Village, Hockessin, DE, 1907.

Ruth Leavy and Edna Krause are not at their previous addresses. Letters were returned with this notation, "Return to sender. Not deliverable as addressed. Unable to forward."

A note from Alston Deas indicates that he and Allen are about the same and getting along about as usual. He also reports that their youngest grandson, Thomas Sinkler, is to be married on 16 Jul. Allen, of course, will be unable to attend but the family are insisting that Alston make an effort. I think that Alston, despite the aches and pains of our generation will make it, maybe to both ceremony and the reception. We hope you do, Alston, it will be good for you. Alston sends his regards to all his classmates.

Well, it will be mid-Sept when you read this, and the summer will just about be over. Maybe you have enjoyed the sea and the sand, or the hills and the valleys, or flowers, gardens and green grass, and I do hope that it has been happy, healthful and satisfying. I further hope that you all are well and making the best of things as they are. God Bless each of you.

JUN
'18

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At our 65th Reunion, all with bells on that tinkled merrily through 3 happy days, were the Grenatas, Gruhns, Mewshaws and Robinsons; the widows—Axelson, Bishop, Clay, Kramer, Ross and Shattuck; and a very charming representative of the Navy, Alice's guest, Kathleen Lynch, widow of Adm. Lynch.

The Class Aides were MAJ Charles Kirk-



Jun 1918: Superintendent Scott, Grenata, Grenata's grandson—2LT McIntyre '83, and his father, McIntyre '49.

patrick and CPT Leon Baker. There never was and never will be a better pair of aides!

The festivities started on the first night with the Gruhn's buffet dinner in a private dining room at the Thayer.



Jun 1918: 40th Reunion

On Thurs, some took the boat ride, some visited the cemetery, some toured the Post and others just rested. But that night was the gala Alumni Dinner and Supe's Reception when we met many old friends. The food at the dinner was super, a delicious, thick slice of roast prime rib of beef that stirred our taste buds to a frenzy!



Jun 1918: 40th Reunion

Friday—rain, but our spirits remained high. No review of the cadets. The Memorial Service was held in the Field House. Harry, Mike and Growley were in the lead rank of the column of grads. Robbie couldn't march because of arthritis. Mac Monroe, our turnback, was the oldest grad.

We started the march behind the band on the long side of the

"Grip hands with us now, though we see Field House in front of the spectators who sat on bleacher seats on

"Grip hands with us, strengthen our hearts that side. The column marched to the corner, turned left along the end

"As the long line stiffens and straightens of the Field House, then left again to the middle of the long side,



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"With the thrill that your presence imparts, then left again to halt just in front of the spectators. The other

"Grip hands—though it be from the shadows two sections of the column formed up on the flanks of the lead section.

"While we swear, as you did of yore, The rest of the ceremony was the same as at the Thayer Monument.

"Or living or dying to honor The ceremony stirred my soul much more than ever before.

"The CORPS, and the CORPS, and the CORPS."



Jun 1918: 40th Reunion

Next was the Alumni Luncheon. The big event was the announcement of Marjorie Clay's gift to the Academy of a precious 15th century Russian icon. It had been given to her by Gen. W. Bedell Smith when she and Lucius visited Moscow while the general was the ambassador.

That night we had the Class Reunion Dinner at the Club. The present Class officers were reelected by a loud acclamation. It was a happy ending to a happy reunion.

The Blanchards, unfortunately, had to cancel the 65th at the very last. Eve's broken hip and a broken shoulder had not healed as hoped.

Dot Casey with son, Keith and his wife, were in Jerusalem and Bethlehem last Easter



Jun 1918: 40th Reunion

Sunday. Dot stuck her toes into the River Jordan. They rode camels to the pyramids, and they saw King Tut's treasures.

The Gruhns had a family reunion the last week of Jun: son Tom and his wife, Marga, from Glendale, AZ, where Tom is with the Jr ROTC, and daughter, Ruth and her husband, Alan Bryan, from Edmonton, Canada. The Bryans are en route to Brazil where they will spend a sabbatical year on anthropological research for the University of Alberta.

NOV
'18

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This column will confine itself to 2 events—our 65th Reunion, and a tragic aftermath.

The long 10 months period in preparation paid dividends. The turnout of classmates was very nearly our original expectations. Only Piland and Trichel had to cancel at late dates due to health.

Classmates attending were Barnes, Blair, Brimmer, Broome, Chorpening, Dickey, Evans, Gildart, Gray, Hahn, Hastings, Holbrook, Horsey, Mendenhall, Monroe, Morrison, Pulsifer, Wanamaker. Most came from west of the Mississippi, with 7 from the West Coast and 4 from the combined states of CO, TX and WY. The grand total attendance was 18 out of 58 survivors, or just about one-third.

Elmer Barnes brought his son Jack (MG, USMA '42); Vic Broome brought his son John; Dean Dickey his grandson, Bruce Burroughs, and companion, Dr. Ada MacClatchie; Chuck Gildart his daughter, Ruth Lewis III (whom we had met at our 60th).



Nov 1918: Monroe.

We had 4 wives—Helen Hahn, Ruth Hastings, Claudia Horsey, and Viola Morrison, Charlie's bride. Seven widows attended—Margaret Carroll of Highland Falls, NY (Don's widow); Carolyn Christiansen from San Antonio; Eleanor Dickson from Paoli, PA, with her granddaughter, Lisa; Marie Stevens from Clearwater, FL, and Edith Griffiths, Mimi Norman, and Gene Valentine from the DC area. None was able to come from those at Distaff Hall in Washington, DC.

Transportation from the DC locality was arranged for us by Gen Carver, whose Class of 1933 was attending it's 50th. He chartered 2 buses, one filled with the 1933 contingent, and the other by our group of 14 plus those from Jun '18, '23 and '28. Hunk Holbrook was in charge of our group, and he and ever capable Jack Barnes saw to it that the journey to the Point and return was most pleasant.

Most of our returnees had been to our 60th in 78 but we were pleased by the newcomers and by those who had not been to a reunion since our 50th—Vic Broome and his

son John; Dean Dickey, with Bruce and Ada; Don & Claudia Horsey; Bill Mendenhall, and Charlie & Viola Morrison.

Class functions were centered at the Thayer Hotel. We wanted time for companionship there. As early as last summer we had requested the Hudson Gallery Room for our activities, and it was assigned to us. The lobby of that room also served as our Class Headquarters. Our buffet supper on Wed evening, the Class dinner on Fri evening, and our Class meeting, were all held there. For breakfasts we had a special section of the main dining room reserved for our use.



Nov 1918: Monroe and Hastings.

The buffet supper was our first get-together and all except 3 late-comers were present. John Broome added a choice wine to our several tables, and he and Jack Barnes became our personal photographers. We had been alerted to the late arrival of Charlie & Viola Morrison and Bill Mendenhall, and immediately upon their appearance they were seated at our Headquarters table in the lobby and served their supper.

Outdoor activities began Thurs morning with a conducted tour of Qtrs 100 (the Supe's Quarters) and the restored offices of Sylvanus Thayer in the basement. Mrs. Scott, the Superintendent's wife, graciously welcomed us at their home.

Upon completion of this visit we were driven to one of the stands on the Plain for a group picture. Corp Chorpeneing, in military fashion, got us arranged in short order for an official photograph.

Then we went to a poignant reminder of olden days, the restored First Div of the old South Barracks—all that remains of that structure. On the 2d floor are the special rooms occupied by former Cadet First Captains, and another room typical of those the rest of us lived in during our time.

Following that inspection we crossed the area to get a glimpse of present quarters in one of the more recent barracks, and what a contrast it was!

After a brief respite at the Thayer we were off on a pleasant ferry boat trip for 2½



Nov 1918: At Alumni Exercises.



Nov 1918: Praeger—Founders Day, Fort Carson.

hours on the Hudson, with buffet lunch (and bar) aboard. And finally in the evening, to Washington Hall for the Alumni Dinner and Superintendent's Reception—a busy and perhaps tiring day—but one worth while.

Fri morning's intermittent drizzle and rain raised doubt about the Alumni Exercises, but final word came that they would be held in the Field House. This was to be the first time ever, with essentially no prior preparation, the Corps would be represented by a battalion.

The long column of Alumni, comprising the Classes of June and Nov, 1918, 1923, 1928, 1933, Jan and June 1943, and 1953 and by my rough count of the AOG Roster totalling about 640) were formed at one end of the immense floor. Kester lined us up in order of graduating standing, which put our distinguished Barnes at the number one file in the first four. We were preceded only by the 3 alumni of Jun '18 (Grenata, Gruhn, Mewshaw).

Ahead of us all with the dignitaries was the oldest attending graduate, our own H. McD. Monroe, straight as an arrow and steady as a rock. How proud we are of him!

The whole affair went off without a hitch, and the perfection and precision which are the hallmarks of the Academy proved themselves that morning.

Following the Exercises we all—wives, widows, and guests included—were taken to Washington Hall for the Alumni Luncheon and the AOG Annual Meeting. With 2 cadets at each table of 10 in the mess hall, we had real opportunity to talk with them and to get a first-hand picture of things as they now are—and of the caliber of cadets who now make up the Corps.

In the afternoon our Class meeting was held at the Thayer, presided over by Kester. The 3 most important issues before us—the ultimate disposition of our Class Fund, the matter of a new directory, and the question of combining regions, were all settled. The West Point Fund is to be the recipient of our financial assets, to be used for some memorial to the Class, with selection to be made in due course later. There is no immediate urgency as to selection. There is to be no new directory. Except for a combining of

Regions I and II there are no changes in regional boundaries contemplated at this time.

Next on the agenda was the culminating event of the Reunion—Bryan's masterpiece—the Class Dinner. The toast to the Corps was by Bill Mendenhall, the youngest classmate present, and the one to the Commander-in-Chief by McMonroe, the oldest.



November 1918: Hastings, Holbrook, Monroe, Barnes, Blair.

Our special guests at the dinner were: COL & Mrs. Michael J. Krisman. (USMA 1939), Editor of ASSEMBLY (we had had the honor of their company at our 60th also); our 3 Class Aides and their lovely ladies—MAJ Robert S. McEldowney, principal aide and Regimental XO, 2d Reg. USCC; MAJ Mathias Knorr III, Dept of Phys Ed; CPT Richard Valerio, Dept of Mil Instruction; Cadet First Classman Richard W. Kemp, grandson of Dick Wheeler of our Class. (His mother, Dick's daughter and her husband, Col Kemp, were also present).

The aftermath of this long-awaited and successful reunion was the sudden and shocking loss of our pres, Kester Hastings. He died of a heart attack in his home on the afternoon of 26 May.

Kester and Ruth had driven to the Point on Mon, 16 May. He spent Tues and most of Wed checking into numerous records in which he had a particular interest and which related to our Class history. He was in apparent fine shape throughout it all, and drove home to VA on Sat the 21st.

Funeral services were on Tues, 31 May at Fort Myer Chapel, and it was filled to capacity. The honorary pall-bearers were Gens Wedemeyer, Jones, and Ovenshine of Jun 1919, Gen McNamara, who succeeded Kester as Quartermaster Gen, Gen Case, an associate of Kester's, **Holbrook, Evans, Whelchel, and Wanamaker** of our Class, and COL Corrado, formerly with the QMC and now with the Veterans' Admin.

Services were most impressive and the gravesite in Arlington National Cemetery is at one of the most beautiful of all locations. Music during graveside services was all West Point—first the **Alma Mater**, and at the end and just before the final volley and taps, the haunting strains of **Benny Havens Oh**. Among the flowers was a wreath from the Class bearing the armband "Nov '18," a suggestion by Bryan, and so appropriate for we all were sporting them so proudly at our 65th just a few days earlier.

We now face some reorganization of the senior officers of the Class. None can replace Kester. There must be some leveling of our administrative duties since it seems we are down to but a handful in reasonably good health and sufficiently active to carry on.

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Dick Ovenshine states: Our 65th Reunion will take place at West Point next year, 16 to 19 May; and **Bunker Bean** has again agreed to be Reunion Chairman. Our Class will have high priority at the Thayer Hotel. Our classmates and class widows living in the DC area have been invited to join the Class of 1934 on their bus to West Point and return. Let's make every effort to attend our 65th Reunion at West Point.

A bit of dessert in the news: **Dick** reports that on 21 May **Hal Rex** married Mrs. Emily M. Adams. A warm welcome to Emily from the Class and our hope that she and Hal will have many years of happiness together.

From **Bunker Bean**: Urgent. Full instructions for applying for reservations for our 65th Reunion have been sent to all classmates and Class widows. If you have not applied for reservations there is still time to do so if you act promptly; but prompt action is essential. If you have not received the Reunion Bulletin, write or phone **MG E. G. Bean**, 5459 Hedgerow Dr, Indianapolis, IN 46226. Do make every effort to attend. **Bunker Bean** had a really bad attack of flu around Easter; it took him a long time to recover, but he's all right now.

Marjorie & Dave McLean are looking forward to a family reunion Labor Day weekend. Their dau and many nieces, nephews and other relatives scattered over a wide area will gather to celebrate **Dave's** birthday. He will be 85 on 7 Sept next.

From DC **Herb Jones** reports that there were many out-of-towners at our Apr semi-annual brunch, which was one of the best ever. Present were: **Dick & Emma Ovenshine, Mose Chadwick** and date, **Elton Hammond, Stu Barden** and date, **Les & Katie Flory, George & Hope Rogers** with their dau, **Ed & Mary Hopkins, Merritt Booth** and dau, **Priscilla Duff**, and granddau **Caroline, Herb & Anabel Jones, Peg McGinley, Nancy Echols** with son **Patton** and cousin **Lynn Weir, Buzz Dunham, Gertrude Taylor, Jean Starr, Dorothy Ferenbaugh, Dotty Wilson, Conchita & Stone**

Sorley and sister, **Beth Lyon**, and **Margaret Odell**. Any omissions should be charged to the Oops Dept. **Dade & Al Wedemeyer** were absent because of Al's back injury. He has spent much of the last month in bed after lifting suitcases on a trip. Present at the monthly luncheons 3 May and 7 Jun were **Barden, Booth, Chadwick, Flory, Hammond, Hopkins, Jones, Ovenshine** and **Wedemeyer**, with **Wedemeyer** missing in May and **Booth** missing in Jun. **Stu Barden** seems a bit depressed at first, but "cheered up remarkably after the second martini," says **Herb**.



1919: CPT (USMC) & Mrs. James Sorley.

Some discussion developed about the honor system and the quartet of plebes from the 12th Div, (E Co), who threw snowballs in the general direction of MAJ "Ducky" Chambers, Tac and gym instructor. In the winter of 1918, during the world-wide flu epidemic, the Corps was quarantined and the divisions were kept separated. One afternoon, while the 12th Div group on an exercise hike was resting on the stoop of the cadet chapel, **Ducky** was seen below, heading toward barracks; and some snowballs were thrown in his direction. On returning to barracks all were interrogated and **Barden, Syme, Sheets** and **Ross** admitted their sins, were awarded 6 months confinement, 5 months on the area, lotsa demerits; something like that. **Barden** is with us, **Syme** is in the VA Hosp in Togus, ME, **Ross** lives in IL, and **Sheets** died in 1970.

At the time of the Jun Class luncheon, stag, in the Pershing Room of the Off Club at Ft McNair, several of the ladies of the Class dined in the main dining room of the Club. **Herb** went over to greet them: **Emma Ovenshine, Margaret Odell, Jean Starr** and **Katie Flory**.

From Tucson, **Effe May Isaacs** reports the arrival of another great-grandau; 3 boys and 2 girls now.

In 1946 **Nancy Echols** and her 3 daus went to Japan and joined **Pat**, who was **MacArthur's** PIO, and she remained there for 4 years. During this time she took a great interest in the Japanese people and devoted her energies unselfishly to promoting friendship and understanding between the Japanese and American people. She did this by mixing with the Japanese and organizing schools, groups and meetings; by teaching, especially English and the customs of the 2 peoples. She taught English conversation and American manners and customs for 3 years to the oldest dau of the Emperor. These varied activities took place not only in Tokyo but in other cities as well; her efforts met with great success which was recognized by both the Japanese and the U.S. military authorities.

In 1950 **Nancy** organized the New Family Center which embraces all the projects she

had fostered during her stay in Japan. Now headed by **Mr. K. Nomura**, former ambassador to the U.S., the NFC is still going strong in Japan. Recently the Japanese bestowed a great honor on **Nancy** in recognition of her splendid accomplishments: **Mr. R. Azuma**, pres of the Japan Association to Promote Friendship, presented **Nancy** with the Association's medal in deep appreciation of her great work in Japan.

Bob Springer in San Ant says that **Viv & Ham Hamilton** have cancelled their Academy Cruise plans, will wait until **Ham** recovers full use of his legs. The medicos at **Willford Hall** are giving him good care, ". . . will have him kicking again soon." **Bob** reports that his Dpty Area Rep is missing. **COL George G. Elms** does not answer his phone in El Paso and **Bob** does not know where he is. Could **George** be AWOL? Reward for information: a generous Texas Tequila Sour—never results in a hangover—as they say—says **Bob**. **Whitey Gard**, now alone, manages skillfully to get around in her wheelchair, still plays bridge twice a week with a group that now meets at **Whitey's**. She says, however, that she does not win as often as she used to. **Mildred Stearley** recently tripped to **Brazil, IN**, **Ralph's** old home, to visit his youngest brother and family. **Maude Twining** has returned to Air Force Village after visiting her mother in HI. **Bob Springer** has been in the hosp for observation for a week. He suffers from congestive heart trouble and poor eyesight caused by glaucoma, feels miserable, and deserves great credit for getting his ASSEMBLY notes out at all.

From East Lansing, MI, **Emmie Whitelaw** reports that she has a bit of arthritis, a bit of diabetes and a hearing problem. She enjoys driving, her apartment living, and reading of the Class in ASSEMBLY. Her son **Robert**, a COL, ret, works in Grand Rapids, MI; her dau **Nancy**, married, lives in Tryon, NC, and her dau **Barbara**, wife of COL A. J. Miller Jr., lives in Germany. **Emmie** has 9 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. She expects to move into a retirement home next year.



1919: **Beth Lyon, Bernadette & Lewis Sorley**.

From **Amelia Luce** in Olympia, WA: In Aug last year **Amelia** and her niece took a most enjoyable tour of AK. Last Feb she and her niece took a 28-day tour of Australia and New Zealand. This, too, they greatly enjoyed. In Australia, however, she lost her "pride and joy"—the broach given to each of the ladies of the Class at our 50th Reunion. She wants very much to get another one, asks that anyone who has one of these for sale, or can give her any information about obtaining one please write to her direct: Mrs. D.

Luce, 1107 West Jackson St, Olympia, WA 98502.

When Richard Gruenther wrote a note of thanks to the officers who served as pallbearers at his father's funeral, one of the pallbearers responded that it was a privilege to so serve, followed this with: No encomium concerning your dear father and our friend, Alfred Gruenther, would be complete without including these words of Shakespeare: "His life was gentle, and the elements so mixed in him that Nature might stand up and say to all the world, 'This was a man.'"

From San Fran Bay Jack Vance reports that Babe & Ruth Ruth had a fine trip on the Mississippi R, from New Orleans, aboard the MISSISSIPPI QUEEN; beautiful antebellum homes. Widows Mary Nelson and Louise Paquet will spend several weeks on a tour of Vienna, Austria, and vicinity. With the good weather, says Jack, will come lots of floods, mud slides, earthquakes, grass fires and destruction.

James Sorley, younger son of Conchita & Stone Sorley, was married in Jun last year, (ASSEMBLY, Sept 82). The older son, Lewis, married Miss Bernadette Yaretz of Vancouver, BC, last Apr. Because of failure to pass the physical exam for West Point, he did not succeed in his efforts to enter the Academy. He has, however, long been intensely loyal to USMA, used to drive prospective cadets up to WP, actually recruited several young men who, today, are graduates of the Academy.

DEATHS

On 30 May 83 GEN Alfred M. Gruenther died of pneumonia at WRGH. Brilliant and hardworking, he graduated no. 4 in our Class, reached very high rank in WW2, was SACEUR from 1953 to 1956 when he retired for physical disability. Many high honors awaited him in civil life and for 7 years he was Pres of the Am Red Cross, 1957 to 1964.

Herb Jones took Al to the Class luncheon on 5 Apr and was shocked to see him: Al was a sick man. Entering WRGH he died despite intensive care. On 3 Jun he was buried beside Grace at Arlington with full military honors. Honorary pallbearers were classmates Flory, Hammond, Hopkins, Jones, Ovenshine and Wedemeyer plus 4-star GENS Lemnitzer, Joe Collins, Larry Norstad and Cort Schuyler, old friends of Al. Present also were Chm JCS Vessey, Chief Justice Burger, CSA Meyer, former CNO Anderson and many other prominent people. Al is survived by 2 sons, COLS Donald A Gruenther, USMA '44 and Richard L. Gruenther, USMA '46, both ret.; 2 sisters, Leona McGrath of Omaha and Verone Davidson of Oakland; a brother, Louis, of Omaha; 13 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Helen W. McCauliffe, widow of Tony McCauliffe, died of heart trouble 12 Apr 83 at Carriage Hill nursing home in Silver Spring, MD, age 85. She had been in ill health for a long time. She was buried beside Tony at Arlington on a very rainy 15 Apr. Honorary pallbearers were Barden, Hammond, Hopkins, Jones and Ovenshine. Born in Washington, DC, Helen was a member of the Mayflower Society, Daus of the American Revolution, Daus of the U.S. Army and the Army and Navy Club. She is survived by a dau, Patricia McCauliffe of Chevy Chase, and a sister, Marian W. O'Connor of Rockville, MD.

MG Robert G. Gard died at N.E. Baptist Memorial Hosp, San Ant, TX, of cardiac arrest, 19 May 83. In accordance with Bobby's wishes, says Bob Springer, there was

no announcement in the local papers, no publicity. Burial at Ft Sam Houston Natl Cem was private, strictly a family affair. He is survived by his widow, Whitey; son, Robert Jr. (USMA '50,) LTG USA, RET; son Bruce, COL, USA; dau Joan, wife of COL N. J. Baird, USA; grandchildren.

The Class extends deepest sympathy to the bereaved families.

ADDRESSES

Zip code of Amelia Luce is 98502. Scrub the Gard phone number from your Class rosters. Whitey now has a new number which is unlisted.

VITAL STATS

Living grads—71; missing—2; deceased—211; widows—94.

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With great sadness I report that Jimmy Walker, Esther Roberts (FN) and "B" Cassidy have died. Our deepest sympathy to their loved ones.

Jimmy Walker died 5 May 83 in Ft Sam Houston's Brooke Army Hosp after prolonged illness. He was buried in the Ft Sam Houston Natl Cemetery. Millard Pierson and Johnny Johnston (OR) attended with family members. Jimmy's WWII service included CG 5th Cav Bde, Ft Clarke, TX, and CG Redistribution Stn AAF, ASF (2LM). Together with his wife Jo he had been in a San Ant nursing home, since a severe stroke in '70, for several years. Besides Jo he is survived by dau, Marjorie Morris; sons, Ret COL James H. Jr. and Michael; 13 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.



1920: Ruby Adamson and daughter, Mary Miller, celebrating Ruby's birthday.

Esther Roberts (FN) died 14 Apr 83 at the Pomona Valley Community Hosp, Pomona, CA. This news came from her son, CPT Frank N. Jr. '74. She was buried at WP beside Frank who died in 75. Marion & Johnny Johnston (EC) attended with family members. Esther remained very active in her gardening and socially after Frank's death. Her life revolved around her son, his wife and their 2 children who were a great joy to her. She was happy that they were finally stationed near her at Ft Baker, CA, after stations in W Germany and TX.

"B" Cassidy died 30 May 83 after prolonged illness at DC's Army Distaff Hall and Walter Reed. She was buried in Arlington beside Jack who died in 79. Attending with family members were Kay Burns and granddau Kelly Withers, Denson, Hinds, Holle, Marcia Lystad, John Mitchell and

Samouce. She is survived by sons, John Jr. and James.

Our condolences also to John McNulty whose oldest son, John Jr., died of a heart attack 5 Jan 83; to Pete & Emily Howard whose dau Katty's husband, Dr. Bob Dixon, died of a heart attack 14 Mar 83; and to Gina Hinds whose mother, Mrs. Christoffer- sen, died in HI 15 Apr 83 after a long illness. Ry Reiersen left the West Point Hosp 12



1920: Kent and Louise Arnold helping Nena Singer celebrate her birthday.

Apr after 21 days for removal of stone-filled bladder. He was getting well fast at home with superb continuing care including visiting nurses. He expected to represent 1920 at the Alumni Review on the extreme right of the line, but hoped not to be Oldest Grad present.

Duke & Elton Samouce were shocked 26 Apr to hear that their son, Dr. Richard G. Hunter, suffered a severe heart attack. He is now undergoing 12 weeks of closely-monitored cardiac therapy and is gradually returning to limited practice as neurologist-internist.

Millard Pierson continues having eye troubles.

Kay Burns son, BG Ken Withers '56, is on compassionate change of station at the Pentagon after duty as Div Engr Europe at Frankfurt, W Ger.

The Strattons visited son Bill in Tulsa, OK, and attended HS graduation of granddau Ellen. They also visited dau Terry Flagg and attended Prep School graduation of grandson Christopher in Deerfield, MA.

Lillian Bessell keeps in touch with the Johnstons (EC) and friends in the West Point-Cornwall area. She lives in Annandale, VA, with dau and her husband, Ret COL John R. Brinkerhoff 50.

Kudos to Lem Lemnitzer on the completion after 2 years of his superb chairmanship of the Eisenhower Monument Cte project (pp 2, 3, 22 of Jun 83 ASSEMBLY). He and his family left their DC home the end of Jun for their usual summer vacation at their Honesdale, PA, home until Oct.

The Densons enjoyed 1 week in London late Apr followed by 1 week in Brussels visiting son BG Lee A. Jr. '56, Dpty Adv US Mission to NATO, and his family. They were no sooner back home in DC than their son visited them while on official trip to the Pentagon, together with grandson Lee A. III, now a sophomore at MIT.

The Holles were in Wiesbaden 3-13 Jun for the Annual Governing Cmte of the Permanent Int Assn of Navigation Congresses.

Madeline Travis is mighty proud of twin granddaus, Tere and Lea Travis who have been admitted to USAFA. Their father, Ret Cdr USN David Travis, USAFA '60, is Mgr St. Petersburg, FL, Airport. His twin brother,

COL Dr. Tom, is now Chief, US Hospital, Seoul, Korea.

Helen Ryan vacationed with her son and his family in CA.

Myra Smith (LS) vacationed with dau Janet, wife of Ret COL Charles L. Steel Jr. '44, and their family in Little Rock, AR.

The Routhaus flew to Europe late June for 5 months.



1920: Nena Singer presenting to MG Dinges '53, for the FA Museum, the silver loving cup given her father in '22 by 4th FA.

Frank Henning says Dan Daniel plays golf 3 times weekly pulling his cart. Following Katie's death he has decided to stay in his home another year before moving to a ret home. Frank hopes he decides to join him in the Lakehouse in Sarasota. Frank also saw Eloise Smith (RO) and found her in good spirits.

John McNulty, our FL Class Rep, wrote 28 Mar: "Had lunch with Daniel and Henning at the Sarasota Yacht Club. Both looked well with their few infirmities . . . Spoke with the Chuck Smiths (CW) at Cape Coral. Both fine and doing much traveling—HI last year and Europe this year. They go north for the summer and return in Oct.

Al Fulton is unable to drive after operations for varicose veins. Katherine is in fair health. They have moved from their Dallas home and are now living with dau Annette, her husband, Dr. Tom Haslund and their family in Austin, TX.

Dick Singer wrote 1 Apr: "Just back from the 52 Annual SW Conference of the BOMA (Building Owners and Managers Assn—Dick managed the USAA buildings for many years). On 5 Mar we drove to Rio Grande City with our friends the Arnolds . . . In Jun we AMTRAKED to L.A. for the BOMA Intl Convention . . . Then to Aptos, CA, for a visit with Bart & Ruth Bartlett."

On 11 May they went together with their friends, Kent & Louise Arnold to Brownsville, TX, for the State Convention of the Pan American Round Table—Nena and Louise are both Past Directors.

And on 17 May they attended an impressive talk-slide show about Nena's father, famed Cav COL Tommy Tompkins, before a veterans group by historian-author Dr. John Carroll, a great admirer of COL Tommy. He had seen COL Tommy's papers, books, pictures and memorabilia which Nena had presented to the Ft Bliss TX Museum, which are later to be placed in an historical military research center to be established at TX A&M or in Dallas. Dr. Carroll is writing a book about this famous family which includes Daniel D. Tompkins, USMA 1820, and COL Tommy's 2 Army brothers. It is high time his colorful career was preserved in print. He was a legend in his own time.

During 1952-57 Dick Singer built with his own hands a recreational home for four at Seguin, TX, on the Guadalupe River where they invite friends and classmates visiting San Ant. Dick says: "Come as you are. The place is all ready with food, likker and a 20' pontoon boat . . . For sale \$100,000 as is when I get too old to cut the grass."

The Bart Bartlett's "Showplace on the Pacific" at Monterey Bay escaped damage in the flooding rains this year. In 82 Aptos Beach was a sad sight of washed-out homes with waves banging violently at the 250' almost-sheer cliffs during the 4 Jan 82 floods when 10.42" of rain fell in 24 hours. Bart and Ruth completely restored the damaged slide area which is now "completely covered with vegetation, blue with forgetmenots, red with bottle brush bushes, thick broom grass, ferns, juniper, and fuchsia trees and bushes which hide any thought of the barrenness that once existed . . ." They were expecting a visit from the Singers 28 Jun.

Bart lunched with Herb Reuter after Herb returned from his annual trek to his forest farm in Washington State. He harvested no trees this year as the saw mills are mostly closed down and only 1 mill in his area recalled its workers.

Bart, our Class Rep for northern CA, also elicited responses from the Howards, Ruby Adamson, Valerie Sand, Ruth Strickland and Dottie Plank.

The Howards were with dau Katty in Irving, TX, for 3 months after her husband, Dr. Bob Dixon, died 14 Mar. They stayed until Katty's dau Beth returned from College.



1920: The Kreuters and Ruth Bartlett (WH) in sunny Santa Monica.

Ruby Adamson is in "pretty good health." Godfrey died in '59. Their son, Dr. Godfrey Douglas Jr., Ret COL USAF, is in Salt Lake City and keeps in close touch. He has 2 married daus and 1 in the business world, all doing well. Ruby lives with dau Mary Miller in Vallejo, CA, where Mary is in business. Her 4 children, all grown and on their own, are also doing well: 1 son is with a deep sea diving company in London and another a doctor in Vallejo; eldest dau is married and is Mgr Pacific Stereo Co. near Berkeley, CA, and the youngest, out of college 1 year, is working as an interpreter in France.

Valerie Sand's life revolves around the Presidio of San Fran more than ever since Alex's death in 80. She is completely delighted with its many Post facilities and the beautiful surroundings, especially the panoramic view of beautiful trees, the Bay and the Golden Gate Bridge from a lookout point near the golf course.

Ruth Strickland writes: "Strick was one of the founders in 1966 of the Federation of

Fly Fishers, now an international organization with clubs in all parts of the world. Over the years he was awarded numerous medals by it, one posthumously in Nov '77 . . . In Feb 83 these medals were donated to the Museum of American Fly Fishing in Manchester, VT. Since Strick's death, I have propelled myself to completely make a new life for myself . . . actively involving myself as a volunteer with the Museum of the Fresno Art Center and making a host of new friends . . ."



1920: The Goffs at Founders Day dinner, Ft. Lewis.

While recovering from a broken left hip, Dottie Plank and her walker fell badly and broke her right hip 10 Apr. She wrote 19 May: "Dau Jacqui flew in from Chagrin Falls, OH, and was with me until a week ago. I have excellent help and am doing beautifully . . . Hope to attend grandson's wedding in Chagrin Falls 6 Aug . . ." Her life without Eddie continues very full "with many telephone calls, visitors, much reading, TV and crosswords, the days really go rapidly . . ."

Bob Kreuter, our southern CA Class Rep, elicited news from Heloise Casey. She is "well and active and busy at all times." She is proud of her eldest granddau who is now an Engr for Honeywell in NY. Marty died in 59.

The Kreuters had a get-together with the Hal Millers and the Carl Engelhart at the Officers Mess of the Long Beach, CA, Naval Station.

Congratulations are in order to Carl Engelhart and Bob Kreuter on the award of the 60-year membership certificate and lapel pin from the Grand Lodge (Masonic) of VA. Both had joined the Army and Navy Lodge No. 306 at Hampton, VA, when they were students at the CA School in Ft Monroe, VA.

Jack Goff writes that the Supe, LTC W. W. Scott, made the Founders Day talk at Ft Lewis last Mar. His father, COL W. W. Scott, was stationed with the Goffs in Panama in 42 when he was in high school. Also, he is Jack's wife's (Alma Scott) 3d cousin.

Louise George is rightly very proud of son Bill and dau Louise. Bill has just completed several years as Chase Manhattan's SE Asia Rep in Bombay and is being transferred to its NY City Office. He, wife Maritza and son Alexander are vacationing in Europe and will visit Alex's cousins in Scotland and England before coming to Rockville, MD, for a visit with Louise. "Alleluia! What joy to have them close by again," she says.

And dau Louise is cited in the 29 May 83 San Fran Chronicle describing the new "Biblioteca Italiana" as the brainchild of Professor Louise George Clubb, a renaissance scholar at UCA Berkeley. She has already devoted the past 8 years to it, including 2 years re-

search at U of Padua in Italy. Italian art and music is found in great profusion in our museums but its literature in the original or translation is rarely seen. The Biblioteca is a most ambitious project to fill this void and to unfold to Americans some 100 classics from the 700-year tradition of Italian literature which had profound influence upon Shakespeare. It is being beautifully printed by the UCA Press at great expense with help from the private sector. It is a bilingual effort, each page of original Italian alongside its translation. All modern bookmaking materials and reader facilitating techniques are used to preserve it for posterity against the ravages of future centuries of time. This is unique in that no other foreign language literature has been so preserved bilingually. Louise is Editor-in-Chief of a staff of scholars who have, since 1980, already produced 4 prodigious volumes, including Louise's own translation of "Gli Duoi Fratelli Rivali: The Two Rival Brothers" by Giambattista Della Porta, a comedy relevant to Shakespearean drama, especially, "Much Ado About Nothing."

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It is with deep regret to report the deaths of **Gustin Nelson** and **Glenn Wilhide**. Gus died on April 9. He had suffered from Parkinson's disease for the past five years. In addition to his military career that included the part he played in the Battle of the Bulge as stated in John Eisenhower's book "The Bitter Woods," Gus was elected to the Sarasota Bd of Commissioners in 1955 and later ran for the U.S. House of Rep but was defeated. He was buried in Arlington.

After a long illness **Willie Wilhide** died on May 6th. I first met him at Gettysburg College in Sep 1918. We were fraternity brothers. We both received our appointments to W.P. while at Gettysburg. Willie stayed at my house the day before we entered. My father drove us to the Academy the next morning, Nov 2d. We were roommates in beast barracks together with **Benny Chidlaw**. Shortly after graduation we both resigned from the service, married and lived in Baltimore, MD. We returned to the service (Ord Corps) shortly after Pearl Harbor and served in Detroit, MI during the war. Our lives paralleled. Willie is survived by his wife, Jimmy and two sons, one of whom is Glenn Jr., Class of 1948. On behalf of the class I extend to Elsie Nelson and the Wilhide family our sincere sympathy.

After a week's visit with relatives in NV and CA Bill and Marge Lawton spent several weeks in HI last Apr and May. They went to the top of the Halakala volcano on Maui. The air is quite thin at 10,025 feet elevation, but they made it without incident. According to Bill, HI has changed considerably since he stopped there in 1926 enroute to the Philippine Isl. A quote from Bill's letter: "The clothes used by the bathers at Waikiki Beach in 1926 would be enough to clothe the entire population in 1983. Times have changed." The Lawtons just missed seeing Ham and Katherine Meyer while in HI, but they did see the Meyer's daughter, Sally several times. She was vacationing there from her home at Lake Tahoe.

Sully Sullivan sent me an item that Don Mozley (west coast radio broadcaster) said on the air last June 8th. Here is part of his talk: "The invasion of Normandy by allied

forces under Gen Eisenhower took place 39 years ago this week—and the man who got there first, still likes to tell about it. He's General **Maxwell Taylor**, who says the longest and best day of his military career was that night-time parachute jump near the French coast—in which he and 200 men landed an hour before the main group to light up the landing zone. General Taylor made a smooth landing, but found himself alone—and for 30 minutes he searched for his men. Finally he heard the click-click of the toy crickets they'd taken to identify each other. He clicked back—soon found 90 of his troop, and led an attack that opened up a path from Utah beach for the 4th division. - - he's still active despite a severe arthritic condition in his knees. Was it too many parachute jumps which grounded him - - no says General Taylor—too much tennis on hard courts."

Charlie & Kathreen Dobbs have finally gotten into the retirement center. Their new address is 2800 West Illinois, 4-B, Midland, TX 79701. They are very pleased with their new home. The Dobbs' children and grandchildren all live in Midland and were a big help in getting Charlie and Kathreen settled in their new home. Here's wishing you both many more happy years enjoying your new surroundings.

The Oriole luncheon on Jun 14 was well attended. **Harold Conway** was the only absentee. Harold has been under the doctor's care for several weeks. His condition isn't serious, but he has to take it easy. (Don't we all?) **Jim O'Connell** was properly initiated by losing the dice throw and thus having to buy the drinks.

Willie Burns' sister Agnes and her husband stopped by to see us last spring. We hadn't seen Agnes since the days when we lived in Mineola, L. I. and she lived in Rockville Center, about 50 years ago. Agnes's son, Peter graduated from the Academy in 1960. She has now two grandsons at the Academy. You will probably remember that Willie's brother, Paul graduated in 1931. He has two daughters who married graduates. Now that makes quite an Army family.

The Kleins went on their annual trek last May. They visited Art's brother and his family in San Antonio. While there Art tried to get in touch with our classmates, but no luck. They then went on to Austin to their daughter's home. While in Austin they visited with Bob Taylor and his wife. Bob was recovering from an automobile accident which did some damage and slowed him down, but he is improving and will soon be his old self again. Art also had a conversation with "PD" Lynch. Then there was the big reunion of the Douglass clan at Dallas. All were present except our classmate Bob and one husband. As Art put it: "We had a wonderful two days and met a few of our nephews and nieces and their children. Art also had a conversation (telephone) with **Rummy Rumaggi**, but unfortunately they could not get together.

Here is **Bob Murphy's** account of the origin of our Oriole Class Emblem. Previous to having an operation at the Valley Forge Gen Hosp in 1956 he saw an oriole sign on a board in the town of Valley Forge. It was on a post and stood about 10 feet high. It was advertising something. It impressed Murph because of our oriole nickname. **George Stephens** (an honorary member of our class) was at the hospital at the same time that Murph was. Murph called George's attention to the sign, but he never entertained the idea of sending the sign to West Point. Then I called George's widow, Muriel who told me

that while she and George were taking a walk in Phoenixville (a city near Valley Forge) George pointed out the oriole sign to her. When they arrived back at West Point George told a cadet about the sign and had him make the emblem that we now have. At that time (1956) both **Charlie Barrett** and **Charlie Branham** were at the Academy so I conclude that between the three of them the two Charlies and George it was decided that it would be the 1922 Class emblem.

Here are some notes sent to me by our midwestern correspondent "PD" Lynch: Friends and relatives gathered for **Janet & Bob Taylor's** 50th wedding anniversary on Jun 3rd. Hosts for the party were their daughter and her husband, **Connie and Ed Groslin**, in their beautiful home in the Austin hills. There were more than 60 in attendance. "PD" also wrote about Bob's auto accident and that he had fully recovered before the big day. "PD" also reported the Klein visit which is covered elsewhere in these notes. **Jim Spry** wrote to "PD" that it takes him a long time to get things done these days. (Don't we all) He is slowly recovering from a heart attack last November. He is on a restrictive diet which has required Lou to change her cooking habits. Since I, too, am on a restrictive diet my wife, Hazel, sympathizes with Lou.

I have read the Lynch's poetry book "Behold Texas." It is most interesting to read in poetry what all those Texans have to say about their state.

The Dallas chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution honored **Rummy Rumaggi** by creating a beautiful trophy to be awarded to the TX Chapter that has made the strongest gesture to encourage patriotism. It is named the **Louis J. Rumaggi** award. As for Rummy himself, he received a handsome brass shadow box naming the positions he held in the Sons of the American Revolution at chapter, state and national level. Congratulations!

Corrections

Ida Carpenter's address is College St. not Cottage. So sorry.

Rummy Rumaggi's address is 10556 Barrywood, Dallas, TX 75230. I reported this in the Mar issue of this magazine, but for some unknown reason I loused it up in the roster. So sorry Rummy. I'll try to do better next time.

The Class rosters I sent to **Mary Lee Mitchell** and **Fern McLallen** were returned. I wrote once again to **Freddie Hein** to try to locate Mary Lee, but so far I have not heard from him. Freddie has been successful in the past in locating Mary Lee.

The roster is also in error about **Renny Kastner**. She resides at 345 Country Club Road, Southern Pines, NC 28387. Tel: 910-692-5309.

'23

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Our 60th Reunion—a note from **Wendell Johnson** tells it all! "Ruth and I have attended every '23 reunion beginning with the 25th including the 42% and the 47% and rate the 60th among the most enjoyable." Thanks go to **Joe Smith**, our chairman, and to **Ken Sweany** his asst. They arrived at Bear Mountain Inn one day early to ascertain if all arrangements were finalized (which they were!). Classmates arrived on Wed, 18 May—they were (with appropriate accompaniment)!



1923: Craigie, W. G. Johnson, and Enslow—60th Reunion.

Bloome, Buckley, Craigie, D'Espinosa, J.A. Evans, Enslow, Gettys, Gjelsteen, Guevara, Harmony Hertford, W.G. Johnson, Lueder, McGehee, Neal, Pamplin, Price, Rosenberg, G.C. Stewart, Stodter, Smith, Sweany, Tredennick, J.H. White and Wolf. The widows were Mrs. James Carroll, Mrs. Frances R. Drummond, Mrs. Allen Raymond, and Mrs. Raymond Stone.



1923: The Hertfords and McGehee—60th Reunion.

Our first assembly was the meeting on Gen Scott's vessel for a ride up the Hudson. As the time approached for the bus pick-up it was not certain that all would be ready: some folks came from far and wide and just managed to check in on time! **Lueder**, coming from Mexico checked in 15 minutes before departure. **Stodter** and his 2 daughters and his son with bride-to-be checked in as the bus began picking up at the Overbrook Lodge. The Neals reported in from HI. The **Buckleys** had just returned from Italy, where **Buckley** was able to revisit the old barracks in Rome where he had been a prisoner in WWII, prior to Pearl Harbor. Finally **Trooper Price** checked in; he had driven all the way from CA—could such a trip go unnoticed! Once loaded, the vessel departed with everyone going around renewing friendships—and comradeship of cadet and service days. The unseasonably chilly weather drove most of the people below deck—where we

had a delightful buffet supper—a refreshing pastime after a hard day's drive or flight.

Thursday began with a bus tour of the post—saw the buildings of Ladycliff which are now rented by WP, the new statue honoring Gen Eisenhower, and the start of construction of the Jewish Chapel. The highlight of the tour was the visit to Quarters 100, the current home of Gen & Mrs. Scott. Mrs. Scott greeted us at the door, then gracious wives of the faculty guided us through the first floor and Col Thayer's very interesting office in the basement. After the tour we had luncheon at the WP Golf Clubhouse where again good food and cool drinks rekindled the comradeship of the evening before. In the evening the rains came while we were heading for the Alumni dinner-dance and reception at Washington Hall. Following another excellent meal of prime ribs, the Class went through the receiving line where we met Gen & Mrs. Scott, and the President of AOG.



1923: Alumni March in Field House.

Friday began with a big question—would there be a Parade? Would the clouds linger on or would it rain again? Finally the decision was made for us—no parade on the Plain and for the first time in history the Alumni Exercises would be conducted in the Field House. The Alumni paraders started at one end of the house and marched directly in front of the crowded bleachers, where they were greeted with thunderous applause and cheers of encouragement. Each grad could find his following in the stands and greeted them accordingly. Because of the closeness of the ceremony, this year's exercises were the most moving and memorable in which the Class had ever participated. The exercises were followed by taking of class pictures. Following this the group then travelled to Washington Hall for luncheon and the AOG meeting. The lunch was followed by a brief speech by the Supé and by the alumni business meeting. Following the AOG luncheon **Mrs. R. Stone** had made arrangements for the burial of **R Stone** in the Post Ceme-



1923: Price and Stodter—60th Reunion.

tery. Many of the Class attended and all gave sympathy to **Mrs. Stone** in her bereavement.

Most agreed that the days had vanished too quickly as everyone gathered on Friday evening for the final event—the Class banquet and ceremony at the Cliff House, Bear Mt Inn, presided over by the Class President, **Ken Hertford**, who took over from **Fritz Briedster**—we all missed him and Roma. As the meeting started **Ken Hertford** talked about his role as president, asked **Smith** to read the report from **Adams** on the Treasury and then requested a silent period while **Tredennick** read off the 46 names of deceased classmates from 1978.

Following another excellent meal, memories were revived by showing photos of our cadet days by **Sweany**, and a film of our 55th Reunion by **Craigie**. After appropriate comments **Sweany** gave each aide a gift, an excellent ball pen, and to each of three grandsons of Class members a silver bowl with appropriate remarks from 1923. The cadets were **Charles Derrick**, **James Drummond**, and **William Raymond**. James is the son of BG and Mrs. **James Drummond '55**, and grandson of **Mrs. Garrett Drummond**; **Charles Derrick** is grandson of **Woodson Lewis**, who did not attend. **William** is the son of LTC and Mrs. **Wm Raymond '60** and grandson of **Mrs. Allen D. Raymond**. The **Drummonds** and **Raymonds** attended the dinner. Other WP cadets attending the dinner were **CH Raymond '86** and **John W Roper II '86**—he is grandson of **Harry Roper**.

Before the evening ended, **Hertford** conducted a brief meeting of classmates. He discussed the organization, shortage of officers, and then nominated **Tredennick** as 1st VP and **Craigie** as 2d VP. The nominations were seconded and the 2 were elected. The evening ended with singing of **Auld Lang Syne** (holding hands in the group), and **Army Blue**—and a vow to return again to WP for the 65th!



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Joe Smith wrote to Gen Scott commending them saying: "The services of the Class Aides were outstanding. These officers were resourceful, patient with the octogenarians, responding readily to special situations and always with good will—Their ladies also were very helpful and thoughtful."

The aides and their wives were immensely supportive in every way. They were LTC & Mrs. **James Jenks**, Dept of Engr; CPT and Mrs. **Grant Smith**, Dept of Math; and CPT and Mrs. **Mercer of Elec Engr**. **Jim Jenks** honored us with a talk—a series of customs now enjoyed by cadets—such as no breakfast for upper classmen—many more week-ends away from WP—and many other privileges. Our younger **Bill Tredennick '65** flew from Ft Benj Harrison to be with his mother and dad for all of the 60th ceremonies. He stayed with the **Jenks**. **Bill** and family are



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now stationed at Ft Benj Harrison, IN. He likewise joined in service under Jim helping where he could. It was great having him with us for '23 Reunion.

Here is new address: **Mrs. David M. Fowler**, 1763 Royal Oaks Dr, Duarte, CA 91010.

Smith reported that 24 widows, although not invited to make a contribution, gave \$630.00 to the Class Fund. He has written each one a "thank you" note of appreciation. For information one lady contributed \$100; 3, \$50 each.

BG Drummond mentioned **Mrs. Jean Krueger** (wife of **Robert H. Krueger**) who now lives in Hampton, VA. She will join them when Drummond is promoted to MG on 24 Jun.

Through **Craigie** we have found out the origin of the swimming award which our Class gives each year. In 1947, when the DC group in the Pentagon had dinner meetings once a month, **Craigie's** son Jack entered the Point. He already had a good reputation as a prep/high sch swimmer. During his plebe, yearling and Second Class years **Craigie** flew to WP, or to Harvard, Yale, Princeton—or wherever Army swam, and cheered for him. The other cadets on the team laughingly referred to him as the "Asst Officer in Charge of Swimming." Naturally **Craigie** got to be very friendly with the coach, **Gordon Chalmers** (Olympic swimmer in 1932-36). One day in the 48/49 season, Coach Chalmers called to his attention that other classes had established awards for academic and sports groups. He commented that there was no award for swimming and suggested the possibility of the Class of 1923 establishing such an award. **Craigie** took it up with Fritz and several other members of the Class and spear-headed a fund raising drive. The money (about \$2500) to establish a perpetual award was raised—and the Class President gets a call each year to send someone of the Class to present the award. This year **Craigie** was selected but asked his son Jack to make the award on 24 May. Jack was captain of the team his First Class year, established records in the 220 and 440



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free style events and was the 2d recipient of the award. In checking with **Adams**, our Treas, reference this funding, there is nothing recorded on the Swimming Trophy, and from **Woggie Towle** who was our original Treasurer, the Class fund has never been charged.

From **Shafer** we get the word that all is quiet on the Potomac for the period. The following attended the 20 Apr luncheon held at Ft McNair: **Adams, D'Espinosa, Magruder, Guevaras, Shafers, Smiths, Sweanys, Gunns, Mildred Mahoney, Dot Torrence, Dot Kehm, Louise Tormey, Virginia Post** and **Bun Fiske**. All were very happy to welcome Virginia on her PCS from CA. She, her son **Eddie** and wife are a great addition to the DG Group. **John and Alice White** visited his sister and brother-in-law (**Oley and Eloise Hansen '32**) during the week of 11 Apr. **John** recently visited San Fran where he saw many of '23 contingent. **AJ McGehee** sends his new address: 1927 Ray Dr, Green Valley, AZ 85614. He reported on 2 pleasant get-togethers in Mar, when the **Palmers** entertained in honor of **John White**, and the next day at the ret residence of **Mary & Ray**



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Pierce in the Portola Valley west of Stanford in honor of **McGehee** before his imminent departure to a new home in AZ. Present at the gatherings were: **Buckleys, Harmony, McGehee, Prices** and **Ruth (Mrs. RF Johnson)**. **Lorien Price** and **Ruth Johnson** missed the **Palmers'** luncheon. **Harriette Pesek** missed the parties because of a temporary bout with the flu. **Mary Jo Stewart (OC Stewart)** had left only a few days before the party to make her home in Southern CA. **Lucille Rutte** reported that **Louis** goes out only in a wheelchair nowadays.

Change of address: **COL F.T. Manross**, PO Drawer A, Farmington, CT.

From **Gjelsteen** comes the following news: They have sold their home in Montgomery, AL, and are returning to CA. Their address is: 125 Seafoam Ave, Monterey, CA 93940. Their son **Andrew '77** has been admitted to the Dept of Def Med Col in Bethesda. He resigned his commission July 82 and has taken pre-med courses at UCA, Santa Cruz. He reports to Bethesda in Sept 83.

George W. Hartnell '48 reported the death of his mother, **Elizabeth Savage Grove**, on 26 Apr 83 in Lincoln, IL. Mrs. Grove was the widow of **George W. Hartnell** who died in 1930, then **William E. Grove Jr.** who died in 1978. She is survived by her daughters, **Adeline Hartnell Pence (Mrs. William Fuller '46)** and **Madge Grove Mosser (Mrs. John Allen)**; **William R. Grove III**, her stepson, and **George W. Hartnell '48. COL** and **Mrs. Grove** have been interred at West Point. The Class sends condolences to all her family.

From **Sara Serff Lindquist** came the

sad news that her beloved mother, **Beatrice Kulnick Serff** died on 20 Mar 83 in Memphis, TN. The interment was 23 Mar at the cemetery at Ft Benning, GA with her husband **Paul C. Serff**. The survivors are: **Paul C. Serff II** of Germantown, TN, and his 3 sons, **Bradley, Jarel** and **Jeffrey**, and **Mrs. Lindquist** and 3 daughters, **Teresa, Karen**, and **Mary-Leigh**. The Class sends deepest sympathy to the family.

We are sad to report **James N. Fitzmaurice** died 22 May 83 in Menlo Park, CA, following his wife's death on 2 Sept 1982. **Adams** has made a contribution to WP in his memory. Class of '23 sends condolence to his family. His son-in-law, **COL R.D. Foley '45**, Camp Springs, MD, has agreed to write **Jim's** obituary for ASSEMBLY.

A fine letter was received from **Mrs. Woodson Lewis** thanking the Class for recognition of their grandson, **Charlie Derrick '83**. She was so glad that **Gen Harmony** was there and sat by **Charlie** and took **Woodson's** place at our '23 banquet. **Harmony** and **Lewis** were cadet lieutenants in F Co, a robust outfit. **Charlie**, she reported, was very impressed.

W.D. Johnson, in addition to many notes on the Reunion added that on 28 May they attended the graduation of grandson, **Darryl Johnson** at the "Deckhouse" prep school at N. Edgecomb, ME with his dad, **Wendell Jr.** and **Uncle Gerald**, also with their wives and 2 other grandchildren. "Being our 51st wedding anniversary we had all to dinner that evening." **Johnson** and **Smith** both wrote to **Caroline Leone** about the 60th. She wrote that she could not take advantage of it. **Wendell** had a letter from **Ralph Bing** who writes, "Say hello to all the members of the Class—I wish you all a most happy 60th." A long letter from **Paul Laning**, saying he could not attend reunion but always has a warm spot for USMA, and was sorry not to attend.

Roy & Mary Dwyer celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary on 1 May with son **Roy Jr.** and daughter-in-law **Jackie** and 5 grandchildren and sponsors and one great-grandchild. Grandson **LT Steve Dwyer '80** was unable to attend—he is at helicopter training in AL. Daughter **Mary-Helen** and husband were unable to leave OH. Two granddaughters, **Amy** and **Emily** also unable to attend. **Amy** is teaching, and **Emily** is at Miami U, OH. Another grandson is in ROTC at Temple U in Phila—hopes to be commissioned in regular Army upon graduation.

Don & Dot Tredennick have been busy with WP Admissions. Two "By Invitations" parties were held: one in Reading on 1 Jun and another in Allentown on 2 Jun. We expect that 17 or 18 candidates, (with 3 football players) will enter from our NE PA area. on 1 Jul. Big excitement in our area is that an Army-Navy 150-~~th~~ football game will be played on 12 Nov 83 at 1 PM in Pottsville, PA. If you want tickets by mail,



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send \$3.00 per ticket plus 25c each order to: ARMY-NAVY Tickets, c/o Pottsville Joint Veterans, PO Box 118, Pottsville, PA 17901. If anyone wants more information please write to: Mr. Bill Moran, Chairman Army-Navy Football Game, 1702 Westend Ave, Pottsville, PA 17901.

GRIP HANDS.



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Benny & Anne Bennett report themselves in good health and spending every summer at their place on Stony Lake, FL. Benny is still trying to play golf but with little success. Their son Bill teaches at Buxton Prep School in Williamstown and has just been made director of the school.

The Stubblebines' oldest grandson graduated from Vanderbilt U in May and was commissioned in the Regular Army. Being of the 3d generation to enter the regular service, Stubby says they are all pleased.

Mair Stevenson now has 10 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. So John, USMA 1956, is back on the east coast and living at Herndon, VA. Dorothy Alderman writes that her health is not good enough for her to do anything she doesn't want to do, but is good enough to let her do everything she does want to do. Marie Barkes reports that she is in good health and keeping busy following the careers of her grandchildren.

The Class of '24 provided the largest contingent to the spring luncheon of the West Point Society of the DC, held at Ft Myer on 12 May. In attendance were Beurket, Eddleman, Fletcher, Hart, Hincke, McCormick, Moore, Nelson Palmer and Trudeau, plus Ken Strother who, with Melba, had come east from CA, primarily for the graduation of their grandson at William and Mary College on 15 May. The main speaker at the luncheon was Mr. Charles Corddry, the correspondent on Military affairs for the Baltimore Sun who appears weekly on the panel of the TV talk show, "Washington Week in Review." His comments at the luncheon covered current national defense matters; his conclusions were not startling; he avoided a statement of opinion on the Westmoreland-CBS libel suit beyond saying that "I like Westy." He did venture the opinion that "the (U.S. Intermediate range) missiles are going to arrive (in Europe) and there will not be any deals with the Soviet Union until they do arrive." In general, his talk was well received.

Twenty-two of the Class ladies attended the spring luncheon of the '24 Wives in DC on 29 Mar. Poulet francais was served. Eliza-

beth Moore, widow of Dennis, who recently moved to town and is living at Distaff Hall, was a welcome addition to the group. The affair was hosted by Marguerite Stevens and Hazel Van Way.

Benny Mesick was the oldest graduate present at the Founders Day dinner in Tucson, AZ, and as such made a brief talk. Other classmates in attendance were Bill & Mona O'Connor, Nelle Lenzner and Zoe Forbes.

Ray & Betty Beurket returned in Apr from a trip to the tropics where they spent 10 days in Panama and 36 days in HI. Although these visits were made during the rainy season at both places, the total aggregate rainfall experienced by the Beurkets during the entire 46 days amounted to only one-eighth inch in 5 minutes.

An encouraging response has been received to our recent request for information on intended attendance at the 60th Reunion. It looks like the size of the group will be about the same as the 55th.

Peter & Bunny Hains and other relatives were at West Point for graduation in May, primarily for the graduation of Peter's grandson, John Power Hains II. The weather was fair for the graduation parade on 24 May as 861 First Classmen stood in line and took the review. The banquet that evening featured the families sitting at tables with their first class sons, the latter serving as gunners, coffee corporals, etc., and all drinking wine and toasting the USMA and each other.



1924: Mark E. Smith III '56, son of Mark E. Smith '24 and nephew, Kenneth B. Smith Jun '43.

Graduation the next day was in the stadium and was blessed with fine weather. The stands were full. SECDEF Casper Weinberger gave an inspiring address. The last cadet to receive a diploma was a girl and she received the usual standing ovation. However, she was not the goat. The diplomas were distributed in alphabetical order. The ceremonies were then continued at Battle Monument where the new lieutenants were sworn in by company and each had his bars pinned by persons of his choice. LT John's gold bars originally were worn by his maternal grandfather, COL Merle L. Fisher, USMA '31, deceased. They were pinned on John's shoulders by Peter and by Mary Paul Fisher who donated them. John's father, COL Peter C. Hains IV, USMA '52, was also in attendance.

This addition marked the 5th generation of Hains to graduate from West Point. The military genealogical succession is: Peter Conover Hains, Class of 1861; John Power Hains, Class of 1889; Peter Conover Hains III, Class of 1924; Peter Conover Hains IV, Class of 1952; and John Power Hains II, Class of 1983.

Ken & Melba Strother experienced a mis-

adventure on Fri the 13th of May while they were in Williamsburg for their grandson's graduation from William and Mary. Ken describes the incident as follows:

"Returning to the Inn after dinner at Mary Bruce Meade's (with Betty Wilson who was visiting and all the Nichols) Melba went in the room first while I parked the car.

"When I opened the door I heard Melba screaming. She was on the floor being worked over by a man who proved to be black. I charged, of course, and knocked him away from her and was promptly stabbed in the abdomen. Fortunately the knife went across my body (apparently because he was off balance). It went under my floating ribs and then out through them.

"I went to Melba and the assailant fled, stabbing me again in the ribs but this time making only a superficial wound. Melba had a cut in her throat but a larger one on her hand which she has been able to get in the way of the knife, protecting her jugular and doubtless saving her life.

"We spent the night in the hospital with me in the emergency room under monitors to make sure no large blood vessels or organs were involved.

"Out the next day we were able to go to the graduation on Sun and home Tues, thankful we were alive. Melba has taken her experience with admirable coolness and insists she has had no nightmares.

"The man got away."

Ken has subsequently informed us that: "We are both very lucky and are healing nicely.

"Melba is unbelievable. She has absorbed that terrifying experience with no sign of neurosis.

"My vest has 3 knife holes and my coat 2.

"The Williamsburg police have no clues—not even a street number."

Gus Dugan reports from El Paso that he is still playing golf twice per week and on foot, but Bill Reardon has quit. The retired community is large and sociable and Gus works on the yard. He and Betty intend to visit Danny and Maggi and some of their grandchildren in Jun. They live in San Jose, CA. He also intends to make the 1984 class reunion, barring trouble or the Grim Reaper. The Shunks and Bill Reardon haven't made up their minds yet.

Doug & Kitty Smith spent a few weeks in France in May, primarily so Doug could practice his French. They report the prices sky high and rising faster than the rate of inflation. Most of the natives with whom they spoke say that the present government is out of favor with the majority and will not last long; in fact may be overthrown by a revolution.

Ed Harrison underwent surgery on his carotid artery in Jan and again in May at Walter Reed AMC. The operations were successful and complete recovery is expected.

Jim Willis underwent surgery at Walter Reed AMC in Feb, suffering from an ailment of the colon. He is now (Jun) convalescing in the Veterans Hosp in Dublin, GA. The treatment is excellent but Jim expects to be in a wheelchair for a long time. Their son, Jim Jr., COL USMA '58, is and has been for some time PAP in the Phys Dept at WP.

The Class has been advised by the AOG that the status of the Class of 1924 gift account of the West Point Fund for the last fiscal year is:

Balance on hand 1 Apr 1982	\$ 7,603.36
Contributions and interest	3813.52

Share of income from investments 1082.20
Balance on hand 1 Apr 1983 \$12,499.08

We regret to announce the following:

Marion Tilden Mitchell died in the Central Vermont Hosp in Berlin, VT, on 27 Feb. Interment was in the Elmwood Cemetery of Northfield on Memorial Day, 30 May 83. The services also commemorated her husband, **Floyd Allen Mitchell**, who died while a POW of the Japanese during World War II. A memorial marker in Floyd's honor has been erected beside Marion's grave. The Class made a contribution to the West Point Fund in his memory.

Leonard L. Bingham died of cancer on 24 May at his home in Eden, NC. Services were held in the Church of the Epiphany in Eden on 26 May. Interment was in the family plot at the local cemetery.

'25

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Two members of the Class of 1925 recently joined the Long Gray Line. **Ed McLaughlin**, 81, died of a stroke at Anniston, AL, Med Ctr on 6 May. Ed joined the Foreign Service of the State Dept in 1926. During the next 30 years he saw service in Cuba, Mexico, Germany, Brazil, Ireland and Colombia, retiring in 1956. He was a juvenile court judge in Anniston from 1962 to 1970. **Robert Howze**, 80, died as the result of an automobile accident in Monterey, CA, on 14 April. Memorial services were held at the Presidio of Monterey Chapel on 18 Apr. **Bill Gillmore** was present. Burial with full military rites were held at the Presidio of San Fran on 19 Apr. Your scribe was present.



1925: The Newmans, Woods and DeArmonds.

Inflation has hit the Class of 1925. Class dues have been \$5.00 for 58 years and it is time **Hoppie** feels to raise the annual dues to \$10, which your scribe feels reasonable. Make checks payable to 1925 Class Fund, USMA. Send checks to **COL Armand Hopkins** at 21 Ocean Dr, Apt. 304, Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971, from 7 Aug to 5 Oct 83; after 5 Oct to 307 Spring Run Circle, Longwood, FL 32750. **Hoppie** also reports his attendance for the first time in a year at the monthly '25 luncheon in DC. Present also **Bailey, Cole, Dunford and Grayeb**; at the ladies' table, **Ruth Barnes, Jeanne Bryte, Eliz Cole** and **Betsy Crandall**. **Bruce Clarkes'** absent on a visit to son **David**. **Cole** had also reported this luncheon.

Your scribe also recently received from both **Hopkins** and **Cole** lists of addresses and names of widows who have changed location or status since 76. Your scribe's last com-



1925: LT Healey with recipients of the Cleland award.



1925: Surviving players from 1924: Newman, Roosma, and Wood.



1925: 1924: Roosma, Lee, Newman, Forbes, Vichules, and Wood.

plete roster is 1976, with a few changes. Individuals who have changed location or status please notify your scribe. A postcard is enough.

Bruce reports that Jun was a big month for the **Clarke** family. **COL Gordon** graduated from NWC; **David's** ('58) grandson graduated from high school and will enter West Point; **Lisa's** son graduates from Princeton and goes into the Regular Army.

From Sarasota, FL, **Red Newman** reports convivial cocktail party given by **Liz & Bill Wood** at their home, followed by dinner at their Bradenton Country Club. Guests with their wives were **Newman, Dearmond** and **Roosma** (ex '25). Inclosed with **Red's** letter were pictures of the Army 1924 varsity basketball team. Also a picture of the survivors of that team: **Newman, Roosma, and Wood**.

A card from **Agnes Toms** states that she was at West Point in May with lovely weather, but the previous week reunion classes had a lot of rain. **Ray Jr.** was with her.

From **Florence Cleland** came the following: (Too late for Mar) Four students were recipients of the 6th annual **MC Joseph Cleland** Leadership awards and Certificates of Achievement during graduation ceremonies at Kapyong Middle and High School in Kyong-gi Province, Korea, recently (Feb 83). Two graduating seniors received bronze medallions in the likeness of **Cleland** and cash awards of \$50. They were chosen as the 2

who best exemplified the attributes of dedication to others, loyalty and leadership among their peers, according to the awards certificates. Two of the Middle School students were presented with Certificates of Achievement and \$25 each. 1LT **John D. Healey**, USMA '81 of the 25th Inf Div, then on duty in Korea, made the presentation. LT **Healey** won the USMA **Cleland** award in 81. **Joe's** will provided for the awards in memory of **PFC Kenneth Kaiser** of the 40th Div who was the first soldier killed in action at the battle of **Osan**. **Joe** was CG of the 40th Div. Through his efforts the Middle School was established and is known as the **Kapyong-Kaiser School**.

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'26

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Those of you who attended Founders Day banquets and had your pictures taken may have been surprised to see the photos in the Jun issue. Please be advised that those pics were sent by the host WP Societies directly to ASSEMBLY and not to the scribe. Hence there were no writeups accompanying them, other than bare identification. Hope you weren't too confused, especially those of you who sent pictures to me together with a note.

ASSEMBLY

The note, but not the picture, will appear herewith.

Bo Riggs wrote that he had been asked to compose the obituary for Egon Tausch. He has lost his '26 HOWITZER and wanted help in locating some of Egon's roommates. I queried Tep Barbour, Red Corderman, Freddy Munson, Bob Broadhurst, Bill Creasy, Mac McDaniel, and Hal Forde. All of them answered, and, if they could contribute anything, their answers were sent to Bo. Eileen and Bo have been living in England since his retirement from ITT in 68. They intended to stay only a couple of years, then go back to the States. But they can't find a suitable spot although they visit the US a couple of times a year and look around. They like where they live now near Southampton in the heart of the New Forest, within view of the Isle of Wight. Although Bo hasn't ridden a horse for years, he enjoys the equine activity around them, including ponies running wild in the forest, horse shows, and racing. At the time Bo wrote, they were planning to visit NY, where Sharon lives, in Apr and May and to go to NC, where he has some friends and relatives.

Jimmy Wade sent a letter with a clipping from the Marion, AL Times-Standard, showing him presenting a gold medal to Senior Cadet Weaver for outstanding performance during his senior year at Marion Mil Inst (MMI). He also presented 2 other medals on behalf of the Mil Order of the World Wars, of which he is a member. He reminds us that classmate George Smith had prepped at MMI before entering WP. George was killed in Mar 45, the day he was promoted to BG. Jimmy says that he and Jessie are doing very well—she doing household duties, sewing, and playing bridge and he doing the gardening. Both are active in church and community affairs. Their grandson, Ian Benouis, is doing well at WP and is now on the varsity soccer squad.

From Little Silver, NJ, Red Corderman writes that he and Virginia are holding their own. They joined an AARP group on a tour of South America in Feb. Then in early Apr they spent a golfing week at Myrtle Beach with another couple. Red says that they see the Bayers often and that they are both well and very active. (Picture, p. 36, Jun issue).

Bob Broadhurst called from Crowley, LA. Said he had knee surgery last fall to repair a 10-yr-old break. He can still walk, but not fast or far. Says he relies on a brace and aspirin. Mimi is doing fine, but is beginning to have cataracts.

In his short note to me Mac McDaniel gave his address, which I had failed to mention in the Dec 81 issue when I reported that he and Kathleen had moved to their new condo. Here it is: 100 Pierce St, Apt 407, Clearwater, FL 33516.

From Carlisle, PA, comes this letter from Al Heidner: "Herewith a snapshot of me and 2 classmates' wives, my own and Mal Harwell's. Mal is pretty much housebound with emphysema, so Kay went to the Founders Day dinner with us. This is about the 50th such affair I have been to here at Carlisle Bks. This yr I had the distinction of being the oldest, so had a few (repeat few) words to say. Frankly, I'd rather be a little farther back in the line, but so it goes. Nettie and I are well and expect to spend a couple of days in Williamsburg, VA. Will try to see Harry Storke if we can." (Founders Day pic, p. 35, Jun issue). Note by Scribe: Al crossed out the street address on his letterhead and sub-

stituted 246 Glendale St, Carlisle, PA 17013.

Bill Creasy phoned from Little Rock supplementing a note he had sent regarding the Tausch obituary. Bill says that he, not Griz Grizzard was the Class goat because he ranked 27 out of 26. Figure that one out, Griz. He says Griz is a few mos younger than he, so he wants to deliver this msg: "Stay healthy, Griz. I don't want to be the youngest class member." Bill says he is being sued for several million bucks by a party claiming injury by biological warfare agents while Bill was Chief of CW. He doesn't worry about it as long as it is in the millions. When they commence suing for a thousand, he will worry. He says that one man offered to settle for \$250,000, but after hearing Bill testify, he raised it to \$350,000. On 15 May Bill is slated to officiate at the commissioning of 38 ROTC grads of the local predominantly black Univ. He reports that after 3 wks in the hosp, Lillian's health is better than it has been in yrs. He says they like Arkansas.



1926: Golden Wedding reception of Kay and John McFarland: Four generations: Front: granddaughter Tonia, daughter-in-law Charlene, Kay, Kay's mother Maye Sharp, daughter-in-law Ann; Rear: Tony, Mac, Jim.

Freddy Munson announced the marriage of his daughter, Sheila Elizabeth, to William Harnew. The wedding took place in Washington on 14 May. The couple lives in Wheaton, MD. A reception was held at Ft McNair Off Club.

From TX Jimmy Burwell's report: Trooper & Effie Doyle spent a delightful month in HI: 2 wks in the Hale Koa Hotel in Honolulu and the next 2 wks visiting the other islands. They especially enjoyed the Hale Koa and highly recommend it.

Kathleen Osborne had an operation at Brooke Gen Hosp in May and is making a good recovery. Ralph is holding his own.

Johnson AH and Muffet visited Welford Hall AF Hosp. Johnny is still taking therapy. Muffet says he is holding up fine and does a little putting and chipping. Muffet had a serious auto accident 6 Apr. She says that it slowed her down, but she is still in there pitching. Jimmy says that the Burwells and Staglanos have nothing newsworthy to report.

Here is Spud Murphy's report from CA: There is little news this qtr, and what little there is seems to center around great-grandchildren and the propensity of our army girls to wed Annapolis grads.

Eleanor Hamilton reports that granddau Becky produced a great-granddau with the intriguing name of Melissa Marie in Apr. Becky is married to LT Mark Stephens, USNA 79, who is a Marine pilot stationed

in SC. Eleanor is still in the throes of selling her house. In the interim she has bought her condo at the Hacienda Carmel.

Big Nourse's granddau, Cathy Mueller, has already presented Big with both a great-grandson and a great-grandau. Her other granddau Patty was married last Oct to David Culbertson, USNA 82, who is currently in flying training at Pensacola. Big expects to go east in the fall to visit son Huck and later to visit "Sis" in Seattle.

Spud talked to Betsy Forde by phone; Hal was absent as usual, either teaching one of his several courses or attending French classes as a student. He feels he must keep up on his fluency in French, or his 2 yrs at WP, his graduation from Language School, and his tour of duty in the attaché office in Paris will all be wasted. Betsy says he merely wants to be perfect. The Fordes' dau, Ann Jolley, works in public relations for a travel club and is scheduled to conduct a tour of the Pacific Islands in the Fiji-Tahiti area. Ann, it will be remembered, is married to LC John Jolley, USMC Ret, USNA 62. (Scribe: Hal is planning to teach a new course this fall: Linear Perspective in Drawing and Painting).

Paul Carroll has just returned from a 2-wk visit to TX to see his grandsons. One is an exec with Exxon in Houston. The other is a rancher near Fredericksburg. He is a 1LT in the TX Nat'l Guard, a tanker. Paul and Marian plan a trip to Canada in the fall in time for the fall colors.

Marge Brady is looking forward to her forthcoming month in England and Scotland on the Elderhostel tour.

Hal Doud has been found (See p. 40, Mar. issue). In fact, he was never lost. His listed address is still correct. He writes, "I am well as usual. I don't play golf, but I do keep Jack La Lanne in business. I am looking forward to a new spa he is building here in Fullerton. I think I am the oldest member of the local club. Marie is quite well. She has recovered nicely from recent surgery for gallstones. My dau Nancy and her husband have moved to HI. I can't imagine leaving CA, but they did."

Bud Black's Oriental Express trip turned out to be quite an experience. He flew to Philly, where he boarded the QE II for London. From there he took the Express bound for Venice. After crossing the Channel, the passengers were all lined up in Boulogne awaiting the Express. Fifteen minutes before departure time, without warning, a strike was announced. No crew—no train. An hour and 20 min later, a make-shift crew—enr, conductor, dining car crew, porters et al—was assembled, and the Orient Express was back in business. Bud described the trip by saying that the departure was a disaster but the return was a delight. They stopped in Paris, then on to Venice and back to London. After its bad start the Express lived up to its fine reputation for elegance and style. But Bud says that the highlight of the trip was the return flight aboard the Concorde. At 57,000 ft the curvature of the earth was plainly visible, and the sun stood still for the trip: departure from London 1:00 p.m. and arrival time in DC 12:42 p.m. Joshua, take note.

Spud and Gen thoroughly enjoyed a 10-day tour of MI. The tour began in Holland, MI, with the annual Tupil Festival. The tour circumnavigated MI and included visits to Greenfield Village, the Ford Museum, a boat trip thru the Sault Ste. Marie locks, and a 2-

day stay at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Is, famous for its elegance and for its long front porch with 94 rocking chairs.

Notes from the Great Northwest: **Eddie Watson** says that he and **Teddy** are both limited in their activities. They stayed away from the Portland Rose Festival because of the crowds, as the celebration attracted lots of visitors. It was also a good time for robberies while everybody was at the parade.

From **Norman Matthias** in Steilacoom, WA, comes this note: "We are now planning a big party for late Jun to celebrate my 80th birthday. We hope to assemble all our children. Norman Jr., Betsy, and Peter are all in WA State. Judson is in Tempe, AZ, and may not attend. Betsy's children are all near here, so we'll have a crowd of relatives, including 2 great-granddaughters. Norman Jr. and wife live in Coulee City, WA, where he is working on a powerhouse project being done by the engr firm he has been working for since he retired from the Army. Peter lives near here—still single." Norman's birthday is 27 Jun; **Charlotte's** is 29 Jun. They are both in fair shape, but Norman says it takes him twice as long to do anything as it used to.

From Seattle **Ben Thurston** writes that everything is quiet there. He finds that his life style is quite comfortable and satisfactory—6 mos in CA and 6 in WA. He and **Hazel** just throw a few things in a small bag and take off. They leave everything behind, having all they need in both places, including cars. This is the 3d season they've tried that, and it works. Ben has been in 3 major chess tournaments since the first of the year, doing quite well in one and not up to his norm in 2. He will enter one or maybe 2 more before playing in the US Open in Aug. That will be a 2-week tussle in Pasadena.

Bill & Rosie Mills are back from a trip to the Orient, tired and happy to be home. It was a TROA-sponsored air trip with 38 people aboard, all but 2 being ret mil families, predominantly female. Bill says that it was very enjoyable, but they both found flying on a tight schedule much more strenuous and less soothing than ship travel. They spent nearly a week in Japan: Tokyo, Hakane (at a mountain resort hotel), and Kyoto, including a ride on the bullet train. Then to Bangkok and Singapore, which were beautiful, hot, and humid. After mostly big cities and their deluxe hotels, the quiet and peace of Bali was most enjoyable. Last stop was Hong Kong, where the sky was so overcast and rainy that they couldn't see the view from Victoria Peak. Unfortunately, while in Kyoto Rosie had an elevator door close on her, cracking a rib. So she was most uncomfortable the rest of the trip. It is still sore, but Rosie says she has done it many times before and is used to it. Their first night in Hong Kong was exciting. A couple of young, well-dressed Chinese women knocked on their door, saying that they wanted to check their room. Bill and Rosie became suspicious and kept a close watch on them until they left soon after. A few minutes later Bill saw the asst mgr and told her about the visitors. The security people then checked the room and found everything OK. They recognized the intruders from the Mills' description as hotel thieves who had worked other hotels.

The **McFarlands** celebrated their 50th anniv at their home, 22 May, with a reception sponsored by sons, Tony and Jim. Friends, relatives, and neighbors attended. The weather cooperated wonderfully with the most gorgeous day of the year, a summer day in

mid-spring. Four generations were present: Kay's mother, Kay, Tony and Jim, and Tonia. Mac has been dealing with the local Indian tribe for the museum, and has been writing historical notes concerning the early days in N. ID. He attended the local HS convocation to present a letter of admission to USMA Prep to Monte Vieselmyer, a member of the state championship football team.

A personal note from **Don Booth** expresses approval of the idea of having the A-N game on the West Coast. Good exposure for both academies. Maybe other regions will ask for the game when they discover that the kaydets and mids will go along. Don asks if we know of any city other than Chi that has had the game, besides those on the Eastern seaboard. He says that he will be unable to make the game because his legs won't hold up.

All classmates have by now received **Pres Vald's** fine letter dated 12 Jun. Thanks, Vald. There was one item in it which will interest other readers of ASSEMBLY, so I am mentioning it here: Vald says that **Herx & Sally Baxter** dropped in on him in Clearwater. Herx looked great, but admitted that he had to proceed with caution because of a reluctant heart. Herx was in FL to keep an eye on the Phillies in spring training. He has season tickets to their home games in Philly and is an ardent baseball fan.

It is our sad duty to report the death of **Malcolm Harwell** at Carlisle, PA, 26 Jun 1983 after a long siege of emphysema. Interment with full military honors took place at Arlington on 29 Jun. The Class sent flowers and was represented by **Sparky Baird, Bob McDonough, Freddie Munson, Lucille and Nellie Nelson, and Rod Smith.** The Class extends its deepest sympathy to Kay and family.

From **Rod Smith** comes the following report: **Evelyn & Vald Heiberg** came up to DC from Clearwater in Apr to see their sons **Vald Jr. '53, and Bill '61, and their families.** Learning that they were in town, **Kathy & Rod Smith** rounded up available classmates and wives for an informal cocktail "get-together" in honor of the Heibergs. Present were **Carleen & Admiral Sims, Helen & Tep Barbour, Frances & Bill Ennis, Sparky Baird, Edwina White, Leon Johnson, and Lucille & Nellie Nelson.**

Last Apr **Kathy Smith** took off on a lengthy trip, while CR kept the home fires burning; her travels took her to Rome; Mogidishu; Somalia; Jidda, Saudi Arabia; Khartoum, Sudan; Tunis, Tunisia; Casablanca, Morocco; and Paris. Purpose: visiting friends and gathering material for her book on world military libraries. Highlight: fascinating 3 days as guest of the French Ambassador in Somalia.

Kathy & Rod Smith were at WP for Alumni exercises and graduation. At the request of **Prez Vald Heiberg,** Rod represented the Class of '26 in presenting the annual Heiberg award to the graduating cadet ranking first in combined Engineering and Applied Science courses. The award went to **Cadet Capt Dion J. King** from Washington State. Following graduation exercises **Rod** held a little special ceremony in the name of the Class to salute Class grandson, new 2 LT **Dale E. Hruby II '83,** grandson of our **Red Reeder & Dort,** son of their dau **Dody and Dale '58.** Present were grandparents, parents, sisters, and fiancée, all beaming with pleasure.

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The death on 26 Mar of **Charles Hutchison** was reported briefly in the Jun ASSEMBLY. Graveside services were conducted at the Natl Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punch-bowl) on 30 Mar. Condolence of the Class is again extended to **Esther,** sons **Joseph and Charles Jr.,** and the 6 grandchildren.

Notice has been received of the death of **Helen McKinney,** on 3 Feb, in Albuquerque, NM, where she had been living with her son **Horatio** and his wife **Fran** and family for the last few years. Helen died of heart failure, very peacefully in her sleep. Interment was at West Point on 6 Jun, where her ashes were laid to rest next to the grave of **Harry,** who died in 77. Daughter **Nancy's** letter contained this fine summary: "Mother and Dad both loved West Point and the Class of '27 very much. The Long Gray Line was a major part of their lives." Yes, indeed, and the Class esteems them for their many years of splendid comradeship. Condolence of the Class is extended to **Nancy, Horatio,** and the 6 grandchildren.



1927: **Kaylor, Ethel Kuter, Natalie Aloe, Towner, Helen Towner, Betty Lovell, Mary Kaylor, Jean Burgess, and Aloe.**

Horace Quinn is another who has passed on, having died on 17 Mar at Bountiful, UT. Horace had been in bad condition from last fall, entering hosp the day after Xmas, where complications required surgery. He had a stroke and pneumonia, but kept up his courage and humor; as **Alice** commented: "He joked with the nurses and the grandchildren when they came to visit." The funeral was held at Bountiful, with interment in the Ogden City Cemetery on 19 Mar. All the pallbearers and honorary pallbearers were grandsons, and, except for the officiating bishop, all others participating in the memorial service were sons or grandsons, for all services including invocation, music, benediction, and dedication of the grave. Truly a magnificent family burial in every way. The condolence of the Class is offered to **Alice** and to all of the many survivors.

Calvin Whittle reported the death of **Tris** on 7 Apr, in San Fran. As **Cal** stated: "We were fortunate to have had a happy marriage for 56 years, 2 daughters, 6 grandchildren and a great-grandson!" The condolence of '27 is presented to **Cal** and the other survivors.

Now to turn from our losses to news of those who sent in reports. **Chris Nelson** sent in his usual timely letter with snaps, one of which again shows that **San Antone** group together socially. As **Chris** phrased it: "As for local news all is very quiet. As of now no

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one is on the road, and no one is in the hospital or home sick."

From Blair Garland came a smiling photo taken when they "spent a week over in the old stamping grounds—Pompano Beach—visiting friends and marvelling at the way the Florida east coast has built up in the last 7 years since we left." He reported Mary Ewing is moving to Distaff Hall in D.C. "in the near future," and that the Dickersons "were in top shape and enjoying life."



1927: Mary Ewing, Dottie and Blair Garland, Gwen and Dick Dickerson.

Chuck Stone sent in a snap of Martha and him, taken at the Satellite Tracking Station, Kaena Point, while they were touring HI from 22 Feb to 5 Mar. They visited the main islands aboard the SS Constitution of the Hawaiian Cruise lines for 7 days. Martha's father was COL Horace Hickam, Class of '08, after whom Hickam Field is named. "We got red-carpet treatment at the Base on a one-day visit," reported Chuck. At the Founders Day dinner the Stones sat with Bee Luebbermann, "who gets around well in her wheelchair." Back in Tucson, in May, Chuck sent in word of "hot weather closing in," and included "I am playing golf, rather badly, at least twice weekly, so feel fine." That's what counts!

Hal Jordan wrote in to report completion of a 9-day Caribbean and Venezuelan trip: "I flew to Aruba, the next day joined a couple of longtime friends (1924) from DC on the luxury liner Nordic Prince and cruised to Curacao and Barbados. There I debarked, and the next day flew to Caracas, Venezuela, via Trinidad. After a half week there, I flew back to Orlando and then to Cocoa Beach. I like to do things a little differently." For Founders Day, Hal added that on 18 Mar "I was the Oldest Grad at the Space Coast West Point Society, at Patrick AFB. I still don't feel like one."

Paul Berrigan came through with a fine and full report on activities in the San Fran area. On 11 May 7 of '27 had a luncheon at the St. Francis Yacht Club, after which 6 of them made an inspection of Tom McManus'



1927: Chuck and Martha Stone.

success in his cable-car reconstruction. That sextet snap shows the group, except for Pat Pachynski, who skipped the tour. Paul also added several other items of info. Jack Stober's latest address is believed to be in Saudi Arabia. Tom & Marg McManus celebrated their Golden Wedding, with their 3 sons putting on "quite a show for mother and dad. Son Tom is active in dad's Underground Construction Co.; Bob is an atty in Boulder, CO, and Jim runs one of the pro tennis groups from Dallas, TX." We also hear that Paul urged all of the local gang to save 2 Jul for a celebration gathering in memory of that date 60 years ago. We wager it was a whopper!

