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Dear Fellow Graduates:

Shortly after you receive this *Assembly* Dusty and I leave West Point with strong emotional feelings. The months and the years have sped by very quickly; it simply does not seem that we have been here for five years. It has been the highlight of my military career and, for both of us, greatly rewarding and satisfying in so many ways. It has been a joy to work with the soldiers and officers of West Point and especially invigorating to be around cadets as we train these fine young people to become our Army officers of the future.

I turn over the Superintendency of the Military Academy to Dave Palmer, '56. Dave and his wife Lu will arrive from an assignment in Germany; both have all our best wishes and our support for the many challenges they will face over the next several years. Dave is a man of many proven talents and I am delighted I was able to participate in this splendid choice of our 53rd Superintendent of the Military Academy.

Five years ago, upon assuming command, in addressing the group assembled I emphasized three areas: women in the military, varsity sports and honor. I suggested that when a soldier is dressed for battle, with steel helmet and camouflage paint, one cannot tell from a distance if that soldier is black or white, male or female. I noted that while our cadet varsity teams won about two out of three contests, I believed that we were capable of improving our performance in the high exposure, high media-interest sports, especially football. I stressed the importance of the Honor Code and System to our Academy and reminded all that "honor" at West Point is a fragile thing, requiring the efforts of cadets, staff and faculty, and alumni. These three areas were the primary focus of my efforts.

I have just received an excellent report prepared by the Superintendent's Honor Review Committee on the overall health of the Honor Code and Honor System. The report indicates that good progress has been made since 1976 and that grounds exist for satisfaction as well as for continuing concern. The Four Year Honor Education Program instituted in 1981 by my predecessor, Andy Goodpaster, has been very successful and has done much to ameliorate the cause for concern. This successful program will continue. One must never assume, however, that there are no problems in the area of honor at West Point, and we must never become complacent. The great majority of cadets revere the Honor Code and System, and it is indeed the foundation upon which all else at West Point is built. I am convinced that all cadets strive to live by the tenets of the Honor Code and that it further develops and reinforces the personal ethical standards they will carry with them after graduation.

While still struggling against Navy in some sports, our overall varsity sports program is in good shape; far better than it was some years ago. This evaluation can be primarily attributed to one thing—the turnaround in 1984 of the Army football program. I know some people say that success on the football field should not be so important to colleges and universities. Well it is important to our Army, it is important at West Point and I'm convinced we have and will keep it in proper perspective. The entire atmosphere here changed during the 1984 football season as the team played good football in game after game, climaxing the season with our first bowl appearance and a victory. The enthusiasm and spirit generated by the football success spilled over into the other sports and into other areas of cadet and Military Academy life. It again became fun to be part of Army sports. Cadets began bragging of their football roommates and the football players in their companies, something that had not happened in years. The foundation for this success was built in earlier years, and many people contributed to the success of that season, and to the fine 1985 season as well; but certainly most of the success was due to our head football coach, Jim Young. These two fine football seasons were not flukes in any way. The Army football team now knows it can win, and how to win. I fully expect great football seasons ahead for many years to come.

Women have served in the military for centuries; they have been members of the Corps of Cadets for a decade. Today they make up almost eleven percent of the Corps and have been very successful in all aspects of the four year cadet experience—in academics, on the playing fields, in military training, and in the many and varied extracurricular activities. Though much less so than several years ago, there is still some lingering doubt, both here at West Point and among our alumni throughout the country, toward the presence of women in the Corps. We have wrestled with issues over the decade, but they, like the doubt, are diminishing as time goes by and people see how well the women graduates are doing in the Army. I am happy to say that very soon we will have the first of our women graduates returning to the Military Academy to serve on the staff and faculty as instructors and tactical officers. Admission to the Academy is as competitive as ever; academic and military standards have been improved, and cadet life is certainly more interesting. But the most important benefit of the admission of women is the development of highly trained and qualified officers for the U.S. Army; and producing officers of the highest quality has been and continues to be why the Military Academy exists.

The Military Academy now graduates between 900 and 1,000 cadets each year to become officers in the U.S. Army. The Class of 1985 was over one thousand; the Class of 1986 will be a little under. Almost all of them become excellent young officers of whom we all can be proud. Some will go on to make our great leaders of the future, just as West Point has produced great Army and Air Force officers of the past. Unfortunately a small few will not meet the challenge, even during their first years of service. This has always been so, even when the graduating class size was smaller. We should not dwell on these very few individuals; for the vast majority of our graduates do very well as Army officers and assume the expected role of providing the leadership needed for the defense of our country.

In my five years as Superintendent, I have been continually impressed, not only with the enormous energy and talent of our cadets, but more importantly with their leadership capabilities and their sense of commitment to the values of West Point. They have a strong commitment to the mission of the Military Academy as well as a strong commitment to the motto: DUTY, HONOR, COUNTRY. They are what we expect of Academy graduates and they are what the Army needs.

Finally, to all our friends, alumni and supporters of the Academy, Dusty and I bid you adieu. Dusty and I leave West Point with many great memories, and quite satisfied knowing that the Military Academy is on the right track and in good hands. Farewell and Godspeed.

Sincerely,

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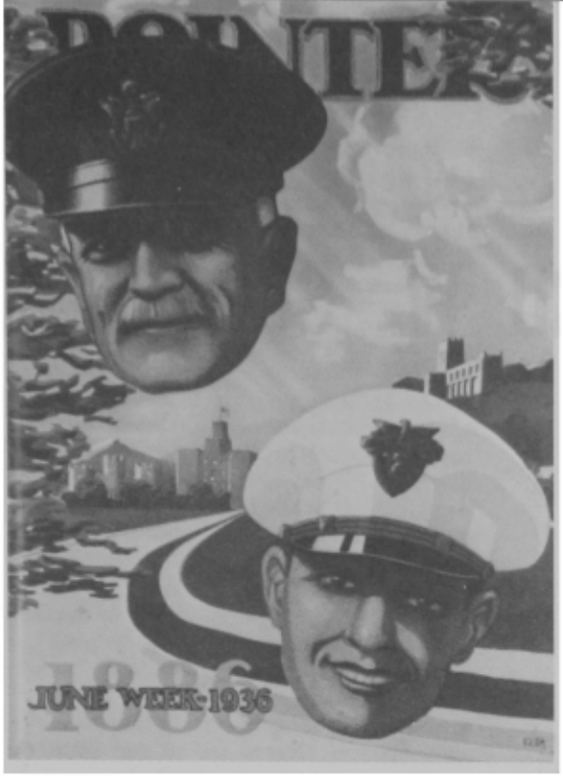

About The Back Cover...

THE Class of 1886 held its Fiftieth Reunion at USMA in 1936, and ever since there has been a special bond of affection between those graduates of '36 who are celebrating their own 50th this May and the distinguished '86 alumni. The official records will show that the *Class of '36 invited* General of the Armies John J. Pershing, then retired, to be their graduation speaker, which he was. Inviting the graduation speaker was not then, and probably never has been, the prerogative of the graduating class. The superintendent works out the invitations with the Secretary of the Army, in those days with the Secretary of War.

How this exception – and hence the tie between the two classes–came about comes back to the cover of the graduation issue of the POINTER, the cadet magazine, which is shown on the back cover of this issue of ASSEMBLY.

The POINTER editor, Cadet Chester V. Clifton, had been ordered by the commandant to "make both ends meet" because if they didn't come out even financially, the POINTER would cease to publish. Being an entrepreneur type, and motivated by the guidance, Clifton thought it would be a great idea to make the final issue of June a graduation program and souvenir. It could then be made available to the tourist public, for 25¢ a copy, and could be sold on the street corner by plebes who could be persuaded, for a small commission, to do it.