Woody sent in a full report of Hocker doings till mid-May. He and Betty had a wonderful time in San Antone in Feb, party after party. Then just before Easter they flew to Miami to board the new Song of America for a short Caribbean cruise to Nassau, Puerto Rico, and St. Thomas. In San Juan they tried unsuccessfully to make contact with Tulio & Magua Segarra. After return to Miami, they flew to Atlanta to visit Woody's sister Theodosia. Betty, unfortunately, had a bad siege of virus attack on the cruise and for some time after, making it desirable for them to shorten their visit and hurry home, where she was soon "back to normal." Woody also commented on the '27 luncheon at the St. Francis Club and the visit to a section of the cable-car route that Tom McManus' company is repairing or renovating. He commented: "I believe that Tom's company is doing about 20% of the entire job, and they are the only ones ahead of schedule." Then, at the Founders Day dinner at the Presidio, Woody reported as present from '27 were Davidson, Berrigan, Roth, McManus, and him, plus Verone Davidson and Marg McManus.



1927: Hocker, Berrigan, McManus, Whittle, Davidson, and Roth.

Ethel Kuter came briefly into the DC area in May, throwing a party at the Army-Navy Club on 24 May to which, from '27, went Jimmy & Marian Collins, Bob Lowe, Gene Matthews, and Ev Bixel. Others regretted they could not make it. From DC, Ethel and a grandson went off on a tour of the British Isles, from which further report had not been received by deadline.

A high point for the DC Area group was the annual lawn party of Mac & Jean Miller at their Chevy Chase home on 12 Jun. It was a fine day, with better weather than had been becoming "normal" for the area for some time. In attendance was a goodly number from '27: Collinases, Asensios, Zwickers and daughter, Lowe, Lilliard, Ev Bixel, Dorothea Ostenberg, Jean Matthews, and Bert Pence. A good time was had by all!

Again, in closing, the scribe pleads that by



1927: Pat Pachynski.

mid-Sept all, particularly those from whom he has not heard for a long period, will send a summary of their doings, with a snapshot. We all do want to know something about all of us, especially on this 60th year of the creation of the Class. We've lost many over those years, and we must keep in contact with the remainder. Call it "Class Spirit" of whatever, we want to keep united at least by ASSEMBLY for all our days ahead.

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Our 55th Reunion is another milestone now past. All of our scheduled gatherings, the dinner at the Greenhouse Restaurant, the memorial service for our departed classmates at the old Cadet Chapel, the picnic at the First Class Club, and the boat ride picnic were as fine as could be. We do thank the USMA staff for their excellent arrangements for us. We particularly thank COL Hawley Oakes (son of classmate Jack) and our Class



1928: Greenhouse Restaurant Dinner—Nelson and grandson Tom, Somervilles, and Staleys.



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1928: Greenhouse Restaurant Dinner—Housemans, Butchers, Myrtle Billingsley, Shutes, Class Aide.

Aides, MAJ Adams, CPT Galvan, and CPT Newlin. The large services and gatherings put on by the AOG were also of the best.

We were most fortunate to have had 3 Class grandchildren join with us in our gatherings. They were: Cadet Church Matthews, Cadet Thomas Nelson, and Cadet Mary Finch (granddaughter of Paul Sanders).

I am including some pictures that I took of the reunion plus one sent to me by Buck Wiley of a mini-reunion that he and Catherine had with the Nadals in Puerto Rico.



1928: Palisades Motel—Catherine Wiley, Skip Seaman, Chris Nelson, Sally Raymond, Ruth and Dick Smith.



1928: Boat Ride Picnic—Allen, Sievers, Butchers.

From a letter to the Class of 1928 from Thomas A. Nelson, Class of 1984, "Let me take this opportunity to express my thanks and appreciation for being able to share in your 55th Reunion. I had a wonderful time at the Greenhouse Restaurant and enjoyed meeting my grandfather's classmates and their charming wives. I would also like to thank you for inviting me to your picnic at the First Class Club and the river boat outing. I feel that I was able to learn a little more about my grandfather from my conversations with your Class. For this I am very thankful. Thank you again for everything. If I can ever do anything for the Class of '28 please don't hesitate to contact me. Best wishes to all—Beat Navy—Sincerely." Another note. Chris Nelson has another grandson, her daughter's son, entering the Naval Academy this summer.



1928: Wileys and Nadals—Puerto Rico.

As of last report our 55th Reunion Gift to the West Point Fund amounted to \$8,744.25. This averages well over \$55 for each of us still around and reflects donations from many of our Class widows.

I regret to report that Will Tunner passed away on 6 Apr. A memorial service for him was held at Ware Episcopal Church on 9 Apr. Will was buried at Arlington on 11 Apr with full military honors. Most of the DC Area Group of the Class attended. I express here the most heartfelt sympathy of the Class to Ann and to Will's children and grandchildren.

Letter from Skippy Harbold, dated 12 Jun, expressed his regret at missing our 55th. His foot is still in a cast and he has to move around (not too well) on crutches. Jim Green, who also missed out at the last minute, has had an eye operation (glaucoma, I think) and is reported to be coming along fine.

Skipper Seaman has just returned from attending the 60th Reunion of his high school class in Wisconsin.

My next deadline is Sept 30.

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Johnny Theimer sends word that Ducky & Martha Hail entertained the San Fran Bay Area '29ers with sumptuous drinking and lunch at their spectacular home with the spectacular view on Fri 24 Jun. Enjoying were: Dave & Charm Angluin, Lois Carey, George & Gerry Coolidge, Doug & Elio Dwyre, Mary Lou & LaPage Murray, and Johnny & Gracie Theimer. Elio had just returned from a visit to her State Dept son in Geneva and a trip down the Rhine to Mannheim and thence to Amsterdam. The Coolidges had spent May touring the south-

west, including an aerial reconnaissance of the Grand Canyon.

George Lynch writes that he has made a reasonable recovery from the ills detailed in Jun's Notes.

The DC group held a stag luncheon at the Army Distaff Hall on 4 May. Present for a pleasant time were: Calloway, Caraway, Chaffee, Conley, Conner, Ghormley, McKee, Nichols, Seward, Sykes, WJ Thompson, and Vickrey. It was noted that canes are becoming increasingly in evidence.

Jim Stephenson was happy to hear from Joseph P. Devery (x'29). Seems that the Deverys are in FL each year for a portion of the winter season and got in touch with Jim. They had a long and interesting conversation; Devery is quite gung-ho about both the Academy and his former classmates. He is a successful lawyer.

The Stephensons took in Disney's EPCOT in May and enjoyed themselves immensely.

Jim & Doris Hannigan took a delightful and very busy trip to HI from early Mar until 8 Apr. While there they visited with Chan & Jo Chandler and Beth McDermid. Jim and Doris were joined by their son Jim '63 and his wife. They helped Chan celebrate his birthday, and Doris hers. They even worked in time to attend the annual West Point dinner.

A note for classmates on the West Coast: Paul Hanley '34 is interested in the possibility of putting together a package to fly from the West Coast to West Point for the Reunion in 84 (our 55th, you will remember). He needs to gauge the amount of interest before trying to put it together. His address is: P.O. Box 1375, Pebble Beach, CA 93953.

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In Memoriam: Jo Steinbeck died 12 Jun 83 after a battle with cancer. Services were held at Capehart Chapel, Patrick AF Base. Interment was at the WP Cemetery; The Class sent flowers there.

"Bo" Shepard (x'29) died at Chapel Hill, NC on 16 May 83. He was a longtime ('29-'70) faculty member, administrator and basketball coach at the UNC.

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On Wed, 18 May, at the fabulous estate in the Virginia foothills of the Shenandoah National Park, Bob Porter hosted the Picnic of the Century, gathering in from points distant from tiny Hood, VA, located about 85 miles SW of DC, a total of 23 classmates and wives: Brisachs, Brooms, Carters, Janairos, Pete King (Betty had a pressing commitment that denied her the fun), Mitchells, Moores, O'Mearas, Wings, Woods, Wootens, and Wrights.

Bob had cleverly established a date that would most likely guarantee the burgeoning of the acres of rhododendron, azaleas and the wide variety of shrubs that were to be marvelled at everywhere. He really hit the jackpot. The brilliance of the blooms was indeed awesome. After a reasonable amount of quaffing all sat down to a sumptuous spread that had been engineered by Bob's

redoubtable major-domo, Bob Slaven, a man of amazing talents as evidenced by the orderliness of everything in sight.

There were many sad notes from those who were unable to make it, but an offshoot from that circumstance provided news of considerable interest. For instance, Libby Curtis' note of regret revealed her plans eventually to leave Lime Rock in Blacksburg, VA, and move to the DC area. What a welcome addition to the Clan!

Paul & Katherine Roy were beset by a succession of bad breaks during and after their cruise on the QE II. In Mar Paul was hospitalized for 2 weeks in Singapore followed by a heart attack back home, and was released from the hospital 14 May having spent 23 days there. He is now recovering and hopefully will be back in full service before long.

Frank Waldrop expressed his and Ellie's regrets in this manner: "Unfortunately gout, which has been giving me hell all spring, continues its malign punishment for sins I only wish I had committed, since I am paying for them anyhow." Jeannette Olin having just gotten out of the hosp is facing slow recovery so that she and Charley had to miss the Porter bash too.

At this sitting response to the bulletin sent out on 28 Mar concerning the backlog of obituaries has been moving slowly but surely. One stunning result of the mailings related to the copy sent to Ed Kumpe in San Ant. It was returned with the disclosure by Elizabeth that Ed had died on 15 Mar in San Antonio. Elizabeth stated that Bob Lancefield had been a good friend of Ed's and suggested that Bob be asked to prepare Ed's obit. She also gave the new address of the Lancefields at 1834 Leimert Blvd, Oakland, CA 94602. The above has been passed on to Bob.

Of the 48 classmates for whom no obit had been prepared, 11 are in preparation or already sent to AOG. From COL Mike Krisman, Editor of ASSEMBLY and the REGISTER, comes the following advice: Whenever an obit is requested the writer is provided a copy of "Obituaries Guidelines" along with copies of any pertinent information from the deceased graduate's file. Be sure to include a photograph, preferably in black and white, of the deceased graduate to be published with the article.

John Guthrie has offered to prepare an obit for Jim Wilson provided he can get the usual files plus the part after his retirement when he was at Manlius School. John would also like the address of one or more of Jim's children. Can anyone oblige?

Additional address changes: Mrs. Ralph C. Barrow (Jane)—112 Bunker's Cove Rd, Panama City, FL 32401; Mrs. Paul W. Blanchard (Janet)—31 Sutter's Mill Ct, Walnut Creek, CA 94596; Mrs. Percy H. Brown (Nancy)—5705 80th St. N No. 107, St. Petersburg, FL 33709; Paul Ruestows: 1901 Bay Meadows Cir, E. Jacksonville, FL 32216; Sory Smiths: 107 Madison Terrace, Clarksville, TN 37040; Rosie Tabers: (a correction) 103 Oakhurst Dr, N. Augusta, SC. (not GA).



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It is with sadness that I must report the losses we have suffered since the previous column. I have heard from Don Patterson about the death of his father, Doc Patterson. Doc had moved to a ret home a bit ago. He passed away at Eisenhower Med Cen, Fort Gordon, on 17 Feb after an extended illness from pneumonia and emphysema. He was buried at Westover Memorial Park in Augusta.



1931: The Kruegers and the Davises.

Jack Barclay died in Huntsville on 27 May and was buried there on 1 Jun 83. On Wed, 1 Jun, Jack Barclay received full military honors at his burial in Huntsville after suffering from a cardiac condition for some time. Dr. Wehner Von Braun had said of him at the time of his ret from the Army, without him there would have been no Redstone missile, no Mercury-Redstone rocket and no American Astronaut in space."

Ted Decker died at Georgetown U Hosp on 8 Jun after a heart ailment. Ted was buried here at Arlington. His funeral was attended by classmates. Ted had been ill for some time, and we hadn't seen him for quite a while. Ted was in the group that served as VP of the Class for a couple of years. Ted was active in the Legal Aid and Defender Assn that provided legal action for the indigent.

Betty had a call a week or so ago from Catherine Taul, who told her that Wayne had died in Jun after a year or so in ill health. I think that Wayne was in an automobile accident and had suffered from that. Wayne was buried in Fresno, where he had lived for several years and it was his home.

Big Swede (Gunnar) Carlson died in FL in early Apr. I had a card from May saying that both children came from Japan and Germany. There were 2 military funerals, one in FL and one in Moline, where Gunnar was buried at Rock Island Arsenal. His service was at the church where they were married 50 years ago.

I have heard nothing about Angelo Del-Campo's death. I have written a few people but have heard nothing yet.

I don't know how many of you have received a copy of the letter from Deac Roller describing the attack on him on his way home from Mexico. If you haven't received it, send a stamped self-addressed letter to him and he may send you a copy of it. It is very interesting. I think that it will be a mini-series on TV pretty soon. Deac said he got pistol whipped and fired at once. He thinks the gun was plastic, otherwise he would have had more blood, and the shell was blank, otherwise he would have been

wounded. Anyway, the robbers got away with some money, a watch and his IRS papers. For the past month or so he has visited the Pachlers, Farris and Hoy in FL, Dotty Thompson, the Kohls, Coopers and Hermans on his way to the Bja, and the Danbergs. Dudleys and Levenicks were all in tiptop shape in the L.A. area. I think I have another letter from him which I will put in later. In Apr, Betty and I went out to San Fran to visit relatives and were invited to Chet & Virginia Diestels' for a stay overnight or 2. Anyway, they invited some other people for a party, and we had Dean & Jo Gough, Bill & Betty Chandler, Vesta Mansfield, Helen Irvine, and Cal Coolidge. Unfortunately, Cal's wife had to stay home as a grandparent sitter for a granddaughter. Ernie & Nancy Easterbrook were invited, but they were on the way to China and couldn't get the boat to turn around. As you may know, me and Betty, Chet and Virginia, Herb & Vesta Mansfield, Dean & Jo Gough and Mike & Helen Irvine were in the Philippines at the same time. You may imagine what the talk was about. We talked over all that had happened while we were there and a bit else. When we finally got talked out, we decided that what we had to say at the party should remain there and not be in the column. All of it was nice, since we are such nice people. Vesta was leaving the next day to go to Australia to visit some of the family, but she is back now, I understand. I forgot, but Chet and Virginia were going to the Greek Islands in May; the trip had to be postponed because Virginia got the flu.



1931: Farris, Chrissy Farris Benck and Pachler.

I have had cards from various people on trips about the earth. A card from Spain from Ben & Ginnie Turpin. They were on a trip to Portugal and southern Spain. Young Tangierian street boys should make good advance scouting parties, based on aggressiveness and wile. Ben and Ginnie also went on a Caribbean cruise in Jan. George & Tommis Speidel sent a card from Shanghai. They were on a trip to China, going to Peking, Amoy and Hong Kong. The Chinese people are grand, but there are so many of them. Shanghai has 11 million people and 2 million bicycles. Marcia & Charlie Raymond sent a card from London on the home stretch of a tour of western Europe. The tour is mainly famous parks and flower gardens—very fine, and very tiring. Their card was dated 12 May and they were to have lunch with Chet & Gin Ott and his sister, Dot on the 14th. I'll let you know later on if that did occur. A card came from a paquebot in Southhampton from Don Armstrong who is on his way to Germany for the summer. Except for what he reads in the column, he hasn't seen any classmates for some time. A letter from Bill Hampton says he is getting by well with

his 40 minutes walk each day and is passing his stress tests. A note from COL Harry Haas gives us a note from the NYMA "Shield" which says that O.Z. Tyler is one of the 20 men who meet for lunch in Jacksonville and their "Honey-do" party. O.Z. wrote a poem that says "A toast to the ladies, they brighten our lives. What would Honey-Do mean if there weren't any wives?"



1931: Jo Gough and the Chandlers.

The group here had a party on Jun 2d and it was one of the best turnouts we have had, 37 attended. People came from all over; Jake Smart came from SC, George & Tommie Speidel from Raleigh, Vic Mac Laughlin from Petersburg and then the rest from this area. Clyde & Georgina McBride, Marian Wertz, Bill & Fran Dick, Bob & Jo Kathryn Eaton, Josephine Singles, Trick & Lucy Troxel, Klemm Boyd, Frank & Marion Passarella, Curly & Marian Wilson, Pat Coyle, Bennie & Betty Krueger, Imogene Young and daughter Genie Lincoln, Virginia Hightower, Charlie & Lucille McNair, Roger & Maggie Moore, Andy & Dee Adams, Bill & Betty Hall, Johnny & Wilma Davis, Warren & Margot Hoover. Betty and I didn't go on account of we were out of town. Now that my eyes are fixed we are going to stamp shows all over the place. Leo & Clara Belle Cather are going to London in Jun and then will join the Scandinavia-Russia tour for a couple of weeks. Everyone of us seems to be going somewhere. Chuck & Helen Westpheling were big news in the Fort Worth News-Tribune in Mar. It seems that as of now, 4 Westphelings have graduated from the C&GS at Ft Leavenworth. Chuck attended in 1942 and 1949, then his sons, Charles T. and Ernest D. went there, and just now his daughter Jane Hudak has now completed her course there. Ernest is now an instructor at the college and so is Major Hudak, who is Jane's husband.

Jayne Elegar writes from AZ where the hot weather has set in and she spends the time in the house where it is cool. A letter from Don Little says that he and Kelley are leaving Macon and moving to the DC area right soon. They will be at 6376 Shaundale Dr, Springfield, VA 22152. They regret leaving Macon and all their friends there, but will be good to be back home among friends in this area. A card from Johnny & Wilma Davis sends along the picture of them and Ockie & Doris Krueger in their cabana in Acapulco, where Ockie and Doris are in their yearly retreat on the beach. C Square Smith was very good about it and sent in his dues before I put the notice in the ASSEMBLY. He also says that Charlie & Tommy Howze are doing well. Glenn & Mary Farris state that their daughter Chrissy was married at Gainesville on 26 Mar and Frank & Kay Pachler came up from Tampa to attend the wedding. And so they had the picture taken of Glenn and Frank and Chrissy.

Kel Corbet called up and said that she and Jim have been in the U.S. for some time on the west coast. They now have an apartment in the DC area and move here later this year. They will go back to Spain for a while to get things straightened up and then will come here.

Doc & Elsie Strother went to New Guinea and the Solomons for a good trip and Doc was pleased to find that Guadalcanal was just as hot now as it was in 1942. A note from Howard Dudley says that he had the Class record for not going any place these last few years. However, the Army-Navy game will come out there and the Olympics will be there in town. "If Mohammed won't go to the mountain, the mountain will come to him." A note from Jean Hutchison says she is putting her house up for sale and will go to Racine, WI after the house is sold. Her daughter and husband Richard and Adrian Iveson live there and are expecting their first child and Jean's first grandchild.

A letter from Dona Gallup who enjoys reading about the Class of '31. So do I. I wish I had more of them to write about. I just found the other letter from Deac. It was about the same thing as I have written but a bit more specific. Anyway he survived. He also said that he visited Flaherty and Wirak in Sun City and Kohls in El Paso. Don & Edythe Buchwald are in fine shape and spend the time visiting the historical sites of the state. Charlie Densford says the Founders Day dinner was attended by Elwin & Mary Eddy, Leo Cather, John & Norma Barr, Cora & Charlie and daughter, Dolores and grandson Willie. Charlie wants to know where they buried the intruder who got into Deac's van. Bill & Ella Mae Woodward sent me some news about Doc Patterson, as I have noted.



1931: Gordon, Barr, and Densford.

Once again, there is always some letters that I have that I would like to repeat everything that is in them. Of course there isn't that much space in the ASSEMBLY so it comes down to what I have to pick out and put in here. I have a letter from Jack & Petey Gordon that is one of those. It runs about 3 pages and would put too much here, but I will try to pick out the best. Johnny & Norma Barr, on their ranch in Bandera, have built a dam that has made a lake on the property. On May 1 they had a ceremony to bless the dam and for a baptism for members of the church. It was quite a party and people of the church came and brought food, so it was a banquet too. Johnny has used the lake for irrigation and now with all he grows, he seems to plummet the prices of in-season vegetables in the local market. It is quite interesting and Johnny and Norma have done a wonderful job on their farm. Jack reports that Charley is looking exceedingly well and is now responding to the doctor's orders.

I have heard from the committee that runs the 100 year celebrations. It seems that Paul C. H. Waltz married a daughter of Major James Hughes of the Class of '84. If any of you have any idea of what may have happened to Paul's wife I would like to know. Paul died in 1937. Thank you for anything you might send in.

"Til the next time, cheer for the Toledo Blue Hens."

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In the last issue I mentioned Jackie Schukraft's titillating poetry and compared her with Elizabeth Barret Browning. Jackie is charmingly versatile so shall open this with an unBarrett verse of hers which reflects my mood at deadline time.

Tempus fugit so schnell pour moi,
Ich kann nicht comprehend,
I n'ai pas tempus to do a res,
Andiamo! Schnell! Allons!

It's all too clear even if your 5 language adapter is getting rusty. Loosely translated it means get going, dummy.

A pleasant visit by Nancy & Leo Dahl when they came to Lackland AFB for a physical. (They both looked so well I think they put the place out of business.) Chuck & Helen Clark had the Dahls & us for cocktails chez-lui followed by dinner at the SanAnt Country Club where Chuck, Leo & I had so many hours in those dear dead (bachelor) days beyond recall. Returning to their home after, we got funning around with an elaborate Chinese calendar that Helen's Chinese friend gave her. This is the Year of the Pig, special because it's the last of the 12-yr cycle, and Helen is something special because she's a, pardon the expression, Pig. Nancy is a Dragon & I can't imagine anything less likely. Leo & I are Roosters and never mind the 2 variants of that, wiseguy. Chuck and Pat are Dogs. To my certain knowledge I never called my wife a dog. Maybe the female of the species in private conversation with her when she asked me to do something unreasonable like cut the



1932: Sawickis at Founders Day, Fort Sill.

knee-high grass, but never a dog. I know class when I see it.

FINAL FAREWELLS. We lost 2 more good ones in Jan; **John Street** on the 4th and **Jack Weber** on the 17th. I'm sorry I have no more details but we should get going on a good obit for each in **ASSEMBLY**. Will anyone out there who has been in touch with them in recent years, contact the next of kin & take it on? Often they don't know how to go about it and need some assistance. It will probably be the last tribute to them to appear any place so let's make them good. After putting up the good fight since **Jimmy** died 3 yrs ago, **Fran Godwin** succumbed to cancer on 10 May. Son **Stewart**, WP '60, dau **Jan** & husband **Tom Ballinger**, WP '59, & brother **Dana Stewart**, WP '43 were all here at the end. **Fran's** 95-yr-old mother was among the many friends at the graveside ceremonies as **Fran** was laid to rest beside **Jimmy** in the Ft Sam Houston National Cemetery.

And the inevitable happened to gallant **Eileen Rowan** who I reported in the last issue as having no chance. On 2 May there was a funeral mass for her at the church across the street from her home in San Ant where she loved to hear the carillons every Sunday. '32 turned out en masse with the **Stearns**, **Daveys**, **Longaneckers**, **Glatterers**, **Zitzmans**, **Chuck Clark**, **Nancy Means**, **Gracia Grunert** & **Terri Steele** present, along with old friend **John Hugh Magee**, WP '31. **Ed Rowan** took **Eileen** to WP for burial.

THE FAMILY SEQUOIA. It's tough to lose members of our first team but gratifying to see our progeny come in when the bell tolls for us. Take the ltr signed **Jim** (great grandfather) **Woolnough**, saying the grandson of **James P. Woolnough** WP '57 checked in at Dallas weighing close to 10 lbs, obviously a draft choice by the Cowboys who need a defensive tackle. (I've never given **Jim** a vote on this but I've considered him some kind of a brother-in-law ever since my daughter and his dau-in-law shared a semi-private hosp room in Corpus Christi in 1958 to make us both grandfathers for the 1st time.)

And the good letter from **Gary Hall**! Son **George** moved from NYC to LA to be Sr VP & Chief \$ Officer of TransAmerica-Occidental Life Ins. Dau **Martha** teaching English with 2 daus thru college; one a RN at Mt Sinai Hospl, other an accountant with Arthur Anderson Co. Also a son at Penn State & dau who is an outstanding athlete with good grades at Wyoming Seminary in Kingston, PA.

Oldest son **Frank** (FGH Jr), WP '63 writes his Class Notes for **ASSEMBLY**, and **Gary** says he uses my column as a model. (Honest, fellas, I don't make this stuff up. When this appears in print, I'm going to have **Pat** open any letters from **Frank** because I'm chicken.)

Gary told of a dinner he and **Gale** had with **Rita Bunch** & **Bob** & **Billie Terrill** with all in good shape considering time in grade. Also that **Sue Menoher** has moved back to NC to be near her dau **Cathy Mathews** and 2 grandchildren. **Bill's** & **Sue's** grandson, **Richard**, is in an Army WP Prep school and we're all pulling for him to make it. Make a note of **Sue's** new address. I've already reported it to Super-Sec **Archie Lyon**. 718 Doctor Dr, Apt 800F. Kinston, NC 28501. Tel (919) 527-0070.

REUNIONS ARE FOREVER. The black, gold, gray invitation to **Frank** & **Betty Besons'** annual '32 Reunion wingding at their lovely home in Alexandria was addressed to "USMA Class of 1932 Members, Former Members, Wives, Widows, Descendants & Affiliates." With an invitation like that I'm sorry I couldn't make it because they're al-

ways fun, and I would have liked to shake hands with the ghost of **Pop Swartwood** if he didn't appear in person. Don't forget that the rest of the year the DC group gathers for lunch on the 2d Thurs of each month at the Ft Myer Club, wives and widows included.

HANDS ACROSS THE CONTINENT. A happy letter from **Hap Fraser** about how the San Fran Bay Area '32 mob welcomed **Jim** & **Hulit Woolnough** during their transcontinental visit. I'm sorry the pic wasn't good enough for reproduction here but it was clear enough to see the happy faces. It was in **Bill** & **Vivian Kunzigs'** home and grouped around the low coffee table in their living room surrounding **Jim** & **Hulit** were **Nana Gilmer**, **Reina Bowen**, **Anne Cochran**, **Dot Lankenau**, the **Fraseres**, **Kunzigs** and **Kay Slade**. **Todd** wasn't in it because he was elected to snap the shutter. It was particularly good to see **Nana**, **Reina**, **Anne** & **Dot** looking so well because each went through the wringer in her own way when her husband died. A very attractive group.



1932: Huggins and friend.

Hap said they're ready to welcome any & all of us for the Army-Navy game in the Rose Bowl this fall and I recommend it. The high point of the 9200 mile trip that **Pat** & I made in 1975 to include **Capistrano**, **Alaska**, **Lake Louise** & points between, was when we parked our **Winnebago** at **Lou** & **Mary Coultts'** who were then living in the Bay Area. They gave a nice party for us at the Presideo with just about the same group which greeted **Jim** & **Hulit**. Win, lose or draw in the ballgame, it will be fun for any '32's who meet with that bunch again.

Rally Round the Flag, Boys (and Girls). I'm not superstitious but I rubbed **Joe Kelly's** class ring for luck before writing this. **Mac McAlpine** our '32 Annapolis classmate who was on **Joe's** staff in **MATS**, phoned to say **Dinny Kelly** had had a triple heart by-pass operation followed by a minor stroke as she was pulling out of it. Follow-up phone calls indicate **Dinny** is doing better each day, staying at dau **Ginger's** home in nearby **Destin, FLA**.

And **Mary Ellis Goodwin** says that for the past year, **Beanie** has been in tough shape

with cancer of the pancreas and liver. He's been through all the courses but now is back home under professional nursing care.

Roscoe Huggins relayed the word from Washington that **Johnnie Gavin** had had some throat trouble which was fortunately caught in plenty of time. Send each of those good guys on the home team a little note to cheer them along the way.

AT RANDOM IN QUONDAM. A dog is man's best friend and **Birdie Huggins** is a horse of a different color. For 10 yrs she was pres of the Animal Welfare Society of Kerr County while being just about the top nurse in the hosp in Kerrville. She has retired from both jobs since but when a cancer patient asked her nurse whom she should contact to make a contribution for animals, the nurse gave her **Birdie's** name. Result; \$16,000 for a new animal shelter. I dig things like that because my neighbor's little red female dachsie died just before Xmas 3 yrs ago, I called **Birdie** and gave my neighbor a Xmas present. You guessed it, a little red female dachsie.

A letter from **Eddie Hartshorn** after their winter in Tucson enclosed a clipping of an excellent Letter to the Ed by **Jack Coffey** in the **Arizona Daily Star** commenting on the current hysteria to compensate the West Coast Japanese who were interned at the start of WW II. "(as a young Reg Army CPT in AK) a few days after Pearl Harbor I was sent with 2 sgts to pick up a Japanese family in Seward. We found in the family's house a Shinto shrine, a reserve commission in the Imperial Japanese Navy, a samurai sword, an excellent set of nautical charts of Alaskan waters and radios. . . . In any case, that family was not able to report U.S. military activity in Alaska." **Jack** mentioned some of the things Japan might compensate American citizens for and then sensibly suggested both sides forget the miserable bloody mess.

While in Tucson, the **Hartshorns** saw most of the yr round mob; **Rudes**, **Coffeys**, **Zieglers**, et al. I was particularly glad to hear from the only other '32 Z. As the ball bounced, **Zig** is one of the few classmates I haven't seen since graduation, but he was in the Pacific during WW II & retired for disability in '44. He & his wife live quietly in pleasant Green Valley near Tucson, but at a party where the **Hartshorns** were, **Zig** was the affable, friendly & amusing guy I remember. **Jude Abel** & **Pete Allen** will take care of the top of the roster, **Zig**, let's you & me see that nobody falls out the bottom. **Eddie** also saw **Lauri** & **Edna Hillberg** when they were visiting for a few days. Both looked fine but **Lauri's** hips give him a little trouble on the golf course.

From **Benny Webster**: **Eddie** & **Dottie Hartshorn** spent 3 days with us on their yearly trek back to MI from Tucson. Pure pleasure, said **Benny**, lots of yak, & the **Hartshorns** gave a fine lunch for the **Pat Carters** '31, **Tom Moormans** '33, **Benny** & **Bobbie**. The **Websters** went to **Founders Day** with **DB** & **Lib Johnson** and **Benny** was jolted when he saw that except for one 1918 old timer, he & **DB** were "Oldest Grads" present. Cheer up, **Benny**. Come to San Ant next yr where they will call you **Sonny**, or Washington where the '32 table will rank next to the janitor's closet.

I continually ask for good pix to brighten up my dull prose and **Benny** came thru, mas o menos. He sent me a polaroid of him & **Eddie** taken without a flash. My wife, the artist, would describe it as black on black. I'm the literary genius of the family (it's a

small family) so I've labeled it "photo of 2 Abyssinians in a coal bin on a dark night."

Lou & Mary Coutts attended the Annual Abn Awards festival in Atlanta where the original members of the 501st Para Bn, "from which all A.B. sprung" were honored. When it sprung CPT Coutts commanded Co. B. Before the CPT hung up his parachute he went on to be CS of the 82d Abn, then Asst Div CG of the 101st Abn. Nice going.

I called Mary about the relationship of the new Army CS, John A. Wickham, Jr, WP '50 but she said it was very distant. Mary's brother, Fred Wickham, Jr, WP '43, was a tall, blonde, handsome defenseman on my hockey team when he was a cadet and was KIA on an air mission over Sofia, Bulgaria in '44. I knew Mary's cousin, MG Ken Wickham, WP '38, when he was with the 1st Special Svc Force and later, CS of the 45th Div in Italy in 1944-45 when I was toiling through the Appenines too.



1932: Wangs, Zitzmans, Clarks.

JOIN THE TEAM. Recently, the Friends of the West Point Library was established. The aim of the Friends is to obtain original source printed and manuscript material for WP by fostering an intimate acquaintance between the library & guys like you & me who can contribute to the library's enhancement. It is not, repeat NOT, the solicitation of funds. At the last reading I had, there were 135 members; grads & other officers, civ professionals & others who are interested in helping what is an essential, top-flight library. To date, Lou Truman & Ken Zitzman are the only '32's on the list. If you want to join, send \$10 to The Friends of the West Point Library, P.O. Box 87, West Point, NY 10096.

Had a pleasant occasion to meet some of the new members of the Army Team. 2 weeks before they were to report to WP, 7 of us in the WP Society took 9 new cadets, 8 men, 1 woman, plus 1 of each selected for WP Prep Schools, from the SanAnt area, to an excellent lunch. Relaxed atmosphere where we could field their questions & give them a chance to get to know each other before they went through the sallyports. An attractive, well-qualified group who are eager to go. I sat near Eric J. Roth, the son of COL Morton F. Roth, WP '57, 2 BSM-AM RVN, who graduated from Robert G. Cole High School at Ft Sam Houston. The school was named for Cole, WP '39, who at age 29 was a Pcht Bn commander in the 101st Airborne Div. He received the Medal of Honor posthumously after he was KIA in Holland in Sept 44.

Virtue Is Its Own Reward. or why I do this for the pay I get. (\$1 million of gratitude from the guys who would otherwise be saddled with it.) Pat got a nice letter from one of our ladies addressed to her alone, with contributions to this column and the flatter-

ing statement "We certainly enjoy your superb articles." I like the Light of my Life to get letters like that. Whenever ASSEMBLY arrives she grabs it first to read the '32 column and those superb articles but I don't mind. After all, that's her first look and I saw them 2 months ago.

It's time to crank this down, like the preacher who gave a rousing sermon. A guy rose up in the audience and said the talk was terrific: absolutely superfluous.

"Thank you," said the preacher, "I'm going to publish it posthumously."

"Not a minute too soon," said the guy in the rear bench.

That's it for now. And for all you lunkheads out there, get the news to me and CLEAR PICTURES a week after you read this or I'll be posthumous before you can say "drop dead."

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Wow! This just has to begin with talk of our 50th—two days and three nights of joyous Reunion, shadowed only by thoughts of '33-ers or their loved ones who could not be among us.

—Earlier in this ASSEMBLY you will have seen Jack Rudolph's spirited vignette, with pictures; and these notes will include many a reference to the occasion.

—For those who did not attend we'll start with a summation by Lyle Bernard:

"We came to the Thayer from Ireland, Hawaii, Highland Falls and points all over the United States—by air, car, bus and brogan. Some needed canes or wheel chairs; others seemed as nimble as they used to be in avoiding Slug McHugh or Peg Gallagher; all came with sincere handclaps and smiles that welled up from full hearts.



1933: "Muckers": Disosway, White, Waters, Quinn.

"Flowers placed on the Class graves added a touch of color to the serenity of that hallowed site. Those visiting there could sense the touch of the Long Gray Line, or imagine the soft voice of a loved one.

"The frenetic activity of arrival was followed by an informal buffet which ended early for most of us. Thursday was filled: a visit to the Supt's Quarters, the dedication of '33's Reunion gift to the Corps, the luncheon at the Officers Club, the presentation of figurines at the museum (Mullins), the demonstration of John Honeycutt's violintuosity, and the Supt's Reception (in a downpour) at Washington Hall that evening.

"Weather washed out the traditional Alumni Review but (Rudolph's words) 'the sun shone in our hearts' as we marched past cheering bleachers in the Field House.



1933: The Thayer at last! Hurlbut debuses, followed by Polk.

"A formal dinner dance completed the scheduled activities and left us with memories of a great Reunion, as well as reinforced bonds with the Academy, its motto and traditions."

Matters addressed at the Class Luncheon included:

—Telegraphed good wishes, such as:

"... congratulations & best wishes to the remarkable Class of 1933." (Tom Foote '34)
"... best wishes from a son and grandson of '33." (Austin E. Miller '57 and Austin Scott Miller '83)

—Phil Pope rendered his customary inimitable (inexplicable?) report on the status of the 1933 West Point Society Fund (still solvent).

—On motion by Dick Meyer members voted to authorize transfer of \$33,000 from '33's West Point Fund Gift Account to the Supt's unrestricted category. (Note: The cited Gift Account was used largely for our 50th Reunion Gift to the Corps, the landscaped (clock) area; it is separate and distinct from the 1933 Administrative Fund of the AOG, which is being used largely for '33's 50-Year Book.)

—On motion by Hurlbut, and as a gesture of welcome and appreciation, members voted to recognize the three (non-'33) husbands of '33 widows there present, as "Associate Members" of the Class. The stalwart gentlemen so honored—Milton Greenfield, husband of Jane Beeler G-, Walter Jennings, husband of Carolyn Hawkins J-, and Bill Brown, husband



1933: Welcome room—Parr, Hoebeke, and Fields.



1933: And here come Gladys & Ned Gee, with Betty Gibbs just behind.

of **Babs Scoville B-** — were commended for having ventured “beyond the call of duty” into strange (though not hostile) territory, bringing ladies we wanted very much to see. —**Sparrow** made a plea for input and pics for ASSEMBLY Notes—and got a fine response, as witness the length of these . . .

—Appreciation was expressed to the many Classmates and wives and to the USMA aides who played a part in making the Reunion so successful: **Guiney, Fugua, Webster, Hurlbut, Harris, W. A., Carver, LTC Robert Cairns '61, CPT John Bonin '72, CPT Timothy Beatty '73.**

—Noted also were two attractive and unusual mementos given to attendees:

1) A handsome bronze medallion bearing the Class Crest mounted on a star with the date 1983 and a card, “XXXIII LUCKY STAR FIFTY STELLA ROUND TOOIT, MARK I,” designed and accomplished by **Dwight Divine;**

2) A shield of Koa wood bearing the letters “USMA” and a 1933 penny under a clear plastic cap. “Each shield required 33 steps to complete,” said **Ed Doleman.** “May it bring you luck!”

In consideration not only of the beauty of the piece, but of the time, thought and effort which went into them, those will be valued keepsakes!

—**Abe Lincoln** was given a standing ovation, sparked by **Bing Downing.**

The foregoing is at best an overview, compiled to supplement **Rudolph's** ASSEMBLY vignette and his article in **GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY**, to fill out the picture for those of our Classmates who did not attend the Reunion. It is incomplete—not mentioned until now, for instance, is the very handsome printout of pictures from **Golden Anniversary** prepared by **Lyle Bernard**, or his wallboard displays in our reception room, where **Es Honeycutt** gave us a delightful informal recital on one of her husband's violins; or the announced engagement of one of our number to another (see below). The list is without end, but memory is fallible . . .

Some 126 out of 197 living '33-ers, or 64%—a high proportion—attended the Reunion, plus wives, 18 widows, a dozen or so

escorts and children, giving us a turnout of about 250 people for most events. We were acutely conscious of others—about 15, including some of our most well known members, who were obliged to cancel by circumstances beyond human control during the weeks immediately preceding. They in particular had our thoughts and prayers with them.

For those who were so fortunate as to be present, the Reunion renewed our sense of belonging to something very special, uplifting, and greater than ourselves. The imprint of that experience will long remain.

All of us, especially those who know them best, were delighted to hear of the engagement of **Bob Arnette's** widow, **Jean Arnette**, to **Blackie Myers**, who lost his **Jeanie** some time ago. We congratulate the TX contingent and wish them both great happiness.

Jane Beeler Greenfield and husband **Milt** have written, “You (Abe) do not need to be told how much the two of us enjoyed the warmth and camaraderie . . . of our Classmates. For Jane it was a wonderful reunion. For me, it had the additional thrill of my first (and very thorough) exposure to West Point.”

“Even before checking in at the Thayer,” writes **Pete Clainos**, “I drove to the cemetery to visit **Helen's** grave, where I found the lovely flowers from '33. I am deeply moved . . . The Reunion was great. It amazes me that people I hadn't seen for 50 years had changed so little—their voices & mannerisms not at all.”

At hand is a newsclipping headed “**DeGavre to Speak to Fine Arts Group.**” “**General DeGrave**,” it says, “is known nation-wide among collectors for his miniature decoys . . . (he) was one of only 30 artists whose work was featured at a National Audubon Society show in Rockefeller Plaza (1978). The Eastern Shore (MD) Chapter of Ducks Unlimited selected **Gen. de Gavre** as ‘Artist of the Year’ for 1983.” Congratulations, **Chet!** we missed you . . .

From **Pompano Bch, FL**, **Evelyn Denton** orders a copy of **Golden Anniversary** and sends “good luck to all the Classmates.”

“I'm sending you some correspondence

from one-time Temporary Corporal **Red White**,” sez **Gabe Disosway to Soapy Watters.** “I find it interesting that sometimes people who could not hold a Corporal's job did so well later . . . Enjoyed the 50th.”

“This was the first '33 Reunion at West Point we've been able to attend,” writes **Sam Donnelly.** “**Dottie** and I enjoyed every minute of it.”

The Reunion brought one near-tragedy at its close, when **Bob Douglas**, who was helping **Jane** load their camper in front of the **Thayer**, suffered a sudden and severe heart attack. He was rushed to the Post Hosp where he remained for several days before being air-evacced to FL. He's reported to be making a good recovery. A clear lesson for the rest of us: let your wife do the heavy lifting! No disrespect intended, **Bob.** We hope you're fully recovered when this reaches you.

“What a Reunion!” writes **Bing Downing**—“Classmates not seen since Graduation . . . The sight of our 40th & 50th gifts—the **Clock** and the **Park** in their granite-hilled setting; he thought that they would be there for countless future Classes, with **Abe's** timeless plaque;—and his kaleidoscope of '33's record—**God!** I'm proud to be one of us.”

From **Bill Ely**, of whom we would never have suspected it, comes a poem, “**Memories of Our 50th Reunion.**” “I woke up a few nights ago with the idea, perhaps screwy, that a poem about the Reunion might be of some use . . .” And so it is, **Bill**—a grand, rollicking account that is finding its way into **Golden Anniversary**, where all may enjoy it.

“Sorry to miss Reunion,” writes **Nancy Fairchild** to **Pat Guiney**, “but I was pleased to hear about the flowers for the cemetery for Class members.” **Nancy** enclosed a generous check “for the '33 Fund, use it wherever it is needed.” Her new address: **D.N. Fairchild, 1600 Texas #1102, Fort Worth, TX 76102.**

Bill & Irm Fletter send a grand letter which space precludes sharing as fully as it should. “We reached **Gig Harbor (WA)** 3 June after a trip of 10,685 mi in our **Rabbit Diesel** . . . Tonight we dine with son **Wolf**, then on to see our oldest grandson **Kurt** graduate from High School. We enjoyed our stays en route to and from Reunion. It was great!”



1933: Soup's on! We gather 'round the groaning board . . .



1933: Couple on their feet: Jim & Joey Polk.

"Our Class can be grateful," writes Fritz Hartel, "to those in Washington and at West Point (Pat Guiney in particular) who worked so hard to make the Reunion a success. Incidentally, while we were at West Point a group of us old baseball players drove over to visit Red Reeder at 'Home Plate.' We had a nice chat, and Dort Reeder served us homemade cookies and lemonade.

"Ted & El Conway stayed with us a couple of days after Reunion, and we had quite a 'critique' on all of the activities—very favorable!

"Our oldest grandson, Harry E. Downing, Jr., has accepted an appointment to the USAFA. He's the son of our Linda and Ebe Downing's son Butch. (They are the only children of '33-ers who married, as far as I know. Another grandson, Mike Domal (Mary's son) was in the Junior Olympic swimming tryouts in FL . . ."

Your Scribe's policy has been to low-key or omit mention of health problems, on the theory that most of us don't want our troubles broadcast; time and events, however—and perhaps the nature of life itself,—compel exceptions to that policy; I'll try to use good judgment and to avoid embarrassment. Let me know what you want in individual instances.

Thus I was interested to learn from John Honeycutt (and I hope I got this right!) that his is a case of Kugelberg-Weilander disease, first isolated in 1966 and identified by means of the electron microscope. A rare disease, it can be triggered by staphylococci, blood poisoning sometimes associated with endocarditis. (For corrections, see Dec Notes.) "We should have a mini-reunion of the Fort Sill Regular Class of 1937," says John, naming many who should be present . . . We are all indebted to John, as we are to Mac McClelland and others whose courage and spirit brought them to the 50th notwithstanding the heightened difficulties they had to overcome.

We have also a note from Bill Hunt's widow, Beryl, ordering a copy of Golden Anniversary.

"Polly and I are just back from a week-end trip to Chicago to attend the graduation

of our 3d dtr Sandy from Rush Medical University," writes Hurlbut. "We're proud of her because she did it on her own. She starts residency at Cooke County Hosp in Obstetrics-Gynecology. (We tried to persuade her to specialize in geriatrics, but to no avail.) "We're taking off for a trip through the Canadian Rockies but will return late July so I can reenter Walter Reed to continue my role of 'training surgeons.' Not content with having endured general surgeons, cardiologists, thoracic, vascular and orthopedic surgeons, I will now devote myself to enhancing the experience of urologists . . . But I swear that with this appearance I'm retiring from any further such activities!"

"Bea and I left the Thayer at 0800 on 21 May," reports Clyde Jones, "arriving Newark in time to walk right on the 1000 flight to Pitt; we got out just in time to miss President's arrival on Air Force One . . . Received ASSEMBLY and am grateful for the suggestion of donating a copy of Golden Anniversary to a library. I intend to order one for the library in St. Peter, MN" Clyde's home podunk).



1933: Couple on their seats: Bob & Ann Turner.

Gracie & Harry King, now re-ensconced in their Bailey Is eyrie, gave a bang-up pre-Reunion party the day before the Washington bus left. Participants are reported to have enjoyed a very relaxed bus-ride next day . . . "We finally had a well drilled on our (Maine) property," say the Kings. "We struck water at 73' and are getting 10 gal/min (no mention whether salt or fresh). Lobsters are scarce, so far, but not due to any lack of cold water."

"Our associations at Reunion," writes Leslie, "remind me of how much we owe to those who shoulder the burden of the Class business. Your willingness to accept those responsibilities year after year is appreciated by us all. The Reunion was a great success."

A note from Esther Lowell corrects a roster error: her name is not Rose. And to our regret we learn that through oversight flowers were not placed on Erdmann's grave, an error since corrected and a picture sent to her.

"Now we're looking forward to the 55th!" says Harlow Miles.

A note from Austin Miller '57, written on GAO stationery (Plans and Analysis, Def Programs) encloses a check for Golden Anniversary and says, "I'm looking forward to the 'hot skinny' on all my Dad's Classmates." Thanks, Intermediate Austin: you've enhanced our vocabulary.

Just so you rapid scanners won't have missed it: That was Blackie Myers who up and got hisself engaged to Jean Arnette. Congratulations!

From pen-pal Posie Neely, "From West Point we went to Betty Gallagher's beautiful spot on Cape Cod. She provided the Neelys, Disosways and Whipples with a marvelous three days. We even managed to have one pleasant, sunny one and were able to be out on the boat. Now we're home, where I'm finishing a second term as Chmn of the Library Bd, after which I'm going to be a butterfly . . . Our two sons are in Saudi Arabia, but we hope to see them here in Aug. Kings' party was great."

Sam Otto called us from Annapolis on 13 June to make sure we didn't miss the full significance of the day. "Did you notice that it is today, 50 years after our Graduation, that the Spacecraft Pioneer 10 has 'sped from the confines of our solar system headed for the unknown reaches of infinite space? So was it with our Class when we left the confines of our cadet world for the limitless future which then stretched out before us!" Sam, we've paraphrased you some, but it is sobering to think that Pioneer 10 may still be on its lonely voyage long after our universe as we know it has disappeared from the face of the—what?

Back to our mundane world: Word from Teeny Powers that George, shortly before reunion, transmuted his influenza bug into pneumonia and was admitted to William Beaumont. By telecon we learn, "Thanks to good doctors," says George, "I'm back home in good shape, having recovered from 135 pounds back to 160, my normal weight."

Jim & Joey Polk, with 3 grandtrs, visited England and France in June, making a barge trip through the Burgundy country. Magnifique!

"The 50th was a huge success as far as we are concerned," says Lamar Ratcliffe. "After



1933: "Nothing has changed" Room-mates Lane and White.

talking with **Bob Leslie** and others we wonder if other members of the Class are really aware of what the **Guineys** have done for all of us . . . We had a leisurely trip home, visiting relatives and sightseeing. Have you ever visited Lexington, VA? or read Charles Flood's *Lee—The Last Years?* I strongly recommend it." (So do I. Ed.)

"It was great to see so many Classmates, some of whom I'd not seen since 13 Jun '33," writes **Bob Rayburn**. "Any of you who visit Ireland will find an Irish welcome awaiting you at Ballinamore House." (Ed: Bob looked as fit and vigorous in person as he does in his equestrian pics.)



1933: Es Honeycutt performs on John's "fiddle" to his obvious pride. Connoisseur Spaiser looks pleased.

Roy Reynolds, another F & V type, went to Bretton Woods NH to play in the New England Sr Tennis Championship. The tournament was held at the beautiful Mt Washington Hotel.

Among the welcome faces not seen before at the Thayer: **Milicia Skinner**, Jim Henry's widow. A PhD (Anthropology) and Army Brat (Yugoslavia), she made many friends among us.

Speaking of Yugoslavia, **Bert & June Sparrow** report making a most interesting two-week trip to the Dalmatian Coast in mid-April. They stayed one week on the island of Hvar, in the Adriatic, and one at the picturesque walled port city of Dubrovnik. "The trip was billed as being for 'Senior Citizens,'" says Bert, "however, most of our group were much younger—i.e., about our age . . ."

Baron Stube, one of several who had to cancel his Reunion plans at the last minute, writes "I am home now and well on the road to recovery. Lorraine sends her best regards." We missed you!

Others obliged to cancel included **Johnny & Dorothy Johnson**, **Dodd & Evelyn Starbird**, **Milt & Lelia Summerfelt**, **Pick & Sally Vidal**. Words are inadequate to express the affection and concern felt by their Classmates for each of these splendid men, and for their wives. We pray that by when this ASSEMBLY goes to press, there may be good reports.

George Van Way sends Greetings from the Far West to **Jack Schmelzer**, together with "many thanks to you and your stalwart cohorts for the terrific job you've done on The Book. It will add additional luster to the Class."

From **Red White** come two snapshots taken at the 50th. "One of yours truly and **Johnny Lane** who was, with **Bob Turner**, my roommate during Plebe and Yearling years. The second is of four "Muckers,"—**Disoway**, **Watters**, **Quinn** and **White** in characteristic pose as you can readily see by referring to page 357 of our *Howitzer*." (Ed: I did, and it's worth the trouble: a rougher bunch of thugs you'll seldom see . . .)

"We haven't changed a bit," opines Red, whose myopia has clearly worsened.

ADDENDUM/LATE NOTES

Editor-author **Rudolph** says, "After a lousy year in 1982, this one is proving out nicely for the old free-lance. So far I've sold three pieces (none yet published) and have assignments for three more, including my third for *American Heritage*. The book I thought would be published last Christmas is due to hit the street in mid-August."

Note for Jack and other authors in the Class: West Point would like copies of whatever you publish. Send them to AOG for your Cullum File, or to the USMA Library (Archives) as appropriate.

The happy event we heard discussed at the Reunion took place on 25 June 1983 when **Blackie Myers** and **Jean Arnette** were married. The first involving a classmate and a classmate's widow.

Sad word comes via **Jack Lewis** that **Jose Jimenez Velasquez** died of cancer in Caracas, Venezuela on 25 May 1983.

Billy Harris reports that the Texas group will sponsor another Mini-Reunion in '85—more details later.

CLASS ACTIVITY

From **Phil Pope** comes word that, doubtless abetted by **Bill Ryan** and **Charlie Carver**, the USMA CLASS OF 1933 INTERNATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT will be held in October. The Ft Meade portion is scheduled for Tuesday, 4 Oct, with rain date the 6th. "As usual, we shall play the 19th hole chez les Popes. I have told Cal Smith he is not permitted to venture East at all.

GENERAL/MISCELLANY DEPT

We have two communications from Mr. **Schnare**, Ch Sp Collections Div (Archives) of the USMA Library: The first, a letter from Mr. **Louis H. Architect**, 614 W Main St, Kerrville, TX 78028, who says he has a copy of our 1933 *Howitzer* in excellent condition which he would like to sell; The second, a request by Mr. **Schnare** for a number of 1933 publications, including our 10- and 20-Year Books, of which your Scribe has only one copy each. If any of you has an extra copy, or is willing to pass his to the USMA Library (West Point, NY 10996, Attn: Mr. **Schnare**) please do so and let **Sparrow** know. **1933's 50-Year Book**, **GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY**

—Barring unforeseen delays you should receive your copy(ies) in Sep. Unless you've provided **Jack Schmelzer** with mailing addresses, all copies you ordered will go to you. If you want copies mailed elsewhere and have not done so, please get the addresses to **Jack Schmelzer** at once; it may not be too late.

—We've received a number of orders for GA from non-'33-ers. "I have so many close friends in your Class," writes **Connie Booth**, widow of MG **Bob Booth '30**. "I look forward to seeing 'Golden Anniversary.'"

—The Class will be sending a limited number of courtesy copies of GA to appropriate organizations and individuals (Library of Congress; Supt, USMA; West Point Archives; USNA Class of 1933 (who sent us a copy of theirs—see below). **Lincoln** requests suggestions as to who should receive such complimentary copies. (It is realized that many '33-ers will send copies to their home town libraries or prep schools; such copies are of course paid for by the individual.)

—Classmates will be interested to hear that in true Thirty-Three tradition, our colleagues of USNA '33 have turned out and presented us with a copy of their very interesting and impressive 50-Year Book, "Double Three Round-Up."



1933: One '33-er to another: Jean Arnette and Blackie Myer announce their engagement.

(Navy's book was published for distribution at their reunion, whereas we heldup publication of ours in order to be able to include an account and pictures of our Reunion.)

USMA 1933's Class History, THE TIMES OF OUR LIVES.

The History, part of the 50-Year Book, was written for '33-ers, their families and friends. Some who have read it have suggested that it should be revised and published separately, in booklet or magazine serial form, for a wider audience. They reason that such a "life story" of a West Point class might be helpful to West Point or even, in a larger sense, the Service Academies and the military profession. It might help to counter some of the derogatory material published in recent years.

When you read *The Times of Our Lives* please consider that and ask yourself such questions as: Is there anything in it which should be toned down or deleted? Is there anything else (a short war anecdote or account of achievement in military or civil life) that you'd like to see included? How should the piece be improved for further publication? Please send your thoughts to **Sparrow** ASAP, within 30 days if you can. (Note: A limited number of over-run copies of the History in pamphlet form may be had from **Jack Schmelzer** for \$3.00.)

PRESIDENT'S LINCORNER. It's all been said!

SCRIBENOTES. Assembly news and pics to me by 15 Sep, please.

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DUDLEY BULLETIN No. 8 of 12. Birthday greetings with a SASPC for response has run its one yr course, and terminated last month. It produced more poop and brought responses from more hold-outs than any measure ever tried. Thank you, **Paul Turner**, for funding it. As a result of Paul's Cl-spirit **Moon Northam** sent money for call-

ing recalcitrant Clmts. And this resulted in not only bringing in never-or-rarely heard-froms, but also brought in additional funds to continue the calling, and extend it to everyone. So now much news comes by phone, it makes it easier for both ends of the line, and easier to reduce for the DB. By DB9 I expect I can return to photos; and, I may even resurrect children, and even grandchildren if you have one who is CofS, Pres., or bought the Hunts' silver. At the end of this DB, I will thank those who have sent telephone tokens that I use for moon-beam calls.

Here is DB shorthand. 50YB means our 50 yr. book. Don't forget Bruce's d/ for an article about yourself is Oct. CU50 means will see you at the 50th. And the 50th is less than 270 days away.

Joe & Martha Johnson picked up Mary Baker drove to WP Off Mess and were joined by Ed & Elma Davis where they had a mini before going to an organ recital at the chapel, "The finest concert I ever heard on any organ anywhere," Joe states. I hope Burt Bruce, the organ teacher of 1934, will give a concert at our 50th so Joe can computer-enhance his superlatives. Finkenaur's both had colds (head or feet?) and didn't join up, but Bob's B-bopping talent is manifesting itself ubiquitously. Moon Northam from Orlando reports that at Founders Day dinner, also attended by Ron Martins, the Barber Shop Q'tette from the WP Clee Club sang, and its leader, a kaydet LT, was Bob's grandson, "a 3rd generation cadet involved in WP music." Also in attendance was Bob Higgins, Cl of '58, Jerry's son. I had Moon-beamed Mary Baker a week before Joe picked her up, and she is "ready to make the Anniversary Cake for '34's 50th." She's just waiting for the word. Will the VP in charge of Anniversary Cake preparation please speak up? It's a sweet thought, Mary, and if there's any left over let's go down on flirtation and have a cake walk. Since 74 Mary teaches culinary arts at Rockland Community Coll in Hillburn, NY. The Dean accoladed her as "the most dedicated and efficient teacher in the College." We know Jim from kaydet heaven is proud of you Mary, as we are. No one can hold a candle to you in baking, but we hope Jim O'Hara will remember to bring the candles for the cake.

Stevens, from his exp. as Scribe: "I understand your problems. I appreciate your mighty efforts. Some characters, I fear, you will never reach, and you will see you have to depend on the faithful." Well, I'm still after you "some characters"; but I am depending on the faithful. And Johnny sure is one of 'em. Ingram: "Got your phone call. Mighty nice of Northam. Just want to let you know Mary and I appreciate all the work you have done and are doing." (When somebody else blows your horn, the sound travels twice as far. You "some characters" out there hear? Well, WRITE, or call.) "We just spent one day in Satellite Beach, but Hillyard arranged a golf match with my old foursome (we used to live out there. That night Snees, Hillyards, and Yarbroughs had dinner at the golf club." (That visit with Clmts worked FL magic. 6 wks later Lee responding to his b'day card said) "We are moving back to Satellite Beach this summer. Come by and see us."

Neal: "With Northam's money you got our answer. CU50! I read your words quarterly in ASSEMBLY. I enjoy them, I applaud you, I thank you." (I hope the AOG Ed reads that.)

Revie: "I hope the encl check will help pay Tp calls in your effort to get an ans from people like me." (Gosh, I wish more letters started out like that with those first five words.) "We went for dinner at the A-N Club with Myra Stone, MacDonnells, Renfroes, Edsons, Fullers, and Stevenses." (Who picked up the check? Or was there a horrible impediment in someone's reach?) Erlenkotter: "Your DB4 said there were developments to the 'Adjunct to Cadet Sinks' mystery that would be in DB5. But they weren't. Did I miss something? After 50 yrs I am still inquisitive." (It was finally in DB7) Bob continues, "Remember the rifle range on the Flats when the pho. in the pitts rang, and the firing line asked: 'Is this the pitts?' 'Hell no,' ans'd the pitts, 'this is Newburgh.' 'Sorry, wrong no.' apologized the line, and hung up." Bob concludes with, "Old fishermen never die, they just get a little dingy." Ward: "While Tete Brown was at WP burying Charlie, their house in Reedville (VA) was robbed. Zora Bilbo came to visit Tete. Saw Johnnie Diefendorf and Dave Routh recently."



1934: Founders Day Presidio of San Francisco: Killian, Franklin, Neal, Dotty, T. T. Brown, Sue O'Neil and Erlenkotter.

Walt Moore: "Sorry you had to waste so much time trying to get in touch w/me. We were out of town. I regret there is no way to CU50." Dick Rollins: "Yrs ago rec'd sev. ltrs. from many Clmts about Cl lunch at Pentagon. When I arrived, found notice 'luncheon cancelled.' I hope I have better luck this time. CU50." Diefendorf: "Let's face it, Dudley, our country is rapidly going downhill and we are heading towards becoming a nation of human mongrels with no worthy standards, no morals, and few, if any, of the worthwhile objectives that made this country the outstanding example of what free dedicated people can do." (Deep in our hearts, we know he's right.) Blair: "What a joy to be wearing Charlie Brown's West Point ring! Bob & Lil Tyson came down with Tete for the ceremony, instructive about Charlie's dedication to Duty, Honor, Country, emotional in respect to Tete's and Charlie's love for each other." Richardson: "Here is meat for the kitchen; however, I don't expect to see it in ASSEMBLY before 84." (He's got the lead time right.) "We'll drive down to Tallahassee to see our (censored) and Jean Jenna." Tete Brown: "I presented Charlie's ring to Jerry and I'm proud and happy that I did. He was so proud, thrilled, and excited it just makes me feel I did the right thing." Bernice Dugas: "You will understand I do not wish to CU50. I have been out of touch for too long." (If a score of others would write Bernice, she would come.) HL Sanders: "I fooled around selling mutual funds, but now I'm fully 'retarded' here in Lawton. Bea is

off to one of her painting sessions. CU50." McCrary: "I will prophesy that Andrae, who has never attended a WP reunion, and Cunningham, who hasn't for a very long time, will CU50." (Cold Max is right. They're coming and Tom sent money for Tp calls.) Terry Cary: "I thoroughly enjoy reading your qly contributions and I especially like the puns. (and I like you, Terry.) I sympathize with your difficulty in prying CN's from your recalcitrant Clmts." (I sure hope that shames 'em.) Wolfe: "Rec'd ltr fr Helen Merrill offering to pick us up and take us to 50. She certainly impresses us as being a wonderful person. Am enclosing a check to help in your further Tp calls." (Yale impresses me as being a wonderful person.)

Arosemena: "Chicha and I were in London when your card arrived (in Panama). While there—we are feeling rather well considering the wear and tear of Father Time. CU50." O'Connell: "You pack an awful lot in a little space. It's a shame they are cutting you down on your class notes they were so thorough and interesting. I am enclosing a check to help on your phone project." Ward says Beyma says might CU50, and Routh probably will CU50. Catherine Eatman: "It is too early for any idea about CU50. George and I had planned to come. I can make no plans now. I hope one of his Clmts will write something, as he did for some of his Clmts." PS Brown was ridiculous enough to suggest it was not Charlie Brown who was the baby of our class, but Ferdie Tate. I went to the REGISTER, and PS is right. I wish my Clmts would stop making me a Dud. Chatfield: It was worth being a bad guy to hear from you. Here is my check as penalty payment. It's a great idea. Keep it up. I was turned out in Engl and haven't improved much. CU50." Hillis is distributing admission material from USMA to high schools in his area. More of us should. Write Dean of Admissions for hand-outs.

McMahon: "Last few years have been a washout for me. I have not been very mobile. Emphysema has me pinned down. In Dec 80 I lost Emily. We were childhood sweethearts. Thanks so much for tracking me down. Hope to CU50." Moxie Costain says CU50. Alness: "I figured that if you called too many of our Clmts your phone bill would hit a new high—so here's a bit to help out in your work for our class—you're a good man, Dudley Wilmeth." (Pinky, I'm just trying to emulate Charlie Brown, but he was 6'6" and I am 5'6" and I'll never be able to wear his shoes.) Lamb: "The WP events I remember best—Nelly Richardson telling me I wasn't the kind of cadet he wanted hazing plebes; and the time I intentionally cut the face of Tom Darcy, capt of the lacrosse team and of my own Co, with a lacrosse stick. But no reprisal. He's a great guy, and became a WWII hero. Thanks for your many efforts at communications, and trying to glitch onto widows' rings."

HOW DID YOU CELEBRATE YOUR B'DAY? Brown SL: "There seems to be an unhealthy occupation with 70th b'days. You want to know how I spent mine? I didn't. I was completely depressed by the thought of becoming 70 and when the day actually arrived, I totally ignored it. Cards, gifts, well-wishers and even the cake were dismissed with a wave of the hand. Next morning I felt much better, knowing that I hadn't really become 70 yesterday. When 71 came along, I didn't mind it a bit. Same for 72. And I reached 73 this Aug with complete

equanimity, buoyed up by the thought I'm the oldest kid on the block. And young things at cocktail parties exclaim, 'I can't BELIEVE you're that old.' They even offer to fetch my drinks. After all these yrs I've finally reached some sort of plateau of respectability. Your 2d ques: God, my pacemaker, digoxin and doxipen willing, we certainly will CU50." Fajardo's b'day card frayed by handlers' hands from TX to the PI and return came back after 5 mos marked "unlocated." Is there ANYONE out there that has a string on Fajardo? I saw him in Bagoio in '47. Tell me who made the last contact? Cheston: "Just returned from a Caribbean-trans-canal-LA trip on Royal Viking Sea with Edsons. Marvelous." Sanders: "Spent the day catching a cold I'm still trying to get rid of. I'm a ham radio bug with a 55 ft tower on which a wire had broken and I spent my b'day repairing it in a cold driving wind. If all goes well will CU50." Hoffman: "Ice cream and angel food cake, I needed that kind to keep my halo in place. Health and house problems (we're trying to move) plague us. Although we would like to CU50, we are a bit leery about any commitments now." Norvell: "70th b'day celebrated by being thankful to have reached that mile stone, and by stuffing with high calorie food. Now I have an objective for my 71st, to get my weight back down to where it was before my 70th." O'Connell: "Spent 2 nights at Thayer. Our benches are not only attractive but practical. A stay at the Greenbriar in WV. CU50." (And O'Kie sent money for phone fund.) Stuart: "I plan to CU50." Kyser: "On my 71st we sat on the deck overlooking the lake watching deer cavorting and fish jumping and at peace with the world. CU50." Buehler: "Celebrated in Carmel watching the Crosby. Bottling the 81 Zinfandel for the 83 mini. CU50." Reeves: "Willie Mae cooked gourmet dinner, and toasted the old man of the crowd, me." On to La Jolla to see Canterburys. CU50." Brown PS: "Celebrated recovering from double cataract implant, a wk in Bermuda, and then a real blizzard. CU50." Bruce: "Very quietly with lobster cocktail, steak and cake, with after-dinner music I performed on my Lowery Celebration organ, a b'day gift. CU50." Yarbrough: "Tried to shoot my age on the g.cse. Didn't. 50th depends—how will rm assignmts at the Thayer be made? How about inverse alph. order?" (I favor it.) Ingram: "What a neat method to plug 50. You should have gone into adv." (I have.) "Brunch at the AZ Biltmore, the finest in Phoenix. CU50." Neal: "Before my b'day, was rear-ended in a dust storm and Peggy and I were severely shaken up but emerged safely, projected by fastened safety belts. A b'day card from my br- (Sorry, Wilson) said, 'Roses are red, violets are blue, how fortunate, by the Gr. of God, you reached 72. CU50.'" Ward, whose b'day is 29 Feb: "This is another of those years when I do NOT have a b'day. We quietly celebrated at home, rejoicing in my return from the hosp after my 3d opn. God willing and the cricks don't rise we'll CU50." Smith DO: "Winding up a 2 mos visit to Kailua-Kona with my kuuipa (sweetheart to you malihinis). She gave me a diving watch and swimming shorts and took me to the Keauhou Beach Hotel for champagne brunch." (A champagne hangover is the wrath of grapes.) "We'll be at Buehler's mini, and will CU50." Hill CW: "Thanks to Paul Turner for paying for these b'day cards. Started day with a swim, bkfst, postal chess play and microcomputer programming, then

off to Cred. Un. for volunteer work on supervisory auditing. Then home for another swim, drinks, dinner and eve. w/Suzanne. We expect to CU50." Kromer: "Being remembered means so much. Imagine having a b'day on St. Patty's Day and living in Boston-town. The So. Bstn Irish will be painting the town green as all Bstn observes Evacuation Day. What more in the way of fanfare and trumpets can one ask as a backdrop to a b'day? As for 50—"on hold." Hillyard: "Congrats to Turner for b'day cards. Spent day playing in local WP golf tourn. Eddrea took me to yacht club for steak dinner with champagne and cake. Went to Founders Day dinner at O. Club. Felt a yr older when it was over. Yarbrough, Snee and I spend most of energy on golf cse. Plan to CU50." Betty Cleary doesn't report on her b'day, but did turn herself in after I put out a call in DB7, and says roster address is correct.

More than 30 Moon-beam LD calls were made to Clmts and widows, and here are some compact reports. Cunningham mending well. Cookie Darrah will CU50 if Rustebergs will. Martha Davall will think about it. Ruth Gross will come if D. O. Smiths come. Toddy Hickman is well and busy, but doesn't feel like 50. Flo McPherson, Chi Omega's house-mother at OK State, will think about 50. Tete Brown will CU50 if Zora Bilbo will. Zora will if Tete will. They're acomin'. Fern Huffsmith is just too busy to CU50. Betty Moseley reconfirms CU50. Peter Heyne will try to bring his dad. Dan McKinney is "too far away" to CU50. O'Hara says Thayer will take grads, widows, and widows's new husbands. Foss had feet and Foote had throat trimmed, end-to-end ops. Will CU50. Durfee re-doubts can make 50, but exhorts all who can to do so. Kathleen Brookhart says Ace is still trying. Howard rpts Peg is on way to recovery, but doubts 50. John Pothier says his dad, Val, would love to CU50, and if there's anyway he can get him there from CA in a wheelchair, he will. Mary Fellenz says Pee Wee just won't be able to CU50. Charlie Johnson says he's re-upping for 50. Beyma—maybe. Chatfield—CU50. Edson—can't keep him away. Legg is 4 legs up and 1 to go. Routh—cataract ops have opened his eyes and he will CU50. Virginia Williams said UP was down, but she would get UP for 50. Ashworth—high BP, acute sinusitis, distance all add up to no. John C. Walker—will think. Midge (Brugge) Gorman—no. Catherine Caulfield—Buehler si, 50 no, o tal vez. Freddie (Cloud) Lang—very doubtful. Patti Crystal—probably not, may be in Europe. Myrt Holzapfel—holding. Jane Adams—just home from hosp. Thinking. White JW—in his new pickup ran over a cow on Gov. Briscoe ranch. \$2200 damage, incl. cow. They're still friends. Not the cow, Briscoe. Lauren Benner—No. Terry Cary—can't make it.

Here's how congested traffic is at this crossroads. DB7 was mailed 2 days ago. Backlog left over has filled 7/8 of DB8. In-basket empty 1 Apr. D/1 15 Jun. All rpts after to-day will be in DB9. Dud-Grams are not a substitute for the DB, but an extension. All your ltrs and p. cards will get a report in DB, but will be mailed-out complete to Clmts and widows. THANK YOU FOR A ROARING RESPONSE! You're a good class, '34.

As of 15 Jun, philanthropic phounders of the phinancial phoundation of the Moon-beam Phone Phund: Northam, Revie, Wolfe, McCrary, Blair, O'Connell, Chatfield, Alness, P. Turner, Spivy, Kern, Griffith, DO Smith,

Seaman, Hoffman, Lawlor, Higgins, Brown-ing, Ashworth, Metraux, JB Wells, Miller L, Cheston and Hillis. All recipients of a Moon-beam have asked me to thank the contributors. I have started another project, The Bonus Bulletin, phor which I hope phunds are phorthcoming.



1934: The Norvells and Jablonskys.

When we had worked our way through the bottle-necks of traffic, and the corks had worked their way through the bottle-necks of Buehler's finest vintage on 18 Jun, a group of the "most happy fellas in the whole Napa Valley" were there to pour out their "did-you-knows" along with the pouring out of Johannesberg Riesling. The "live-in-the-area" Toyota-set arrived in their Japanese beetles before the Cadillac cardiac class arrived from more distant departure points. When "assembly" sounded present were Browns TT, Brownings, Inmans, Neals, Franklins and Uncle Dud, who had come to pun and spoil the fun; but in that sharpshooter crowd never got to do either, because everytime he opened his mouth someone put a bottle cork in it. Oh, by the way, the Buehlers were there, too.

Act I popped with the cork from Bud's Zinfandel. We were caricatures of professional wine tasters, twirling our glasses in the bright sunlight to observe the color, whiffing the bouquet, and then, so-so-slowly letting a wee sip of ambrosial amber glide between tongue and palate, then giving it the Lavoris swishing, finally emitting a sigh of suddenly surprised satisfaction, and turning to Bud or Helen, and nodding with an air of savoir-faire, exclaimed, "This is EXCELLENT!" Only Hal Browning stood his ground of long-fixed habit and ordered a Coors. Bud said he could rinse our glasses in spring water, or toss them off the patio and get a clean one before sampling the next uncorking, Chemin Blanc. We "roled" through the same protocol. After the dress rehearsal and the radiant effect of the Zinfandel, we were polishing up our act as we polished off the bottles. Then came Buehlers' piece-de-resistance—Cabernet Sauvignon. Since it had already been cited by int'l tasters we knew we were on safe ground in exclaiming, "Oh, THIS is the BEST!" We were thoroughly convinced of our own good taste when we were informed that a jerobauum of the stuff (a btl that holds ½ case) brought \$3000 at the hosp auction last yr. Many were ready to pay the \$12.50/fifth going-price without asking if there were any factory rejects.

Act II was a tour of plant with our wine-making clmt as guide. It's the only vineyard in the valley that hands out the complimentary drinks before the tour. Bud has every wine-working wonder that vineyard wisdom has produced, and even the labelling machine cost more than his garage of Cadillacs. When

a grape goes through the mill at Bud's, it knows it has been used, not abused. Then it is casked for a Rip Winkle nap until it's bottle-worthy. Peg Neal asked, "Where do you cork it?" Trav Brown spilled our drinks with, "At the narrow end of the bottle."

Act III was lunch on the grounds. As the hampers were being opened, Dale Smith arrived in an Airforce blue Eldorado with a heart-skip blonde whose unexpected delightful presence was explained with, "Virginia is recuperating from a hip operation and sent her classmate and best friend, Jean Williams, to keep me awake." She had that affect on all of us. Hip, hip for Virginia—an understanding and practical wife.

As we were finishing drinking our lunch, along came Paul & Judie Hanley in a block-long Rolls Royce, with 3 chauffeured dogs in the back seat. They had brought them along to harness in case the Rolls wouldn't roll back to Pebble Beach. Looking over the parking lot of 4 Caddies and a Rolls, I accepted it as an avg cross-section of class affluence—and realized I would always be a goat.

"Expected-but-couldn't-make-it" were Betts of TX, (Bud announced all Betts off), Browns SL of CT, and the closer-ins: Killians, O'Neils, Johnsons CE, Erlenkotters and Catherine Caufield. We felt compelled to open a bottle for ea, sort of a pop concert, and to express the hope we'll C them 50. We had all become lost trying to follow the Bud-drawn map sent to each. (How lucky Bechtel Engrs never asked Bud to do cartographic work, or he might be barefoot in a vat belonging to Paul and Julio Gallo instead of having his own bottles to fill.) We had no trouble going home. The twisting road down the hillside sobered us up on departure, and we realized the truth of John Steinbeck's observation: "a wine hangover is the wrath of grapes!"

See you in Sept. Dud

'35

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We all join in thanking Jeff Rumsey for his 19 years as our scribe. Well done, Jeff!

Jeff continues on the road to recovery after his major surgery on Christmas eve. Not to be outdone by an engr, Les Wheeler underwent major surgery in mid-Apr and is making slow but steady progress.

Last Nov Joy Critz donated memorabilia from Harry's service to the Ft Sill Museum. The picture shows Joy with MG and Mrs. John Crosby.

Phil Mock was buried in Arlington on 11 May. Bowyer, Fiore, Orth, Rumsey and



1935: Critz Exhibit, Fort Sill Museum.



1935: Haines in Egypt.

Twitchell were present at the services. We extend our sympathy to Jane and her children.

John Parker sent the following update on his condition. "In late Jan I suffered a spinal cord injury, not really a stroke. It was caused by hematoma (blood clot) at L-3-4, which was caused by a spinal tap. That confines me to a wheelchair as a paraplegic. The good news is that I have been home since late Mar and have largely stabilized (in good shape) except for some pain. I go out, I drive the car with hand controls, I go to a special swim class at the Y, and I can get down to my beloved woodworking shop in the basement by a Wecolator. I have normal use of my arms and hands. I owe my recovery largely to my supportive local friends and the Jeffuses, but especially to Anne. Without her, I never would have made it, nor could I face it today."



1935: Norm Edwards and the Clows, Presidio of San Francisco Founders Day.

On 9 May a co-ed luncheon brought to Ft McNair the Simpsons, Pattersons, Picards, Orths, Rumseys, Taylors, Rogers, Robbins, Twitchells, Bowyers, Andersons, Chapmans, Fiore, Schlansers, Watermans and Parrots. From out of town we were pleased to have Edith Pratt, the Bassits and the Fickels. Also present were: Isabel Bidgood, Edna Hill, Kay St. John, Eunice Root, Esther Agnew, Birgit Buck, Phyllis McGehee, Norm Skinrood and Tommy Musgrave.

Somewhere along the line we failed to establish communication with any of our local farmers, so that the Jun picnic was held at the Anderson's home in Bethesda on 11 Jun. There were 3 couples from out of town—Boyles, Murdochs and Strausses. The Taylors, Rumseys, Picards, Wheelers, Orths, Rogers, Parrots, Watermans, Simpsons, Keatings, Twitchells, Chapmans, Fiore, Schlansers, Musgraves were present along with Norm Skinrood, Kay St. John, Edna Hill, Phyllis McGehee, Sis Bernier, Birgit Buck, Eunice Root and Esther Agnew.

Jeff Ellerson died on 2 May and was buried at Huachuca on 4 May. Attending the services

were Jones, Morgan, Heckemyer, O'Neal and Stone. We extend our sympathy to Mary and her children.

The Haines and the Lapsleys went on the USMA-USNA sponsored tour of the Red Sea, Jordan and Egypt. They report a good tour with good weather and a good time.

Ella Wallace now works part time for the San Ant Convention Center and Visitors' Bureau. In Apr she attended a reunion of the Hq Company of Dave's WWII Engr Cbt Gp. She was presented with a plaque inscribed with words describing Dave' leadership, compassion, and his care for his men.

George Jones was recently awarded the distinction of "Static Line Man-of-the-Year" at the Airborne Conference in Atlanta. This honor is awarded to the member who has devoted himself to the furtherance of civic accomplishments in his community.

'36

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The past 3 months have seemed to rush past leaving no greater impact on news beyond strange weather patterns—almost never before experienced. Therefore, the one significant '36 news was that of our tremendous loss. One of the very great, Richard Carmichael, passed away—almost suddenly—on 14 April. His heart—like that of Cecil Combs, just four months earlier—quit functioning. Dick was many things to many of us, but mainly he was a dear friend; and for those who knew him well, this is a great understatement of his stature. For example, my wife always said, "He was the MacArthur of our Class!" Many of Dick's family and some of Muriel's attended Dick's last ceremony as did a number of '36ers—perhaps more than in recent times. There were Austin, Clifton, Dawalt, Estes, Fergusson, Gage, Illig, Layne, Pack, Ryder, Larry Sievers, Rip Smith, O'Brien, Twaddell, and Yost.

Gordon & Joyce Austin met me on the morning of the funeral at D.C. airport and generously hosted me around the city for most of the day. Dawalts and Cliftons also graciously provided company during my short stay.

Someone anonymously mailed me the Mar issue of *Aerospace Historian* which honored Cecil Combs and carried an article of his as the lead story. Both Cecil's contribution and that of another author's were posthumous. I could not overlook this coincidence, so I wrote the magazine's editor and asked what he thought my chances of survival are since I have an article soon (?) to appear in that publication. And while on the Combs, I've heard—and hope it's true—that Bev will be with us in Portland.



1936: Founders Day DC: Pack, Safford, Palmer, Layne, Clifton and Breaks.

The mystique and the legend of **Victor Dolmar** (I spelled this later name incorrectly in Jan) still persists. I offer to you a bit of nostalgia in presenting a 1932 pic of "our most personable, charming, yet, aloof" (according to **Bob Curran**) classmate! By the way the **Curran**s will be in Portland ME in Aug.

Walt Faiks corresponded regarding a tentative reunion in early May 1984 (a year hence) on Florida's East Coast. It sounds very enjoyable and I know that he, **Bess, Hughes**, and others have been contemplating this type of an affair since way back during the San Antonio reunion.



1936: Russ Janzan circa '32.

The **Grothaus'** started out from TX in late Apr on a grand tour (about 2 months) to visit around the East and up to Chicago. We were honored that they stopped off here for a few hours.

Helen Hess wrote that she and her home have been in turmoil from renovation, painting, and cleaning. Whitey attended a ceremony at Valley Forge MA where **Bob Hope** presented **Westy** with an academy award.

The **Hosmers** weren't sure about Portland, but I tried to encourage them. **Clark** is attempting to present an anti-nuclear position which all men would "buy," and therefore ban bombs for all future wars.

Bill Jones has long considered the best way to handle a reunion is through a cmte. He has therefore agreed to consider applying his theories to a reunion in So CA—maybe in the early months of 85! It sounds like a winner!

Laurions wrote that **Westy** had talked before almost 1,000 baristers in Wichita and had been very well received. **Larry** said he and **Peg** will be taking a Scandinavian cruise about the time of our Portland round-up.



1936: Gages and Grothouses in Atlanta.

Ace & Jean Miller passed through Atlanta the last of Apr on their way to visit in New England. A surprise letter arrived recently from **Ed Suarez '32**. Ed devoted several pages extolling our **JR Kelly's** children and grandchildren (and **Bee**). It was one of the finest and noblest gestures I have recently observed;

and of course, it commemorates a greatly loved, departed classmate.

Westy said he will try to get to Portland. Hope your summer hasn't been too hot.

'37

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The big news this time is the reunion in San Juan but first I must sadly report the bad news. From **Chief Evans**—while in St Pete to look after his younger brother who was having a heart atk (has since had a double by-pass and is doing fine), he called **Mary Workizer** and found out that she had just returned from DC where **Benny** was buried in Arlington, 23 May, alongside his father, USMA '97 and his grandfather. He also had an older brother in '32 who predeceased him. **Benny** was ret for disability in '44 and has been in the VA Hosp in Augusta, GA, until his death. All of us have fond memories of **Benny** as a cadet, especially his enthusiastic performances in the 100th Night shows. I am sorry that we were not aware of his death, for many of us would have attended the services, had we known. He was very popular with his classmates. The **Chief** also tried unsuccessfully to raise **Kelsie Reaves** while there, but did talk to **Stu O'Malley** who had just returned from a visit with his children in HI.



1937: Frances and Steve Stevenson.

From **Bill Snouffer**—his wife **Cornie** died 9 May at home in Chapel Hill. Memorial services were held at the University Presbyterian Church on 14 May and her ashes will be buried at West Point at a later date. In spite of her battle with cancer over the past 6½ years, **Bill** reports that their ret years in Chapel Hill have been most enjoyable. When she was able to do so they traveled a lot and were grateful that she could, until recently, have such a full life. May 28 would have been their 45th anniv. **Bill** will remain in Chapel Hill and will be working on the development of a new ret center which he expects to move into someday. Among her other accomplishments, **Cornie** had been a high school math teacher in Mass, Biloxi, and Nagoya, Japan. She was a grad of **Coe Coll** and the **UIL** and was a member of the **Delta Delta Sorority**.

Meyer Edwards advised me that **Bob Marr** died 4 May on the Ft Ord Golf Course of a massive heart attack. Services were held at the Presidio of Monterey Chapel. I have no other info. **Finn** wrote a letter of condolence for the class to his widow **Mary**. His first wife, **Laura**, died in 67. **Mary's** address is Box 5126, Carmel, CA 93921. Classmates and wives who are well acquainted with the deceased are urged to express their condolences to the bereaved.

The mini-reunion was held as scheduled in San Juan Apr 18-22. Sixty-one relaxed people enjoyed the hospitality and TLC of our hosts, the **Lopez-Dupreys** and the **Mercados**. There were 32 classmates, a USNA mate and 32 wives and widows of the Class. We were also honored by the presence at some of the festivities of **COL** and **Mrs Antulio Segarra**, USMA '27, **Luis Mercado's** brothers **Eduardo** and **Alfredo** and their ladies, and **Mr and Mrs Ferré**, whose dau is a plebe at **WP**. **Renee's** friend, **Nick Fuller**, USMA '44, was on hand to pick up pointers for an impending class reunion on his island of Antigua where he has a small resort hotel, the **Callaloo**.



1937: Lunch in Christiansted with Jeanne Hipps.

The accommodations in the **Condado Holiday Inn**, San Juan's finest, were superior. A luxurious hospitality suite was the control and drinking center for the duration. It was well stocked with the very best. **Luis' mother** had an important role in the stocking.

On Tues a.m. we were taken on a tour of **La Forteleza**, the Governor's residence with its priceless antiques and objects d'art. The **Rum Assn of Puerto Rico** treated us to a magnificent cocktail party that evening featuring pina colodas and other rum drinks. The hors d'oeuvres table was a masterpiece of the culinary art which we demolished in due course.

On Wed we were taken on a shopping-sightseeing tour of lovely and quaint Old San Juan, followed by luncheon at a delightful open air restaurant, the **Cafe Del Puerto**, across from the docks where the **Frazier's** round-the-world cruise ship **Sagafjord** was docked. Wearing his **Sagaiford hat**, **John** took **Pat**, **Fran** and me aboard for an inspection of the ship and a look at his old cabin—nice! That evening we attended a cocktail buffet held by **Ada** and **Renée** in their lovely home. It was an evening to remember. In spite of the deluge which caused anxious moments for the host and hostess, we had a wonderful time. Chefs prepared a typical Spanish dish in huge cooking vessels on the patio while **Carmen Clagett** took notes and parlayed with the cooks over the recipe. Each couple was given a memento of the occasion by **Ada**, a small china piece delicately decorated by her hand with colorful tropical birds and flowers.

On Thurs most of us went out to see **Renee's** showroom where we admired the many beautiful rattan pieces manufactured in his factory to his exacting specifications. The banquet that evening under the stars by the hotel pools was followed by a lavish and beautiful top-notch show from Las Vegas. This was a fitting climax to a fun-filled tropical week. Although it may read like a fully scheduled affair, we had plenty of time to relax, swim, golf and play tennis. **Renée's son**, **Arturo**, escorted **Kelly Lemmon** to practice pools and arranged

tennis matches for **Geo Maliszewski**. The golfers played the various championship courses in the area.

We came from all over: From the West Coast—**Bill & Hope Amos**, **Tom Compton**, **Meyer & Mary Edwards**, **Dick & Betty Fellows**, the **Magoffins**, **Ginny Ressegieu**, the **Skeldons**; from TX—the **Brants**, **Doris Conway**, the **McDowells**, **Ohmans** and **Sanborns**; from FL—the **Clagetts**, **Hippsses**, **Sawyers** and **Sterlings** (Phil has slimmed down considerably since his stroke); from DC—**Marge Bailey**, **Jim & Ann (Prentiss) Cruise**, **Marty Green**, the **Fraziers**, **Lemmons**, **Maliszewskis**, **Mercados**, **Prentisses**, **Shives**, **Teeters** and **Trixie Zehner**; from the outlying areas—the **Donohews**, **Hackfords**, **Lows**, **Bud Hines**, the **Randy Hines**, **Hardaways**, **Vic Mansfield**, the **Sloans** and **Ken Wade** all the way from Honolulu, returning by cruise ship via the other caribbean islands, Panama and San Diego. The **Magoffins** came early and stayed at the **Dorado Beach Hotel** to be close to the best golf course on the island. **Tom Compton** traveled on to Italy to visit his dau.



1937: Renee before and after the deluge with Ada's crutch.

Towards the end of the reunion, **Curt Low** and **Kelley Lemmon** passed to me a goodly sum collected from the classmates to procure suitable gifts to show our appreciation to those who put out so much effort on our behalf. At a luncheon on Fri, **Kelley Lemmon** presented part of it to **Zoraida Lopez**, **Renée's** pretty little secretary who was our mother hen throughout the reunion. It was very appropriate that **Kelley** should have this honor since her father had served under him at Ft Devens. When we returned home we had sets of tulip champagne glasses with the West Point crest sent to the **Lopez-Dupreys** and the **Mercados**. All parties expressed their appreciation which I pass on to the rest of you. Finally, **Ada** deserves a special hug for gamely hanging in there on crutches, her broken ankle in a cast.

Epilogue. Many of us wound down by going to the Virgin Is before returning home. Most spent a few days on St Croix while several, the **Donohews**, **Sloans**, **McDowells**,



1937: At La Fortaleza.

Sawyers, **Hardaways**, the **Randy Hines** went to St Thomas or St Johns. The **Fraziers** and we stayed at the **Cruzan Princesse** condominiums outside Christiansted, as did the **Hippsses**. The rest stayed at the Lodge in Christiansted. On Fri evening the **Sloans** threw a party at the Lodge for all who could find it. On Sat it was our turn at the **Cruzan Princesse**. The locale was the **Hippsses** condo which was on the pool level with a nice patio. We took **Wilhoys's** advice and invited all the occupants of the enclave as a defensive measure. It was some party. The **Cruzan Princesse** is where the **Wilhoys** winter, and it is very nice. As a bonus we got to see **Alie Connor** who lives there with her husband **John Barrett**. **Alie** swims for an hour each day in the pool and walks several miles along the beach. She looks great and has recovered remarkably from her malady which destroyed the use of her legs until she got the proper therapy and **John's** moral support. **Bill Hipps** tried out the local golf courses with her husband. **John Frazier** had a rental station wagon waiting for us when we touched down at St Croix and skillfully maneuvered it on the left side (European) most of the time while trying to ignore our expert backseat driving. Space doesn't permit going into details of our sojourn on St Croix and the round trip on **PRINAIR**, but it was **SOMETHING** and I recommend it. I would be remiss however not to mention our three merry widows, **Marge**, **Doris** and **Trixie** who participated in everything. **Trixie** could hardly wait to tell me about her snorkling experience in St Croix. They stayed on for several more days. The **Fellows** continued with 3 weeks unlimited travel with Eastern to visit friends and relatives in the midwest, southeast and FL for 2 night stands. They finished at the "Battling Bastards of Bataan" reunion. **Tom Compton** continued to Italy to visit his dau before returning home. The reunion photos accompanying are courtesy of **Brant**, **Fellows**, **Frazier** and **Sloan**. **Geo Sloan** is one of our few remaining classmates who are gainfully employed. He is Dir of Sci and Engrg for the St Louis Regional commerce and Growth Assn and has developed a feasibility study for creation of research centers in the region to stimulate hi-tech activity.

The **Seedlocks** were unable to attend the mini because **Bob**, as pres of the **Burma Star Assn**, had to lead the American delegation to their 37th reunion in England.

"On Thursday, 21 Apr, we visited **Romsey Abbey** where **Lord Louis Mountbatten** is buried, for memorial services there. In the afternoon we toured the **Mountbatten Estate**, "Broadland," one of the finest examples of mid-Georgian architecture in England. We had a royal time—sitting in the **Royal Box** at the **Royal Albert Hall** for the ceremonies Sat evening. About 5,000 veterans of the **Burma Campaign** attended the Reunion. On 24 Apr we march from the **Horse Guards** assembly area to the **Cenotaph** and placed the wreath. Thereafter Tense and I visited her ancestral home, **Cotterstock Hall**, near **Peterboro**. It had been beautifully maintained considering that the original section, built by a **Norton**, was dated 1658."

In Mar the **Clarkes** had a delightful cocktail party for the Class which was attended by just about everyone in the area. The photo of the **Stevensons** arrived too late for the last column. It is a particularly good one showing 2 happy and healthy looking people.

The spring coed luncheon, postponed until May because of the mini, was a gala affair with 24 attending. **Choppy Brett** was able to



1937: At La Fortaleza.

reserve the cocktail lounge which provided a nice setting for the affair. In attendance were the **Byroades**, **Clarkes**, **Fred Diercks**, **Whittemore**, **Luteses**, **Maliszewski**, **Mercados**, **Odens**, **Prentiss**, **Seedlock**, the **Ungers** and the **Wilhoys**. **Bob Miller** from TX was a pleasant surprise. He was in town for a week of luncheons with old friends and looking well. He is again a widower, **Happy** having passed away 16 Oct 81. He has a 10-acre place at **Denson**, about 75 miles north of Dallas, with a stable, horses, pond and a dau and grandchildren nearby. He just happened to have a pocketful of snapshots and I get the impression that his main purpose in life now is to spoil those grandchildren. Another visitor, **Mary Jane Clark**, took time out from her job at the **Smithsonian** to have lunch with us and to meet or renew acquaintances with her father's classmates and wives. She visits her mother daily in the **Bethesda Ret** and **Nursing Cen** when she is not on the road, and has just moved into 17 **Belmont Ct**, **Silver Spring, MD 20910**. Send **Phyllis's** mail there. **Phyllis** delights in seeing old friends and hearing from them.

At the Jun luncheon the principal subject was a letter from **Eph Graham** offering to have the next reunion at **San Ant**. By the time you read this you should have received a bulletin covering this subject. The bulletin will also answer the **Randy Hines** who had a set of brochures sent from **Kiawah Is, SC**, as their entry in the mini-reunion sweepstakes.

Geo McDowell reported that he and **Rae** attended a party in **San Ant** held by the **Cosgroves** in their home. Attending were the **Brants**, **Burttons**, **Davissons**, **Densons**, **Grahams**, the **Frank Harrisons**, **Holcombs**, the **Chester Johnsons**, **Sanborns** and **Louise Gray**.

John Frazier's sister **Lydia** who was terminally ill, passed away 12 Jun in **Zanesville, OH**, to which she had moved recently to be with her son.

In **Puyallup**, **Ed Lee** has recovered nicely from his surgery, gets regular checkups and swims almost daily. In grateful recognition of the surgeons and services at **Madigan AMC**, he volunteered to be treasurer and fund raiser for computerization of records, tests, etc. in the **Urology Service**. He is also a volunteer tax preparer in **AARP's** program to assist senior citizens and others.

One of our classmates made the centerfold of the **Detroit Free Press** magazine section recently. Of course I can't print it because of copyright among other reasons. It shows a trim **Stan Connelly** in a sexy bright red jogging suit tripping thru a forest of giant broccoli stalks: "A good example of the link between diet and longevity is 70-year-old marathon runner **Stan Connelly** . . . Part of the reason he is in such great shape . . . is due to the healthful diet provided by his wife of 45 years, **Mary Jane** . . ."

A call in Jun from Frank Harrison passed on the info that Jim Norvell is doing as well as can be expected considering that he has to go on dialysis regularly but that Betty is suffering from a slipped disk.



1937: Kelley Lemmon scanning the horizon for pirates.

We recently spent a very enjoyable evening with the Halls before they took off for their summer home in Kennebunkport, ME. In Apr they spent several weeks at his family's farm in the Ozarks where Scott has been digging for pre-Columbian Indian artifacts ever since he was a youngster. He brought back a large amount to classify and add to his extensive collection in his basement museum. After returning from that expedition he reported to the Andrews AFB Hosp for neck surgery which turned out OK, but he has had problems in that part of his anatomy. His wood sculptures are bringing some fancy prices as are Ann's paintings.

Jim Duncan will spend most of the summer undergoing tests at Bethesda Naval Hosp as part of their cancer research program, but the good news is that he is holding his own, is optimistic and is playing golf 5 days a week with his old golfing buddies at the A-N CC.

Fran and I are off to Durham and then San Ant to help in the move of our dau Frannie, baby and husband to his new assignment at Brooke Gen Hosp where he will be in neuro-surgery. Dr Bennett Blumenkopf is now a MAJ and has to acquire a uniform and learn how to salute.

It is with a sad and heavy heart that I finish this column. Our dear friend Beryl Stowell, known to many of you, just died in Bethesda Naval Hosp 22 Jun. Beryl was an Army brat, dau of COL Summers, USMA '15. Her husband John was CO of the MP's at Hyde Park and was brought over to be the Provost Marshal of WP after FDR died. They were our next door neighbors on Barnard Loop in North area and it was our good fortune to see a lot of them since then. Beryl was a very attractive lady in every way and was extraordinarily talented. After the children were grown she entered Civil Service as a GS-3 at the Natl Insts of Health and in very few years became a GS-14. After she retired, they moved to Williamsburg which they fully enjoyed. In spite of her illness she continued to be very active in golf and civic activities. It was just in the last two weeks that she showed signs of the malady which cruelly consumed her. Sadly, she survived her 92-year-old mother by less than 2 months. Memorial services were held at Bruton Parish Chapel in Williamsburg and she was buried in Arlington with their dau Polly.

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Jun was not a good month for USMA '38 in the Wn area. Jun 1 Warren Hannum died at Bethesda Naval Hosp. He had lived here since 1965 teaching at the ICAF and working as an ops officer after ret for the Office of Emergency Preparedness (now FEMA). He is survived by his wife Trudy, a daughter, Cathleen H. Horne, and a son, Warren Thomas Hannum III, 3 grandchildren, and a sister, Charlotte L. Snider of San Fran. Warren courageously and patiently endured the hardships and suffering of his illness for many months. He was with us at the Ft McNair luncheon in Apr and everyone was hopeful that he was recovering his health again. His death is a very personal loss for Miriam and me. We were with Warren and Trudy at AWC in 58, and I have worked with Warren in OEP and FEMA for many years. His professionalism, cooperative attitude, and ability to get things done under pressure were always a big asset to our disaster assistance program. We are pleased that Trudy plans to remain in their home in Alexandria and will be with our Wn area group in future gatherings. Warren was buried with full military honors at Arlington. Classmates with wives attending were Bixby, Bob Brown, Harrington, Lewis, Miller, Missal, Mrazek; alone were Conell, Chavasse, Davis, Harrison, Lahti, Bill Smith, Stilwell and Walson. Many FEMA associates and other friends joined the family in these impressive ceremonies. Jun 10 there was more bad news. Tom McCrary died at the Hospice of No. VA after having been hospitalized at Walter Reed AMC for about 2 months. He is survived by a son, Thomas L. McCrary Jr, a daughter, Carol M. Chase, 6 grandchildren, a brother, Arthur A. McCrary, and a sister, Mabel H. Edmondson. Tom had lived in the same house in Falls Church for 26 years, doing his own housework and maintaining his family contacts with children and grandchildren. 21 Jun from Dick Bromiley, "While away on our trip, I received the sad news

from one of my roommates, Tracy Harrington, that our other roommate, Tom McCrary, had passed on to join the Long Gray Line. I never had any brothers, but the three of us at West Point were very close. I will miss Tom." Graveside ceremonies were attended by Dottie & Tracy Harrington, Beverley, Bob Brown, Mrazek, Ward Ryan, Schmidt, Bill Smith and Walson, members of the family and other friends. We deeply regret the passing of another classmate and friend.



1938: Batterson, the Coiras, and Ryan.

Moving on to more pleasant happenings 12 Feb, Key West, fr the traveling Dapriches, "Well, guess I'm slowing up; missed my first Army/Navy game in almost 30 years when an opn in Bryn Mawr Hosp threw in the towel on teaching, but arrived here just in time to miss your little snowfall in DC—win some, lose some. If I'm feeling better, Dot and I will travel east this summer and pick up another VW (our 8th) at Wolfsburg and sally forth to visit the Iron Curtain Countries and catch up to Carter Duncan and his recent tour of Europe." Mar 18 DC Founders Day dinner were attended by Bixby, Izenour, Lotz, Collins, Bill Smith, and John Voegtly. At Ft Eustis Tom Sibley represented us and reported Holman and Cornwall were "no shows." He reports about his new home near Williamsburg, "Things are beautiful down here. Mother Nature is putting on a real show this spring. Keep us on your list for class luncheons." 20 Apr Ft



1938: The Wansboros, Lynchs, Machen, Tillsons.

McNair luncheon was attended w/wives by **Beverley, Bixby, Bob Brown, Collins, Conell, Hannum, Lewis, Missal, Ward Ryan, Art Smith, Sussman, Thackeray, Voeghtly**, and alone by **Dupuy, Bill Smith, and Bill Walson**. We were pleased that **Trevor Dupuy's** son **Arnold** and daughter **Laura** joined our group at this luncheon. **Bob Brown** reported that **Mick & Muriel Amick** were here the past weekend. **Mick** was here for a periodic check-up at **WRAMC**, and they visited son **Mick Jr.**, and daughter-in-law, and then went on to **Atlanta**.



1938: Wallace & Preuss.

Welby Beverley gave us this report, "On 5 Mar, we flew to Sequim, WA to visit **Jean & Ed Bailey**. We had a wonderful 4-day visit with them—**Ed** took us out on his ocean-going yacht, a beautiful new boat; visited various sites in the area; had dinner with **Maxine & Bill George '39** at the **Baileys** where **Ed** served delicious barbecue salmon. On 9 Mar, we flew to Ft Sill to spend another great 4 days with **Betty, Hank**, and our 2 grandsons. They gave a grand dinner party attended by the **Elmores, the Offers**, and several other guests. The **Elmores** and **Offers** said they would like to make the 45th Reunion and both were interested in traveling to Alexandria to catch the bus to USMA. After we had made our travel plans, our son received word he had been selected by DA to command a FA Bn in the 25th Inf Div, HI, and will depart in May. He commanded a Btry in the 2/11 FA 6 months in VN, 6 years later was S3 of the Bn and now a few years later will command it.

We returned home after 8 wonderful days to find we had picked up colds! **Art & Jane Smith** reported that their address will be P.O. Box 26, Good Hart, MI 49737. They will return to Richmond, VA, next fall and find an apt there. They will commute there after 6 months in each place—Richmond & Good Hart. 4 May, while in Denver, I contacted **Buckland** by phone. His sister **Grace**, who is married to **Bob York** told him that they, the **Yorks**, are thinking of moving to FL. **Buck** had had a hernia operation the previous Mon. He had visited his son and family in Middleburg, VA, recently and enjoyed his young grandson particularly. He plays some golf and poker—mostly poker! and will try to make the 45th Reunion.

May 25 luncheon at Ft McNair was attended with wives by **Beverley, Bixby, Brown, Conell, Damon, Izenour, Johnson, Missal, Mrazek, Ward Ryan, Sussman, and Jay Missal** (son of **Joe and Mary**) and alone by **Chavasse, Dupuy, Harrington, Lewis, Miller, Bill Smith, Stilwell, and Walson**. **Bob Brown** announced that this is our last Class luncheon until Sept. Everyone appreciates the fine arrange-

ments that he and **Ann** have made for our monthly gatherings. **Tess Kopesak** won a golf tournament and was busily engaged this week in another. **Miriam Lewis** was playing duplicate bridge. **Clare & Pat Beck** visited in the Wn area recently while motoring around the USA on vacation from their home in HI. They did not attend the USMA '38 mini-reunion in HI through failure to receive the notice announcing the pertinent details. Sorry they didn't read this column which also provided that announcement. **L. E. & Kitty Johnson** arrived here in No. VA about 2 weeks ago. He was reluctant to go on up to Phila shortly after their return here but acquiesced when they acquired a new car which he could test drive en route.

Frank Miller looked robust and back up to full speed. He is now VP for Mktg with Remic Corp of Elkhart, IN. He is currently marketing hands-free portable communication equipment for firemen, riot policemen, and other emergency workmen. **Bob Brown** commented that only 4 USMA '38ers were at the recent WP Soc of Wn DC luncheon, and urged that more of us participate in that worthwhile activity. **Trevor Dupuy** distributed literature about the Friends of the WP Library and requested that we support it. **Trevor** has written or collaborated in over 80 books, mostly military history. He published one book about the Middle East to honor a commitment made to Egyptian friends and is now in process of publishing a comprehensive Russian military history written by a Polish officer who graduated from the U of Leningrad in 16 and was a professor in a local univ until his ret. We tend to take for granted such outstanding accomplishments by this classmate who is also a distinguished military historian. His father and he also collaborated in several military histories.



1938: Bromiley, Kieffer, Irvin.

We were pleased to have **LTC Jay Missal** and his wife **Anita** with us again and hope they will continue to join us in future USMA '38 activities. **Jim & Thelma Mrazek** have stayed in the area for several months but may go to South Africa next Oct instead of our 45th Reunion. **Dick Stilwell** informed us that 95 classmates, **April Adams, Kay Broberg, Jane Learman, Jean Sundin, Jerry Brischetto, and Mary Barbour Smith** have made reservations. Over 180 reservations have been made and more may be forthcoming. **Dick** is sending another letter about this reunion to provide latest details. He assigned certain rooms at the Thayer to the physically handicapped and the remainder of the 50 rooms were assigned by drawing lots. He expects to have a similar drawing for rooms at the Palisades and the overflow will be lodged at Bear Mountain Inn. AAA members are to order their own tickets for the football game and non-AAA members will be given slips by

Stilwell in his next letter which they should use in requesting special price and seating at the game with USMA '38.

John Damon gave me some corrections of information included in the Mar '83 Assy. He has 4 children, **Mark, James, Jon, and Alice**. His bride, **Dolores Rhoads** has 2 children, **Marc and Jed**. 6 Jun telecom with **Bob Offer, Ft Sill**, "His daughter is married to Major **J. K. Lauer, Artillery**, grad of the Citadel, and they live in **Springfield, VA**. His duty station is **Ft Belvoir**. **Bob's** son has commanded the 3d Bn, 9th FA, a Pershing Bn at Ft Sill. **Bob** told me that he had seen the **Beverleys** when they visited their son and his family at Ft Sill. The younger **Beverley** was wounded in action in Vietnam with the same battalion which he will soon command in HI. **R. D. Elmore III** has a scholarship to Harvard and will enter there soon. The **Offers** and the **Elmores** are in good health and all are justly proud of the accomplishments of their sons—as are the **Beverleys**. Fr **Willard Walsh, 2456 44th St. SW, Naples, FL 33999, June 9**, "I read in the '38 column all the time of weary travellers wending their way all over the world it seems. I have a home here, not exactly in Naples, but rather in Golden Gate. I live alone; I have a guest room, and I assure all members of the Class that they are more than welcome to come and make themselves at home. I may not recognize them at first, but I still have a copy of the yearbook."

21 Jun fr **Dick Bromiley, Sarasota, FL**. This report on a trip he and **Edie** took recently, "We left Sarasota early Jun driving to Scott AFB to see our daughter, **Lynne**, and her recently promoted husband, **Paul Harvey**, who put on his first star a few weeks ago. To our surprise, our grandson, **Jim Harvey**, now a sophomore at USAFA was home for the weekend. It was quite a pleasant family get-together. From Scott we visited other friends at Shreveport and played golf at Barksdale. From there it was on to San Ant. We had not been there since 66 and the city has really grown. Called **Hugh & Jan Wallace** who took good care of us and advised us of a '38 reunion party at **Bill & Dotsy Strands** on 14 Jun with all available '38ers and wives invited. It was a fine turnout and a big surprise to many who did not know we were in town. We visited other friends in the area and looked over AF Village—not quite ready for it yet, but it is very impressive just in case. One final item, our son **Bill** ret with 20 years AF service and will stay in Tampa, FL, where he lived with wife **Jeanie** and 2 children during his final assignment at REDCOM at MacDill AFB."

12 Jun fr **Neuschwanstein, Germany**, more about the **Dappriches**, "Space A fit fr **McGuire**; picked up Audi at Wolfsburg, and are



1938: Strand, Mona Preuss, Hartman, Artman, Polhamus.

checking out Heidelberg and Garmish en route to a few weeks in Yugoslavia, Greece, and maybe Izmir. Then back to summer school in Vienna and finally home. I feel tired already!!" When are they ever at home? Fr Bill Strand, San Ant, TX, "I want to include a writeup on a 45th anniv party we are having for our San Ant classmates. Incidentally, I checked my A book and my Jun 38 calendar reveals we celebrated that day on a Tues also. So far we've had regrets only from Willie & Natalie Langford who called to say they have just returned from a trip to England and Ski & M. E. York due to M. E. having just had a gall bladder operation. On 26 Apr Frank Norris and his guest Barbara Condos hosted a lunch for Claire & Pat Beck. They were 30 days into a 90-day tour of the U.S. in a motorhome they rented in Seattle after flying from HI. Present at the lunch were George & Debbie Artman, Ted & Elizabeth Sawyer, Bill & Dotsy Strand, Jeff & Bobbi Irvin, and Batt & Paulette Batterson. Batt has proved you can't keep a good man down. He started the year with a 5-way heart bypass surgery, followed by prostate surgery. He had a rough time but recovered in time to serve as Grand Marshal of the King William Area Parade during San Antonio's Fiesta Week in Apr. All present plan on going to West Point for our 45th in Oct. John & Varnell Chambers came from Arlington, TX, with their trailer and accompanied by their granddaughter, Christine Chambers. John roomed with Neil Van Sickle and me First Class year. Other members of '38 with wives at our 45th Anniv party were Artman, Bayer, Batterson, Coira, Hartman, Irvin, Kieffer, Preuss, Polhamus, Sawyer, Wallace and Wright. Jack Ryan came solo. Frank Norris and date Paula James and Forrest Harsh ex-'38 and wife Jane also enjoyed the occasion. A special treat for all was the arrival of Dick & Edith Bromily on a trip from FL just in time to join our celebration. Tug & Lynn Hallinger were away on a 3 month trip to Europe. Omar & Marie Knox were on a trip to TX Big Bend celebrating their wedding anniv. Cliff & Barbara Macomber were in IA for her high school 50th reunion. Mert & Jean Singer had to cancel at the last minute because of a sick grandchild they were taking care of. All present at our anniv party had a great time and the above news also accounts for all 20 classmates in the San Ant area."



1938: John & Dolores Damon, Ft. McNair.

Jun 14 fr Hugh Wallace, San Ant, TX, "Bill and I have gotten lots of pictures of the party at the Strands to celebrate the 38 in 83, 45 years ago on 14 Jun when we all graduated. However, I don't know if he will tell how great the entire setting was that he and Dotsy had prepared. Everyone was greeted by a videocamera which continued to get pictures through the evening, and

which were all shown to us through Bill's TV set that same evening. Table decorations included Bill's old tarbucket, a cadet sabre complete with white belt and brass breast plate, and numerous banners. Dotsy gave all the ladies, as they departed, a plant which was a West Point violet, the original plant having come from the quarters of LTC J. M. Tully. Truly an outstanding party and gathering of the San Ant '38ers which we all greatly enjoyed." June 14 items fr Doug Polhamus to Bill Strand, San Ant, TX, "A recent article in the San Ant paper ought to be of interest to our classmates. It results from an interview he gave to a staff writer in connection with Armed Forces Day, as follows: 'Gen John D. Ryan once told presidents how to maneuver and manipulate the fighters and bombers over Vietnam. Now



1938: Dupuy with son Arnold & daughter Laura.

he works in his garden, plays golf and reflects on a war he says might have been won—if only the White House had taken his advice sooner. There really are no regrets, or at least no important ones,' Ryan said of his career, which included a tour as the Air Force rep on the JCS and Cdr of the PACAF during the most intense fighting in Southeast Asia. Ryan, who served from 1969 until 1973 as one of the Joint Chiefs, has been ret and living in NW San Ant for the last 10 years. He said he has considered the city a sometimes home since 38, when the would-be general met his wife while learning to fly at Randolph and Kelly fields following graduation from West Point. The past decade has been spent enjoying life in what he calls recognized anonymity. Many in the mil and civ communities recognize Ryan and his former prominence, he said, but most choose to leave him alone."

Second item from Polhamus to Strand, "Batt Batterson: Fiesta time in San Ant includes many parades, house tours, musical performances, and celebrations of many kinds. This year Batt Batterson was the honorary grand marshal of the King William Assn grand parade and rode regally atop a red Volkswagen convertible. The King William's area of San Ant is one of the oldest sections in town and includes many restored homes—the main activity of Paulette & Batt was restoring their own home the past several years." Jun 30, a message fr our Class Pres, Dick Stilwell, "Our 45th—week of 7-9 Oct—should be the best ever. Forecast includes: beautiful Indian summer; Corps standing tall in our honor; victory at Michie (Beat Rutgers!); special memorial services presided over by Father Gene & Reverend Frank; dinner dances back to back at the Thayer and the Officers Club and send off brunch . . . But key to it all is the fact that half—repeat half—of our living numbers have made reservations plus 6 Class widows. Sixty

couples (lucky on the draw) will be at the Thayer with all others closeby at 2 motels or quartered on the Post. '38 is about to set a new high for Camraderie!" Everyone should be receiving during Jul or Aug another letter giving further details about the 45th. In closing, thank you very much to those who have contributed information and pictures so generously for this column. We will see you at the 45th!

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Army-Navy game—Rose Bowl. Read this from Jack Habecker's letter of 1 May. At Founders Day dinner several classmates decided to organize a Cl '39 Tail Gate Mini Reunion in the parking lot at the game. We will have a pregame catered brunch and a post game social gathering. Guests are invited. Cost \$10 per person, payable at the game. We plan to use one or more motor homes as Hq. We will have a "As You Were" bulletin board with pictures, clippings, skin sheets, or whatever to honor cadet days. Jack is bird-dogging this affair unless he has found another volunteer. He needs to know how many will be there. Let him know if you have a motor home you can drive to the game and any suggestions for the gathering. He will send a late bulletin a week or so before the game to all who write or call him. It will have directions on how to find the group in the parking lot, new or other WP related activities. Call or write now (don't forget these plans are as of 1 May). (714)-982-5807 or write him at 7914 Alta Cuesta Dr., Cucamonga, CA 91730. Flash! By late Jun Jack has 50 acceptances and expects to get at least 50 more. Incidentally—Swede Larsen can't make the game. He is long time scheduled for his 50th High School reunion in Hawaii.



1939: Libby and Harry Kinnard.

Well the wedding bells continue to ring. Hallie Patterson, who joined the Class when she married Pat, lo these many years ago, and has been an active participant in the '39 Hilton Head—Savannah group for over 15 years, was married to Harry Wilson '37 on 30 Apr. As of this time it appears they will divide their time between her place in the Low Country and Harry's place outside Charlottesville, VA. Libby Nicholson and Harry Kinnard were married 21 May. As befitting an old airborne type, they had their post nuptial reception high in the sky above the old Baileys Crossroads airport on the fringes of Alexandria (27th floor penthouse in a building built on the site of the old airport.

27 May, Lisa, daughter of Elizabeth & Marshal Wallach was married in Warrenton, VA, followed by a beautiful reception in the

garden of the grand "carry me back to ole VA" family home on the outskirts of town. Grace & Ed Hamiltons' son Richard was married to Nancy Lee Mullins in mid Jun. The wedding was followed by a bang up reception in the Ft McNair Off Mess. Frank Gilchrist and his wife June of about a year and a half, made a Jun visit to the DC area and met with a lot of the area's '39ers.

Harvey Fraser's note from the Maritime Acad in Vallejo, CA, almost arrived in time to make the last issue but didn't, so here it is slightly abbreviated: "I guess I am the only BG in the Maritime Service. I have had to learn a few nautical terms that we didn't learn on the luxury liner USAT Chateau Therry. I finally learned to call the students here midshipmen instead of cadets. I spent 8 days a year ago on our training ship Golden Bear. I am not much better sailor than I was 45 years ago. I manage to maintain the academic standards here and keep the place accredited. We have 2 programs and train marine engrs and deck officers for the Maritime Service. My boss is Adm Joe Rizza, brother of Sal Rizza, USMA '40. We live on the campus overlooking the Bay in lovely surroundings. I have been here 4 years and expect to do one more before retiring. My mother, age 93, says 'don't retire you won't like it.' I want to give it a try and hope Jean can stand me around the house. We are still looking around for a place to light in Aug 84. There are quite a few '39ers around the Bay area, and we see most of them from time to time. People like Schellman, Dziuban, and Farrell also stop by to see us once in a while. We are 45 minutes from downtown San Fran. I have had upper and lower back problems for about a year that have put a damper on golf, tennis and jogging. Jean and I spend lots of time flying from here and there on business and pleasure, and we hope to keep on traveling when I retire. We have 2 son-in-laws in the Army. One commands an Inf Bn in AL and the other is a Med Corps intern at Ft Ord. Our son, USMA '64 (not commissioned due to a physical problem) is a senior research engr for IBM in Tucson. One new grandchild arrived in Mar and another due in Apr."

On their trip south last spring the Hamiltons visited several classmates—Mary Lee & Ken Scott in Ft Lauderdale; stopped by San Marcus Isle to see Mahlon Caffee, the Teeters at Homestead (Bernie still would like to sell his house there and move to the Fayetteville-Ft Bragg area); went to the Miami area Founders Day dinner and talked with Len Kaplan; saw Bridget & Dave Dillard (while there had cocktails with one of our English instructors, Wm Breckinridge '28), Dave told Ham that the old timers say that last Jan-Mar was the worst and coldest winter in FL ever). After leaving FL, Grace & Ed Hamilton stopped off in Columbus, GA, and saw the Wisdoms, Schroeders, Mounts and R. C. Williams.

Another person who will agree with Dave Dillard on the cool FL weather—Les Lampert—probably the only true entomologist in the Class. Les went to Lake Placid, FL, to collect beetles, but though the weather was beautiful, it was much too cool to bring the critters out. Din Herkness spent part of the spring sailing his boat from FL to ME. Pat Mulcahy has completed a book "Future Orbit or Self Destruct", and hopes to have it out soon. Incidentally, Pat has changed his address but still lives in Carmel.

Frankie Joe Kobes says he is recruiting for WP and has a good quarterback lined up—just hopes someone doesn't get him away

from us. He recently had lunch with Ann & Wal Higgins. Higgy is looking and feeling better than ever. Frank also reported on some others in Hilton Head area. Frank Mildren looks well and is playing golf steadily; Freddie Boye relaxin' and refinishing furniture (and does a good job); Van Harlingen still running strong in real estate. Frankie Joe also sent a clipping from the Savannah newspaper with a picture of Class grandson, Seth Hudgins. Young Seth was valedictorian at the Benedictine Mil Acad and has an appointment to the Naval Academy this summer.

On 11 Jun, 25 of the Class from the DC area and Alys & Mike Krisman from WP, assembled at Mary & Earle Lerettes' home on the Potomac about 50 miles down river from DC. It was a fun filled day, golf at a neighboring golf club, boating, swimming, fishing, crabbing, cocktails and then on to the Patuxent Naval Air Station officers club for dinner.

Charlie Kepple believes in Space A travel. On his last excursion he and Nina left Dover AFB on a C-5 12 May—landed at Rhein-Main and spent a week in the Frankfurt-Heidelberg-Zurich area. Then off to Munich area for 5 days on his Eurorail Pass; down the Romantic Road to Rothenberg by Eurobus and down the Neckar valley and on to Mains, Cologne, Berlin, Potsdam and back to Dover on 2 Jun. Oh yes a one night's stay in England, Mildenhall AB. Although there was a lot of rain it really caused only one change in plans. They wanted to cruise down the Rhine, but the river was so swollen no pleasure craft were moving so they took the train.

If you want to see a nice newsy column in the next Dec issue of ASSEMBLY, get your news in right now. Anything received after 30 Sept won't appear until next Mar.

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We continue to hear enthusiastic rumbings from TX about the 28 Sep-1 Oct Reunion in San Ant. We heard from Morry Shoss way back in Jun that he already had a firm list of 28 couples and 4 singles for the affair. And that number didn't include the long list of possibles or even Chet Freuden-dorf's definite maybe!

I talked to Dan Briggs just after Babs and he had returned to San Ant from a visit to the restoration of old Ft Davis (in-activated in 1891) way out in the western part of TX. Pappy allows that the old fort is highly interesting and seems quite authentic, although the 180 mile drive may put it just a shade too far west of San Ant to include it in the Reunion program. He went on to report all '40 locals ready to frolic—at least a bit—as soon as the classmates start arriving. Dan reminded me that there's still time—even at the late date on which you read this—to reserve a room at the Sheraton-San Ant Motor Inn and to get in touch with Morry Shoss at 3111 Nantuckett, San Ant 78230 (512-696-7124) to sign up for appropriate activities. Remember the Alamo and remember that San Ant is waiting for you!

Your Class officers spent a bit of time pondering the question of what weekend at WP in the fall of 85 we should reserve for our 45th Reunion. After considering the available home football weekends not encumbered by Homecoming, the unanimous choice was for the weekend of 4-6 Oct 85, when Army will be playing Yale. There will be

lots more details for you about that reunion as it draws a little closer.

In addition to the executive decision about our 45th, the Class officers also decided to transfer the Class admin fund from a commercial bank in Highland Falls, where it has been for a number of years, to a separate segment of the WP Fund under the AOC. This will give the Class a slightly better financial return, while still permitting us to handle our administrative transactions without difficulty. Furthermore, your contributions to this fund segment will henceforth be tax-deductible! Such contributions to the admin fund (suggested as \$10 per year) should still be sent to Treasurer Bert Lane, 1600 S. Eads St, #1233S, Arlington, VA 22202. As always, if you want to save a stamp and have some news to send me, I'll be glad to forward your check to Bert.



1940: Dave and Betty Parker visit the Penneys in Phoenix, April 83.

You may recall a comment in the notes for the Mar ASSEMBLY that the Class officers had decided not to make a Class gift to WP at our 45th Reunion, but instead plan a more substantial gift for the 50th. To this end, each of us in '40 is encouraged to make an annual contribution of at least \$50. (to recognize the reunion year). Bert Lane says that this is producing the desired results: in the 6 months from Sep 82 to Apr 83, the '40 gift segment rose from about \$8,000 to over \$13,000. If you'd like to add to this total, your tax-deductible contribution can be made out to "West Point Fund," marked "Class of '40 Gift Segment," and sent to the AOC, USMA, WP, NY 10996.

I regret that I have several items of bad news to report. First, Pete Kramer called from San Ant to say that Don Stewart had died on 8 May after a very long battle with cancer. Don was buried in the National Cemetery at Ft Sam Houston. Our sympathies go to Mary Lou, who can be reached at 319 W. Hollywood, San Ant 78212.

Next, Walt Winton wrote to pass the word that Francis Rooney had died in Columbia, SC on 11 May. Mickey had been in poor health for some time, although many of us had been cheered to see him at Hilton Head last fall. We offer our condolences to Lu Rooney, who remains at the family address at 4663 Fernwood Rd, Columbia 29206.

From Satellite Beach, FL, Ed Wynne wrote the sad news that his Dorothy had died suddenly this past 5 Jan of a heart attack. We offer our deep and sincere sympathy to Ed, who can be reached at the Satellite Beach address, 305 Glenwood Ave 32937.

We also have word from her son, Roderick Wetherill, Jr. '65, that Josephine Wetherill died peacefully in her sleep on 13 May at Patrick AFB hospital. You may recall that Jo, the late Rod Wetherill's first wife, had been living in Satellite Beach and, for the past few years, had been waging a gallant

fight against cancer. Her many friends in the Class offer their sympathy to the family.

A note from Larry & Pat Klar says they've made once more their annual transition from FL to Tulsa. Larry looked somewhat dismally at the reduction in '40 strength in Tulsa with the departure of Charlie & Kathy Banks for Santa Fe, noting that only the Klars and Walt & Loma Lavell now make up the regular delegation. Larry did point out that there are some temporary increases in the group, "For example, we look forward to the wedding here of Frank Watrous' son, who is marrying a Tulsa girl. Further, we have word that Ed & Irene Verner will be visiting the Lavells briefly, so that we can count on a small but respectable Tulsa reunion."



1940: Ft. Lewis, Founders Day.

You may recall that, back about the time of our 35th Reunion, Hank Brewerton produced a handy list of addresses for all the classmates that he could locate. There were about 12 that he couldn't pin down. By the time of the 40th Reunion, we'd narrowed the list to only 5 missing. Just to show that patience pays dividends, I had a letter very recently from Dave Crocker, who announces from Rindge, NH, "I finally got off my duff and found Joe W. Leedom, Jr.—my roommate. He lives, believe it or not, at 8421 Jinetes Ct, Alexandria, VA 22309 (which turns out to be about 4 miles south of chez Mayo). When I talked to Joe on the phone tonight, he was about to depart for his usual summer of fishing near Sheridan, WY, which is, incidentally, where Hank Arnold has hung out for these many years." There seems to be no ready explanation as to why Joe was so close, but so far. In any case, the list of missing classmates consists, at the moment, of LL Clarke and JF Kreitzer. I'd appreciate any information that you might have on these two, before someone else drops out of sight.

Being discovered will, among other things, result in Joe Leedom being put on the roster of classmates in the DC area. Kermit Dyke uses this list to send out notices, from time to time, of local Class functions. Despite some attrition, there are still more classmates in the DC area than in any other. The brunch at the Army-Navy Country Club in May, for example, attracted some 45 classmates and wives—a very respectable group and more than we've had together for some time.

Dick & Marnie Kent did the arrangements for that brunch—Dick uses his computer to keep track of reservations because it can count better than he can. We were sort of lucky that the Kents were in town long enough to handle this affair, because they'd just returned from FL where they've bought a 2d home on Sanibel Island and are now packing up to make another short summer pilgrimage to England.

Woodie & Beth Vaughan described their 3 month sojourn in FL at Delray Beach as rainy, but warm, "so we beached, boated, tennised, golfed, and enjoyed. We saw Ray & Lucille Renola several times, since they own a condo in nearby Ft Lauderdale. We also met up with Phil & Grace Cibotti at their lovely home on Lighthouse Point, Pompano Beach—they entertained us royally at the Yacht Club. Phil was going to take us out on some calm day for a cruise, but no day ever seemed to be calm enough—we obviously frightened him off."

Woodie concluded, "We tried twice to get out to Sanibel Island on the west coast to see Bert & Jean Lane, but each time we got hung up on the causeway from Ft Myers to the island, so we gave up. Back to Alexandria to 3 months of junk mail."

I'm sure you noted Ray Downey's obituary in the Mar 83 issue of ASSEMBLY. The obituary speaks of Ray's experiences in dodging the Germans in Rome after being shot down over Italy in 43. What the obituary doesn't say is that the events of the same period are reflected in the CBS broadcast this year of *The Scarlet and the Black*. If you missed the first showing, there'll be others. Make a point of seeing it.

I quote in its entirety a truly laconic letter from Frank Meszar: "All is quiet in Savannah. Ford Fuller finally moved into his house—a block down from us. Not a word from Izzy Shearer—he comes in and out."

From Howard & Midge Penney, a report on the status of Phoenix, "We had a really memorable Founders Day here in Phoenix, with about 50 graduates and wives. GEN Jim Polk '33 came from El Paso to reminisce about his days as K Co Tac. Since he started that duty in 41, he was fortunate enough to miss '40. Nevertheless, his talk was very nostalgic and very good. Further, we had a pleasant visit early Apr from Dave & Betty Parker—even mildly athletic!

'41

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It's National Sports Festival V time in Colorado Springs—2600 beautiful, young athletes competing in 33 different sports—and all with an eye on Los Angeles in 1984. Add about another thousand coaches, trainers, doctors and administrative people and you have a logistics expert's dazzle. Names that will be announced as recipients of gold medals in L.A. are our guests: Greg Louganis, Wendy Wyland, Steve Lundquist, Deborah Erdmann; World Record Holders, National Champions and they are still arriving! And the "kids" are fresh and clean and poised and courteous!



1941: The Beaufort Mini: The Greens, Campbells, Linnells, and Kings.

And the '41 Mini "Festival" to be held at West Point 13-16 Oct is on course and will be a great occasion. Jack Norton called to report his recent visit to WP to work out the details—which will be mailed to all soon—and Chairman Tom Cleary phoned to confirm. Let's make it a "Barn Burner." And, incidentally, the Xmas Letter will.



1941: Christensen, Thompson, AG, Borman and guest admire Bud's car plate.

Walt Woolwine passed around a yellow pad at the May luncheon with the following inputs: Rod O'Connor, "Great to be back with the Black Bald and Gray; Chile summer was long, dry & beautiful—hoping for the same in D.C." Spec Powell, "Bypass recovery going well—great to be back at the luncheon. Will visit Wendy & Jean Knowles next weekend." John Deane, "Most exciting deal in the Deane family will be graduation from law sch of our youngest—Amen." JOG Green, "Now retired-retired and enjoying-enjoying." Charlie Canella, "Am still working for a living and trying to keep up with John Deane." Hank Bodson, "Retired from DA. We need to keep an eye on Ed Buttery who has emphysema and is struggling to pack up and move to TX to his pecan orchard." Mike Greene, "We had a few sips to your 40th wedding anniv. The wives are in session at Lucy Millikin's. Roy & Priscilla Atteberry came by recently en route to CA. Brother, Laddie, seems to be in good shape." Pete Tanous, "Daughter Joan will take a school break at the London School of Economics next year but will return to Boulder for her senior year." Bob Lanigan, "We are still having a lot of fun watching our nation's leaders cavort about here and there." Woody Garrett, "Ann is married to a lawyer working for a retired Marine GEN. Bob is a MAJ in JAG Corps and in the zone for LTC; Jim is married and finishing college—all healthy and happy." Walt Woolwine, "Betty & I celebrate our 40th on 23 Jun. Potter & Betty Campbell were in town for Mrs. Brooks funeral in Arlington."

And Potter Campbell sent the enclosed pix of the mini at chez Linnell in Apr. "What a nice evening it was, with Linnell's customary hospitality being featured!! Many other old Army friends were present for a memorable evening. Next day we launched for Savannah and a stop at the Ramees. If possible, their hospitality was equally warm, with Paul making the sacrifice of time from a multi-million-\$ contract for his engineering firm. Their place is palatial, right on Sidney Lanier's Marshes of Glynn. Marcie does her home proud. Seeing all these wonderful people makes me proud to be a member of '41. PS: I'll write Hunter Woodward's obit, please send me Petey's address."

On 17 Apr we had a chance to meet Wendy Knowles' new bride, Jean. They were driving back from the W coast after their jour-

ney to SEA, and they stopped for some of our good fresh air. My sister and her husband as well as our dear friend from Switzerland, Willy Kohler, were already here, so there was "no room at the inn." Nevertheless, we had a grand visit and sent them off with a "Geute reise." We have had two long reports from the Henschkes who agree that teaching for USC at Clark is "the way to go." Their tour to New Zealand and Australia to visit John's old WWII haunts included a tour of his old air base with a man named Henschkel. Next stop will be Honolulu, and a horrendous change in their COL, but it isn't really very tough duty—they'll be home for the football season.



1941: Honeymooners, Jean and Wendy Knowles.

Dave & Mary Gauvreau are delighted with the news of the arrival of Ariane Nicole Gauvreau, born to Maya and Jim at Rhein Main. She was born on 24 Jun and weighed in at 7 lb 5 oz. Having survived one knee transplant, Dave opted for a second. At almost the same time Jim Carroll had the same procedure; so the next time they get together for a game of cribbage there could be a new entry in the Guinness Book of Records.

Harry Harvey wrote a trip report in May to cactus country. He and Nancy flew to Phoenix to visit a nephew, CPT USAF, F-15 pilot, who showed them his magnificent aircraft, then toured Luke and Williams. They next rented a car and drove to Tucson to visit newly PCSed Herb & Pauline Clendenning. New add: 11039 N 37th St; Phoenix, AZ 85028. They are fine. Next stop was San Antonio and more old family. "In Aug we go to Europe with the AOG—WP cruise to Scandinavia—ships are great for Nancy." A warm and interesting update arrived from John Russell. He no longer rides to the hounds in the classical way but has joined the caravan of small cars that hop from hill to hill to watch the beautiful "Timber Toppers." He is still active in the management of Hunt Racing.

Paul Skowronek wrote from El Salvador to say that he'll be on home leave in late Jul. Says Paul, "Most of the scare stories you read about this area are written by 'in-tripid' reporters who never get very far from the luxury hotel bars. The damage they do to the stability of developing countries is devastating. The Pope's visit helped to quiet things a little in Guatemala, as I observed his effect in the Philippines, but El Salvador is still chancey, and Nicaragua is much worse."

Progress on the obituary mission is heartening, and I'll go into detail, but the sad reality is that since I pecked out these lines and announced the plan to close the gap, we have had one obituary completed and submitted to the AOG but three of our great gang have moved on to join the Long Gray

Line: Ed Poole and his lovely bride, Lois, were killed in an aircraft accident on 11 Apr. Mort Birdseye died after a long illness on 10 Jun. And Dick Levy passed away in Jun—Jack Norton, who has just gotten home from his trip to WP, had the word but no details.

Bob Detwiler wrote that the funeral for Mort was at the Ft Bliss Cemetery on 16 Jun. "Sad though the occasion, it was good to see Virginia and her three boys: LTC Bill, '65, delivered a very touching eulogy; Walter came from Stuttgart and George and wife came from San Antonio. Chuck Roton and Bob served as honorary pallbearers. Virginia can be reached at 5115 Danny, El Paso, TX 79924. The Poole's daughter, Mrs. Nancy Glover, 1740 E. Alameda, Tempe AZ 85282 is handling their affairs. Eloise Levy's address is 113 Nottingham Dr, Colonial Hts VA 23834.

Tuck Brown wrote to say he has the "A" Co gang organized: Tom Cleary is in motion on Ira Cheaney; Jack Harris on Paul O'Brien, and Tuck will do Dunc assisted by Molly and her sons. Tuck & Dody took a trip in Jan after Tuck's retirement from Battelle. They toured Hawaii, Free China, Hong Kong, Red China, Thailand, Malaysia and Singapore.

Joe Reed put out a poopsheet from his computer to find "Action Officers" for John Sands and Henry Wixon. Delly McMillan also put out a poopsheet and has succeeded in obtaining action officers for all: Horace Brown will do Clinton's, Jim Strain will do George Cooper's, Babe Hendrickson will do Ed Poole's. Jim Healy is pushing hard with a difficult list. Thus far Bill Brier will do Jim Roy's but Jim will welcome help on Aliotta, Barney, Busbee and Graham. Spec Powell is in touch with Beanie Aldridge and has Dick's under way. And Walt Mullane, having personally added the very well written finishing touches to Fitz Fitzpatrick's, has Bill Hoge working on Dave Cooper's and Bob Borman on John Tyndall.

Bill Hoge and Lily toured France in the Merry Month of May—after Normandy and Brittany and, no doubt, some nostalgic experiences, they turned South for some of the superb wine and cuisine. Said Bill, "My French proved to be more or less serviceable in transmission but my problem was reception—Further and deponent sayeth not..." Pooge Curtis phoned to say that he was re-deployed and very happy in his new Town House at 1010 Blue Heron Ave NE, Winslow WA 98110. Son, Steve is one mile away and the "goodies" of the Navy's Trident Base only 20 min.

Dick Travis reported (in English) that he and Tad made their annual visit to Wilford Hall in San Antonio: "... medical tests and checks precluded seeing classmates; tried to call Corbin but got a DA." Fox and Lid Rhynard returned in May from a trip "Down Under," and state that son, Mike, LTC USAF will report to CoSp and the Space Command this summer. Although Mike will undoubtedly rue not flight testing F-16s, his parents will be lured by their only 2 grandchildren to visit Coors Country. And the Eastons are moving south—new add: 2011 Autumn Chase, Augusta GA 30907—They volunteered to help write Jim Sykes' obituary. Ted Brown wrote to say that he continues to get good "report cards" from the Medics and that they hope to journey this way this summer to escape the Little Rock heat and humidity.

Cocky Cochran sent a card from their trip to the Virgin Is—the card shows a 1930s car that has been in place on the beach

since WWII. It is adorned only with two beautiful damsels. Sprawled below grasping a bottle is a guy who could have been in our class saying, "Even when I get it started, I'm not coming home!" Judy & Bill Seawell are not in the travelling mode but invited us to try their "Island in the Sun." Despite his very hectic job, Ed Rowny sent a cheery word of greeting. Bob & Jo Kramer went to Mexico City recently and, having made the tour, decided, "We saw everything we should have and don't need to return there." Pete Crow is busy building condos in his "Po-dunk," Ft Payne, AL.



1941: Troups & Chapmans salute the Corps.

Besides all those heard from in writing, noted above the Bell System (or is it disbanded?) brought input from Wally & Doris Lauterbach and the word that Doris is still winning her valiant battle; Skip Brown is busy and happy; Jack Christensen and Muriel are thinking of another European teaching trip with USC; Bill & Nancy Vaughan are well and still charming people with Will's art work; and the Washington Group: Nortons, Deanes, Reids and Tanouses are happy and still coping in the city of Eternal Confusion.

During the Sports Festival I had a chance to meet many of the wonderful athletes. One of these, a very mature man who has been on the Pentathlon team for several years, had this to say about the posture of his team today. "We were doing extremely well under Biss Moore who gave us leadership combined with a true understanding of the sport. Under him we won our first Gold in World Competition. Since he left, the team has been on the decline."

The whole experience of the Festival was most refreshing. Despite the frenetic and incessant drumbeat by the media focusing and magnifying our Nation's not abundant ills, the roses are still out there to be sniffed. And if you watch Greg Luganis and Wendy Wyland do their breath-taking aerobatics or see the Trakehners and Irish Hunters performing in the ring, you'll feel better about the health of this great Country. And you just might want to make a much-needed contribution to the U.S.O.C. for '84!!!

'42

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As Harv Shelton used to say so often about Naples, "Another gd beautiful day!" In truth, even though the rainy season has started, we're still having plenty of them in late Jun, and the rain hasn't spoiled too many plans. It's also hot, but somehow more acceptable than the DC version, what with Florida clothing, Gulf breezes and no smog!

For 2 months we painted, papered, arranged, rearranged and renovated. A major remaining chore is to finish the hanging of pictures, but we're beginning to see the proverbial light. We were doubly glad to have a two-week visit from Barbara's mother (89), Sue and her Christopher (22 mos.) so that we, too, could take a vacation. Unfortunately, they headed home full of concern for **Louise Duffie**, who was just operated on for a tumor in her throat. Her situation is most serious, but if faith and determination will do the trick, she'll pull through.

Must tell you all that the beautiful clock has a choice location on our desk, cheerfully chiming every quarter hour, assuring that we think of you every 15 minutes! Must also confess that the 2 a.m. chimes took a bit of getting used to!



1942: Johnny Barnes and some uniformed Vet!

In Apr when Colo Spgs was in the throes of the return of winter, we called the **Gernerts** to chortle. The smarties had gone south! Had a subsequent letter from them when they were anticipating a visit from the **Offleys** on their way west that failed to materialize. Butch had been very sick late this winter, maybe "Legionaires," certainly a return of almost-forgotten asthma. As a consequence, they were a bit late getting away from D.C. and sped on by, to the undoubted benefit of all concerned! Today we had a first—a real letter from **Bobbie**; all I can remember before were post cards from Spain! They're in hog heaven, partying and sunning by the pool. **Gerry's** house has been sold—at her price; all's right with the world! The **Ormes** came down to one of their welcome-to-Yuba City parties—only 30 minutes away—and brought a lemon tree for the housewarming. Butch is still GBSing; they spent their 40th in Yosemite. We've talked on the phone and found them goofing off around the pool while we were working!

Have entertained and been entertained by **Sissy Shelton Stanford** and **Harry**. Both are fine and about to tour the Northwest.

Certainly you read of the dedication of the Eisenhower Monument and the digni-



1942: Why isn't the bar open?

taries assembled for the occasion. The lack of mention of the dedicated **Comte Secy, Ec Cutler**, was compensated for by **Butch Dixon's** commendation at the last Trustee's meeting. We all know that **Ec** gave an A-1 effort.

George Allin sent a note as he departed on a month's adventure in Europe. Included was **Phil Krueger's** address at 5800 Kanan Rd, Apt 153, Agoura, CA 91301. A subsequent card reported 4 great days touring Holland with Dutch friends, and a rental car awaiting him for a tour of SW England. The mailman (person) brought an invitation from **May Caruthers** and **Nancy Hunter** to join the DC wives at the **Caruthers'** on 22 Jun for crab salad, whiskey sours and other games. After being regulars, we hated to miss!

A card from **Charlie Mizell** from Paris. It depicted the famous sites rather than the Follies, Crazy Horse, etc. which occupied their evenings! Daughter **Mary Lee** provided the base camp, son **Bob** and wife as well as **Charger** were to join up. An earlier letter from **Charlie**, bless him, reported that **Jack Watson** regaled the DC luncheon crowd with his account of passing out, getting to the hospital and ending up with a pacemaker! His tale was told six days later!!

Lee Mizell and **Dodie Westenhoff** got the gals to lunch on the 4th Tues. After aperitifs (booze) at the **Mizells**, out for Chinese cuisine. Participating was **Peggy Johnson**, in town to visit their daughter.

Hope you all noticed that we have a new reason to salute **Carey Brown**, now the oldest grad. How about sending a card to gladden the heart of one of our most ardent supporters? Please! (See his Class column for address).



1942: At Founders Day in Hawaii.

Fred Rosell wrote of a visit and brunch with **Cliff Sherman's** widow **Ellen** and **Cliff Jr.** in Oakland. She teaches day and night while he's attending grad school. **Ellen** drove **Fred** out to Sunnyvale to see **Joe Cannon**. You malefactors out that way might note that **Fred's** son **Kerry** is a member of the **Redondo Beach Police Dept!** Enclosed was a clipping from the **L.A. Times** stating that **Edward A. Martell** attributed most lung cancer to cigarette smoke collecting radio active particles and depositing them in the lungs. The same **Dr. E.A.M.** was quoted in the **Colo Spgs** paper (item courtesy of the **Gernerts**) as suggesting that natural radiation, much of it emanating from building materials, might trigger lung cancer in smokers.

A deadline-beating note from **Joe Cannon** saying that news is scant, his phone numbers are: Office—408-289-2563; Home—408-245-8829, and that he hopes to keep contributing on the job at **FMC** for at least 2 and one-half years. He sent a picture of 7 **Cannon** men—unidentified—which leads to all kinds

of take-offs on the usual nickname for Artillerymen which I wouldn't stoop to!

The **Hunters** sent a card from **Soochow, China**. The country is fascinating and parts of it still show considerable evidence of the Japanese occupation. They saw **Betty & Sam Hays** on their way out, and hoped to see **Mary & Jack Barnes** on their way home. **Al** keeps me posted on the obit program with copies of his extensive correspondence. The last batch contained a note to **Dick Maffry** with a comment on a **Maffry** trip to Russia. **Dick** and **Dottie**, must I send a stamped envelope for a report?!?! **Al** had asked **Don Deffke** to contact **Buck Rogers'** widow, which he did, only to find her seriously ill.



1942: **Joe Cannon** and his home bred body-guard.

Jack Barnes wrote to tell of their Feb DC trip to attend the Reserve Officers Assn. mid-winter meeting and enclosed a photo of him and son **Johnny**—uniformed, yet! Also enclosed was a very well-written column **Jack** had prepared for the **ROA Magazine**, urging all to join the Assn. and citing the benefits he has enjoyed from participation. **Jack** obviously plays no favorites in his busy schedule because I read recently that he had spoken to the **Seattle AUSA Chapter** on "Taiwan, An Economic Miracle."

Wyley Baxter called with the distressing news that **Jesse Lewis** had died in **Weems, VA** on 12 June. After services in **Kilmarnock** at the **Grace Episcopal Church**, he was buried in **Clark Cemetery, Hampton**, on the 15th, with **Wyley** there to represent us. Once **Jess** and **Jean** had found their retirement retreat they wasted little time on the big city. We just hope that its attractions made up for how much they were missed on the DC scene. Deepest sympathy to you and the family, **Jean**, from all of us.

A welcome contribution from the **Plotts** (meaning **Bette Lou!**) who are about to descend on **Pinehurst** and the **Roberts** with the other rowdies for **Golf Gaggle IV(?)**. An enclosed clipping reported that in early April, **Jean Voegeli** had been named "Handicapped South Carolinian of the Year" by the Governor's Committee. Her work in aiding the mentally ill, to include the establishment of a residential center in **Charleston**, was cited. How super, **Jean!**

Scusin' an occasional rotten joke, **Jeff Davis** has been a most conscientious provider. As a buildup to the fact that he'd somehow conned **Carl Ulsaker** into taking over his well-done job as **Social Director**, he sent a financial report on the dozen '42 parties held under his aegis. An average of 55 of us enjoyed the results of his labors, and with a minimum of financial pain. Even though there was no column headed "Proceeds Skimmed," the net result was a profit for the **Class Treasury!** Having taken a course in the use of video production facilities, **Jeff**

has succeeded in putting "Frolicking '42" on video cassettes. As he says, it took 24 hours on the editing equipment to produce a 34-minute program. The format is VHS. A copy is available to any of you for borrowing and is much more show-biz than the enjoyable slide show. Thanks to him, too, for the picture of him, Carl and Charlie, taken at the AMIAA Annual Meeting. Their empty hands may explain the grim faces!



1942: Nancy & Al Hunter in China.

I note in Assembly that **Bob Brugh** continues his good work on the Board of the WP Society of Chicago. The nice thing is that he isn't even the oldest Director!

A newsy letter from **Tom Rienzi**. He and **Clare** had managed a session with **Dale & Orpha Buchanan**, who were there visiting son **Tim** and family. He had talked to at least one of the **Kennedys** when **Betty** and **Jack** were in Hawaii for the U.S. Bridge Championships. **Rienzi**, **Rita Blair**, the **Palfreys** and their daughter **Kitsy** had proved to be more than adequate '42 representation at their Founders Day at the **Hale Koa**. In addition to his ministry and recruiting for **USMA**, **Tom** is heading up the local **Army Retiree Council**! Not bad for an old General!

And that about does it for my maiden(?) effort from FL. My thanks to all who helped to fill the column, as news does seem a bit harder to come by here in the swamps! To those of you who read but don't write, how about a line or two?

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'43

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As our "Rhett Butler" classmate from Atlanta (**J.J. Cobb**, that is) would say, "Holy Toledo, fellers, what a reunion—let's do it again!" According to **Bob Baden**, the "official count" of classmates who attended our 40th Reunion at West Point, 18-21 May, was a record-breaking 126, plus wives—subject to audit by anyone who would like to spend a bit of time checking those who were present-and-accounted-for on **Bob's** "official list," which fluctuated from day-to-day. There were those who came early (like the **Bargers** and the **J.J. Cobbs** to play golf), and there were those who popped in and out for various reasons (like the **Sebestas**, **Dorans** and **Wilkes**). Nonetheless, walking in the door of our reunion headquarters at the **Ramada Inn** in **Newburgh** on the afternoon of 18 May was like entering **Grand Central Station** on a major holiday weekend—lots of boisterous greetings, milling around and "who's-that questions," which continued right on through the evening "getting acquainted" cocktails and dinner. The following morning,

our "rabble-rousing" president, **Bob Harrington**, presided over a **Class business meeting**. The highlights of which included

- A reassuring financial report by our treasurer, **Charlie Heltzel**;
- A preview of the mini-reunion being planned for us near **Disney World, FL**, next **March 26-29** by **Brad Lundberg** and **Joe Dover**;
- An "if-drafted-I-will-serve" commitment by **Pete Grimm** to produce another **Class anniversary book** like our "Three Wars Later" in 1968—if and when the **Class** decides to proceed with such a collective undertaking.



Jan 1943: The jog boys: Wood, Saylor, Cook, McDermott, and Armstrong.

With the weather already showing signs of becoming inclement, we assembled at **Round Pond** at noon on 19 May for an enjoyable indoor/outdoor picnic. That evening was devoted to the **Supt's** receptions and alumni dinner dance in **Washington Hall** and, suffice to say, that we were well represented among those who kept on dancing to the "big band" music until the last note of "Army Blue"—despite the rain and fog outside.

On **Fri** morning, we joined our own **Rev Bob Kurtz** for a quiet, umbrella-and-raincoat pilgrimage to the graves of our classmates, wives and children who are buried in the **Cadet Cemetery** at the **Old Chapel**. About the same time, the **Supt** decided that there was too much rain for the traditional alumni exercises and review on the **Plain**, so off



Jan 1943: Old M Co flankers.

we went to the **Field House** for a mini-ceremony that reminded us of our own graduation "band-box review" in old **Central Area**. The cadets were so close to us that their guidons and swords swished by our ears as they went up and down. Among the cadets who served as our hosts/hostesses at the alumni luncheon in **Washington Hall** following the "band-box review" was the **Hal Barbers' son**, also **Hal**. Then, it was out to **Trophy Point**, where **B-Ball Harrington**, presented, and the **Supt** received, our greatly enhanced **Class Gift** to the **Academy**—but not without a humorous reminder to **Bob** that he was on a **Post**, not an **Air Force base**. That evening, we congregated again at the **Ramada Inn** for cocktails and dinner, during which **Joe Benson** (our "play-it-again" MC):

- Read some "graduation greetings" from such illustrious former-day figures as **Eisenhower**, **MacArthur**, **Montgomery** and **Stalin**;
- Re-ran an old **Jan 43** newsreel of our "band-box review" and graduation in the **Field House**;
- Topped **Bob McDermott's** great story about **Father Murphy** and **Sister Agatha** with a parrott sequel; and
- By popular acclaim, provided his own unique rendition of **Robert Preston's** "River City" patter song from "Music Man"—without even a single slip.

The following morning, the exodus began and our 40th Reunion at **USMA** was over—but a jumble of memories still persists. With



Jan 1943: Wilkes, Towes, Dempseys, Youngs, Kings, Fenili, Pages, Badens, Armstrongs, Edwards—B Company.



Jan 1943: Harrington and clan at rededication Class Memorial.

a turn-out as large as we had, it was difficult to identify, much less carry on a coherent conversation with everyone who was there. Understandably, there was a large DC-area (i.e., D.C., MD and VA) contingent, but the "out of towners" were "our guests," so I'll list them first with a comment or 2 as follows: **Jim/Marge Alveras** (whom **Pappy Doyle** called the "grinningest" roommate in our Class—clothing formations and all), **Ben/Dee Baber** (who's doing well on canes, following his almost fatal bicycle accident), **Hal/Charity Barber**, **Dave/Barbara Barger** (who kept everything bubbling), **Bob/Marilyn Bightler** (and Bob overpowered **Pete Grimm** in the continuation of their traveling tennis tournament), **Baxter/Mary Bell** (and most of us had not seen him since our early cadet days), **Phil/Jesse Bischoff**, **Doug/Shirley Blue** (and he was sporting an old-fashioned New England beard), **Bill/Billie Brady**, **John/Ann Buckner**, **Bob/Kay Burlin** (Bob's still with Parsons working on the NE Corridor high-speed transit system, but planning to work only 50% of his time within the next 5 years), **Charlie/Julie Burr**, **Cliff/Dorothy Butler**, **Jim/Pat Changaris** (newly settled at 237 Avalon Ave., **Lauterdale-by-the-Sea, FL, 38308**), **Vic Cherbak**, **Jim/Jean Cobb** ("so happy-to-be-here"), **Bill/Jean Cucolo** (he's been with the New York Power Authority for 25 years, but started as a "rod-and-tape man" during the construction of the "new" Route 9W to Newburgh), **Wes/Irene Curtis** (who simply jumped



Jan 1943: Dave and Maryellen Towe.

in their tub when the Tornados came through good old Springfield MO this past spring).

Also: **Bill/June Dannacher**, **Jack/Myrl Daye** ("Mr. USAA Life Insurance Co."), **Rex/Betty Dettre**, **Joe/Nan Dover**, **Pappy/Jane Doyle** (and Pappy traded some mighty good stories), **Ben/Jane Ann Edwards** (who appeared the last evening in authentic Arab costumes from Saudi Arabia, their present "home-away-from-home"), **Ed/Ginny Faust**, **Flip/Louise Fenili**, **Fly/Peggy Flanagan** (and Fly's inspiring article on "The Raid on Los Banos" recently appeared in the Jun edition of "Army"), **Tom/Ann Flatley**, **Tut/Frances Frakes**, **Art Freer**, **Mitch/Helen Goldenthal**, **Quin/Jerry Goss** (Quin's still with NCR, but in FL), **Tom/Betty Griess**, **Jim/Jo Hackler** (and we heard that they have "interests" in some 34 golf courses down Myrtle Beachway), **Bill/Marion Hahn**, **Ed/Joyce Hardebeck**, **Les/Pat Harding**, **Jim Hoban** (another classmate from our early cadet days), **Ralph/Sally Hofmann**, **Burt/ Marcia Hood**, **Al/Elaine Hughes**, **Art/Barbara Hurr**, **Lee/Kathleen James** (who have ret in Huntsville, AL).



Jan 1943: The Dayes, Flanagan, and Edwards.

Also: **Bill/Grace Kyle**, **Bob/Glenys Lacy**, **Bob/Marjorie Lawrence**, **Chuck/Lorie Lenfest** (and Chuck was also disguised in a beard), **Bill/Wanda Lewis**, **John/Nan Linton**, **Dave/Maryellen Lowe**, **Brad/Millie Lundberg**, **Ted/Barbara Lutrey**, **Stuart/Suzie (Minkler) MacVeigh** (Seattle, WA, and she's a "kissing cousin"), **Britt/Mary Ann May**, **Bob/Alice McDermott** ("Mr. USAA in person"), **Ed/Romaine McGough** (our State Senator from Placitas, NM), **Stew/Mari Stewart**, **Jim/Eileen Michael** and **John/Christine Mitchell** (both from Columbia, SC).

Also: **Dan/Skip Moore**, **Bob/Marie Muldrow**, **Walt/Anne Nygard** (who were still thawing out from the past winter in Duluth, MN), **Wray/Nina Page**, **Sid/Helen Peterman** (who's ret in Dover, NH), **Mike/Phyllis Robinson**, **Ray/Hannah Ruyffelaere** (and he had the wooliest beard of all), **Vic/Ruth Sanders** (whose new address is 8823 Hood Mountain



Jan 1943: The Mincklers and Cobbs with Dannacher.



Jan 1943: Stew and Mari Meyer.

Court, Santa Rosa, CA), **Henry/Wyline Saylor**, **Art/Mary Sebesta**, **Bill/Joana Smith**, **Buck/Madge Stahle** (whose photo appeared in the local "Evening News" looking over our program of activities at the reunion), **Bill/Mary Dee Starnes**, **Dana/Elizabeth Stewart** and **George/Kay Sykes** (all from San Ant, TX), **John/Rosemary Van Duyn**, **Don/Betty Vlcek**, **Hal/Mary Walker**, **Bob/Bobbette Watson**, **Jake Weber**, **Don/Louise Wilbourn**, **Pappy/Rosemary Wilkes** (who departed early due to his mother's critical condition—she died shortly after their return; our sympathies are with them) and **George/Alice Young** (the Bargers neighbors in Palos Verdes, CA).



Jan 1943: The Starnes and Bennetts.

And then there were the DC area "locals" from DC, VA and MD, who may be identified as follows: **The Arderys**, **Dee Armstrongs**, **Jack Armstrongs**, **Badens**, **Benners**, **Bennetts**, **Bensons**, **Cams**, **Conmys**, **Cooks**, **Davenport**, **DeGruchys**, **Dempseys**, **Dorans**, **Fisses**, **Franklins**, **Frankoskys**, **Grimms**, **Harringtons**, **Heltzels**, **Henrys**, **Humes**, **Johnnie Johnsons**, **Kings**, **Knowltons**, **Kurtzs**, **Mincklers**, **Nazzaros**, **Norrises**, **Pitts**, **Richards**, **Rosses**, **Russells**, **Jim Schofield**, **Seiths**, **Shaffers**, **Shawes**, **Spans**, **Stevens**, **Talbotts**, **Don Thompsons**, **Wehrles** and **Jack Woods**.

If I've missed anyone on the foregoing lists, just call old **Bob Baden** who, now that he's ret from HUD, has become a budding Chinese chef with several woks—even makes his egg rolls "from scratch." Bob also provided

the fine photo of the old B Co group. Frank Shaw claims that old E Co. had the most classmates at the reunion—18 according to him!



Jan 1943: The Lee James family.

Turning now to a few other items, congratulations are in order for:

- Jane Baer, who received her MA in religion from the Episcopal Theo Sem of VA—that's why they arrived at the reunion a day late;

- The Knowltons' son (Bill, Jr., USMA '70), whose perceptive article on "Morale: Crucial, But What Is It?" appeared in the Jun issue of the "Army" magazine;

- Ray Ruyffelaere, whose CO car plates read "43 Jan"—failing to recruit any volunteers from our clan, Ray rounded up three other adventuresome individuals (ages 21-35) and set off for a canoeing odyssey down the "very primitive" Anderson R commencing somewhere north of the Arctic Circle.

- Bill Hovde, about whom a "yarn" entitled "A Fighter Pilot's Story" appeared in "Daedalus" describing "Billy, as his friends call him . . . looking like a fighter pilot . . . his waist is maybe an inch or so larger than when he graduated from West Point in '43, but he's still in the category of a lean and hard-bellied middleweight on the boxing team"; and

- Vic Cherbak, who was on vacation in France when he suffered what appeared to be a heart attack but, upon arrival at Andrews AFB Hosp via a USAF air evac flight, he was examined and advised that he only had a bit of angina—and the French doctors were all ready to perform open-heart surgery.

In closing, Fred Spann, our Class Secy would be delighted to have the latest addresses of the following classmates: Bullard, Cota, R.L. Edwards, Gean, Greenberg, Healy, Kane, Kinney, Marston, Stuart and Bender.

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CALL TO ARMS—Well, it was more like a deluge. In keeping with the common but strict military backgrounds we absorbed at West Point the assorted graduates of June '43, their wives or keepers, straggled in like a midshipman's fire drill. At first there was disbelief, and in some cases shock, until viewer and viewee looked long and realized that the passing years hadn't dealt too harshly. Most had the same intent: check in, grab assorted poopsheets and retire to the bar to await newer arrivals. The whole reunion was masterfully planned and executed by the Malones and Hardys, ably assisted by the

USMA appointed escorts: Malone's LTC son-in-law; Maj Jeff Irvin and Jesse Fishback's CPT son.

Some memories include a rumor that Three-Fingered Grady had stepped into the bar to deliver a temperance lecture complete with demonstrations of the evils of drink (before, during and after); wives warming to the re-acquaintances of old friends long absent and the great joy at finding another old classmate had made it back. This spells out why our association is so dear and special. What other institution of learning, save another service academy, brings together a group of men dedicated to the same pursuit who incorporate their wives and children in a way of life that lasts long after the service to country has been performed. Perhaps we in June '43 are part of something that can't and doesn't exist in the Corps today because of its sheer size. We Methusalehs represent an age of closeness that we certainly cherish. That closeness couldn't have been more evident than by the attendance of six widows of classmates: Cobe Hurley, Bette (Mrs John McA) Davis, Claire McKenzie, Pat Buyers Kristjanson, Bev McCanna Lovsnes and Ginny Schramm.



Jun 1943: Memorial Service—Bernie Rogers remarks.

Cocktails and dinner that evening was noisy and rowdy what with table hopping and certain un-named flankers vying for the giraffe award. The highlight came when Junior Lloyd appeared at the door in balmoral

bonnet and playing the bagpipes a hitherto unknown talent which he still doesn't have. I don't know whether or not it was the hot air from the bagpipes or the exhaust of Bob McClure's landship parked just outside the banquet room, but we were plagued with fire alarm troubles most of the evening. As the alarms subsided so did we and various conclaves, sub-committees and drink testers repaired to sitting rooms to catch up on the past years.



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REUNION SQUAD, FALL IN! On the first full day of reunion we gathered early in a class meeting to hear our committees on the class project. The event was monitored by Lee Hogan and Jack Morris, but the main thrust was provided by Bill Glasgow whose report, in brief, is presented here: As he stated at the outset, "we believe we have a highly credible and attainable project—one that has methodically and thoroughly been developed by as many participants as were possible." The committee he chaired consisted of O'Connor, Cover, Mathe, Galas, Sawyer, Wickert and Nick Parker. They were charged to review past and current suggestions; seek new ideas and examine USMA's ideas; To select no more than three alternatives for detailed analysis and costing and to make a final recommendation. As Bill further said, "Plato has said that the soul of the committee system is disagreement and we have followed this philosophy to the letter." As to criteria they felt it should be a final gift to be presented at our 50th, and to be to the



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Academy not to the resident cadet, with recognition of the national significance of WP, its beauty and the strong feeling towards it by the general public, and in memory of the Long Gray Line. It should be a gift of considerable significance that will retain its recognition and association with our class, have high visibility to all visitors to WP and be unique and virtually self-maintaining. In methodology they collected as many ideas as they could from the class and other sources, sorting them into categories. They reviewed the history of class gifts since 1912 of which there were 37 of note. They examined USMA's Proj List (Est. 1961). These multiple choices were narrowed to three: 1st, almost unani-



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mous, and overwhelmingly, a monumental gate or portal; 2d, embellishment of an existing sallyport, and 3d, messhall china. The support for the memorial gate was so strong that there was no question but what it was the "first" choice conditioned by the caution "if we can afford it." As to why?—There is no such first scene recognizable as West Point, it would be located at the historical and traditional entrance and would recognize an added importance of that approach with the future, hopeful acquisition of the Ladycliff properties. In order to determine feasibility the committee then set out to arrive at some cost estimation to serve as a guide post for the class. Not wanting to leave things to chance outside, experienced construction companies were asked for order-of-magnitude estimates which were distilled and amalgamated,

then the advice of USMA authorities were brought in since anything added would have to interface with existing structures. All of this was projected into the future at 8½% compounded annually as expected costs and then broken into phases that could insure steps of completion if funding shortfalls so dictated. The final figure upon which these plans are made comes to \$450K for a memorial gateway to be in place for presentation at the time of our 50th reunion. The meeting and ultimate decision would still be far off if our own Judge Tanksley hadn't arisen to point out that we were a class born in adversity, of a war shortened course but that we survived to accomplish what classes ahead of us had in providing leadership to the nation and instead of haggling about it, now was the time to get on with it. That brought him an ovation and the meeting to an end. If I'm not mistaken all will receive more about this through a class letter but in my opinion our committee did an outstanding job and came up with an excellent recommendation.

WAGONS HO! After the meeting we repaired to the parking lot and clambered aboard the Boschbuses, or Yellow Perils, for the first of several such cattle trips we endured during the week. Our destination was our mini-park opposite Smith Rink where Fred Proctor had ably organized a memorial service to those classmates and wives now departed. The Catholic Chaplain officiated but the words we all felt were so apt and meaningful came from our own Bernie Rogers. Bernie will continue on active duty for he has been extended for two more years as SACEUR. Following this moving ceremony we Boschbused to the Thayer for a class luncheon in the room where we used to have tea dances. Here beverages were provided to jump-start our bloodstreams after the chill damp outside air. That evening we met with the other reunion classes at the Cadet Mess in surroundings we never had while in the Corps. Several bars were functioning even if several alums were not. It was a gala affair that lasted well into the night until recall to the Boschbuses forced us back to reality and a slumbrous trip home to our beds. Early Friday saw us up and forming alongside transport for the Alumni Parade which

was cancelled while enroute to WP, and we were treated to an abbreviated ceremony in the Field House. Alumni formed under class banners at one end and marched by in review to the raves of our wives and grand-kids. Thanks to our organizers all of our cheering contingent had banners proclaiming 'June 43' which they vigorously waved as we struggled by. As some wag remarked he knew things were starting when he could hear the squeak of the wheelchairs of '18 and the thump of the canes of '23. For the ceremony our class picture was taken only it wasn't. If you remember the Supe tried to help out the photog by holding the remote strobe. The net result was the pic didn't turn out. Our only casualty of the reunion occurred when Jim Harrold, only recently recovering from a lengthy bone graft (shin to neck) to prevent paralysis, fell when leaving the stands and sustaining a fracture of the pelvis. After stabilization he was air evacuated to his home in San Antonio.

Following an AOG luncheon in the mess we walked to Cullum. Cullum balcony visits were rife with stories of skins for "embracing and kissing" with an occasional lame answer to an icy question posed by a wife of 40 yrs, 'But, dear, I don't even remember her name . . .' That evening we had our final get-together at the WP Army Mess with a beautiful view out the window of the Hudson and the far shore and hills above Garrison. Ample refreshments loosened joints stiff with age and at the call to dinner we filed into tables around the dance floor when before we could yell, "Here comes the Tac!" the now familiar wail of the pipes was heard heralding not only Junior Lloyd but also Bill Glasgow in full Scots regalia as was his Janie. Naturally this entrance brought down the house altho I wonder about people who come to reunions so equipped. Hardly had the dust settled but Lee Hogan was thanking our committee and escort officers when he committed a tactical error in asking if anyone wanted to say anything. Buckles Cassidy leaped to his feet and opined that some 43 yrs earlier he as a veritable Astaire had guided Lee through the intricacies of Mme Roberts 'twinkle', 'Varsity' and waltz. He further stated it was his intention when the music recommenced to personally see if Lee was still qualified. At first to the shouts of 'Bravo' and 'bully' they took to the floor, albeit with some reluctance, and seeing their success (?) others hastily looked for their plebe roommates to join in. Soon there were eight or ten 'couples' cavorting about resembling mostly large forest creatures answering the call of the bull moose. Although Cantlay made an effort to be included his plebe wife, Moe had headed for the exit. What fouled it up is that after 40 years of practicing leadership there wasn't anybody who remember how to follow. That was the highlight of our final evening and soon thereafter we drifted to the Boschbuses for the trek back to Suffern where according to our desires we sat, drank, talked, drank and wondered about the future. It was during one of these occasions that Grady and I sitting near what we thought was a potted palm encountered an old classmate and he summed up the reunion thusly:

FROM THE MEMOIRS OF Col (Ret) J. Ducrot Pepys: Wed Arrived at the Holidome and surprised to find the place is really sort of a misshapen dome. Not surprised to find said dome containing what appeared to be a tribe of middle-aged gypsies in the throes of revolution. Gratiified to find my old company had by far the largest representation



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altho members of other companies tried to push fraudulent claims by hiding lack of numbers under a cloak of noise and frantic activity. Went to bed late. Later than I should according to the one wife I now have instead of the two previously issued. **Thurs** Arose feeling a shade fragile. First event was the Class Business Meeting. Our President certainly made a logical move by conning an engineer into heading the committee to plan the main project we have in hand. You know Engineers—famous for being methodical, thorough and doing things in strange ways but getting them done. Nevertheless, eyebrows may excusably be raised when it transpires that a Scot has charge of what may be termed the esthetic side and an Irishman is being given the money to hold. Doubts were laid to rest during the committee's briefing, though, and any possible reservation vanished when **Tanksley** made his motion. **Jep** missed a chance. If he'd gone on a bit more in the same vein all present would have picked up a rifle and stormed off to make him law lord of Georgia or whatever. We then met the **Bosch Bouncing Betsies** for the first time and went to a touching memorial service and a fine, loud lunch. The day formally closed at the **Supe's Reception**. It is an intense pleasure to drink real liquor in the messhall. I didn't know whether to be proud or dismayed when I learned we were too junior to go through the receiving line. **Fri**. Vividly reminded of our graduation when I found myself in the Field House for our Alumni ceremony. Everybody cried and criticized the unsized Corps of Cadets. Back to the mess-hall for lunch. In a way enjoyed talking to the cadets detailed to chat up the old grads—fine, soldierly young men and, God save us, women—but some of the things they told me had me shaking my head so much I got a stiff neck. Magnificent dinner dance at the Officer's Club in the evening. I thought it truly a high class event until a re-enactment of an afternoon with **la Roberts** took place before my wondering eyes. **Sat**. A morning of bitter-sweet farewells, a great reunion. We saw old friends, we missed old friends, we ate, drank and talked too much, and we reassured ourselves that although it undoubtedly has, the Corps is still there.

Stockton couldn't be with us in person but he sent along a dividend to cover our table wine at our class dinner dance the final evening. A tip of the tarbucket **John** for being so thoughtful. A note from an old compadre, **Bill Greenwalt** who lives, loves and works down in Buenos Aires and he toots the old trumpet for a new class son **Brian Paul** born 17 Jan '83 to he and **Carolina**. Now looking over these notes he should hook up with **John Moses Jr**, a new practicing pediatrician. A blast on **Benny's** old bugle, amigo, **Craig Teller** continues to amaze me. He said once he was going to RV it from Texas to WP but because he is more than a practicing artist he was faced with preparation for a sponsored showing of his oil paintings, mostly of the restless sea. One sad note **Bill Naylor** reported that **Gretchen** wife of **Gayle Madison** passed away this spring but details are lacking.

Wild Bill Malone in a small after action report notes that attendees names, addresses, etc at the reunion were compiled into a roster which was the fine work of **Lynn Jones** and **Nancy Rundell**. **Jim Walker** slipped some paper in my pocket while I was checking out of the motel and it proves to be a call to arms for a mini-reunion to be held jointly with Jan '43 at Orlando, FL 26-28 Mar '84. The main attraction seems to be Disney World, Epcot, Seaworld and anyone for tennis or golf. **Jim** and Committee have reserved 200 rms, riv vu at the Sheraton Twin-Towers. You will receive in the mail, sometime after New Year's a reservation sheet sent to all but if you require more info now, write **Jim Walker** Rte 3 Box 11230, So. Merritt Is., FL 32952 or phone (305) 773-7109. Some friends and neighbors of the **Hogans** ran a large ad in the Missile Message depicting the two in their salad days, he in kaydet grey, as a notice of their 40th wedding anniversary. **Darlin' Will** called to say that the millstone around his neck, the **Zaire Report**, is finally done and that **Bud O'Connor** reports \$106,000 in checks and pledges so far. What we have on tap with the WP Fund amounts to \$61,059 with year end interest added. And my two forefingers are worn out from punching this ancient machine and I've got to get

this into the Pony Express pouch. **Dan'l Flannel**.

Postscript: **Ken Smith** wrote me before reunion with a clipping that **Bill (Marston) Westbrook** died 8 April after a brief illness. He is survived by his widow, **Doris**, a son **Dr M. T. Westbrook Jr** and a dau **Katherine Ann** also of **Fremont**. Our sympathies to the family and friends.

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Here's hoping you'll excuse me: I don't like summers! Hay harvests, hay fever and sweat. Travel with grown-ups; travel with kids. PCS. Jul is the worst; customers assign impossible deadlines and disappear to travel with their kids. Tennis at 93°/90% humidity; clothes as wet as any diaper in town. Central Area with a load of bedding, "uniform: dress gray trousers and wool shirt." Ugh! Camelot will have only three seasons!



1944: Gruenther, Dave Blake, Joyce Ott, Betty Blake, and Greta Garbo, Antigua.

Having neglected to read his **Farmers Almanac**, **Jim Connell** scheduled a party for the night of the winter's biggest storm. Rescheduled for 29 Apr, it brought out a large gathering of classmates and friends to a pleasant restaurant alongside the Potomac near Mount Vernon. I don't take rosters at private parties, but do remember a tutorial on race horses by **Sylvia McElvey** and on trotters by **Vitullo** and the pleasure of a chat with the **Normans**. The food was excellent and the hospitality was in the best **Connell** tradition. Fine party.

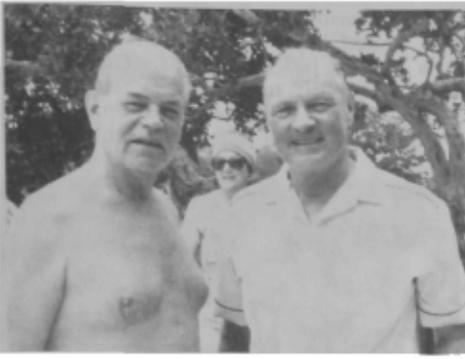
We greatly regret to report the death of **Sam Hesse** in San Angelo, TX, of cancer on 26 Jan 83. Our sincere sympathy goes to **Barbara** and their family.

Bill Bradley, chairman of the Ring Cmte, Art Editor of the **HOWITZER**, Air Force pilot and 1953 resignee, fell to pancreatic



1944: Beef Courtney and Nick Fuller, our host, Antigua.

cancer on 1 May 83 in Bel Air, CA. Our sincere condolences are extended to Mrs. Bradley and their family.