As any editor knows, to sell a magazine, one needs a super cover. They decided to splurge and go to 4 colors. And to tie the whole thing together, Clifton thought, why not include on the cover a portrait of General Pershing, then the outstanding soldier in the United States, former A.E.F. commander, former Chief of Staff of the Army, and a member of the Class of 1886, returning to the alma mater for its Fiftieth.

So Cadet Clifton wrote a letter to General Pershing, asking him for a photograph from which they could do the portrait, and also asking his permission to use it on the cover of the POINTER graduation issue. General Pershing was pleased to oblige, sent the photo, and gave Clifton permission to use it on the cover–even having been warned that the magazine was going to be hawked to the public–that is, if the Officer in Charge, Major Roscoe B. Woodruff, would give permission.

Incidentally, General Pershing wrote that he would be pleased to be the graduation speaker that year, and hoped that he and his classmates would have honored seats at the ceremony.

The portrait project moved along. Cadet Reginald J. Beauregard "Nip" Page, one of the POINTER staff artists, was asked to compose a cover with Pershing's portrait, and a cadet portrait, and the appropriate dedication to the Classes of 1886 and 1936.

All went smoothly until one day the editor got a call to put on the required full dress uniform for seeing the superintendent and to report to the commandant forthwith. Colonel Simon Bolivar Buckner was very brief. He said, "Clifton, I guess you've done it now. The superintendent wants to see you immediately about the cover of the magazine."

It is a truism that the editor of the POINTER is always in trouble, but usually the trouble hinges upon cartoons, jokes, or stories that had called for the censorship blue pencil. This was bigger stuff.

The superintendent was brief. "Mr. Clifton, it seems that you have invited General Pershing to be the graduation speaker in June. I have invited the Secretary of War. You have a problem."

Clifton thought carefully. He explained how this had come about, and that "he was sure that he didn't ask General Pershing to speak" and then suggested to the Supe, General W. D. Connor, that perhaps HE had the problem, since inviting the graduation speaker was most certainly the superintendent's prerogative.

Clifton was dismissed, and a few days later, the Class president was asked to write an official letter, through channels this time, inviting General Pershing to be the graduation speaker.

When General Pershing arrived, and was given copies of the POINTER, he said that he greatly appreciated the honor, and liked the portrait, and had only one other request–when he and his classmates came to the luncheon in the mess hall, with the cadets, would Clifton please make sure that his own 1886 classmates would "drag him in cadet style" under the table and pour water on him, because in all his years as a cadet they had never "dragged" John Pershing.

It was accomplished–but that's another story.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Cadet Clifton went on to enjoy a distinguished military career, in the Field Artillery, retiring as a major general in 1965. Among other assignments he was the Deputy Chief of Information, DA, from 1956-61 and Military Aide to the President, 1961-65.

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LTG WILLARD W. SCOTT, JR. LEAVES WEST POINT

by Major Patrick Cooney
Public Affairs Office, USMA

Only eight men have served longer as West Point's superintendent than Lieutenant General Willard W. Scott, Jr. But ask him about that, and he will most likely shrug off the question like a pesky gnat and start talking about the most recent Army-Navy clash.

Five years ago, when General Scott greeted the Class of 1985 on its first day of Beast Barracks, the Corps and the Academy were beginning to settle down from one of the most turbulent periods in Academy history. The EE 304 scandal, following as it did so closely on the heels of the doubling of the Corps in the early 70s, rocked the very foundations on which the Academy rested. At the same time, women were being integrated into the Corps.

With these tremors in mind, Scott saw the need for stability and for refinement of the paths taken after study of the Borman Commission Report and the Final Report of the Department of the Army West Point Study Group. But these were only steps toward a goal. "By having stability and fine-tuning these adjustments we made, we could again make sure we believe in ourselves," he said in a recent interview. His goal: "With confidence, West Point should hold its head high and realize that it is a great institution."

His three primary concerns, of which he wrote in the December 1981 *Assembly*, were the health of the Honor Code, the further assimilation of women into the Corps and the revitalization of Army sports. On these he provided an assessment.

"Knowing that the Honor Code is so essential to West Point, as superintendent you are always concerned about it," Scott said. "The Honor Code is so much stronger than it was five years ago because about the time I got here they launched the big effort in honor education and it has been very productive.

"Because of the honor education program, there is a healthy realization on the part of the Corps of Cadets that it has the unique role of being custodian of the code," Scott said.

"The code involves all graduates, particularly those who are here on the staff and faculty, and the whole Army. It even involves the entire nation," he added. "That's why whenever there are fractures in the code, we hear from the whole country, because the nation expects the Academy to be strong in that area."

The presence of women at the Academy will soon come full circle in a year or two when women graduates from the Class of 1980 begin to appear on the West Point staff and faculty. "Every year makes it a stronger program," Scott reflected. "It is rapidly getting to the point where much of the tradition of West Point will involve both men and women.

"Being a woman cadet at West Point is

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always going to be difficult simply because of the numbers," he said. "You really have to respect the womens' ability to persevere in what is a more difficult challenge." Scott stated that he sees less manifestation of hard feelings toward the women and more healthy recognition of talent.

While he sees the Honor Code and the assimilation of women moving along a healthy path, the resurgence of Army sports, particularly football, may remain the most visible improvement during the last five years. General Scott himself has proved the number one fan, stalking the sidelines, leading "Rockets," shouting through a megaphone, and riding an Army mule with sword in hand before national television audiences.

"One of the high priorities at West Point," Scott wrote early in his tenure, "is to return the image of our athletic program to that of being winners; not just in football, but in the overall intercollegiate program. I firmly believe that winning athletic teams benefit the Corps, the Military Academy, and the Army as well."

That belief and a little wishbone dressing helped football lead the way. Under the leadership of Coach Jim Young, the Brave Old Army Team rebounded from a decade of dismal performances to post two winning seasons, back-to-back bowl victories and an undefeated record at home dating back to 1983. The supe has said that Young possesses all the leadership abilities we want in our officers.

General and Mrs. Scott could be seen at almost every athletic contest at West Point, often visiting four or five contests in the course of an afternoon. He would greet the football team as it entered the stadium, ride the mules and answer the Corps' call for a "Supe Rocket" with unabashed enthusiasm and infectious spirit.

"By the force of his personal conviction," commented Director of Intercollegiate Athletics Carl Ullrich, "he would have people believe that we were doing not only every-

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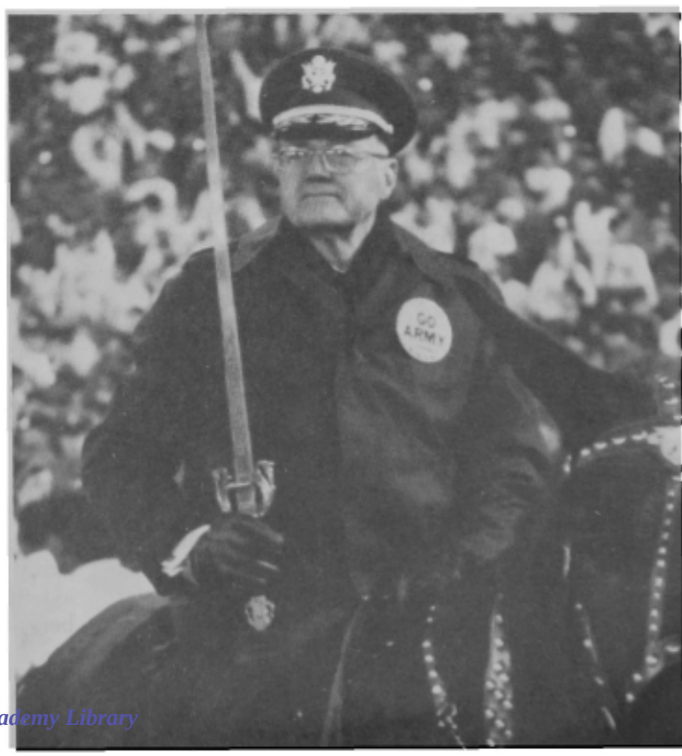

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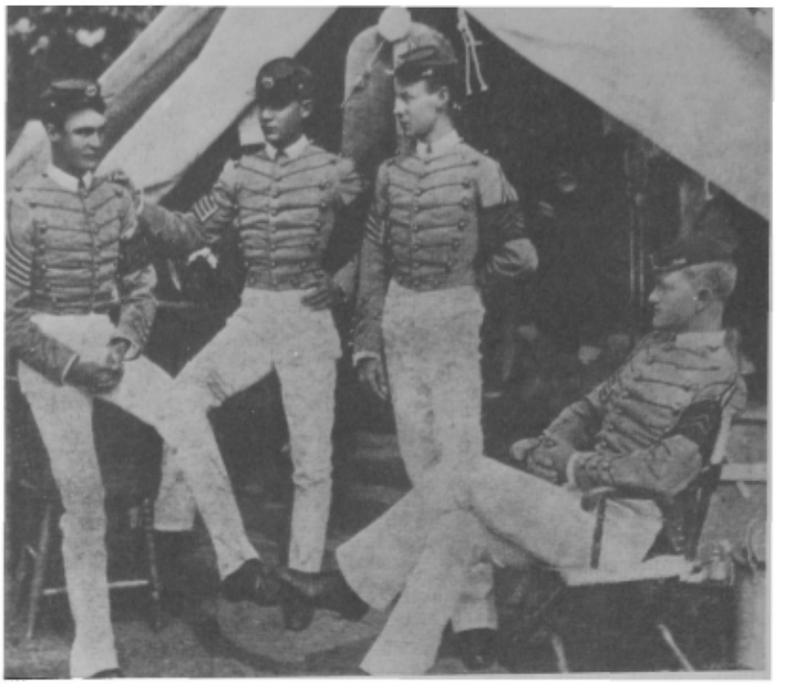

Class of 1886 senior commanders at summer encampment. From left to right, Haines, Rees, Patrick, and Pershing. The black arm bands are being worn to mourn Ulysses S. Grant who died 23 July 1885.

The Class of 1886 REMEMBERED

by LTC (Ret) ELLIOTT G. FISHBURNE

ONCE again West Point turned back the clock a hundred years, this time to pay homage to the USMA Class of 1886. On 28 April descendants of the class gathered at West Point to participate in ceremonies honoring their ancestors highlighted by a "final roll call" for members of the class and a cadet review in their honor.

The Class of 1886 graduated on 1 July 1886, exactly one hundred years before the Class of 1990 takes its first step towards assuming its place in the Long Gray Line. USMA '86, with 77 graduates, was heralded as the largest class to graduate from West Point in the 19th Century, almost twice as many as the Class of 1885. The number one graduate in the class was Henry Clay Newcomer who was commissioned in the Corps of Engineers as was every number one graduate of each class of the 1880's. He later rose to the rank of brigadier general as Assistant Chief of Engineers and Assistant Director of the Chemical Warfare Corps during World War I.

In spite of having the distinction of being the largest graduating class to its time, the Class of 1886 is most notable, however, for being the class that produced General of the Armies John Joseph Pershing, one of the most distinguished graduates of the Military Academy. Even as a cadet, Pershing's leadership skills were recognized. Though he graduated only 30th in the class, he was appointed senior cadet captain his first class year, equivalent to today's first captain. After graduation, the early part of his career was typical of that of all the USMA graduates of the 1880's. He participated in the Indian Campaigns, the Spanish American War and the Philippine Insurrection. While in the Philippines, Pershing catapulted into national prominence when, as a captain, he led a small reinforced brigade against the Moros and quickly halted an insurrection. Upon returning to the United States in 1906 he found himself a national hero and President Theodore Roosevelt, citing his exploits before Congress, took the unprecedented step of promoting him from captain to brigadier general in the Regular Army. He thus leaped over 862 captains, majors, lieutenant colonels, and colonels who had been senior to him.

It was just prior to hostilities with Mexico that Pershing suffered his greatest personal tragedy. On 27 August 1915 a fire destroyed his quarters at the Presidio of California killing his wife and three daughters. Only his son Warren was saved.

Shortly thereafter, President Wilson sent Pershing with 12,000 men into Mexico on a punitive expedition against Pancho Villa where he was successful in putting an end to the Mexican border raids. At the outbreak of World War I Major General Pershing was named to command the American Expeditionary Forces (AEF), and thus began that part of his career for which he is most famous. It was as commander of the AEF that he led the American Army in the reduction of the St. Mihiel salient and to victory in the Meuse-Argonne offensive. While returning to the United States after the war in 1919, he learned that he had been appointed General of the Armies. In describing General Pershing's life and accomplishments, General George Marshall wrote: "General Pershing was more than an American military commander. He was a leader of the American people. Yet he also numbered himself in their rank and file. He never lost his identity with the American troops, the American citizens, he led to victory. That, I believe, is the finest tribute which could be paid him."

Even though Pershing is the most famous graduate of the Class of 1886, his accomplishments during WWI were due in large part to his classmates who served under him in the AEF. MG Mason Patrick, who was on the brigade staff with Pershing while a cadet, was initially in charge of all engineer construction efforts with the AEF and later was appointed Chief of the Army Air Service. He is recognized as being the first high ranking Army officer to envision the true value of aviation in future conflicts. Another member of the cadet brigade staff, Thomas Rees, as a brigadier general commanded an artillery brigade in the AEF and later served as Deputy Chief Engineer of the AEF. George Duncan commanded the 1st Brigade, 1st Division and was the first American general officer to command a sector on the battlefront in World War I. Later, as a major general, he commanded the 77th Division and then the 82nd Division during the Meuse-Argonne offensive. Walter Gordon commanded the 10th Brigade of the 5th Division. He trained the brigade in the United States, took it to France in 1918 and led the first attack of the division at Frapelle. He was then promoted to major general and given command of the 6th Division until the end of the war. Edward Lewis commanded the 30th Division and, on 29 September 1918 at Bellecourt, this division was given credit for being the first unit to breach the Hindenburg Line. John McMahon (5th Division), James McRae (78th Division) and Charles Menoher (42nd Division), all commanded divisions during the Meuse-Argonne offensive. Other classmates commanded brigades during the offensive—Julius Penn (76th Inf Bde, 38th Div); Benjamin Poore (7th Inf Bde, 4th Div); Arthur Thayer (2nd Cav Regt); and Frank Winn (17th Inf Bde, 89th Div); to mention a few.

While many of Pershing's classmates served directly under him in command assignments, others held positions that were equally as important to the success of the AEF. Avery Andrews was promoted to brigadier general and served as G-1 of the AEF. Brigadier General Albert Kniskem commanded the quartermaster depot in Chicago. During the war years his depot was responsible for the procurement of 57% of quartermaster supplies and 90% of food supplies for the entire Army. One of the most unusual positions was held by Letcher Hardeman. During the war, as a colonel, he was Chief of the Remount Service. Part of the success of the AEF depended upon being able to fulfill its vast need for animals. Hardeman was responsible for not only supplying this need

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Mrs. Robert T. Stevens makes formal presentation of Robert T. Stevens Collection at West Point — 4 February 1986.

The Robert T. Stevens Collection at the US Military Academy Library

THE U.S. Military Academy Library has recently received an outstanding historical collection from the estate of Robert Ten Broeck Stevens. Mr. Stevens (1899-1983) was Director Emeritus and former Chief Executive of J. P. Stevens and Company, a leading textile firm.

This gift of books, manuscripts, letters, tapes and photographs comprises material relating to the careers of Robert T. Stevens and his grandfather's cousin, Isaac I. Stevens, along with important items of Americana. The gift of the collection was made to the West Point Fund of the Association of Graduates for the United States Military Academy Library.