1944: Schwarzenegger and Selik! Antigua.

At the end of a gallant fight, Roy Bahls was taken by cancer in Vero Beach, FL, on 3 Jun 83. Home was his hospice, where he viewed his garden, boat and the river he loved, in Sylvia's incomparable care. (We are told Roy enjoyed the tape sent him from the Antigua mini-reunion. Thanks!) Roy's ashes were interred at West Point on 26 Jun. Our sincere sympathy goes to Sylvia and their 3 fine children.

Still another battler with the "Big-C" fights on: Lindley Ellis missed the Antigua affair, pausing to give up a lung in surgery plus a pneumonia encore. He left the hosp the day we reported to Callaloo Beach. Jean took him straight away to Antigua on 18 May where they stayed a few days at English Harbour before island-hopping back home to Stuart, FL. Next they were off to Bahama and Abacos on their 37' JEAN E. to compete in the Independence Holiday regattas at Treasure Cay. Daughter Suzanne and husband Alan Sanborn '73 will crew to hue to Jean's navigation. We wish fair fresh winds to fill Lin's sails and lung for many leagues and years.

Paul Hanley '34, brother of Bass, writes to suggest that some of us may wish to help make up a charter flight from San Fran to Newburgh via L.A. for Reunion 84. Those interested may contact Paul at P.O. Box 1375, Pebble Beach, CA 93953.

Dale Denman and Jean checked in after a long silence from their home on Eden Isle, Heber Spgs, AR, which they divide with Palm Springs. Since Dale's ret from the Whittaker Corp they have settled in the middle of an Ozark lake which backed up where Ernie Graves some years ago misplaced a few million tons of dirt in an Arkansas river bottom.

ANTIGUA—Nick's Beach Party. Somewhat tardy, your inconstant recorder arrived Antigua after dark, contemplating a 10-minute cab ride to Nick's place. One hour, 20 miles,



1944: Jan Steel and the Tkaciks. Antigua.

2 mountains, one jungle and 300 pot-holes later we arrived; I stumbled by 3 suspicious dogs toward the sound of bragging and laughter. No check in; drop bag, tie and jacket in bar. Advance-paid lodging was futile; last-come, no choice! Deprived of a room, I was ordered by Bill McGlothlin to bunk in with him and wife Akemi. I offered to flip for the middle, but had to settle for the couch—if I could find it. Mac went off to bed at midnite. Chuck Sampson waved his hand roughly westward but ret at 0100. So when Bob Ginsburgh closed the bar, I just went through the rooms turning over couples 'til I found a blond Texan with a Japanese lady—and crashed on the couch! They sure were noisy leaving next morning, too! However, delighted to see Bill's arthritis receding. Hooray!

Then the Blakes and Courtneys aced me out of my room, sending Clayton to plead their cause: "Over-sexed and over sixty!" I retreated to the buck pasture with Nick, Clayton and Bill Miller.

Nick's Callaloo Beach Hotel is worth several commercials: curving beach, fine sand, gentle surf, waving palms. Then the hotel, bar, lanai, hammock, flowers, night air, patio. Ah! A travel poster in 3-D.



1944: The sportin' life. Antigua.

And quite a collection of guests. First arrivals were Dick & Jeanette Creed from Orange County, CA, and the McGlothlins from San Ant, followed 2 days later by the Tkaciks. The Ginsburghs, Gruenthers, McGuires, Otts and Pattons from DC and the Sampsons from West VA arrived on 3 May. So did Roy & Pat Marshall from Portland, OR, who won the "long distance" prize. Nine couples arrived next day (Wed): Clayton, Martins and Metzlers rounded out the CA contingent; the Blakes from NC, Brundins from Colo Spgs; Courtneys, Cushmans (NY), Charlie & Jan Steel from Little Rock. Same day arrivals were Dave & Madeline Zillmer, their son Eric and Madeline's father, Herr Mueller, from Vienna.

The 5th brought the FL contingent: Les & Martha Hendrickson, Danny Lee, Bill & Marge Marks (walking ads for her boutique), and the McKeever's. Same day the LaMarrs checked in: Pat ("Queen of the Gypsies") and friend Jean, the chauffeur. Late arrivals (those who arrived after me) on the 6th were Bill Miller from Barbados and the Halls, Joe & Mary Alice, a lovely recent addition to our roster of '44 beauties (Mary Alice, that is!). "Early departures" were McGlothlins and Tkaciks on the 6th.

There was more than one reunion: Harriet Brundin and Joyce Ott met for the first time since parting as sorority sisters and roommates from U of MI—before they married—some years ago!

Further to the Small World Dept: Dave Ott, Charlie Steel, John Donaldson and

Don Gruenther were 1935 members of the same Boy Scout troop at Ft Leavenworth. Jack Cushman joined it a year later.

Tennis courts were kept busy: Brundins, Ginsburghs, Otts, Sampsons and Steels provided mixed doubles talent, with fill-ins provided by Ann Patton, Dave Zillmer and yours erratically. The men's champ was Charlie Steel and the ladies prize I award (ahem!) to Joyce Ott, who is also named "athlete of the week" for both participation and proficiency. As I recall, at tennis the ladies' team of Ott-Brundin "cleaned the clock" of the men's team of same name.

I enjoyed again the Miller's tale (not Chaucer's, Bill's) of his life in the Philippines and war in China. Seventeen Pacific crossings! Present at the Japanese bombing of Shanghai; flight to Hong Kong aboard the Empress of India with the Chinese Gov't's gold and silver. Life behind Japanese lines in China; rescuing American flyers, flying to Chungking in a Japanese aircraft with a brace of Japanese generals surrendering 350,000 troops to a 1st LT. Don't blame Bill, I goad him to tell these stories. Bill left for the VA hosp in San Juan to recharge his pacemaker. Long may it tick!

On Fri, Gail & Bob Ginsburgh cranked up a motor outing to English Harbour where we prowled Nelson's home, hq, dockyard, and lair of H.M. West Indies Squadron. On Sun a borrowed motor launch took 30 souls by sea to the same place. The Hendricksons and I enjoyed tea on the gallery of Nelson's BOQ while Nick and the cruiser's captain service-tested a local pub. Four hours, 100 sandwiches, several cases of beer and sunburn later we returned to Callaloo. An hour in the mimosa-shaded hammock helped prepare me for dinner.

A later report, which I don't fully understand, says that the Hendricksons returned to Miami via Pan Am, retrieved the Marks' car, and drove it to Patrick for Bill and Marge to pick up. I have quit speculating as to why, but do wonder how Les and Martha got home to Orlando. I'm sure I needn't know!

WINKEN, BLINKEN & NOD.

After an exercise of bottom-scrubbing (the boat!), dinner and goodbyes, Ott, Patton and your scribbler were led by Bob Ginsburgh and marched by his son, Brandy, raggle-tag along the beach at 10 p.m. to sail away o'er the briny. And no moon big and shiny; only darkness, reefs and no buoy lights. What a compound of confidence and incompetence assembled! But our Captain Bligh was equal to every task: explaining it to us, getting it done and, moreover, getting us to do it right (at least the 2d or 3d time). High priced deck-apes! Dock, dinghy and departure; past the reefs, keep Montserrat to port and at daylight Nevis and St. Kitts also.



1944: Jackson, Pollin, and Smith present Class tray to Jackson '83.

Northwest by Saba to St. Barthelemy at noon. I decline to conclude our arrival was timed to assure no provisioning on Wed. (French p.m. siesta), followed by Ascension Day holiday, thus to keep us on our island, formerly Swedish and now Gallic, gustatory and topless. The 2 Ginsburghs could continue their revisiting of and search for the Caribbean's most beautiful beaches and beauties, its worst bars and most expensive restaurants. Tasty to eye and palate, albeit a slave to rainwater cisterns, FL fruits and legumes, St. Barts met all criteria in spades.



1944: Ginsburghs, Lee Smith, Ott, Steels and Brundins. Antigua.

Fri, so it must be Dutch-clean Philipsburg, Sin Maartin; casino, storm, stay in port and gain weight. But Sat, off we go across Anagoda Passage at 1.5 knots till darkness and thunderstorms fell to keep us alert and wet for 20 hours into the British Virgins and Bitter End Yacht Club. Bob and I re-confirmed nightly that sleeping on deck is a way to break a drought with an early morning shower.

Then the world-renowned sail from Drake's Anchorage in Virgin Gorda past Fallen Jerusalem, Dead Chest, Salt Island, and Tortola, down Drake's Passage to St. Johns.

Comments: Our first mate, "Money-penny," who served as the Captain's mate and gourmet cook, would have been the envy of Playboy. Arrival at St. Martin: Deck hands dinghy to dock, scribe "driving"; Ott debarks. Redirected to dock at the other side of the Yacht Club, Smith was totally unable to start outboard. Ollie & Bob paddling (poorly, with no help from Lee), we staggered and splashed our way past gorgeous yachts under amused glances/raised eyebrows. One query: "Doctor? Lawyer? Merchant Chief?" The final Ego-smasher tossed at us: "Rub-A-Dub-Dub!" Grand entrance indeed! Thanks a bunch, Lee!

It was a great trip; Bob, Ollie and Dave were great sailing mates and Brandy Ginsburgh a fine captain. And as for "Money-penny," va-va-voom!

I had thought the mini-reunion might be too long; how wrong I was! It was laid back, relaxed, unscheduled, and voluntary by the minute. Most remarked it was the best get-together we have had. We can imagine that the West Coast mini-reunion of a few years ago had similar charm. My own view? Best cement ever poured since graduation!

Thanks? To Dave Ott for patient (re)arrangements. To Don Gruenther for roster-mastering and most of all to Nick and Adele, his charming wife, for their hospitality at Callaloo, at their Lord Nelson Club 'cross-island, and for sharing with us the company of their handsome children and grandchildren. Our prayers for their daughter's recovery are sent.

Semi-finally, un grand merci to Bob &

Gail for the hospitality of Windrose and her Captain Bligh. May his yacht charter service ever increase and may there be more "Money-pennys" to make the mermaids jealous. Next year, Barbados?

Nick's Beach Party was great; the ambience superb. The characters? Just right to flesh out a scenario of tangled intrigue for an Agatha Christi novel. Hmml! Who would be the lovers? The corpse? The dupe? Ollie Patton, over to you!

Same bodies, same faces (and more), same time next year. Near Highland Falls. Encore. '44! Be there! GSOYP,A!

'45

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In the Mar issue I told about the start of Jim Herbert's bicycle trip from Nags Head, NC to FL. In Apr Jim wrote me with a "wrap-up" on that trip. After Jim decided to resign his job with the USO and with inspiration from such senior fitness events as the Marine Marathon, he started planning the trip. He kept to the coast to avoid the hills and chose the time of year so he could follow the 60° isotherm south. He rode a stock Ross Eurotour 10-speed bike and the best helmet he could find. (This saved a fractured skull when he was catapulted onto the pavement in an accident.) He carried camping gear but no food or cooking equipment and kept the baggage to less than 50 lbs. His daily mileage started at 25 miles per day and worked up to 60 miles per day. Dogs were a nuisance, but he found if he stopped and gave them his standard lecture that they usually turned away. (A few needed a 2d lecture.) Most people he talked to thought he was crazy to be out there with all those awful drivers. Jim said the local and state police were invariably helpful, and the people he chatted with along the way were friendly. He was appalled at the litter all along the highways. Now back to seeing classmates. Two days after seeing Tom Scarborough he was welcomed to Beaufort, SC by Harriet & Frank Linnell ('41). The Linnells have a beautiful and luxurious waterfront estate. The following evening Joyce &

Pete Spragins had Jim and the Linnells to their home for the evening. Jim had a nice chat with Maria & Lyman Willcox in Savannah later on, but had no more luck visiting with classmates as the Xmas holiday season had started by this mid-Dec time. His trip took him to Jacksonville, FL, Cape Canaveral, across FL to Clearwater and up the Gulf Coast to Ocala and Silver Spring. Then he boxed the bike and headed home.



1945: Ft Lewis, Founders Day.

This spring Alice & Jim Herbert visited Barbara & Arch Arnold near Salt Lake City and then had a brief visit with Dottie & Don McCance in Las Vegas. Here's the way Jim wrote about these visits: "If you're on a trail party in the mountains near Salt Lake City and see some Llamas loaded up with vacationers' gear, don't be surprised. The Arnolds operate a prosperous outfitting business for cross-country skiing through the winter and week-long pack trips in the summer. This keeps them in top form; Arch is lean and flat-bellied; Barbara can wear her wedding dress. It was nearly the first of May and bathed in the glow of the setting sun reflected off the snow covered mountains, Arch and Barbara reminisced with us. The Arnolds helped organize the Outfitters Division of the National Forest Recreation Assn. and Arch gave the principal address to their convention in Salt Lake City on 27 Apr. Watch out for the llamas! The McCances have lived in Las Vegas since 65. Don ret from active AF in 70 and set up McCance Realty. They are both licensed real estate brokers with

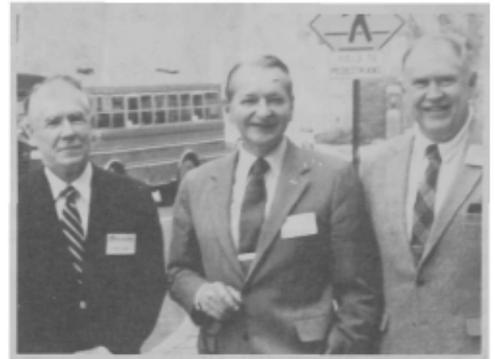


1945: Micro-Reunion A-N Game, 1982.



1945: Salt Lake City, Founders Day.

news that didn't make the last issue: **Fay Worthington** sent best regards from Ft Lewis area. The **Arnolds** sent a pic of the guest speaker and classmates at the Salt Lake City area affair together with an apologetic letter from a public affairs officer on how late the picture was. **Frank Marvin** said that the celebration at Blacksburg, VA is always delayed (23 Apr this year) so that it can fall between quarters at VA Tech. The **Heards** came from Roanoke, **McDaniel** from DC, and Mac's son, **Jeb**, joined them for the weekend from Richmond and the **Heard's** daughter, **Diane** joined them from Roanoke. **Frank** says that **Shirleigh** and he enjoy Blacksburg and after 13 years have come to feel it is really home. About 1200 freshman enrgs each year keeps him busy in his division of Engineering fundamentals.



1945: McDaniel, Clark and Haley at Army Science Board Meeting.

Don selling commercial and income property and Dottie selling homes. They make no promises to visitors about gambling payoffs; their jackpot is real estate." Jim also had a chance to talk to **George Bush** in Scottsdale, AZ, and visited with **Robbie & Mike Gilligan** in Tempe.

CLASS BUSINESS. The class Bd of Gov met on 4 May. They authorized Pres **Jim Herbert** to explore the possibility of adding to our Class gift to West Point by embellishing the project we had done at our 35th Reunion. If it's decided to do it the thought was to have it done by our 40th Reunion.

The annual Class meeting was held on 21 May in conjunction with the spring party which was hosted by **Bob & Gene Ives**. **Geo Berger**, **Doc Hesse** and **Dick Williams** were elected to the Bd of Gov for the 2-year term '83-'85. Pres **Jim Herbert**, VPres **Larry Jones**, Past Pres **Art Hanket** and members **Tom Curtis**, **John Fitzpatrick** and **Jack Rhett** remain in office for one more year. Class Memorial Fund shows a balance of \$36,930 as of 31 Dec 82. This includes \$16,994 in cash and securities and a loan balance of \$19,935.

BITS AND PIECES. Bob Kren of '46 sent me a clipping from the 10 Jun Kansas City Times which quoted **Ted Halligan**, 1st VP of Piper, Joffray & Hopwood who said: "Narrowing the field of candidates for the Fed Res Chairmanship to Paul Volcker and Alan Greenspan buoyed stock prices." How about that—a classmate turned financial pundit!

A letter from **Pat Patterson** in Montgomery, AL, enclosed the pic taken in Pat O'Brien's garden in New Orleans on 24 Apr. **Chuck & Bette Seeger** came from their new home in Satellite Beach, FL, and joined Liz and Pat on a weekend trip to New Orleans. Pat says he figures a lot of Class members will remember the red liquid in a tall glass.

Mac McDaniel sent the picture of **Bill Clark**, **Dick Haley** and him at WP. The occasion was a meeting of the Army Science Board of which Mac is a member. Bill made a presentation to the Board in his capacity as Actg Asst SA (Manpower & Reserve Affairs) while **Dick Haley** attended as an observer to make sure they didn't screw it all up. Mac said that on a trip to San Ant in early spring that **Snapper & Jane Rattan** invited

him to their home together with **Walt & Dot Root**, **Moose & Maggie Hardy** and the **Rocky Rocheforts**. Mac said that he's rattling around in too big a house but has been busy starting a new company called Science and Technology Associates.

Jim Holcomb sent me the photo of the group who were at the micro-reunion in Phila for the 82 Army-Navy game. In case you don't recognize all the fine looking people in that group here are the names: Front row—**Ted Adair**. 2d row—**Janis Jones**, **Gloria Hamilton**, **Pat Fitzpatrick**, **Ann Holcolm**, **Peggy Curtis**, **Jackie O'Hanlon**. 3d (half) row—**Barbara Benson**, **Bobbie Candy**, **Doris Williams**. 4th row—**Jim Holcomb**, **Larry Jones**, **Jim Hamilton**, **Fitz-P Fitzpatrick**, **George Benson**, **Toby Gandy**, **Tom Curtis**, **Joe O'Hanlon**, **Tom Nichols**, **Dick Williams**.

TARDY FOUNDERS DAY NEWS. These gatherings often produce pictures a good while after the Jun issue deadline. So here's



1945: Pattersons and Seegars—New Orleans.

Washington Post said that more than 1000 people—friends, family, and some who hardly knew her joined to remember and celebrate her life in a Mass of the Resurrection. All of us join **Ernie Denz** and his family, and **Dick Haley** and the 11 children in the **Haley** family in remembering good friends and loved ones. We will miss them.



1945: The Hardys, Patricia, David, the Schlaflys.

A WEDDING. My friend Ken Zitzman, the '32 Scribe, reported from San Ant that the Jun wedding of **Moose & Maggie Hardy's** daughter Patricia, to David Schlafly of St. Louis, was an EVENT. About 300 friends witnessed the ceremony in the chapel of the Convent of Mt. Sacred Heart at 1700. Patricia was beautiful, and the groom looked like the Tyrone Power of our youth. The reception was at the fashionable Oak Hills Country Club (where the annual Texas Open takes place), and under ideal weather was held on the outdoor terrace beside the swimming pool and dance floor where the orchestra was ready for action.

The youth of the wedding party had been partying until 0400 that morning but were up at 0700 to string lanterns around the terrace. After the sun went down and the lanterns were lighted, it was a different world. Moose was a popular pres of the WP Society of South TX a few years back and there were lots of grads present to wish the young couple good luck. '45'ers were **Bill Wolfe**, **Rocky Rochefort**, and **Walter Root** with their wives.

Let's hear it for the Big Rabble!

'46

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(147) The lazy days of summer are just beginning as I start this column. As I reminisce the thought strikes me that a summer 40 years back could hardly be referred to as lazy for any of us. I'm sure we'll remember the summer of '43 forever. The next thought that strikes me right between the eyeballs is the fact that we find classmates holding the title of "oldest Grad" at Founders Day gatherings, witness **Jack Burney** and **George Patton** as mentioned in Jun ASSEMBLY. To quote **John Schmitt's** wife Elsa upon the occasion of extending 37th anniversary greetings to them, "Time does fly when you're having fun." But need it fly that fast!

If you read **George Patton's** speech at the Chicago Founders Day affair (Jun ASSEMBLY) you'll know what he also said at Watervliet Arsenal. **Art Hansen** sent me a short clipping about their dinner (9 Apr 83); to quote Art: "George's speech really stirred

the crowd." I can only add I agree. I would suggest George will need to pack his bag again next year!

With a great deal of joy I wish to announce the arrival of our first grandchild Megan Lee born 15 Jun 83 in Atlanta, GA. The proud parents are **Debbie & Bill France '74**. Mother and daughter are doing fine. Son Bill is Cpt CE attached to the USAF Civil Engr Office in Atlanta.

Just received from **Ed Saunders** the poop about our 1983 grad sons. The info is in the form of 3 photos taken at Ed's quarters on 22 May 83.

I think this must be the month for pictures. Received from **Jack Becker** a photo of 1983 Founders Day dinner at Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. **Hoefling** is with Litton and has been there about 4 years. **Pendergrass** is only rep in country for HDR, also there 4 years. **Giza** is with Syanco as budget adviser to Saudi Arabian Ord Corp, there about one year. **Becker** is with USA C of E in construction management, there over 6 years. **Hoefling** and **Pendergrass** are in Jidda while **Becker** and **Giza** are in Riyadh.



1946: Jungerheld receives award from Saunders for highest in science while parents beam.

Dr. Prentice Whitlock graduated in May from Drew Theological Sem with a Master of Divinity (cum laude) and has been accepted for further study at Oxford U, England and at Drew U for another PhD degree. Whit is professor of math at Jersey City State Coll, NJ, and Minister of Music at United Methodist Church, Farmingdale, LI. He is completing his Music Theory PhD on Mozart's Church Sonata at NYU, NY.

George & Lynn Webb sent the photo (mentioned in Mar issue) of 4 generations of **George S. Webbs**: G.S. III, lawyer, Manassas, VA; G.S., retired railroader age 86; G.S. IV and G.S. Jr, former CofS, USMA. **Charley Myer**, LTC Ret, has authored the last volume in the Vietnam Studies Series—"Division



1946: Hopkins family with son holding class bookends.

Level Communications." It is a collection of 21 monographs by authors who held highly responsible posts during the conflict.

The Los Angeles Times of 10 May 83 had an interesting article about **Lew Allen**, ret Air Force CS, now the new dir of the Jet Propulsion Labs. I would like the beginning story about the Russian visitor who could not believe that the CS of the USAF was actually acting as a ground crewman while the Russian and Allen's friend were riding in a hot air balloon. The Russian was sure the guy was the CS for the Virginia AF or Fairfax County AF. The Russian said in the Soviet Union it would never happen and besides the Russian AF CS would have a whole army of aides and followers—not so our Lew! The article was mailed to me by **Walter Hamilton** who, as a substitute teacher, can look forward to the great benefits—no work in Jun, Jul or Aug. They plan a trip to Spain and Portugal this summer.

A note from **C. M. 'Bill' Simpson** to advise that his youngest, 2LT Angus B., USAFA '82 will wed Miss Lisa Demers of Colo Springs (an AF brat) on 30 Jul at USAFA Chapel. Angus completes flight training in Jul and as of now does not yet have a next assignment but hopes for A-10's. Simpson's book "Inside the Green Berets" is out and doing well. The Military Book Club featured it in Jul 83 as one of its Book of the Month selections. Bill will start a sequel soon—"Tales of the Green Berets" to be a collection of unrecorded stories on characters, battles, dependents, etc. **Bob Kane** is Bill's publisher.



1946: Huttos with Williamson '85 at Saunders quarters.

Another photo, this time of **Will Joffrion** (mailed the poop), **Roy Mossy** (owns the boat), **Bill McCollam** (in New Orleans on business) and **Dick Fuller** (there for the weekend) on the bow of Roy's very nice looking boat he keeps at a marina on Lake Pontchartrain, New Orleans, LA. The wives were there but must have been hiding on the stern. The **Fullers** live in Austin, TX, the **McCollams** in Wash, DC and **Joffrions** in Baton Rouge.

Received a number of newspaper clippings from **Jim Looome** as well as some other data. From the Washington Post, 9 Mar 83, **Clint** and **Leigh Friend** announced the engagement of daughter Victoria Lee to Lawrence E. Dadin of Annapolis, MD. Both Victoria and Lawrence graduated this Jun from VPI. A Sept wedding is planned. From the Arlington Journal, 2 Feb 83, COL and Mrs. **J. G. Campbell**, Springfield, VA, announce the engagement of daughter, Cala Michelle, to Thomas C. Pence, son of **Bill & Sug Pence**. Both offspring are graduates of West Springfield (VA) HS and Cala will receive her BA in Journalism from UTX in Jul. Tom is a 82

grad of TX A&M and is now a reservoir engr for Sun Exploration and Production Co. An Aug wedding is planned. The *Journal*, 3 Mar 83, announced the marriage of 2 Cpts: Susan Carol Hogeland and Frederick. Alderson, Jr. (USMA '77) son of **Fred and Barbara Alderson**. Susan is a graduate of Thomas Jefferson U and has a masters in physiological nursing from the UWA. After a cruise in the Bahamas the couple returned to duty at Ft Lewis, WA.



1946: Saudi Arabia—Hoefflings, Beckers, Pendergrass', and Gizas.

Once more from the *Journal*, 11 Feb 83, an article featuring Sea Captain **Al Futrell** and his Dandy Cruise Ship and Restaurant. The article explains the 3 hour nightly cruise with dinner and dancing. The boat leaves from the Prince Street Wharf, Alexandria, VA, about 7:30 each evening. You can arrive at 6:30-7. Al has a co-owner, Nina Wilson. They've been in business for 3 years. Cost: \$29.70/person plus bar, taxes, and tips.

Word from **Bob & Pat Steele** that their daughter Marilee married a promising Washington artist, **Bradley R. Stevens**, from Westport CT at Christ Church, Georgetown, Wash, DC on 2 Oct 82. The couple will continue to live in Washington.

The annual Founders Day dinner program for DC Society 18 Mar 83 shows that **Al Torgerson** and **Phil Farris** are members of the Bd of Gvcs and that **Frank Schoen's** son 2LT. John '82 was the youngest grad and had the honors of making appropriate remarks.

Sadly I must report the passing of **Mary Baker**, Van's wife, on 22 Oct 82 in York, PA, of cancer. This message was passed along by **Loome** and is the first time I was aware of her death. To Van and his family our deepest sympathy. Also Jim enclosed an obit indicating that **Frank & Colleen Baker's** daughter Terry Lee, 25, a teacher's aide at Warrenton JHS was killed 26 Feb when she was struck by a car as she was jogging near her home in Marshall, VA. Besides her parents



1946: Four G. S. Webbs.



1946: Joffrion, Mossy, McCollam, Fuller.

she is survived by 3 sisters and a brother. To Frank, Colleen and their surviving children our heartfelt understanding of their grief.

The 4th Annual Class Picnic at Lake of the Woods was held 18 Jun 83. I'm sure all had a great time. The hosts were **Rex and Connie Beasley**, **Jim and Edith Inskip**, and **Bob and Betty Malley**. If you missed it and think you'll be in DC area next late spring why not plan to attend. You can contact Rex for details next year.

If you're going to A-N game this year look for the '46 flag in the Rose Bowl RV parking area. Class hosts will be serving refreshments after the game. For info call **Bob and Jenny Burke**, 714-792-2804. That note came from **David 'Bix' Bradburn** who works for TRW and plays his trumpet in local amateur musicals. His wife Bertha was honored as Volunteer of the Year for her work at AF Space Division Family Services. Son Dave graduated from Cal Tech in 81 and is a computer engr in Berkeley. Son Bob graduated from USC this year Phi Beta Kappa and magna cum laude and is planning for the ministry.



1946: Lewis-Case wedding.

One more photo showing a number of classmates in attendance at the wedding of **Bob & Delores Cases' son CPT Robert W. '79** to **W. Warner's** and **Beth Lewis's** daughter Nancy. Those in the picture are **Art and Dot (seated) Ringler '45**, **Guy & Wynne Troy**, the **Edwin R. Van Deusen's**, **Harry and Marie Smythe**, **Dot Newell**, the **Cases** and the **Lewis**s. Bob and Warner were roommates at WP (Co B-1) and Bob was Warner's best man when he married Beth. Young Bob decided to visit the **Lewis** Labor Day 82 in NC and met Nancy then. They were married 26 Feb in High Point, NC. Bob and Delores live in Cleveland area where he is a VP at AmeriTrust Co. and she teaches in HS.

BEAT NAVY

'47

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I am submitting the Class Notes now by the modern, easy technique of word processing (I regret to tell **Mike Maloney** that the equipment is by TI and not IBM PC). And as all you sys operators of word processors know very well, word processing allows you to do ten times the work of all the antique modes. However, with only nine people responding this quarter, my job has become quite easier.

As most of you know, the Army-Navy game, 1983, will be held in the Rose Bowl and it is anticipated that many of you will attend. The LA Committee of **Sargents and Levenbacks** (co-chairpersons) and workers **Littlestones**, **Dells**, **Greenbergs**, and **Davis**, are setting things up. You should have received a flyer that had a suspense of 1 Jul but if you are only now finding out about the affair (o/a 10 Sep), don't despair. Call **Sargents** (213-660-2214) or **Levenbacks** (213-506-7850) to be included in the festivities. I have a strong feeling that Army might win this game!!!!



1947: Mastin with Kelly Anne.

Wayne Hauck continues to do double duty in DC. A long letter in mid-May describes the wonderful brunch held on May Day at Belvoir attended by many in the area: **Johnsons**, **Webbs**, **Haldanes**, **Faiths**, **Boergers (Pete)**, **Lerochs**, **Kennedys (John)**, **Mocks**, **Reckmeyers**, **Gerritys**, **Nickels**, **Lauterbachs**, **Bellovins**, **Haucks**, and **George Maloney**, **Dick McAdoo**, **Tom Benson**, **Nancy Cronin**. My close sources tell me that **Jim Johnson** should be given the credit for organizing this motley crew and ensuring that everyone had a good time. Wayne reports that, as of about 1 May, 51 classmates have responded to the request for funds. Special acknowledgement should be given to **Mike Maloney** who, through a matching program in IBM, contributed \$2,111.35 to the Fund. We gratefully thank **Mockie** and **Mike** for the added share!

Bunny & Bill Nairn held a mini reunion for duplicate bridge playing in their Maryland basement recreation room for a DC gathering which was also a farewell for the **Boergers**. **Betty** and **Pete** have moved out west again to Los Alamos, NM. Others in the picture are the **Johnsons**, **Webbs**, and **Faiths** down from Carlisle. **Nairn** dau, **Jeanie**, was home for the summer and apparently took the picture.

The **Mastins** came Lubbock way again in Apr on their annual trip to the Lubbock Rock and Mineral Show where John had a magnificent display of his work which won first prize. John has become quite expert at designing and making Pecos diamond jewelry. I recommend that the Class commission him to make



1947: Boerger's Farewell.

suitable mementos for the next big Reunion we have. Note proud Grandpa John with Kelly Anne Mastin, 10 months. It was difficult for Jane not to monopolize the conversation talking about Kelly Anne!

George Harrington just missed the last column issue but I will include now some of the pertinent highlights of his letter. As you know, George and Ruth moved from the DC area to Wichita, KS where George is VP for Intl Mktg for Beech Aircraft. He reports that **Al Haig** visited them last Feb when he was in Wichita speaking at the local Paul Revere Foundation. **Jim Colburn** happened to be visiting Wichita at the same time so all three had a good visit.

I'm wondering what kind of computer and printer **Henry Paul** has because in Jun I received a long word-processed letter from him. Apparently, Henry wrote to **Raul Roca** to the address that I put in the March ASSEMBLY and the one that Raul gave me, but the letter was returned unopened. Does anyone know the whereabouts of Roca and whether he is still in Mexico? **Judy and Henry** saw **Marian Steininger** at Lake Buena Vista in central FL in early Jun. They met for lunch in one of Disney's steam boat restaurants where the beer mugs are so cold they freeze the beer even on the hottest of summer days in FL. The report is that **Marian** looked GREAT as always! The **Pauls** wish to advise all that Brevard County has no toll calling so if you are near the Cape, you must call them.



1947: Munroe ready to break sound barrier.



1947: Bob Rosen.

Mid-Jun, **Jim Breedlove** from Albuquerque, NM who was visiting his dau and family in the Lakeridge area of south Lubbock, gave me a call. His visit occurred shortly after Reese AFB and south Lubbock had received a foot of hail and wind damage. **Jim** still does a lot of travelling around the country.

Willie Munroe finally has his feet on the ground. He swapped his second home-built airplane for the hot rod! He says that he can now make LA to NY in two days.

A recent change of address card states that **Danny Tate** has moved to 400 Anastasia Blvd, Apt A-5, St. Augustine, FL 32084.

Both the **Beuhlers** and **Boergers** (**Frank**) wrote and described what a delightful evening they had having dinner on the Bay watching the lights come on all over SF around Easter time. **Mary and Hap** report that they also had brunch with **Rose Mary & Jack Thompson** while in the Bay area. **Barbie and Frank** took their DC trip where they saw, of course, the **Boergers** (**Pete**) and many other of the DC group. **Barbie** says they saw the **Delistratys** at Founders Day Dinner in SF.

A. Epstein Companies recently announced the promotion of **Bob Rosen** to be Pres of **A. Epstein and Son, Inc.**, the oldest and largest firm in the Epstein companies. We congratulate **Bob** on his advancement for overall responsibility for the corporate activities of the engineering and architectural firm.

There is no more news. 4th of July is upon us. See you at the A-N Rose Bowl game!

'48

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Scotty and Dusty made at least two Founders Day Banquets, and the photos give ample evidence of a fine turnout of the class. For the year of the 35th, I'd say the entire bunch looks very youthful!

Then, those in and about Tucson got together on March 7th. **Jim McCray** also reports that he and **Chris** are going to build a cottage at Buzzards Bay near Cape Cod. They were planning to see the **Waggeners** while in the Boston area getting the project started. On the way back they were stopping in Detroit for a business meeting where they hoped to see the **McCuens**.

The last issue carried a Founders Day picture of **Dave & Benning Garrison** and **R.O. and Annette Barton** in Augusta, GA. **Donn Starry** made an outstanding address, and **R.O.** hoped to get **Bud & Jane Wagoner** down for it, but **Bud's** job keeps him tied down.

The Jun 1st Washington Post carried an announcement of the **Patch's** son, **Robert's** marriage to **Patricia Elaine Stevens** of North Salem, NY on May 28. **Bill** was his son's best man, and **Robert's** brothers, **Bill, Jr.** and **Alexander**, also participated. The happy couple were off to Greece, and now live in Peekskill, NY. Much happiness to both of them.

Retirements are coming fast. **John McEney** left the Inter-American Def Bd on Jun 30th; **Gene Forrester** moved from the US WESTCOM back to Washington (Suite 97, 1377 K Street, NW) effective Jul 1st; **Jim Allen** retired as CINC MAC on the same date, the change of command ceremony having taken place on Jun 29; and I learned that **Ed Kritzer** retired from Commerce back in Dec 1981. He has launched a third career in consulting which is prospering.

With great pleasure I report that **Babs Wadsworth** and **John Nelson** were married at the **Osteens'** home on May 7th. A family luncheon followed, and then a reception at the Glen Cannon Country Club in Pisgah Forest, NC. **Babs and John** can be reached at Bldg. 10, 1-A Glen Cannon Point, Pisgah Forest, NC 28768. Their telephone is 704-884-4415. Congratulations to them both.



1948: Bowns, Williams.

The **Petersens** are proud grandparents, **Ken and Lisa** having presented them with **Luke** in Apr. Great news!

Lyle Walter has moved south to 4581 Camino Cardenal, Tucson, as of Jul 1st, and can be reached at 602-299-0639.

Tom Bowen sent a picture of their get-together with the **Wally Williams** on the latter's patio in LA in the spring. The **Bowens** are in Fayetteville, AR, 1555 Sunset Place.

Monk Doty tried "space available" in Mar,



1948: Sandmans, Days, Scotts, Withers, Robinson, Doughertys, Presidio of San Francisco.

and visited Spain. He reports that this is a relatively easy (and inexpensive) way to travel during the "off" season.

The **Brattons** hosted the class at their Ft McNair quarters for the Fourth of July picnic and fireworks. From their yard, the display at the Monument is easily seen. The Ft McNair chiggers are rated as the fiercest in the area, so, bug spray was advised.

Tom Clark has been named as manager of the DOE's NV Ops Office at Las Vegas. Congratulations, Tom, although this move won't be easy, I know. Barbara was still in shock when she wrote. They have coast-to-coast children: Tommy and family in Ft Lee, VA, where he is a CPT; Chris in Houston; and Kathy in San Francisco.

Jack Capps reports that Graduation Day 1983 was the only cloudless day in May. Secretary Weinberger was brief and directed his remarks immediately to the graduating class, a rarity for such speeches. And, Mike

Brennan and Jim Schless received their diplomas, commissions and bookends—the last at the Supe's reception. **Nancy Schless** was accompanied by Jim's three brothers; and Bill Schless' wife, Jan, and their two girls. **Jack & Ann Brennan** had all their children present: Sean and his wife, Robin; John; and Elizabeth. The **Whitfields** were also present, having stayed over after the Awards Convocation where they had made presentations in memory of Rick.

The **Witkos** spent a fabulous vacation in the Orient at the invitation of some of Andy's Korean friends. They visited Korea, Hong Kong and Hawaii. Almost every minute was spent in some activity, and those few remaining ones Pilar used to good advantage in shopping. They returned to get Jeff off to FL where he is spending six weeks as an AF ROTC cadet before returning to UVA in the fall; and Larry off to NYC, where he will spend a year learning Bloomingdale's man-

agement procedures at that firm's corporate headquarters (Larry has been a department manager at the Tysons Corner store here, I dare say about the youngest one Bloomie's has ever had). Then, on to VA Tech to move their daughter into an apartment, and then bring her back home.

We received notes from Mr. and Mrs. Harry Evans of Birmingham, Michigan, who were close friends of the **Meinzens**. They made a generous contribution to the Class Fund in memory of Walt. Thanks to them both.

Pierce Gaver prompted me to include the news that our son, Mike, is appearing on the local TV channels in a commercial for Computer Learning Institute, where he is studying. As yet, he hasn't "been discovered."

Thanks for the expressions of concern about my health. I am happy to report that everything is all right.

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It is heartening to begin with some good news on **Hill Dickinson**; his recovery in the past three months has come a long way. I understand that he is able to feed himself now and has good use of his arms—his legs have been slower to respond but he is able to use them in the physical therapy pool. Nancy is permitted to pick him up on week-ends for a few hours which is helpful in changing the every day environment. Hill is undergoing intensive therapy treatment from early morning until late afternoon, it tires him out but his spirits are good—we all wish him well.

Collier Ross went in for a ret physical in May and ended up in the hosp for an open heart three valve bypass. He never knew he had the problem, but the stress test convinced the doctors that barring surgery, he was headed for trouble a few years ahead. Collier came through the surgery in good shape, it delayed his ret for a month but now he and Ann are all set to settle down at 508 Quadrant Rd., No Palm Beach, Florida 33408.



1948: Olsons, Pabsts, Scotts, McCrays and Enderles, Tucson Founders Day.



1949: Bette Hinchion and the Kinneys.

Charlie Anderson living out in Dayton, OH also recently underwent major surgery in June. He had a kidney removed several years ago and his remaining kidney has been malfunctioning and finally had to be removed. It is hoped that a kidney donor will be found shortly, but in the interim he will have to undergo extensive dialysis treatment—our prayers are with you Charlie.

Russ Lamp recently had his gall bladder removed at Mt Vernon Hosp and is well on the road to recovery.



1949: Betty Hinchion, Doreen Balmer, Priscilla Milliken, and the Lamberts.

Chuck Wason had a tough winter up in NH which cost him three months in the hosp including the removal of part of a lung—he returned home in May and is feeling well enough to get up early and work on his beloved farm. I visited him in late June along with Jack and Jeanne Kiely, and he is progressing well in the capable hands of Pat—although he's a hard guy to slow down.

To more pleasant news: by now you have received the letter from Kirby Lamar relative to our 35th Reunion to be held on 28-30 Sept 1984 including the Duke football game. Working with Kirby, are Bob Nulsen—Program, Jack Cronin—Housing, Duane Smith—Finance and Lew Baumann—Favors and Beverages. If you have not received a notice, you can contact Kirby at 12210 Quorn Lane, Reston, VA 22091. Along with the Reunion announcement, was included a flyer on plans for a covered patio to be added to the 49er cabin at West Point. The cabin has received great usage and is one of the more popular outing sites; so much so, that in inclement weather all the attendees can't be packed indoors. We have discussed this possibility for a couple of years and at our May meeting, the Washington contingent voted to proceed immediately with the building of the patio so that it would be in place for our 35th. The initial response to Dave Bolte's letter has been gratifying and there is no doubt as to the success of the project.

We are still getting good attendance at our bi-monthly luncheons—Wayne Norby has



1949: The Summers and Lewis' in China.

taken over as chairman from George Hoffmaster who did a great job for the past couple of years. The first luncheon in the fall is scheduled for 15 September.

Wes Knapp headed up the Memorial Day committee at Arlington Cemetery this year. He along with wife Kathy, Bill and Ann Bumpus, Art Kingdom, John Vandervoort and Pat Donahue placed flowers on classmates graves. Our classmates interred at Arlington are Bill Armstrong, John Poulson, Norm Eaton, Jim McDaniel, Ralph Buffington, Walt Milliken, Joe Giddings, Frank Barnes, Ted Hervey, Bob Littell, George Smythe, Bill Smith, Munro Magruder, Doug Bush, Bob Ritchie, John Latimer and Chuck Spettel.

I noticed in the last ASSEMBLY that Bob McArdle's death was mentioned—we have no particulars but wish to offer our condolences to his family.

Had a note from Priscilla Milliken, Chuck and Teri Reed were up to Homosassa over Memorial Day to see Priscilla and the Lamberts—they all got out on the golf course and had a few laughs. Priscilla is heading to Austin, TX in July and will be there until Nov working with some former AF friends who have a boutique and interior decorating shop in the town of Lakeway. Son Mark will take time off from his Naval flying to drive her over to TX.



1949: Founders Day, Fort Carson.

Dick Henry had his ret ceremony on 29 April at Ft MacArthur, CA with Tom Marsh doing the honors. Jim Hartinger was to have been there but was called to Washington to testify on the Hill. Classmates in attendance were George & Muriel Crall, Bob & Eileen Braun, Frank & Pat Brock, Al & Cherry Goering, Basil Pafe, Punch Jamison, Arnie Winter and Mike & Avis McNamee. Bette and I met Dick and Cherry in Colorado Springs over Memorial Day and had dinner with them at Peterson AFB. They had just driven over from LA with their daughter Pam's new car; she has just completed her second year at AFA. They were headed for IL to see their families before heading back to their home in Long Beach. Dick intends to do some consulting but hopes to spend most of his time sailing. We also had a short visit with Jack and Arden Madison in Colorado Springs, they had just returned that weekend from a vacation in FL.

Other retirees coming up in July will be Jack Forrest, Harry Griffith and Lee Surut.

Emmet Everest has ret again, this time from his civilian employment with MAC DAC and is building a new home on a lake in Arkansas.

Ran into Al Fagg and Dave Hendrickson at a symposium in Carlisle, PA in May. Al with IBM and Dave with Aerojet.

Had to use some of my own pictures this time, how about some letters and pictures from the rest of you. The picture with the Kinneys was taken at EPCOT.

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Congratulations to John Wickham, who has just been sworn in as Army Chief of Staff. We all wish him the best during his tenure. Many people have asked how many classes have had two Chiefs of service. My unofficial research of the post war years shows that three classes have had two Army Chiefs: '15 had Eisenhower and Bradley; '17 had Collins and Ridgeway; '36 had Westmoreland and Abrams. As far as I can find, no other class has had both an Army and an AF Chief of Staff, let alone two chiefs at the same time.

In May, Paul Gorman was promoted to four stars and sent to Panama as CINCSOUTH. He will have his hands full, with the many problems in Central America these days. Paul replaced Wally Nutting, who also received his fourth star, and in June took over REDCOM in Tampa, FL. The '50 contingent is growing down in that part of the country. Will Hill Tankersley took over as CG of the 87th Maneuver Area Command in May. He will conduct exercises for regular and reserve units in 22 states and Puerto Rico, so he will be a busy man.



1950: Fran and Andy Peck.

In April, Bill Ward, MG, 77th ARCOM, took part in the dedication of the Ernie Pyle U.S. Army Reserve Cent at Ft Totten, NY. This is the largest reserve center in the country, and this was the first time a military facility was named for a civilian. We're all rooting for the Wards right now, for Elaine recently had serious brain surgery; the latest reports are encouraging, so we hope she'll be back on her feet soon.

Morris & Faith Herbert had a great trip to China. They were gone 25 days, visited six cities in China. Shortly after they returned, son CPT Morris with wife Terry and son Joey returned from Germany and visited the Herberts for two weeks; Morris will be at Ft Belvoir for the Adv class and then go to Ft Lewis, WA. Herb and Faith aren't sure that's much better than Germany, since they'll be a continent away. Dave Cameron has be-



1950: A Yankee with two Southerners.

gun a year's Sabbatical from his job as Head of the Math Dept at USMA. We in the Washington area are glad that he and Carolyn are living in Arlington (near daughter Leslie). Dave will spend the first half of the year with the Engr Studies Center at Ft Belvoir; for the second semester, he'll join up with GWU, where he hopes to teach a course, audit and do other work.

In April, I had a business Off-Site on Captiva Island, FL. Robin came along and we decided to drive, visiting friends along the way. Although our visits were brief, we felt fortunate to have any time at all with anyone. Our first night out we spent with Jim & Patti Kelly in Charlotte, NC. Lish Lee lives nearby, had all of us for dinner and then came on over to the Kellys to spend the night. Jim, fortunately, was in town. He spends a lot of time on the road. Right now he is overseeing a 54 story bank building in Denver that demands his attention; still, he enjoys his work. He and Patti, and Lish as well, all love Charlotte not only as a lovely city, but because there is much of interest there—not to mention the quieter pace of life. I took a picture of Lish, Patti and Robin just before we left, heading south for Auburn, AL, where we spent the weekend with Andy & Fran Pick. They continue to thrive in and around Auburn, with their building and other ventures. We had an unexpected treat in seeing Will Hill and Theda Tankersley who



1950: McDowell, Lee, Newton, DeGraf, Thomas, and Ardath Wilson.

asked us for lunch in Montgomery on Sunday. Will Hill is very busy in the Army Reserve, as mentioned above. Of course, he still has a full time job in a brokerage house in Montgomery. Theda has been taking a computer course, which she finds a real challenge. She and Fran have a mutual interest in the Colonial Dames, which brings them together regularly. After our business work-rest combination, we headed home through Indian Rocks Beach, FL, where we spent one night with Ardath Wilson, at her lovely home on the water. Incidentally, Ardath with daughters Tracy and Borden visited us the end of March, when they came up to see the Viet Nam Memorial. After seeing each other twice in a month's time, we probably won't get together again until the 35th Reunion. But back to FL; Ardath invited GG & Shirley Thomas, Emmet & Rowland Lee, Dick & Ruth Newton, Bill & Callie McDowell, plus another couple from Leavenworth days—so we all caught up on each other over dinner. Dick Newton retired from the AF only to end up a "Post Commander", running a ret community of 600 near St Petersburg. Son Dick, now an AF CPT, was recently chosen competitively as one of 70 CPTS to spend a year's tour on the Air Staff. GG & Shirley



1950: Brunsons, Sampsons, Balls and James.

Thomas keep up a busy pace in Tampa; in March they visited Dave & Ann Byrd Meredith at their home in Hobe Sound, FL. Bill McDowell is busily studying at U of So. FL to get his MBA; that doesn't keep him from his golf, of course. The McDowells had a nice visit from Bob & Audrey Shade; she came in Feb and Bob in April. The Lees enjoy their life in Tampa; Emmett is on the go with his job as Dir of the Port of Tampa, a busy and growing activity. Ardath is always enthusiastic about her life in FL, and one or more of the five young people is in and out on a regular basis. Borden was home for the summer from college, and son Clay was in the process of moving to his own apartment; he works for a bank in Tampa. From there we headed home; it took a while to settle in to the old routine.

Robin sees the young Crittenbergers frequently, and recently brought home the following news: Jack and Pookie's oldest, Gay and her husband Gene Nalls will visit here in July with their five children, en route to Germany. Daughter Kris and her husband Lance Brockmeier live in Savannah, where Kris is acting Dir of Armstrong St Col library. Son Dale is with the Dance Cn Co of DC where they just finished a series of performances at the Renwick. Julie is home from UVA where she is in a graduate program in English; she's going to summer school. Bill is taking Math and English courses at GMU, is coaching a baseball team in McLean. Amy graduated from Davidson Col in May, where

she won the Rebecca Stimson award for the outstanding female athlete for the year. She'll be taking a graduate course toward a Master's in Sports Psychology in the fall. Son Kelly finished his Soph yr at UVA, is home working for the summer, and coaching baseball. Son Jamie finished his soph yr at Langley HS, lettering in varsity baseball.

Joe Love called from the airport in June. He and Mary Pharr were home for a month from Riyadh, and heading back. Daughters Mary Bland and Ouida are living in Jacksonville, FL; Robin graduated from UVA in '82; Lee is half-way through college. Had a note from Frank Thompson who is teaching at Loring AFB; he and Frances will go to England for three weeks in July. In Nov he'll be back to teaching, at Ft Campbell. Ed Batchelor and Ray Bonnano are part of this same program, teaching in different parts of the U.S. for several months at a time. Ben Lewis attended the Founder's Day fun at Ft Hood in March; also present were Dave Briggs, Bob Ableman and Mal Ryan.

The response to my request for a postcard vote for a spring or fall weekend for the 35th Reunion was underwhelming, so we don't want any complaints when the decision is made. Heard from six classmates by mail, and another six in this area. The clear choice for even so small a group was for a non-Football weekend in the fall. Stay tuned to this station for further info.

Betty Tisdale sent a letter with several interesting enclosures on what she and Pat are doing in the Seattle, WA area. They recently bought a big home at 524 W. Highland Drive Seattle 98119 to settle down with their girls, now that the boys are all off to school. Pat is busy with his medical work; Betty has joined the Pacific Inst, an organization devoted to teaching people how to achieve their potentials. She began with an around the world trip, where she saw familiar faces in SEA, and she visited Mother Teresa's home in Calcutta. Life at the Tisdale's will never be dull.

Pam Samsey wrote in June and sent a fine article from the Toledo "Blade" entitled, "Older Dads Have Their Day." Phil was one of several men interviewed for Father's Day. He and Pam have six year old Kathleen, and



1950: Debra Lewis and Les Holcomb.

Pamela and Carolyn, both 10, whom they adopted from Viet Nam. The Samseys have a new address: 5666 Ashbrook Drive, Toledo OH 43614. We hope to see them when they come to Alexandria in July.



1950: Tom Loper, Tom II, and Dave Freedman.

Bob Morrison went to Ft Lauderdale in June to pick up a boat, and then delivered it to Plymouth, MA. Later in the month, he and Martha took their boat in a Yacht Club trip to Baltimore with 22 other boats. Martha picked 23½ lbs. of strawberries recently—and after making freezer jam, strawberry pies, frozen Daiquiris, eating some berries and sharing with neighbors, they still had some left! Had a nice letter from **Bob White** in May. He and Rita are in Naples; Bob is retired, works for Tri Services Ed Cen. He and **Rita & Jim Thompson** had just returned from a weekend on Capri; Karin is in Santa Barbara, CA supervising the construction of the home she and Jim will live in when Jim retires in Aug. Bob mentioned he'd seen **Bennie Davis** recently.

Graham & Nancy Sibbles saw **Harry & Mary Dodge** out in AZ several months ago when they went out west to visit their young people. Harry is in the real estate business, says he'll surface when he's the oldest living grad. Sib heard recently from **Ros Round** who is also in the real estate business—in Sarasota, FL. **Blackie & Mary Bolduc's** daughter **Clare** grad from Rice U in May. **Andy & Fran Pick's** youngest, **Charles**, grad from the Baylor Sch in Chattanooga, TN. He'll enter Tulane U in the fall, will major in Engineering, and be part of the ROTC program there. **Dave Pettit** and **Malvene Lewis** ran into each other unexpectedly in Sydney, Australia a few months ago. On that trip, Malvene took a picture of daughter **Debra** with **Les Holcomb**, our classmate "down under."

Bob & Lee Werner went to Bethany Col for **Judy's** grad in May (the last one!) and soon will be heading for VT for their first wedding on 3 July. Daughter **Jackie** will marry **Marc Gavrin** that day. Speaking of weddings, here are a few: **Russ & Priscilla**



1950: Genuario-Nagler wedding.

Glenn's son, **Robert Alan** married **Phyllis Ann Gaudreau** in Brunswick, ME on 14 May 1983; **Tom & Betty Lou Austin's** son, 2LT **David Alexander** married **Patricia Glenn Nolan** at Maxwell AFB on 28 May; they'll be living in Darmstadt, where David will be with the 547th Engr Bn.; **Larry & Jo Jackley's** daughter, **Jill Ann**, married **Michael Lawrence Baskin** here in Alexandria on 12 June; the young couple is living in Atlanta; **Lou & Rose Genuario's** daughter, **Marina Jean**, married **James Gordon Nagler** on 18 June, also here in Alexandria. They live here, where Marina is an R.N. and Jim is a Police Officer. Congratulations to you all!



1950: Some Southern belles.

The picture of two cadets in Whites was taken in May, upon the occasion of our Class trays being presented to two Class Sons: **Tom Loper II** and **Dave Freedman**, both of whom graduated with USMA 1983. **John Watson**, was ordained to the Permanent Diaconate of the Roman Catholic Church on May 14, 1983 in Lexington, MA where he and Marie live. John's ministry is working with the elderly in Lowell, MA. He wrote that they have one grandson, with a second grandchild due any day, and a third expected about Thanksgiving. Mrs. **Elena Vlisides**, George's mother, wrote from Austin, TX where she is living now. She received the 30-50 book and has really enjoyed it. She said she was 85 in February, has some slow days, and some when she "sails along like a boat." She feels very close to George's C-1 company mates, and always asks about them. Her address is 2425 Ashdale Terrace No. 102 Austin, TX 78758.

Hope you're all having a great summer. If this issue arrives before Sept, how about dropping me a line with some news?

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More than a hundred classmates and friends gathered at Ft McNair in June to honor the **Meyers** on **Shy's** ret as the Army's 29th CS. Thanks to **Shy**, the Army is in better shape than at any time in recent history—a statement made later by the next CS. A video recording was made of the festivities under **Pat Lynch's** supervision and will eventually be made available to classmates.

Al Akers was selected as the Ambassador of the Year by the Columbia, SC Chamber of Commerce.

Ted Atkeson's wife **Sally** visited **Sandy & Jean Weyand** in Japan this past spring. Sally and Jean then toured China together. So **Peter Atkeso** is an AF 1st LT at Edwards AFB. **Joe Fant** leaves Ft Devens this month to become DCG of the newly formed Second



1951: The Niedringhaus family visiting the Milburns.

Army at Ft Gillem, GA. **Ed & Jean Peter** are back in the DC area where Ed is the new Asst DCSPER. **Rocky Rockwell** was able to attend a '51 get-together while in Hawaii this past May. **Clemons, Hackleman, Myers, and Quinn** met at the Honolulu Press Club for lunch. **Jim Hackleman** is Sports Ed for the Honolulu Star-Bulletin. **Star Sheridan**, Asst DCSRDA, will be retiring at the end of this month. When their plans have firmed up, he and Ruth hope to remain in the area. **Dick Wells** left his job as the DMA this summer to become DCh of Engrs. After attending **Shy Meyer's** retirement party, **Dave & Carolyn Abshire** prepared to leave for Europe where Dave became the US Ambassador to NATO.

Under the critical, dynamic and wise control of **Joe Fant, Herb Roth, and Don Zurawski**, the class fund is steadily approaching a half million dollars. Although very little publicity is given to the unselfish efforts of these three dedicated classmates—their results have been significant and were so recognized by the Exec Cmte at a recent session. **Sam Dickens** is continuing his efforts to convince USMA that the key to the WP Astronaut project is the astronaut figure memorializing the leadership role of grads in pioneer space exploration. Unfortunately, USMA would like to discourage any more statues. **Howie Steele** still has a few reunion yearbooks for \$25—write me and I'll pass your order on to Howie.

SAD NOTE. **Bob Massenburg** passed away in Jun after a long illness in Lewistown, PA. He's survived by his wife **Ruth** whom he married in 1955 after he left the Army. Bob started out as an industrial engr with US Steel and in recent years has worked as a consultant including 2-yrs in London. Children include **Bob Jr** who is a chem engr; dtr **Ruth Newman** of Houston; and dtr **Ginny** who will enter college this fall. Family and friends were pleased that he was remembered by his WP class with flowers and represented by **Ted & D'Arcy Charney**.

REGIONAL SPOTLIGHT—Midwest Plus.



1951: Barber, Hendricks, Psihas and Meyer.



1951: Baileys, Greisingers, Roths, Fants and Doshes.

Midwest Plus consists of KS, MO, NB, & SD under Reg Rep Fran Craig; IN, KY, OH, & WV—Reg Rep Bob Snyder; and MD—Reg Rep Chan Goodnow. Fran & Bamby Craig are in St Louis putting their brood through school—wait until college begins! Fran is completing a certification program to teach at the secondary level. To date, retirement has been a joy to the Craig family.

From the newspapers, Fran sees that Guy Jester is active in statewide water control efforts—an off shoot from the time Guy was DE in St. Louis. Walt Johnson is the Dir of Design & Construction for the State of MO and is currently trying to stay ahead of the largest construction program the State has ever undertaken. Walt and Judy moved to Jefferson City, MO in 1977. Their youngest son left home last year for the UMO—the rest of the children are married and/or away. After ret, Jim McDonald obtained a master degree in History but then joined ARCO Pipe Line Co as an engineer. He is now the Proj and Contracts Admr for ARCO. Guerdon Sines is a MoPac RR VP responsible for enrg, installing, and operating the communications and data systems. Guerdon and Dottie, who live in the Town and Country suburb of St Louis, have four children and five grandchildren. Dtr Stacey—Bucknell '74—has 3 children; son Bud is a dentist with 2 daughters; dtr Rae Ann teaches biology and coaches tennis at Shadyside Acad in Pittsburgh; and Steve is a 2d LT from TX A&M with aspirations for Abn Inf.



1951: The Charlie Crowes and the Goodnows.

Willie Winner is at the same old stand in Scottsbluff, NB: Winner, Nichols, Meister, Douglas and Kelly (law firm). After getting out in 1955, Willie still retired as a BC in the reserves. He and Daphne have six kids—oldest in law sch; 3 undergrads; and, 2 school children at home. Willie reports seeing Jim Cox when both were inducted into the American College of Trial Lawyers in Honolulu.

From Bob Snyder's area we first hear from Dave Bills who is Dir of Code Enforcement for the State of IN. Wife Danielle is Ed of the State Garden Club Mag and into bowling and gourmet cooking. One son will graduate from Purdue this year and their dtr is at UIN. Dave is active with national bldg regulation groups and travels quite a bit on business. He's also a "gentleman farmer" with his brother on a very good Indiana farm.

Dave & Kay Huff are in Granville, OH where earlier this year Dave was spending his free time preparing resumes. Kay is pres of the local OWC and involved in hosp charity work.

Barney Landry is a configuration control engr with GE in the Cincinnati area currently preparing engineering change proposals for the LM2500 gas turbine engines used in destroyers, frigates, and guided missile cruisers. Wife Muriel is the librarian at the Ross Middle School in Ross, OH. Dtr Donna received a PhD from UVA and is now an asst prof at Princeton. Barney and Muriel have a home with plenty of room in Hamilton, OH and have built a large second house for the future. Wally Miller is in Cleveland Hts performing volunteer work with various local organizations. Reg Rep Bob and wife Carolyn Snyder have lived in Crawfordville, IN since his ret. in 1971. Bob is teaching math and science in the local jr hi. Mary Carolyn ret from teaching and is busy sewing for their 3 granddtrs. Their 2 dtrs, Sheri and Linda work for the IRS. They recommend the quiet life of their small home town—where the streets and sidewalks roll up at 2200 hrs! However they have a large home with 4 bedrooms so there is plenty of room for classmates passing through to visit and spend the night. Howard Wiles has gone into farming since retiring and has a li'l 640 acre spread in Georgetown, KY where he

raises cattle, tobacco, and horses. Wife Martha Nel owns and manages two dress boutiques—one in Georgetown and one in Lexington, KY. Both children graduated from Duke and are now married. Sandy is a nurse and Buddy is a resident in OB-GYN in Columbus, OH. Despite the work load, Howard and Martha Nel spend 3 or 4 months each yr fishing, hunting, and skiing in Durango, CO.

Bud & Louise Wilson are in Upper Sandusky, OH where Bud has retired from business but does much volunteer work with local organizations and service clubs. Louise is active in the Ladies Aux of the Am Legion and the church organization. Son Joel resigned his Army commission to begin work with Procter & Gamble in Cincinnati.

And from the MD region, Chan Goodnow reported the following. Margie & Bill Allen have an avid interest in trains and riverboats. Recent jounies include a train trek across Canada visiting national parks and cities. They also recently danced and ate their way up the Mississippi on the Mississippi Queen. Margie is careperson at the Adelphi Manor Nursing Home. The Allens bring a great deal of entertainment to the patients performing as clowns. Son Pete works for the postal svc in Columbia and Dave is a dept mgr for K-Mart. Phil & Sibyl Connolly have extensive migration plans. In Dec they bought a home in Bradenton, FL and plan the big move this fall. Summer was spent searching for lake front property in "tax free" NH. Sons are doing fine: one supervises AID proj in Mauritania and the other works oil/grain tanker contracts between Mid East and Baltimore. The Crowes have left MD since Charlie accepted a position as Emerg Coordinator for the Shoreham Nuclear Pwr Station on Long Island. After his leisurely experience at Three-Mile-Island it's understandable he might seek further challenge!! Joan, who left in May, was searching for a home as close to Amityville as possible. Dtr Leigh Ann and husband are in Hartford, CN with 2 of the Crowes' grandchildren; Allison is employed in Boston; and, young Charles is living in Gaithersburg, MD. Chan Goodnow hated seeing Charlie leave MD since Charlie is the only classmate Chan can beat easily in golf. Out of Baltimore, Hank Evans



1951: The Evans' at daughter Betsy's wedding.



1951: Howard Wiles.

works a full schedule at Jaycor and weekends shows his golden retrievers. Mary Agnes stays active with the church, choir, tennis, and badminton. The Evans are doing well. CPT Hank Evans and wife are in Augsburg. Betsy's husband is finishing his residency in CA; Edith is a nurse in Baltimore; Donny is a Towson State senior; and Missy is a jr at Notre Dame in Baltimore.

Chan & Ann Goodnow spent another Easter in Nassau where Chan established a new course record by losing 9 balls to water in 15 holes. Ann is currently starring at the Crofton Country Club. Dtr Liz is a forestry student at Western MD College; Mark is in mgt with Marriott; Pam is Comptroller for In'l Consultants in DC; and, Kathy and her husband—a Miller Brewing Exec—are raising one grandson in NH. John Hinton is selling his Bethesda home—to be followed by a move to Talbot County to go aground in the world of duck blinds, blue crabs and white



1951: Frank and Louise Wilson.

perch. Dtr Stacy is married in Zurich; Laurie is to marry a young man from Peru this month; Stephen is in Bethesda with Bache Brokerage; and, Jack is a lawyer turned abn with the XVIII Abn Corps.

Carlos Mena was transferred by the World Bank to Western Africa which enabled him to take Cecilia on a fantastic work-vacation tour of Ghana, Sierra Leone, Liberia, Senegal, France, Italy Spain, Germany and Portugal. On the way home the Menas visited their dtr and economist husband in Brazil. At home, Carlos Jr received good marks for managing the Bethesda estate during the 3-month work-a-thon. George & Wilma Orton who reside in DC are now unofficial mbrs of the MD group. George is with Chas E. Smith Mgt Companies in Crystal City, VA.

Sandy Sanderson is principal of the Stackig, Sanderson & White advertising agency. Wife Ginny (Daly) is pres of the Dir Mktg Assn of Washington and heads her own creative firm. Both were highlighted in the recent issue of The Daly Greeting (The only Daly Newspaper published annually). Frank & Doris Sheriff in Glen Arm report an empty nest when their youngest joined the DE Med Eye Bank. Frank is in the mgt consulting and property mgt business with his own company in Towson. Doris is also working full time and both love their jobs—except for tax purposes. Their 2d grandchild was born last year.



1951: Muriel and Barney Landry.

The next regional spotlight will be on the SE with Ed Matney and George Meighen covering AL, AR, GA, LA, MS, NC, SC and TN. Please get your info and pics in by 20 Sept.

GET-TOGETHERS. There are 3 remaining class luncheons to be held in the Pentagon this year: Thursday 22 Sep; Thursday 27 Oct; and, Tuesday 22 Nov. Don Zurawski has reserved a dining room at Bolling AFB on Thursday 17 Nov for the annual USMA/-USNA '51 class luncheon. Gerry Hendricks is arranging for the annual Spring Fling to be held the early part of April at Myrtle Beach in order to enjoy the Azalea festival and a special tour of the ante-bellum homes in the area. Further info will be passed out before the end of the year.

FROM HOLLY'S NOTEBOOK. Ted Charney is a planner and radiological safety officer for the PA Emergency Mgt Agency. D'Arcy is a feature writer for the West Shore Times. One individual she reports on at Silver Spring Township meetings is Bd Pres Lee Duke. Son Douglas is an Army Lt in Bamberg; Christine has won a ROTC scholarship at Princeton. Al Costanzo is a part-time tree farmer on the Costanzo tree farm in Culpeper VA where hunting, fishing, and cutting fire wood are great for family relaxation—when you have 4 sons and a dtr at home. Wife Mary is a part-time tutor teach-

ing disabled children in the DC Kingsbury Ctr. Oldest son is married in Chicago.

Larry Crocker is a Sec Ldr in the Licensee Qualifications Br of the NRC in Bethesda where he reviews adequacy of nuclear pwr plant staffing as well as qualifications of the people in the plant. Wife Pat is an RN who does much volunteer work with the Red Cross. Son Rick is in NoVA Comm Coll; Kathy is a clinical psychologist with VA mental health clinic; Mike works for Bureau of Land Mgt in UT; and Dave is married and works for PEPCO. Godfrey Crowe is still running travel programs to HI, Europe and the Caribbean and feels that wife Pat is working too hard. Son David in Georgetown Med Sch; Sal and Trish working in DC; Karen at UVA; and Finnie at Holton Arms in Bethesda. Al Esser had dinner with the Pendletons in Turkey last Nov, Farringtons in NV in Dec, and with the Crockers and Wells in DC in Jan. Four of the 5 Esser children are at home in Fullerton, CA—oldest dtr married in Aug '82. Sully Johnson is an OR specialist with Northrop in Hawthorne, CA and bumped into Frank on a business trip this past Feb in Crystal City, VA. This past April, Bill & Lydia Lemnitzer saw their second son married in Arlington, VA.

Stuart Malmgren is in the business devel mktg business in the Santa Ana, CA area. Wife Esther is a teacher, waiter, housewife and general factotum. Rocky & Joyce Milburn were in the DC area this past June visiting Rocky's father and sister Peg Byer and brother-in-law John Byer. Joyce is the UTSt Sr Woman Ski Champ. Might point out that Joyce and Rocky won the husband and wife race this year in Utah. T Nance visited the Milburns on his way from Saudi Arabia to CA to visit his dtr. Ted Picado sent in a photo from a Miami paper showing Buz Aldrin viewing a Hollywood screening thru 3D glasses. Jean Rogers went unaccompanied to Ft Rucker during May to participate in the Nat'l Mil Dep Golf Tournament. Roy Herte is Asst City Mgr in Salinas, CA. Chuck Satulloff is president of Teleram Commo Corp which manufactures portable computers and terminals. Elaine is corporate secy, dir of the day nursery in New Rochelle, and on many boards of philanthropic orgns in the



1951: Giordano and wife Susan in Palm Beach.

area. Dtr Nancy was due back from a "sabbatical" to Israel to study for her masters—probably in social anthropology—at Cambridge U. **Joe & Betty Smith** were back in the States for a few weeks in July on their sabbatical from Saudi Arabia. Enroute they were able to visit and enjoy Egypt, Cyprus, and Israel.

God Bless.

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Right after I mailed my Jun article, I received the following from **Hank Lowder**: "I'll stand in for **Sam Hubbard** again, and report on the quarterly DC area class luncheon. Sam has recovered very well from his by-pass surgery, is up and about and back to work; he just couldn't make it to the luncheon this time. Thirty-two of us gathered for Mexican food and drink at the Casa Maria Restaurant on Thursday, Mar 10th. Those in attendance were: **Dick Baker, George & Kay Bartel, Paul & Pat Brown, Ralph Cline, Tom Dowler** (all the way from NM!), **Mike Juvenal** (temporarily in the Baltimore area, up from AL), **Birt & Rita Kidwell, Dick & Donna Larkin, Hank & Marcia Lowder, Paul & Ann Malone, Larry Mickel, Otis Moran, Gray Parks, Frank Pimentel, Charlie & Jane Sell, Fred Stevens, Bert & Gerry Stubblebine, Jim Sullivan, John Sullivan, Dick Wiles, Jack & Cynthia Witherell, and Chuck & Inez Youree.** We had a most enjoyable time—everyone likes the idea of including ladies at the luncheons. During the brief discussion period which followed lunch, a follow-up report was made concerning a matter we voted on at the 30th Reunion last May. You may recall that the AOG requested that we commit the residue of funds we collected for our 25th Reunion Project (about \$6,000) to the unrestricted AOG account. The class voted to comply with the request. Shortly thereafter, in one of his first acts as Class President, **Dick Larkin** contacted the AOG to determine what was necessary to accomplish the transfer. About the same time we learned that only one class had transferred their funds so there was some hesitation. Dick learned from the AOG that it would probably be wise to retain control of our funds and use this amount as the initial element of funds to be raised for a class gift for our 50th Reunion. Also, there are occasions when the AOG calls upon classes for contributions for specific projects. Example: the '52 pro-rata share for names inscribed on the memorial honoring graduates who were KIA in VN was several hundred dollars. If we had not had the \$6,000 to draw from, we would have had to pass the hat by mail. Another point worth noting is that

the \$6,000 has been and will continue in the future to draw interest, whether under control of our Class or the AOG. We decided at the luncheon to support Dick in retaining our funds. This is a reversal of the vote we took last year, but the feeling was that it was justified due to the change in position by the AOG, and it was their request that started the action. We further felt that this change should be publicized in the ASSEMBLY. We will re-vote the issue at the next (35th) class reunion, but for now if anyone has strong feelings on the matter, please write or call either President **Dick Larkin** or **Hank Lowder** of the Exec Cmte. We did what we felt was right, but realize that the small percentage of us who happen to live in the DC area should not overrule the entire class. We also talked about the annual summer dinner dance. Cmte chmn **Birt Kidwell** presented several options and got some more suggestions from the floor. With all the help he got, the party is certain to be a huge success."

Soon after that report, I received another letter from **Bill Raiford** about his investment management firm, AMI Inc.

Dexter Smith wrote that he and **Don Ross** are the only classmates in Cincinnati. "Don's wife is Marilyn and he's a big boss Corporate VP for Mgt Info Sys for the US Shoe Corp. I, too, am with US Shoe as Dir of Telecom-



1952: Dexter Smith presents memento to Mrs. Lee.

munications." Dexter is Pres of the W.P. Society of Cincinnati and, at the 14 Mar Founders Day dinner, presented a W.P. music box to Mrs. Pat Lee, widow of JCH Lee Jr '41, for her services to the Society. Dex and Don occasionally contact **Jack Kleberg**, a consultant in Pittsburgh. Dex & Rosemary have 3 children: **Clifford** (22), **Timothy** (19), and **Noreen** (20); all still at home.

Jim Maloney reports that, "Such a wonderful thing occurred recently that I had to sit down and write about it for the ASSEMBLY. Jeri and I took 2 weeks off and went to HI (Our kids had to tell us that it was the first time in their memory when we got away when it wasn't with the kids or on business). We had reservations at the AFRC Hale Koa Hotel at Ft DeRussy on Waikiki for a week, then 6 days at Ka'anapali, Maui, and finally one day back at the Hale Koa before boarding the plane back to L.A. Jeri and I were down in the little PX in the basement of the hotel one day looking for gifts to take back when someone came up and slapped me on the back. Turning around, I looked into the grinning, somewhat bewildered face of **Norb Szymczyk**. When we had exchanged, 'What are you doing here?'s, he informed me that, after over 30 years of bachelorhood, he was getting married on 18 Mar to **Helen Symmonds** of Croydon (near Melbourne), Aus-

tralia. The wedding was to take place at the sub base, Pearl Harbor; and would we be able to be there? Fortunately, that was the day we were returning from Maui. We tried to get back a day early for the rehearsal dinner but to no avail. The wedding ceremony was beautiful. Helen's mother had come with her from Australia and stood up for her. The wedding supper was at the Willows in Honolulu, sponsored very ably by Tom Mahoney (must be a relative in the pre-Neanderthal days) a boyhood friend of Norb's from Buffalo who is now Senior VP of the Bank of HI. Enclosed is a picture of **Norb & Helen Szymczyk, Jeri & Jim Maloney** at the sub base chapel, Pearl Harbor, HI. Helen & Norb stayed with us for a couple of days (16-18 Apr) after the wedding. They are slowly making their way across the country. Talking about staying with us, **Claire Ellis**, Tom's widow, will come out from New Haven, CT, and stay with us for 10 days (3-13 Jun). I already have tickets to take her to a game at Dodger Stadium when the Dodgers play the Mets. We're looking forward to her visit, not having seen her since the last reunion. In Jan and Feb, Jeri and I were in Europe for a month while I visited 19 US and NATO Hq on a program for the DNA. When we got back to N.Y., we were snowed in for a few days on Long Island. At church on Sun, whom should we run into but **Ruth & Tom Fiala**. We spent a few minutes after Mass talking to them but unfortunately had little time for a visit. Finally, **Art Deverill** now works for the same 'think tank' as I in our Washington office. I see Kim and him quite often when I get across country. A little news on the kids to bore you—Our 4th daughter Pat will enroll at either the Tuck Business College of Dartmouth or Wharton at UPA this fall. (She's back East now making up her mind). Red letter day—our youngest Jim, is graduating from H.S. the end of this month and will enter the UCA at Davis to study Applied Physics."

The following letter, from the W.P. Society of Orange County, CA, may be a little late by the time you read this, but I'm sure **Jim Spence** can still use your support. "As President of the West Point Society of Orange County California, I am writing to inform you of a serious accident and injury to one of our most active members, **James E. Spence** (WP '52). On 17 Apr, Jim slipped on some wet steps outside a local country club and suffered multiple fractures of the skull and a hematoma on the upper right front portion of the brain. He has suffered loss of memory, speech impairment, and physical impairment. Although doctors anticipate full recovery, they expect Jim will be in a rehabilitation center for up to 18 months. Jim is a very active member of the Orange County Society. He was one of its founding fathers and served as the President in 1980-81. He has enjoyed looking through the '52 HOWITZER, although his loss of memory presently prevents recalling his days at West Point. I am certain that a brief word of encouragement from some of his classmates will be appreciated as he struggles along the road to recovery. Jim is currently at the Hoag Memorial Hospital, Newport Beach, CA. Get well wishes can be sent to his home, 345 Univ Dr, Suite K-4, Costa Mesa, CA, 92627."

Elaine & Art Taylor report the graduation of their son, **Kevin**, from Camden Military Academy. "Kevin will be attending Georgia Military College in the fall. We continue to enjoy life without the Army moves! I'm still selling diamonds for Zales & Art is sell-



1952: Szymczyks and Maloneys.

ing homes. However, business has been slow. Had a great get-together in Mar with **Jan & Dave Bethea** and **Carol & Jack Burkheimer**."

From *Army Times*, **Sam Wetzel** will move from Benning to DCINC USAREUR this summer and receive his 3d star. Congrats, Sam!

The above exhausts the material I have received this quarter. I count 37 names, 23 of which would have been in the Jun article if the Mar Class meeting report had arrived but a couple of days earlier. Three of those 23 names were already in the Jun article. Two of the other 14 names above were also in the Jun article. All told, the Jun article only had 31 names. Together, therefore, these 2 articles, excluding duplications, reported on only 63 different classmates (actually 62, since one of the 31 names in Jun is mine at the head of the article.)

Since we graduated, our Class has had 123 columns published in *ASSEMBLY*. The very first column, in July '52, had only one name; **Willy Ross**, the first class scribe. Otherwise the lowest no. of names was 8 in Spring '62, 11 in Spring '69, 13 in Summer '70, and 17 in Fall '62. The highest no. of names reported was 174 in Summer '58, 167 in Sept '82, and in Sept '77 (reunion issues), and 157 in Fall '58. The only issue in which our Class has not had a column has been Winter '64. Your class scribes have been: **Willy Ross** for 3 years, **Dave Lyon** for 4¼ years, **Jay Luther** for 2 years, **Pinto Holt** for 2¾ years, **John Bart** for 1 year, **Dave Ahearn** for 3¼ years (with **Ed Gilbert** and **Skip Wensyel** assisting with his first column), **Tom Collier** for 2 years, **Paul Child** for 1 year, **John Garver** for 1½ years, and yours truly, so far for 10½ years. That makes 10 regular scribes in 31 years.

I've done a bit of statistical analysis of the names included in these Class articles. Because of the confusion that would otherwise be caused, these statistics do not include names of ex-classmates, adopted classmates, non-classmates and non-people, whose names have appeared from time to time. The name or picture of a wife or child has been considered equivalent to the name of the classmate. I've included in these statistics appearance in a picture where the name was shown and somewhere I could identify the people in the photo. However, a large percent of the photos that do not identify those in them are not included in these statistics.

So far, in the 123 articles published through Jun '83, we have averaged 66.7 classmates mentioned in each article. Each classmate has been mentioned in an average of 15.6 articles (once every 2 years). Obviously, there are some classmates mentioned considerably over the average and some considerably under the average. Those classmates mentioned most often are as follows. Only 2 have been mentioned in more than half of the articles (both for very good reasons). **Bill Raiford**, class president for 10 years and constantly very active on behalf of the class, has been mentioned in 71 articles. **John Garver**, a previous scribe and resident for so many years at West Point where most articles have been written, has been mentioned in 69 articles. I come in 3d, with my name in 60 articles (including 41 with my name at the top of the article as scribe). Only 15 have been mentioned in 40 or more articles. The other 12 are **Dave Lyon-58**, **Bert Stubblebine-50**, **Paul Malone-46**, **John Kenney-45**, **Drake Wilson-45**, **Al Griffin-43**, **Tom Leggett-43**, **Denny Mullane-43**, **Otis Moran-42**, **Herb Schandler-41**, **Al Bracy-40**, and **Paul Brown-40**. (Inci-

dentally, no one should interpret this as an indication that we're hearing too much about anyone. We need more names, not fewer names. We definitely need to continue hearing from the (regulars!).

Going to the other extreme, we have 167 living classmates (or at least not reported as deceased) who have been mentioned fewer than 10 times. The Class hungers especially for news from those least often heard from. There are 4 classmates who have never been mentioned except to identify them as "lost" or "not heard from." **Art Martin** has been listed as "lost" 3 times (in '58' and twice in '74'). **Lou Scalso** has also been listed "lost" 3 times (twice in '74' and in '79'). **Bob Palmer** (nee Pajares) was listed "lost" 4 times (twice in '74,' and '76,' and '79,'). And **Joe Simon** was listed "lost" 7 times ('57,' '67,' '71,' '73,' '74,' '76,' and '79').

Seven classmates have been mentioned only one time plus those times listed as "lost." **Ray Lash** was only mentioned in '54' as in Japan with the 18th Cav. He was mentioned 2 more times as missing (in '71' and '74'). No scribe has heard from him since '54.' **Tom Hobbs** was mentioned only one time, in '55,' as in Japan with FEAF Intelligence. **Kelso Carroll's** resignation was mentioned in '56.' Otherwise, he's only been mentioned 5 times as "lost." **Ben Grafton's** resignation was mentioned in '58'; otherwise only 4 "lost's." **Tom**



1952: Founders Day Fort Carson—the Carters.

Moore has not really been mentioned in an article. His picture was included with the UMI crowd in '59.' In '74' I told you that. Otherwise, he hasn't been mentioned. **Bill Bingham** was listed as attending our 30th Reunion in 1982. I goofed by not realizing I should interview him specifically. Otherwise, he's been mentioned twice as lost. **Ray Jess** was also listed as attending the 30th and I goofed by not interviewing him, too. He's been mentioned "lost" 5 times.

Fourteen classmates have been mentioned twice, not counting those listings as "lost." **Bob Tickle** was last mentioned in '55' as in the 89th Tk Bn in HI; otherwise one listing as "lost." **Doug Butler** was last mentioned in '55' as an usher at **George Tronsrue's** wedding in Japan; otherwise twice as "lost." **Frank Smith** was last mentioned in '56' as resigning. His only other mention was in '54' as a 7th Div instructor. **Dick DeBoalt** was last mentioned in '56' as resigning; otherwise twice as "lost." **Larry Lucas** was last mentioned in '58' as with LA State Hwy Dept; never listed as "lost." **Lucky Custis** was last mentioned in '58' as with a missile unit at Ft Bliss; otherwise twice listed as "lost." **John Macik** was last mentioned in '60' as assigned in Paramus, N.J.; one listing as "lost." **Bill Britton** was last mentioned in '67' as at the "Navy" game; one listing as

"lost." **Reggie Mattox** was last mentioned in '68' as a corporate lawyer in Miami; never "lost." **Dave Smith** was last mentioned in '68' as attending the 15th Reunion; 3 "lost" listings. **Steve Swatt** was last mentioned in '70' as with Engineers Inc. in N.J.; never "lost." **Keith Dickinson** was last mentioned in '73' as being elected a VP in Houston; once "lost." **Bill Seaver** was last mentioned in '77' as in the Pers Div of Phila Gear Works; 3 times "lost." And **Pat Webster** was mentioned in '75' and '82'; last at the 30th Reunion. (Again I goofed with interview). Prior to '75' he was listed "lost" 4 times.

Twenty-one classmates are mentioned 3 times, again not counting "lost" listings. **Jim Rodrigues** was last listed in '55' as contemplating a return to HI; never "lost." **Joe Hendrickson's** resignation was his last mention in '58'; never "lost." **Art Jackson** was last mentioned in '58' as seen at a home football game; never "lost." **Jim Lynch's** resignation was his last mention in '58'; once "lost" (the article preceding the listing of his resignation). **Dick Rogers** was last mentioned in '58' as at Ft Bliss; 4 times since as "lost." **George Bowman's** resignation was his last mention in '59'; once since as "lost." **Art Peters** was last mentioned in '59' when he wrote from Ohio where he attended veterinary school; an earlier mention as "lost." **Ray Norton** was last mentioned as seen at June Week in '60'; 2 later "lost" listings. **Joe Urschel** was last mentioned in '61' as assisting in recruiting for USMA from Ohio; never "lost." **Ed Jelen** was last mentioned in '64' when he was in a picture and description from **Joe Santilli** in Paris; 3 more times later as "lost." **Dick Hall** was last mentioned in '66' for receiving the DFC in VN; once later as "lost." Last mention of **Ray Simmons** was of his wife remaining in DC area in '67' while he was in VN; one earlier "lost." **Bruce Beard** was last mentioned in '68' as at our 15th Reunion; never "lost." **Bud Lamb** was last mentioned in '68' as at the 15th Reunion. (The article says **Bob Lamb**, but I presume it means **Bud**.) In '74' from an incomplete file of Class articles, I listed him as never mentioned in the articles I had found. **Bob Hubeli** was last mentioned in '73' as in England; never "lost." **Tom Kelsey** was last mentioned in '75' as at an Ohio Founders Day dinner; twice "lost." **Mac Conner** was last mentioned in '77' as at the 25th Reunion; once "lost." **Bill McClelland** was last mentioned as at 30th Reunion in '82'. (Again, I goofed about interview.) He's never been listed as "lost" but not previously mentioned since '54.' **Russ Rentschler** also came to the 30th; once listed as "lost." **Lee Grossman** was last mentioned in '82' as periodically in touch with **Bob Turner**; 5 times "lost." And **Jorge Pereyra** was mentioned in '83' as having been mentioned to **Nancy Roper** by **Max Casas**; 5 times "lost."

All above have addresses in REGISTER, except **Carroll**, **Butler**, **Norton**.

Please let me know what you can find out about any classmates who may be seldom mentioned. Until the next time, please keep those cards and letters coming!



The 30th Reunion was held and a great time was had by all. Your scribe regrets that he could not be present as planned and because of that this column probably is not as broad as it could be. But, I have plenty of input from classmates who did attend the reunion. In that regard, I have a beautifully written piece by **Jim Bambery** that I would like to print in its entirety. Here it is, "Reflections on the 30th Reunion" by **Jim Bambery**.

"Our Thirtieth Reunion is over but the memories of the attendees which contains the records of the 4 days will be replayed from now on at any place where classmates gather. The 4-day celebration in May, 1983 was a fitting tribute to a 3 decade milestone in the life of the Class. A sign of an outstanding occasion is one which provides prolonged excitement that builds to a peak as the event comes to an end. From sign-in on Wed to the Class dinner on Fri evening, the party improved by the hour. The Reunion was truly an outstanding affair.

"On Wed afternoon our thoughtful planners provided a hospitality suite complete with a bar which was the scene of substantial hugging, kissing and laughing as classmates and wives renewed friendships. Some were even known to partake in a little libation. It was a fitting beginning to a memorable period of time.



1953: F-1 Company—Myers, Carter, Williams, Lohrli, Oblinger, Filaseta.

"On Wed evening we gathered for dinner at tables arranged by company. Comestibles added to the pleasurable evening. More people arrived and the night picked up where the afternoon concluded. It was said by individuals who are to remain anonymous, that some parties lasted well into the morning.

"Thurs was an exciting day even though the weather was less than superlative. Our busses parked by the tennis courts directly across from the plain. There was a scramble to get off the busses so we would have a few minutes to admire **Bob Dean's** sculpture of Gen Eisenhower, which now stands on the southeast corner of the plain. We were thrilled with the results of Bob's work and are proud he is one of us. From Ike we proceeded to the library and the dedication of the Recreational Reading Room (our Class gift). The ceremony was short and dignified with **Don Shaw** and **Bob Kaplan** participating in the ribbon cutting. The gift is a remembrance in which we can all be proud and one that will serve the cadets and the Academy for years to come. We owe a vote of thanks to all of our classmates that con-



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tributed time and treasures towards making the gift a reality.

"The picnic at Camp Buckner in the pavilion was lots of fun. Although the weather was a little cool, the Class huddled together, enjoyed the food and beer, but most of all enjoyed the conversation. Many of the conversations were held in the beer line which turned out to be a pretty good way to mix the group.

"In the evening, we returned to Washington Hall for the Alumni Dinner dance. We were the junior and the largest reunion class. We had virtually one wing of the mess hall for our use. After a time, the evening gave way to more conversation and dancing to music of the forties and fifties.

"The weather really caught up with us on Fri; the Alumni Parade on the plain gave way to a ceremony in the Field House. The last time, because of rain, most of us were in that building was 30 years ago (it looks better now than it did then) when we threw our hats in the air. While wives and loved ones sat in bleachers along the northwest wall, the alumni classes, led by the oldest grad present and the supt, marched around the Field House. Each class as it passed its aggregation was greeted by cheers and applause. The alumni finally took their place between 2 cadet formations. The Cadet Chapel Choir sang the *Alma Mater* and the oldest grad laid the wreath as a symbolic reminder of our gratitude to *Sylvanus Thayer*. The observance ended with the choir singing *The Corps*. As it turned out, we had a very

intimate ceremony with a compressed version of all the normal activities except the "Pass in Review." It was a different and satisfying experience.

"After an enjoyable alumni luncheon in Washington Hall, we gathered at and filled the Old Jewish Chapel for a most dignified and moving memorial service. While the Chaplain led us in prayer and delivered an appropriate remembrance, we had a wonderful opportunity to recall the moments we shared with our 42 classmates who have "crossed over the bar." The service was a fitting tribute to our comrades and one of the emotional highlights of the reunion.

"Except for a few, most of us returned to the motel to prepare for the evening and the Class dinner. We had been very active for 3 days and fatigue was almost upon some of us—everyone wanted to be ready for the final party. As it turned out, the Class dinner and dance was everything that we had hoped for and more. It was one of those rare evenings when close friends who won't see each other for several years get-together and charge their batteries to tie them over to the next meeting. The presence of a number of graduating cadets added to the party. The mood was light, the music good, and the people outstanding. It seemed that everything that had taken place before was a prelude. Indeed, our return to West Point was an outstanding occasion because throughout the reunion events were continuously building to a memorable climax."

The success of the reunion was due to the hard work and dedication of many classmates. Before passing out reunion kudos I want to give a special mention to our outgoing President, **Don Shaw**, who for 7 terms has done a truly outstanding job. Very quietly, without a lot of fanfare, he has organized, appointed, cajoled, encouraged, and served as the driving force behind a most successful fund raising program, 2 fine reunions, and a building of real Class solidarity. We should all be very grateful for Don's selfless service. **Jack Johnson's** service as 30th Reunion Chairman has been super. He was ably aided by several who worked like trojans all during the reunion. These were, **Bill & Pat Harris**, **Fred Reynolds**, **Gary & Francis Colonna**, **Bob**



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Kaplan, Bill Sutton, Sam & Nadine Thomas, and Sid Carter.

The 30th Reunion gift of the library room has been a huge success. Besides the fund raising so ably directed by Bob Kaplan, we should certainly recognize Bob Segal and Jim Endler for design and construction, Vi Davis for the furniture, Al Biggerstaff for inspection, Mary Wells for a painting she will do for the Class library room, and finally Bob Bartlett and the LB Smith Foundation for matching contributions of \$3,850.00.



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A business meeting was held during the reunion which resulted in changing the Class constitution to reflect Washington, DC, as the Class Headquarters. New class officers were also elected. They are: Cliff Landry, President; Bill Sutton, Vice President; John Bringham, Secretary and Don Davis will be the new Scribe. In addition, John Haskell replaces Bob Kaplan as Fund Chairman.

Also at the reunion Class plaques were given to 2 members of the Class of '83, Joel Johnson and Peter Martin. We have 3 sons graduating from the Air Force Academy this year: Robert Englehart, Stephen Schoeffler and James Wilkerson.

Jerry Lohrli writes to make sure that I know that 8 members of F-1 attended the reunion. They are Jack Myers; Jerry, Sid Carter, George Williams, John Oblinger, and Burt Filaseta. Jerry says they were a pretty good looking group. You can judge for yourself from the picture on this page.

Bob Albert writes to say how disappointed he and Millie were that they could not attend the reunion. A family wedding prevented the trip. The Alberts have lived in Pittsburgh for the past 19 years. They invite any classmates visiting Pittsburgh to call them at 412/833-5404.

This also marks my last column as your scribe. I want to thank all of you who have helped me with material over the past 3 years. If I have made anyone angry because I misspelled a name, missed a child, named the wrong wife or other felonies and misdemeanors, I sincerely apologize. Any errors



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were due not to malice but instead to gross incompetence. After all, I always was a goat. BEAT NAVY!

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John Bard, Chairman of the 30th Reunion Gift Committee, reported that his second mailing received a response from 186 classmates, 157 of whom agreed with the proposal to fund a permanent Superintendent's reviewing stand. John has notified the Academy that '54 will provide the stand, and Jim Hays is preparing the construction drawings. Class President Fred Qualls is scheduling a meeting of the Gift Committee for Jul to deliberate the gift's status, including the financing of it. Personally, I consider the latest idea most worthwhile. It features uniqueness, utility and visibility, which can't be said about many of us anymore.

Fred also reports that MG Vic Hugo is en route to Europe, where he will lead the 32nd Air Def Cmd; and the daughter of Howie and Irene Hunter leaves their Leavenworth, KS, home this summer to join the USMA Class of 1987.

John & Beth Shafer, with son John, Jr., hosted Glen & Archie Stout and son Jeffrey in Kentland, IN. John is the plant engr for Ethyl Corp there, and Glen is a sr engr with Union Carbide in Knoxville, TN. Interestingly, Archie Stout is the sister of Berry Beaumont, Dunc Beaumont's wife. Dunc is with TRADOC as a liaison officer to the USMC base at Quantico, VA.



1954: The Shafers and Stouts

You have heard by now that the next Army-Navy football game will be played in the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, CA. Jim Randall writes that he agreed to be the '54 class coordinator for the activities there. Jim lives at 1632 Acacia Hill Rd., Diamond Bar, CA 91765. Home phone is 714-861-8338, and office phone is 213-570-2676. Jim is a rotating machinery specialist with C. F. Braun & Co. in Alhambra, while his wife Georgine is a secretary with Chevron nearby. Daughter Barbara graduated in Drama from Cal Poly. She did the writing for two issues of "Batgirl" that were published in Detective Comics last summer. Son Mike is an EE major at Cal Poly, where he also is the head of electronics for the institute's entry for next year's Rose Bowl float parade. Amid all the excitement, Jim promises to keep us all informed about our assignments in the A-N game doings.

Fred & "B" Anklam tired of northern Virginia's dog days settled in Peoria, IL. After 7 years of idleness forced by a heart problem, Fritz is now Prof and Chmn of the Dept of Construction at Bradley U there.



1954: Assoc. Dean Bob Downey.

Fred Jr.'s team reporting for the Jackson, MS, Clarion-Ledger won a 1983 Pulitzer Prize for distinguished public service. His team's reporting on Education was also noted by TIME in its May 2nd issue. Daughters Nancy and Regina both graduated with distinction from UMS in Nursing, and both are working in the Univ Hosp Cen in Jackson. Carolyn is a '78 graduate and valedictorian from Ladycliff (remember?) and directs a program assisting handicapped children in Rhinebeck. Son James is with a foundation in Nashville coordinating overseas speakers for colleges. Jim graduated from UVA last year with distinction. Daughter Kristina is also at UVA and working summers for the Navy in Crystal City, Arlington, VA. "B" has recovered from orchestrating the move to the Heartland and does volunteer work for the Bradley U library and the family's church. Not least, First Grandchild Martin Foote Anklam, son of Fred Jr. and Crissy (Foote) Anklam, celebrated his first birthday. We know that Fritz' and "B" 's hearts beat proudly and more soundly than ever.

From the West, we learn that Doug O'Connor took unto himself his bride, Mary Alice Reneau, at ye Old Cadet Chapel, West Point, on May 2, 1983. In attendance were Supt LTC & Mrs. W. W. Scott, Jr., Gen L. L. Lemnitzer and other noted alumni, and classmates George Storck and Lloyd & Anne Matthews. Doug recently retired after commanding the 4Bde, 91 Div, USAR, in San Francisco. The O'Connors live in Newport Beach. Doug is co-founder and Executive VP of Applied Tech Ventures in Santa Ana. The company was favorably featured in the Apr 1983 issue of Inc. magazine and will offer its stock to the public in Aug.

We have it on reliable authority that Elizabeth Gaston, Don's wife, traveled with Secretary Shultz' party when he visited Tokyo. Beijing and Seoul for bilateral consultations and to Hong Kong for a chiefs-of-mission conference. Elizabeth is a secretary in the office of the Secretary of State. Beijing, as all you stamp collectors recall, was formerly called Peking when I and others flew around



1954: COL Doug O'Connor.



1954: Founders Day, Fort Carson.

that country in the other war. I should hesitate to order a meal there today.

A rare letter from active duty folks, this from **Bill & Marie Weafer** at Ft Riley. Bill is Area Cdr for ROTC Rgn III. Marie helps manage a local gift shop and keeps Bill company when he visits his 16 colleges on the frontier to show the flag. Sons Tom '78, and Bob '81, are both at Ft Lewis. Daughter Ann has been married 3 years, and the youngest, Liz, is a junior at KS St. Weafers report seeing **Dick Griffin**, there for ROTC summer camp duty; **Len & Seley Fuller** at the Fuller's son's wedding; **Marty & Polly Lachance** at Ft Sill; and **Rog & Ginger Browne**, planning to ret to Colo Springs.

From up north, **Bob Downey** informs us that he is Associate Dean of Emerson Coll in Boston and in the dissertation phase of his doctorate in Adult Education at Boston U. **Bob & Marge** live in Braintree, MA, the birthplace of Sylvanus Thayer. Their association with the local historical society that owns the Thayer birthplace and a lot of work by **Bob** resulted, after 4 years, in the approval for issuance of a Sylvanus Thayer U.S. postage stamp in 1985, the 200th anniversary of his birth. Other USMA graduates participated in this worthy effort.



1954: Founders Day, Ft. Leavenworth.

Classmates and friends, in order for me to meet the editorial deadline, I must receive your contributions before—not on or after—the end of September. Until then, Voila!

'55

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By the time this article appears in the Sept issue of ASSEMBLY the 9th wonder of the world would have occurred. Our Class confirmed bachelor, **Russ Parsons**, is to be married on 16 Jul in Atlanta to Carole Jean Hansel. When Russ visited Dorothy and me a couple of months back, Dorothy told him that since he had found such a nice southern

lady, that he was probably going to bite the dust. Now Russ is wondering how Dorothy knew before he did that this was the one. I'm trying hard to rearrange a business trip in order for us to be at the wedding. Having watched his exploits for so many years, we just want to be there to ensure that there's no last minute slip ups. We all wish Russ and Carole Jean the very best of luck and welcome Carole Jean to the Class of '55.

On a recent business trip to NY City Dorothy and I had a chance to spend time with **Kelly & Trudie Lichtenberg**. They both look great and Kelly seems to be thriving in the drapery business. In between trips to CA (I got him a passport and have coached him on the language) to check on the factory workers and entertaining customers at his Fifth Avenue offices, Kelly finds time to work toward the realization of a dream a lot of us have nurtured. Some of you may not know that they have now broken ground for a Jewish chapel at West Point and construction is under way. Kelly was a driving force behind the fund raising that was necessary to realize this dream, and I know that he spent many hours working on this project. Besides that Kelly has been very busy since "Big Sam" found some crooked stitching on a few drapery panels.



1955: Franklin receives 2d star from General Meyer as Joe's sister, Jean Wittich, his mother, and Connie look on.

Received a nice thank you note from 2LT **Bill Cheesborough**, '82, Dick's son, thanking us for the silver napkin ring. Bill says that Dick is well and living in Hendersonville, NC. Dick has become quite serious about running and logged well over 1,000 miles last year. Dick is representing '55 well since he took first place in his age group in an Asheville road race. I understand the last ¼ mile of the ½ mile race was tough but Dick persevered! Dick became a grandfather last summer when his daughter, Cora, a Navy petty officer, gave birth to a daughter, Jessica Lynn. Cora is married to Tom Houser, also a Navy petty officer. What's with all this Navy, Dick?

I understand that '55 had three sons and a daughter who graduated with the Class of '83. I would appreciate knowing the names of the '83 graduates, and I'll get them into our next issue. I do know that one graduate was David E. Painter. David is the son of **Myron Minich** and Mrs. Darrell Hiester Painter. David's grandfathers—BG (Ret) David W. Hiester of Highland Falls, NY, and Mr. Cecil Minich of Yuma, AZ, both pinned on David's bars. David was commissioned in CE with duty station at Ft Polk, LA.

Heard from **Dick Auer** that several West Pointers including classmates **Auer, Franklin, Baker** and **Bean** have purchased a new duplex in Eagle-Vail, CO. They call the partnership "The Black Knights of Whiskey Hill", which

is where the place is located. **Mary Ann & Richie Miller** visited Dick and Cinnie at the duplex in the spring.

Our Class pres, **Joe Franklin**, received his 2d star and is now in Spain as Ch of the JUSMAAG-Spain. Joe replaced **Ed Trobaugh** who is now commanding the 82d Abn Div at Ft Bragg.



1955: Class Reps.

Some notes from Joe will bring all of you up-to-date on several classmates. Joe and Connie saw **Todd & Sue Graham** a great deal in HI. Todd is the CS at WESTCOM. Sue is running all the ladies affairs at Ft Shafter and winning every racquet sport in sight. **Eck Hayes** is with J5 in CINCPAC and he and Kitty enjoy HI. I saw them in HI on my last trip and I can vouch for their love of the place. **Dave & Barbara Hufnagel** are also in HI where Dave is Todd's deputy. **Howie Stone** is CS at EUCOM and is Joe's next higher at Stuttgart. **George Monahan** is at Wright-Pat where he received his 2d star and by this writing should have given up his F-16 SPO for a job in Europe. Serving with Joe in the 25th Div in HI were 3 young captains, **Leo Hergenroeder**, **Grant Trobaugh** and **Dan Ludwig**. Doesn't that bit of news make us all feel a little older?

Bob Strati retires this Aug to take the job in the AOG at West Point that Dick Gruenther has. **Pete Walton** also is retiring from West Point. They both did a great job at the Academy and will be sorely missed.

Ran into **Bob & Marly Carpenter** at the Ft Belvoir Fathers Day brunch. They both look great and it was nice to see them.

Things with the **Goldsteins** are fine. Please keep in touch.

'56

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As this report is being written, many among us are celebrating June graduations of many types. **Roger & Judy Root** were understandably proud to see their son Steve graduate with the Class of '83 at USMA and to follow in Roger's footsteps as an officer in the Signal Corps. **George & Barbara Woods** were equally pleased to witness the graduation of their son, Michael with the same class. Michael chose Armor and his first duty station will be Ft Stewart. **Jack & Helen Schanep** saw their son, Dwight, graduate as a finance and management major from N AZ U, and we were most pleased to see our daughter, Carolynn, graduate with honors as an environmental planning and management major from the UCA at Davis. **Harry Crandall** achieved a most memorable landmark in his life when he was recently awarded a Masters of Divinity from the U of the South and



1956: Founders Day—West Point.

soon thereafter was ordained Deacon in the Episcopal Church. He was called to serve a parish on Virginia's Eastern Shore consisting of three churches—Hungars in Bridgetown, Christ Church in Eastville and Emmanuel in Cape Charles. Harry can be reached at Hungar's Parish Church, P.O. Box 367, Eastville, VA 23347, and wants all who travel the Eastern Shore (Route 13) to please stop in and say hello. Barbara Woods earned a graduate degree in education as a reading specialist and plans to find rewarding employment in the Carlisle, PA area when she and George move on after his ret this year.

Art & Alicia Evans have now laid claim to the "Class Caboose" with the birth of their daughter, Alice Catherine, on 8 May 1983. At our ages and stations in life, I can't think of too many among us that would want to seriously challenge this distinction. Am I wrong? Please let me know.



1956: Stapletons and Brays.

This old gossip column received a great boost from Jim Ellis, CG of the Engr Center when he furnished a photo of the Class of '56 attending the Ft Belvoir Founders dinner festivities as well as other news of the Class. (Photo was in Jun 83 ASSEMBLY.) Those who made this scene in addition to Jim & Mareth Ellis were: Darrell Andersen, Bill Baxter, Art & Suoma Boudreau, Steve & Marianne Canby, Maury & Beth Cralle, Bill & Narris Crites, Stan & Connie Diez, Bob & Jo Duncan, Don & Mary Ernst, Gene & Evelyn Fox, Art Harris, Bob & Frankie Hull, Ted & Sandra Jasper, Tom & Delores Kirchgessner, Mike & Jane Lion, Dirk & Ann Lueders, Frank & Bernie Matthews, Bob & Mary Quackenbush, "Supe" & Jan Safterstein, Mark & Mary Luise Smith, Stainton & Carol Smith, John & Karen Stevenson, Pete & Anne Verfurth, George & Natalie Wien, Gary & Pat Williams, and Paul & Donice Winkel.

Jim Ellis credits Pete Verfurth for the strong class group program in the DC area. They meet every few months for lunch in the Pentagon, and were planning a Class party at the Ellis quarters this past May. Tim has frequently seen Norm Schwarzkopf who is the Acting Asst DCSPER at DA and Bill Roll, Dir of Officer Pers at MILPERCEN. He also meets often with Rick Brown, CG at Ft Knox and Tom Weinstein, CG of IntS at Ft Huachuca, in connection with TRADOC school commandant business. Jim also mentioned that Ann Prather recently visited Ft Belvoir to be present at the birth of a granddaughter—born to Cathy Martin, wife of one of Ellis' CPTS. Mike Conrad's son, Mike, is also at Ft Belvoir in the Adv Cse and Doc Bahnsen's son graduated from the Basic Course at Belvoir last fall. Jim has seen Charlie Kottich and Doc Bahnsen at recent Army field exercises.

George & Lynell Stapelton managed to celebrate Founders Day along with Jack & Martha Bray in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. George is Dpty PM for the Saudi Arabian Natl Gd Modernization Prog. Jack is the Dir of Opns for SIYANCO Corp. George & Lynell visited Heidelberg last Mar and saw Dick & Mary Woods at the Founders Day get-together there.

Carleton & Jill Coulter enjoyed their villa on Lake Maggiore, Italy this past summer. Carleton heads a management consulting firm which is doing well putting together R&D partnerships for telecommunications, program management systems, executive search systems and concrete block plants.

Barbara Woods did an excellent job of bringing me up to date on what she and George have been doing for the past four years. In 1979, Barbara and their children were evacuated from Pakistan after the sacking of the U.S. Embassy. George remained in Pakistan to help reestablish the embassy functions then returned to the U.S. and Barbara. Then they moved to Ft Meade, their present post. Their eldest son, George, is stationed at Ft Polk. He and his wife, Beth, are the recent parents of a daughter, Theresa Marie. George and Barbara planned to attend her christening in NJ last May. Their son, Stephen is a manager for the Kemp Mill Records store in Georgetown. Their daughter, Lisa is a jr at West Chester State U in PA. She is a political science major and hopes to enter the foreign service. She was recently selected for Who's Who in American Colleges. Their youngest daughter Eileen is a jr at Meade High in MD and plans to become a model. She plans to attend college in GA after grad in another year. Their youngest, Matthew, is a bright and very active second grader. George will have retired from the service by the time you read this and has joined USPA/IRA as an independent agent. As previously indicated, the Woods have selected the Carlisle area to settle and have bought a home there.



1956: Founders Day.

This past April, I was delighted to attend an impromptu '56 get together arranged in the L.A. area by Bob Schannep '60 (you guessed it—Jack Schannep's brother). I learned that Jack is still managing all the Dean Witter offices in Tucson and that Helen, formerly of El Paso, attended the same high school as my wife, Betty. Their son, Bart (23) is married, graduated from N AZ U (Flagstaff) and is learning the brokerage business from his father. Their youngest, Tim and Marie (16) are high school juniors. Tim is a basketball standout; Marie is a cheerleader.

Bob & Joan Stein attended this delightful gathering. They are justly proud of their son, Rob, who is doing very well at the Academy of Arts School in San Francisco and was recently awarded a top prize at an art show hosted by the National Illustrations Museum in New York. Bill Cody's brother, Tom, and his wife, Chris, also attended this party. Tom and Chris live in Marina del Rey. Tom will retire as an AF COL in 83. Chris is a nurse at the world famous Cedar Sinai Med Cen in L.A. specializing in HOSPICE work. Also saw Joe Saunders, a Mgr of Opns with the Space and Commo Gp at the Hughes Aircraft Co. Joe and his wife, Linda, live in Rancho Palos Verdes, not far from our hideout. Joe Jr graduated from AZ St as a fine arts major. Their youngest, James (12) is a jr high student.

As for the Wilkers, we are still counting our blessings, hoping our daughter Carolyn can find a good job in this slow economy, and very definitely looking forward to the coming Army-Navy clash in Pasadena this year. We are looking forward to having Ray & Carolyn Cannon as our house guests for that fracas and hope very much that many others of you will find time to visit this area and see THE GAME at that time. Until then—all the best to all of you—each and every one.

'57

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Greetings from the Nation's hot box on the 4th of Jul. I just got back from a delightful 2 weeks overseas (except for the constant packing and unpacking) and walked into an oppressive East Coast heat wave, complete with high humidity and periodic thunderstorms. Oh well, this too will pass. I did run into one classmate during my trip, Justin LaPorte. He's our military attaché in Bern, Switzerland, at least 'til next year when he'll move over to Vienna, Austria, for the attaché job here. Justin's son '86 and 3 classmates had just been visiting for 3 weeks and turned out to be the hit of the Swiss social season. They appeared in uniform at a party the LaPortes gave for a departing associate and were the center of attraction—must be the old Cadet gray. Good to know it still works.

Moving a little closer to home, J.J. & Marie Cortez's son graduated from George Mason U and will be married in Jul. Congrats. Marie is also to be congratulated for being cast in a TV commercial for the U.S. Capital, in which she talks, sings and does a few steps. Good job. She also appeared in a play during Jun called "Close Ties." The Elder's oldest boy, Fletch IV, graduated from Rice U and was kind enough to send me an announcement. Let's hear from more offspring. Got a lovely note from Diane Galloway. Their daughter Laurie was married in Apr at the Holy Trinity Church, WP, to an Army Officer (CPT Arty), and they will be stationed in Germany for the next 3 years. Brodie graduated from Elon College, NC in May and Hillary will go to Fairfield U in CT this fall. John will graduate from O'Neill High School in HF next year and Greg, their youngest (I hope) will be entering O'Neill next year. I left out Kevin, who was just 20. It's nice to hear from large families—so much to write about.

Diane had a typical Army story. West Point decreed that summer arrived on 15 Apr and turned off the heat. The Hudson Valley promptly had a cold snap (terribly un-

patriotic), leaving the Galloways sitting by the oven to keep warm. You may remember a similar story about Ft Polk in the papers which proved quite embarrassing to the Army when some of the families complained to their congressional reps. Got a note from Carolyn Gaspard. She has moved to Jacksonville, FL, and expects to be visiting in the DC area periodically. In fact, she was planning to work at the D.C. Classic Tennis Tournament the end of Jul. Son Trey was scheduled for a school at Ft Eustis in May and Jun, and then returned to his flying assignment in HI. It certainly beats Eustis. Son Jay will spend the summer working in Jacksonville. Jr's grave marker was placed in Apr and Carolyn thought the Class would appreciate the fact that it's black granite. Thanks for sharing that note with us, Carolyn.



1957: Chase, the Prichards, the Petrunos, the Whites, Bernd, and the Goodsons—Albuquerque, Founders Day.

Fred Kohler called several times from CA, and after finding me TDY each time decided to write. Having previously provided info on his oldest son, he now updated me on the rest of the family—and I'm impressed. Son Steve graduated with a degree in finance from the U of Santa Clara and will continue in grad school there, having been granted an educational delay from the Army. He was on an ROTC scholarship and was the cadet cmdr of the Army ROTC unit, winning the George C. Marshall award. He got his jump wings last summer at Benning. Son Gary has an Air Force scholarship at USC, where

he's majoring in EE and has finished his 2d year. Dave, the youngest Kohler just graduated from high school, where he played varsity basketball and was the Class valedictorian. He was offered ROTC scholarships by all 3 services and a national merit scholarship, and chose an Army scholarship at MIT, where he'll major in bio-electrical engineering and (hopefully) play basketball.

If you haven't gotten on John Loberg's mailing list for The LOBERG Letter, I suggest you do so. I get one each month and really find them both interesting and enlightening. I wish I had had as conscientious a realtor when I was buying/selling my house. The AOG recently had a trip to Hong Kong, China and Tokyo, and had the good fortune to get a briefing on China from Bernie Loeffke on their last night in Beijing. How lucky can you get? Well, he might have played some music for them. COL Herbert wrote me a note to say it was really a great briefing and that Bernie seems to be enjoying himself. Got a note from Dick Mollicone, along with a \$100 check for the Class Fund. That reminds me to remind you that we eagerly await your donations for the 30 year gift. Remember that we're asking each classmate to contribute \$100 over the next 4 years (more if you like and can afford it) to help us make a \$50,000 gift to WP for our 30th Reunion. It's tax deductible and should be sent to J. J. Cortez, our class treasurer, or me (made out to USMA Class of '57 Fund).

Dick, like Justin LaPorte and others I've spoken to, has received the 25th Reunion book and is ecstatic about the way it turned out. All have echoed the same refrain—thank Sue Miller for the really great job. So here it is—thanks Sue, from all of us. Here's some news that Dick provided. Neal Ausman is at the Jet Propulsion Lab in Pasadena, CA. (Seems to me he's been there quite a while now.) Earl Pettibone is still in the LA area but has not been seen for some time. Come out, come out wherever you are, Earl. Bill Cudmore and Dick Bone joined the Mollicones and a small select group for Founders Day—but no pictures. And now the real info. Dick is a proud member of a sailboat crew that beat Navy and the Coast Guard at the annual Newport Beach (CA) to Ensenada



1957: Fort Bragg, Founders Day.

(Mexico) Race for Ivy League Teams. I didn't even know we're now considered Ivy League. The crews were made up of volunteers from many classes, and Dick said it was a really great experience to finish ahead of our arch rivals on their own turf, and to celebrate with lots of tequila at the end.

So much for the "boat" story. Got a call from P. K. Morrell on his way back to TX from Saudi Arabia. He's well, enjoying life, and will write in the future with lots of info. Where have I heard that before? Russ Ramsey wrote that he got a letter from Luis San Andres. Luis recently obtained a Philippine Liberation Medal for Russ' father who had played a major part in that campaign, for which the Ramseys were quite pleased. Luis has 5 kids, but didn't provide any additional poop. Oh well, at least we know he's been busy. Russ has been busy making speeches to the AFSC at Norfolk on Western Hemisphere Security Issues and to civic groups on the topic "El Salvador isn't Vietnam." He sent me copies of the presentations and they're enlightening. It's nice to be a recognized expert in something, but it's especially tough in an area where everybody else thinks they're experts. Keep plugging Russ. Mort Roth finally broke the writing barrier, but with news like his it's understandable. His identical twin boys have just become members of the CI of '87, with Eric at WP and Scott at Annapolis. Mort and Bobby are due to report to the Cold Regions Research and Engineering Lab at Hannover, NH, in Aug, and as Mort says, it's going to be a big learning process for him to "accept the fact that you can do more with ice than cool a drink." As you may remember he's spent the last 4 years with the IAGS, first in Panama and then in San Ant, and has traveled extensively in So. Amer. If you're going that way, ask him for a map. He mentioned that Bill Webb is the deputy at DMA (here in D.C.) and Fitz Fitzgerald has taken over at DMA AC in St. Louis, and therefore they can even get you the map wholesale. Mort did have one complaint though, and I know many who share it. Just when he's within commuting range of Philly, and he's got sons in each of the academies, the A-N game is moving to CA? How many alumni are in CA? By the way, if you're thinking of ret, Mort strongly recommends San Ant. Dick Stephenson sent a change-of-address card from USAREUR where he is now the CO 3 SUPCOM, APO NY 09757. Good luck Dick. I noticed in the Army Times that Carl Vuono has been selected for a 3d star and will become the Dep CG, TRADOC and CG, CAC at Ft Leavenworth. As far as I know, Carl's our first 3 star. Congrats. Got a note and picture from Dick White of the Albuquerque Founders Day. Last note, taken from the Army Times. Len Wishart has been assigned Dep CG, CACDA, Ft Leavenworth. That firmly puts Ft Leavenworth in the hands of '57. We can now look for outstanding training for our future generals as well as great combat developments for the Army. The nation will finally reap the benefits of our great potential. Go '57.



'58

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Twenty-eighth column. Please note new address. Given the fact that the packers arrive 7 Jul, I have more information than I will have time to impart. Sorry.

Class Memorial Fund Checks received this past quarter: Chuck Hansult (it was dated 14 Sept 82, but was received in Apr. Another procrastinator), Chuck Miller, Vic Gongola, Phil Pryor, Brad Eliot, Ron Hudson, and Barbara Sands. The latter was delivered by Tom and Barbara last night, "to save 20¢." It was great seeing Barbara and Tom, but chaotic what with the move in progress.

Two other special checks. First, one for \$50 given anonymously by a grad from the Class of '61 in memory of Gerry Capelle with the following remarks: "I vividly remember him as being in 5th New Cadet Company in Jul or Aug 57. I also know he treated a real gross new cadet in a way that helped me survive that ordeal and finally graduate. I'll never forget him and here is the other half he would have sent." The second special checks was from Paul Ciasullo for \$100 given in Adam Benjamin's name. Paul earlier sent his own check to AOG with a matching corporate contribution. Thank you both for your thoughtfulness on behalf of '58 classmates who have prematurely joined the Long Gray Line, the ghostly assemblage. Thank you again to Bill Serchak who started this last time with his gift on behalf of Gerry Capelle.



1958: Phil and Chantal Pryor.

Please note that I mention only those whose checks come to me. If you send them directly to AOG (perfectly acceptable), I normally don't know about it.

Calls at or before retirement. In the past I have heard from Roger Waddell (on 30 Oct 80 he called to let me know he was wearing his ceremonial shoes, which shoes I hope to see at the 25th Reunion), Hugh Trumbull (who called on 5 Jul 81) and Frank Wright (who called on 28 Feb 83). In this category I recently heard from Brad Eliot who joined Merrill Lynch in Phoenix on/

about 1 Jul 83. A short summary of USAF classmates: in Jun there were 34 still on active duty, but 5 of these are ret over the summer: Brad (30 Jun), Tom Cartwright (30 Jun), Bob Munger (31 Jul), Cliff Trott (31 Jul), and Jim Ryan (30 Sept). Of the remaining 29 active duty types, 9 are general, 18 are colonels, and 2 are lieutenant colonels.

Short rendition of other news: Garry Roosma called while MOBDES in Pentagon. He reports that Al Salisbury has moved to DC. Also that Marc Sigurski is back in DC. Charlie Miller wrote a first letter to Scribe in 25 years. He and Kate plan to attend 25th. He saw MG Pete Kullavanijaya in Bangkok and reports that Pete hopes to attend 25th while on a trip to Ft Bragg. Charlie ret in 78, went to Wharton for an MBA, and now runs his own financial planning consulting firm.

Chuck Hansult wrote in Apr to send his Sept check. In between he ret from AF and stayed in DC as a Sr Analyst with HRA Inc. Short letter from Gale Robertson saying they are enjoying Saudi Arabia. George Lawton called to say that Tony Smith is in OSD Intl Security Policy. Another call from Garry Roosma informing us that Brad Johnson ret 31 May. Great call from Gene Scales: Buckalews, Griffins, and Haydens attended Founders Day. If any classmates in TX want information on other classmates in TX, call Gene at 512-340-0410.

Phil Pryor wrote that he and Chantal are en route to DC where Phil will be in USDRE. Vic Gongola wrote that he has 2 daughters in college, 3 next year. I think that explains the stains on his \$100 check (blood or tears?). Rich Clements called to say that Skip Hettlinger is ret in Denver.

Bob Morris called, but I missed him and haven't gotten back in the chaos of moving. Sorry, Bob. Neil Williamson called to check on the news with which this article should have begun: Ken Clark died on 3 Apr 83. He was in Mexico on vacation with Helen, their daughter Sharon, and Ken's mother. Helen wrote me that Ken died of a pancreatitis hemorrhage. A shock to all. At the time of his death, Ken was PanAm Captain, still in the AF reserves, and was an LnO for the USAFA. Their son, Ken III, completed AF flight training in Aug 82. Son Jim is at Western KY U while Sharon is in high school. Too soon. Too sad. "May it be said, 'well done, be thou at peace.'"

Pat & Linda Mellin called. Their daughter Suzanne will be married 16 Jul to John Moorehead, USMA 82. Son Michael was commissioned 2LT FA from James Madison U ROTC in Dec 82. Pat "finally quit smoking in Jan" and finished an MBA at St Thomas. They should be at 25th.

Jud Ellis called 16 Jun. Glad to report that he's no longer lost. You can call him at AV 764-2001 to confirm he's found at Langley AFB. Ron Hudson remarked in his letter with \$100 check that "some guys will always be late to ranks." They are enjoying Norfolk where the Hudsons should be one more year. Mike Harvey called from Ft Lewis to let us know his next stop is NYC and the Foreign Relations Council.

Bob Higgins called from ret in Orlando to pass on bad news that Carl Sullinger's father died recently and was buried in Arlington. I did not report last time that Bob's mother died in Feb. Our sympathy goes out to them and others who have gone through deaths of parents.

Jerry Hoblit called from Willis, TX, which is a "little burg north of Conroe, which is

a little burg north of Houston." Jerry confirmed Charlie Miller's poop that MG Pete hopes to make 25th all the way from Thailand. If you are not coming, distance is a poor excuse in light of Pete's plans. Bill Harry wrote that he plans to make 25th.

The following long quote from Chuck Densford is the answer to this Scribe's prayer for this column. Quote:

"Two items of business: (1) the USMA 58 June Week party (flyers and roster enclosed) was a great success. Many of your classmates turned out to celebrate the occasion, and a good time was had by all. Sat, 4 Jun, was a fortunate alignment of an historic date and a weekend, so that many could attend. Andy Andreson, "J," and their daughters were in town for the Andreson's 25th wedding anniversary, so they were able to be present for graduation day plus 25 yrs.



1958: Looks more like 15 years than 25!

"Bill & Nancy Gillette were the first to arrive (from Odenton, MD) and were complaining about my map labeled, "the fastest route!" It seems a garbage truck overturned on I-95 near the Lorton exit, backing up traffic to the Beltway and slowing down the start of the party. There was also an accident on the Woodrow Wilson Bridge, so there was no "fastest route." (Sure you want to come back George?)

"Shortly after the Gillettes arrived, Bob Tallgren called from Woodbridge to complain that the traffic was terrible and he was forced to get off I-95 at Woodbridge and back track to Lorton. He drove all the way from Philly to attend, and drove all the way back that night to preside over a meeting of the Ferrari Club—he's the pres! CON-RAIL must pay well! Pete & Kitty Bahnsen were next to arrive, and midway through the afternoon Pete and John Nun had to make a beer run. It seems your classmates were really in a beer drinking mood (9 cases!).

"Dick Beyea planned to attend but got tied up in his office, so he sent money instead. That went to the stamp fund to ease the burden on George Lawton and John Herren who did the mailing. Pete & Janice Brintnall came. It seems they will be in school here a little longer before heading for Brazil.

"Tom & Emily Carpenter came but had to leave early. Their presence reminded me how fortunate we are that they are brave enough to host a Class party (Army-Navy game) at their house, at night, in the winter, when everyone has to be inside!! Nels Conner didn't make it, but Georgia did. Nels was in Denmark running a firing demonstration with some special ammunition and couldn't get back in time. We missed Nels, but Georgia is prettier, so his stand-in was an acceptable substitute!

"Bill & Sara Jo Cooper came, to make it 4 of 24 for A-2. Bill agreed to go to the 25th after an admission of inaction. Jack Downing was there, so Patsy said. I didn't see him and didn't know it until we were going over the roster to get a denominator for the \$ per head. Jack & Betsy Eliot came and brought their "little" son. Jack had called earlier to ask about bringing "kids." We had in mind a teenager at our stage of life, but the youngest Eliot was 5 months old! Scary! Read on to see why Paula Johnson was glad.

"Peter & Carol Groh were there representing the Engr School's finest. They will be leaving soon for OH, where Pete will be the OH Div Engr. This might have been their last class party in the DC area for a while. Joe Guenther had planned to attend, but called in on Sat morning to say his wife was sick. Too bad, sorry she was sick and sorry he couldn't come to lend a little airline pilot's calm to the picnic.

"John & Sally Herren came, with the news that Bill Buchly had gotten married, and plans to attend the 25th at West Point. Good news on both counts! (An aside from Scribe: last column covered the wedding with John Herren as best man. Welcome again to '58, Judy Buchly. Are there any bonafide, never been married bachelors still out there?)

"Dale & Dodie Hruby attended with a clan of kids (?) and friends. 2LT Hruby, USMA '83 was there too. He looks like Dale 25 years ago! There were several USMA '58 daughters there who were all eyes, but they were saddened to learn that the 2LT is engaged and plans to marry later on. Heyward Hutson & Lyn were there. It was one of the first parties I can recall them being able to attend. Heyward (he wants to get away from Percy) had tried to get ahold of Ray Tomlinson (Ft. Lee), but Ray has apparently been transferred. Paul & Paula Johnson were there. I didn't see much of Paul, but Paula spent most of the afternoon walking around with the youngest Elliot. Paula's motherly instinct was in full bloom! Both of them enjoyed it!!!

"George Lawton was there, of course, since he helped with the planning and admin work. He not only encouraged me, but he and John Herren took care of mailing out flyers and such. George brought the biggest steak to cook (looked like a side of beef!), which he shared with my 3 yr old granddaughter Eron and Andy Andreson's grandson, Jonathan. George was running after the kids calling them his "little buddies." The kids enjoyed George and his steak! Joe & Peggy Luman were there. Joe says it's a little tougher to get free on weekends when you're in business for yourself, but no sacrifice is too great for the Class of '58!

"John Schroeder was there with a very pretty friend. John does his best to make all of the Class functions, and usually does! Too bad he didn't bring his tool box so he could have worked on my broken cars! I will never forget John driving around the parking lot at Burke Center, about one AM on 1 Aug 81

with his head sticking up out of the sun roof of his car. There are happy drunks and then there are really happy drunks!

"Bill & Mary Jane Parks were there. They had come late due to other commitments, so they stayed late and helped clean up. Their daughter has just graduated from Bucknell with a BS in Mech Engr. She is looking for a job!? Herb & Betty Puscheck were there. Herb has left the Selective Service Admin, and is now the Dir, Prog Analysis and Evaluation Dir and DARCOM (Darkness Command). "Dusty" Rhodes," who says he is trying to get away from the nickname, stayed for a while. He had another commitment, but he did come. Good old "Bob," as he wishes to be called (Another aside: Bob Rhodes is bonafide bachelor... others?)

"Will & Sandy Roosma came, and it was like old times having Will's booming voice add a little Inf flavor to the party. They had to attend their daughter's piano recital first, so Will stopped by on the way, and then he and Sandy returned for the duration. Will, Andy Andreson, Jae Stanton, and I closed the place up. Andy, Sandy, and Patsy were very forgiving, but J. Andreson was smart—she went on to bed!



1958: J.M. Williams receives second star from CINCSAC and Pat.

"Ben & Marie Pellegrini came late due to a previous commitment, but managed to get there in time to make the rounds and bring a delicious salad to share. I had to keep an eye on Ben when he found out which car cover in my driveway had a Fiat 850 Sport Spyder under it. It seems he needs some parts for his 850! As far as I know the parts off mine wouldn't fit his because his is yellow and mine is white! Ben and Marie are in good spirits and looking forward to the 25th. It would suit Ben if we held the 25th in Atlantic City!

"Bob Tredway came out of the basement in the Pentagon when he ret, and came all the way out of ret to come to the party. It was fun to see him socializing again, and great to meet his new wife Ann Milton. She is a delightful little lady with a great sense of humor and fun to be around. We welcome Bob back and welcome Ann to the group.

"Bill Sheppard and his wife Kay came, and it was good to see them. Bill, in his own imitable fashion, quietly made the rounds to talk to everybody. Bill Stambaugh & Carol came. It was the first time I can recall seeing them at a Class function in the area. It was good to see them there, and we hope it will be the start of a trend. No trend Bill just stopped by to pay me his pro-rata share, and informed me that he is leaving (PCS) next month to Ramstein, AB. (Bill and Carol came often 76-79. He even wore cadet swimming suit once!)

"Jae & Annie Stanton were there in full swing. Jae made the rounds livening up

every group he moved into. Annie does that by her presence, but Jae does it by telling jokes. His crowning blow was a wild tale about seeing a bumper sticker that reads, "Nuc the gay whales!" He dropped that one in the kitchen, as he, Annie, **Bill Roosma**, **Sandy**, **Andy**, **Patsy** and I tried to keep the party going until the 5th of Jun! If you have 2 dollars to invest, Jae promises to double your money in 10 years or less.

"**R. W. Tallgren**, host of the fabled RWT Golf Classic, Pres of the Philadelphia Ferrari Club, and owner of several fine motor cars, drove down from Philly for the party. He tried to get there early, but was foiled by the overturned garbage truck on I-95 and an accident on I-95 at the Woodrow Wilson Bridge. Bob brought some special booze, with a foreign label, that had to be put in the freezer before consumption. He did that, but when he went back to get it somebody had moved it from the kitchen refrigerator to the freezer in the utility room. After a frantic search, and near panic, he began to pass it out. **Jae Stanton**, **Andy**, and **Bill Roosma** finished the bottle late that night. **Bob Tallgren** drove back to Philly that evening to preside over the Ferrari Club meeting. Bob wins the prize for traveling the longest distance to see his classmates, but don't tell the Ferrari Club that he made the trip in an Alfa Romeo!

"**Otto & Shirley Thamasett** came and helped hold up the runts' image for being sociable. Otto has prospered in his civilian employment since retirement. He looks well and seems happy. **Chuck & Patty Toftoy** were there in full force. Patty was her usual charming self, making the rounds and keeping things lively. Our boy Charles came dressed in a very striking black jogging suit with orange flashes on it. His T-shirt was some sort of advertising, but it almost went unnoticed under that super suit.

"**Neil & Carole Mathis** came with two daughters. They had moved down from Aberdeen PG (back to their house in Hayfield) the day before, and consented to leave a house full of packing boxes to come to the party. Their oldest daughter, Beth, became the official photographer by default. She had three cameras at one time, and we are all hoping the pictures turn out well!! I heard her tell Neil he owed her 50¢ for taking pictures for him—slave wages! Carole says they develop their own black and white film, so we should know soon if there will be any to send to you. The Mathis' will be in DC area for about 18 months attending attaché and language schools prior to going to Jordan.

"**Lee Miller** came, and it was the first time I had seen him in a long-long time. He was one of the first to call in asking how much he owed! We need more classmates like Lee! **Gerry Mitchell** did not make it—he elected to attend the Paris Air Show instead! Some sacrifices are too great for the class of 58. **John & Mimi Nun** came with their daughter Tara, son Craig, and Craig's fiance Karen. John also brought a gas grill, table, saw-horses, and made a mid-party beer run with **Peter Bahnsen**. Their daughter Tara graduated from Hayfield High School this Jun.

"**Mike & Myrna K. Daley** also didn't make it, although they tried. They were passing through DC on 30 May-1 Jun on their way to FL, but couldn't stay for the picnic because Mike had to be at Eglin for school on Mon, 6 Jun, and Myrna K. refused to be subjected to making the trip in one day. They did attend **Andy & "J" Andreson's** 25th anniv party at the Army-

Navy CC on 1 Jun. I can say first hand that Myrna K. looks good! Dashing Mike moved freely among the ladies!!

"All in all it was a great party. We had about 33 'heads of household' show up with various and sundry family members in tow. I think there was some emotional sense of urgency on this one because of the date. The ladies did a super job of putting a lot of fine food on the table, and everyone seemed to have a good time. It was touch-and-go with the weather all morning, but as zero hour arrived the sun came out and blue sky predominated over the Class of '58 June Week party. It was fun, even if the most frequently asked question was, 'has it really been 25 years?' The DC area gang is all warmed up and ready for the 25th.

"The 2d business matter is to send you all that I have been able to find on **Kenny Clark's** death. The small obit in the **Washington Post** didn't say much. **Dale Hruby** has taken on the unpleasant task of trying to find out what happened to Ken in Mexico. Copy of the obit enclosed.

"PS. Patsy and I have decided that the time has come to cut the ropes—ret date is 31 Oct 83. No job yet, but several irons in the fire. We are moving to TX, hopefully to Austin, and hopefully will have a job by then. If not, it's Patsy's turn...! Regards **Chuck**." End of letter, end of quote, end of column. See you in Sept at 25th.

'59

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Our 25th Reunion will be held at WP on the weekend of 15 Sept 84. Army plays Colgate at Michie Stadium, but it is not Homecoming Weekend, so our chances for the good accommodations are much enhanced. A mailing with full particulars will be in your hands sometime later this year. **Bob Croteau** has agreed to serve as reunion chairman; and his committee is made up of **Bill Zaldo**, **Art Griffin**, **Rod Ferguson**, **Don Tillar** and **Peter Stromberg**, the last 3 resident at WP and our contacts "on the ground."



1959: Yelvertons and Stadlers—Ft Sill.

That was the biggest decision coming out of the annual Class meeting and luncheon held on 7 Apr at the Orleans House Restaurant in Rosslyn. Another was the appointment of a fund-raising committee consisting of **Fred Manzo**, chairman, and **Charlie Tennant**, **Joe Enright**, and **Jack O'Brien**. Its job will be to pursue efforts to obtain tax-exempt status for the Class fund and to solicit contributions when that is achieved. The mailing earlier this year found the Class to be overwhelmingly in favor of his effort. Out of 279 responses received to date (66% of the mailing), all votes were "yes."

The outgoing finance committee under **John Gurr** was praised for a fine job in which the fund achieved the highest income and rate of growth in its history. The new committee consists of **Mike Gillette**, chairman, and **Dave Fried**, **Joe Coreth**, **Pete Dawkins**, and **Frank Campbell**, the last 2 ex-officio.

Once again, thanks were given to **Mart Lidy** and the program committee for their diligence in distributing funds in accordance with the wishes of the Class. This year \$500 went to the WP Fund to sponsor cadet participation in Operation Crossroads Africa. Another sum was allocated to the purchase of engraved pewter mugs for presentation to Class sons and daughters in the Class of 83. The event occurred during Graduation Week at the **Moellerings'** house with strawberries and champagne, and the recipients were **Bruce Hilmes**, **Gary Langford**, **Kathleen Medaris**, **Alan Phillips**, **James Walsh**, and **Eric Williams**.



1959: Mike Gabel.

This year's scholarship award went to 2 applicants because of their very high qualifications. **Barbara Ann Russell**, daughter of Tom and Ann and a jr at VPI; and **Carrie Wosicki**, daughter of Walt and Judy and a jr at Chestnut Hill College; each received \$1000 and the best wishes of the Class for continued success in academia and life. **Bob Croteau** chaired the selection panel made up of **John Mayers**, **Milt Newberry**, **Mike Gillette** and **Art Griffin**.

John Moellering gets around quite a bit fulfilling his com's duties, and he is very kind to share news of classmates he runs into from time to time. We probably should keep this quiet, or every scribe will want one. Anyway, John reports as follows: Among those he saw during football season were **Tom Ballenger**, still a prospering businessman in L.A., and **Fitz Chandler**, who is commanding a bde at Ft Dix. **Al Dorris** is running a plastics firm in Minneapolis and doing quite well. **Dave Gray** brought his son, a fine football prospect, to see a game and check out the academy. **Phil & Marty Gibbs** were at one of the games, as were **Jack & Zee Knebel**. **Greg Kadlec** arrived several times in conjunction with his responsibilities as AOG board member. **Wayne Lambert** was up to see his 2 sons who are cadets. Wayne is a BG, USAF, and currently commands the SAC contingent in Europe. **Randy Bell** (BG, USAR) practices medicine in Phila and is pres of the WP society there. **John & Elli Simpson** were up for several football games. John is constantly making headlines in the NY Times in his capacity as pres of the NY Met Transit Auth. He's doing a magnificent job of keeping the subways and buses running in spite of the unions, the politicians, and the Guardian Angels. And, of course, **Harry Walters** was up many times for football games in his capacity as Asst SA for Man-

power and Reserve Affairs. Since then, as we know, Harry has become the VA Administrator. Harry, incidentally, was instrumental in getting OMB funding for the new basketball/hockey facility now under construction at WP, and we are all very grateful for that. **Jack Smith**, who is currently Def Attaché in Argentina, was up as escort to Gen. Galtieri before the Falkland Islands War. **Tex Turner**, who hasn't changed a bit since cadet days, visited for a meeting with First Class cadets. **Gil Roesler** visited his 2 cadets on several occasions, and his business partner, **Carl Weaver**, was with him at least once. **Don Reinhard** still has several cadets to visit, and he comes up from Picatinny Arsenal from time to time.



1959: Shock and Walters.

As you may have surmised by the number of times he popped up in the Class photos last issue, **John Moellering** is also our roving correspondent on the Founders Day circuit, and he ran into quite a few classmates, as follows: **Ray Beurket** is Dist Engr in Detroit, and he and Pat seem to be having a great time there. In PA, John saw **Ron Erharth**, who is in the private sector in Pittsburgh; **John Harkins**, who is with the National Guard in Harrisburg; and **Bill & Butch Rowe**, who have moved to a bigger farm and expanded their antique business in Carlisle.

In Boston, John chatted with **J.J. O'Brien**, who is a stockbroker and pres of the WP Society of New England; **Larry Palmer**, who is still an intl financier based in Switzerland; **Howie Stiles** and **Bill Lehrfeld**, who have recently ret and are in the private sector; **Fred McConville**, who is studying at Harvard Law School; and **Jack Cohan**.

In Europe, John saw **Carol & Ray Baugh**, who is with SHAPE; and **John Grinalds**, who is part of GEN Rogers' front office as a COL, USMC. In Heidelberg, he saw **John Meloy** (community cmdr in Nurnberg, he thinks), **Steve Klein**, a businessman in Ulm, and **Joe Williams**, **Guy Heath**, and **T.V. Borlund**. In



1959: Moellering presents mugs to our '83 grads: Walsh, Medaris, Phillips, Williams, Hilmes, and Langford.

Berlin he ran across **Stan & Madeline Kanarowski**, who happened to be on leave from Garmisch where Stan is the community cmdr.

On a recent trip to DC, John ran into **Art Bair**, who is currently XO to the IC of the Army; **Ed Burba**, who is finishing up duties as XO to the CS of the Army and about to become Asst Cmdr of the Inf School; **Darel Johnson** in OSD(ISA); **Bob Novogratz** in OCSA; **Don Svendsen** with Asst Chief of Engrs; **Jim Van Loben Sels**, Div Engr in Portland; and **Nick Krawciw**, who is now exec to Paul Thayer (new Dep Sec Def).

And finally, John updates us on the WP contingent. **Freeman Howard** heads Keller Army Hospital; **Charlie Johnson** is CS, USCC; **Rod Ferguson** is DCS for Resource Mgmt; **Don Tillar** is Special Asst to the Supt; **Peter Stromberg** is Prof of English and pres of the '59 group; **Jim Abrahamson** is Prof of Hist; **Ed Temple** is Prof of For Lang; and **Al Rushton** is Dpty Dir of Admissions. Many thanks for the poop, John!

John Shock, who is head of the ophthalmology dept at the UAR for Medical Sciences, writes that he had a chance to visit with **Harry Walters** when Harry was in Little Rock for the dedication of the new 1000-bed John L. McClellan Memorial Veterans Hospital. Although there were many dignitaries present, says John, Harry's remarks were the highlight of the program.



1959: At Moellerings during Graduation Week.

Bob Cyr reports that he ran into **Mike Gabel** on Fryar DZ at Ft Benning on 16 Jun. Turns out they were both there to pin jump wings on their daughters, **Patricia Cyr '85** and **Irene Gabel '85**. An Apr letter from Mike reveals that he is with the Vinnell Corp. in Riyadh for another year, making big tax-free bucks while wife Elizabeth stays in Atlanta to run their 2 businesses. Daughter Michel graduated from DeKalb Community College this spring, and son David is in the USAF stationed at Robins AFB.

Finally, **Pete Dawkins** tells me that he and **Harry Walters** are working with Supt Scott and DIA Ullrich to coordinate a 25th reunion of the undefeated 1958 Army Football Team. Final plans have not been completed, but the target is to bring back to WP as many members of the team as possible for the Rutgers game on 8 Oct 83. Because of the key role played by COL "Red" Blaik's "lonesome end" formation in the success of that team, and because he "retired" from college football with us, it is hoped that COL Blaik will be able to join in the festivities. Perhaps such an event might serve to rekindle the winning spirit in Army football.

BEAT NAVY

'60

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I hastily agreed on 24 Jun at 2000 hrs., Gate 15, J.F. Kennedy Airport to pick up the scribe's burden from old and dear roommate, classmate, and friend **Paul Cerjan**. I think I've been classmated anew. Hopefully, there is time left to get to print. I learned, while having dinner recently in D.C. with **Eric & Vi Barone**, that **Art Giese** passed away suddenly this May in VA. Art was in the Foreign Sv and living in VA. A goodly number of the Class were able to attend services in VA and convey in person to Art's wife and children those feelings of sympathy felt by us all.



1960: The Nobles, Ft Sill.

Jim Fairchild wrote from Riverside, CA, where he is administrator for a law firm of 50 lawyers and on the Bd of Govs of the L.A. WP Society. Jim volunteered to be a clearing house for those in '60 coming to the Army-Navy game in Pasadena. If those who are coming could drop him a line or give him a call, he will be glad to help with getting people together and letting them know what activities are planned. Classmates can write him at 16153 Saddle Crest Place, Riverside, CA 92506, or call at 714-780-1391. Apparently, money talks for seats—\$50 gets you seats between the 40's and \$25 gets you seats outside the 40 yard markers. **Bob Schanep** and **Bill McLaughlin** are also in the L.A. Society.

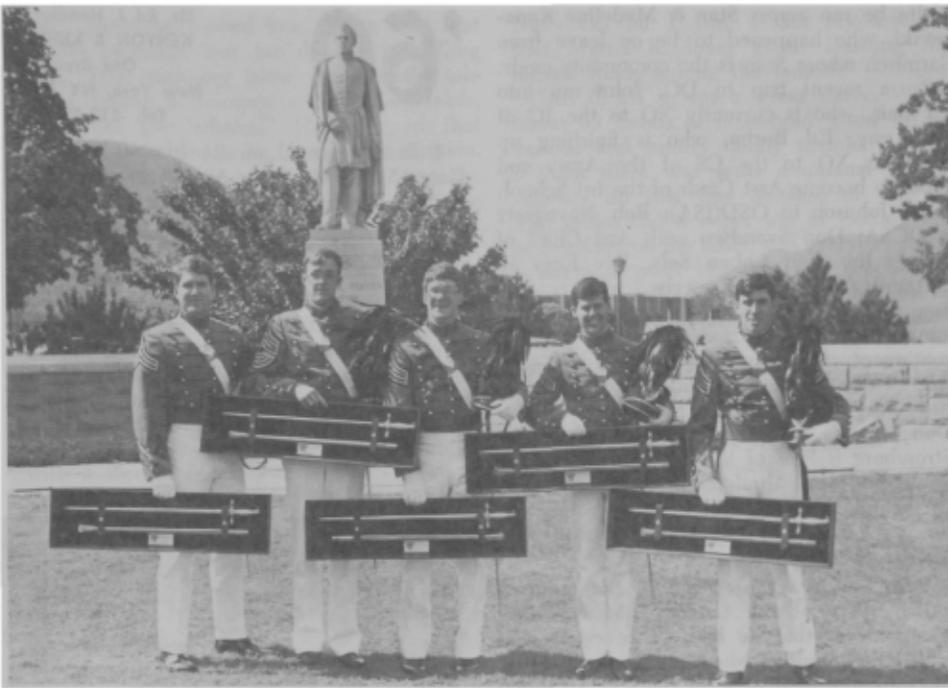


1960: Founders Day, Ft Hood.

Hal Ladehoff of A-1 reports that they've completed their company head count with **Frank Finn** checking in from Mexico. Frank updates that he saw **Tony Blackstone**, "Swift" **Martin**, **Jim Lincoln** and **Jack Downey** last summer in D.C.

Just like **Abu Ben Adhem**, our tribe continues to increase; **Steve & Sarah Waldrop** report the new arrival this year of a son, and we understand **Charlie & Candy Otsott** are expecting in Sept.

Tom Eynon writes from Hong Kong that



1960: Class sons—Willoughby, Raymond, Griffis, Plummer, and Healy.

'62

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Several people called and asked me to continue these notes, which at the time I was not sure I could do. Between about a half year of CG active duty, family, the 20 year book, and working, I had to back off on some things. But, your encouragement and patience are what saved the day.



1962: Founders Day Fort Carson.



1960: Founders Day, Ft Bragg.

The yearbook—since about 50% of the people had not paid for their yearbook photos and the price of printing was prohibitive (\$5000), I asked **Dave Phillips** to advance a \$1000 from the Class fund and matched contributions and my dollars to get the book out to you. Hopefully, by the time you read this you'll have the book. My apologies for the delay.



1962: Founders Day Fort Bragg.

he is en route to CONUS for a 7 month rest in Atlanta (c/o Neidlinger, 1036 Avon Breeze Ct., Stone Mountain, GA 30083). The Eynons were awaiting W.P. admissions news for their son, Brent.

Had dinner with **Joe & Mary Felber** this spring while visiting my firm's D.C. office and they too were awaiting admissions news for a soccer star son.

I was fortunate enough to attend the Natl Security Seminar at Carlisle and was hosted by **Bob Rudesill**. A great week, most informative and entertaining; while there had drinks with **Bob Castleman** also in the '83 class at the War College and our classmate, **Tom Haycraft** who is on the faculty. Heard our old law "p", **Zane Finkelstein** give his last lecture as an active O-6. Still a fantastic teacher. He ret end of Jun.

Have seen **Ben Evans** several times in D.C. and he is recuperating from recent surgery and doing well.

The recent Peter Grace Volunteer Cmte

to study DOD had as a lead member, **Dan Donahue**, a V.P. with Merrill, Lynch et al. Dan heads their N.Y. office.

I apologize for the choppiness of the prose and will plan something better for next go-around. Obviously, input from all of you is much appreciated and earnestly requested.

'61

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An occupational hazard of many of this publication's scribes is the summer reassignment. My move to Ft Sill is catching me without class records, correspondence, typewriter, or time. My apologies to the class for my short-sightedness; and until a new (old?) volunteer offers to assume the responsibility of writing our quarterly input to the ASSEMBLY, please forward any class news to my new address above.

I have been travelling about this year and each time I have called a classmate, I got to speak to family, but the man was TDY or off to school, etc. Mail has been sparse since the reunion and so I hope that my trip to the Army-Navy game via the Assoc. of Grads tour will pull up some good mail.



1962: Founders Day, West Point.

Talked to Nancy Butzer while in Charleston, SC and was pleased to hear that her bout with cancer has been won. She talked of the Ruschatz crew and Al's son who graduated with this past class. Also Nancy mentioned the wonderful and caring Dad that Tom Culver has become.

I am looking forward to meeting with Bert Finn in P.R. soon and I attempted to contact Hap Boyd while in Savannah, but did not find him there as he was off to Texas.

Hopefully, you will send off some updates on where you are retired, promoted, shipped, pcs'd or whatever. See you at Pasadena???

'63

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Congratulations to Larry Capps who is now commanding a Bd at Ft Jackson, SC. Also Dewey LaFond has been selected for the AirWC at Maxwell AFB, AL. Nena & Jim Hewette continue to do spectacular things out in CA. Both have obtained academic scholarships to the Natl U Sch of Law. Jim is a structural engr in private practice in Rancho Sante Fe, CA. As a consultant to area companies with over 15 years of design and construction experience he has responsibility for over \$2 million worth of new industrial facilities annually. Nena has extensive experience as a real estate developer and investor. Over a five year period she was consistently the sales leader of the month and a member of the \$1,000,000 club. Widely traveled, a former model and American Airlines stewardess, Nena is an accomplished pilot who enjoys racing airplanes. The mother of three, Nena has attended two colleges and two universities. Jim writes that he was again the youngest grad at the San Diego Founders Day (enjoy it while you can Jim). Lynn & Diana Cook were also there.



1963: The Griffith family.

Ed Tezak sent a great letter from the AWC. One of the largest groupings of the Class of 63 is located at the AWC in Carlisle. We total 11 in all: Five faculty, five students, and one fellow. On the student side are Stevens, Miller, Allen, Leach, and Entlich. The faculty has Siebenaler, Nelson, Gothreau, Dewire, and Witt. The fellow is Tezak. Since there were so many, the Class of 63 ran the Founders Day show. Pat & Isabel Stevens are headed for Oman where Pat will be the area engr. They will live in Muscat overlooking the Straits of Hormuz which control the Persian Gulf. Rich & Sally Entlich along with Matt Miller are headed for the DC area. Rich and Sally plus four kids and a dog have bought a home in Fairfax and must now figure out how to make house payments plus put food on the table. Mike & Nan Allen are off to Ft Sill where Mike will be the DIO.

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1963: Founders Day Fort Carson.

Denny & Faye Leach are headed for IA where Denny will be the sr Army advisor to the IA NG. Ed & Marty Tezak are headed back to West Point and the Mech Dept in time to help out with reunion duties. Ed was attached to the War Gaming Dept during his sabbatical as USMA Fellow to the AWC class of 83. In addition to being a student he was also the co-project officer for the first jt war game between the Army and Air War Colleges. On the faculty side Don & Rita Siebenaler are back from the Embassy in Moscow. Don is in the new center for war gaming. Andy & Pam Gothreau returned from Helsinki. Andy is enjoying his job as Dir, Politico-Military Simulations in the Dept of War Gaming where he aspires to be another Gen Hackett creating global scenarios. Bill & Betsy Witt are going to Ft Ord in July where Bill will be CO of the OETC. Jim & Roberta Dewire will stay at Carlisle Barracks where they will enjoy golf and fishing. Hal Nelson will be moving from the faculty to the class of 84. Me and Janet are looking forward to being with the G-1 contingent (Don Griffin, Alden Cunningham, and Bob Sloan) who will be here next year.—Thanks Ed for all the information.

Dave Griffith and wife Cherie are proud parents of Brett Hunter Griffith born on 29 Dec 82. Brett was named after our classmate Hunter Shotwell. Dave sent me a "Baby Bugle" which is the funniest/cleverest announcement I have ever seen. Any classmates who would like a copy drop me a line.



1963: Founders Day.

The reunion is moving smoothly forward with Chum Robert and crew doing a great job. The following people do not have valid mailing addresses at AOG so if you plan to attend you should contact Chum Robert, Dept of BS&L, USMA, West Point, NY 10996 phone (914-938-2515). John Robbins, John Bell, Jorge Lambeth, Bill Grabner, R. Jenison, Dave Knowlton, Harry Caldwell, John Shirley, Jim Hannigan, Ed Greybeck, Pete Kelley, Ed Banks, Don Coleman, Luther Woods, Hi Warder, Ron Chrisman, Roger Smith, Wayne Morehead, Steve Buchheim, Tom Casey, Art Hall, Roy Kingrey, John Parker, Gary Vote, Will DeMaret, James Jones, Joe Galle, Ken Loren, Bill Stennis, Jim Nolan, Leo Virant, Richard Roberts, Jim Creasy, Ralph Brown, Richard Dean, Bob Clements, Mike Gilvert, John Shepard, S. Folsom, Larry Spohn, George Pappas, Ed Rowan, Don Wmth, Bill Brown, Lou Mari, Tom Harman, Dave Mabarby, Bert Westbrook, Charles White. Even if you do not plan to attend the reunion you might want to let the AOG know your current address so you can receive future class mailings, etc.



1963: Founders Day West Point.

One advantage of being scribe is that one never knows what is going to arrive in the mail or by phone. I recently received a call from a headhunter looking for a West Point graduate with 20 years of experience to manage a bank in upper New York State. I can provide details for classmates who are interested. I will be unable to make the reunion. At the Class meeting we need to elect an executive committee comprised of members living in the DC area.

I would like to make a brief comment about BG Arthur Lane, the oldest living graduate who recently passed away. I knew Gen Lane when I was stationed in DC from 1969-1972 because I was related to his wife. They were wonderful people, and I was honored when they attended my wedding in 1972. As a cadet one has contact with seven classes—three preceding, one's own class and three afterwards. General Lane outlived all of his seven classes. Last year my parents and I visited him to see how he was getting along. He said it was not fun getting old. On his 99th birthday the AOG gave him a music box, but he was losing his hearing so he could not hear it. His eyes were getting worse so he had difficulty reading. All he did most of the time was sleep. The most difficult thing was the loneliness of outliving his friends and classmates. I treasure the time I spent with Gen Lane and his wife Nan. He was a wonderful man—a son West Point can truly be proud of.

BEAT NAVY

Greetings from the Pentagon. Piia and I pumped out of the West Point area of operations on 13 May, and I started working in the rarified atmosphere of the DOD 2 days later. If this effort is not up to my usual standard it's because I have not had a spare moment since my arrival here. Non-duty hours have been spent out house hunting, an effort which culminated a week ago with our purchase of a place in the Capitol Hill section of D.C. It's near all the tourist sites so y'all come.

An additional reason that this might not be up to my normal high standard is that you folks have once again reverted to your normal low standard and have failed, for the most part, to provide grist for this literary mill. I shall, however, attribute this to your occupation with things such as the end of the school year, planning for vacations, and the like, rather than a general disenchantment with what has been set forth before in this column.

I might mention that the fact that my name still appears at the head of this exercise was not of my choosing. I received my orders approximately two and a half weeks before my departure from the Academy, and although I was able to corral a few of our classmates I was unable to coerce any of them into taking up this burden. As I have previously informed you, this responsibility is usually passed as a result of a Class meeting and passed to one of the absent members by the vote of those present. Unfortunately the speed of my departure was such that a Class meeting couldn't be arranged and so here I am.



1964: The Robinsons.

In the last column I neglected to mention the Tetus in the list of those departing the West Point AO. Bob and Carol are also moving to the DC area and should be settled in here by mid-summer. The Tetu son by the way has been accepted to USMA Prep and consequently will be joining the long gray line with the Class of '88. Also of interest on the West Point front is the news that both Jack Grubbs and Fletcher Lambkin have been selected as permanent professors in the Dept of Engr. Their selection brings the total of classmates on the permanent faculty to 5 (they join Frank Giordano, Bill Reynolds, and Tony Hartle).

The really big news of the quarter, reported to me by Larry Brewer, is that the Class of '64 has its first general officer. Although I don't know his date of rank, Major General—that's right folks, Major General—Ron Williamson has recently taken over du-



1964: Founders Day, Fort Hood.

ties as AG of South Dakota. Congratulations Ron—eat your hearts out guys.

A quick peusal of the DoD organizational chart reveals Dick Tiplady performing duties as protocol officer for the SECDEF, Sal Culosi as Dir of Force Readiness/Sustainability Requirements and Analysis, Mike Leonard as Dpty Dir of PA&E for Theater Assessments and Planning, and Ben Sternberg as a mil asst to the Exec Secy to the SEC DEF. In my wanderings around these hallowed halls I have also run into Gene Sullivan (almost daily), Jose Muratti who is almost as burdened as I as the DoD desk officer for El Salvador, Dick Chilcoat who is leaving the building after a very brief stay to attend a senior service school, and Chris Shore who didn't confide in me with regard to his duties.

The mail bag was not entirely empty this quarter. John Tate wrote that he would be attending the June (sic) Week festivities in the company of his father-in-law who would be celebrating his 50th. John reports that he is enjoying the practice of law in San Antonio, sees various members of the Class from time to time and keeps busy in his spare time with 2 daughters and a son. I am surprised to find he has any spare time as he has been named one of the outstanding bankruptcy attys in the US. Hopefully none of us will have the occasion to call upon his services and report back whether the accolade was deserved or not.

Bill Reynolds passed along the word that Steve Perryman had stopped by the Hudson High locale while passing through on business. As I was in the throes of moving I did not get more of a report than that Steve was alive and well, in CA I believe, and looking forward to the Reunion in 84.

James Dalton, ex-64, wrote in to report his return to the fold after 19 year-plus absence. James is a full time investment broker with American Express and a part time LTC with the USMC, both in Atlanta. James, Virginia and 3 little Daltons also hope to be in attendance at reunion activities.

John Raymond reports that he is not "lost" but is a Wing Chief (?) at the Air S&C in Millbrook, AL. Sounds like he is still lost to me.



1964: Founders Day, West Point.

George Hillard continues to be a good correspondent. He still is enjoying No. IL. His recent travels have taken him to New Orleans, where he saw George & Merrill Doma, and to Ft Bragg where he saw Dave Bramtelle who is ensconced as the CO of the 1st Bde of the 82d. The Bragg trip was part of George's reserve duty as DCO of the 12 SF in IL.

'65

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Well folks, the input of cards and letters has dropped down dramatically, partially as a result of a decline in the number of letters that we have sent out seeking information. We have been assured by our trusty secretary that these letters will continue to go out on a regular basis, so hopefully we will have more information in the next article.

For all you non-believers who thought the reference to Suzy Scholl keeping time with Tom Selleck was a scam, the enclosed picture should put your doubts to rest. (Of course Wayne took the picture.)

I received a great letter from the Dir of Fac and Svs for the county govt surrounding Rockville, MD. Tom Abraham responded on 30 Mar 83 to my 25 Jun 81 letter requesting information. It was a good thing that he

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1965: Tragemans, White, and the Wests—Fort Sill.

could hit the open hole in the line quicker than he seems to respond to letters, but **Tom**, we appreciate it anyhow. **Tom** reports that he is in a political position in Montgomery County where he manages a \$60 million capital improvement budget. Prior to going into this job in 1980, **Tom** was in the home construction business and, prior to that, he was in Germantown, MD, building apartments. Judging from his other activities, it would appear that **Tom** is extremely active in the JayCeers on a local as well as national basis.

Tom reports that he sees **Tim Vogel**, **Jack Thomasson**, and **Gerry Cecil** occasionally. **Tim** is looking forward to ret this summer from the Navy, **Jack** is a happy entrepreneur running the family business in Greenbelt, MD, and **Gerry** is still on active duty in Washington. **Chris Dorney** just left the Pentagon and was reassigned to a post in NJ. **Tony Pyrz** is living in Northern VA and still on active duty at the Penatgon, as previously reported.

During **Tom's** service in Vietnam, he was with the 173d Abn Bde, and he reports that there is a society of bde members that has an annual reunion in Mar. He attended the last one in Mar and wished that he had attended more before that. The next one is at Ft Bragg next year. In 1985, the reunion will be held in the DC area and will be sponsored by the Robert Sigholtz Capital Chapter of the 173d. Anyone in the 173d should

contact **Tom** for further details. **Gerry Cecil** is the VP of the 173d Abn Society. **Tom** also reports he's a godfather 7 times—and I didn't even know he was Italian. He closes by saying that his motto because of all his fishing activities is "Have rod, will travel." He is entertaining classmates from anywhere in the country who has accessibility to great fishing spots.

Received a nice letter from **Linda Thompson**. She and **John** are finishing their tour in Wildflecken, where **John** will give up command of the 1/68 in Jul, 83. After that, they are going to DC where **John** will attend the NWC. They have 2 daughters, the last of which was recently born in Fulda. They have really enjoyed Germany and will be sad to leave. **Linda**, I want you to know that **Judy** and I just came back from a trip to Europe, and we spent 4 or 5 days in Germany, and in fact went back to the place where we had spent 3 years in the mid-60's, and I can truly understand your not wanting to leave. While Wildflecken was never one of my great vacation spots, I was originally stationed in Fulda and know that that is a lovely area. What was really neat for me to see, after having been away for about 16 years, was that the little towns in Germany really haven't changed that much.



1965: Susie Scholl and Tom Selleck.

Also received a neat letter from **Betsy & Howard Reed** with an enclosed picture that was taken at their "unofficial" Founders Day at Kwajalein Missile Range on the Marshall

Is. There was no guest speaker and the overflow crowd consisted of 4 grads plus wives, plus one USNA and one USAFA grad. The **Reeds** have 2 children and will be leaving in Jul of 83 for Picatinny Arsenal in Dover, after having spent 2 years in the Islands.



1965: Kozes, Timmermans, and Kennedys—Fort Carson.

We were sad to read of the death of **Al Clark** in Nov, 81, in Catskill, NY. We are trying to find out exactly what happened and would appreciate input from anyone who might know.

Received a nice letter from **Joe Koz**, who reported that he attended Founders Day at Ft Carson, where they had a great time with **Leo Kennedy** and his wife, as well as many others. **Joe** has completed the obituary for **Gary Kadetz** and, hopefully, it will appear in ASSEMBLY. The **Rellers** write from Ft Leonard Wood that **Frank** took command in 82 of the 1/2 Tng Bde in a driving, cold rainstorm. On the way there, their 5-year-old station wagon self destructed and had to be replaced. They are renting their house in the DC area. They report that a better name for their location is "Fort Lost in the Woods." The nearest shopping center is an hour and a half away. They report that **Grant Fredericks** and **Chuck McCloskey** were in the pre-command course and visited the **Rellers** for dinner. **Grant** will take a battalion at Ft Lewis and **Chuck** will be commanding a battalion at Ft Sill. The **Rellers** also attended Founders Day with **Jim Holmes**, beard and all. He works for the FBI in Springfield, MO. They are trying to find **Frank Arnall** since they did not hear from him this year at Xmas. **Frank**, if you are out there, please let us hear from you. **Donna**, as previously reported, **Lou & Judy Csoka** are at West Point. **Donna** closes by saying that their door is open if you can find Ft Lost in the Woods.



1965: Founders Day.



1965: Howard and Betsy Reed.

Please, group: a phone call, post card... ANYTHING. Without your continued input this column doesn't exist.

'66

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This summer has seen a lot of '66ers changing stations so this particular column will attempt to let you know where everyone landed when the music stopped.

Tim Daly took command of the 19 Engr Bn at Knox on 10 May from another West Pointer, Dewey LaFond '63. Tim's address is 1457 A Fifth Ave, Ft. Knox, KY 40121. **Ted & Chris Sendak** departed Washington for HI where Ted is commanding 3/4 Cav (17 Jun). **Jan & Cindy VanProoyen** have departed for where Jan will command the Umatilla Depot and live on post.

I received a phone call and a most welcome letter from **Dagmar (Lantz) Lovgren** who lives at 115 Frazier Ct., Ft Bragg (28307) with husband and family. Her husband is '62. She sent a beautiful photograph of Kristel Lantz Lovgren (Pete's daughter) and Richard W. Thompson, son of Buck and Fran Seaman. The photo was taken at the Vietnam Memorial here in Washington. Dagmar proudly described the sports activities of Kristel and 13-year-old Douglas. Her husband, Art, has the 6th PSYOP Bn at Bragg. She and family have lived the past 9 years in Germany!



1966: Grants, Roses, Cecils and Akers (USNA) during an apple picking outing.

Ed Wright wrote a fascinating letter about his assignment to Beirut. His household goods were destroyed in the crossfire and of course he only recouped about one dollar on every two from Uncle Sam. Ed always seems to show up in unusual assignments which are never dull. His address is USOMC-Beirut Lebanon, c/o US Dept of State, Washington, DC 20520.

Jon (without an 'h') & **Mary Ann Blades** write from Ft Jackson, SC (3735 B Furman Smith Rd., 29207) where Jon finished 26 months of command of the 3d Tng Bn. He is now the Dir for the TRADOC Bde and Bn Precommand course. He forwarded the following news. **Bob Baker** activated and assumed command of the 10thBn(BT) at Jackson. **Tom Ewart** is the head of orthopedics at the post hosp. **Bobby Seigle** took command of the 82d Avn Bn on 3 Jun. Mary Ann says "Hey, how you, Bonnie?" Jon also reported **Lou & Vicki Salz** and three kids are in East Brunswick, NJ where Lou is quite the golfer, and as Jon said this only follows his poker playing championship he held while a cadet. Jon also coughed up the winning lottery ticket on the number of bayonets he gave out during the Firstie trip—6—Knox, Sill, Benning, Bliss, Belvoir and the sixth one was given to the trip OIC! Remember who it was?

Bob Scales has returned from command of the 17thFA in Korea much to the satisfaction



1966: Wright receiving award from Ambassador Dillon in Beirut.

and delight of Diana, Maria, and Monica. **Bob** is now assigned to the Chief's office where he's one of the "seven dwarfs"—or in simple terms—a Pentagon staff officer who pushes papers. Also, Bob is the main driving force behind the idea to have Firebase 4P3 in Korea named in honor of **Art Bonifas**. We'll keep you posted on this project which will have lasting importance and significance to our class if it is approved.

Dick Manlove has finally taken the Washington area leap and bought a home. Carolyn, Marian, and Chris are planning to join him later this summer. Carolyn has been doing great in west coast real estate during the past few years in the Ft Lewis area where Dick was assigned prior to joining OPS.

Wes & Gert Clark have also joined OPS this summer following Wes's completion of the NWC. Wes is the division chief of the newly formed Plan and Integration Division in the Strategy, Plans, and Policy Directorate. We're glad to have them back on this side of the Potomac.

John Ford has arrived and is working in the office of the SECDEF (MRA&L). **Freddy Moffarren** stopped by recently for lunch on his way to evaluator duty at Ft Indiantown Gap. **Ed Kane** breezed through the Pentagon a few weeks ago asking directions to the Metro. He was on his way to Korea where he will be the Facilities Engr at Camp Casey for the 2d Div. Funny, I didn't know the Metro went to Korea! I talked with **George** (of the jungle) **Utter** in Panama shortly after he assumed command of the 3/5 Inf in early May. Of course, he had just returned from the field where his companies were taking ARTEPS. **Judy, Jon, and Matt** were scheduled to join them in July.



1966: Cecil with Washington area contingent.

Roger & Marie Thompson are leaving this summer for Charleston, SC where Roger will command a transportation battalion. Someone has to pull duty in the tough spots I guess. I had a pleasant evening with the Thompson's

when Marie's parents were visiting from Germany—very interesting people.

Bill & Cheri Wight are taking a break from the green suit Army for a year. Bill is working in Senator Warner's office on a special fellowship. Somehow, I know Bill enjoys this job better than working at MILPERCEN.

Lynn & Alice Hunt are now in Germany, but sorry to say I don't have a report on his exact job. **Bill & Lorraine Hixon** are in Germany also, where Bill is commanding an infantry battalion.

Billy & Molly Frazier (and kids—James, Laura, and Jenny) were down in Jun from Warren, MI and our families, along with Marion and Molly's parents went to the beach at Ft Miles Recreation area in Lewes, DE. It is one of the few remaining good deals—contact Ft Meade RecSvc for details—beautiful beach and facilities—about three hours from DC.



1966: Founders Day, Fort Hood.

Frank & Cheri Hartline are in Warren, MI with the Fraziers now where Frank will be working on the Bradley Fighting Vehicle program. Incidentally, another classmate, **Walt Brinker** is the FISO for the Bradley FVS in ODCSOPS.

At last report, **Mac & Cathy Hayes** are in Nevada (Cathy's home) where Mac is the PMS at ULA. **Ralph Cruikshank** was pictured in the Jul 3d issue of the Washington Post magazine. His brother, Peter, was featured in the cover story on second marriages. Ralph looks a lot like Magnum! Anyway, the magazine reported he was assigned to 6th Army HQ. Sign in please, Ralph.

Billy Frazier reported it was **John Kelsey's** M1 battalion who, at the time of writing was leading the tank shootoffs in the annual Canadian competition. Congratulations, John! **John Jenkins** is also, assigned to OPS—don't recall if I reported that in the column or newsletter.

Bill & Gwen Bergman reported in June following a tour in Germany with the French 5th Arm Div as the G3/G3 Air. He has many fascinating stories about working with the French. He and Gwen live at 9140 Rockefeller



1966: The Monteverdes and Fabers—Ft Sill.

Lane, Springfield, VA 22153. He will be working in JCS, J-5.

Randy Medlock was married to Katie Ban-Trees on 28 May. We welcome Katie to the 66 family and wish them the best of life.

The information is flowing reasonably well in the class, thanks to everyone's efforts. We will publish an address list for all the classmates, which broadens the existing Washington area list. Of course, the utility of the list will depend on continued info flow about address changes.

In closing, it has been reported Fritz Ernst was seen attempting to sell an official, genuine, one-of-a-kind West Pointer decanter at a Ft Bragg garage sale. I know what you're going through Fritz—I'm finally getting rid of some collars and cuffs for my dress gray, but I am holding onto my cadet store stamp!

Here's hoping everyone had a pleasant, enjoyable, and safe summer.

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Today is kind of special. A day for reflection. Twenty years ago today we walked out the south door of the gym, having turned in our loose change and golf clubs, and casually strode through the north entrance to North Area, looking for some guy in a Red Sash. It was the last casual thing we did for quite a while. Time has not dimmed the memory of that day. "Drop that bag, Smack! Pick it up!" Who is this guy, and why is he so mad at ME? "Sir, New Cadet Lowrey reports to the 5th Sgt of 1st New Cadet Co for the 10th time." "Cram your chin in, CROT. Grab a wrinkle." "Gee, Sir, I could have sworn you said grab my ankle." I learned real quick that "you've got to be kidding" was not one of the five authorized responses. A lot of things happened on that hot, muggy day 20 years ago. We left Mom and Dad at home, and began the all too quick journey to real adulthood. We started to learn all about good table manners. I don't know how many of you ever stop to think about that day. I find



1967: Wentzel assumes command of 3/17 Inf.



1967: Chuck and Sally Thomas.

myself doing it more and more as time drones by, and I continue to marvel at all that really did happen in those few agonizing hours. Some things were sudden, dramatic, traumatic. Others, much more subtle. A lot of seeds were sewn, seeds that bore fruit in years to come, in some far away places under some rather challenging circumstances. Most importantly, we started the process of becoming a class—it was the germination of where we are now. A pretty momentous day, really. Some time when you're bored, pour yourself a few fingers of good whiskey, and go sit down next to your favorite trout stream, all by yourself, and reflect on it a bit. It's worth it. A lot of things have changed. There was still ivy on the walls of the lost fifties that day. Uniforms made of real wool. Neck ties and spring loaded collar stays. Divisions of barracks (I'm planning a reunion of old 24th Div mates). Squad drill (I'll give a one month subscription to *Pointer* Magazine to the first person who can send me a diagram of the correct movements of the number 5 man for "Squads left, March"). One thing hasn't changed though: If I ever get my hands on that guy in the Red Sash, I'll strangle him.

Judging from the paucity of mail these past few months, one would think that the majority of the class has suffered from some severe physical trauma, possibly equal to the mental trauma that befuddled your brains years ago. Look, kiddies, although I have done it on occasion, I prefer not to write fiction. In the case of our class, the truth is frequently far more intriguing, and it is much less demanding on me, a hard core goat given to sloth. Help me out—send me the worst rumors and half truths you've been dying to spread about your Firstie year roommate.

I was somewhat amazed at the responsive cord Jeff Stark struck with his plea for more news regarding the class miscreants. While I've known for a long time that there were some folks out there, the high point of whose career was probably taking a reentrance exam in Firstie tactics, I've done my best to protect you and them from the harsh glare of public disclosure. Jeff's demand, however, seems to have triggered a flood of pleas from our hard core low rollers for equal time. OK. Fair's

fair. Each quarter, I shall champion the cause of the most pathetic case of hard times that comes to my attention. We'll start a new category just for those folks whose lives have been, shall we say, dimensionally deficient. These folks will all be eligible for the Welsh Rarebit Award, in honor of the worst meal ever served by the Cadet Mess (Cow year 1965). This month's hands down winner is Chris Biltoft. He sent the following synopsis (on very cheap stationery) of his wretched life since graduation. "My career is best characterized as an unsuccessful attempt to escape from the Army. Upon graduation, I joined the USAF Air Weather Service and was summarily shipped to Graf to brief Army helicopter pilots. Following a brief escape to RAF Croughton, UK, I was pressed into service with SAC (which might as well be the Army) as a Minuteman Missile Cdr at Ellsworth AFB, SD. During the Great RIF of '74, I was 'considered, but not selected' for promotion to MAJ and was escorted out the Main Gate. After muddling through a MS in Meteorology at the SD Sch of Mines and a brief job with TVA, I wound up as a DA civilian at Dugway Proving Grounds, UT. The wife bolted at the sight of the place, so I am now divorced and holed up in a 2-room minimum security dormitory while grinding out met. data and an occasional tech report in exchange for a GS-12 salary. For an attempt at athletic achievement, I ran in one marathon, finishing in 4:28, well behind many kids, grandmothers, and paraplegics in wheelchairs. Vowed never to do it again." Well done, Chris; pop it up. All you are, and all you ever hope to be, you owe to your first beast detail squad leader.