In addition to the collection, located in the Special Collections Division of the Library, Mrs. Robert T. Stevens and her family have provided a specially-constructed walnut bookcase in which to display selected items. A bronze plaque with a relief of Robert T. Stevens adorns the bookcase and commemorates the service to country rendered by Robert T. Stevens and Isaac I. Stevens.

Despite the intensive responsibilities of a family business, Robert T. Stevens played a prominent role in military and governmental posts on several occasions throughout his 50 year career. A volunteer in the Army during two world wars, he was Secretary of the Army from 1953-55, guiding the forces through the final phases of the Korean War and defending the Army against the attacks of Senator Joseph McCarthy. His career continued as a Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army, a member of the National Defense Advisory Commission, and as Chairman of the Business Council for the Department of Commerce. A lifelong friend of West Point, Mr. Stevens was a member of the Board of Visitors from 1961-1963 and in 1977 received the Sylvanus Thayer Award for outstanding service to his country. He is interred at the West Point Cemetery.

A portion of the collection given to the Library by Mrs. Stevens illuminates Mr. Stevens' contributions to his country, and affords cadets a unique opportunity to study government as they listen to tapes from Stevens' tenure as Secretary of the Army and review newspaper clippings detailing his defense of the Army during the McCarthy hearings. Stevens' relations with military and governmental officials are evidenced in a collection of photographs, many of which are inscribed. General Maxwell Taylor, Omar N. Bradley, Joe Collins, Mark Clark and President Dwight D. Eisenhower, Chiang Kai-Shek and Syngman Rhee are but a few of the notables, and there are oil paintings of General George C. Marshall, Henry L. Stimson, and of the Army Policy Council of 1955.

The intense interest and pride shown by Robert T. Stevens toward his heritage and his country are apparent in the collections of Isaac I. Stevens material and in the items of Americana.

Isaac Ingalls Stevens (1818-1862) graduated at the top of his USMA class in 1839, served in the Army from 1839-1853 in the Corps of Engineers, and fought in the War with Mexico, where he suffered severe wounds during the final assault upon Mexico City. From 1853-1857, Isaac governed the Territory of Washington, serving also as the Superintendent of Indian Affairs and negotiating treaties with some 18,500 Indians. As a member of the House of Representatives from 1857-61, he was able to urge ratification of many of his treaties. Returning to the military as a colonel during the Civil War, Isaac was promoted to brigadier general, then major general. His life ended when he was struck in the temple by a bullet while leading the charge of Chantilly in 1862.

The numerous items relating to Isaac I. Stevens, including materials on his exploration of the West and messages and speeches from his days as Governor of the Washington Territory, are important additions to the Library's frontier collection.

Printed copies of 15 Indian treaties concluded by Stevens in the 1850's and

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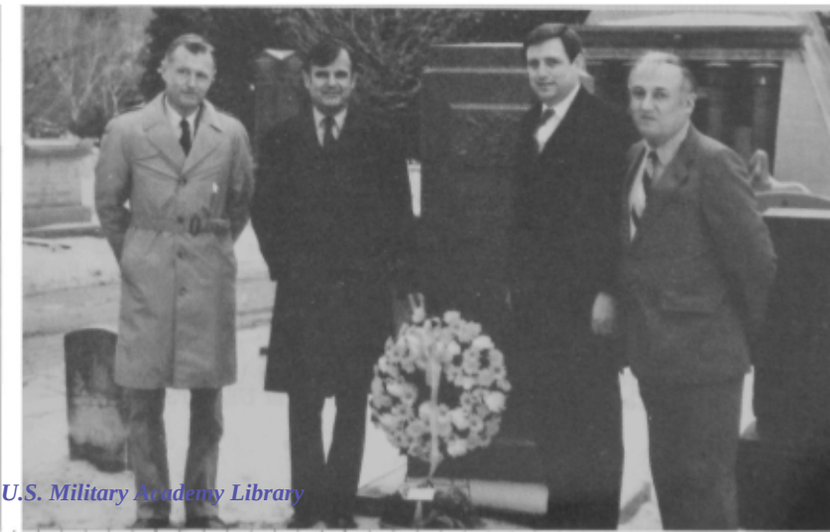
Superintendent and Mrs. Scott and Stevens family honor Mrs. Stevens at presentation ceremony.

Four sons of the Honorable and Mrs. Robert T. Stevens at Stevens gravesite in West Point Cemetery. Left to right—Robert Jr., Whitney, Thomas and William.



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USMAPS 1975-1985:

TEN YEARS OF GROWTH and PROGRESS

by Dr. Judith McCabe *edited by* Stephen L. Jacobs

FROM its inception in May 1916, through its scattered locations from 1920–1943, and its longer-term residences at Stewart Field and Fort Belvoir, the USMA Preparatory School has developed and flourished into a unique and vital operation. Located at Fort Monmouth, NJ since 1975, the school continues to represent the ideals of its past, to achieve its ultimate goals and to grow into an ever-changing and ever-more viable institution. In the past decade, USMAPS has reflected the developing professionalism and technology of the modern Army and paralleled the increasing social awareness and educational excellence of the Academy. In the summer of 1975, the Prep School was moved from Fort Belvoir, VA to Fort Monmouth, NJ. Its convenient location on the Jersey Shore places it only an hour from New York City and two hours from Philadelphia, offering the Cadet Candidate (C/C) special opportunities for cultural and historical recreation and education. Only 90 miles from West Point, the school now enjoys the benefits of a close working relationship with the Academy, yet the distance enables it to maintain its own unique and independent identity as a Field Operating Agency of ODCSPER. A plethora of colleges in the area provides welcome supplementary facilities in the way of libraries, cultural events and athletic competition.

The facilities at Fort Monmouth are extensive enough that the school can function as a separate entity, yet can expand to enjoy many additional services. It has its own barracks and recently renovated mess hall as well as its own library. The larger post library is an important research facility and media center. The school enjoys its own physical education building, headquarters and academic building. Recent renovations to the academic building have made it a comfortable facility during all seasons of the ten-month academic year, and plans are being developed to expand one floor into an extensive computer/media center for the use of the C/C's. Under the guidance of COL Melville Drisko, the Commandant, a new athletic center is planned for construction in 1987; the structure will greatly enhance the physical education program of the school as well as provide opportunities for other training programs and additional school events.

With the move to Fort Monmouth came a fresh chapter in the history of the Prep School and some opportunities for important changes. Of course the rudiments remained the same: the mission of the school is still to assist selected members of the Armed Forces to qualify for admission to the US Military Academy at West Point. About 50% of the approximately 340 select members still consist of Regular Army soldiers serving on active duty. With the expansion of the school to include members of the Reserve Components of the Army, West Point has been aided in meeting its class compositional goals. The inclusion of Enlisted Reservists changed the makeup of the Prep School in some significant ways. Specifically, ER's fall in the categories of re-

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Typical Daily Schedule

First Call	0545
Breakfast	0600-0715
Assembly	0730
Academics	0745-0950
Physical Education/Study Hall	1000-1115
Academics	1120-1220
Lunch	1225-1335
Academics	1345-1445
Deficient Study Hall/ Tac Time	1445-1530
Intramurals	1545-1700
Varsity Athletics	1545-1745
Dinner	1730-1845
C/C Chain of Command	1845-2000
Call to Quarters	2000-2300
Taps	2300

The schedule is modified on Friday so that students can receive passes from Friday noon until Sunday evening. Some Saturdays and Sundays may include limited military duties.

cruited athletes, minorities and women, although, of course, minorities and women may be RA's as well. Some important statistics reveal the impact of this change. One third of all black cadets, who make up 8% of the appointed New Cadet class at West Point, are ex-prepsters. The school is an important recruiting and training facility for preparing many minorities, especially those who have been educationally or economically disadvantaged and for whom English is a second language, for the academic and military rigors of West Point. The success of the school's program in academic proficiency for athletes is evidenced by the fact that 40% of the starters on the 1985 West Point football team and 50% of the 1984 starters were graduates of the Prep School. The wishbone offense is no mystery to these young men; nor is the essay exam in literature! This basic academic training is especially important because for West Point to compete on the NCAA Division 1 level it must recruit quality athletes. The Prep School provides many promising young athletes the necessary academic training to make them competitive in the classroom during the challenging years at West Point. Although USMAPS does not provide West Point with a large number of female cadets, it has played a critical role in providing many female candidates with important academic and military leadership skills and with athletic and physical prowess for entrance into the Academy. In fact, when women first entered West Point in the fall of 1976, the Prep School prepared a special class of 12 women with the necessary background and skills to ready them for that historic event of taking their places beside their fellows as cadets.