Of course, at the other end of the spectrum, we have our occasional success story. Chuck Thomas took command of the 2EBn 2nd Inf Div on 10 June. He recently departed Ft Riley, KS, where he had served as XO of the 937th Engr Gp. Sally, Rob, and Jeff accompanied Chuck to Korea, and are living in Yongsan, right next door to Rick & Ruth Fischer. Rick is the Div G5. Bart Bohn is also in Korea, and recently got to temporarily command the 44th Engr Bn for a couple months in between commanders. He's now with the Korea Fac Engr Acty. Chuck is actually stationed up at Camp Casey—he doesn't



1967: Eggering, Pejakovith and Arango.

get to live with Sally and the kids until he completes his command.

From **Tom & Linda Condon** comes word that their daughter Laura was named the all-around outstanding graduating student at Holy Cross Jr High School in Las Cruces, NM. Tom has been working with NASA at White Sands for almost 10 years. Sorry, no report on just what he does.



1967: The Condons at White Sands, NY.

Walt Mather sent along one of his habitually fine reports on the DC contingent. On 1 Jun 26 classmates met at the Pentagon Dining Room for a truly enjoyable hour or so. This group of bonafide success stories succeeded in doing two things—first, they generated an address roster which **Dean Risseuw** volunteered to get distributed; and, second, they agreed to have a fall luncheon, on 19 Oct. Dean also “volunteered” to cater that affair in the Pentagon Dining Room. Walt, in the meantime, has left the War Plans Div on the Good Ship Lollipop and its hundreds of miles of hallways leading nowhere, and is now stationed at SHAPE Belgium. His report included the following very up to date roster of the DC crowd and where they work: **Harry Rothman**, **Mike Yap**, **Hart Lau**, **Bob Keenan**, and **Dave Mosser**, all in DCSOPS; **Ed Sullivan** (ASA); **Pete Summers** and **Jeff Mills** (OCSA); **Bob Angeli**, **Paul Kern**, and **Dick Black** (ODCSRDA); **Dave Peixotto** (ASA); **Frank Kreger** (MILPERCEN); **John Rollow** (Pentagon Dental Clinic); **George Kellenbenz** (Joint Staff); **Jim Tankovitch** (DNA); **Mick Mekkelson** (DIA); **Dean Risseuw** (ODCSLOG); **Karl Jacobs** (OCSA); **Harry Jorgenson** (Civilian Lawyer); **T.O. Atkinson** and **Mike Kishiyama** (both civilians at Ft Belvoir); **John Thiltgen** (DNA); **Bud Shumate** (DOE); **Tom Lanyi** (DNA); **Fred Hartman** (Civilian-CACI); **Ty McCoy** (Asst Secy of the AF); **Bill Pittinger** (MILPERCEN—enroute to USMA); **Al Borman** (ODCSOPS); **George Kolesar** (ODCSOPS); **Jim Sargeant** (ODCSOPS); **Joe Dietzel** (ODCS-PEP); **Dave Tye** (?); **Rick Hauseman** (Ft Belvoir); **Bill Ervin** and **Ed Bryla** (OCSA); **Chuck Rankin** (ODCSRDA); **Bill MacDonald** (MILPERCEN); **Bill Pennington** and **Chuck Stancil** (DARCOM); **Mike Norton** and **Harry Taylor** (Walter Reed), and **Doug Cole** (GAO).

The oldest man in the world, **Rog Arango**, wrote this past April, mostly just to let us know that, despite his age, he's still doing OK. He's stationed in Germany somewhere, which means he isn't working much. Case in point: last Jan he and the family went to Berchtesgaden for a cross country ski week. Was in the same class as **Bill Obley**, now a civilian working for the Engrs at Frankfurt. **Rog** and **Bill** finished 2nd and 3rd respectively in the meet for beginning x-country skiers. **Rog** was so taken by the sport that he entered the Engadin Ski Marathon in Switzerland in March and finished 7777 out of

13,000. He lays claim to being the only member of '67 to run a marathon (Frankfurt, 3:27) and ski a marathon (Engadin, 4:17) in the same year. Not bad for an O. F. **Rog** also keeps close tabs on **Mike Kush**, who is currently serving a hardship tour in Vienna. **Mike** and **Rog** represented '67 at the first (and only) St. Martin's Day Goose Feast in Vienna. As **Rog** said, someone had to do it.

Rog isn't the only old man running marathons. Once again, I fell victim to this latent emotional disorder that I occasionally lose control of, and ran a marathon last week. Supposedly, a nice way to pass an Alaskan summer morning. Or an entire day, as the case may be. For the life of me, I don't know what motivates me to do it. It had been over 2 years since the last time I fell victim to this death wish, and thought that I was in control. I've given the whole subject a lot of thought, and have decided that there are only two good reasons people run marathons and the like. First, it feels so good when you stop. (That's only partially true. Actually, it usually hurts like hell when you stop, and continues to hurt for days. But at least you've stopped). Second, and much more importantly, it gives you a great excuse to absolutely pig-out on pasta, ice cream, and gallons of beer for days beforehand, without any guilt at all under the pretext of “carbo-loading.” And, of course, there's always the spiffy T-shirts.



1967: Takes command of 2d ENGR BN.

Very short bursts: **Ed Bryla** is going from the Pentagon to Ft Knox; **Chuck Sutton** is going from the White House to some obscure Signal Corps billet in Germany; **Jim Crowley** going from Ft Sheridan to Ft Leavenworth; **Jim Siket** is enroute from Ft Carson to Germany; **Bob Angeli** from the Pentagon to Ft Dix; and **Hart Lau** is going from the Pentagon to Ft Knox.

One last bit before I go catch a few salmon (unauthorized typist's note: Oh, groan!) for dinner. Received a very nice letter from **Tommy Thompson's** father the other day. Seem's it was he who penned that beautiful obituary of **Tommy** in the March issue. **COL Thompson** now lives in Yreka, CA where he works part-time managing 5 county airports, a job he's handled since his retirement in '68. I'll quote a bit of his letter: “I would appreci-



1967: McEldowney, TAC USMA.

ate hearing from some of **Tommy's** friends. Some of them will surely remember the great times we had at our house in Arlington, VA during their final year. What a pit stop it was!” The **Thompson's** are building a new home in Yreka—just north of Mt Shasta—and, as he says, “any troops passing our way are more than welcome—we have built several guestrooms.”

OK, sports fans, that's it for this month's attempt to avoid a libel rap. By the time you get this, it will be Sept, which means 2 things. It will already be winter up here, and it will be football season again. Both call for prayer. Keep the faith. God bless. BEAT NAVY!

'69

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This col is being written on 28 Jun 83, covering news received since 7 Apr 83. Please send news and photos for the next issue by 30 Sept 83.

Relatively little news was received this qtr, but many new addresses did arrive. I plan to send **Charlie Jarvis** the last address changes for the 84 Directory by 15 Oct, so please have your changes to me by that date at the latest.

Since Army-Navy will be in Pasadena this year, we intend to hold an East Coast vic-



1969: Wives of group at Ft Leavenworth.

tory party here in DC. Details are being worked out, and those interested should contact me at the numbers above.

We had a very enjoyable Class gathering this summer, starting with an afternoon picnic and ending with an evening party at our home. The new format attracted a larger number of classmates, and we will use it next year if a gathering is held. I use the word "if" because the 15th Reunion will be held at West Point in the fall of 84 (start thinking about coming), and we do not want to pull people from that more worthy event. Details later.

Attendees at this year's gathering included: **Albrecht, Albright, Alexander, Jim Ball, Barstis, Brower, Bryant, Coan, Cornelison, Craig, Crosby, Curl, Curtis, Demetriou, Donohue, Duvall, Egan, Fall, Finch, Friese, Gregg, Harper, Hill, Hofstetter, Hoopengardner, Hudak, Hunkele, Ivany, Isenhower, Gregg Jones, Love, McAdoo, Moen, Morelock, Pettitt, Saunders, Seitz, Smrtic, Steele, Wanless, Westerhoff, and Yonushonis.** Gregg Jones was visiting from FL, Cor Westerhoff from Ft Dix, **JT Saunders** from Camp Pickett, VA (en route to Ft Leavenworth), and **Dave Hofstetter** from West Point (en route to Maxwell AFB for AF CGSC). **Bob Ivany** had just arrived from Ft Leavenworth, **Hugh Donohue** from West Point, and **Jerry Morelock** was in transit from Ger. **Jim McCullough** was due to join us, but moving-in duties kept him busy. And, yes, we did have rain for the 3d year in a row!

An earlier gathering found us joining USNA and USAFA Class of 1969 members living in the DC area for cocktails and conversation. A photo should accompany this col showing attendees, including **Ken Johnson** (who organized the event with his Navy football captain counterpart Mike Clark), **Blumer, Hamilton, Wayne Murphy, Reinhardt, John Russell, Bill Smith, Swick, Ken Thomas,** and a number of those who also attended the summer party. Our contingent, of course, was the largest of the 3, and we hope to have a similar event, with wives and dates, later in the year. Now on to the few letters we received.

Only 2 notes from the civ side of the Class. **Chris & Dave Hayes** wrote the Boston area that **Nancy & Leo Carrigan** and **Marcia & Dennis Tighe** had visited; the Tighes were finishing Navy CGSC at Newport. **Chris & Dave** had spent a good part of Mar touring France with the Mystic River Rugby Club, and returned to find young Douglas taking his first steps. The 2d item from the civ side was an announcement that Minnesota Mutual Life Ins Co was associating with **Jim Moeller's** financial group in Ft Worth.



1969: The Vitucci & Rob Albrecht.

On the mil side, many Classmates were in or soon to leave Ger. **Sherrye & Mike Landrum** were due to return for Navy CGSC,



1969: Frykmans, Freemans, Smiths, Holdens, Wests, Founders Day—Ft Sill.



1969: Tri-service gathering.

as were **Lois & Jim Johnson.** **Marilyn & Steve Hammond** also were returning, to a bn cmd at Ft Polk. Staying in Ger were **Kappy & Geoff Prosch,** who were moving to Mainz where Geoff will command 2/28 Inf. Pat & **H. Lobdell** will be in Baumholder with 1/39 Inf. Pat was nice enough to call while in



DC on leave; I hope more people will do that as they pass through.

George Albrecht organized a lunch with his colleagues at the CAA in Bethesda. Guests were **Randy Bryant, Dennis Carlini** (ex-69, now a doctor in DC), and myself, while CAA regulars (or, perhaps, irregulars) included **Albrecht, Beckworth, Hoopengardner, McAdoo, and Wanless.** George also located the following, via **Steve Vitucci,** at the Ft Bragg Founders Day dinner: **Anshus, Colacicco, Nielson, Rucker, Salazar, Waple, and Weaver.** He also said **Jim Rohacik** is with the DNA here in DC.

One last bit of news. **John Harms** and **Joe Cornelison** joined me for lunch in May while John was here for Reserve duty. John reiterated his offer to help Classmates who are coming to Pasadena for the Army-Navy game. Please call me if you want to get in touch with John.

To end on a personal note: I was recently



1969: Wallace, Tynett, Robyn, Fauche, Ivany, Taylor, Kersey, Snow, McCullough and Kuhn at Ft Leavenworth.

appointed Exec Sec of the NSC and Sp Asst to the Pres for NSA. While I will also retain the Gen Counsel designation, my chief responsibility will be to help oversee the functioning of the NSC Staff and system. While I still intend to enter the private practice of law before too long, this position has already proved to be more challenging and rewarding than anticipated.

Until the fall, Holly, the children, and I wish you and yours every good wish. Let's beat Navy on the Coast. God bless to all in '69.

'70

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Greetings to the class from sunny Izmir, Turkey. Got here the 8th of June by way of the "Eagle"—the AF answer to commercial airliners. I don't care how safe seats are that face backward in the plane and all—a C-141 Starlifter is still as bad as it was on the first class trip. If you've got to be in Turkey it appears Izmir is the spot to be. It is rather cosmopolitan, for Turkey. Also, any AF installation that has no runway and no fixed base can't be all bad. Everyone lives in Turkish apartments which are not quite (back home)." Water only runs a few scheduled hours a day. Hot water is a premium item produced by an ungodly device called flash heater and there are lots of bugs. Otherwise... its inexpensive and so far enjoyable. The Aegean has some very fine resort beaches in the area, frequented by many western Europeans. Seriously any of you stationed in Europe would do well to visit this area. My autovon is above.

Mike McCabe wrote from the US Embassy in Manila, PI. Since he had written to the ASSEMBLY before he gave an update. After finishing his 5 yrs with the Army via Germany and Ft Lee he attended the UVA and received his Ed D in 1978 in Higher Education. Until he joined the State Department in March 1981 he worked for a small economic research firm in Hollywood, FL. Mike's

1st assignment was Manila and this Aug he heads for merry old England and a London post. Mike and his wife have 3 children, 12, 8 and 3. The McCabes visited WP in Aug on the way to their new assignment.

While in the Philippines they ran into classmate **Andy Floria** who is a major in the Philippine Army. During the mid 70's he attended our Engr Adv Course and is now attached to the Philippine Coconut Authority as a part of their military's function in nation-building tasks. And is married and has two children.

Mike also ran across **Bill Esmann** who is a Marine. Major Bill was CO of the Marine Security Det providing security guards for several of our embassies in SE Asia and is now at Monterey, CA.

Jim Etchechury just finished up a tour with MICOM in Huntsville, AL and by the

publication of this issue will have completed AFSC and be on his way to the NTC, Ft Irwin, CA. While there he plans on contacting C-1 classmates in the area like **Bill Cater**. Jim says there was quite a '70 contingent in Huntsville last year before **John Hostetler**, **Phil Terry** and **Tom Haller** left for Kansas. According to Jim, **Dave Herring** works for General Motors Corp. and lives in Okemos, MI. He and Dave ran into each other at Ft Benning, GA where Dave's MI NG unit was doing its active duty stint. Our contingent at Benning, **Linke** and **Morrison** should be about due for a move this summer. In the Capitol area Jim visited **Johnny Bryant** in Baltimore. John works for NSA at the Baltimore Airport and lives in Silver Spring. While there he also had dinner with **Dave White** and family. Dave is Ordn assignments officer at MILPERCEN. **Chip Leonard** is also at MILPERCEN. As if Jim hadn't met enough classmates in DC, he met still another at National Airport, **Cal Purdin**. Cal is assistant PM for Aircraft Survivability Equip (AAV-RADCOM) in St. Louis. **Tom Nicholson** was also at AFSC.

Brian & Barb Smith and two children are in Mansfield, MA where he is with TX Instruments as strategy manager for the Connector Division. Additionally he's working on an executive MBA program at NWU. Brian says Frank Cannavo is with T. I. in Attleboro, MA. If you want him to break silence 617-699-3287 is the combination.

Paul Selge is in Anchorage, AK. A victim of the oil glut, Paul thought he had a job with ARCO but with too much oil there ended up to be too little employment. After a hitch with a heavy construction firm—**Morrison Knudsen**, Paul is now working on contract administration for the city of Anchorage. And he is completing a degree in Engineering Management through the UAK. He and Barb have two daughters 11 and 8. Barb works for **Sears Roebuck and Co.**

We have a contingent with the 2nd Marine Div. "Father" Drab has checked in from Camp LeJune, NC. He's the chaplain for two battalions in an artillery regiment. Dolly is active in Camp LeJune activities while keeping track of their four children. Guy will be visiting Ft Bragg with his battalions this



1970: Founders Day West Point.



1970: Founders Day.

fall so those of you in the Fayetteville area keep an eye peeled for our man of the cloth.

Kind of short, this go around what with everyone moving about, to include your correspondent. Now that things are settled and I've got a PSC Box to call my very own, letters, pictures and even trans Atlantic-Med carrier pigeon info will be welcome. I just love seeing the spiders being jostled in the mailbox. There are many out there that have yet to break the code of silence. Take care and lets hear from you.

'71

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It is with a reserved sense of nostalgia and quiet pride that most of us remember and reflect upon our grey days. A class ring, a Founders Day celebration or an occasional reunion is enough to show our colors. Un-named sources have brought to my attention, however, that among us are 2 that have crossed the fine line of subtlety. Allow me to leave judgment to you. The commercial phone number to call in Fayetteville, NC, for Cal Benedict was 868-1971, for Ken Matwiczak in Ft Bliss, the autovon number is 978-1971.

Ken & Barb Matwiczak may be grey, but they are quite loyal contributors to these pages. Enjoying El Paso, Ken is currently serving in an ORSA position on a Joint Test



1971: Neyland, circa 1983.

Force studying Forward Area Air Defense. Although only the Matwiczaks and Harry Richards attended the '83 Founders Day at Ft Bliss, the following classmates are allegedly trolling around the sands of West TX. Kirk Cottingham, Dick Fate, Roy Hedtke, John Knowles, Garry Mabry, Jim Methered, and Bill Renaud. Herewith some additional info on Matwiczak contacts. Frank Durham passed through WP on the way to a vacation in Switzerland. He is a stockbroker living in Mt Pleasant, TX. Herb & Barb Gallagher have adopted a beautiful baby girl as they leave West Point. Frank & Marg Kendall have left Redstone Arsenal and the Army. Frank will remain in the Civil Service in Huntsville, AL. Mike & Lynn Maples leave WP this year for C&GSC with the honor of having Mike's company as a TAC (D-4) win the Supt's Award all 3 years they were at the Academy. Dennis & Terri Piper and their 3

kids are in Minneapolis where Denny works as a financial analyst for Pillsbury. Dr. Bob Snyder recently completed his residency at Walter Reed. Last word had Bob and Candy headed for Turkey.

After 12 years, I have successfully shamed another classmate, Tom Burrell, into putting pen to paper. In the process, Tom also provided some logic for those that do not write... they never get around to it because there is no suspense date! 25 Sept 83 is the next suspense, folks. The Burrells have spent the last 3 years at Kirtland AFB in Albuquerque where Tom has served as a Compt for a Joint Test Force called IFFM. Noting that the assignment has been a far cry from his grunt days, Tom is nevertheless looking forward to CGSC. The Burrells saw Rick & Jo Zimmerman at Ft Carson last summer. Rick is finishing a tour as a Bn S3 and on orders to Korea as a procurement officer.

Speaking of zoomie life, Mike Neyland left Plattsburgh AFB and command of a weather unit in Jul to attend the Air C&SC in AL. While at Plattsburgh, Mike's wing cmdr nominated him for inclusion in this year's volume of Outstanding Young Men of America. What's the age cutoff for that thing anyway? Mike mentioned that both John Friel and he drove their cadet cars back to the 10-year Reunion. Anyone else match that trivia? Not allowing the provocation of FB-111 bombers over WP prior to the AF game last fall to go unanswered, Mike interrupted the wing cmdr staff meeting one day in FD under arms and proceeded to brief the forecast for the outcome of the game. Unfortunately, he was required to present a six-pack of Michelob at that same meeting after the game. As an aside, the Academy and the players are high on the new coach, Jim Young.

Some personnel changes at Ft Lewis include Terry Tighe as the new Dpty G1 of the 9th ID, Bob Elliott as the S3 of the 2/2 Inf and Jim Horton as XO of the 2/17 Arm. Down at Ft Bragg, Jack Klevecz moved up to Dpty G1 of the 82d while Buster Hagenbeck joined as the SCS after a very successful Bn S3 tour. Pat McDonald is now a Bn XO as well, moving up from a S3 job at Ft Hunter-Liggett. Mike O'Brien, attempting to get some flying time, flew solo in a Mohawk



1971: Bill Bearden.



1971: Burrells and Zimmermans, Colo Spgs, 1983.



1971: A McNally Aloha.

OV-1 out to visit Mari and me last summer. Mike is attending Naval Test Pilot Sch as Pawtuxent River, MD, with follow-on at Edwards AFB likely. OB mentioned he had made a similar excursion to MI to see Joe & Val Yakovac. Joe is currently working in a project manager's job.

Jeff & Carolyn McNally wrote from the Big Island in HI where Jeff works as a commander of a training area. There is something to say for a job when higher headquarters is 200 miles away! The McNallys are enjoying the relaxed informal, lifestyle of Kona where dressing-up means putting on long pants. When not playing tennis or dodging volcanoes, Carolyn is teaching a course at the UHI and works as a guidance counselor.



1971: Lainises, Szczepanskis, and Matwiczaks, May 83.

Received a nice note from the Wilcoxes at Ft Knox. Steve is serving as the S3 of 2/6 Cav which requires a wakeup of 0445 hours somewhat different than that at WP. The Wilcoxes saw the Sansones when Jim came up from TX to run the Boston Marathon last Apr. Bill & Linda Ridder enjoying life in CT where Bill works for Combustion, Inc.

At WP, Jeff Rock, Bard Mansager and Bob Ambruster competed admirably in last May's Annual Kaaterskill Spring Rush which includes skiing 1½ miles, bicycling 40 miles, running 18 miles and canoe carry (1½ miles) and paddle (8 miles). Even with a partner,

is not that somewhat masochistic? And did you see Lyle Nelson in a summer issue of Sports Illustrated? Faces in the Crowd? The human body continues to amaze me.

New assignments at WP include Bill Tetu and Sam Pride in DPE, Bill Sabata and Bill Diehl in Math and Gary Heuser in Physics. Some departures from the Hudson Valley include John Durgala, Bill Barkovic and John Monastra to DC; Dave Lewis, Tim Mason and Ed Matthews to Germany; Mike Ritchie to AK; Tom Dyne to Ft Benning; Mark Yrazabel to Ft Polk; and Jeff Weinstock to Letterkenny Army Depot, PA.

Gotta go. Having a great time falsifying these notes, folks. Please don't ruin it for me by sending factual correspondence (new psychological approach). Be here next issue for the answers to, "Why isn't Bob Kramer married?", "Why did Tom Cafaro never get slugged?", and "Why did Jack Klevecz not make the recent 06 list?"

'72

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Greetings from sunny South Carolina! The summer was hot and humid, and the autumn days ahead will be welcome relief. Let's back up several months and pick up on what may be some old or outdated news. First, the Geoff Wilhelmys have been in Germany for about a year now. Their twin boys, John and Nicholas, were born 13 May 82, just before departing CONUS. Geoff reported on several others he's tried to keep up with, particularly the B-1 crowd, including: Scott Adams at Ft Irwin, CA, the Larry Aubrechts with their 3d, Paul and the Jay Austenborgs in Abu Dhabi, Persian Gulf with Schlumberger Intl. Elsa works part time as a computer operator and daughter Cara begins her 2d year of British primary school soon. The Randy Browns were in MA with a consulting firm at last count. Ray Canton left his Bn S3 job to work in his secondary, R&D at an arsenal in NJ. The Bruce Clarks added a 2d in Apr of 82, Laura Whitehouse. Conlins are on the last leg of a 2-year tour in Korea. Charlie Frost, oil, gas, and corp law con-

sultant for Strasburger & Price, maintains his Reserve status and contributes to a Law Review in his spare time. Steve Geary married Anne-Marie Bradley 2 Jul 1982. They met while she was a student at UCA-Irvine. The latest on Blake & Patti Gendron had them at Ft Sam Houston for residency work in Emergency Room medicine. The Geracis are now at Ft Monmouth after Al completed the Naval PG School in Elec Engr. He's spending a lot of time traveling around the world testing some of the Army's new comms equipment. Clyde Gibson married Deborah Cannon last Nov. Andy Harvell completed C&GS and then got his master's at KS in a 6-month crash course. Not sure of their whereabouts right now, though. Tom Hendrix just began another semester as an Art P. The Roger Millers added Matthew Lee last Apr, 82. Gary Potter, last of the pizza plate bettors on the remaining a-1 bachelor, is still a corporate pilot for Superior Oil Co. The Dave Sanders had an addition, Chadwick Young, in Aug of 82. Dave now works for Delta Computer. Dusty Saunders has another year to go on his National Guard stint. Dusty finished up his MBA and C&GS by correspondence. Thom Thomas completed an unaccompanied tour in Korea last May. Undaunted by Thom's absence, Linda sold their house and moved the family into a new one. Ben Williams should be back from his tour on the peace keeping force in the Sinai. Wife athy joined him in Greece for a vacation while he was there. That should cover the old and new news from the Wilhelmys!



1972: Etheridge and family.



1972: Fort Hood, Founders Day.



1972: Wilson with Kerwin Readiness Award.

Mike Pangman left Ft Rucker in Jun for the AFIT. He's after his Computer Science masters. Wife Kerri taught Lamaze classes in her spare time from being mother for boys Christopher (5), Geoffrey (3) and daughter Rebecca, born 1 Sept 82. Mike was 61st Co Cmdr while at Rucker and would like to touch base with the A-3 bunch again soon.

Another letter that arrived too late for last issue was from Randy Shelton. Wife Kathy is at Ft Bragg, along with Erin, Jean, and Adrian while dad is in Palestine (United Nations Truce Surveillance Org). Prior to this, Randy completed the FAO course and French language training. Shelton's co-hort during FAOS was Pete Palmer. Pete brushed up on his Spanish at Bragg before leaving for an assignment in So Amer.

Joe Wishecamper wrote in May to announce his marriage plans. He and Susan Sweibel were to tie the knot on 28 Jul with a 3-week honeymoon spent sailing around the Northern Canadian San Juan Is. Some of those expected to participate in the wedding party were Charley Williams, Dan & Katie Kelso, and Scott McQuarrie. Joe was recommissioned in the Reserves and is S4, B Co., 3d Bn, 12th SFG. Gerry Zmolek is the co XO. Joe also ran into Bobby & Molly Curran at Founders Day, Ft Lewis this spring.

The May edition of the A-1 news-letter arrived in time for an update. Bill Guarino says the only changes are Steve & Liz Broussard now in Ansbach, Germany, the Murro Martens in Lewisville, TX, Lee & Ann Barnes and, of course, Tom Marks. Broussard is assigned to HQ, 1st AD after completing an ROTC assignment in LA. Murro & Darla are still with TX Instruments. Darla taught 2d grade last year while Kevin (7) was in first grade and Kurt (4) was in preschool. The Barnes (son Chris, daughter Jessi) have 6 Appaloosas and 1 Tennessee Walker to take care of besides themselves. Other than their good qualities, the horses are hungry, messy, and can hurt themselves just standing still according to Lee. Tom Marks hasn't really changed anything, just doing more of the same thing. His latest exploit was a military sephalalon in Japan this past May. The Guarinos are settled in their new home

in Royal Oak, MI. Bill confesses that son Patrick does have his cheeks and his hair-line. Fortunately, (for Patrick anyway), those characteristics are only temporary!

Looks as if we got Wayne Kirkbride's latest note as he taxied for takeoff en route to Korea. They departed stateside in Jun and will be here for 2 years. Wayne has had contact with a few others. Dale Babington is now Contracting Officer for Joint Forward Area Air Defense, Ft Bliss. Frank Hancock is at Ft Eustis in his alt specialty. Frank's sons were 65 and 45 lb class champs in National Pee Wee Boxing this year. Steve & Terri Kiernan are in Columbus, OH, where he's with a high tech company as Senior Specialist.

The Ward Bursleys are now in VA due to a change in jobs. Ward is with Satellite Business Sys working for his ex Bn co from the 8th Signal Bn! He covers the DC area primarily as installation manager. Jody says she was excited about being closer to Philadelphia until she learned that Army-Navy has gone to the Rose Bowl!



1972: Founders Day, Fort Carson.

Rhodes Wilson's National Guard Arty unit won the Walter T. Kerwin Jr Readiness Award this year for the 3d straight year. The award is presented annually to the best National Guard and Reserve Battalion in the Army. Rhodes is with the 2d Bn, 147th FA, SD Army Nat Guard. Harry Stumpf departed WP in Jul for the 3d Inf Div. This came by way of his change of address card!

That's the news this time. Have a good fall and GO RABBLE!

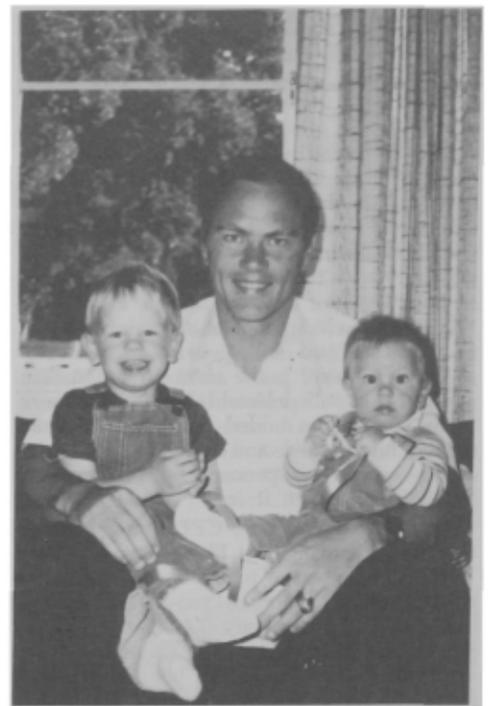
'73

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Congratulations all! 10 years and all is well. It's hard to believe that we've already been in for half of a career already, isn't it?! And Homecoming's just around the corner too.

There is much news to report in this issue. First in the hopper, got a great letter recently from Donny & Cyndy Atkins in Arlington, TX. Donny left the service in Mar 83 and now owns Classic German Imports, Ltd in the Dallas-Ft Worth area catering to wealthy Texans. Note the classic look behind the wheel of that sporty Mercedes too. Cyndy sums up their new status by saying that "we adore the Old Country and like it even more now that we're civilians!" It must be a great feeling. Best wishes.

Tom & Evelyn Stanford checked in also from Farmville, VA to report that unfortunately "all good things come to an end." In Jun Tom left Longwood Coll with its 75% female population for the Bn S-1 course



1973: Berlin boys: Charles, Nicholas and Peter.

at Ft Ben Harrison en route to Istanbul. What a deal! Evelyn and the kids will be staying in Rockville, MD until Tom returns for a sequential assignment at Ft Carson. Because of this Turkey assignment though, they'll miss the reunion. We'll miss you too.

Good news reference kinder: The Officers' Christian Fellowship newsletter noted that Tom & Trudi Hodgini were blessed with Brian Louis on 13 Feb. And, Tom & Elizabeth Mays were likewise graced with Caroline Rita on 7 May. Many congratulations!

Talked with Dave Bubb, one of the legendary "Helmetliners" of the Glee Club, a couple of weeks ago. He's in Hanau, Ger perfecting his golf game and packing his bags for the lovely Ft Polk. Dave's hoping for a Div Staff assignment (DMMC?) for 18 months and then another command. Incidentally, Dave transferred from AR to TC back in '79. Deb is also looking forward to the move and Sarah (5) and Lesley (3) are contributing energetically to the adventure.

Charles & Carolyn Berlin also wrote to "poop us up on the latest news from Monterey." Charlie's at the NPGS in the electronic warfare curriculum—and other '73ers keeping him company include Scott Mair, Dave Pickett, Dennis Johnson, and Jerry Simonsen (a fellow B-1 escapee). In his words Charlie wrote: "Just before I came here I was at Ft Meade where I met up with some more of the B-1 crowd. The picture was taken at my house when Jim Bessler came down from Michigan ROTC duty for John Daly's wedding in DC to Jean Abrams. Jay O'Brien and Rit Dallaire are both civilians working for American Hosp Supply in the DC/Maryland areas. Gordon Jaehne just earned a comptroller/financial mgmt MS from the NPGS and is working out of his beloved FA as a bean counter at NSA at Ft Meade. He's still a bachelor; that's his girlfriend Hilde in the picture. Jim is going to C&GS this summer. I'm also enclosing a picture of me and my 2 sons, Nicholas and Peter. Nicholas was born at Walter Reed and Peter was born at Ft Ord while we were in the guest house waiting for some quarters to open up. So, we have a West Berlin and an East Berlin. Unfortunately,

we'll not be able to get back for the reunion. This really breaks my heart and Carolyn's too since she has a lot of fond memories to relive too." We'll be thinking of you two!

After a super assignment in the Admissions Ofc at USMA, **John & Gail Hazel** have found themselves in Seoul, Korea. I was wondering where in the world they would be going. Anyway, John landed a job as S-3 of the CCOM and reports that so far they love the assignment. I bet that Yongsan has changed a lot since I was there in '76. Can you still get lovely paintings at Park's Gallery? Is the chicken cordon bleu at the Naija still delectable? As an inclosure to his letter John added that May '83 issue of the info-packed and entertaining *Scarlet Hawg* newsletter, penned by **Madonna & Bob Aldrich**. Here it is:

We **Aldrichs** are fine, CPT Bob is pinging this week, moving the Plebes out to Camp Buckner. The easy "touchy-feelie" hours at the Counseling Cen are gone, and he dons his BDU's to be Primary TAC for 6th Company. That's 150 cadets who would rather be somewhere else, I'm sure. Children are fine—we skied for the winter months, ice skated every Sunday, had Scouts during the week, and just finished up swim team practice twice a week. Bob will be out at Buckner all summer and then takes over H-3 when academics begin again.

We bade a fond adieu to **John & Gail Hazel** this past week as they packed up to head for Korea. It will be an accompanied 2 year tour in Yongsan, and they are looking forward to all of the great shopping—after all, where is everything made??? MADE IN KOREA!! Prior to leaving, Gail worked in banquet and sales at the Hotel Thayer, and John was doing a bit of traveling recruiting for the Admissions Dept. They have left a lot of friends here and, tho' we won't see them for the ten year reunion, they will have left a part of them here at West Point.

We saw quite a bit of **Ed & Elly Hetrick** over the football season—We ('73) sat together and had great seats on the 35 yard line. There was quite a bit of tailgating going on and the weather always cooperated—let's hope for the same Oct 22d!! **Ed & Elly** still live in Valley Cottage, NY, but may be in the prospect of moving soon. Elly has taken a new job at ITT in Stratford, CT, as a Sr Cost Estimating Analyst. She loves it, but the commute is beginning to wear on time spent with Ed and Allison. Ed is finishing up his MBA/MPH and working in whatever time is left over.

Dave & Barbie Richardson are here at WP also. They have bought a spectacular home in Cornwall-on-Hudson (up rte 218). Dave is in the FL Dept, teaching French.



1973: Atkins on the "Autobahn," MUN-FRA, 5/83.



1973: Founders Day.

This summer, he will be with the Inf training at Camp Buckner. They plan to have a "great escape" in Jun to their old stomping grounds in Paris!!

Fabulous letter writer of the company goes to **Mark Gerner**—we are always happy to hear from them in HI, and thrilled lately to introduce you to: **Jeffrey Samuel** born 6 Apr 1983. Congratulations from us all!! **Debbie** and **Mark** have been in HI for 2 years now and they love it! **Mark** has spent the past 20 months with endless deployments by air, sea and train as the Bde S4, and now is changing jobs to either CG aide or S3 of a Bn. Before **Jeffrey** was born, **Debbie** was teaching pre-school at Wheeler AFB—time for a few months off now! We are so sad you will not be on hand for the reunion, but we surely understand what problems distance can cause.

The optimistic side of this author anticipates regaining any or all of our lost comrades in time to celebrate the big 10th!! GONE...but not forgotten, are: **Harley**—does anyone know of his whereabouts?? **Debbie & Dave Wachter**, last heard of in CA working for Merrill Lynch (the PO keeps returning my letters to them); **Betty & Dan Lynn**, presumably at Ft Leavenworth, KS. I guess we are fortunate to know where most people are and what they are doing.

A happy telephone call last weekend from **Jan & Mike Spielberg**, H-1's one and only AF MAJ!! Last summer, **Spielbergers** moved from TX to Plattsburgh AFB in upstate NY. Here we are in the same state and have yet to see each other!! We hope to remedy that situation ASAP—plan to find an "Imperial 400" half way between here and there and party for a weekend in Jun or Jul! **Mike** completed his general practice residency in TX and now staffs the dental clinic on base. **Mike** and **Jan** are definitely going to the reunion!!

Another phone call came in Feb—this one a real shocker from **Bob McCullough**! They are another definite YES for the ten year reunion!! All is well with them in GA; **Bob** is still with Proctor and Gamble Corp, but contemplating a transfer and step up the ladder in the future. **Kathy** is teaching Span-

ish in high school and was off to Spain over spring break with her class.

We happily shared some bloody marys with the senior **Gaydos** at their tailgate site. Surely hoping this year we get to catch a glimpse of **Larry & Joanne Gaydos**, and to also welcome: **Andrew Nicholas**, born 3 Jun 1982. **Larry**, H-1's one and only JAG MAJ!! and **Joanne** have been in Charlottesville, VA about two years now, and the long term plan is for them to stay awhile longer. **Joanne** says that the two children keep her busy (no joke!) so she will stay home and "mother" awhile! **Larry** completed the JAG Sch Adv Cse and got then assigned to teach there (I think??) We are looking forward to the tailgate at Lusk—another definite YES, we hope!

Joanne wrote that they had heard from **Bob Cadow**—sure hope this can find him now! He and wife **Linde** and daughter **Robin** have enjoyed what they term, "one of the Army's secrets." They left Purdue U and spent 2 yrs at Kwajalein as the resident Engr of the missile range. Then, they were off in May 82 to Saudi Arabia, again working with the CE to build a military-industrial complex.

We had a great opportunity to visit the Central Valley Gasho Steak House, thanks mainly to **Beth & Chris Mortensen**, who were here to visit. **Hetricks** joined also, and **Gail Hazel** (John was off traveling!) A wonderful visit, good food, "great-to-see-everyone" evening. The **Mortensens** are homesteading in MI and enjoying the first white winter since hot and humid Panama. Of course, after an abundance of snow like MI has had, "hot and humid" sounds good to me!! **Chris** is at the UDetroit as an APMS. After hours, he and **Beth** both head back to school, working on their MBA's in the evening. We are hopeful that they will take the 22 Oct weekend off and come to New York to party!!

Runner-up super writer award goes to **Bob Miller**. I am secretly planning to "will" them the *Scarlet Hawg*, since they are more dependable writers than I! **Bob & Rosie** have been in MI 5 years now, and have made great strides in studies and job promotions during that time. Both went for MBA's at

the UDetroit (1981). Bob moved from Ford Engr to fin analyst at Ford; Rosie is now with Burroughs Corp, as a fin analyst. Life is treating them well, and thus awarded them their first Caribbean vacation in Feb 82. Bob is maintaining a position in the Reserves and traveling to Ft Sill occasionally to complete the Art Adv Cse. They are "definites" for the Oct reunion, and we sure are anxious to see them!!



1973: Party at the Berlins.

Bob and Rosie keep us informed about Betty & Dana Warehime, also in MI, with Ford. The best news recently is the addition of Miss Clare Warehime, welcomed to the world in November, 1981.

Always faithful at Christmastime is a note from Joanna (Jockheck Jones) Taylor. She and Bill have relocated from Albuquerque, NM to Plainview, TX and invested in a lovely house. Bill now works for Pioneer Seed Co, and Jo is back teaching 6th grade social studies at the local school. Joanna wrote that Bill & Anne Jockheck have moved to NY from TX. Bill is supposedly going to school somewhere—sure wish we knew the details!

We enjoyed a lovely, newsy Xmas letter from Chris & Mike Farrell, including some spectacular pictures!! Miss Alice, (The 1st Hawg offspring) just turned 9, Christopher is 5½ and a huge welcome to little David Edward, born 6 Aug 82. Mike is still with Union Carbide and continues to work on his MBA program at DePaul U. In between work and studies and being daddy, Mike manages to squeeze in time for the Reserves at Ft Sheridan, IL. Chris says her job description is making sure everyone is at the right place at the right time. . . .

Pleased again to welcome yet another Hawg offspring, Miss Jill Rowley, born in Oct 82. Jill joins big brother Joshua in Somerville, NJ. Rumor has it that Jan and Ron are on the move again, but we have no vital information, like an address, to pass on. While in NJ, Ron was the Area Cdr for the Rctg Sta in So. Jersey, supposedly a two year slot.

Chris & Steve Yunker and clan are in Chicago still, but more than anxious to frequent other housing possibilities as soon as possible. It won't be long now, as Steve graduates from 3 long years in Law School, Jun 83. Congratulations!! He will hopefully spent the next year training for the 1984 Olympic Trials in modern pentathlon while the law degree simmers on the back burner awhile. The three children are happy to spent summers in CA and each into their own niche during the year. Christina is nearly 2, Jimmy 4½, and Erik 12. Chris weathers their schedules and the Chicago winters, "provided," Steve says, "we move out of Chicago the day he graduates!!" Surely are hopeful we can convince you to travel to

West Point in October and we can meet Chris . . . finally!

Well, that about wraps up 3 afternoons with this paper, counting a multitude of interruptions; one bleeding knee, 2 fights over the ET ball, one escaped dalmation, and several shriek attacks by our "terribly two" Michael. Considering the 29 Hawg offspring we count up, that's an average day in the lives of many of us! Cannot believe Graduation week (as they now call June Week) is here again!! Only ten years have passed since you guys were the "young flesh" in those starched white uniforms (which aren't starched anymore!!). . . . Seems like yesterday, and we are so hopeful that as many HAWGS as possible can be here in Oct—to relive those memories, and rekindle those important friendships.

The same sentiment holds true for all those in the ranks of the Proud and Free. Hope to see you in October. God Bless!

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Please take note of the above address where I plan to deal out these jewels for the next 3 years. The residence is in South Apts on WP where Cathy and I, like so many of us living here, hold the door open for any of ya'll passing thru. I also have the Marv Searles overhead and the George Oliver's next over. Inprocessing for us newbees occurred at none other than ex-Ladycliff College, my first time in the mystical cliff dwelling. Housing draw resulted in 11 guys moving from Stewart to WP and all but 12 of the new guys getting WP quarters.

Reunion Poop: By this printing all folks with a current address with AOG will have received a packet from the Reunion Cmte which contains info on our Class Fund status, gift sales poop, info on bio sketches/pictures for our yearbook, etc. If you did not receive this packet or know of some low-lives hiding out, get the names and addresses to Rudy Veit, 4145 Lancaster Ave., Newburgh, NY 12550. Do respond promptly as the deadline

for bio sketches is 31 Oct 83. And remember the 10-yr Reunion is 18-21 Oct 84.

I promised a rundown of who's new at WP as of this summer, by Dept: BS&L: Chuck Sitero; Office of Dean: Terry Youngbluth; Engr: Harvey Jones (C-1), John Norwood, Greg Parlier, Bob Bassler; English: Ron Reid, Colin Dunn; For Languages: Tom Schmidt; G&CS: Todd Bacastow, Bruce Bailey, Bill Doe, Bill McMillan, Jim Relyea; History: Jack McDonald, Conrad Crane; Law: John Schaefer; Math: Emilio Digiorgia, Tim Peterson, Mick Raney, Dennis Rochette, Vic Roeske, Ron Miller, me; Mechanics: Mike Clifford, Dom Izzo, Eric Wildemann; Phys Ed: Bob Humphreys, Bill Martinez, Steve Trauth; Physics: Ken Miner; Social Sci: Fred Polk, Mike Reopel; Tacs: George Oliver, Gary Anderson, Clare Armstrong, Bob Beecher, Denny Lewis; USCC: Bryan Oliver; Admissions: Marv Searle; MP Co Cdr: Randy Tart.



1974: The Loys with Ed Lisecki.

It should also be noted that some folks have finished their tours at WP and are moving on: Cliff Krebs to Ger, George Runkle leaves PE for Tulsa, Joe Mackin is leaving next Jan to join the Air Force, and having finished 1 yr as a Tac, Greg Gardner moves on to England with Sherry and dau to serve as an Exch Tac at Sandhurst for 2 yrs. So this leaves a net number of 78 '74ers at WP for this year—not bad.

Now for some letters. Received a picture and note on JAG Adv Cse grads with specific



1974: Bourn, Webster, Adair and Petraeus at CGSC graduation.

PCS locales: **Bill Allinder** went to Benning, **John Schaefer** to WP; overseas were **Joe Ward** to Mannheim, **Kasey Warner** to Boblingen-Stuttgart, FRG, **Rob Minor** to Berlin and **George Peirce** to Synop, Turkey.

Frank Roberts writes from the West Coast. He and Denise along with Kate (5) and Matthew William (2) are leaving rainy Ft Baker in Jul for the desert environs of Ft Irwin and the Nat Tng Ctr. On others, **John Edgcomb** was taking a break from his MG aide job in Denver to attend CAS³ in Leavenworth. After a good tour of recruiting in Phoenix, **Ken Cross** is moving on to be a Bde S1 at Knox. **Duncan Turner** is a recruiting area cdr in Seattle. **Don Demetz** is enjoying civ life in Birmingham, Demo an aide to a USAR O-8 in his spare time. Wedding bells heard by **Dan O'Brien** and **Janet**, witnessed by **Demetz** and **Dave Cronin**. Dan has since gone to UIL grad sch. Finally **Tim & Becky Kiggins** are now in Bavaria at Augsburg after an OE stint at Stuttgart. Thanks Frank.



1974: JAG Adv Cse Grads: Allinder, Ward, Peirce, Warner, Minor, Schaefer.

Heard from an old E-1er, ex-'74er, ex-poopster, and ex-150 lb teammate (tuff, mean linebacker) **Phil Murray**. After his Physics and Mech downfall, Phil finished at Northeastern U, ROTC and many of us served with him at Bragg. He got out in 79 and has since been doing well in the financial services world, first with Merrill Lynch and now EF Hutton ("if 1.0 Barney could see me now"). He and wife have 2 boys, living in Cohasset, MA; call him toll free at work, 800-343-7913, for hot tips or otherwise.

Ben Withers was passing thru Augusta, GA, on Founders Day this spring and attended with **Chuck & Beth Thebaud**, **Jim & Lucinda Spinelli**. Chuck is a prosecutor for Ft Gordon JAG and Jim is an intern at Eisenhower AMC. Ben and Alison were blest with their first child last 16 Sept: Rachel Elizabeth. Also Alison is now out of the Nurse Cps. Ben is on a 1-yr leave from med sch at USUHS to train for the 84 Olympics in Modern Pentathlon. He won't know if he'll make the team until May 84. Then



1974: The Scotts.

he'll rtn to med sch to finish his last yr with **Marty Giandoni** ("Actually, I did this so I could share the honor with Marty of being the last 2LT in the Class!"). Good luck, Ben.

We've got some snake-eater JAG types at Bragg I guess. **Gene Dickey** became the JAG for the 7th SF Group in Jun, replacing **Milt Spaulding** who is Korea bound. Also Milt was married to Terry this spring. Gene was due to attend the SF Cse this summer: learning how to stealthily defend the troop. Plus Gene & Debbie announce #3's arrival: **Christopher John** on 25 Mar 83, joins **Jason (6)** and **Matthew (3½)**.

Hopefully a picture of the Procter and Gamble gang at Mehoopany, PA, is inclosed. They included the **Steve Adamses**, **Jay Joyces**, **Jim Cordes '72**, and **Mark Scotts** on an Easter Egg hunt. **Jay & Shirley Joyce** attended the marriage of **Drew Ellis** to **Judy Kinshaw** in Berlin, CT, on 28 May 83. Drew was just finishing a ROTC tour at U Rochester and en route to an FA job in Ger this Aug. Also **Steve Adams** got his MBA at U Scranton last May and **Jay** is ¾ done on his at Marywood Coll.

Some really outstanding news came from Leavenworth where 4 classmates (the early-birds) were graduated on 3 Jun 83: **Guy Bourn**, **Dave Petraeus**, **Larry Adair** and **Glenn "Fuzzy" Webster**. Says Fuzzy: "It was a great day for the home team as Dave graduated first in the class (out of 1004) and received the Marshall Award, and Larry was designated an Honor Grad." Dave also got his marathon time down to 2:50 this yr. As for assgmts: **Larry** is off to DCSPER in the Pentagon, **Guy** to the NPGS, Monterey for study in the C3I Program, **Dave** to Princeton grad sch and **Fuzzy** is staying a 2d yr for the new Adv Mil Studies Prog.



1974: Dave and Betsy Neeley.

Well **Don deLeon** left Smoke Bomb Hill at Bragg in Jul and turned over his Green Beret Co so as to embark on his Russian FAO Spec. Don and family are off for Monterey for 1 yr of Intermediate Russian and then off to Garmisch, Ger, to be a student for 2 yrs. Don tells that **Rich Neske** is out of svc, working in NJ and doing quite well.

Jim Martin writes from Korea. He's leaving there for ROTC duty at UCO, Colo Spgs—nice place, Jim. On others in Korea: **Clark Sorensen** left in May bound for Ft Carson, **Pat Schado** just arrived and took cmd of a co of the 2d Avn Bn; **Jim Bly** is working in the Compt Office, and **Milt Spaulding** is fresh meat just assuming charge of 2d ID Trial Def Svc personnel.

Some baby news: **Charlotte Ann** arrived to **Mike & Pip Kelly** on 24 May 83 in New Haven, CT; **Mike's** going to Yale, but took time out to aid in the delivery. **Matthew Allen** arrived on 30 May 83 to **Flayo & Donna Kirk** in OK City. **Bryan Edward** to **Lin &**



1974: Frank and Debbie Janoski.

Jim Dixon on 28 May 83, their first; Jim is with TX Utilities and living in Carthage, TX. **Megan Lee** to **Bill & Debby France** on 15 Jun 83 in Atlanta; **Bill** is an AF Exch Off as a CE Proj Mgr in N. and S. Carolina; they plan to be in Atlanta until next Aug. They inform that **Dave Fastabend** is with the CE's S. Atlantic Dist as a CivE.

Some notes: **Dave & Betsy Neeley** are on Kwajalein, Marshall Islands, and **Dave** was youngest grad out of the 4 WPers they could muster for an unofficial Founders Day. **Steve Stambach** left Riley for grad sch at Columbia U this summer, will join the Leadersleep Dept in 85. Heard a rumor that **Colin Dunn** was married in IA in Jun, and it's no rumor that **Harvey Jones (C-1)** was hitched on the June 4, 5 weekend, just prior to housing draw at WP—sorry your honeymoon had to start with that zoo of a time. **Bob McFetridge** sent some 30 folks to jail last yr as a Hood JAG, only 2 got away thru no fault of Bob's. He was still arguing "gross lack of judgment" on the troop's part. Come off it, Bob, I suppose you recommended a big slug too. **Bob Dillon** finished his PhD in Aero Engr at RPI this spring by going in his "spare" time from his job at Watervliet Arsenal, Bob hoping to start teaching at WP next summer.



1974: Adamses, Joyces, Cordes (72), and Scotts. Easter Egg Hunt, 1983.

Finally, don't forget the Class Tailgate Party every 2d home game, this year the 1st is 24 Sept vs Dartmouth. Probably in G Lot and you may not be able to park there so if coming from off post please call for details, **Vinnie Mauro** at work, 938-2063/3029, or me. Also let me know how it's all going with ya'll.

30 Sept—my next deadline.



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Hello again. All you non-writers need a firm slap on the wrist. It always gets worse when I'm late and there's only a handful of letters. But doing the best we can—here goes.

As related in the last episode **Charlie Hammond** was going down hard. Patty has chased him all over the world but finally got him to the altar in Jul at El Paso. The effort of evasion was just too much for the poor boy.



1975: The Larsons at the Great Wall.

The crowd in Gelnhausen was observed up close in the spring. **Tom Austin** was headed for Graf and his last ARTEP as a S3 before leaving country in 4 weeks. He managed to lose 29 lbs in 29 days to dodge the weight bullet while smoking the ARTEP. Now relaxing in grad school before heading to WP as a TAC, he deserves a rest and Cheri deserves Tom's help with the other girls in the family. **Rob and Mary Sellers** love FRG but after grad school the Inf mentality is difficult to gear down to without crashing. Rob's readjusted and is enjoying cmd. **Bill and Paula Troy** departed for Naval PG Sch. Bill ran into his farewell slide across a table and did a strip-tease to the sounds of "Born to Run." Paula was mortified but the fans loved it. **Forest and Maureen Crain** are enjoying life in the Armor. I stopped for a drink at his parents in Frankfurt on father's day and told them—Maureen wouldn't let Forest out to play! We called—she wouldn't.

My apologies to **Dan and Cathy Krueger** for moving the baby's birth from Pittsburg to Heidleburg last issue. That's what happens when you listen to **Pat Lisowski**. Dan enjoys working for the DCS for Engr's in USAREUR. He must cuz we never see him. I've never found him but the office is near the men's room. **Pete and Linda Madsen** are expecting twins in Oct. **Gordi Toney** is **Dan Krueger's** brother-in-law with **Carolyn** and **Kathy** being sisters. Looks like they've headed for Rucker. **Pat Lisowski** wishes they would come to FRG so he had someone else to get in trouble. **Karen** has **Pat** totally domesticated. It was enjoyable to watch **Pat** wash the floor and hang up wash while **Karen** and I talked. He even shares his beer and asked permission to go out with me to get gas. Good training award goes to **Karen** but hopefully it's not catching. Their baby is due any minute in Jul. In fact, **Karen's** best line was, "Pat, leave the windows open, maybe the flies will go out."

Went to Baumholder to find **Luigi Magnanti** and the duty officer was kind enough to inform me he departed 48 hours earlier for the states. Nice drive though!

Stayed at Graf with **Ben and Susan Freak-**



1975: Founders Day.

ley. A super set of quarters and with 3 boys it needs to be! They gave me a notebook of info which I've since misplaced so I'll go back in Aug. However **Jim Burton** has an M-1 Co. in 31D with both hands full. **Mike Means** still is with ADA in 31D. **Jim Slavin** is enroute to WP to be the MI-rep. **Dan Fey** is still commanding with the 4/4 as it heads toward extinction.

Bruce Adams wrote from Brenham, TX as a ghost from the grave. He, **Kathy** and **Shawn** enjoy civilian life and TX. He's a field engineer with Schlumberger Well Services. Anyone running 290 between Houston and Austin drop in for a meal and a beer especially the C-3 crowd. **Brad Hall** write Bruce, he misses your angelic tones. **Ken Beatty** is still over here in FRG with a battery. **Ken** and **Sandie** are expecting their second child anytime. **John Mode** is working for TDC exploration in Austin.

Pete and Karen Larson wrote from Singapore. They're leaving the attache office for DIA in July. He'll be working for 3 yrs. in the Dir for Research—China Branch as a fully qualified FAO after 4 plus years of training. The picture tells it all.

Dan and Justine Monken wrote from Ft Ben. They're in the Adv Crse after finishing up their Purdue vacation. They'll be heading for WP and the Office of the Dean in Nov. How's that for the ultimate assignment as a goat. **Dan** did feel great wearing a cap and gown as a real college graduate. They never thought it would happen. Plus they moved

themselves to Ft Ben. in a 22 ft Ryder truck—2 trips and a lot of blood, sweat and tears. No unpacking, the **Monken's** just left everything in boxes at **Ben Harrison** and went on leave. **Dan's** touch is unbelievable.

Anyone interested in attending the **Rose Bowl** from '75 contact **Bob Miske** at 18188 Mesa Verda Court, Fountain Valley, CA 92708. The numbers are 714-968-3640 or work at 714-847-2423. **Bob** called my mom to pass the message so all interested get on the stick.

Paul and Susan Bonney appeared in NJ in June to pay me back for past experiences. My ability to think or write is now significantly restricted by the incident which occurred on the 11th. I actually got married but did return to FRG to clean the BOQ and play softball. When **Susan** tired of that, we went to Baumholder to relax. Since she's now back in the States waiting for us to get quarters, I get away with it for now.



1975: Founders Day.



1975: Founders Day, Fort Bragg.

I have a sad note to explain, and that is the death of **Mike Burnette** on 14 June at home in Metuchen, NJ. He is survived by Susan and the children Kevin and McKenzie. Mike was laid to rest in Calvary National Cemetery in Huntington Station, Long Island. Please say some prayers for Mike and the family. We all felt the loss of a very close friend. Susan's address is 173 Cener St., Metuchen, NJ 08840.

See you next quarter.

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Hello again. Thought I'd have to preface this ms with 'The dearth of news may be explained by the dog days of summer' but I find my file of letters is bulging! Administrative news is that the administrative fund has been established—definitely. Please send your \$5 donation/contribution to the AOG and mark the check: **Class of 1976 Administrative Fund**. You might also add in a little extra for a couple of other good uses of \$'s. We have established a **Class of '76 Gift Account** from which we will draw at later times to give lasting gifts to USMA. Also, as we all know, working capital is always needed by the AOG for USMA support activities and this is best earmarked as unrestricted funds. All above contributions are, of course, deductible on your tax return. We'd like to get as good response as possible (to my first request for funds, out of the 800-some-odd members of the Class, only 12 people replied!!!) so please send in at least your administrative funds as soon as you can. Now, on to the news.

Just got a note yesterday from **Kim Campbell** who left 2 years ago (left San Ant for business school) and sends news that he's engaged to **Sally Murphy** and they plan on tying the knot on 26 Nov in Buffalo. They'll be taking off on 1 Jul for Munich for a last fling before Kim starts work. (They both have friends and relatives in Eastern and Western Europe). As for work, Kim starts on 8 Aug in NYC in learning-training. Then, it's off

to Philly where he'll be working with First Boston, an investment bank in the taxable fixed income securities area. As a nostalgic remembrance to Pentathlon, Kim's going to get to see the World Championships in Warendorf, WG, in the beginning of Aug before they return. Folks Kim's seen include **Jim Diehl**, who called from Ft Leavenworth from whence he'll be off to Germany for a command. **Don & Robin Harvel** sent a note from Albuquerque where Don's a HC-130 rescue inst. Kim saw **Faith & Howie Murray** in Hickory, NC, and also amongst a number of grads at the A-N game, including **Bruce Zophy**. Kim saw **John Taylor** on the Penn campus twice recently where John's getting an engineering Master's Degree.



1976: The O'Haras'

Next note comes from Peking where **Lonnie Keene** is studying at Peking U as an Olmsted Scholar. He's finishing up his 2d year in China and is heading to Harvard's MPA program in Aug 83 and then back to the Dept of Soc Sciences for a tour as an instr. He expects to arrive at WP in the summer of 84. Prior to China, Lonnie spent 4 years with 2ACR in Bamberg. Lonnie reminds all of you wives in the reading audience that he remains a bachelor.

Bruce Robinson sent news from Ft Benning in Mar where he was marking time on pseudo-casual status returning from Ft Leavenworth and heading to grad school at UCO at Boulder in the Dept of Math. (A plebe math 'P'!! in the making!!) Bruce ran into **Wayne Trujillo**, who is doing well, and saw **Terry Fong**, **Jim Munday** and **Buz Moser** all at IOAC at the Founders Day feast. As a PS, Bruce extends an open invite to all to say hello if they're in the skiing area nearby.

Next of the ms's was a wedding invitation for **Alexander Pruitt** who married **Jean Marie Finken** on 7 May in Omaha, NE. Congratulations from the Class!

A couple of notes from **Jim Warner** in Germany finds him heading to the old U.S. in the end of Jul. He'll be starting in the Harvard MBA program and then to the Soc Sci Dept which will put him at USMA for the 10th Reunion!! Terrific planning. He also reiterates our APB for **Bob Smith**—please, if

anyone knows where he is, please let me or Jim know.

Next, a note from **Kevin Ryan** who's finishing the Russian Language Graduate course at Syracuse this May (83) and heading on to West Point. (Kevin was honored as an acceptee to the Olmsted Scholarship program but was unable to accept it.) Kevin received an invitation (in Spanish) to **John Cal's** wedding in Madrid. The 3 things Kevin understood were **Jahn Manuel** and **Helen Virginia** and **Hotel Castellana**. John's returning this summer from Spain.

Mike Scully sent a note back in Mar to let us know that Ann and he are currently living in Poughkeepsie with their daughter **Kristen**, who is now 2 years old. Since leaving the Army, Mike's completed his master's in Electrical Engineering at RPI and has been working for IBM in Poughkeepsie since Nov 82. Mike's concluding comment is a request to hear from **Mark Sooth** or hear some news on anybody from G-2. I'll be happy to print/forward such news.

Next note from **Paul & Melinda Adams** who just bought a house at Ft Jackson which borders a pond. Paul is a trial counsel for the 2d Tng Bde. Melinda's back teaching at Ft Jackson. Megan is now 4 and doing well. Other folks they see frequently include **Karen & Richard Marchant**. Rick is an XO for the 9th Btn after being a CO Cmdr. Karen is writing her thesis to finish up her masters in psychology through U So Carolina.

Next is a beautifully calligraphed baby announcement from **Tom & Veronica Alexander** happily announcing the birth of **Margaret Lillian** on 24 Feb weighing in at 7lbs 13oz—born in Heidelberg. Congratulations!!

The next letter brings with it a picture and news of the **O'Haras**. Carol actually wrote the note but it brings us up to date on **Chuck** who resigned in Jan 82 and is presently employed with WR Grace out of New York. Since they left Ft Benning, their last tour, they lived in Greenville, SC, for 14 months and are now in Baltimore for 10 months—possibly longer. They are enjoying the area and plan to attend as many USMA games as they can this fall. **Chuck** is really enjoying his job. Their family now consists of **Patrick**, age 3½, and **John**, age 1½. Carol and **Chuck** originally met at IOBC and they enjoyed their Army tours in HI—for 3 years, and Ft Benning for 2 years. They send other news of **John Geatchius** who was at Ft Benning for the adv course and was doing well.

Ky White sent a note on 21 Mar, Amanda's 6th birthday. Ky's working with Schlumberger Well Services—the same company that **Ed Markiewicz** is with. All is well with them.

The next note is 3 pages long—from **Don McCormick**. To bring us up to date with him, **Jim Treadwell** was correct in the last note that Don's out of the service. He left in July 82 and left from Ft Ord. His career



1976: Founders Day, Kingsville, TX.



1976: The Stone family.



1976: Fort Sill, Founders Day.

prior to that included the Adv Course (which was basically a '76 engr class reunion—**John Taylor**, **Mark Grotte** (Left service and is now working for a chem firm—Nalco—near Chicago), **Bruce Lieurance** (married and at last known residence, a co cmdr at Ft Carson), **Greg Schmitz** (took a company at Ft Gordon or Stewart). Don's now working for a TX based office building developer. He works in construction management which is surprisingly like his work while in the Army. He's currently working on a 48 story office tower in downtown San Fran and will start another in about a year. Don's still single but almost engaged to a girl who works for HP and is currently doing a 3-month stint in Peking, China. Two years ago Don was in the same battalion at Ft Ord with 2 friends of ours. **Brian Osterdorf** subsequently went to DLI in Monterey and then to a 2-year assignment in Brazil where I reported a year or so ago that he was building railroads through the interior. No word since. **Mike O'Donnel** left the service a year or so ago and went off to Harvard to get an MBA—he should be graduating this summer. **Joe Higgs** (Don's old roommate) went to work for ARCO as a petroleum engr in some part of LA. **Nick Spinelli** also left the service from Ft Ord and was planning to attend Penn State to get a Master's in Elec Engr. **Jim Dumold** married a girl from Holland but Don's information stops there.

Skip Freeman sent a note that he graduated in May with a Master's in Organic Chemistry and will be heading up to WP in Jun to be with the Dept of Chem.

Bob McClure wrote from the DLI—sez it's a bear. He wants a Ranger Tab for the place. With luck he's off to Germany (with or without the language). News vicariously obtained is that on 30 Apr, **Ken Liepold** married **Debra Ouellette** in Old Towne, ME. He's still on ROTC duty up there. **Terry Johnston** was in the wedding (out of the service and working in the Bangor area). **Bob** bumped into **Joe Schroeder** the other month—he's at Ft Ord and just took over an engr co—doing well.

Greg Stone sent news of his family along with the picture. The picture includes **Greg**, **Mary Pat**, **Patrick** (5), **Christian** (4), and **Keegan Marie** (1). They're now stationed in

Berlin after leaving the AOAC in Aug 81. **Greg** just left command of a large tank company and the only Arm unit in the Berlin Bde. He's moving up to be a Bn S3. All the kids are growing and a true delight. **Walt & Gretchen Sutterlin** are also in Berlin but are leaving this summer. **Walt's** worked as the Bde AOAPCP coordinator and has done a fabulous job. **Joshua** is fast friends with **Patrick** and **Christian** as they share the same floor in the same stairwell. **Walt's** en route to CAS3 and then hopefully to WP. **Warren Crecy** is also in Berlin working in the G3 shop. After his time down in the Inf bns, **Warren** got snatched way up into the stratosphere where he's done very well. He's also due to depart this summer with CAS3 en route to an as yet undetermined location. Other news of **Rick Rachmeler** who's presently serving as the aide to the JUSMAG cmdr in Madrid. **Rick** has had a pretty interesting tour although how much Spanish he's learned is unknown by my informant. **Rick** and **Pusette** will be returning to the States this summer when his boss returns to command the 82d Abn. The **Stones** PS includes the admonition that there's always extra room in Berlin for any classmates passing through the area.

The next note is a bit of an interclass Founders Day announcement. It originates from **Gary McKenzie** who's been with Exxon in Kingsville, TX, since Sept 81. He's enjoyed every minute and **Sandy** just gave birth to their 2d child, **Laura Ann**, on 31 Dec 82. **James Austin** was born 6 Sept 79. The **McKenzies** occasionally see **Bruce & Sheri Gamsby** when they go to Dallas to visit **Gary's** parents. **Bruce** is working for Southwestern Bell in Dallas and is enjoying himself. The Exxon boys had a Founders Day get-together in **Gary's** backyard for a BBQ and the picture is the result. The folks there included **Al Becker** (77), **Paul Labonte** (72), **Gary**, **Bill Benedict** (71), **Tom Molzahn** (77), **Manny Gonzalez** (75), and **Dave Kopp** (71). **Gary's** PS is that **Kurt Johnson** came through for a visit a few months ago.

Next is from **Brian Shellum** who was in his last 2 months of command in CSC in Norddeutschland—in **Garlstedt**. Other folks up that way include **Bill Patterson** who's shortly heading back to the US for CAS3. **Ted Crozier**

is also in the area and is in a relatively stable pattern, planning to stay there for a while. **Sam Butler** is still with the Div in Boblingen. **Joe Fernandez** is at Ft Sill—doing well. **Dave McSween** is still a commander in Mannheim and heading to CAS3 in Jan 84. (Small world: **Brian** saw **Greg Stone** last fall when he was doing tank gunnery at Bergen-Hohne training area—apparently working so hard that no time for golf.) **Karl Grunwald** is now married and is a Russian FAO—he's in Heidelberg for a year and then 2 years at Garmisch. **Scott Stephenson** will be heading back to the US in Aug for CAS3 in OCT-DEC and then possibly FAO German. **Brian's** heading back to the US in Sept and attending CAS3 in Oct-Dec 83, FAO Course and Master's Degree in Poly Sci Jan 84-Jan 85, DLI Jan-Jul 85 and back to Germany in the summer of 85. **Brian** has a request. He's going to be in the NY/CT area in Sept and wants to get-together with anyone at WP. He sez to leave your addresses/ph nos. with **Tony** at the Old Oak Inn and he'll be in touch.

Received a note from **John McDaniel** (who's called here twice and I've yet to be here) who's finishing up law school at Harvard. **Jackie's** doing well and **Billy**, at age 3 is a bundle of energy—for 2 years **John** tried to get him to talk, and now that he's started, he can't keep him quiet! **John** will be at the Ft Devens SJA office this summer and then one more year of law school. No **John**, I haven't forgotten the Bookbinder's bet!

Notes from here are sparse. Am back in San Ant for another 4 months and then to Ft Bliss for 4. The kids are growing up. **Ian's** taking violin lessons (the cutest little miniature violin you've ever seen!). Had a call from **Bob Dalton** who was on the Pentathlon team here for quite a while. He just finished the AG Adv Crse and is in the process of heading to Germany as the morale support officer for the Garmisch area. (I probably shouldn't have printed the news because it will make him instantly everyone's long-lost friend). Nevertheless—a potentially delightful assignment. **Teresa's** doing well and enjoying a well-deserved break from work. **Bob** was on his way to Denver and was looking for classmates in the area to look up. The only one in my address book was **Mackey Ives**—hope you're still there. If anyone needs similar info, I'm always happy to help. Nevertheless, it always helps to keep your scribe's address book current—HINT! HINT!

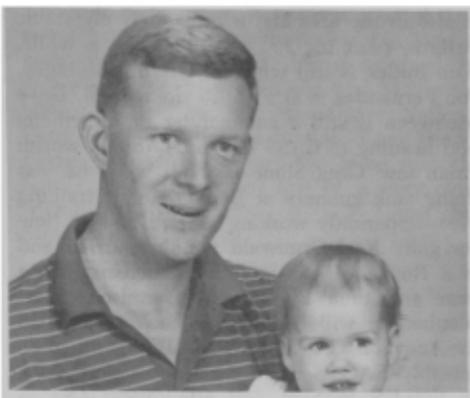
Well that's about it for now. I'll expect to be inundated with news for the next issue. Take care till then. —Ian

'77

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Two years gone and now begins the final year of my extended vacation. I spent the summer doing OJT at the Ft Jackson SJA office. I ran into **Blair Turner** every now and then. He is having a successful command tour as a BT company commander.

A letter from **Mike & Kathy Buchanan** finds them on their way to grad school at the UME at Orono. They visited WP in Apr. **Kathy** was a little sad to see her old alma mater dubbed New South Post but was still glad that **Ladycliff** was "still in the family" so to speak. They had the **Dittmans** as dinner guests recently. **Jerry** and **Beth** are headed for Japan after EOAC. **Mike's** new address is 247 Burleigh RD, Bangor, ME 04401 and he is anxious to hear from **Bob Cowan**.



1977: Dave & Mary Colleen Buchanan.

A long letter from **Joe Durso** at Ft Rucker finds him attending the Instructor Pilot course and he hopes to stay on as an OH-58 instructor once he completes school. **John Tompkovich** is also at Rucker in the academic dept. Joe stated that his first priority was to get a jacuzzi installed in his new townhouse. He also included info about several other classmates. **Al Lewis** is in Korea. **Andy Bowers** is headed to Stanford for a degree in Math. **Jim Murphy** and wife are headed to Ft Monmouth. **Scott Maple** is in Cocoa Beach on some sort of liaison job. **Jim Nymark** is in Atlanta. Jim is out of the Army and a co-partner in a recruiting firm that recruits and places aerodynamic engineering types. On a visit home to NY, Joe ran into **Kevin Thompson** who is working for Mobil Oil.



1977: Regans, Hadley, and Jacobovitzs.

Scott Leishman wrote to update the news from the FL-GA area. Scott is a sales rep for Pfizer Chemical and has the FL peninsula and southern GA as his sales area. He is travelling a lot but does not mind as that enables him to stop by Benning and see old friends every now and then. Other news from Scott is that **Tony Acosta** is a Bde S4 at Hood. **Hazen Baron** and his family are en route to AK. "**Hawk**" **Holloway** is at the FL ranger camp. His wife Cathy is expecting number 2. **Mike Page** is at Bragg and alleged to have number 2 standing in the door. **Harry Summers** is at Belvoir commanding a bridge co. **Bill Keating** and **Butch Watson** are both in Atlanta working for Merrill-Lynch. Scott invites anybody in the Tampa area to stop in and see him.

Mike Hughes has just departed Leavenworth where he attended CAS3. He is understandably happy to be reunited with Jan and daughter Grace. They are headed for Chapel Hill where Mike will be going to grad school at UNC. Mike passes on the news that **Bill & Ruth Butler** are the proud parents of Elizabeth Marie.

A letter from **Ron & Pam Porter** finds them headed to an assignment at WP. Ron is another recent graduate of CAS3. While out

West they made an overnight stop in Denver to see **Dennis Dyer** who is doing his residency at Fitzsimons.

Some recent phone calls garnered up a little more news for this issue. **Terry Stewart** called from Bragg where he was doing his annual training. Terry is really enjoying life in Newport, RI, where he works for one of the big 8 accounting firms. **Greg Harding** is still commanding at Bragg and is looking toward grad school in the near future. **Rob Kehlet** is due back from Turkey any day now and headed for Stanford. After that it is on to WP to haze yearlings in Physics.



1977: Ft. Bragg, Founders Day.

A final letter from **Dave & Liz Richardson** in AK. Dave has an Inf co at Wainwright. **Ted & Laurie Russell** are also at Wainwright. The **Richardsons** are interested in hearing from **Tim Lynch** who was last heard from at Ft Ord. They would like him to write at 4013-5 Spruce, Ft Wainwright, AK 99703.

That does it for this issue. The mail bag has been rather empty lately. Take a few minutes and drop a short note or card to let the Class know what is new in your life. Take care. . . .



1977: Ft. Hood, Founders Day.

'78

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Help! I'm suffering from an acute shortage of mail. I have cobwebs in my mail box. Hopefully everyone is just enjoying the summer sun, but for those who read the column, even if you don't subscribe, please drop me a letter, postcard of any news. I'll be eternally grateful.

Bob Olds called me from Ft Bel. where he is attending the Engr Adv Crse. **Pam** is expecting in late July so they will have two little ones by the time you read this. **Bobby** said **Mark Buck** was commanding a student company up there. He also ran into **Greg King** and **Kurt Downs** who was going to work in Houston, no other details. Bob will probably



1978: Jim & Marsha Lockett.

stay at Belvoir to work in the Engr after the Adv Crse.

Vaughn Vasconcellas finally gave up his fat job at Rucker for the AG Adv Crse. He is going to be stationed in HI working as an S1 for 2nd Bde, 25th Inf Div. **Col** (former Major) **Cooper** of Plebe English fame is the Bde CO and Vaughn still remembers the results of his first English paper. Hope things turn out better this time, **Guy!** Vaughn saw **Guy Ontai** en route to Korea, MIT (Nuc Physics) and Woops in that order. **Guy** is married to a beautiful young lady named Penny, and they have one little Ontai with another on the way. **Herm Bulls** left Ft Ben Harrison for Harvard Business Sch. **Tom Strutz** will go to grad school for club management after the AG Adv Crse. Not only that, Tom will be going to school in Miami—tough pill to swallow, heh? **Gerry Mayer**



1978: Kevin and Peg Jackson and Tim Sweeney.



1978: Founders Day—Ft. Sill.

is heading for Lincoln U to teach ROTC. Sandy Parlier made the inter-service volleyball team and will be heading for DPE after making a grad school stop at an undetermined spot. **Jim Bannartine** is giving up his Engr Cmd in HI for the Engr Adv Crse, at Stanford, and then to the Soc Sci Dept at Woops. Vaughn also made a request to hear from **Tom Bostick**.

Bob Lamb is snowbirding in MILPERCEN and will attend the Marine Corps communications course a Quantico as an exchange officer in lieu of the Signal Corps Adv Course. He and Lou are expecting their second child in Oct.

Mickey Hall thought I'd forgotten who he was but still dropped a quick note from Ft Stewart. Mickey is commanding the 24th Div S&S Co. Also at Ft Stewart—**Mark Mingleton**, **Tim Moye**, **Ed Elias**, **Tad Davis**. Most of them are commanding cos of one type or another except Ed who is a Bde staff wienie. Mickey is looking for mail from **T. C. Collins**, **Dexter Adams** and **Darryl Mobley**.

Kevin Jackson sent a picture taken during a ski competition in Austria. No word on the results. Kevin, Pegi and Tim are at Ft Sill working the Arty Sch. **Abe & Laura Valdez** departed Ft Sill for Conroy, TX where Abe is working for Pepsi. Evidently he took the Pepsi Challenge seriously. **Jack Morrison** is also working the Arty Sch and going turkey hunting on the weekend. Isn't that cannibalism? Kevin went to Woops TDY for branch orientation and ran into **Tim Higgins**, CO of HHC 1/1 Inf there. **Leamon Hall** had just left for a stint with the **Jersey Generals**, USFL. Kevin is looking for **Bob Linquist** to drop him a line in Lawton.

Jim Luckett sent me a note. After FA Adv Crse he married **Marsha Jamison** on 20 Mar 83. She is an MSC officer in USAR. Jim's old roomie, **Paul Hunter** was best man; Paul is in Target Acquisition at Sill. Paul and wife had a son, **James**, born 8 Apr 83. Jim is leaving for Korea and will be follow-on assigned at Ft Campbell.

Mick & Donna Regan are expecting a child



1978: Ft. Hood—Founders Day.

in Sept time frame. Mick is getting out, and I believe he's gonna go back to Long Island. **Sarge & Muffy** have a beautiful little girl, Emily, but he never gave me a picture. Sarge took a job in quality control for Honeywell in Tampa back in late June. **Disco Downey** went to Europe on 16 June for terminal leave and has not returned as I write this. He will be going to grad school full time after he gets out. **Pete & Denise Linskey** are still here at Ft Eustis, but I think Pete will be leaning towards a civilian career. **Jim Veditz** was married over the 4th of July weekend to a USAFA Thermo "P." They will be staying in Colorado Springs for the near future. **Kaz** stayed here with **Mike Collins** during June. **Dog Drew** stopped down from his NYC home for a couple of blowouts. Dog is getting married in Oct.

That's all, mostly off the top of my head. **Tim Higgins** sent out notes to most everyone concerning the 5 year reunion at Woops on 21-23 Oct. Let's have a big turnout. I'm sure it will be a super weekend. Don't be bashful, write folks! I'll print anything. Till later, everyone be good.

'79

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I have always enjoyed the duties of being the Class scribe except for times such as these. Today it is my sad duty to inform the Class of the death of **Michael P. McBride**. He passed away at Letterman AMC in Pres San Fran on 15 Apr 83 due to cancer of the liver. On 13 Apr 83 Mike was promoted to CPT and on 14 Apr 83 he was medically ret. Barbara stated in her letter that anyone that would like to write or to make a donation to the American Cancer Society it would be appreciated by the family. We will always remember the Patton speeches and the warm personality of Mike. Rest in peace.

Now the news. I received a hate letter from **Dan Gehlbach** in that he was missed in the last letter for the people in med sch—I apologize. By the time that this issue is printed Dan will have graduated from KS Sch of Med. Dan will be rejoining the "REAL" Army at Ft Bliss where he will do his internship in internal medicine. Going there with him will be his entire family including Lauren and his 2 sons, **Douglas Arthur** (2 yrs) and **Benjamin Daniel** (4 mo). Dan was proud to announce that he was the first person to see Ben because he delivered him himself. For notes in general Dan says that **Greg Hoover** is finishing AOAC and will be heading for Korea, **Kurt Ubbelohde** will be staying at Ft Ord to command HHC 14th Engr Bn and that he has recently purchased a 4 bedroom house complete with outdoor BBQ pit, pool and jacuzzi. **Ziggy Belcher**



1979: Nancy and Bob Case.



1978: Founders Day, Fort Bragg.

has returned from Germany with his wife Kathy and is at Ft Sill while en route to the 82d and Ft Bragg.

Bob Case writes from Ft Bragg that on 26 Feb 83 he and Nancy Lewis were married in a military wedding. An interesting note is that this is not the first time these families have lived together for Bob's father-in-law was his father's roommate for the last 2 years before they graduated in 46. It was a beautiful wedding with grads from both classes making it more precious. Bob and Nancy now call Ft Bragg home and Bob is assigned with the 2d Bn 7th SFG and is scheduled to begin SF training the end of May 83. **Clennie Brundidge** and **Doug Turrell** are both in the 1st Bn, 325th Inf (Abn) as Doug is the S1 and Clennie is the S4. **Rich Jordan** is waiting for a company in the Old Guard (3rd Inf) and he is looking forward to Susan and Matthew joining him in D.C. Her recovery is slow but everything points to a successful recovery. **Paul Buhl** is back in Korea again. This time as the Bde S3Air. He is in the old Bde that he has in before, and is waiting for a company to open in their old Bn (1/23 Inf). **Marty Moratz** is headed for Panama and SF and might be in class with Bob. **Al Arthur** is due into Ft Bragg in May 83 and it has been said that he became a father during IOAC.

John "JT" Turner writes from the Ord OAC in Redstone Arsenal, AL, that he and Debbie were proud of the addition to their family that arrived 20 Jan and was named Michael Robert. It was a close call in that

Deb delivered only 8 days after they arrived in Redstone. It was too close for comfort. **Sam & Linda Merrill** added a little boy to their family on Fri 13 May 83. They named him Brett Colin. **Brian "BK" Keller** is still wild and crazy. After playing with Brett and Michael, BK says that he definitely wants to get one but without any strings attached. He is still trying to figure out how to do just that. **Lynn Collier** (Michael's adopted uncle) is right at home in Huntsville. He is acting as the local tour director and has taken the class to Smith Lake for water skiing and tubing. **Byron & Marie Ward** have added a little girl to their family who is now 18 months old and named Cathy. Byron continues to keep the Class in "stitches" with his dry sense of humor. **Al & Carla Stults** with their 2-yr-old son Joshua are awaiting the arrival of their next addition in Aug. Al continues to be self amusing and still pro-

jects that annoying laugh very effectively. **Kevin Hipple** is hardly seen for he is not in OOAC but he does teach a few classes. For the future assignments: **JT, Sam** and **Kevin** will be staying at Redstone for JT and Sam have been picked for command and Kevin will continue with MMCS. Both BK and Byron have just come from command: in fact, BK is considering staying in. Lynn is scheduled to go to Ft Carson and a final job is unknown. Al is expecting to attend EOD School and then who knows? If he finishes at the time of the election he can expect a lot of TDY with VIP support.

Dave Freshwater is presently in the AOAC and is headed for the 1st AD HQ where he should be taking **Nick Werling's** job. Dave says the AOAC was fun because he and **Eric Cooper, Jim Dedmon, Greg Hoover, Ernie Rogers** and **Doak Smailer** were all in the same platoon. After graduation on 3 May Jim and Doak stayed in Ft Knox, Eric headed for Korea, and Ernie got married before heading for Germany. While TDY en route at Joint Firepower at Hurlburt Field, FL, he was in school with **Jerry Crane**. Jerry was headed for 3d AD. After the course in FL Dave headed north and saw **Jeff & Janine Stonerock** at Ft Bragg where Jeff is working in the JAG office for the summer and Janine is the supervisor of a blood bank as well as taking some grad courses. Dave says he also saw **Curt Hill**. Dave also visited **Tom & Kelly Lutman** and their son Jonathon at Ft Belvoir. Tom is waiting on his official change of branch orders and Kelly is waiting on the results of her CPA exam, Jonathon is waiting on more beer.

Kurt Andersen-vie writes from the 66th USA Arty Det that he thinks they have set a record—6 WP grads in a battery sized unit. The 6 include: CPT Jesse C. Keeling '77 Cdr, Cpt Kurt W. Andersen-vie '79 XO, CPT Robert Carney '79 Team Co, 1LT Bruce Martin '80 Team Co, 1LT Marianne Rode-mers '80 Asst Team Co, and 2LT Jeffrey Risher '82 Asst Team Co. I also received a letter from **Tom Underwood**. There was a small mess back when he was involved with the deactivation of 5/57 ADA which included himself, a major and a female sergeant. Well, when the dust settled, the major was a ma-



1979: Guess who?



1979: Fort Sill, Founders Day.



1979: Fort Hood Founders Day.

for(P), the sergeant got a dream assignment, and Tom got promoted to the ranks of civilian clothes. He is now working for a civ corp with the Def Dept and is in the Embassy in Cairo, Egypt. There he bumped into Doug Boone who was there TDY with the MTT (Mibile Training Team). Tom also found out that Mark Bahr will be coming over for a short tour with the Egyptian ADA. The biggest thing on the horizon for Tom is that he is planning to get married to Vivian Redman. She has already visited Cairo and they will enjoy Egypt together. I hope this letter finds everyone in good health and spirits and remember the 5-year reunion is rapidly approaching. I hope to see many people there.

BEAT NAVY

'80

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Greetings once again from beautiful Baumholder (It really is!). Dave is still engaged (no pun intended, Dave) in duty in the southeast of Germany. He has written in between real "action" and has assured me that it is now O.K. to release his address to all of you out there who are anxious to send him care packages, money, and your unmarried, beautiful sisters. You can do so through the following address: 1LT David Jesmer, Cadre MTT, USOMC, American Embassy-Beirut, Lebanon, c/o Dept of State Pouch Room, Washington, D.C. 20520. It's not a bad idea to keep Dave and all of the servicemen keeping the peace in that troubled area of the world in our daily thoughts and prayers.



1979: Fort Bragg Founders Day.



1980: LT & Mrs. Michael R. Holmick.

Some very happy news comes out of Ft L Wood, MO (Yes, it's possible). One of my best friends and former roommates, Bill Wray, and his wife Nancy are the proud parents of a baby girl. Her name is Keeley Anne Wray, and she was born on 4 Mar 83. The family is now preparing for a move to Ft Leavenworth, KS in Jul where Bill will at last get to teach some of these old "P's" who always were trying to cut him tenths in one subject or another. Have fun, Bill (and keep up the letters!).



1980: Murrell and Amy Muir.