In keeping with its mission, USMAPS prepares its soldiers in three areas: academics, military training, and athletics. The makeup of the student body is diverse but all C/C's are carefully selected for leadership potential. Of approximately 1500 RA applicants only about 170 are chosen yearly. The rest are ER's placed in the Prep School by the West Point Admissions Office, making a total annual enrollment of approximately 340. Each is selected not only for overall potential, but also for a demonstrated excellence in academic, military, and/or athletic leadership. There is wide diversity, especially in the area of military experience. The typical RA soldier has already served well into his enlistment, and many come to the Prep School with training in a special MOS. Most RA candidates have obtained a GT score of about 125. The ER soldier begins his training at the school and is immediately integrated into all aspects of training with the RA soldier. C/C battalion chain of command positions, although initially held by the more experienced RA's, are rotated to the ER's periodically so that all soldiers receive as much leadership training as soon as possible. The training program is intensive and broad, virtually a 24 hour, 7 day week experience. All C/C's are active members of the Armed Forces while at the school. They receive normal military pay and allowances, are subject to the Uniform Code of Military Justice, and are eligible for promotion in accordance with DA policies. Each of the three companies comprising the battalion has a tactical officer and a non-commissioned officer assigned to evaluate, guide and counsel students. These officers also administer the disciplinary system which includes the award of demerits or restriction for infractions. The school's proximity to West Point is advantageous in that training trips to the Academy are made throughout the year. In addition, each spring, current cadets who are former prepsters visit the school to share their West Point experiences with the candidates. One of the results of the extensive training given prepsters is that fully one quarter of the cadet captains at the Point are ex-prepsters. Several extra-curricular clubs allow the C/C additional military training in areas of special interest. The Orienteer-

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Editor's Note: The author of this article recently interviewed the Director of Admissions concerning his association with the four most recent superintendents and researched the tenure of these distinguished graduates.

LTG Garrison H. Davidson approved realignment of Office of Admissions as a separate staff agency in 1958.

GEN William A. Knowlton, a tireless Admissions "recruiter" who continues today to recommend the West Point opportunity to outstanding student leaders.

SUPERINTENDENT PLAYS KEY ROLE IN

THE gray Gothic walls of the headquarters building at the United States Military Academy portray a feeling of indestructibility, very much in character with the description "fortress West Point."

An office complex on the second floor represents the seat of power at the Academy, perhaps guarding the ideals of the institution and its role in developing many of this nation's future leaders. In one corner of this office grouping is a large room, its windows overlooking the meandering Hudson River. The walls are paneled in oak, running from floor to just below the ceiling. Above the paneling are portraits, equally sized, of the men who have served the Academy as superintendent since its founding in 1802.

It is here that the superintendent leads by example, establishes and reviews policies and procedures in the development of the Corps of Cadets, and provides leadership for the entire community. A superintendent's personal attributes and leadership, honed by years of experience in the Army, impact on those who are here at West Point, those who have left and those who may be coming. It is an awesome responsibility.

Fifty-two officers have been charged with this responsibility during West Point's illustrious history, building a solid foundation for those who follow in their path. Their decisions sometimes alter a course of direction, but the mission remains entrenched in bedrock. It is simply to educate, train, and inspire the Corps of Cadets so that each graduate shall have the character, leadership, intellectual foundation and other attributes essential for a career of service in the Army.

One such change of course occurred in July 1958 when MG Garrison H. Davidson, a 1927 West Point graduate who retired at the three-star rank, placed the Office of the Registrar under the Office of the Superintendent as an independent academic agency. Three months later the Admissions Division of the Registrar's office became a separate staff agency, charged with enrolling quality classes at West Point.

Though this decision may seem relatively routine in realigning elements of an organization, it may have provided an opportunity for the superintendent to take a more active interest in the enrollment process, so critical to the success of the institution. In fact, during the past 15 years, superintendents have played a major role in promoting the West Point opportunity to students throughout the nation. It has become an essential part of the job because of the increased competition for high quality college-bound students.

While the Admissions Office relies on an active field force and marketing techniques to expand its candidate pool, the effort of the superintendent on behalf of Admissions is extremely important and essential for maintaining the success West Point has had in selecting quality classes during the past decade. "The high quality of our recent classes reflects the impact the superintendent has had on the admissions process," says COL Pierce A. Rushton, Jr., who was named the third Director of Admissions in West Point history a year ago July.

"I have had the privilege of working with four superintendents during two Admissions assignments at West Point," says Rushton. "All four—William A. Knowlton, Sidney B. Berry, Andrew J. Goodpaster and Willard W. Scott, Jr.—had a dramatic effect on our candidate pool. Their interest and support contributed immeasurably to our admissions success, despite a declining pool of college-bound students."

This support is well documented. Since 1974 the number of applicants each year has exceeded 10 thousand on all but two occasions. Additionally, the applicant pool established a record in 1984 when 13,365 applied for admission. More importantly, the quality of each incoming class has remained relatively constant, and the cadet attrition rate has declined. Applicants for the incoming Class of 1990 may challenge that applicant record.

"All four superintendents have been their own person," adds COL Rushton. "They have been great soldiers with a variety of military and scholastic experiences, and they have left their mark on the Academy."

General Knowlton, a 1943 West Point graduate whose ancestors fought bravely for General George Washington during the Revolutionary War, served as super-

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LTG Sidney B. Berry initiated the effort to upgrade Admissions publications and film presentations to improve marketing efforts.

GEN Andrew J. Goodpaster kept Admissions efforts flowing properly during West Point's period of traumatic self-examination.

LTG Willard W. Scott, Jr. brought special enthusiasm to Admissions business, carrying the West Point message to all of its publics.

by Joe Dineen, *Admissions Media Office*

ADMISSIONS SUCCESS

intendent from 23 March 1970 until 18 July 1974. He had extensive combat experience in World War II in the 7th Armored Division, earning the first of three Silver Stars for a daring reconnaissance mission deep behind the German lines north of Berlin to make contact with the Soviet forces north of the Elbe. During two years in Vietnam he won two more Silver Stars, one for gallantry at a fire support base which came under sudden attack and the other in a battle in the Plain of Reeds.

While superintendent at West Point, General Knowlton served longer at that time than anyone since the period before World War II, a tour that was described by the late General Creighton Abrams in this fashion. "They were remarkable [years] because of the high degree of respect you have earned among educators, your military associates, and the American public. They were important because you have achieved goals which will have a lasting influence on the officer corps of the United States Army. You and your lady [the former Marjorie A. Downey] may reflect with great pride on your record of accomplishment."

COL Rushton served under General Knowlton during the last two years of his West Point tour, and vividly recalls his efforts on behalf of the Admissions Office.

"General Knowlton was tireless," says COL Rushton. "He was never too busy to meet an educator group, one of our training conference groups or even an individual candidate. He was a wonderful public relations person for West Point. He promoted the Academy to all of our constituencies and was optimistic and upbeat about cadet life. He also has remained in touch with our Admissions work, writing often about young prospects who are interested in attending the Academy."