Word comes from Ft Hood that Mike Phelan has become yet another of our classmates to assume the duties of the Bn Adj. Strangely enough, though, he's the first I've talked with who really likes it! Jim Arriola (1/83 FA S1 here in Baumholder) and Mark Taylor (249th Engrs in Karlsruhe) and I have seen it occasionally in a different light. Mike and Dianne are doing quite well down in Kileen, and the deep southwest hasn't dampened his love for a new wave music with excessive Waylon and Willie.

It's been a while since I have heard anything from Steve & Jean-Marie Galing out in Ft Polk. Has the golf course consumed your stamp money through lost balls? Steve's younger brother, Greg, was recently commissioned a 2LT in the SigC at the UME at Orono.



1980: Keeley Anne Wray with father, Bill.



1980: Ft. Hood, Founders Day.



1980: Ft. Bragg, Founders Day.

Good news also comes from **Joseph & Mary Waldron**. **Joseph Alton Waldron, II**, born on 11 Mar 83. Congratulations! They mentioned also that they have been seeing quite a lot of **Jim & Marie Clifford** and **Ron & Kathy Barry**.

Mark Laney dropped a line from West Point (yes, he's among the first of our classmates to return there for duty, not a 7-year man). It seems that he and **Mike Martinez** are working with the Adm Dept in helping spread the word about West Point's opportunities. They're due to leave this month (Jun 83) for the respective advance courses. Mark sends word to all the E-4 boys that **Rodney & Patricia Perdue** were married and are now living (honeymooning, maybe?) in Ft Hood, TX. Also, **Tyrone Fornest** has just received his commission as a 2LT in the CE. Mark also requests that **Bill Sledge** get on the stick and drop him a line to let him know what he's been up to.

I would like to take the opportunity to request the same from **Kevin Stramara** and **Stu Whitfield** if they should happen to read this. Also, does anyone know the last known address of **Jeff Smith**, formerly of E-1?

More congratulations are in order for **Mike Helmick** and his bride, **Gina Mae (Torres) Helmick**. They were married on 28 Aug at Ft Carson, CO. The wedding proved to be quite a reunion in itself as **Bob Davis** served as the best man and he and **Mike Larkin** and **James Schufelt** stood in as sabre bearers.

They're now living near Kitzingen, Germany, where **Mike** is serving in the 10th Engr Bn.

I would like to take this opportunity to elaborate on some news that was sketchily provided recently by **Andy Snodgrass** (old men just have problems remembering details and that's all there is to it. Besides, those Inf types are even worse). **Amy Muir** was married to **Don Murrell** at the Cadet Chapel at West Point on 9 Oct 82. She is still stationed at the Cold Regions Test Center at Ft Greeley, AK where **Don** also works. We wish them the very best and hope that they're able to get such a remote site next tour, too. Maybe Hawaii...



1980: Ft. Lewis, Founders Day.

This past month marked the graduation of the Class of 83 from West Point and with it, the departure of the last familiar faces that we knew from our days as cadets. It is difficult to believe that 3 years have passed so quickly; years which have caused a greater scattering of classmates and years that have allowed us to become members of "the Old Corps." In spite of sometimes difficult obstacles that hinder our efforts to gain satisfaction and achieve our goals, I sincerely hope that each of us is still cognizant of our purpose and calling. Regardless of our career intentions, our duty as peacekeepers for the greatest country on earth is one that cannot be overestimated. Each contribution, no matter how great or small, is important, and we should strive daily to mark our identity as a class with our motto: "Pride and Excellence."



1981: Party at Jack and Mary Bowens' house.

Our first bit of news is from Cbt Engr **Bob Delisle**. He served a year as a platoon leader and is now S1 for the 588th Engr Bn, Ft Polk. Glad to be on staff, Bob noticed the difference from "being a line-dog." Bob and wife **Carolynne** have their hands full with twin daughters, **Catherine Elizabeth** and **Christina Marie**, born 25 Feb 82.



1981: The Delisle family.

Mark Sofia dropped a line from the 3/2 ACR. On 9 Apr he attended the wedding of **John & Cindy Blitch** in Bad Kissingen. Also present were **Brad Tousley** and **Pete Woloson**.

Rick Leap is stationed with A Btry 3/37FA



1981: John and Cindy Blitch.

at Herzo Bose, FRG. Situated about 15 km north of Nurnberg, Rick had been in Herzo Bose since Jun 82. Before this homesteading, Rick followed the familiar TDY trek. Let's see, how many schools and how much money can you grab after graduation? Rick is Airborne, Mortar, OBC, Nuke, Ranger qualified! Whew! States the master cannon cocker, "It was a tough year absorbing all that money but I made it." Always on the social outings, Rick has encountered countless classmates at school in Vilseck and at Grafenwohr on go-go girl night. Among others passing through: Chris Fulton, Tony Webb, Neil Hamill, Kevin Shuba, Sue Bottorff, Bill Daver, Bob Donnelly, Greg Daly, Jenny Hanson, Jeff Harris, Gary Kropkowski (now a gen's aide), Bob Kuelzow, Marc Legare and John Suddarth. That's gotta be some go-go!



1981: Coleman, Grimm, Isele, Marsh, Nichol and dates.

An ardent epicurean, Steve Russell, is continuing to roam Western Europe enjoying the good life. Recently Steve received a letter from Neil Murray who is home in the States recuperating from an automobile accident. Neil is steadily progressing back to good health. Since he will be in CT for a while, I will include his address so everyone can send him a get well card: Neil Murray, 192 N. Whitney, Hartford, CT 06105.

Mark Hogan's wife, Lydia, is also bouncing back from her bout with leukemia. Lydia is now an outpatient at Walter Reed, her condition apparently improving greatly. According to Mark, Lydia is "not the same woman who came to DC in Dec." Everyone please remember the Hogans in their prayers.

Remember the Class Activities Rep? Well, Ray Woolridge is that still in Aschaffenburg. He works with 3 Bde S1 as the Community Rep. As usual, I knew I could get a good scoop from him. Ray saw the Miles sisters, "Meem" and "Miss Melissa," at Grafenwohr last Mar. Melissa is now in Augsburg. Melinda was recently reassigned to an ADA outfit at Graf after working for a year at Regensburg.

In Apr Ray met Chris Moosman and his wife in Valendam, Holland. The Moosmans



1981: Fort Lewis.



1981: Founders Day Fort Bragg.

came down for the weekend from Garlstadt where they are stationed along with Craig Buzan (1/14FA). Ray visited USMA Chaplain Camp at the home of Greg Leikvold '80 in Gelnhausen. Chaplain Camp and wife, Virjean, were in Germany to visit their son, Brad, who is now an MP officer in Pirmaseus. A former classmate, Barb Knoll, is now married to Doug Lobdell '80. Ray rode with the couple and their son, Doug III, up to Gelnhausen. Ray also visited LTC Joe & Barb Terry, a former H-4 TAC. The Terrys should be leaving Germany soon for a DCSPER slot at DA.

Halfway through med school, Rich Schaefer is still cranking. His plans are to spend the summer at Keller Hosp at USMA. Rich passes on that friend, Ken Stiegler, is sick of Ft



1981: Fort Carson.



1982: Founders Day Fort Sill.

Polk and is trying to get over to Germany. One who managed to leave Polk is Andy Blanchard and Terry, his wife. The couple is now with the Chem Office of the 1/7Inf in Aschaffenburg.

Congratulations to 2 recently married "Guppy" couples. Bob "Big Head" and Pam Henry and also George & Sylvia Baker. I managed to see George at Knox in May. He didn't look any the worse for his recently completed tour in Korea—must have been the TAE KWON DO he brought back.

This will have to do for now. I've got to find a fraulein who likes the B-52's. See ya at the Bier teut for Octoberfest.

'82

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This is the last time you'll read this column as a 2LT. The next time around we'll have gotten our first promotion. Also, as of this issue, the Select Few is the proud owner of its first aviators, a few dozen of them. Those of you in Korea will soon be coming back to the States. And more and more '82 grads are becoming parents. Quite a bit is happening and I'll try and touch all the bases.

Rhodes Scholar Rick Waddell wrote and said that "Oxford is too far left, too cold, too wet, and too intellectual for this poor Arkansas farmboy." I have a feeling that big old farmboy is doing just fine and is fooling everyone with that slow drawl.

Bob & Lou Ann O'Connor were married on 13 Nov 82. Joe Doty, Kurt Woods, Pat Cassidy, and John Naccarelli attended the wedding. The O'Connors are currently living at Ft Benning, where Bob has run into Steve Hawley, Mark Tillman, Mike Winstead, Joe Camargo, Lars Lavine and Kyu Ho Lee, all former A-3 buddies. Bob has also seen Benny Scrivner, who was training Salvadorans. That must be an interesting challenge. Bob and Lou Ann, who are expecting a baby in a few months, welcome anyone who may be going through ABN, RGR, or any other Benning schools, to drop in and say hello.



1982: Founders Day Fort Rucker.

Who knows, you may get a free dinner... right Lou Ann?!

Steve Sanders is assigned to the 3/35 AR in Bamberg and really enjoys Germany. Chris Paradies is with the FA unit in Bamberg, John Pulliam and Pat Williams are with the Post Engrs, and Lyle Kellman is the new installation Trans Officer. Steve has done quite a bit of traveling on and off duty and has run into quite a few members of the Select Few. While at Wildflecken, he saw Mark Kimmey, who is an AR plt ldr there. During training at Hohenfels his unit faced off against Jody White and the 1/1 Cav. Rob Rockwood's EN plt dropped in to lend Steve a hand during a recent BN ARTEP. And he went over to Berlin to see Curt King. Curt is a plat ldr in the AR Co there and really likes Berlin. Steve gave Curt some grief about being in a "ceremonial" AR unit, but in the end he conceded that they also do "real" AR missions. I think Steve's just jealous!

return address to a district justice in a magisterial district in PA. Immediately I got a cold chill and tried to remember if I had ever jaywalked or loitered in PA. Actually, John Vislosky's mother, a district justice, had written to tell the unique story of John's marriage to Michelle Bellos. Mrs. Vislosky was apprehensive about Michelle during the initial stages of the courtship, but Michelle soon captured her mother-in-law-to-be's heart. John flew from Ft Benning to Ft Sill on 9 Oct 82 with diamond in hand and soon afterwards he and Michelle convinced John's mother to marry them. On 14 Nov 82, while the groom stood in a phone booth at Benning and the bride sat in a BOQ at Sill, Judge Dorothy Vislosky married them with a three-way conference call. I challenge anyone to top that! John and Michelle are now together in Nuremberg and are both assigned to the 1 AD.

Ken Lewis is doing well as a FIST at Ft

Stewart. He kept tabs on the FA guys going through RGR. Ken finished in early Apr with Joe Weinhoffer, Rob Barnhill, and John Garrison, who was the honor grad. Later in Apr, Pat Sweeney, Stan Austin, Nick DiCero and Jim Bagby (AR) earned their tabs. Ken and Dan Grymes are living together now at Stewart. Dan dropped in on me at Ft Rucker the day after he graduated from RGR and spent the night. I guess I should have told my roommate Roger Smith. Rog woke up at 4 AM to hit the flight line and was scared half to death when he stumbled over big old fuzzhead Dan snoring away on the couch.

Roberto Nang and Linda Miller became the first '82 grads to pin on flight wings in early Jul. Linda headed off to Korea and will be coming back to Ft Ord for her next assignment. Tom McClellan also pinned on his wings a few weeks later as a graduate of the AeroScout course. Tom owns an Ultra Lite, a small one person aircraft. He's been cruising the skies of AL in his spare time. Tom and Rick Hoss traveled out to L.A. recently to attend Tim & Linda Gallagher's wedding. Earlier, at Ft Hood, Randy Fofi, Mark Hoffman, and Steve Berstler threw a bachelor party for Tim.

Pres Marshall is an IN rifle plt ldr with 2/47 IN at Ft Lewis and recently saw a few classmates while in Yakima, a Lewis sub-post. Jim Lee is assigned with the CH unit and is a smoke plt ldr. Jim is a busy man as everyone seems to want smoke for their FTX's and ARTEP's. Pres also met Jeff Korean at the club at Yakima. Jeff is EN and is supporting the 2/60 IN, whose ARTEP Pres was evaluating. Mike Messick, an old C-3 buddy, dropped in on Pres while at Lewis for Redeye training. Mike is assigned in Alaska and tells stories of doing PT at 25 below zero.

Have a good fall and if you get a chance drop me a line. I have a severe shortage of pictures, so you new wives bug your husbands to send in a wedding picture. My phone number is also printed, but none of you jokers better even think about calling me collect.

BEAT NAVY



1982: The O'Connors.

Tony Wickham, also in Germany, reported to his unit still in a "ranger school fog." With a shaved head and a babyface, Wicks continually catches harrassment from the NCO's in BCo, 4/64AR for looking like a "little kid." But at a party held soon after he arrived, many of the officers wanted him to dance with their wives. Tony thinks it's because he has an honest face. . . . Sure, Tony.

One of the letters I received for this issue gave me a scare. I opened my postbox and saw an official looking letter with a



1982: Fort Bragg Founders Day.



1982: Fort Hood Founders Day.

'83

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It is indeed a pleasure to bring you the first of many articles as an "old grad." I'm sure everyone had a fantastic summer traveling and visiting. I'm sure most of you by now are earning your pay at the basic course, or at least enjoying the O Club.

Believe it or not I'm writing this from our rockbound highland home as I'm returning from Steve Low's wedding in ME. Since this is my first column, I can only relate the stories of our classmates that I've run into. I talked to Kurt Wangenheim and Bob Massie who went to Terri Ward's wedding. Bob Massie, Tony Machiavelli, Brian Duemling, Doug Dribben, Chuck Hoppe and I were on hand in Minnesota to see Jim Clawson get married. I ran into Bill Brietenbach who was stopping at Chuck Hoppe's house on his way to basic. Steve Low graduated late and just barely arrived in time for his rehearsal. Dave Sacha was his best man, while Bob Weddall, Gerry Shaw, Jeff Stephany and I were the saber bearers.

Many of our classmates were married after graduation and I'm sure you join me in congratulating the '83 newlyweds. Best wishes to Arthur & Stacey (Powell) Cody '82, James & Lara (Howard) York '81, Susan & David Gwynn Jr. '83, John & Natalie Spurrier,



1983: Jim Clawson and bride Debbie.

Nathan & Veronica Croskery, James & Sara (Fotsch) Gaba, Phillip & Cynthia (Kreuzmann) Beaver, John & Maureen Vaughn, John & Lori Wright, Harold & Kathy Fennimore, John & Patricia Harre, Michael & Francine Bohr, Michael & Rita Longo, Stanley & Laura White, William & Lisa Thames, John & Laura Moeller, Joseph & Maureen Rangitsch, Paul & Kelly Mongan, Will & Robin Merrill III, John & Karen Fitzpatrick, Rory & Susan Radovich, Martin & Barbara Stephanelli, Douglas & Mary Quinlan, Kevin & Laurie Batule, Jim & Debbie Clawson, Paul & Terri (Ward) Gerton '81, Robert & Kathleen (Medaris) Widmer, and Steve & Debbie Low.

For anyone I may have missed I apologize and congratulate you also. And for all you



1983: Saber bearers—Machiavelli, Kirkland, Massie, Dribben, Duemling and Hoppe.

bachelors, enjoy life to its fullest while you can.

Larry Kinde, Mark Martins, Jim Ecklund, and Dallas Homas decided to tackle Ranger School before going on for their respective schools.

This is the first of many news letters on our Class and they can only be as good as the information I receive. So if I missed you on this issue or if something happened please drop me a line. My address is printed at the beginning of the article. I'll keep this address until I go to Flight School in Mar. So remember to keep me informed and you'll hear from me again in Dec. Until then, give whatever you are doing your best effort.



1983: Cody and Powell are wed.

DIA Reports

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Dick Edell has done an outstanding job here at West Point as our lacrosse coach for the past seven years. In addition to coaching, during the last two years he has worked in administration in our Team Support Office. He is a great man and has been an outstanding role model and leader for our cadet athletes. Dick's departure to the University of Maryland was a blow to us, but we are delighted that we were able to attract Jack Emmer, coach at

Washington and Lee University. In a Division II school he has run a Division I lacrosse program and finished eight of the last eleven years in the NCAA Championship Tournament. Although Jack has big shoes to fill, I am confident that he will provide the same kind of leadership and direction to our lacrosse program and continue our ranking among the nation's best.

When Jim Young was named Head Football Coach at the United States Military Academy in January he simply stated it was time for Army to win now, and not two or three years down the road.

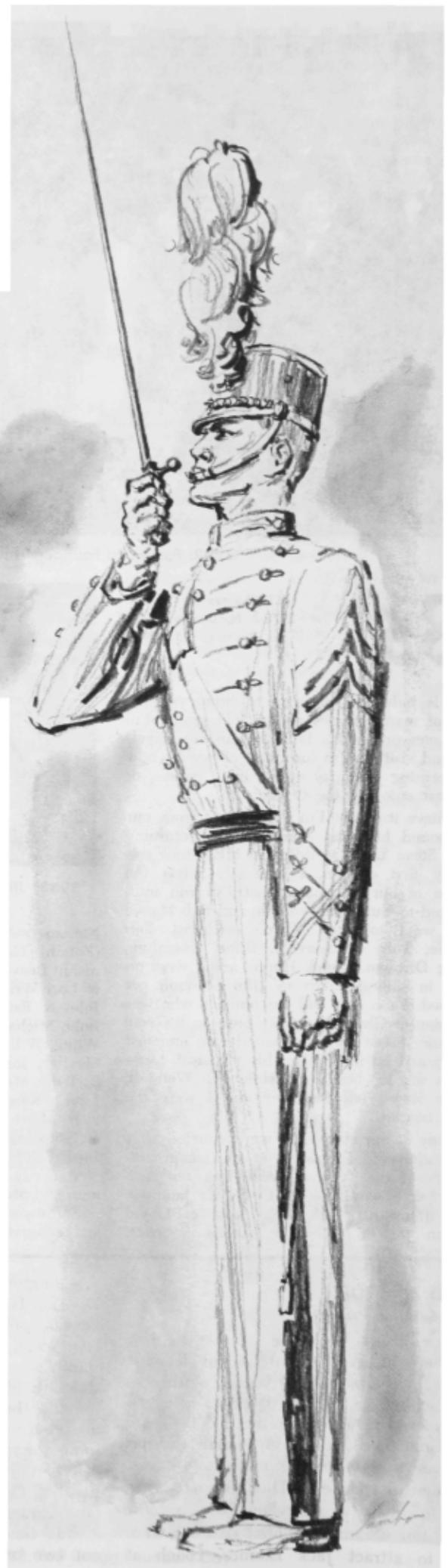
"I just don't believe in rebuilding, or saying it will take two or three years," said Young, "because as soon as you say that, that's exactly what you are going to get."

Now that Jim has conducted his first spring practice here at West Point, he feels all the more strongly about a winning season in 1983. "Our football staff is pleased with what was accomplished during spring drills," says Coach Young. "It was the first chance we had to assess the talents of our players other than on film and I feel we have a good grasp

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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.



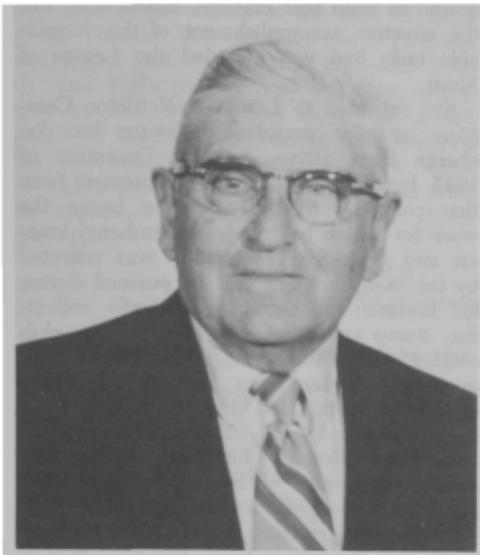
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Frank Johnstone Cunningham

NO. 6149 CLASS OF NOVEMBER 1918

Died 18 January 1982 in St. Barnabas Hospital, Livingston, New Jersey, aged 85 years.

Cremated ashes interred in family plot, Pleasantdale Cemetery, West Orange, New Jersey



FRANK JOHNSTONE CUNNINGHAM

FRANK WAS BORN in West Orange, New Jersey, 17 August 1896, as the eldest of three children of Thomas B. and Annie M. Johnstone Cunningham. He attended the public schools in West Orange and worked in a transmitter laboratory of the Western Electric Company before entering West Point on 15 June 1916. Upon graduation on 1 November 1918 he took the course in the Infantry School of Arms at Fort Benning, Georgia, 22 December 1918 to 22 February 1919, and was then assigned to the 36th Infantry at Camp Devens. In July 1920 Frank transferred to the Coast Artillery Corps and was assigned to Fort Williams, Maine, where he served until late January 1921. On 20 January 1921 he and Emma P. Fredericks of West Orange were married. It had been a school romance. They proceeded to Fort Randolph, Canal Zone, where Frank had a battery and where they remained until 28 January 1924 when they returned to the States to Fort H.C. Wright, New York. In September of 1928 Frank attended the Battery Officers Course at the Coast Artillery School at Fort Monroe, Virginia, and upon graduation in June of 1929, he was assigned to Fort Ruger in Honolulu. By the 4th of November 1932 he was back in the United States at Fort Totten, New York, commanding the Service Battery and was also the Regimental Supply Officer. He was off on Civilian Conservation Corps duty in June of 1933 at Oxford and at Lebanon Forest in New York until January 1934 when he became the Assistant Professor of Military Science and Tactics at the University of Delaware in Newark. He remained there until August of 1939 when he attended the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth. Upon graduating there 1 February 1940 he was assigned as an instructor in the 204th Coast Artillery of the Louisiana National Guard in Shreveport. In January 1941 he became the Adjutant of the 34th Coast Artillery Brigade at Fort Bragg,

North Carolina, where he remained until December of that year. From there he became the Commanding Officer of Chacachacare Island in Trinidad, British West Indies, and was made the Base Commander in British Guiana in 1943. In May of that year he was made the Adjutant General for the Trinidad Sector and Base Command. On 1 June 1944 he was assigned as Adjutant General of the Eastern Defense Command at Governor's Island, New York. It was here that he had to retire for physical disability on 30 June 1946 as a colonel.

Verona, New Jersey, became home for twelve years following retirement for Frank and Em and their one child, daughter Ruth Alice, who became Mrs. A.W. Potts. They were blessed with five grandchildren, three becoming Phi Beta Kappas and all on Dean's lists or honor students. The family moved to Roseland, New Jersey, where Em still lives and where Frank worked on his great interest, gardening. The vegetable garden was much larger than family demand required, and he delighted in giving away quantities of produce daily to neighbors and friends. The interest in gardening overwhelmed any wish to travel, and his home held him closely. He was also very active in his church, an elected Elder, and lived his strong faith all his life. He had been in quite good health since his retirement until a massive heart attack occurred in June of 1979, followed by pneumonia. He made a good recovery however until a second attack in December 1981 followed by a third, which was fatal, on 18 January 1982. His death, just two days before their sixty-first wedding anniversary, ended a very happy life which spilled over to many friends and a closely knit, adoring family. Frank stood possessed of a very pleasant and very friendly personality. He was liked by all who knew him, so his passing was a deep loss, not only to the family but also to his classmates and many friends.

Elmer Mike Jenkins

NO. 6250 CLASS OF NOVEMBER 1918

Died 20 October 1982 in Pompano Beach, Florida, aged 85 years.

Ashes scattered over Whispering Lakes Golf Club in Pompano Beach, Florida

ELMER MIKE JENKINS was born in Norton, Virginia, on 23 March 1897. The Norton environs are almost mirror images of South Wales from where his father, John, emigrated and met his mother, Mary Frazier. Mike was the second oldest child in the family which eventually would number fifteen.

After graduating as the class valedictorian from Norton High School, he tried for an appointment to both the United States Naval Academy and the United States Military Academy. He failed in both the qualifying exams in the oral spelling tests because he could not understand those "damn Yankees." Thus he entered Virginia Military Institute and as a "Rat" learned how to spell adequately enough to pass the exams for West Point, which he entered on 10 July 1916.

As a cadet Mike was on the football and baseball squads. It is rumored however that he was more of a humorist than he was a student. In a close call to being the "Goat," but with great Southern pride, he graduated on 1 November 1918.

His military career lasted basically only



ELMER MIKE JENKINS

seven years, but he covered a good bit of the Far East in the 2½ years right after the armistice. With the 31st Infantry, he traversed Siberia, China and the Philippines. In August of 1921, he was transferred to Fort Wayne, Michigan, as a company commander in the 2d Infantry. While at Fort Custer, Michigan, he met his future wife, Barbara Mason Flint, and they were later married in Battle Creek in the St. Thomas Episcopal Church on 16 February 1924.

After a short stint at Fort Benning, Georgia, Mike resigned from the Army on 29 October 1925. They moved to Fort Myers, Florida, where he was in various types of real estate and insurance businesses. He was made a captain in the Army Reserves in December of 1928, and that also was the year he joined Sears Roebuck and Company in Chicago, Illinois.

During his ten years with Sears, he worked directly for General Wood and was store manager in Saginaw and Grand Rapids, Michigan. In 1938 he resigned from Sears and joined the American Marsh Pump Company in Battle Creek, Michigan, as President and Chief Executive Officer.

In Battle Creek, Mike bloomed. For twenty years he chaired the successful pump business until it was sold. He was also on the Board of Directors of the Michigan Carton Company from 1936 until he was made the first Director Emeritus of that company in 1972 when it was merged with the St. Regis Paper Company. In addition to being on the Board of Directors of several smaller companies in Battle Creek, he was also on the Board of Directors of Liberty Mutual Insurance Company of Boston, Massachusetts. In 1958 Mike became Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the American Fire Apparatus and the American Fire Pump Company in Battle Creek. He was made Chairman Emeritus of both companies in 1977 at the age of 80.

During World War II the American Marsh Pump Company made pumps for Navy landing barges and submarines and pumps for all types of military fire fighting equipment. He was named to the Fire Pump Industry's Advisory Board Committee of the War Production Board. Throughout the war, Mike and Barbara opened their home each week to entertain officers who were patients of Percy Jones Army General Hospital. They wined

and dined many a West Pointer during those four years.

In addition to his business activities in Battle Creek, Mike was president of the Chamber of Commerce as had been Barbara's grandfather. He was president of the Battle Creek Country Club and later became its first lifetime honorary member. He was a member of the Kiwanis and Rotary Clubs. He was an Elk, a 32d Degree Mason, a Shriner, and a 33d Degree Mason. In Florida, he was a member of the Lauderdale Yacht Club for 25 years.

He had been active in Michigan Republican politics since the mid 1930's. He was a delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1940 and later served several terms on the Republican State Central Committee of which he was Chairman of the Finance Committee. It was in those early days that he worked so closely with Senator Arthur Vandenberg and President Eisenhower's United States Postmaster General, Art Summerfield.

Throughout his life, he loved the outdoors. He was a member of many conservation groups including Ducks Unlimited. Golf whenever possible, frequently hunting in the field or on the water, and fishing anywhere he could drop a line, kept Mike healthy and strong for more than seven relentless and fun-filled decades. He built a par three golf course on part of his land in Pompano Beach, Florida, in 1957. From 1957, until he could no longer play, he spent most of his free time with his local Florida friends on the golf links at his Whispering Lakes Golf Club. He and Barbara travelled extensively including several trips around the world. Every five or ten years their short trek to another reunion with their old friends at West Point was always anticipated and much enjoyed.

He was strong, tough and stubborn on the one hand, but on the other hand he always cheered up the sad, kidded the haughty, joked with the lonely, and openly had compassion and empathy for everyone. He listened to and guided his children and his grandchildren, and they loved him dearly. At his memorial service, his nephew who was officiating stated that he was truly one of the kindest, most gentle, fun loving, humorous persons he had ever known. As a Grand Master at bridge, he once said, "I've written four books on bridge-check books!"

Mike's beloved wife, Barbara, passed on in November of 1976. He is survived by a daughter, Barbara Jenkins Jolly of Pompano Beach, Florida, and a son, Elmer Mason Jenkins, United States Military Academy, Class of 1952, of Greenwich, Connecticut.



SYDNEY WARD GOULD

second lieutenant in the Corps of Engineers in 1919, following completion of successive tours at West Point, first as a cadet and then as a student officer.

Syd was one of fifteen Engineers sent by the Army for graduate studies at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1920. While there, he met Beatrice E. Lomas of New Haven, Connecticut, and married her in 1921. In common with many of his contemporaries who, like him, were faced with the bulge of senior officers ahead of them as the result of World War I commissions, he elected to resign from the Army on 31 October 1922, under the Act of 30 June 1922.

Syd was then invited to join the New Haven investment firm of Lomas & Nettleton Company, in which he served for many years, the latter ones as vice president. The great depression of the 1930's exacted a heavy toll on mortgage investments and mortgage investment companies, but Syd's company came through with flying colors. This was thanks largely to new skills that he brought to it in the field of real estate management through his pioneering development of an effective system of cost control for rental properties, initially utilizing manual bookkeeping and later mechanical (punched card) accounting.

Syd's skills in mechanical accounting techniques were used to good advantage by the Army during World War II, in which Syd served as a lieutenant colonel and subsequently colonel in the Army of the United States.

Lack of adequate facilities for the rapidly expanding Army in the early months following Pearl Harbor was the source of critical delays in the war effort; and prompt completion of the Army's massive construction program was of the highest priority, subject as such to the continuing and demanding scrutiny of General Brehon B. Somervell, dynamic commanding general of the Army Service Forces. In 1942, as a member and soon as Chief of the Reports Branch, Construction Division, Office of the Chief of Engineers, Syd developed improved progress reporting procedures utilizing all forms of communication and coding and other time-saving techniques that gave his superiors the accurate and timely progress data, on a weekly basis, that they needed for the successful fulfillment of their heavy responsibilities.

During a brief tour as Commanding Officer of the Albany Engineer Depot, he was able to apply comparable techniques for the improvement of the efficiency of that installation. Then, in January of 1944, he was brought by special request to the Office of the Chief of Transportation as Chief of the Distribution Division and later as Deputy Director of Materiel and Supply, to resolve a critical problem facing the Transportation Corps in the management of its far-flung materiel and of the supply of spare parts required to keep that materiel functioning. For the effective accomplishment of this formidable task, Syd was awarded the Legion of Merit.

Syd returned to Lomas & Nettleton Company as vice president following his discharge from active duty in December of 1945, but it was not until his retirement from that company in 1951 that he began the work for which he will be remembered longest and best. Syd's versatility was reflected by the many hobbies that he pursued during his lifetime: photography, butterfly collecting, stamp collecting, bee keeping, glee-club singing, chess and bridge. Syd was also an inveterate reader from boyhood, his love of books having led him to a job in a library at the age of 12 years. His taste in books was virtually limitless, covering almost every aspect of human endeavor. Syd and Bea had made a show place of their rambling country home in Madison, Connecticut, with its rolling lawn, beautiful flowers and shrubs and stately trees, highlighted by the picturesque millhouse, dam, pond and millstream that gave the estate its name of Thunder Mill. Syd's love of Thunder Mill undoubtedly contributed in significant measure to his choice of botany as his post-retirement hobby.

This time, however, his hobby of botany became a consuming passion, and it so remained for the balance of Syd's life. Without any prior scientific training in the field, Syd became a pioneer in exposing and publicizing the need for, and in developing, effective systems for data storage and retrieval for this branch of science, based on modern data processing techniques. A large grant from the National Science Foundation supported his major writings in this field, collectively known as THE INTERNATIONAL PLANT INDEX, of which Syd became director in 1959. They were *Family Names in the Plant Kingdom* (1962), *Authors of Plant Genera* (1965, with Dorothy Noyes as co-author) and *Genera of the Plant Kingdom* (in manuscript, not yet published).

Finding that a technique was needed for retrieving data by geographical location as well as by genera and species, Syd devised the two-volume GEO-CODE (v. I, Western Hemisphere, 1968; v. II, Eastern Hemisphere, 1972). Using this geographic code, a four-letter symbol is sufficient to identify the county, state, country and continent or hemisphere of any place name on land and sea. Place names so coded may be attached to herbarium sheets, artifacts in a museum or items or data in other fields requiring geographic designation. Information so recorded may be retrieved with a minimum of sorting, either by punched card machines or by computers.

Syd was never quicker in reaching a decision, nor more sure of that decision, than in his choice of a wife. Back in 1920, when he was a graduate student at Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Bea was a lovely,

ASSEMBLY

Sydney Ward Gould

NO. 6268 CLASS OF 1919

Died 28 January 1982 in New Haven, Connecticut, aged 86 years.

Inurnment: Oak Grove Cemetery,
West Haven, Connecticut

SYDNEY WARD GOULD was born in Sandusky, Ohio on 14 September 1895, the son of Rodney J. and Grace Schmeerer Gould. His elementary schooling was in Canton, Ohio, to which his family had moved. After completing two years at the University of Wisconsin, Syd received an appointment to West Point in the spring of 1917. He was commissioned

lissome, redheaded lass from Vassar, who happened to be in Cambridge for a summer course at Harvard, the instant Syd first set eyes on her he said to himself, "That's the girl for me." And so she became and so she remained during more than 60 years of reciprocated love and mutual support through good times and bad.

Syd was no less devoted to his two children, Sydney Ward Gould Jr., and Arleen Gould Toops, and their growing brood of progeny, numbering seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren at the time of Syd's death. Thunder Mill was the scene of frequent and joyous gatherings of this close-knit family, and Syd's passing will leave an empty spot in their hearts. And so it will in the hearts of Syd's many friends who enjoyed his wide-ranging interests, his keen sense of humor and his hearty laugh, along with his and Bea's gracious hospitality at Thunder Mill.

—Luke W. Finlay
A friend for 50 years

Winfred George Skelton

NO. 6402 CLASS OF 1919

Died 26 March 1976 in Columbus, Georgia, aged 78 years.

Interment: Post Cemetery, Fort Benning, Georgia



WINFRED GEORGE SKELTON

WINFRED GEORGE SKELTON was born in Fairfield, Illinois, on 3 September 1897, the second son of George and Anna Bradford Skelton. He attended school in Fairfield and completed two years at the University of Illinois as a pre-law student before being appointed to West Point from the 24th Congressional District of Illinois. Skelley entered the Academy in June 1917, was graduated on 1 November 1918, toured the battlefields after the armistice and returned with his class to the Academy as a student officer in December 1918; he was graduated again on 11 June 1919. After graduation from the Infantry School in 1920, he served with the 16th, 22nd, 65th, 29th, 30th, and 19th Infantry Regiments in various stations in the United States, Puerto Rico and Hawaii. It was in Puerto Rico in 1925 that Skelley met and married Mary Alexander of Columbus, Georgia, who was there visiting her sister.

After arriving at Fort Leavenworth in 1939, war clouds began to gather and the all too familiar rapid expansion of the peacetime Army began. The class at Leavenworth was curtailed in the early spring and the officers sent off to the Louisiana maneuvers. Skelley then joined the 2d Infantry at Camp Custer as the S3. When the United States traded the British 50 World War I destroyers for some Atlantic bases, Skelley was selected to be the operations officer of the Bermuda Base Command. In 1943, he returned to the States to command the 111th Infantry, an old Philadelphia regiment created by Ben Franklin, and now a regimental combat team. Based at Fort Monroe, Skelley trained the regiment hard and took it to Hawaii in November 1943, as a stopping-off place before combat. But the war situation at that time was such that the 111th was placed in reserve in Hawaii, piecemealing battalions to others for island-hopping operations. When the Kentucky-Tennessee National Guard 38th Division came through Hawaii in July 1944 on the way to New Guinea, a regimental commander dropped out and Skelley was selected to take his place. Skelley commanded the 149th Infantry throughout the New Guinea, Leyte and Luzon campaigns. The regiment participated in some of the roughest and most physically grueling operations in the Philippines and was cited for its accomplishments a number of times. In a battle commendation received for operations in the early months of 1945 in the Luzon Campaign, the regiment was cited for its splendid record in its aggressive actions in the Zig Zag Pass which all but destroyed the greater part of the Japanese regiment ordered to defend the key pass to the death. The regiment then went on to be an instrumental element in the liberation of the Bataan Peninsula, and later conducted operations in the Bam Bam-Fort Stotsenburg-Mt. Pinatubo area where the enemy was decisively defeated. The regiment accomplished all of these tactical missions with relatively light losses.

In July 1945, Skelley received a combat promotion to brigadier general and was assigned as Assistant Division Commander of the 33rd Infantry Division, the Illinois National Guard Division, which was then preparing for Operation Olympic, the initial invasion of Japan. After VJ Day, the Division moved to Japan and, when the Division Commander was promoted to Corps Commander in November 1945, Skelley commanded the 33rd until he inactivated it in February 1946. For service as Division Commander, the Secretary of War awarded him equivalent credit for graduation from the National War College.

After World War II, Skelley reverted to the grade of colonel and served with distinction with the Amphibious Force, Pacific Fleet; Headquarters Third Army; Professor of Military Science and Tactics of the University of Wisconsin; and as G3, United States Army, Pacific, where he was retired as a brigadier general 31 August 1954.

His personal decorations include the Silver Star, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Air Medal and the Combat Infantry Badge.

During his early years in the Army, Skelley was a well-known polo player and horseman. While serving at Fort Benning from 1928 to 1932, he was a member of the 29th Infantry Polo Team and a rider on the Infantry School Horse Show Team. Later he became a golfer and won numerous tournaments, in-

cluding the Third Army Senior Championship, Hawaiian Senior Championship, Fort Benning Country Club Handicap Championship and President's Trophy, Valley Senior Golf Association.

During his retirement years in Columbus, Georgia, Skelley was active as director and chairman of the Muscogee County Chapter of the American Red Cross, and as a member of the local chapter of the Military Order of World Wars, of which he was the commander in 1964-65. The present Red Cross Chapter house in Columbus was built during the period he was chairman.

After Mary died in 1943, Skelley married Clarkie Elizabeth Davis of Columbus in 1946. He is survived by Clarkie, a son (Class of 1950), three daughters by Mary, and a daughter by Clarkie.

Archie William Coeoy

NO. 6498 CLASS OF 1919

Died 8 February 1982 in New Braunfels, Texas, aged 85 years.

Interment: Evergreen Cemetery, Delhi, Iowa



ARCHIE WILLIAM COEOY

ARCHIE WILLIAM COEOY was born in Wheeling, West Virginia, 7 September 1896, the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Randolph Coeoy. He attended grade school and Linsly Military Institute in Wheeling, and prep school in Maryland, near Annapolis. He was given his appointment to West Point by Senator M.M. Neely. He was happy at West Point and made the motto "Duty, Honor, Country" his own.

Because of the first World War, Archie and his class were graduated "early" on 1 November 1918, and were embarked for the European Theater when the armistice was signed 11 November 1918. The class was given a "learning" tour of the battlefields and then returned to West Point for a year as student officers. After graduation Archie was sent to West Virginia on strike duty—and after the strike was settled, was sent to the Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia. He was attached to the 29th Infantry, which hiked to Fort McClellan, Alabama, for summer camp. It was here that Archie met, and a year later married, his Verlie—Verlie Mann of Albertville, Alabama. Archie was ordered

to Schofield Barracks, Territory of Hawaii, and it was during this three year tour that their son was born.

After Hawaii, Archie served at Fort McKinley, Maine, Fort Devens, Massachusetts, the Tank School at Fort Meade, Maryland, at Camp Perry, Ohio in Rifle Matches, and at Fort Clayton, Canal Zone. He retired in 1934 to the Rio Grande Valley of Texas, bought a home and settled down as a citrus grower.

With the approach of World War II, Archie was employed by Pan American World Airways, first at Brownsville, Texas—then Miami, Florida, San Francisco and again Miami—from which place he retired after twenty years with Pan American.

Archie and Verlie returned to their home in the Valley but, because of Archie's low blood pressure, decided to give up their home and seek a higher elevation. This search led them to New Braunfels, Texas. They bought a home, became interested in old houses, antique furnishings and the history of this interesting city.

Archie lived his life of more than "three-score and ten" fully and well. Always genteel, dignified, he owed apologies to no man. He loved and trusted people. His knowledge of every phase of current affairs made him a ready conversationalist. His carefully formulated opinions were shared with friends. His wit and absolute honesty, with his always impeccable manners, made him a favorite with all who knew him.

Archie's love of home and family never faltered, and home was where he wanted to be for his final days. So Verlie and his son brought him home from Brooke Medical Center the day before Thanksgiving and had the joy of having him home until 8 February 1982, when he died, peacefully in his sleep.

The phrase "Well Done! Be Thou at Peace" is the blessing of a host of friends, a devoted wife and son, three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.



REYNOLDS JOHNSTON BURT JR.

nis), he soon became popular. His ever-ready banjo and rendering of Abdul, the Bulbul Ameer, won him several nicknames, including "Bobo," as he became known to all—and henceforth in this memorial. He was a cadet sergeant for a short time—but starred as a "First Class Buck"; academically, he ranked in the upper half of the Class. Following graduation, on 15 June, the Class of 1920 was accorded the status of "Graduated Cadets" (with pay of second lieutenants) until commissioning on 2 July 1920.

Initially, Bobo was commissioned in the Coast Artillery Corps, and attended the Basic Course of the Coast Artillery School at Fortress Monroe, Virginia, from 15 September to 1 July 1921. He transferred to the Corps of Engineers 25 July 1921, and with his other Engineer classmates, was a senior year student at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, New York, until June 1922—graduating with degree of civil engineer. For the next ten years (except for attendance at the Field Artillery School, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, September 1925 to June 1926) Bobo's duties were with Engineer troop Units; with the 1st Engineer Regiment at Fort Dupont, Delaware, 1922–1925, 1926–1929, and the 11th Engineer Regiment at Corozal, Canal Zone, 1929–1932. Then followed a two-year tour of duty on the civil works of the Corps of Engineers in the Seattle, Washington District. The Engineer School, at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, became the next station for now Captain Burt, as instructor, for four years. The clouds of World War II then led to Bobo's assignment to the 2d Engineer Regiment at Fort Logan, Colorado, then Camp Bullis, and Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

The tremendous importance of the Air arm and need for air strips and associated facilities, required the development of specialized Engineer aviation units—to provide, construct, and maintain those ground installations. Bobo's considerable experience in the command and management in the field of military engineering especially equipped him for assignment to organize, train, and command one of the new aviation engineer regiments at MacDill Field, Florida, in July 1940. Then, in January 1942, Bobo was sent to the Pacific in command of the 810th Engineer Aviation Battalion, part of the task force, to establish air-fields on New Caledonia, one of the New Hebrides Islands, for the operations to halt the Japanese advance.

In October 1942, he became Engineer of the 37th Infantry Division on Fiji Island, until August 1943, when he was returned to the States and again assigned to MacDill Field, Florida, to command the Aviation Engineer Unit Training Center there, until December 1945.

During the two and one-half years following the end of World War II, Bobo was in charge of Engineer supply functions at the Army General Depot at Pasco, Washington, and Stockton, California. He retired in the grade of colonel, at his request, on 31 May 1948.

In January 1923, Miss Marion Hannah, daughter of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs. James G. Hannah, and Bobo, were married at Fort Benning, Georgia. That union was terminated by divorce. In 1935, Bobo and Bertie Jefferson, of Delaware City, Delaware, were joined in matrimony. Bertie died on 24 November 1972. On 19 December 1973, Bobo married Kate Berry Shepherd; Katie and Bobo's sister and her family are his only survivors.

After retirement, Bobo and his wife Bertie were domiciled on an attractive farm near Achilles, in Tidewater, Virginia. The rural location enabled Bobo to pursue his avocations of hunting, fishing, tennis, golf, and competitive bridge, at which he was a Master. Pursuant to his request, his remains were buried in the Abingdon Episcopal Churchyard, in the Virginia Tidewater area which he had so greatly enjoyed over twenty years, as a "Country Gentleman."

The Class of 1920 intones in tribute to it—troubador, "Be Thou At Peace."

—CHARLES HOLLE
Classmate

Harvey Kenneth Greenlaw

NO. 6788 CLASS OF 1920

Died 10 January 1982 in Compestela, Ngyarit, Mexico, aged 84 years.

Interment: Churchyard, Compestela, Mexico



HARVEY KENNETH GREENLAW

HARVEY WAS BORN in Wisconsin on the 14th of November 1897. He was appointed to the United States Military Academy from Wisconsin. As a "turnback" to our Class, he was helpful in our relations with 1919. He was a popular, cheerful and active cadet for

Reynolds Johnston Burt Jr.

NO. 6648 CLASS OF 1920

Died 20 June 1982 in Hopewell, Virginia, aged 83 years.

Interment: Abingdon Episcopal Churchyard, White Marsh, Virginia

REYNOLDS JOHNSTON BURT JR. was born 20 August 1898 in Cincinnati, Ohio, the third generation scion of an Army family. His father was Army Brigadier General Reynolds Johnston Burt, United States Military Academy, Class of 1896; his mother was a direct descendant of Ohio Governor Dennison, President Lincoln's Postmaster General, and his paternal grandfather was Brigadier General Andrew S. Burt, United States Army.

Reynolds early life with his parents, and his early schooling, was in Army atmosphere and surroundings. Part of his high-schooling was in a Chinese Engineering College, near Tientsin. In 1918, Reynolds received an appointment to the Military Academy from the Second California Congressional District, entering on 14 June 1918 as a member of the Class, which after successive designations, first as Fourth Class, then after 11 November 1918, Fourth Class A, and in June 1919 became First Class. With the advantage of his Army upbringing, his care-free, happy-go-lucky, warm personality, and his active interest in sports (swimming, golf, and ten-

our two years, leading the bugle corps, a member of the cadet orchestra and adding much to the entertainment programs of cadet camp and Hundredth Night. He excelled in basketball and on the undefeated hockey team.

His traits of friendliness, sociability and generosity, displayed as a cadet, continued in his later service, as exemplified in an incident related by Colonel Harold T. Turnbull of our Class, as follows: "In 1934 I was lucky enough to be a guest aboard a submarine, leaving Manila for ports-of-call near Saigon and the China coast. Harvey heard of a visiting American submarine and came aboard. We were both surprised to meet thus in a far-a-way Chinese port. True to his gracious nature, he took me to see the points of interest. We visited his barracks, had dinner and wound up in a swank nightclub."

Harvey managed to graduate high enough in the Class to rate Cavalry. In 1925, he qualified for transfer to the Air Service as a pursuit pilot. As a flight instructor, he trained many young pilots in fighter operations. While stationed at Chanute Field, he became friendly with Major Claire Chenault, an older World War I fighter plane pilot. In 1931, he resigned from the Army Air Service, and for two years took a position with the North American Aviation Company. About this time he married Olga Sewers in California. In 1933 they traveled to China as members of the Jouett Mission to the Nationalist Chinese Government headed by Chang-Kai-Shek. They remained in China until 1936, assembling and testing planes delivered from American plane manufacturers. Harvey then returned to the United States and was active in design, production and sales of planes.

Harvey and Olga returned to China in 1938 where, at Henyant, Harvey instructed Chinese student pilots and assisted South China in opposing the Japanese invasion by testing new and repaired aircraft and organizing defensive techniques. Olga was Chenault's secretary. In 1939 the United States stopped shipment of planes through East China ports, and so Harvey and Olga went to Hanoi, Hong-Kong, Chungking, Bangkok, Singapore, Rangoon and then to Java for a time of recuperation. On 25 August 1941 they flew back to Chungking where Harvey served for a year as Colonel Chenault's Chief of Staff of the American Volunteer Group (Tigers).

This was a year of aggression by Japanese forces on land, sea and air. In June 1942 the American Volunteer Group (Flying Tigers) was absorbed by the United States Air Corps as the 23d Pursuit Group and the 14th and 10th Air Forces. Actually, only fifteen ground crew and five pilots accepted transfer from the Flying Tigers, while eighty refused induction and returned to the United States through Bombay. Harvey and Olga returned to the United States as the year 1941-42 had taken its toll and induction meant remaining in China. General Chenault remained in China with Chang-Kai-Shek until the end of the war in 1945. Nationalist China awarded him their highest decorations and he returned later to organize "CAT" airlines. Harvey then continued in aircraft production with Grumman Aircraft. He then went into the moving picture industry until 1950.

Then the old wonderlust took hold and he went to Baja, California, and around Mexico in prospecting for gold. He went broke

in this activity and moved to Compestela for the rest of his life. Olga had left him in 1945 and they were divorced. In 1945 Harvey testified before a Truman investigation. The resulting political implications left him with such bitter feelings that he never wanted to return to the United States and had no further military connections. In 1960 Harvey became disabled as a result of the dengue fever of the Orient and lived on a small Veterans Administration pension and an Aid and Assistance grant.

Harvey was happy to live and die in Compestela, Mexico, where he made many friends who remember him with affection and respect.

-JLG, Classmate

Waldemar Fritz Breidster

NO. 7073 CLASS OF 1923

Died 2 April 1982 in Milwaukee,
Wisconsin, aged 81 years.

Interment: Milwaukee, Wisconsin



WALDEMAR FRITZ BREIDSTER

MAJOR GENERAL WALDEMAR "Fritz" Breidster, one of the Wisconsin National Guard's best known leaders, died 2 April in a Milwaukee hospital. He was 81.

A graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, General Breidster retired in 1960 as commanding general of Wisconsin's 32nd Infantry Division, capping a 42-year military career that included special assignments during World War II.

Although he had been officially retired from the National Guard for over 20 years, the general took an active part in many Guard affairs throughout the state until he took ill and was hospitalized in mid-March.

Not only was he one of the state's outstanding military leaders, General Breidster was also one of the best athletes to hail from Wisconsin.

While at West Point he captained both the Army's football and swimming teams and was named to the All-American football squad twice—in 1921 and 1922. He was considered the best left guard in collegiate football during his West Point playing days, and he captained the 1922 team that went undefeated, culminating the season with four sacks in a thrilling 17-14 victory over arch-rival Navy.

His athletic prowess earned him enshrinement in the Wisconsin Athletic Hall of Fame during ceremonies that were held at Milwaukee's Mecca in 1979.

The general graduated from West Point in 1923 where he was also named the president of his class and First Captain of the Corps of Cadets. Following graduation, he served on active duty until April of 1925 and then resigned to accept a commission as a first lieutenant in the Army Reserve.

His career in the Wisconsin National Guard began in 1927 when he resigned from the Reserves and joined D Battery, 121st Field Artillery Regiment, as its battery commander with the rank of captain.

In 1931 he was promoted to major and became battalion commander. Five years later he was made a lieutenant colonel and assigned as executive officer of the 121st Field Artillery Regiment. And then in another four years—August of 1940—he became the regimental commander and was promoted to colonel.

General Breidster was called to active duty, along with the rest of the 32nd, during World War II. In 1943 he was lifted from his command of the renamed 173rd Field Artillery Group and flown to India for a special mission, becoming successively chief Field Artillery liaison officer to the Chinese Army in India; then chief liaison officer to all non-divisional Chinese units. Later he became deputy chief of staff of the Chinese Combat Command.

He served under Lieutenant General Joseph "Vinegar Joe" Stilwell, Lieutenant General Daniel I. Sultan and Lieutenant General Raymond A. Wheeler.

His first job was to organize the Chinese training and indoctrinate them in the American way of fighting. Then he directed the 550 mile advance of the Chinese through Burma to clear the way for the building of the Ledo Road that was to take the place of the lost Burma Road.

He stayed on and helped close out the China-Burma-India Theater and sailed from Calcutta, India, for home on 1 December 1945. His awards during that war included the Legion of Merit and an Oak Leaf Cluster, plus China's Yun Wei and Kau Chang (Hero of the Nation) decorations.

When the Wisconsin National Guard was reorganized after the war, he was promoted to brigadier general in March of 1947, in command of the 32nd's Division Artillery.

He was Division Artillery commander until 1956 when he was promoted to major general and became the 32nd Division's commanding general.

Oliver Kuechle, former sports editor of the *Milwaukee Journal*, once wrote of General Breidster: "If ever a man has enjoyed a full life, Major General Waldemar 'Fritz' Breidster has. It all started as a football player at old East Side High School in Milwaukee in 1913, which in 1915 became Riverside and in the years since has encompassed everything from undefeated teams at Riverside and West Point, to All-American recognition as a guard, to championship swimming and water polo teams, to distinguished military service in India, Burma and China during World War II.

"Looking down on us as we talked about his career the other day were the Navy goat's blanket earned with the victory over the Middies in 1922, the Edgerton award, a sword, given to all outgoing football captains, a board of medals including the Legion of

Merit, an Oak Leaf Cluster, and other awards from various theaters of war.

"He was commissioned in the Chinese army as a general. His combat troops cleared the way for the engineers in building the Ledo Road. Merrill's Marauders were also under his combined command in this period of his career.

"A full life, Fritz has had indeed," Kuechle concluded.

Full military services were held for the general at Milwaukee's Wisconsin Memorial Park on 6 April. Many Wisconsin National Guard members who had served with the general attended. The 57th Field Artillery Brigade, which traces its heritage to General Breidster's original National Guard unit, provided the color guard and firing squad.

Surviving the general are his wife Roma and two sons, William and John.

During his enshrinement to the Wisconsin Athletic Hall of Fame, the committee chose the following verse from Sir Thomas Moore's "Farewell" to express the feelings of the committee on his honor. It serves as an appropriate farewell to the general from the thousands of friends and fellow Guardsmen who will never forget his contribution:

"Let Fate do her worse, there are relics of joy,

Bright dreams of the past, which she cannot destroy;

Which come in the night-time of sorrow and care,

And bring back the features that joy used to wear.

Long, long be my heart with such memories fill'd!

Like the vase, in which roses have once been distill'd,

You may break, you may shatter the vase, if you will

But the scent of the roses will hang round it still."

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Waldemar Fritz Breidster was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 19 June 1900, the son of Frederick William and Ida (Heineman) Breidster. He married Roma Wirth on 10 November 1930—she and their two sons, their wives and children survive him—William, his wife Charlene and their two daughters, Susan and Cara; John, his wife Marilyn and their two daughters, Jennifer and Deborah.

Our family feels we have been left a very rich heritage and I shall ever be proud he was my husband, and the father of our sons.

Andrew Allison Frierson

NO. 7312 CLASS OF 1924

Died 24 September 1982 in William Beaumont Army Medical Center, El Paso, Texas, aged 80 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

A.A. (HANK) FRIERSON was born on 23 June 1902 in Knoxville, Tennessee. He was a grandson of J.W.S. Frierson, Colonel of Cavalry, Confederate States of America. He was appointed to the United States Military Academy from Dallas, Texas.

Second Lieutenant Frierson's first station was Fort Bliss, Texas, in the 8th Cavalry in



ANDREW ALLISON FRIERSON

1924. After the Cavalry School he returned to Fort Bliss in the 7th Cavalry. He served with the 10th Cavalry as first lieutenant and captain with the 2d Cavalry as captain and major. He was Executive, 2nd Cavalry Brigade until he was transferred as a lieutenant colonel to the 11th Cavalry. When that regiment was reorganized as the 11th Cavalry Group (MECZ) he became its commander. Hank was a horseman from the heart, but there was nothing strange to him in using cavalry tactics in combat with armored vehicles. Lieutenant General Alvin Gillam, Commanding General, XIII Corps said of him: "I knew him to be a hard driving, aggressive, able leader. His judgment in combat was superior and he gave at all times indications of leadership of a high order. I shall say no more. He was my idea of a leader who could be depended upon no matter what the situation." Colonel Frierson was awarded the Silver Star Medal, the Legion of Merit and the Bronze Star Medal for valor as well as the Croix de Guerre with Palm, during the combat service with the 11th Cavalry Group (Mecz).

In 1949 Hank Frierson retired with some disability. However he maintained his interest in the thoroughbred horse. He trained his own polo ponies and jumpers. In fact he played polo from 1922 to 1980, except for necessary abstinence during World War II. He was a member of the 1932 and 1948 Olympic Equestrian Teams.

In September 1982 because he was ill he could not work a new thoroughbred that he had bought off the race track. Finally he got up and took the horse out. No one knows just what happened but a passerby back-trailed a riderless horse and found Hank seemingly dead. The man was trained in emergency aid and restored his breathing. He never regained consciousness and died as a result of a broken neck. That is another good man gone. It never would have happened if he had been able to work the horse every day instead of leaving him in the stall during his sickness.

—A.D.D., Classmate



Sanford Joseph Goodman

NO. 7360 CLASS OF 1924

Died 6 December 1981 in Sepulveda, California, aged 82 years.

Cremated ashes inurned in the Columbarium of the Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

SANDY GOODMAN, everyone's friend, has left us. After notable careers in athletics, in the Army, and in business administration, he died 6 December 1981 in the Veteran's Administration Hospital, Sepulveda, California. He had been hospitalized since September with an intractable infection of the bladder and kidneys.

Sanford Joseph Goodman was born 16 June 1899 in Brockton, Massachusetts, to Oscar and Gertrude Goodman. The family moved a few years later to California, eventually settling in San Francisco. Sandy grew up on the West Coast where he soon became prominent in athletics. At Commerce High School in San Francisco he not only won letters in rugby, baseball, basketball, track, and swimming but was also elected president of the Student Council in his senior year. Upon graduation, he entered the University of California in 1919. At Berkeley he made the freshman basketball, track, and swimming teams before receiving his appointment to the Military Academy.

"When Sandy held up his hand and took the Oath on 1 July 1920, one of the most unusual and beloved cadets of the past 62 years joined the Corps," writes Colonel R.P. "Red" Reeder, retired, a former classmate and teammate. "By nightfall he was on a first-name basis with half of his plebe company, and in a week had spread himself into the neighboring units.

"A small brass plate ornamented the otherwise bare walls of large tower room 112 saying *This room was occupied by Cadet John J. Pershing, Class of 1886,*" writes Reeder. "In the summer of 1920 its residents were Denis Mulligan, Sam Strohecker, and Sandy Goodman—a Catholic, Protestant and Jew. To cadets of that day the room was famous, not only because of 'Black Jack' Pershing but because these three were the largest cadets in the Corps. And if you had time to drop by, you would always find entertainment.



SANFORD JOSEPH GOODMAN

ASSEMBLY

"Maybe it was head barracks policeman, Sergeant Pop Swartwood, who first spotted Sandy's ability to control a gathering. On a rainy Saturday afternoon, when we were veterans of two weeks, Sergeant Swartwood delivered a message to Room 112. He found about twenty-five plebes seated on the floor and perched on the three bunks. The humorous entertainer, Sandy, barefooted and dressed in an Army Athletic Association T-shirt and gray trow had a string of whisk brooms girdling his waist. He was dancing the hula, his audience clapping and singing 'Yaka hula hickey dula. . .'

"Sergeant Swartwood barked, 'What! You plebes ought to be shining brass. Mister Goodman, you'll simmer down quick when the upper classmen return from furlo and Camp Dix.'

"But when the Corps returned Sandy did not fade," recalls Reeder. "He nailed down the position of tackle on the Army team and starred there for four years. He irritated the coaches, however. At practice, in vicious two-on-one 'breaking through' drills, he would not beat up fellow cadets. Rules of the 'Twenties' permitted use of hands—taped into fists—by defensive linemen. Sandy played to the limit of the rules in games but not in practice.

"At 6 feet two inches and 240, Sandy became one of the best tackles in the East. In the amazing 1922 Army-Navy game (Army 17, Navy 14) he recovered a fumble and blocked two Navy punts on successive plays.

"On the Army swimming team," continues Reeder, "he swam the fifty and set an Academy record in the backstroke. In 1923, the Army Athletic Association recognized his leadership and ability by appointing him head swimming coach. As one of the few cadet head coaches in West Point history he became less jovial. There was work to do. Swimmers reporting to him received assignments. He taught them and set the example by hard work. His team finished five and two. Sandy played center on the water polo team. In contests, he and fellow hippos Babe Bryan and Fritz Breidster churned the water until the tank looked like the Lachine Rapids.

"In baseball Goodman was a relief pitcher. When he barreled to the mound, about the sixth inning, he depended on a fast ball that moved. His curve? The 1923 HOWITZER talks of a game when he threw one curve over the grandstand; to the delight of the onlookers.

"Sandy lettered in baseball and swimming and earned an Academy monogram in water polo. Yet he found time to act in *Hundredth Night* for two years. His buoyant personality jumped the footlights in *Camp Illumination*. Classmates elected this popular and warm individual Class Treasurer. In academics he was well up in the top half of his class. The Tac Department appointed him cadet lieutenant.

Reeder finishes: "These were his activities and accomplishments. Describing his cheerful and lovable personality in a few words is almost impossible. Cadet Sandy Goodman stood out, a rare individual, admired, respected, and treasured by the Corps."

Upon graduation in 1924, Sandy was commissioned in the Coast Artillery (in his words "having the figure for it") and served the next few years at posts in California and Hawaii. During this period he was on special duty as head coach of the IX Corps Area football team. In 1929 he began an unusual Army tour of "sea duty," commanding the

Mine Planter "Ord," based in New York Harbor. Following this, and attendance at the Coast Artillery School, Sandy was assigned as Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) instructor at the University of California. While there he helped the football team as an assistant coach and scout during the 1935 and 1936 seasons.

In 1937, Sandy was selected among the first in his Class to attend the Command and General Staff School. The following year found him in the Philippines commanding a battery on Corregidor. Later, he was brought into Manila to serve as G4 on the staff of General MacArthur. Sandy was responsible for logistic planning in the hectic period shortly before the Japanese invasion.

Back in the States, he was on various training assignments during 1941. Shortly after the declaration of war he was ordered to Camp Hahn, California. Mr. G. Dale Beach, now of Sacramento, takes up the account of Sandy's next assignment:

"The 352d Coast Artillery Battalion (Searchlight) was activated in early 1942 with Colonel Goodman commanding. He organized the unit and conducted its training at Camp Hahn and at the Mojave Range at Camp Irwin. In October he took the unit to Camp Mills to stage for shipment overseas. Due to equipment shortages, the movement order was cancelled and the battalion was sent into position on Long Island with its headquarters on the Vanderbilt-Whitney estate near Old Westbury. In December Sandy was relieved and sent to Florida to take command of an organization preparing for shipment to Africa. With tears in his eyes, he left the outfit that he always loved the best.

"Everyone near Sandy was touched by his kindness and his ability to command," continues Mr. Beach, who was a master sergeant and is now a leader in the 352d Battalion's veterans organization. "He quickly amazed us with a memory that could instantly recall the first name, last name, and nickname of all 750 of his men. He also remembered their family connections and particular sport interests.

"One of the things that endeared him to us was his ability to always interpret orders from higher authority to the benefit of the personnel in his command. He saw to it that under the trying conditions of war-time service his men and their families were given proper care.

"At one of our post-war reunions," reports Mr. Beach, "Sandy got up to speak and opened his remarks with the same phrase he often used to get our attention in the service: 'Now listen, you birds. . .'. We listened! One of the amusing statements often heard during the war was that recruits could depend upon their officers to listen to their problems like fathers. Colonel Sanford J. Goodman was truly a loveable father figure to all of us in the 352d."

Sandy left his beloved battalion and proceeded to Orlando, Florida, where he assumed command of the 4th Antiaircraft Group. In early 1943 he led it overseas and through combat in North Africa until the fall of Tunis. In July the 4th went into Sicily and then on to Naples and to Foggia in February 1944.

Sandy was rushed back to Corsica in August to take command of the 213th Group for the invasion of Southern France. Major Roderick E. Kerr, Army of the United States (Retired) writes from Florida:

"When Colonel Goodman joined us we were truck-loaded for the invasion, but our first echelon for embarkation was to consist only of the headquarters. Sandy quickly made up his mind that the whole Group would go to France together. As commander of the Headquarters Battery, I was told to do what I could to get shipping for the main body. Fortunately, I was able to do this by persuading a near-by French truck outfit to give us space on their LST's, which actually landed at San Tropez before we got there. Thus Colonel Goodman was able to report to Seventh Army that the Group was present and ready to go forward. We were sent out within a short time, beating our brigade which was relegated to the protection of the rear area. The 213th continued north through Salon and Dijon to Vittel where Sandy was detached from the Group.

"In this and other ways, Sandy quickly established himself as our leader. He endeared himself to everyone by his constant concern for the welfare of our enlisted men. He had a very quick wit which was usually humorous but which could be used on occasion to indicate in a few words his disapproval of some action."

February 1945 found Sandy stationed in Washington as Executive Officer to General Homer Oldfield, Antiaircraft advisor to Headquarters Army Air Corps. With the end of the war and resumption of the Army's peacetime educational program, Sandy was selected to be the instructor in air defense at the Command and General Staff College. Major General Joseph R. Russ, Retired, writes about Sandy's impact on that institution:

"I was a member of the first post-war class; Sandy Goodman was one of our instructors. He was without a doubt, the best, most admired, and popular member of the faculty in the eyes of the students. His great wit, stage presence, intelligence, and knowledge of his subject were truly appreciated. He was just as popular off-duty, being known to all as just plain 'Sandy.' He was invited to, and attended most of the class' social activities.

"Although his subject was admittedly unglamorous, Sandy was such a topnotch instructor that he was able to put it across. As an example of his methods, I recall a hot September afternoon in a stuffy conference hall. At the peak of the students' drowsiness when heads began to nod, Sandy opened his blouse, pulled out a revolver, and fired three blanks at the ceiling. I never saw a group snap-to quicker. They stayed awake for the rest of the period.

"On another occasion, Sandy took an unusual way to get our attention. The instructors frequently used large charts and maps from which they snatched over-lays, sending push-pins in all directions, frequently pelting the speakers. During one of Sandy's conferences, he started to peel an overlay from his chart, hesitated a second, then reached behind the map board, pulled out and donned a steel helmet. This brought down the class. By little acts like these, he demonstrated his leadership ability and kept the class on its toes wondering what he would do next.

"I think I speak for the rest of the class of 1947 in saying that Sandy Goodman was a great humanitarian, soldier, and gentleman who was loved by all of us and had a great impact on us."

While at Fort Leavenworth, Sandy began to re-consider his status as a confirmed bachelor when he met an attractive hospital tech-

nician named Yvonne Smith. When he discovered that she was also a talented pianist, who featured rag-time, he turned his famous persuasive talents on the lady. They were married on 15 August 1949 and ten days later were aboard an Army transport headed for Panama. Here Sandy was assigned as Special Services Officer, United States Army, Caribbean for some months before receiving his third major Antiaircraft command—the 65th Group.

The Goodmans were returned to Sandy's old home town two years later when he was assigned first to the staff of the Sixth Army and later as Post Commander of the Presidio of San Francisco. In August 1953, he became Professor of Military Science and Tactics of the Reserve Officer Training Corps unit at Oregon State University, where he assisted in coaching the freshman football team. This duty was cut-short when he, along with most of his classmates, was retired in 1954 under the newly enacted "thirty years service, five years in grade" law.

But it soon developed that Sandy had ended his military career only to enter into a new and entirely different one. Dr. Russell T. Sharpe of San Rafael, California describes it: "In 1942, I was a member of the staff of the Camp Hahn Antiaircraft Training Center. It was there that I first met Sandy who came to activate the 352d Searchlight Battalion. We became good friends from the moment we met.

"A decade later I was president of Monticello College in Alton, Illinois. It was a small, private school for women with a long history dating back to 1835, a 253-acre campus, several aging buildings, a minimal staff, and a parsimonious budget. On hearing that Sandy was retiring, I wrote, offering him the job of business manager. He replied that he did not think that he had the requisite experience, but I told him that I knew he was a quick learner and that I was sure he could handle the assignment. He accepted.

"He did indeed prove to be a fast learner. He quickly set up a sophisticated budget system, established effective cost controls, and gave strong leadership to the maintenance, housekeeping, and food service staffs. Sandy stretched every dollar to its limit. More important, he was an immediate hit with the faculty, staff, students, alumnae, and trustees. The students saw him as a loveable father figure to whom they could easily relate. In turn, he regarded them as his foster children and did everything he could, within reason, for them. As soon as Yvonne demonstrated her talents as a ragtime pianist, she became equally popular.

"Sometimes he found dealing with the faculty exasperating since some of them lived in another professional world where there were no budgets or monetary restraints. One lady drove him crazy. Periodically, he would storm into my office, like a battleship firing all guns, slap a piece of paper on by desk, and shout: 'She's done it again! look at this bill! No purchase order, no authorization, no nothing! And she is already 'way over her budget!' I would try to calm him down with promises to talk with her and, though I did so frequently, I was never able to cure her of the habit of blithely spending college money. Yet it was characteristic of Sandy's warm and forgiving nature—and hers, too—that they remained good friends.

"Sandy was particularly effective in dealing with the parents of the students. He was

placed in charge of 'Dads' Weekend' when all the parents were invited to the campus for a two-day celebration. This involved, among many other things, arranging transportation to and from the St. Louis Airport, finding lodgings in the neighborhood, providing succulent meals, arranging for all planned events, and addressing the annual meeting of the 'Dads' Club' where we cajoled the fathers into making substantial gifts to the College. Sandy carried off these arduous tasks with skill, tact, energy, and good humor.

"My wife and I enjoyed the years with the Goodmans at Monticello. In a women's college, with few men on the faculty or in administrative posts, Sandy became about the only person in whom I could confide or share my problems. No matter how complex or vexing the issue, he had some good and sane advice for me. I always felt buoyed up and strengthened after a talk with him.

"I am glad that my wife and I were granted the great privilege of spending a few years of our lives in the company of Sandy Goodman. He was *sui generis*, an original. We miss him."

When Sandy retired from the job at Monticello, he and Yvonne returned to California, living first in Sherman Oaks before settling into their retirement home in the Ventura Marina Park. Here they entered into the activities of this mobile home community with characteristic enthusiasm. They participated in group enterprises ranging from square dancing to pinochle, while Yvonne became the center of a musical organization which specialized in providing entertainment in rest homes in the vicinity. Sandy kept up a voluminous correspondence with classmates and other friends while remaining active in the affairs of the Class of 1924.

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Sandy Goodman. He was truly everyone's friend.

—KCS
1924

Howard Everett Kessinger Jr.

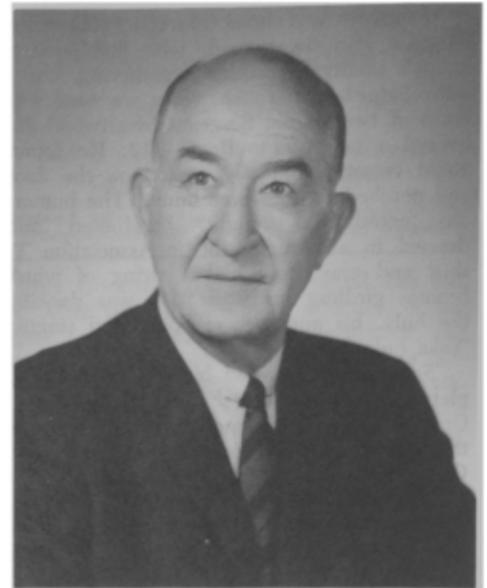
NO. 7417 CLASS OF 1924

Died 9 November 1982 in Anniston,
Alabama, aged 80 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

HOWARD EVERETT KESSINGER was born in Salt Sulphur Springs, West Virginia, on 10 April 1902. Following graduation from Ceredo-Kenona High School in 1919, "Kess" attended Virginia Polytechnic Institute for one year before entering the United States Military Academy in 1920. In his own words, "I studied hard enough to stand a few files above the middle of the Class—high enough to select Field Artillery upon graduation." Kess was Hop Manager each year at the Academy; sang second tenor in the Cadet Choir for all four years; tried to make both the basketball and football squads but "lasted only a few days." Again in his words, "I am convinced that no cadet who ever attended the Military Academy enjoyed being a cadet more than I did." He recalled that he never had to walk a single punishment tour for disciplinary infraction.

After graduation in 1924 Kess served as a battery officer in the 15th and the 24th Field Artillerys for the first five years. The next six years were spent at Fort Sill, Oklahoma—



HOWARD EVERETT KESSINGER JR.

first attending the Battery Officers' Course and then as an instructor in the Department of Materiel. His next assignment took him to West Point where for two years he was an instructor in the Physics Department. He then swapped roles and became a student at the Command and General Staff School. After a short term as battery commander in the 6th Field Artillery he was assigned to Fort Sam Houston where he served as Executive Officer, Division Artillery, Provisional 2nd Infantry Division during the tests of the Triangular Division organization (1939–1941).

At the time of the attack on Pearl Harbor, Kess was serving as G3 of the Puerto Rican Department and as Army Operations Officer of the Joint Staff, Caribbean Area. In 1943 he was assigned duty in the G1 Division of the War Department General Staff. Duty next took him to the Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Forces in Europe where he served as Executive Officer, G1 Division. He recalled that among his planning duties he participated in operations for the recovery of allied prisoners of war. He remained in the theater to serve with the United States Forces, European Theater until 1946 when he was recalled to Washington to serve as Deputy for Plans and Policy, Personnel Division, G1, War Department General Staff.

Following graduation from the National War College in 1948, Kess was assigned to Fort Sill where he first served as Commander of School Troops and then as Chief of Staff of The Artillery Center. He next attended the Strategic Intelligence School before being assigned as Army Attaché, London, England (1950–1953). Returning to the States he was sent to Fort Bragg where he served first as Commanding General, XVIII Airborne Corps Artillery and later as Deputy Commanding General, XVIII Airborne Corps. Kess retired as a brigadier general on 31 August 1954.

Not content to retire after a full military career, Kess joined The Parker Pen Company in 1955 holding a variety of personnel related positions until his assignment as General Manager of the South American Area (1959–1961). He was appointed vice president in November 1960, and upon his return to the United States, served until retirement in 1967 in the corporate offices in Janesville, Wisconsin.

Kess will long be remembered in Janesville

for his dedication to the Trinity Episcopal Church serving as Vestryman, Junior Warden and Senior Warden. As chairman of the Building Fund Committee he brought to a successful conclusion a major renovation and enlargement of the church buildings. Many words of respect and admiration are voiced by Kess's civilian acquaintances in Janesville. By his living example he created and maintained a noble image of the Military even during the unpopular periods of the 60's.

Kess married Ruth Chandler McFarland on 12 June 1926 in San Antonio, Texas. They had four children. Ruth predeceased him, passing away on 12 October 1977. He is survived by three of his four children: Colonel Howard E. Jr. (USMA 1950), Lectora (Mrs. David E. Johnson, Anniston, Alabama), and Ruth Ann (Mrs. Richard W. Williams, Severna Park, Maryland). A second son, Major John McF., was killed in Vietnam in 1967.

Kess's awards included: *United States*: Legion of Merit with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Bronze Star Medal, American Defense Service Medal with Foreign Service Clasp, American Campaign Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, Army of Occupation Medal with German Clasp; *British*: Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, Degree of Officer; *Netherlands*: Order of Orange-Nassau, Degree of Knight-Commander with Swords; *Belgian*: Order of Leopold, Degree of Officer, Croix de Guerre 1940 with Palm; *French*: Croix de Guerre with Palm.

Leonard Henry Rodieck

NO. 7455 CLASS OF 1924

Died 9 July 1981 in Seattle, Washington, aged 78 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York



LEONARD HENRY RODIECK

ROD WAS A TRUE TEXAN, born in Palestine, Texas, 24 August 1902, the son of Henry and Stella (White) Rodieck. As he grew up in that small town, he dreamed a dream—to be a West Point cadet and some day learn to fly into that "wild blue yonder."

In high school he set about making his dream come true by becoming Commandant of the High School Cadet Corps. He was appointed to the United States Military Acad-

emy and graduated in the Class of 1924, better known as the "Thundering Herd." During his cadet days he had met Gladys Belfield of Washington, D.C., and they were married shortly after graduation.

Since Rod had chosen the Air Corps they went to San Antonio, Texas, where he received his wings in 1926. The Air Corps was small then, and young. Every day was a glorious adventure and Rod loved to fly. His initial assignment was with the First Pursuit Group, Selfridge Field, Michigan, a unit with an outstanding history in World War I. Then followed his return to Brooks Field as flying instructor and Commandant of Flying Cadets. 1931-34 saw him as Commander, 26th Attack Squadron, Hawaii, which for three straight years won the Wickham Trophy for being the best air and ground organization in Hawaii.

Graduating in 1935 from the Air Corps Tactical School, Maxwell Field, Alabama, he was assigned to the United States Military Academy as an instructor in military tactics and commanding officer of a cadet company. There followed many achievements, one of which was to fly under the Bear Mountain Bridge. That proved to be a more personal achievement than professional, as the powers that be did not look favorably upon this episode.

Here a daughter, Thora, was born but died in infancy and was buried in West Point Cemetery. Happily in 1937 a son, Robert, was born and in 1938 a daughter, Polly Lyell was born.

These were the peaceful years but everyone could sense the troubled years of war that were coming.

Rod left West Point to attend the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. In 1941 he was selected to design, build and command Henricks Field, Florida, a challenge he thoroughly enjoyed. Later that year an assignment to the War Plans Division, War Department General Staff, took him to Washington, D.C.

World War II had begun and there was an urgency in our training program. Rod was assigned to various commands. In 1945 he was sent to Guam as Chief of Staff, Twentieth Air Force. When the war ended, Rod went to Nagoya, Japan, as Assistant Chief of Staff, Fifth Air Force and Commanding Officer of Nagoya Air Force Base. Rod's family, including his mother, joined him there and then followed a joyful reunion and a happy tour of duty.

As a change from previous assignments, he was from 1948 until retirement Deputy United States Air Force Representative, Military Staff Committee of the United Nations. Those six years, meeting with representatives from all over the world during the Korean War period, were mentally stimulating and fascinating for Rod. He had developed an interest in woodworking over the years, and in the evening would retire to the basement to make cabinets, stools, bowls and other items from wood he had found.

Rod retired to Florida in 1954 and was not content to sit and rock. In spite of the fact that on his mailbox were the words "At Ease," he embarked on a new career.

For several years before retirement he had been interested in economics and investing. He joined the National Association of Security Dealers and was a Florida representative for the Wall Street investment firm of Brown Madeira & Co. He enjoyed educating and helping small investors. He was a born teacher

and began teaching courses to local bank employees of the American Institute of Banking.

It was not all business however. There were many happy years of traveling, fishing and sunning on the beach. The traveling included two trips to Australia to visit their son who was doing research in vision and teaching at the University of Sydney.

Rod was a superb raconteur. He drew his stories from a rich background of experiences, and he enjoyed the telling as much as we enjoyed the listening.

One cannot write about Rod without writing about his younger brothers George and Ralph. They were both officers in the Air Force and won their wings at Kelly Field, San Antonio, Texas. Together with Rod they achieved quite a reputation as the "Flying Rodiecks."

Rod was rated combat and technical observer and command pilot and a member of the Quiet Birdman's Association. He held the Campaign Medal Asiatic-Pacific Theater, a Bronze Star for service in each of the Papua and Guadalcanal Campaigns as well as numerous commendation medals.

In his last years he struggled with the debilitating effects of Parkinson's disease, and in 1980 he and Gladys moved to Seattle, Washington, to be near their son and his family. It was a frustrating experience to someone who had been so active and so "in charge" of things. That, together with a heart condition, contributed to his final illness.

On 9 July 1981 Leonard Henry Rodieck sat up in bed and saluted. The nurse asked him, "Who are you saluting?" Rod replied, "I can see them but you can't." Then he joined the Long Gray Line.

Rod was buried at West Point Cemetery, in the plot with his infant daughter Thora. The headstone is marked "At Ease." He is survived by Gladys and their two children and three grandchildren. Their son, Dr. Robert W. Rodieck, is Bishop Professor in the Department of Ophthalmology at the University of Washington. Their daughter, Lyell, is Senior Management Sciences Consultant with Mobil Oil Corporation.

Leonard H. Rodieck was a credit to the United States Military Academy and to the Air Force he loved so well.

—Albert N. Stubblebine Jr. (Classmate)
Gladys M. Rodieck
Robert W. Rodieck

Reeve Douglas Keiler

NO. 7587 CLASS OF 1924

Died 19 March 1982 in Mill Valley, California, aged 81 years.

Interment: Presidio National Cemetery, San Francisco, California

REEVE DIED IN HIS SLEEP in the late afternoon in his Mill Valley home, on the 19th day of March. His wife, his dog, his son and his son's wife were with him.

He died as he had lived, independent, prepared, straightforward, ready.

His military record is recorded in the REGISTER OF GRADUATES. His nearly fifty years of fighting "physical disability" are not. Every step he took all through those years was painful. He was retired in 1946, returned to his California mountain home near Auburn where his two sons, Ward and Ted, finished their high-schooling. Ward went on to Sullivan's Preparatory School in Wash-



REEVE DOUGLAS KEILER

ington, D.C. before entering West Point with the Class of 1952. Ted, with eye-problems, entered Stanford University, a seventeen-year-old sergeant in the California National Guard.

The great tragedy of Reeve's life was the death of his son Ward, in the 30 December 1951 air crash in Arizona, in which 19 cadets were killed on returning from Christmas leave at home.

Ted graduated from Stanford in June of 1952, was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army Reserve, served three years on active duty and 17 years of weekends with the Ready Reserve, retiring as a lieutenant colonel.

Reeve's inspiration of love of country and dedication to military duty has carried on in his son and in his two grandsons. Doug, an Annapolis graduate in the Class of 1979 is a lieutenant in the Navy. Ted is in the Marine Corps. A granddaughter is married to a classmate of Doug's.

Reeve's many years of retirement were spent in the Bay area where sailing was his all-absorbing activity, skipping the Andra, Tacknbu, Patience, Lazy K and Prowler. He enjoyed his 1924 reunions, studied the stock market, collected United States postage stamps, became a barbecue expert, planted a few fruit trees and restored the old family home.

He was a true gentleman, a wonderful husband, father and grandfather. He died eight days before the 54th anniversary of his wedding here in Mill Valley, and four months before his 82nd birthday.

Reeve lies buried in the Presidio National Cemetery beside his son, Ward. Their graves overlook the sparkling waters of San Francisco Bay where he sailed so often with family and friends, where the great ebb tides flow, where the sunny hills disappear in the drifting fogs, where the bright blue skies fade into darkness, where the evening stars re-appear and the moon rises—again. Eternal Peace is there.

—Jean



Haskell Hadley Cleaves

NO. 7845 CLASS OF 1925

Died 24 October 1980 in Bar Harbor, Maine, aged 78 years.

Interment: Ledgelawn Cemetery, Bar Harbor, Maine

HASKELL HADLEY CLEAVES, known to his friends as "Hack," was born in Bar Harbor, Maine, the son of George Prescott and Lora Hadley Cleaves. Coming from Bar Harbor, and being an avid sailor, he would have been a good prospect for Annapolis. The Mid-dies loss was our gain, as he entered the Academy with the Class of 1925. The HOW-ITZER described him as "the pride of Bah Hahbah with enough accent and musical ability to make a matinee idol." As a cadet he was always available to play the piano for fun or with the cadet orchestra. He sang in the choir, participated in the Plebe Show and Hundredth Night.

Hack started his musical career at six, singing in the church choir. At 12 he was playing the organ at two churches. He graduated from Bar Harbor High School and took one semester at Boston University before entering the Academy.

On graduation he was commissioned in the Infantry. On 20 August 1925 he married Geraldine Butterfield, a lifetime friend from Bar Harbor. His first assignment was Fort Moultrie, South Carolina. Their daughter, Barbara Anne, was born in 1928. In June 1929, after attending the Signal Corps School, Hack was assigned to the 14th Infantry, Fort Davis, Panama Canal Zone. Returning to Maine to the 5th Infantry, he was shortly sent to Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, for duty in the Signal Corps. In 1936 he was assigned as Signal Corps instructor in the Reserve Officers Training Corps unit at Carnegie Tech. Four years later he was, for a few months, Signal Corps instructor with the 26th ("Yan-kee") Division.

In May 1941 Hack became Signal Officer, 1st Infantry Division, at Fort Devens. The 1st was at that time operating parttime in the Atlantic Fleet Amphibious Force. This laid the groundwork for all of his wartime service.

In May 1942 he was assigned to the Combined Operations Staff of Lord Louis Mountbatten in London. After some months he



HASKELL HADLEY CLEAVES

joined the staff of Commander, Atlantic Fleet Amphibious Force. In October 1943 Hack joined V Corps, in England, as Signal Officer, and made the D-Day assault on Normandy. He continued with V Corps through Europe and, at war's end went to Fort Bragg. Following service on the faculty at Fort Leavenworth, and as Signal Officer, United States Forces, Austria, he was Budget Officer for the Signal Corps. On retirement, in 1955, he and Gerrie went home to Bar Harbor, where he was employed by Jackson Laboratories until 1967. Hack's entire service was exemplary, as testified by several United States and foreign decorations and testimonials from the Congressmen to whom he presented the Signal Corps budget.

Hack continued his entertaining ways throughout his life. He was a raconteur with a great sense of humor, who liked harmless practical jokes, and had a limitless supply of anecdotes and limericks.

Besides being an exemplary soldier and teacher, Hack was a truly gentle man, friendly and kind. He was a devoted husband and father and a most loyal friend.

—DPC

Malcolm Raymond Kammerer

NO. 7903 CLASS OF 1926

Died 23 October 1980 in Columbus, North Carolina, aged 75 years.