LTG Berry succeeded General Knowlton on 19 July 1974 as the 50th superintendent at West Point. He also was the third general officer assigned to the superintendent's position directly from the 101st Airborne Division (airmobile). For 11 months LTG Berry had commanded the Screaming Eagles, a period that included the transition of the unit from airborne capability to helicopter air-mobility. A native of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, LTG Berry is a 1948 West Point graduate. He served one tour in the Korean War and two tours in the Vietnam War. During his second tour in Vietnam, LTG Berry was the Assistant Division Commander of the 101st.

Featured in a *Life* magazine article on 25 September 1970, entitled "Case Study of an Army Star," LTG Berry was described as a possible Army Chief of Staff candidate. Perhaps GEN William DePuy, then Vice Chief of Staff, summarized the prevailing opinion of Berry among his peers. "Sid Berry," he said, "expresses the ideal of the American soldier. He is what the profession would like to believe itself to be."

When LTG Berry assumed his position as superintendent, he brought with him a brilliant record as a field commander. He was wounded in Korea and twice promoted on the battlefield, from first lieutenant to major. Fifteen years later he was wounded again in Vietnam. He won a Distinguished Service Medal, the Silver Star four times and the Air Medal 42 times prior to coming to West Point.

Perhaps his love for the Army and its demands for leadership are expressed succinctly in a letter written to his wife, Anne, during his tour in Korea. He commanded Able Company of the 35th Infantry, 25th Infantry Division. Two weeks before he was scheduled to leave the company, Berry received an opportunity to lead his men against a hill two other companies had failed to take. Able Company took the hill at a cost of six dead and 18 wounded.

"The old faces are fewer in number," he wrote. "Marching at the head of the column of men I've never been prouder. Looking at them, tired and dirty and relieved and happy to be leaving the line, I felt like laughing and crying at the same time. Those blessed, ornery, dirty, filthy fighting doughfeet.

"War is evil, dirty, filthy, obscene, wasteful and everything that shouldn't be. Yet, the men in it are the cream of the earth. They are scared, tired and they

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CONSTITUTION ISLAND

The Warners' Living Legacy

by WILLIAM A. MCINTOSH

DURING the late summer of 1827, after more than a decade of professional disappointment and personal loss, a cleric named Thomas Warner secured an appointment as Professor of Geography and Chaplain of the United States Military Academy. Trying to recover from severe property losses experienced by his wife Elizabeth when the French annexed most of her land in the West Indies, the Reverend Mr. Warner needed a friend in the worst way. Not much time passed before he found one in the Superintendent, Major Sylvanus Thayer.

Throughout much of the next decade, Thomas Warner discharged his duties with good effect. Favorably disposed toward the Corps, his colleagues, and Major Thayer, he began to think in terms of putting down roots in earnest. Part of his plan included the purchase of a promontory of land reaching into the Hudson across from West Point. This year, in fact, marks the one-hundred-and-fiftieth anniversary of his signing the deed of trust for the property and the little house that stood on it.

That land, known today as Constitution Island, had more than a little historical significance. At the time Chaplain Warner purchased it, much of the property was under cultivation as Plumbush Farm. Some sixty years earlier it had been a Revolutionary stronghold variously occupied by both Continental and British forces. Later in the war, a great chain stretching between West Point and the island inhibited British shipping on the Hudson. By the war's end it was known as Fort Constitution, and even as late as the 1830s the island's strategic importance was not lost on area residents.

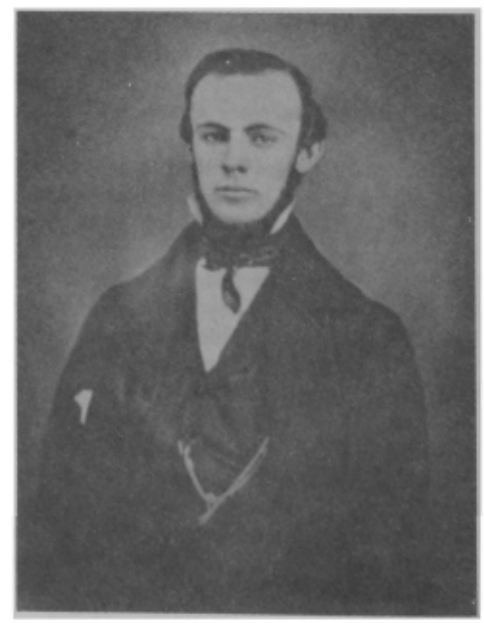
For all of that, though, Thomas Warner's interest in the property reached beyond history—so far beyond that he commissioned architect Alexander Jackson Davis to draft building plans for a large tourist hotel and several smaller resort cottages. Once built, these facilities would attract a parade of wealthy New Yorkers retreating from the heat and hurly-burly of the city. Their owner need only gaze across the water from time to time to be sure all was in order. And, of course, there would be frequent visits to the bank to deposit receipts. Such was the design of Thomas Warner's vision, but even as he prepared to move ahead with the projected construction, Major Thayer's reassignment promptly halted his forward progress. The new Superintendent, Colonel Rene E. DeRussy, apparently disliked the Chaplain from the moment they met. Thomas Warner knew it, too, and he redirected his attention from the island to a somewhat more pressing matter: professional survival.

For the next year or so the two men engaged in mutual vexation with neither gaining much ground or satisfaction. Curiously, the thing that broke the stalemate was a duel between a couple of cadets, one of whom received a wound to the eye. Without first securing permission to do so, the chaplain went to visit the injured cadet. Colonel DeRussy seized on this tactical blunder and promptly placed him under "house arrest." Over the next two years a flurry of letters passed between West Point and Washington, and when Secretary of War Joel B. Poinsett could stand no more, he cut the Gordian knot by reassigning both the superintendent and commandant and by dismissing the chaplain.

No one was more disappointed by this unexpected turn of events than Thomas Warner's brother, a young widower named Henry. During the early negotiations on the purchase of Constitution Island, Henry, after offering stiff resistance, let his older brother talk him in to signing a deed of

Susan Warner, c. 1870

Anna Warner at home, c. 1910



Henry Warner, c. 1838

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trust on the property. On leaving West Point, Thomas sent his wife to New York, then he himself sailed for France, thereby leaving Henry holding the proverbial bag. Inside that bag was a bill for $48,093.75.

Though not by any measure overjoyed, Henry Warner nevertheless reconciled himself to owning land in the Hudson Valley. He had no thought of pursuing any of his brother's grandiose schemes; he was, however, content to convert the old farmhouse into lodgings that he, his two daughters, Susan and Anna, and their spinster aunt, Frances Warner, could use during the summer months. Henry, as it turned out, was precisely the sort of gentleman his brother had hoped to attract once the property was developed.

The farmhouse stood on the foundation of one of the old Revolutionary barracks. To the existing structure Henry supervised the addition of seven rooms and a glassed-in porch, and no doubt he would have added more but for one consideration: the panic of 1837. In that ill-timed financial crisis, Henry Warner lost virtually everything he had. Practice, New York house, servants, livery, stock and coaches—all had to go, and what should have been

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"Aunt Fanny," Frances Warner, sister of Henry and Thomas Warner, who was surrogate mother to Susan and Anna, c. 1880.

Warner House (rear view looking toward West Point)

FACT SHEET

The Constitution Island Association cannot support itself—even with a new dues schedule in effect, a vigorous membership drive in progress, and an increase in the price of site admission. The Warner House, a small two-story, fifteen-room building, is a seasonal museum located on an island in the Hudson River.

This former home of nineteenth-century writers Susan and Anna Warner became the property of the United States Military Academy on Anna's death in 1915. Concurrently the Association took possession of her papers, furnishings, and personal effects. Together, those things have been preserved in virtually pristine condition.

The Academy maintains the Warner House and allows the Association to rent its launch to transport visitors to and from the island. West Point does not fund any of the Association's activities or programs.

Seasonality, size of the house itself, and site location all limit visitation. Last season, with every tour booked, only 2200 visitors could enter this museum. Nevertheless, the excellence of the preservation and a vigorous outreach program continue to foster broad interest in this important chapter in New York and American history.

Most of the program's current success reflects the full-time employment of an experienced, professional museum administrator directed by the Association's chairman and answerable to its board. Dues, tour admissions, and grants have not been sufficient to pay the salary of this administrator.

Her major responsibilities include the recruitment, training, and scheduling of seventy volunteer docents, gardeners and bookshop workers; formulation, development, and programming both student and general visits; inventory, maintenance, and preservation of the Warner Collection; publicity; supervision of the planting and maintenance of the Warner Gardens and grounds; survey and status reporting on Revolutionary fortifications; management of bookstore inventory, staffing, and accounts; and general financial accounting of Association funds.

Those duties grow out of two specific museum programs that occur annually: the Little American Program, a two-hour educational drama and tour for school children, and the General Visitation Program, a two-hour tour of the Warner House, Gardens and Revolutionary fortifications. Both run from April through October.

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THE MEMORIALS AT CABANATUAN AND THE TRAGEDY THEY RECORD

West Point Memorial Monument which bears the names of 176 Filipino and American graduates of USMA.

SOMETHING of the consummate tragedy which befell thousands of American servicemen who courageously resisted the Japanese invasion of the Philippine Islands during the critical early months of World War II and of their subsequent travail as prisoners of war has been memorialized at the site of the infamous Japanese Prisoner of War Camp at Cabanatuan in Central Luzon. The Cabanatuan Prisoner of War Memorial honors the greatest number of American prisoners of war, nearly 3000, to die in a prison camp in any of our nation's foreign wars. The West Point Monument and Memorial Gate at the same location pay homage to the 176 American and Filipino graduates of the Military Academy who, having served in the Philippine Defense Campaign, lost their lives either in combat against the enemy or while his captives or prisoners of war. Their incredibly high casualty rate of 60% and the unparalleled number of deaths among them as the consequence of a single campaign are by a wide margin the greatest ever suffered by their alma mater.

The officers and the men they led who are honored at Cabanatuan were from the very first day of the war at the forward edge of battle. Within hours of the attack against Hawaii, Japanese fighters and bombers assaulted American military installations in the Philippines. The stubborn stand American and Filipino troops made against great odds on Bataan, Corregidor, Mindanao and elsewhere throughout the Philippine archipelago became a significant source of inspiration for Americans at home as they began preparations for global war and the enemy's defeat.

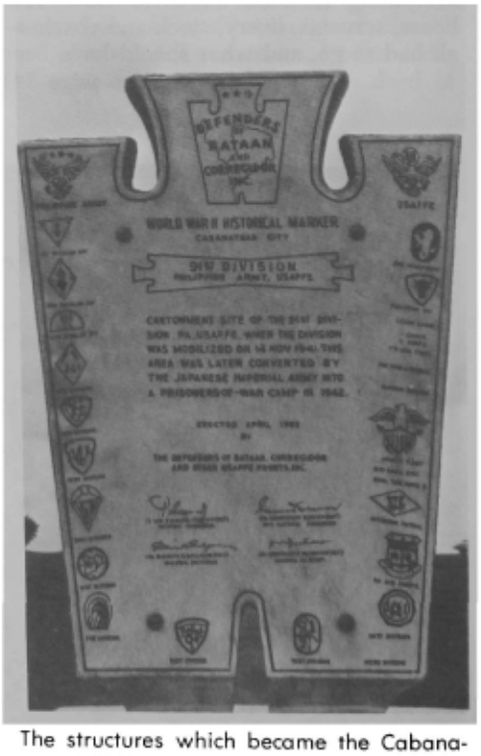
Our forces in the Philippines inflicted sufficient delay on the Japanese southward drive toward Australia to facilitate the timely assembly of Allied Forces in the Southwest Pacific. Not well known is the fact that as the result of their combat experience the "Battling Bastards of Bataan" developed and tested the concept that the fire of many artillery battalions could be successfully concentrated on a single target. After their experience had been reported to the War Department and injected into Army training, the application of that concept in Europe and elsewhere had a decisive impact on the eventual tide of battle.

The Cabanatuan Prisoner of War Memorial has been the subject of a Joint Resolution of the Congress, a Presidential proclamation and a more recent notice in the Congressional Record.

The concept from which the Cabanatuan Memorials stem first took shape in 1980 during a visit by a group of American veterans to the area of the Cabanatuan Prisoner of War Camp. The group included 21 men who had been incarcerated at Cabanatuan. They found that the area had returned to use as rice paddies and lamented the fact that no effort had been made, not even the placement of a simple sign, to mark the site where so many Americans had died. On determining that no official memorial action was planned by either the American or Philippine governments, that small dedicated group of veterans organized the Cabanatuan Memorial Committee, whose purpose was to erect a fitting memorial to their friends and comrades who had died at Cabanatuan. With extensive, enthusiastic Filipino support, particularly from their veterans organization—The Defenders of Bataan and Corregidor—they planned, designed and undertook a construction program which over a period of four years led to the completion of the existing memorial complex.

The Cabanatuan Memorials rest on 2 acres of land granted the committee for its memorial purposes by the City of Cabanatuan and are located some 85 miles north of Manila. During the first phase of the construction of the memorial extensive site preparation was accomplished and a 225 yard long causeway leading from the nearby national highway across wet-land rice paddies to the memorial was built. The dedication of this initial construction in April 1982 made a significant contribution to the ceremonies with which Filipinos and Americans observed the Fortieth Anniversary of the Fall of Bataan and Corregidor. The overall purpose of the Cabanatuan Prisoner of War Memorial is stated by the inscription on its central marble slab:

CABANATUAN
SITE OF THE JAPANESE PRISONER OF WAR
CAMP 1942 TO 1945
THIS MEMORIAL HONORS
THE AMERICAN SERVICEMEN AND THE
CIVILIANS
WHO DIED HERE AND GRATEFULLY
ACKNOWLEDGES



The structures which became the Cabanatuan POW camp in 1942 were originally constructed to serve as a mobilization and training center for the 91st Division, Philippine Army.

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Dedication ceremonies for Cabanatuan POW Memorial, 4 May 1985.

THE EQUALLY HEROIC SACRIFICES
MADE BY FILIPINO SERVICEMEN
AND CIVILIANS
IN A MUTUAL QUEST FOR HONOR, FREEDOM
AND PEACE.
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AMERICAN AND FILIPINO COMRADES,
FAMILIES AND FRIENDS.

The second phase of construction at Cabanatuan in 1983-1985 brought the Cabanatuan Prisoner of War Memorial and three other associated memorials at the same site to completion. The memorials' developed area, which equals half the size of a football field, was enclosed with steel picket fencing on three sides, a concrete wall faced with inscribed marble panels on the fourth side and two double swing gates. One of the gate columns at the main entry to the memorial enclosure carries the inscription "WEST POINT MEMORIAL GATE" on its marble front. The other column is similarly marked by the words "CABANATUAN PRISONER OF WAR CAMP." This fencing adds greatly to the aesthetic quality of the memorial area and protects it from desecration by caribao and other wandering animals. The marble panelled rear wall, known as the "Wall of Honor," bears the name and rank of each man who died at Cabanatuan and whom the committee with the aid of highly dedicated personnel at the National Defense Records Center, the National Archives and the American Monuments Commission was able to identify. Even so the identities of some Cabanatuan's victims were not determined. Tribute is paid to these "unknowns" by a panel on the Wall of Honor inscribed:

WE, THE LIVING
SALUTE
SIXTY EIGHT
COMRADES IN ARMS
NOW RESTING
IN HONORED GLORY
UNKNOWN BUT TO GOD

The names and ranks of the identified dead are arranged in alphabetical order and according to their military or other status. These categories are United States Army and Army Air Corps (2633), United States Navy (76), United States Marine Corps (61), Civilians (20) and unknowns (68). These arrangements and the manner in which their names are displayed are part of a conscious effort to maintain and emphasize the individuality of each man being honored. Another inscription on the Wall of Honor briefly explains who the

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Ribbon cutting ceremony on 4 May 1985; from left, MG (ret) Chester L. Johnson '37, Cabanatuan Memorial Committee Chairman; Jose M. Cristol, Asst Sec of Defense, the Philippines; Stephen W. Bosworth, US Ambassador to the Philippines; LTG Fidel V. Ramos '50, Acting Chief of Staff, Armed Forces of the Philippines.