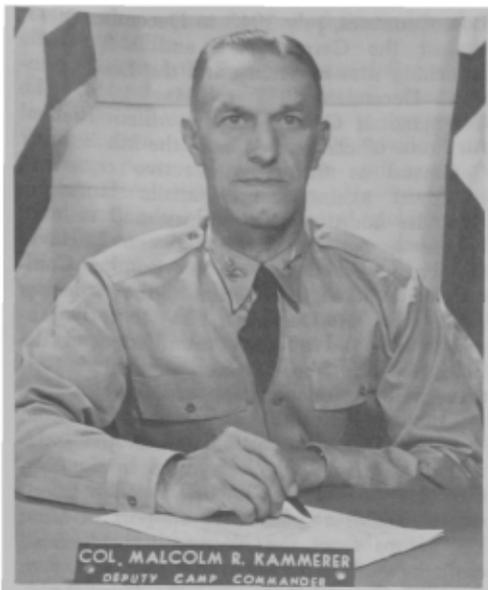
Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

MALCOLM RAYMOND WAS the first of three children of Robert L. and Mollie Kleid Kammerer. His father had seen military service as a private in the Spanish-American War and was to be justly proud of Malcolm's Army career. Malcolm was born in Brooklyn and lived all except the first year of his youth in the Queens section of New York City.

There, in his family circle, in his neighborhood activities, and in his public schooling, the traits he showed throughout his life were evident. In personality he was outgoing and likable. In studies he stood high in his class, never having to worry about failure, and finding nothing particularly attractive about the precarious spot at the top of the class. When the job had to be done, he found out what was involved and did it thoroughly, with a minimum of fuss. In athletics, though only slightly taller and heavier than average, he had skills and a temperament that led him to excel in any sport he took up. He won his Congressional appointment to the Military Academy by competitive examination at the end of a high school career that included sports in all seasons, the chess team, senior class presidency, and acquisition of the nickname "Mal" by which he was known outside his family.

During his years as a cadet, Mal was able to adapt well to the military environment, developing effectively the talents and traits he had shown in earlier years. He was again steadfast, outgoing and well-liked by his peers. Academics held no terror; sports were a diversion whose discipline helped him handle the rigors of cadet life. He was Cadet Captain and Regimental Supply Officer in his First Class year, captain of the soccer team, a varsity basketball player, and an "Engineer" for purposes of the annual football game with the "Goats."

Mal was a fine basketball player and had the good fortune to be on an Army team



MALCOLM RAYMOND KAMMERER

that included Hall-of-Famer and classmate, Johnny Roosma. After graduation, the names of Roosma and Kammerer as well as Newman '25 and Strickler '27, teammates at West Point, appeared in the line-ups of winning basketball teams at Fort Benning while they were serving there as fledgling officers in the Infantry School. The Roosma-Kammerer basketball combination became a life-long friendship and, as the circle comes around, Johnny's granddaughter and Mal's grand-nephew put a Roosma and a Kammerer on the roster of West Point cadets again in the early 1980's.

Handball (old style, against walls) was another of Mal's favorites. If any of his fellow-cadets wonder where he and classmate Charlie Martin learned to play championship intra-mural handball, they should know that, when Mal and Charlie were at Richmond Hill High, they had no gymnasium, no playing fields, no tennis courts or backboards, but there were two foundation walls in the building basement spaced just about right to make a two wall handball court, although with limited headroom. Mal wrote in later years that one of the fondest memories of his days at West Point, both as a cadet and later as an instructor, was "playing handball with the irrepressible, ever-youthful Marty Maher," long-time beloved citizen of West Point.

Graduating close to the top fifth of his class, Mal selected Infantry as his branch; he was to spend half of his thirty years' service with Infantry troops. He served at Fort Benning as a newly commissioned second lieutenant and at higher ranks with the 15th and the 31st Infantry in the Far East; as Commanding Officer of the 179th Regiment of the 45th Infantry Division in combat in Italy during World War II; and in a number of units in the States after that war.

In 1931, after his tour at Fort Benning, the Army sent him to Paris for a year's study of French at the Sorbonne, and then put his study to work by bringing him back to the Military Academy as an instructor in French. These assignments later paid off in wartime when Mal was Chief Liaison Officer with the French Expeditionary Corps in Italy under General Alphonse Juin. In recognition of his dedicated performance of duty, the French made him a Chevalier in their Legion of Honor.

Other tours included the Command and General Staff College, both as student and instructor; G3 staff work in England and Af-

rica during the planning and execution of the African and Italian invasions; Military Advisory Group in Greece after World War II; Professor of Military Science and Tactics at the City College of New York; and as Commanding Officer of the City Command, Seoul, Republic of Korea.

The many honors he won from four foreign nations and his own country attest to the intelligence, knowledgeability, and conscientiousness, and personality that he put into his Army service and that won him respect and admiration from all sides.

After his retirement in 1956, Mal and his wife, Louise, an Army girl whom he had married twenty-eight years earlier in Fort Benning, moved to Tryon, North Carolina. Louise was the daughter of Major (later Brigadier General) Laurence W. and Hester Johnson Young. The Youngs and Louise's sisters, Julia McNamee and Helen Hedekin (both also wives of West Pointers) were already settled in or near Tryon, so to Louise it was coming home.

The Kammerers' home for most of the Tryon years was "Singing Hills," perched on a mountain ridge outside the town. From it they had inspiring views of the green ridges and valleys below and to it were attracted birds of many kinds and in all seasons, thus adding their songs to "Singing Hills." Because Mal and Louise agreed they had seen enough of the world on their Army tours, and because their home was so attractive, they stayed quite close to Tryon. One exception was an annual trip for the Kammerer family reunion held wherever, from Rhode Island to Louisiana, a relative might be located.

In Tryon Mal kept himself occupied with a real estate and insurance business, Republican politics, the Country Club, the Hunt Club and other organizations. He made sure, however, that these activities did not interfere with keeping his golf scores in the low 80's. There was one memorable year when he celebrated a beautiful eagle on a demanding par four hole—only to ram home a par three hole-in-one just a few months later!

An important part of his leisure was piano playing. His father, self-taught, had played well and Mal, also self-taught, developed an easy-to-listen-to style that added the improvisations of a good ear to the notes on the sheet music. He always ended the evening by playing on the piano, and Louise never tired of listening to his relaxing style.

In appearance Mal never lost the military bearing he acquired at West Point. Throughout his life he maintained an erect posture, a trim build, and looks remarkably like the cadet in the 1926 HOWITZER. With his sharp jutting chin, calm, composed manner, and well-measured speech, he presented the ideal image of a military officer well in control of any situation he encountered. Mal was also a kind, thoughtful, and sentimental person, graced with a fine sense of humor, and free of the intense competitiveness and power orientation that complicates the lives of many professionals.

Louise and Mal were a devoted couple who resembled and complemented each other in many respects. Louise inherited from her father a starting supply of, and a knack for telling numberless stories, mostly humorous, of people and things. Mal was more inclined to analyze and comment simply on prevailing situations. They had no children of their own, but were loved by children who knew them, and Mal had a twinkle in his eye and

a playful smile that easily endeared him to any young ones around him.

Two years before his death he described his retirement as a "wonderful leisurely life . . . until the death of Louise in 1977." Louise had died of cancer and Mal, in 1979 was stricken similarly, compounded by a loss of his voice. His last few months were quietly grim. His nurse called him "Superpatient." Those who knew and loved him recognized a brave soldier.

Mal had the headstone for Louise's grave at West Point inscribed with a musical staff and the first four notes of "When Day Is Done" which was "their" song. Now he has joined her there and now day is done for Mal—student, athlete, musician, soldier—devoted husband, beloved brother, and friend. Peace.

George Emericus Bender

NO. 8203 CLASS OF 1927

Died 30 March 1982 in Columbus, Georgia, aged 80 years.

Interment: Fort Benning Cemetery, Fort Benning, Georgia



GEORGE EMERICUS BENDER

GEORGE EMERICUS BENDER was born in Ebensburg, Pennsylvania, on 4 February 1902, son of Albert E. and Eleanor Bender. The Bender family owned and operated the Bender Hotel in Ebensburg.

"Emma," as George was known in Ebensburg and later as a cadet, attended local schools where he was a well-known athlete, starring in basketball.

George attended Penn State for a year, then had appointments to both the United States Naval Academy and the United States Military Academy.

Of his years at the United States Military Academy, the HOWITZER has this to say: "Who has ever seen him peeved? A rainy day parade, a week-end in confinement, a holiday N.C.O. tour; Emma meets them all with the same placid smile, and with the same teutonic perseverance with which he shoots a basket or circles the track. Try him out at anything. He wastes no words, assumes no poses—his constancy is as immutable as the hills. A gritty, hard fighting man; absolutely sincere, loyal and asking favors of no

one; a brilliant grad and an impossible engineer."

The above quote from the HOWITZER gives no mention of George's athletic aspirations and abilities. He was on the track squad from time to time and in intramural sports. He played with distinction on a football team that won the Corps championship.

On graduating and becoming an Infantryman, George was first assigned to Plattsburgh, New York. From Plattsburgh George went to Fort Totten where he taught mathematics at the West Point Prep School. While at Totten, he married Linda Boucher whom he had met while at Plattsburgh.

After Fort Totten, George served in Puerto Rico and at Fort Benjamin Harrison. Next he attended the Infantry School at Fort Benning. From Benning he went to Panama, and then to Fort Meade where George had his first experience with Armor.

Quoting from his retirement letter from the Chief of Staff, "Early in World War II, the Army was fortunate to have an officer with your qualifications available to assign as Executive and then Commanding Officer of the 752d Tank Battalion and to assist in attaining the high state of training achieved by that unit in the United States and in North Africa. In your subsequent assignments as Chief of the Drill and Discipline Section and then as Director of Training at the Armored Officers Candidate School at Fort Knox, your experience and energy accounted in a significant degree for the effective training provided at that installation."

Toward the end of the war with Japan, George went to Fort Ord to activate a regiment to go to the Pacific, but V-J Day ended that and George went back to Panama as Inspector of Training, Pacific Sector, United States Army Caribbean.

From Panama, George went to the University of Mississippi as Professor of Military Science and Tactics, then to Japan and Korea. He served in the Eighth Army G4 Section and later as Commanding Officer of the Seoul City Command.

George's last assignment was as G4, Second Army, at Fort Meade, where he retired in July 1957.

George and Linda decided on Columbus, Georgia, for retirement. George taught mathematics at Baker High School in Columbus for twelve years. He was physically quite active and played golf, did yard work and kept himself in good shape right up to the end, which came on 30 March 1982 as the result of a heart attack.

George was a loving husband and father, a devoted Catholic, modest, quiet and a faithful friend. He'll be missed by all who knew him.

He is survived by his wife Linda, his daughter Barbara of Atlanta, and two grandchildren.



SAMUEL EGBERT ANDERSON

tell all. A few excerpts from beneath his picture in our 1928 HOWITZER give a better indication of his potential as a distinguished officer in our Armed Forces—"Greensboro has turned out a right smart soldier. . . Few men in the Corps have better setups, very few take as much pride in their appearance or work. . . his customary efficient and pleasant administration of all his duties. . . who always had a pleasant word for everyone and a smooth way of delivering his goods."

A few months after graduation Sam married Frances Marjorie Adams of Bronxville, New York. They honeymooned en route to the Air Corps Flying School, San Antonio, Texas, their first station.

Subsequent to graduation they were stationed at Mitchel Field (1929-32), Air Corps Technical School (Engineering) at Chanute Field (1932-33), Kelly Field (flight instructor) (1933-39), Hawaii (1939-41), and at Langley Field in mid 1941.

It was in the fall of 1941 when Sam's military career took off like a rocket! He was transferred to the Air Corps Headquarters in Washington, D.C. and shortly thereafter to the War Department General Staff.

In March of 1942 he was ordered by General Marshall on a special mission to the Southwest Pacific reporting to General MacArthur. While there he flew several combat missions, and for one he was awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action. Prior to that he had already pioneered the island hopping air route from our West Coast to Australia which was used by thousands of our aircraft during World War II.

In early 1943 he was ordered to England as a colonel to command the 3d Bomber Wing of the 8th Air Force, and in October was promoted to brigadier general at age 36. Ten of the eleven units in his command won the Presidential Citation. It was not unusual for his command to have a thousand or more bombers en route to their targets at the same time.

He was then awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, promoted to major general and assumed command of the 9th Bomber Command of the 9th Air Force.

These last two commands demanded the utmost in intelligence and military leadership. His commands as a whole were outstanding. They participated in the campaign against the German Air Force in France and the

Low Countries, July 1943 to December 1943; against the German V-1 and V-2 missile launching sites in France and the Low Countries, December 1943 to May 1944. The Commanding General of the Allied Tactical Air Force officially designated the 9th Bomber Command as the most effective command employed against these missile launching sites. In addition all highway and railroad bridges across the Seine between LeHavre and Paris were destroyed. His Bomber Command completed interdiction of the Ardennes Bulge from late December 1944 to early January 1945, and effective interdiction of the Remagen bridgehead which prevented German reinforcements from arriving in time to dislodge our forces that had already crossed the Rhine. It also participated in the isolation of the Ruhr which resulted in the capture of approximately 350,000 German troops and in active and effective support of front line troops from the Normandy bridgehead until the end of the War. He worked day to day with General Patton and the Third Army. Apropos of General Patton's headlong dash eastward after the breakout, he is reported to have been asked one day—"What about your flanks?" His reported reply—"The 9th Tactical Air Force and Bomber Command are my flanks and my supply line." Again Sam was there to deliver his share of the goods.

When World War II ended he was briefly assigned as Chief of Staff of the Continental Air Force.

A few months later he was assigned to the Pentagon and served for the next two years as a member of the Joint Strategic Survey Committee of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and the Steering Committee of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

From 1947 to 1950 he served as Deputy Chief of Staff Plans and Operations, United States Air Force.

His next assignment at Carswell Air Force Base as Commander of the 8th Air Force in 1950 was another demanding and challenging one. Here he trained the officers and men of the 8th Air Force in the new B-36 bombers, the only aircraft we had with an intercontinental nuclear capability. He again delivered the goods.

In April 1953 he was promoted to Lieutenant General and was named Commander of the Fifth Air Force in Korea. From May until August 1953 his command flew more sorties than at any other time of the Korean War and aided significantly in bringing that war to an end.

In 1954 he moved into what was at that time one of the most demanding and responsible assignments of the day. He was named Director of the Weapons System Evaluation Group (WSEG). In this capacity it was his duty to evaluate America's future defense needs and recommend the weapons systems to meet them in the years to come. He worked with experts in all branches of the sciences and military services. Technology was moving so swiftly that time was of the essence. These experts studied, reviewed, digested and assimilated all weapons ideas from the prosaic to the most revolutionary. As Director of WSEG, his wisdom, leadership and recommendations are being confirmed to this day.

In 1957 he was assigned command of the Air Research and Development Command (ARDC), then located in Baltimore, Maryland. Shortly thereafter he moved his command to Andrews Air Force Base. In 1957, when Russia launched the first Sputnik, ARDC was called upon to produce a reply.

Samuel Egbert Anderson
NO. 8398 CLASS OF 1928
Died 12 September 1982 at Fort Sam Houston Hospital, San Antonio, Texas, aged 76 years.
Interment: United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colorado

As CADETS WE KNEW HIM as Sugar Sam—a handsome, intelligent, suave and debonair young Southern Gentleman. But this does not

In less than a year the United States launched its first satellite.

Two years later Sam was named Commanding General of the Air Materiel Command and with it came his 4th star. It was a very large command with 187,000 civilian and military personnel worldwide and assets of about thirty billion dollars. He introduced new methods of procurement, storage and distribution of his costly inventory and thereby saved the Air Force and the United States government untold millions of dollars.

In August 1961 he was named Air Deputy in Supreme Headquarters, Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE), one of the most senior officers in Europe. His responsibility was great—to command and guide 15 Allied Air Forces in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

In addition to the Silver Star and Distinguished Flying Cross, his decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, Bronze Star Medal and Air Medal. His foreign decorations were the British Order of the Bath, the Croix de Guerre from France, Belgium and Luxembourg, and the Korean Taeguk Distinguished Military Service Medal with Star.

He retired in 1963 and worked for several years in civilian industry.

Sam'l, as he was known to his close friends, was a kindly and generous man. For example when he was in Korea commanding the 5th Air Force he heard an eleven year old Korean boy playing the piano. He recognized the boy's talent, ability and potential. Subsequently he was instrumental in bringing this boy to the United States and entering him in the Juilliard School of Music in New York City. Sam'l was right again. The Korean boy, now a young man, a United States citizen, is Professor of Music at North Texas State University and concertizes worldwide.

This story would not be complete without more about his devoted wife, affectionately known as Sally to the multitude of their friends around the world. For fifty-three years she stood by lovingly and faithfully thru the trials and tribulations and the joys and sorrows of life in their service to our country. She now lives in San Antonio, Texas.

They moved to San Antonio in 1978. Sam'l's health was deteriorating, but he was a great game player to the end. He loved to win, but if the cards went against him he lost with a smile and the dignity of a gentleman.

So now Sam'l it is time to say farewell. We were privileged to have served with you. We shall all miss you, a true son of West Point with faith in and fidelity and devotion to our country and our Alma Mater. You lived by our code—Duty, Honor, Country and served our beloved country with distinction—truly a great officer and gentleman.

In the words of our Alma Mater: "May it be said Well Done. Be Thou at Peace."

—S.G. McL.

Thomas Benton McDonald

NO. 8689 CLASS OF 1929

Died 20 June 1982 in Maitland,
Florida, aged 75 years.

Ashes interred at Arlington National Cemetery,
Arlington, Virginia

THOMAS BENTON McDONALD was born in Cumberland, Maryland, on 19 June 1907, the son of Dr. Thomas Benton and Nona



THOMAS BENTON McDONALD

Millholland McDonald. His father entered the Military Academy in 1895, but had to resign due to less than 20/20 vision, so he studied medicine at Georgetown University and became one of Cumberland's leading doctors. Tom's mother was an accomplished pianist.

"Mac," as he was known at the Point, attended Allegheny County Academy in Cumberland, and then spent a year at Shadman's before entering West Point in July 1925 on a 2d alternate appointment from Maryland. He had the distinction of being the shortest man in his company when he entered, and the tallest when he was graduated: a gain of 4 inches in 4 years! His entire career was in the Army Air Corps and Air Force.

Following graduation from the Air Corps Primary and Advanced Flying Schools at Brooks and Kelly Fields, he was assigned to the 18th Pursuit Group, Wheeler Field, Hawaii, in 1931, where he met his future wife, Marion Farrar Warren. They were married a week before they left in 1934 for their honeymoon station, Barksdale Field, Shreveport, Louisiana, where he was in the 20th Pursuit Group. The Air Corps Engineering School at Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio, was his next assignment for a one-year course in 1936-37. He then served at Duncan Field, San Antonio, Texas, from 1937-40 as chief test pilot and at various engineering and materiel jobs, prior to assignment at Olmsted Field, Middletown, Pennsylvania.

In early World War II, Tom commanded the Maintenance Division, Middletown Air Service Command and was chairman of a Headquarters Air Service Command Board, responsible for planning facilities at the Miami Air Depot. He was a member of a mission to the Eighth and Twelfth Air Forces in England and North Africa in May 1943, sent to study the personnel and organizational needs of the Eighth Air Force and to coordinate these with the Twelfth Air Force.

From 1943-44 Tom was Chief of the Maintenance Control Section of Headquarters, Air Service Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio. In 1945 he was promoted to brigadier general and became Deputy Commanding General of China-Burma-India (CBI) Air Forces. In 1946 "Mac" became the Commander of that organization and was responsible for the smooth evacuation of personnel from India,

Burma and larger parts of China, and for the final disposition of all aircraft and other Air Force property in the Theater. After 27 months in CBI Tom returned in 1946 to become Chief, Maintenance Division, Air Materiel Command, and in 1950, while stationed at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, he attended Harvard Business School's 17th Advanced Management Program. From 1950-52 he was Commanding General, Middletown Air Materiel Area, Middletown, Pennsylvania.

Tom's promotion to major general was in 1952 with assignment as Deputy Chief of Staff, Materiel, Headquarters, United States Air Force. From 1952-56 he was Assistant for Logistic Operations in the same office and was responsible for the direction and control of logistic planning, maintenance, supply and transportation activities of the Air Staff. In June of 1956 he became Director of Logistics, J4, Headquarters United States European Command (EUCOM), Paris, France, and was responsible for the coordination of United States tri-service logistics matters throughout Western Europe and North Africa, and for United States Military Assistance Advisory Groups and Missions as far away as Lebanon and Pakistan.

A few excerpts from letters to Tom are appropriate. From General George H. Decker, United States Army, then Deputy Commander-in-Chief EUCOM, dated 31 May 1957: "The problems which have confronted you have been extremely complex and varied and their solutions have required a high degree of professional skill, cooperation and understanding by you and the members of your staff. Your work has consistently been characterized by devotion to duty, a broad knowledge of your job, thoroughness, good judgment and objectivity. The outstanding results achieved have been a source of great satisfaction to me."

From General Decker's successor, General W.B. Palmer, United States Army, Deputy Commander-in-Chief EUCOM, dated 28 May 1959: "I want to tell you that your presence on this staff has been a source of great strength and comfort to me throughout the past two years. Your profound understanding of logistics, balanced judgment and objective approach to interservice problems, have made you pre-eminently an example of the right man in the right slot at the right time. . . . I have deeply appreciated your patience and unflinching good temper in all of our work together."

And finally from General Thomas D. White, Chief of Staff, United States Air Force, on 31 July 1959: "Your exceptional leadership and display of great personal courage during many dangerous missions in World War II will be long remembered. Your recent contributions in the field of logistics have been of immeasurable value to the Air Force in accomplishing its mission. Of special note was your implementation and monitoring the Aircraft Control and Warning Program within the Air Materiel Command. During this assignment you exhibited rare skill and managerial ability. Your judgment and courage through the years as an Air Force leader have set a splendid example to all of those serving with you. We are proud of your many accomplishments so ably and competently performed."

Tom's awards and decorations were: Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with two Clusters, American Theater Ribbon, American Defense Service Medal, World War II

Victory Medal, Legion of Merit with two clusters, Air Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Certificate of Award China Air Force Wings, Special Collar Order of Yun Hui, Armed Forces Longevity Service Award with one Silver and one Bronze Cluster, and the Distinguished Service Medal awarded by then Vice-Chief of the United States Air Force, General Curtis E. LeMay on 9 August 1959. Tom was a general officer for fourteen of his thirty-year career, and kept his command pilot's (green) card active until his retirement.

Between 20 August 1959 and 26 May 1961 Tom occupied a position as consultant in the Defense Evaluation and Consultation Operation of General Electric Company. This position included research, organization, assessment and dissemination of information on military doctrines, strategies, policies, organizations, techniques and military needs and requirements. He was responsible for the application of professional military judgment and opinion on the military utility, feasibility and acceptability of company studies, product plans and proposals.

On 1 May 1962 he was employed as a consultant to National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) at the headquarters in Washington. In this position he advised on the logistic implications in the aerospace programs. It was he who recommended the use of Banana River to "ferry" heavy pieces of NASA equipment, rather than by slow trailers. After the expiration of the authorized six months as consultant, he returned to retired status.

In 1964 Tom and Marion moved to Maitland, Florida, and in 1966 moved into the house which he designed and had built.

Tom and Marion were disappointed over not being able to attend his 50th Reunion at the Point due to parathyroid and gall-bladder surgeries in March and May of 1979. However they flew to Honolulu for Marion's 50th high school reunion at Punahou School in 1980.

For 7 years Tom had satisfaction from coaching a young Air Force son to be able to attend the Air Force Academy, where he is now in his second year. Leisure hours of retirement in Florida have been spent in study of scientific articles, learning and using electronics, caring for his shrubs and lawn, swimming in his pool, and playing his violin for hours, which afforded him enormous contentment.

Tom retained his delightful sense of humor all his life and as the HOWITZER said in his Class write-up: "He had the ability to smile when things looked darkest," as they did when he learned that he had cancer, only two months before his quiet death at home on the day after his 75th birthday.

His wish was for simple honors graveside, so his ashes were interred in Arlington National Cemetery on 25 June 1982.

Tom leaves his widow, Marion; their two sons, Colonel Thomas Benton III, United States Army (Class of 1957), Signal Corps now stationed at MacDill Air Force Base, Tampa, Florida; Colonel Warren Randolph, United States Air Force (Duke University '60), now stationed at Eglin AFB, Florida; four granddaughters; his sister, Mrs. Pratt; two nephews; Douglas M. Pratt and Major William F. Pratt, USA; and one niece, Miss Susan Randolph Pratt. Marion remains at 1630 Cheyenne Trail, Maitland, Florida 32751.

—M.W.M.

Charles Lee Heitman Jr.

NO. 8824 CLASS OF 1930

Died 27 February 1982 in Colorado Springs, Colorado, aged 75 years.

Cremated ashes strewn at the summit of Pike's Peak



CHARLES LEE HEITMAN, JR.

CHUCK WAS BORN at Twin Lakes, Idaho—which was the summer home of Judge Charles L. and Stella Smith Heitman—on 30 June 1907, the sixth of an eventual family of twelve children. He grew up in Rathdrum, a neighboring small town in northern Idaho. He was not sure of his destiny until he saw a movie about West Point. That was the place for him! The Judge finally arranged an appointment through an old friend. Chuck attended the University of Idaho for one year while awaiting entrance into the Academy. The entrance examination fortunately consisted only of high school grades, an oral and a physical exam. He was in!

Chuck was not a great athlete, although in high school he won letters in basketball and baseball. At the Academy he became manager of the wrestling squad. His most memorable feat was breaking his hip at the age of 61 while ice skating with a group of college students in the mountains of Colorado.

Chuck and Ray Brisach were roommates all four years at the Academy. The wide difference between their backgrounds strangely attracted them to each other for reasons hard to describe. Chuck the staid, mild-mannered lad from the wide open spaces of the west facing the brash, unpredictable product of the notorious Bronx of New York City nevertheless created an amalgum that was never severed.

This warm friendship was interrupted by the natural process of assignments to various stations world-wide, with only periodic path-crossings, until the year 1938-39 when both attended the Field Artillery School at Fort Sill, where the Heitman and the Brisach families got to know and be endeared to each other from then on. This was followed by two years at Fort Bragg, North Carolina from 1939 to early 1942 during which Chuck was Commanding Officer of Battery C, Ray Commanding Officer of Battery B of the 17th Field Artillery under the care and

guidance of the great regimental Commanding Officer, Arch Arnold.

During those wonderful days before graduation—when each was searching for the best branch of service—Chuck had thought the Air Corps would be glamorous, so he started the required physical exam. The very first station was "depth perception." He was told to take off his glasses and line up the two sticks connected to the strings he had in his hands. His question—"What two sticks?" ended his career in the Air Corps.

He chose Field Artillery, which in 1930 was mostly horse-drawn. He had ridden a horse as a child, learned again to ride at West Point, but had no idea how many times he would have to learn again how to ride during his career. As a second lieutenant with the 10th Field Artillery at Fort Lewis he had riding instruction. As a student at Fort Sill in 1938 he had riding instruction, this time with a classmate as instructor. Mechanization of the Army by that time had relegated horses to mere pleasure vehicles, and riding breeches, alas, faded into eventual oblivion.

Happenstance played a large part of his career. Late in 1931 he entered the Orderly Room of Battery B, 10th Field Artillery to find another officer and the battery clerk working over some papers. The question of what they were doing got the response that they were filling out an application for duty with the Gold Star Mothers in Paris the following summer. Heitman—never one to let an opportunity slip by—said "Corporal, fill one out for me too." Chuck got the assignment, the other officer did not.

Chuck's family was then living in Spokane, Washington, also the home of Fort Wright where classmate Paul Weyrauch was stationed. Paul too was headed for Paris and Gold Star escort duty. As long as they were to be in Europe, why not stay there, study French or Spanish and come back the following year as instructors at the Point? But it would be foolish for both to apply for the same language, so they matched. Chuck got French and Paul got Spanish. Each wrote an application to the Professor of Modern Languages before taking off for Europe.

After six delightful months in Europe, Chuck returned to Fort Lewis, but not for long. Soon orders came for duty at West Point with temporary duty in Paris for one year to study the French language. Hard to take for a young bachelor.

Another happenstance. Barbara Sperry had graduated from the University of Nebraska and had won a scholarship to the University of Lyon, France. The Finance Officer for the military attachés was an old friend of the Sperrys. He would be busy but could Heitman meet the young lady? No problem. Another coincidence—Barbara was born in Rathdrum where her father was Superintendent of Schools before he became a Regular Army officer. Barbara and Chuck were married in June 1935, and he escorted her to the bachelor building at West Point where he had been living for a year. At that time, due to scarcity of quarters, the bachelors were outnumbered by babies, diapers and dogs.

Delightful years at West Point. Their first-born, Tucker, the one and only daughter, arrived on 6 April 1938, which in those days was Army Day. Then on to Fort Sill for a belated course of instruction. After Sill, to the 17th Field Artillery at Fort Bragg. Then came December 1941 and in quick suc-

cession Bragg, Blanding, Selby, Fort Leavenworth, Sherman, Fort Sam Houston. Two boys were added to the family during this period, young Chuck and Bruce. At Fort Sam he joined the Artillery Section Headquarters Third Army and was with it during the European campaign.

After World War II he was ordered back to Sill for duty with the G3 Section and there the third son, Craig, joined the tribe. Then came another glamorous job—Military Intelligence School in Washington and assignment to the Military Attaché office in Paris. This lasted for two years. Then somebody decided the fat should be cut from the military establishments. The Attaché office was cut but fortunately the Military Assistance Program was being started so personnel were transferred to Military Assistance Advisory Group, France. Thus he was able to complete the normal tour in Paris. With his three tours in Paris he was stationed there longer than at any other station except the eight years at West Point.

After Paris, he spent a year at the Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, then two years in the Office of the Under Secretary of the Army during which the final child, Timothy arrived. A change of administration brought a chance to escape the Pentagon, and he was fortunate enough to get command of the Division Artillery at Fort Carson, Colorado. This lasted a year, and he became Chief of Staff of the Division. A year later he transferred to Tokyo for a two-year stint with the United Nations Command, later United States Forces Japan.

Chuck's final two years of active duty were again at Fort Carson, first with the Artillery and then as Deputy Division Commander. He commanded the post for three months between generals. Chuck never got a star. During his first tour at Fort Carson he received a telegram from a pal in the Pentagon congratulating him on getting his first star. The star never arrived. His name was deleted from the list by someone higher up in the chain of command. He was always grateful to whoever was responsible for the deletion. Without the star Chuck retired in 1960 and stepped into the most attractive job one could hope to have—assistant to the City Manager of Colorado Springs. It was a natural for Chuck and he enjoyed every minute of it.

Upon his retirement Chuck and Barbara became deeply involved in a wide variety of projects rendering support of fund drives and social and recreational facilities at Fort Carson. In one drive the two of them were successful in raising over \$26,000, no small sum in those days. Barbara died in 1975. She was mourned by countless friends around the world. Thereafter Chuck became devastatingly consumed by a persistent and virulent emphysema that ended on 27 February when he died in a hospital in Colorado Springs. Both Chuck and Barbara had specified that they be cremated and their ashes strewn at the summit of their beloved Pike's Peak: Chuck's own version of a proper epitaph was, "Chuck didn't set the world on fire but he enjoyed life and made many friends throughout the world."



Ernest Moore

NO. 9138 CLASS OF 1931

Died 7 April 1981 in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, aged 73 years.

Cremated remains placed in Columbarium at Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia



ERNEST MOORE

ERNEST (MICKY) MOORE was born in Vienna, Illinois, 23 December 1907, the younger son of Ernest and Arista Frizzell Moore. He attended grammar school through the 4th grade in Vienna. From the 5th grade through high school, he attended public schools in Caruthersville, Missouri, graduating as salutatorian in 1925. After attending the University of Missouri for two years as a pre-medical student, he entered West Point, graduating from the Academy in 1931.

At West Point Mickey was very active serving on the Honor Committee, as a member of the West Point Choir and as captain of track. He set track records during his career at West Point.

After graduation, he went directly to flying school in San Antonio receiving his wings in October 1932. His first duty assignment was with the 77th Pursuit Squadron, 20th Pursuit Group at Barksdale Field, Shreveport, Louisiana. While here he flew the air mail in the spring of 1934—more important, he married his one and only wife in the same year.

Four years after assignment to Barksdale he was selected to take graduate work at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. In 1937 he finished this graduate work and went to Langley Field, Virginia, serving there in various capacities until July of 1939. He was then reassigned to Hickam Field, Hawaii, as Commander of Headquarters Squadron.

He was active in the organization of an air route from Hawaii to the Philippines and in September of 1941, then Major Moore, participated in the trail blazing flight of 9 B-17's to Manila via Midway Island, Wake Island, Port Moresby, New Guinea and Darwin, Australia. For this he received his first Distinguished Flying Cross. He returned to Hawaii in late September. He and his family were living at Hickam (just next door to Pearl Harbor) on 7 December 1941.

During World War II, he served in the Central Pacific except for a brief trip to England and France to become "acquainted" with the famous P-51 "Mustang" Fighter. His forces supported the Marines and the Army in the Mariannas and Iwo Jima and conducted sweeps from the Gilberts. He received his first star in August 1944 as Commanding General, 7th Fighter Command. Based on his personal experience and experiments, General Moore adapted his P-51's and P-47N's not only to make long range escort missions but also to carry rockets and make long distance low level fighter sweeps. Under his command this organization conducted the longest single engine fighter missions in World War II—making fighter strikes against Japan and escorting United States B-29's on their raids to Japan.

Returning from Iwo Jima, General Moore served as Deputy Commander, 4th Air Force, headquartered in San Francisco during the period when the Air Force was reorganized into Strategic, Tactical, Materiel, Air Defense, and Transport Commands. In August 1946 he was selected as a member of the first class of the newly created National War College.

Graduating from the National War College in June of 1947, General Moore served on the Military Staff Committee of the United Nations in New York City for one year then assumed the duties of Deputy Director of Air Force Intelligence at the Pentagon. Three years later he was assigned as Commanding General, Philippines Command and the 13th Air Force. Here he was given a second start in August 1952.

From the Philippines, General Moore proceeded to Japan where he served as Deputy Chief of Staff Operations of the United Nations Command during the Korean War. In 1954, he returned to the United States as Vice Commander, Military Air Transport Service. His next assignment was to England in 1957 as Commander, Third Air Force and Chief of the Military Assistance Advisory Group, United Kingdom.

In 1961 General Moore was reassigned as Vice Commander, Air Defense Command at Colorado Springs, Colorado. He retired in November 1961.

On 4 April 1934, he married Maxine Mixon; they have two children, Loe and Mary.

He holds three Distinguished Service Medals, was awarded the Legion of Merit three times, the Distinguished Flying Cross twice, the Air Medal once and the Bronze Star once. He also holds several foreign decorations.

After retirement, General Moore served as assistant to the Chairman of the Board of a subsidiary of Martin Marietta, then as Assistant Director of the Hoover Institution, Stanford University in California. From Stanford, he went to Clarkson College in Potsdam, New York, serving there as Vice President of Student Affairs.

He retired from Clarkson College in late



1971 and moved to Pine Bluff, Arkansas, in July 1972 where he was in residence until his death. He is survived by his wife, Maxine Moore, and his two daughters, Loe R. Moore and Mary M. Moore.

Throughout his military career and his civilian and civic activities, General Moore was admired, respected and loved by his superiors, contemporaries and subordinates.

Thomas Washington Woodyard

NO. 10299 CLASS OF 1935

Died 13 May 1982 in St. Petersburg,
Florida, aged 70 years.

Interment: Frankfort, Kentucky



THOMAS WASHINGTON WOODYARD

"ENCOURAGE US TO live above the common level of life"—words from our Cadet Prayer are the best description of his life, because he lived well above it. He was a great man characterized by bravery, wisdom, honesty, strength and love. He was a man uninfluenced by the frills of our society, but family, and duty were the keystones around which his world revolved. His character was developed through the years and West Point had much to do with it. He fully justified his training and education at West Point through ground combat service in two wars. He was a great man and a great soldier who held malice toward none.

Thomas W. Woodyard was born in Frankfort, Kentucky, 11 July 1911, the son of Colonel (Retired) Thomas W. Woodyard Sr., and Martha Hampson Woodyard. He had two brothers, George and Frank, killed in World War II, and three sisters, Isobel, Martha and Virginia. He spent his entire youth in Frankfort. He attended Frankfort High School from which he graduated in 1928. He worked on a farm in the summer-time and as a soda jerk during the school year. While in high school he participated in tennis and basketball. It was here that he acquired the nickname "Toad" from the way he hopped around on the tennis and basketball courts. This nickname followed him the rest of his life. After high school he attended Kavanaugh Preparatory School in Lawrenceburg and Transylvania University in Lexington, Kentucky, from which he en-

tered West Point in 1931. Toad came to West Point with his eyes wide open determined not only to do well, but to have a good time, both of which he accomplished. As a Second Classman he won the intramural tennis singles championship and was the captain, leader and playmaker of "D" Company's basketball team, made up of Toad, Charlie Hog, Dutch Koehler, Deke Moore and Bud Russ.

His years at West Point are best described by his roommate for four years and a fellow Kentuckian, Ben Hawes in the HOWITZER. "In the Toad we had the happiest combination known to the Corps—the glittering sleeve of a file-boner and the heart of a buck. He once awoke the entire Central Barracks by singing "Old King Cole" after taps; he once took a dignified Cadet Captain wading in the Columbus Country Club swimming pool in full white uniform; he once sailed his cadet cap out an 8th story window of the Astor Hotel while on an educational trip. And he B-ached in a manner unbecoming to a Cadet Lieutenant, but much becoming a man. He also departed from the standards of his gold bedecked comrades by failing to turn in unnecessary 'quill.' In other words he is a man of unusual ability and ranked high through merit alone."

Toad graduated in 1935 ranking 116 out of a class of 277 and selected the Infantry as his branch. He married his high school sweetheart, Katherine (Kitty) Furr, in December 1935, and they sailed immediately for the Philippine Islands where he was assigned company duties with the 31st Infantry. He remained with the 31st for 3 years. From the Philippines Toad attended the Regular Course at the Infantry School.

From Benning, Toad returned to his beloved Kentucky—this time to the 11th Infantry at Fort Thomas. In May 1941 he was off to the 4th Infantry in Alaska. Kitty could not accompany him because she was expecting her first child, and then came the war which caused their separation until he was reassigned to the United States in 1943. While in Alaska he commanded "C" and "H" Companies of the 4th Infantry and was the Regimental S3 during the Aleutian Campaign. While commanding Company "C," his Battalion Commander, Lieutenant Colonel Charles Chamberlain said, "Toad is the finest company commander I have known in 25 years of Infantry command duty." Before 7 December 1941, you could find Toad fishing the streams and lakes of Alaska during his off-duty hours. He was an expert fisherman before this, but perfected his techniques of fly fishing and became a real pro. As Regimental S3, in the wind, rain and snow swept Aleutians, his plans were clear and meticulous and always were accepted as presented to the Regimental Commander. During this time his first daughter, Mary, was born. From Alaska he attended the 19th General Staff Course at Leavenworth, but stateside duty was not for Toad; he did what he had been taught at West Point, "To follow the sounds of the cannons," and off he went to the war in Europe with the 84th (Rail Splitters) Division, and another long separation from his family. The Division first struck the Germans in the Siegfried Line in November 1944, where in two months of savage fighting took 112 German pillboxes and bunkers and helped to crush Von Rundstedt's counter offensive in the Ardennes. Toad was in the middle of it all commanding an Infantry battalion in the 333d Infantry.

Next, the Division was assigned to the British Second Army and was given the objective of taking Geilenkirchen, a mining and transportation center. In this action, Toad displayed skill, courage and aggressiveness in leading his battalion in the successful accomplishment of its mission. Seriously wounded by an enemy grenade in the arm and chest, Toad refused evacuation until all casualties had been treated and his junior officers thoroughly informed of the tactical situation. For this action Toad was awarded the Silver Star, the Bronze Star with Cluster and the Purple Heart. After hospitalization Toad returned to the Division as Executive Officer of the 334th Infantry Regiment and held that assignment until the end of the war. The British and French recognized Toad's combat service by awarding him the British Distinguished Service Order and the French Medaille De Reconnaissance. During his absence in Europe his second daughter, Glenn, was born in Frankfort, Kentucky.

After the war, Toad was ordered to the G1 Section of Headquarters Army Ground Forces in Washington. During this time, we had the good fortune of having Toad live with us for several months.

Toad's next assignment was back to Kentucky where he was Professor of Military Science and Tactics at Kentucky Military Institute and lived in his hometown. This was a happy time because Toad's and Kitty's families both still lived there, and for the next few years the clan was happily united. Toad felt that he could never have a better assignment than this in the future. During this time their third daughter, Elizabeth, was born.

In January 1951 Toad was elected to attend the Armed Forces Staff College. Again he heard the guns of war, and upon graduation in July 1951, he volunteered for Korea where he was assigned as Regimental Executive Officer and later became Commanding Officer of the 35th Infantry Regiment, 25th Division. He again saw bitter fighting and acquitted himself brilliantly and was awarded the Legion of Merit and the 2d Star of the Combat Infantry Badge, (he is one of four in our class to receive the 2d Combat Infantry award). Next, was a happy time in Japan. Home with his family again in a nice set of quarters in Grant Heights, these were to be two great years. He was assigned as Senior Army Advisor and Chief of Staff of Headquarters, Safety Advisory Group in Japan and was responsible for the Infantry training of the Japanese Safety Forces. He was eminently qualified for this assignment and was highly respected by the Japanese for his forthrightness and moral courage. He gave the Japanese straight and honest answers to their questions and never failed to let them know when they were wrong, nor praise them when they were right. In 1954, Toad and family returned to Washington as a student at the National War College.

Next, Toad was assigned as Chief of the Reserve Components, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations, in the Pentagon, where his ability was an important factor in the development of sound plans, policies and objectives for the organization and training of the Reserve Components. Later as a member of the Joint Strategic Plans Group, Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, he contributed materially to the accomplishments of the group's varied and complex tasks.

In 1958 Toad went to Hawaii and entered,

for the first time, the intelligence field. He loved this work and stayed with it for the next six years, three in Hawaii and three back in Japan. There were six happy and uninterrupted years with his family. While in Japan he commanded the 500th Intelligence Corps Group and was responsible for improving the overall operation effectiveness of that organization.

Toad's military career ended in 1965 at Headquarters Third United States Army at Fort McPherson, Georgia, as Special Assistant for Reserve Forces. For this duty he was awarded the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Legion of Merit.

The Woodyards retired in St. Petersburg, Florida, where Toad's energies were directed toward teaching and real estate. The head of the Social Studies Department at Brewster High School commended Toad for his superior teachings in mathematics and American democracy, noting that Toad was a man of impeccable character with broad background, experience and knowledge. Fishing was still his favorite hobby, and in his beautiful boat he fished the lakes and rivers of Florida at every opportunity. His last two years were spent at his dream home in Hormosassa, Florida, where his boat was docked right off his back porch. In his last years Toad was in poor health and spent much time in and out of hospitals. In September 1981 his problem was diagnosed as cancer of the throat to which he succumbed on 13 May 1982 in St. Anthony's Hospital, St. Petersburg. He is survived by his beloved wife, Kitty, his three daughters, four grandchildren and two sisters.

Toad Woodyard had two loves, his family and the Army. He was a wonderful husband and father. He was a complete, pragmatic and dedicated soldier who served as an Infantry commander in two wars through 9 campaigns. He never once shirked his duties and was always there when needed. Toad's many friends and loved ones will miss this modest, but tough-minded Kentuckian with the soft drawl and subtle sense of humor and life-long dedication to his family, duty, honor and country. His unquestioned integrity and compromising sense of justice assures that his memory will be respected by all who knew him. He was a true and dedicated Christian man and soldier.

—Bud Russ

Edward Alexander Grove

NO. 10548 CLASS OF 1936

Died 26 November 1981 in Atherton, California, aged 68 years.

Interment: Skylawn Memorial Park, San Mateo, California

EDWARD ALEXANDER GROVE was born in Glenwood, Minnesota, 14 December 1912. His grandfather, Olaus Olson, was a trapper-farmer and the first permanent settler in Pope County, Minnesota; his father, Julius O. Grove, was a prominent lawyer who served two terms in the Minnesota State Legislature; his mother, Jennie D. Grove, raised five children of her own as well as several other children.

Edward graduated salutatorian from Glenwood High School and earned at least two varsity letters each in football, basketball and baseball. In addition, he was active in the high school band, orchestra, dramatics, ora-



EDWARD ALEXANDER GROVE

tory, and the glee club—including performing as a tenor soloist. After attending St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota, for two years, he received an appointment to West Point.

Known as "Whitey" to his classmates (because of his very blonde hair), he did well in his studies and excelled in athletics particularly football (halfback) and track (broad jump). His most memorable football achievement came in the Army-Navy game of 1935. It was his last game, and as Frank Graham (the noted sportscaster) said in an article later about him, "it is here that 'fame caught up with Whitey Grove.'" Not only did Whitey catch Navy off guard with an 80 yard touchdown run in the opening minutes of the game, but he also caught a pass shortly thereafter for a second touchdown and kicked all four extra points after Army touchdowns. Thus, he scored sixteen points in Army's 28-6 victory over Navy.

After graduating from the Academy in 1936, he was stationed for three years at Fort Lewis, Washington, as a battery officer with the 9th Field Artillery.

In June of 1937, he married the former Alice Elnora Ness from Anaconda, Montana, whom he had met at St. Olaf. He also took time in the fall of 1938 to coach football for three months at West Point. Whitey then served during 1939-41 as commanding officer of the Headquarters Battery of the 1st Battalion, 11th Field Artillery in Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. From 1941 to 1944, he was commanding officer of the 1st Battalion, 79th Field Artillery in Fort Bragg, North Carolina; attended the Field Artillery School at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; was executive officer of the 302d Field Artillery Battalion, 76th Infantry Division, Fort Meade, Maryland; and was commanding officer of the 331st Field Artillery Battalion of the 86th (Blackhawk) Division at Camp Howze, Texas. In 1944-45 he served as commanding officer of the 404th Field Artillery Battalion in the same division as it moved through Camp Livingston, Louisiana; San Luis Obispo and Camp Cooke, California; and finally to Germany.

While in Germany, the 404th was in battle for over 40 consecutive days and progressed through Wurzburg, Ingolstadt, Wasserburg, and Berchtesgaden. His battalion was near Salzburg, Austria, on the German border when the war ended. After this battle Lieutenant Colonel Grove received the Bronze

Star Medal for the outstanding manner in which he "accurately directed the fire of his artillery and expertly moved his guns."

Whitey then moved with the 404th to Luzon in the Philippine Islands for two years where he was a deputy inspector of the War Crimes Commission. Later, in 1947, he was assigned briefly to the 1273d Army Service Unit as an instructor to the New Jersey National Guard in Trenton, New Jersey. From 1948-50, he did graduate work at Johns Hopkins University in guided missile systems. After this, he attended the Command and General Staff College in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Then, during 1951-55, he was assigned to the Army Field Forces Board Number 1 in Fort Bragg, North Carolina, where he was promoted to colonel and worked in the G4 area. While at Fort Bragg, Whitey was very active in the Boy Scout program there and was instrumental in his eldest two sons attaining the rank of Eagle Scout. During 1955-56, he was a student at the Armed Forces Staff College in Norfolk, Virginia, and from 1956-58 was assigned first to Headquarters USARPAC (G4) at Fort Shafter and then to the 25th Division (G4) at Schofield Barracks in Hawaii. From 1958-60, he was the Director of Non-Resident Instruction of the Air Defense School in Fort Bliss, Texas.

His final assignment was with the Korean Advisory Group, Eighth United States Army Logistical Support Command in Seoul and Taegu, South Korea. After returning to the United States in 1962, he was retired for physical disability on 29 March 1963. He settled in Atherton, California after 27 years of service.

While in Atherton, he was able to spend eighteen years with most of his beloved family before he passed away. Though suffering from a heart ailment, he was still spry enough to engage in a variety of activities. He joined his children on hikes to Cathedral Lakes near Tuolumme Meadows in the Sierras; he panned gold on the American River; he hunted ducks with one of his brothers on the family homestead near Glenwood, Minnesota; he helped his youngest son decorate his showcase Victorian home in San Jose, California; he skied (and even inner tubed) down the snowy slopes of the Sierras; and he trout fished with his expert fisherman second son in the icy streams and clear lakes near Anaconda, Montana, while visiting his wife's relatives there.

He is survived by his wife, three sons and their wives, and five grandchildren. His wife, Alice, continues to reside in Atherton.

His eldest son, Edward, is the Deputy Director of the Office of Budget for the Department of State in Washington, D.C.; his second son, Grayson, is a senior engineer with the State of California Public Utilities Commission who lives in Walnut Creek, California; his youngest son, James, is a very creative interior designer with a thriving business in San Jose, California.

Whitey Grove gave his family strong val-



ues—absolute integrity, abiding love, a passion for the outdoors, a keen interest in athletics, and a natural openness with family and friends. We miss him deeply, but his presence as a husband and father has enriched us all.

Samuel Knox Eaton

NO. 11114 CLASS OF 1938

Died 29 July 1982 in Ojai, California, aged 67 years.

Cremated ashes scattered on home property in Ojai, California



SAMUEL KNOX EATON

SAMUEL KNOX EATON was born in New Bern, North Carolina, 6 August 1914, the son of Samuel H. and Mary Emma (Street) Eaton. Before entering West Point he attended Davidson College in Lexington, North Carolina, for three years. He graduated number 81 in the Class of 1938 which totaled 301, and he was commissioned in the Field Artillery.

Sam was stationed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, 1938-1941. He graduated from the Command and General Staff School in 1942. He went to Europe in 1944 as S3 of the XIII Corps Artillery; for this service he was awarded the Bronze Star.

Sam was married in 1939 to Patricia Wash, daughter of the late Brigadier General Carlyle H. Wash, Class of 1913, and Constance Rogers Wash. Sam and Patsy had two children: Constance, who was born in China in 1946 where Sam was then serving with the Marshall Mission, and Samuel Knox Jr., who was born in Japan in 1948 where Sam was then stationed with the Eighth Army Headquarters in Yokohama.

After Japan, Sam attended the Armed Forces Staff College in Norfolk, Virginia in 1948-1949. Thereafter he spent three years in Army G3 in the Pentagon. From 1952 to 1955 he served as Secretary of the General Staff at Supreme Headquarters, Allied Powers, Europe, near Paris, France, under General Ridgeway and General Gruenther.

From 1955 to 1957 he commanded the 40th Field Artillery Group at Fort Carson, Colorado. Then he attended the National War College from 1957 to 1958. From 1958 to 1964 he served in the Pentagon, primarily involved in North Atlantic Treaty Organization affairs, in the position of Director of the

European Region of the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense, International Security Affairs; in this position he received his promotion to brigadier general and was awarded the Legion of Merit.

In 1964-65 he was assigned to Korea as assistant division commander of the 1st Cavalry Division. Thereafter he had a short tour as Commander, 35th Artillery Brigade, United States Army Air Defense Command, at Fort Meade, Maryland. From there he was assigned as the Chief of the Joint United States Military Aid Group in Greece, and was promoted to major general. For this service, 1966-69, he was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal.

He retired in 1969 with disability, and Patsy settled in Ojai where Sam had bought an orange grove adjacent to the property owned by Patsy's family. He and Patsy extensively remodelled her grandparents' old vacation home and settled down to enjoy the quietude of orange and avocado ranching and a pleasant social life. Sam also served as president of the local water company and Patsy, ad president of Ojai Festivals.

In May 1982, Sam became ill during a vacation in Portugal. An early return to Ojai and a major operation disclosed cancer of which he could not be cured and from which he died quietly in his sleep two months later.

He is survived by Patsy, his wife for 43 years, their daughter, Constance Eaton Hart and granddaughter, Halliday Eaton Hart, of Marlborough, New Hampshire, and Samuel Knox Jr., now an attorney in Santa Barbara, California.

—Henry C. Huglin

Edwin Harry Bailey

NO. 14933 CLASS OF 1945

Died 10 September 1982 in Newton, Iowa, aged 60 years.

Interment: Newton, Iowa



EDWIN HARRY BAILEY

EDWIN H. BAILEY graduated with the Class of 1945 at West Point on 5 June 1945. He died at Newton, Iowa, on 10 September 1982.

When he graduated from the Academy, he was described as a true midwesterner, and so he remained to the day he died.

Ed had grown up in Newton and attended Grinnell College and the Wharton School of Finance, University of Pennsylvania, before he entered the Academy. At the Point he succeeded well in academics and continued to develop the personal and social graces that were esteemed by all who knew him.

After four years in the Air Force as a pilot, and service at Fursten Feld bruer in Germany, and later at Wright-Patterson Field in Ohio, he returned to Newton and undertook a variety of business ventures in which he was uniformly successful.

He was a good athlete and excelled in golf. He was an accomplished bridge player and an avid outdoorsman, but his splendid forte was in making good friends who valued his friendship and his fidelity.

Ed's life was marred by tragedy, having lost his father at an untimely age, a younger brother and the love of his life, his wife, Glenna, only a year before his unexpected death.

Survivors are his mother, Mrs. Ray O. (Inez) Bailey of Newton; his stepson, Robert Maytag of Newton; a nephew; a niece; and three grandnieces.

His graceful residence south of Newton, near Monroe, was classic Bailey, overlooking Iowa's verdant fields of corn, where he was engaged in farm management and his own affairs.

The Academy has lost a fond son, the country a patriot and his friends and roommates a person impossible to replace in this life. He deserves no less than a beneficent heaven.

—Tom Schwinn
Al Bailey
Jack Nelson

Robert Frederick Curry Winger

NO. 18586 CLASS OF 1952

Died 2 August 1982 at the Northern Virginia Hospice, Arlington, Virginia, aged 52 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

ROBERT F.C. WINGER was born in Kansas City, Missouri, on 17 February 1930, the son of George J. and Mary (Lehman) Winger. He spent his formative years there, and attended William Jewell College preparatory to his appointment to the Military Academy in 1948. A member of Phi Gamma Delta, Bob was also active in the Spanish Club, an interest which had a substantial impact on his military career.

The HOWITZER also mentions Bob's "spirit of friendship." This spirit shone from him throughout his life. He was friend and mentor to many fellow officers throughout his career. It informed his leadership, which was always courteous and fair. It showed in his people, who always worked a little harder for Bob. His "common sense and quick wit" never left him, even when he faced his inevitable death. He left us with his faith in his fellow men, and his God.

After graduation Bob was assigned to Air Force pilot training. His initial assignment upon completion was with the 8th Fighter Wing (F-86F) in Suwon, Korea. After his return, Bob did a tour with Continental Air



ROBERT FREDERICK CURRY WINGER

Command; then he earned a master of arts in Spanish from Middlebury College, Vermont, with further studies at the University of Madrid preparatory to becoming one of the original faculty members of the fledgling United States Air Force Academy in Colorado in 1958.

Other associations with Spain were assignments with the Military Assistance and Advisory Group and advisor to the 1st Fighter Wing, Spanish Air Force from 1961 to 1964, then returning as Director of the Joint Air Control and Coordination Center; then Base Commander, at Torrejon Air Base from 1971 to 1973.

In 1966 Bob, then a major, flew 260 missions in the A-1E "Spad" with the 1st Commando Squadron in Pleiku, Vietnam, followed by an assignment with the Directorate of Doctrine, Concepts, and Objectives in the Pentagon, where he assisted in the concept and development of the A-10 close support fighter. He later served with distinction as the Commander of the 52d Tactical Fighter Wing (F4-D), Spandahlem Air Base, Germany, where he received his promotion to brigadier general in 1975.

Bob attended both the Air Command and Staff College and the National War College; in 1975 he served as Commandant, Air Command and Staff College. At his retirement in 1977, he was serving on the staff of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. His military decorations and awards include the Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star Medal, Air Medal with 12 oak leaf clusters, Joint Services Commendation Medal, Presidential Unit Citation Emblem and the Combat Readiness Medal. He was a Command Pilot with over 4,000 hours fighter time.

After his retirement Bob joined Quest Research Corporation of McLean, Virginia, where he became project manager for research contracts with the armed services. He was with Quest when he was stricken with cancer in March of this year. Among his survivors are his wife, Marian, son Donald, and daughters, Mrs. Carrie Winger Tyer and Pamela, Elizabeth, and Alisa Winger at the home in Springfield, Virginia; brothers, George and Joseph of Kansas City, and sister, Mary Winger Swift.

— Be Thou At Peace —



Robert McCrindle

NO. 18615 CLASS OF 1952

Died 18 March 1964 in Chicago, Illinois, aged 33 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York



ROBERT MCCRINDLE

WE, ESPECIALLY WE, have all experienced a loss that should not be—that of a rare human being of exceptional character and value with so much left to offer and to accomplish, who leaves us much too soon. Well, at least this one had time to develop and represent his talents, to gain the deep affection of his contemporaries, to love and marry a kindred spirit that further expanded his riches of soul, and to leave the rest of us something of himself through his children.

On that first, never-to-be-forgotten and seemingly endless, day as new cadets at the Academy, when each was a stranger to the other, a quick look into his eyes as he passed through a corridor down below the street level had the unnerving effect of making time stand still for a split second. For he had eyes which could be read, and they revealed a great deal about that young man—sensitivity, character, humor, honesty, fairness, loyalty, courage, a little wonder, and a lot of innocence. A fleeting thought on that hectic day was whether such innocence could survive the rigors ahead.

But, of course, Bob did, and he proved himself to be a thoroughbred. His quiet, but strong, presence in a room could be compared to the eye of a hurricane... his roommates being the swirling parts. Even in those times of pressure and panic, his room always had a feeling of warmth. On graduation day he was a cadet platoon leader, and every cadet who knew him, liked and prized him.

Robert McCrindle, Rob (as he was known to his family) was born of Scotch parents in Chicago on 17 September 1930. Growing up in a small row house in Harvey, one of those numerous suburbs along the railway line south of Chicago, he gained early recognition in the local high school as president of the school chapter of the National Honor Society, Boys Club treasurer, and a constant member of the Student Council—just another example of a great treasure blooming in another unexpected place.

Commissioned in the Corps of Engineers, and after completing the basic Engineer's Officers Course at Fort Belvoir, his first assignment was as a second lieutenant company commander at Fort Leonard Wood. In 1953-1954 he was assigned to command positions with the 378th Engineer Combat Battalion during the Korean War, and at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, with the 11th Airborne Division during 1955-1956. In those troop command assignments Bob was a pragmatic professional. By being fair, honest, understanding, interesting and a "get the job done" type person, he enjoyed intense loyalty from all under his command.

While stationed at Fort Campbell, Bob returned to Harvey on leave where on 20 November 1954 he married his hometown girlfriend, Patricia Ann Kerkhoven. He then took his master's degree studies in Civil Engineering at Iowa State University. There in Ames he had a happy year living in a comfortable home on a peaceful tree-lined street with his superb wife and their first two young children. On warm Sundays the family would stroll up the street and sit on a shaded lawn in the park while a band would play popular music from their round and covered bandstand. On weekdays, with his normal drive and enthusiasm Bob would head toward the University engineering laboratory where he transformed his normally dry tests on a new type of miracle asphalt into a thing earthshaking, full of wonder and joy. No one else could do that.

After Ames, Bob completed the Advance Engineer Officers Course at Fort Belvoir and then was assigned in 1958 to accomplish very expensive construction projects for the Alaska Engineering District. In 1961 he was retired as disabled. After a prolonged bout with rheumatoid arthritis, Robert died in Chicago on 18 March 1964. His wife reports that during those hard years of illness, although under considerable suffering, he remained an inspiration to his family, considerate to everyone, patient, kind, and retaining his velvet sense of humor.

Rob has left us with his beloved wife, Pat, and their four children, Susan, William, Michael and Beth. May the children carry on with his values as his wife certainly has. For the rest of us who knew him well, he'll always be there, just over our right shoulder... and he is smiling, and his eyes are mischievously innocent.



Robert Norman Martin

NO. 19458 CLASS OF 1953

Died 14 July 1981 in San Jose, California, aged 50 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

ROBERT NORMAN MARTIN was born 4 December 1930 at Fort Clayton, Canal Zone, Panama, where his father, Second Lieutenant Robert Reinhold Martin, Class of 24, Purdue University, was stationed. As an Army brat Bob moved often, sharing the early years with his sister, Mary Jane. A tour at Fort Benning, Georgia, was followed by Fort McKinley and Camp John Hay at Baguio, Philippine Islands, where his mother, Mary Belle McCallum Martin, was teacher as well. In 1937, then Captain R.R. Martin moved the family to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, where Bob met Eleanor Broderick. In 1940, the family moved to San Juan, Puerto Rico,



ROBERT NORMAN MARTIN

where Bob acquired a working knowledge of Spanish. The onset of World War II required Bob's father to attend a series of service schools, following which the family moved to their grandmother Mary McCallum's farm at Kosmosdale, Kentucky. Bob attended a series of schools including Georgia Military Academy. In his first year of high school in Kosmosdale his popularity was rewarded when he was chosen "Mr. Freshman" for the yearbook. He became involved managing the basketball team, wrestling and swimming, with considerable success. He had little interest in academics.

In 1945, Bob's father was assigned as Professor of Military Science and Tactics at Creighton University, Omaha, Nebraska, where Bob graduated from Central High School in 1948. Bob took advantage of the situation, and studied at Creighton for a year before reporting to West Point in 1949. As a cadet, Bob was a happy red head eager to participate in extra-curricular activities, duty-conscious about studying but not eminently successful. He managed the wrestling team and grappled whenever he could. His father's death in Korea in July 1950 brought a sadness to Bob that he had rarely experienced, but he buckled down and overcame his grief. Second Class year Bob became a "joiner." He became an Army mule rider, was named to the General Committee, and was appointed corporal. His social prowess showed as a member of the Hop Committee, and he frequently entertained visitors to the Cadet Hostess' office with rousing camp songs learned from his parents. His flawless renditions of complex lyrics while he provided his own ukelele accompaniment won happy applause from his audiences.

First Class year Bob's natural leadership was again rewarded by his appointment as a lieutenant. He found time to manage the Company B-2 intramural sports program, providing his infectious enthusiasm to inspire company spirit. He was deeply involved in building esprit at West Point, and was frequently an organizer of rallies prior to Navy games. One of his most memorable moments was assisting in the retirement of the venerable "Mister Jackson." That year also rekindled Bob's friendship with Eleanor Merl Broderick, albeit by long distance.

At graduation Bob was commissioned in the "Queen of Battle," and wore his insignia proudly. While he worked his way

through the Infantry Officer Basic Course, Ranger and Airborne Schools, Ellie finished her studies at Northwestern University. Bob and Ellie were married in the First Presbyterian Church of Kirkwood, Missouri, on 27 March 1954, and soon set up housekeeping at Fort Carson, Colorado. During a long assignment to the 61st Infantry, daughter Jan was born in Colorado Springs, 27 April 1956, and was joined by baby sister Barbara, in Nurnberg, Germany, 25 October 1957. A brief stint at Fort Riley in 1958 was followed by attendances at the Infantry Officers Advance Course at Fort Benning. Daughter Mary was born there 22 November 1959.

The next three years Bob was Assistant Professor of Military Science and Tactics at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, New York, where he also earned a Master of Science degree in Engineering Management. Their son Robert was born at Troy 15 October 1961. In 1963 Bob was honored by being selected to command the 370 man Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 7th Infantry Division in Korea. Ellie and the children stayed in Kirkwood, Missouri that year. A short stay at the Combat Surveillance School at Fort Huachuca was followed by the thrill of assignment to West Point. As Executive Officer, 1st Battalion, 1st Infantry, and Cadet Activities Officer, Bob was able to share his love for the Military Academy with his family. Following completion of the Army Command and General Staff College, he attended Military Assistance Advisor Courses at Fort Bragg and Fort Bliss before reporting to Vietnam. As Assistant Mission Coordinator for the American Embassy, he prepared daily summaries for the ambassador and briefed visitors on the military-political relationships. He subsequently commanded a battalion of the 11th Infantry, 25th Division near Tay Ninh. For his service in Vietnam he was awarded the Joint Service Commendation Medal and Two Bronze Star Medals.

In December 1970 he joined the Combat Development Experimentation Center and served in successively more responsible positions providing instrumentation support for sophisticated field experiments at Hunter Liggett Military Reservation. Upon his retirement from the Army in 1973, he was awarded the Legion of Merit for superior performance and brilliant technical competence as a manager and writer. After he retired, Bob worked for the FMC Corporation training operating and maintenance crews for sophisticated weapons systems they manufactured. He subsequently became Logistics Section Head at Singer-Link flight simulation division.

But Bob's greater joy was in his service to God and fellow man. At the Episcopal Church in Almaden, California he organized a youth counselling service for the entire community. He sang in the choir, served on the vestry and established a tree planting program for the church. Every winter he accompanied the church teens to Sierra to help teach them to ski. He gave of himself in countless ways, singing with his ukelele at parties and helping his mother and family. He thrilled at the opportunity to help his son Robert plan and accomplish a coast-to-coast bicycle ride in 1980.

In his spirit of selflessness, he went to the aid of the cashier at his company's cafeteria and was killed by a hold up man. Bob was laid to rest at West Point on 28 July 1981.

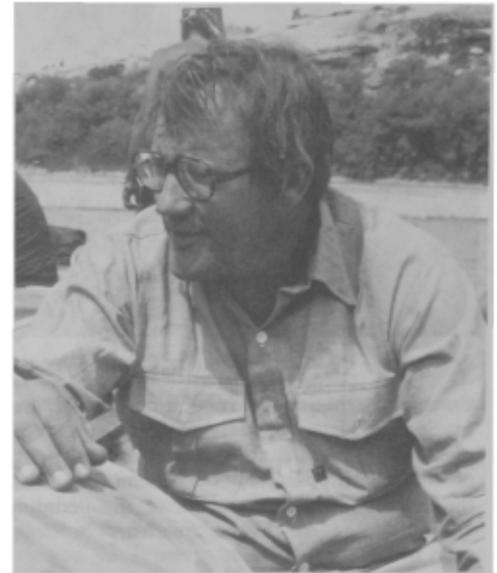


William Nafew Haskell

NO. 19909 CLASS OF 1954

Died 28 October 1980 in Garrison,
New York, aged 47 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York



WILLIAM NAFEW HASKELL

WILLIAM NAFEL HASKELL was born to Joseph Farrell Haskell and Julia Benjamin at the Station Hospital at Fort Riley, Kansas, on 15 November 1932.

Bill spent the first ten years of his life on Army posts. In 1942 he moved to Garrison, across the river from West Point and always "home base" for the family, where he stayed with his mother and sisters during the course of World War II. Then, leaving family and childhood behind, he went to Georgetown Preparatory School in Washington and St. George's School in Newport, Rhode Island.

His decision to go to West Point came naturally. His grandfather was graduated in the Class of 1901, his father in 1930, his uncle in 1925 and his cousin was attending in the Class of 1953. His mother's uncle graduated in the Class of 1900.

Bill entered West Point in the summer of 1950. When Beast Barracks ended he had the good fortune to enter Company K-2, an organization noted for its fun-loving lifestyle. Since academics gave him little trouble, Bill had time to hone his already considerable skills at chess and to indulge his taste for classical music. He also revealed the talents which would later bring success in a business career, running a lucrative after-taps investment service for his fellow cadets. This brought a brush or two with the Tactical Department but the adventure of it far outweighed a few hours on the "area." To the delight of his company-mates, Bill often played host in his family's homes in New York City and Garrison.

After graduation Bill attended the Basic Armor Officer Course, Airborne training and Ranger school, finally joining the 1st Battalion of the 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment garrisoned near the village of Bindlach, outside the old Bavarian city of Bayreuth. In the spring of 1956 he returned to New York to wed Irene (Sissy) Lamm and carried

her back to Bindlach and two years as a lieutenant's wife in a border regiment.

It was not an easy life, even by Army standards. Bill was gone much of the time either on border patrol, in live-fire training at Grafenwoehr or on maneuvers practicing the regiment's wartime mission. Housing was in short supply. Bill and Sissy lived their first year of marriage in the upper story of the battalion headquarters converted (barely) into family quarters. Even after their first son, Joe, was born in 1957 there was a few months' wait for a real apartment, so Sissy found herself several times a day invading the adjutant's office to get the baby's milk from the "official" refrigerator.

But there were joys as well. The regiment was a cohesive organization, proud of its history and its current mission, and the battalion was a close-knit family. Its members—particularly the junior officers and their wives—formed lifelong friendships through a multitude of good times and interesting experiences. In the winter-spring of 1958 they deployed *en masse* back to the regiment's original home at Fort Meade, Maryland. Life became easier and shared memories of field duty and Bindlach's cold hilltop lent a special strength to the bonds of camaraderie.

After a year at Fort Meade and a total of five years of active duty (two more than obligated at that time), Bill resigned his commission and moved to New York for a career on Wall Street.

With customary vigor and enthusiasm, Bill went to work as a registered representative for the brokerage firm of Glore Forgan & Company. In May of 1961 he became a member of the New York Stock Exchange and a general partner in the firm of A.G. Edwards & Sons. In October of 1964 he became one of the founding partners of Blumenthal, Haskell & Co. where he remained until he joined the St. Louis based firm of Newhard Cook & Co. and represented them on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, first as a general partner and, subsequent to their incorporation, as a vice president and director. Bill's background followed him to the Stock Exchange where, within the brotherhood of floor brokers, he was affectionately known as "The General."

During these years Bill and his growing family lived again in Garrison. They bought a large house with a handsome view of the Hudson and West Point. Bill and Sis lost no time in making full use of the space. Their second son, Tony, had been born while they were at Fort Meade, and Helen came soon after they entered civilian life. She was followed in close succession by Ward and Gordon. Football weekends saw old classmates and new friends adding to the ever present exuberance of the household.

It is that quality of exuberance, combined with an unquestioning loyalty to his family and friends, that most characterized Bill. Whether working or cheering on the Black, Gold and Gray, canoeing, camping or pursuing a deepening understanding of his Maker, Bill's spontaneity and warmth created reciprocity of love and friendship that surpasses his death.

Bill died in an automobile accident near Garrison on October 28, 1980 and was buried at West Point. An old family friend, Father Hart, said at his funeral that Bill's life was guided by three great loves—of country, of family, of God. It is in keeping to add a fourth—of life.

Carl Robert Arvin

NO. 25529 CLASS OF 1965

Died 8 October 1967 in Vietnam from gunshot wound received in hostile ground action, aged 24 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York



CARL ROBERT ARVIN

"He was one of the Nation's great young leaders... a fitting tribute to a great Country... We will miss his leadership and understanding, something of which this Country needs so terribly to survive."

Editorial, "The Press,"
Ypsilanti, MI

CARL ROBERT ARVIN was born in Ypsilanti, Michigan, on 19 January 1943, the son of Carl and Dorothy Arvin. Devoted to his parents and David, a younger brother, "Bob" spent a happy youth in Ypsilanti, nurtured in its wholesome environment by a very supportive family and by his Catholic faith. A mutual devotion and admiration developed between Bob and his hometown. It remained his home, proudly recording the achievements of his young life, and mourning his loss as a native son and future leader in his chosen profession.

At Ypsilanti High School, Bob demonstrated the intellect, athletic ability, and leadership qualities, which were the foundation of his subsequent achievements. He participated in numerous high school activities ranging from debating to quarterbacking the football team. An outstanding wrestler, he captured the 154 pound state title in his senior year and captained the wrestling team. Bob was a member of the National Honor Society, president of the student council his junior year, and class president his senior year. He capped his brilliant high school career as valedictorian of his graduating class. His athletic director remembers Bob as "one of the outstanding students and leaders to graduate from Ypsilanti High." Bob's high school achievements led to several college scholarships, including an appointment to West Point, the fulfillment of a boyhood ambition and his ultimate choice.

Bob entered West Point in July, 1961 as a member of the Class of 1965. He quickly

established himself as a class leader. At Camp Buckner, he was selected as the outstanding Third Classman. While maintaining high grades academically, he supported a number of extracurricular activities. He became one of the top intercollegiate wrestlers in the nationally competitive East Coast Intercollegiate Association and was named as captain of the Academy's 1964-65 season.

His First Class year culminated one of the most outstanding cadet careers in West Point's proud tradition. Bob's number one standing in military efficiency and leadership was recognized by his appointment as First Captain and Brigade Commander. His athletic achievements continued as he led the Army wrestling team to its best year ever, including a tie with favored Navy. Despite the demands of his First Captaincy and intercollegiate athletic competition, Bob continued his extracurricular activities and represented West Point at numerous conferences and functions across the country. He edited the "HOWITZER," was a Rhodes Scholarship finalist, and was among a group of college students selected to discuss public affairs with President Lyndon Johnson at the White House. While achieving these many honors, Bob considered his service in the Cadet Catholic Chapel as an acolyte and member of the Chapel Choir as among the highlights of his cadet years.

Graduation in June 1965 was certainly a time of sweeping emotion for Bob. It culminated one period of high personal achievement and initiated a promising career as a second lieutenant in the Infantry.

Following graduation, he returned to Ypsilanti, renewing friendships, particularly that of his high school girl friend, Merry Lynn Montonye. A proud Ypsilanti citizenry turned out for its traditional 4th of July parade to celebrate and to honor Bob who served as parade marshal.

In August 1965 Bob reported to Fort Benning, Georgia, for Airborne and Ranger training. He intended to prepare himself as well as possible for his assignment to the 82d Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. His selection of the 82d Airborne Division as his first assignment was indicative of his desire to serve "up front." He also felt the Division's readiness and rapid deployment mission would best meet this need.

In the brief span of 23 months' service in the Division, Bob demonstrated outstanding professional competence and leadership. After a brief stint as a platoon leader and executive officer, he became the youngest company commander in the Division. His lack of experience proved no handicap, however, as Bob earned the admiration of his soldiers and fellow officers through competence, integrity, diligence, and concern for his soldiers' welfare. During this tour of duty, Bob managed a brief but pleasant interlude in his duties. He returned home to Ypsilanti in July, 1966, and married Merry Lynn Montonye in St. John's Church. He was selected as aide-de-camp to the Assistant Division Commander. Though brief, Bob's tour in the Division was one of accomplishment and earmarked him as a leader of great promise.

Bob received orders for Vietnam in early 1967, assigning him as an advisor in the Military Assistance Command Vietnam (MACV). He reported to his advisory detachment, the 7th Vietnamese Airborne Battalion, in May 1967. The pace and intensity of the war were quickening, thrusting Bob's

unit into combat early in his tour. For combat actions on 5 September 1967 he was awarded the Silver Star and Purple Heart. Following a brief hospitalization, Bob returned to his battalion, which was preparing for combat operations to clear enemy forces from an area threatening a vital air base at Hue-Phu Bai, located in the northernmost province of the Republic of Vietnam. As dusk approached on 8 October 1967, Bob's unit was completing a sweep of a suspected enemy base when an entrenched enemy regiment was engaged. The intensity of the enemy's fire pinned down Bob's unit in an exposed, untenable position. Realizing that a portion of his battalion must maneuver to dislodge the threatening elements of the enemy force, Bob joined the maneuver force to assist and coordinate supporting fires. He repeatedly exposed himself to enemy fire as he moved about directing supporting fires. In moving forward with his Vietnamese counterpart, Bob was mortally wounded by small arms fire and died on the field of battle. His heroic actions in the battle assisted his battalion in defeating a superior enemy force and were recognized by an award of a second Silver Star.

Bob's body was returned to Ypsilanti to lie in state in St. John's Church, the first layman to do so in that church. Two days later, a Catholic funeral mass, in which a Protestant minister assisted, was conducted in the same church. Bob's death had once again united his loved ones and hometown in heart and prayer.

Bob was buried at West Point on 17 October 1967 with military honors. Those in attendance were representative of his life as an accomplished youth, devoted son and husband, outstanding cadet, and young Army Officer with great leadership promise. Mourners included his wife, parents, other relatives, several classmates, members of the cadet wrestling team, his former Assistant Division Commander in the 82d Airborne Division and the Superintendent of the Academy during a portion of Arvin's cadet career. Services were conducted by the Rector of the Cadet Catholic Chapel. In a subsequent letter to Arvin's parents, General William C. Westmoreland, Commander of United States military forces in the Republic of Vietnam, wrote, "He was one of the most outstanding young men I have had the privilege of knowing. The Army has lost one of its future leaders."

Bob provided each and everyone of us a personal example by which to lead our lives. We carry the burden of his loss and shall strive to follow that example.

—John Johnson
Chuck Moseley
Classmates

Fred Blair Giacometti

NO. 32193 CLASS OF 1974

Died 17 August 1981 in Phoenix,
Arizona, aged 28 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

FRIDAY, 21 AUGUST 1981 was a wonderful, sunny day at West Point. Yet, for me it was my saddest day as I buried my Blair there. As many before him, a member of the Long Gray Line had come to rest.

To write an article in memory of Blair



FRED BLAIR GIACOMETTI

may well be the most difficult literary effort I shall ever attempt and yet I consider it a great privilege. I can no longer run to him as I did so many times before to seek his advice and encouragement, especially when I endeavored to write. He would not want his life or accomplishments to be glorified, so I shall be brief.

Fred Blair Giacometti was born 9 December 1952 in Oakland, California, the youngest of 3 sons. Here he grew up and was educated. Blair was actively involved in many school activities, being president of both his elementary and junior high school classes. His interests also included gymnastics and photography for which he won recognition. He participated in these activities through high school where he graduated with honors.

Blair was also nominated to the Air Force and Naval Academies, but he decided to accept his appointment to West Point. Here he entered in 1970 taking with him his sharp wit, charm and talent to make friends easily.

During his four years at West Point, Blair, now better known as "Giac," was active with the gymnastics team, as a Slum and Gravy photographer and in keeping up with his fluent Spanish.

Ralph Graves, close friend and classmate writes: "Fred found order at West Point contrasted with the uncontrolled ferment of Berkeley and Oakland in the late '60's. While he maintained an independent mind, he appreciated the reliability and structure of the Academy education and military training perhaps more than those cadets from conservative parts of the country. Fred addressed the ideals of military service on his own terms, but by graduation he was enthusiastic about the prospects of a career as an Army officer.

"One of the biggest problems for a cadet was deciding how much Military Academy and Army to absorb and how much individuality to exercise. While some people struggled endlessly with the question, Fred seemed to strike just the right balance."

After graduation in 1974 Giac, commissioned in the Signal Corps, completed the Officers Basic Course at Fort Gordon, Georgia. In March 1975, after being married only two weeks, Giac headed for Korea and the 307th Signal Battalion. Here he held several jobs, among them platoon leader, and battalion motor officer.

The next three years found Giac a communications officer for an Armor battalion; during this time he also completed his master's degree in Business Administration. During this tour his first daughter, Nicole Marina, was born on 24 February 1977.

June 1979 found us at Fort Gordon for the Signal Advance Course. Giac however tested out of it, with the highest score on record. Since there was to be no Advance Course, he worked in the Signal Towers on special projects. The month of June also brought another daughter, Mia Rochelle, on 17 June 1979.

Six months later we were off again, this time to Fort Huachuca, Arizona, where for 15 months Giac was a team chief with the Quality Assurance Testing Division. It meant checking and maintaining overseas communications with temporary duty away for months at a time.

Being a company commander was finally realized in April 1981 when he assumed command of the 526th Signal Company. It was a job that was not to be held long for Giac's untimely death occurred 17 August 1981, a victim of a jeep accident.

During his short career Giac accumulated many letters of recommendation, also the Army Commendation Medal and the Meritorious Service Medal presented posthumously.

Giac was a sensitive, fun-loving individual who enjoyed the military way of life. In the military service some knew him as Blair, some as Fred, and still others as Giac, but many knew him. Whether he was going to school, cooking dinner, or working, he put everything he had into the task at hand. He was an excellent officer and loving husband, father, and son.

He is survived by me, his wife Christine, daughters Nicole 5, and Mia 3, his parents, William and Dolores Giacometti, and brothers, William and Craig Giacometti.

Friends and relatives alike mourn the loss of this officer and gentleman.

—C.A.G.

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into different positions to see where they are best suited. We may do more experimenting as well before our season opener, looking for the right combination."

One of the key areas of concern in preparation for drills this fall is the quarterback position. Three quarterbacks who saw action last season, Rich Laughlin, Nate Sassaman and Bill Turner are back, along with sophomore Rob Healy, who toiled for the junior varsity squad in 1982.

Healy was the most pleasant surprise during spring drills and moved himself into a challenging position for the starting assignment.

"Much work must be done by our staff, but I am pleased with our progress thus far," says the Army coach. "We also have some young people coming into our program who could possibly help us, but that may take a little time. We are excited about the upcoming fall season here at Army and we would like it to be a memorable one."

1983 or 1984 will be a banner year—mark my words. VICTORY OVER NAVY!

ASSEMBLY



Last Roll Call

Reports of deaths of graduates and former Cadets received since the publication of the June 1983 ASSEMBLY.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>	<i>Place of Death</i>
Joseph W. Viner	1913 . . .	17 April	1983 . . . Virginia Beach, Virginia
William H. Britton	1916 . . .	29 November	1982 . . . Thomasville, Georgia
Kester L. Hastings	Nov 1918 . . .	26 May	1983 . . . Alexandria, Virginia
Alfred M. Gruenther	1919 . . .	30 May	1983 . . . Washington, D.C.
James H. Walker	1920 . . .	5 May	1983 . . . San Antonio, Texas
Glenn C. Wilhide	1922 . . .	6 May	1983 . . . Newton Square, Pennsylvania
James M. Fitzmaurice	1923 . . .	22 May	1983 . . . San Jose, California
Thomas C. Ryan	1924 . . .	2 May	1983 . . . Juno Beach, Florida
Murray B. Crandall	1924 . . .	18 May	1983 . . . San Diego, California
Leonard L. Bingham	1924 . . .	24 May	1983 . . . Eden, North Carolina
William T. Sexton	1924 . . .	22 June	1983 . . . San Antonio, Texas
James G. Anding	1924 . . .	25 June	1983 . . . Washington, D.C.
Edwin H. Harrison, Jr.	1924 . . .	13 July	1983 . . . Arlington, Virginia
Arthur A. Ruppert	1925 . . .	28 November	1982 . . . Silver Springs, Maryland
Edward D. McLaughlin	1925 . . .	6 May	1983 . . . Anniston, Alabama
Malcolm H. Harwell	1926 . . .	26 June	1983 . . . Carlisle, Pennsylvania
Samuel Pickens Collins	1926 . . .	21 July	1983 . . . Washington, D.C.
Horace A. Quinn	1927 . . .	17 March	1983 . . . Bountiful, Utah
Donald W. Titus	1928 . . .	20 October	1981 . . . Mira Loma, California
Raymond L. Hill	1929 . . .	5 November	1982 . . . Little Switzerland, North Carolina
Carl H. Fernstron	1930 . . .	25 May	1983 . . . El Paso, Texas
Paul A. Roy	1930 . . .	25 June	1983 . . . Martinsville, Virginia
Charles L. Decker	1931 . . .	8 June	1983 . . . Washington, D.C.
Jose J. Jimenez Velazquez	1933 . . .	25 May	1983 . . . Caracas, Venezuela
Felix L. Vidal	1933 . . .	16 July	1983 . . . Satellite Beach, Florida
Robert H. Adams	1934 . . .	12 June	1982 . . . Seattle, Washington
Merlin L. DeGuire	1934 . . .	15 July	1983 . . . Clearwater, Florida
Geoffrey D. Ellerson	1935 . . .	2 May	1983 . . . Tucson, Arizona
Harold E. Marr, Jr.	1937 . . .	4 May	1983 . . . Ft. Ord, California
Benjamin T. Workizer	1937 . . .	18 May	1983 . . . Augusta, Georgia
Richard G. Williams	1937 . . .	19 July	1983 . . . St. Petersburg, Florida
Warren T. Hannum, Jr.	1938 . . .	1 June	1983 . . . Bethesda, Maryland
Donald B. Stewart	1940 . . .	8 May	1983 . . . San Antonio, Texas
Francis M. Rooney	1940 . . .	11 May	1983 . . . Columbia, South Carolina
Richard M. Levy, Jr.	1941 . . .	5 May	1983 . . . Richmond, Virginia
Mortimer B. Birdseye, Jr.	1941 . . .	10 June	1983 . . . El Paso, Texas
Walter Singles, Jr.	1941 . . .	10 June	1983 . . . Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Jesse L. Lewis, Jr.	1942 . . .	12 June	1983 . . . Weems, Virginia
Marston T. Westbrook	June 1943 . . .	8 April	1983 . . . Fremont, California
Joseph V. Chaufy	June 1943 . . .	9 May	1983 . . . Pensacola, Florida
William F. Bradley	1944 . . .	1 May	1983 . . . Los Angeles, California
Roy A. Bahls	1944 . . .	3 June	1983 . . . Vero Beach, Florida
John Francis Irwin	1950 . . .	19 July	1983 . . . Minneapolis, Minnesota
Charles H. Symonds II	1955 . . .	7 July	1983 . . . Sacramento, California
Alan L. Barrett	Ex-1960 . . .	28 December	1982 . . . Camas Valley, Oregon
Michael C. Burnette	1975 . . .	14 June	1983 . . . Metuchen, New Jersey
Michael P. McBride	1979 . . .	15 April	1983 . . . Presidio San Francisco, California



The North Barracks (looking Northeast)
(Erected in 1817; demolished in 1851)



The South Barracks (looking Southwest)
(Erected in 1815; demolished in 1849)



The Academy (looking Southeast)
(Erected in 1815; destroyed by fire Feb. 19, 1838)