Section of "Wall of Honor." The total panels bear the names of nearly 3,000 American POWs who died of disease, starvation, beatings, execution and other mistreatment while incarcerated at the Cabanatuan POW camp in Central Luzon following the fall of Bataan and Corregidor in World War II.

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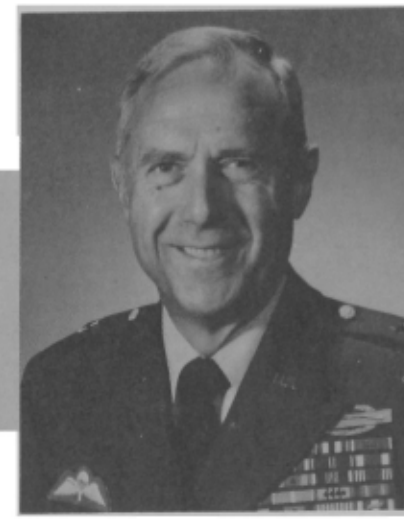
ACADEMIC LIMITS

by BG Roy K. Flint, *Dean of the Academic Board*



PLEASE join us on "Academic Limits," a new feature in the ASSEMBLY magazine. It affords the Dean an opportunity to report on academic activities and to share with the alumni our achievements and plans for the future. The emphasis is on cadets and faculty, so there is certainly no shortage of material.

At USMA we strive to provide the best undergraduate education possible. For the cadets this means a rigorous academic program, an active athletic schedule for all, military training, and a balanced social life. The faculty perceives its mission to be excellence in teaching. Preparation, presentation, and evaluation of cadets combine as the first priority for our efforts. Nevertheless, I am convinced that those instructors who are themselves involved in research and writing make the best teachers. To demand of themselves the critical thinking that good teachers demand of their students is the best preparation for the mind of an instructor. Although this is not a new idea, some of you may be surprised at the research and service that we provide to the Army.

The Office of Economic and Manpower Analysis (OEMA) works directly for the Army's Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel (DCSPER) and bases its activities in the Department of Social Sciences. The DCSPER has supplied resources, including three officer billets and funds, so that OEMA can perform research and analyses on a wide variety of personnel matters. The office applies techniques of econometrics in developing policy positions adopted by the Army during the past few years.

For example, several years ago OEMA designed resource allocation models for the Army's Recruiting Command, demonstrating the cost-effectiveness of running the command as a business. Later, the office demonstrated the economic truth of the widely-held belief that a high quality (smarter) Army is cheaper than a low quality Army. OEMA now oversees resource allocation models employed by the DCSPER's program analysis and evaluation shop. Other OEMA analyses have allowed the Army to defend enlistment and reenlistment bonuses, the Army College Fund, the Veterans Educational Assistance Program, the retirement system, and the advertising budget. OEMA also developed an idea whose time seems to have come: sale and lease back of real property. This scheme has allowed expansion at such new posts as Fort Drum to keep pace with the Army's stationing plan. Developing a sophisticated analysis capability at West Point has provided reliable and continuous expertise on matters of recruiting, retention, pay, and retirement, allowing the Army to speak with one voice to Congress. Further, OEMA returns two officers from the Department of Social Sciences to the field force each year with new skills and background in the personnel area. Best of all, we have developed a superb faculty teaching economic analysis to cadets.

We are hopeful that a similar setup will soon be functioning in the Department of Geography and Computer Science. The Vice Chief of Staff, General Thurman, has asked the Academy to join the Army's artificial intelligence (AI) initiatives by establishing a cell in that department. In essence, AI constitutes a body of techniques using the computer to solve problems that go beyond the capabilities of conventional programming. In expert systems, the focus of the Army's efforts, computer programs are written that find solutions to problems where every possible outcome cannot be predicted. Other aspects of AI include robotics, vision, pattern and speech recognition, and gaming. General Thurman intends to create several other AI centers along functional lines but views the one at USMA as the Army's link to the academic discipline of AI and to the work being done on AI by the academic community. Our cell will allow the Army to review the work of its other AI offices and will also perform tasks assigned to us by the Chief of Staff. The department will employ its own VAX computers and micros initially, but will seek to acquire additional machines that can be used solely for AI in the future. This is an exciting opportunity for the Academy. If we can complete the agreement with DA, there will be many beneficiaries—the Army, the faculty, and cadets.

In addition to these major undertakings, the academic departments are actively involved in individual research projects of direct benefit to the Army. For example, officers in the Department of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership are investigating the effects of noise in the work environment on the ability of observers to perform demanding vigilance tasks. The results are aimed at improving the effectiveness of security guards at nuclear installations. A chemistry professor is an acknowledged national expert on the question of the harmful interaction of smokeless tobacco, DNA, and carcinogens. His research has had one immediate result: the Commandant of Cadets has removed smokeless tobacco from the Cadet Store! Near and dear to students of military history are the nineteen videotapes produced by eleven officers from the Department of History. These tapes, designed to enrich classroom instruction, demonstrate and compare the capabilities and limitations of historically significant weapons in a novel way—by firing them on the Academy's ranges! Crossbows, muskets, rifles, automatic weapons, and even muzzle loading artillery are seen in their historical context as they are loaded, aimed, and fired by the department's officers just as they were in the past. These tapes have been made available to ROTC detachments and other interested historians. They're good; you should see them.

The list goes on: disposal of material dredged by the US Army Corps of Engineers, earthquake analysis of concrete dams, automated obstacle planning, and computer simulation of freezing. Projects such as these serve many functions. They solve problems for the Army. They involve the rotating and permanent faculty in research. They have the potential for involving cadets in research, and they sharpen our faculty, the payoff which is in the quality of classroom instruction. During your next visit to the Academy, avail yourselves of one of the departmental open houses and ask about these research and service activities. You will be invigorated, as I always am, by the competence and quality of our faculty.

In future issues, I will tell you about other facets of the academic program at West Point. The cadet personal computer project has been eye-opening and exciting; the Corps of Cadets, commencing with the Class of 1990, will never be the same. The summer activities of the permanent faculty, especially those serving with the

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THE COM REPORTS...

by BG Peter J. Boylan
Commandant of Cadets, USMA

IN this issue, I thought I would talk about those programs at West Point that involve exchange with the other service academies.

Started in Academic Year 1975-76, at the suggestion of Secretary of the Army Callaway, the Service Academy Exchange Program (SAEP) takes place in the first semester of a cadet's second class (cow) year. We now send, on a reciprocal basis, six cadets to Navy, six to Air Force, and three to Coast Guard. The stated benefits of the SAEP are:

a. Cross-fertilization of ideas among individuals.

b. Understanding and appreciation of the function and operations of a sister academy.

c. Broadening of the exchange student's perspective intellectually through the academic process of another academy.

d. Providing an opportunity to develop lasting, inter-service friendships.

Secretary Callaway's idea came about after he had visited the Air Force Academy and found that they sent two or three cadets to the French Air Force Academy.

When it was implemented, the SAEP displaced the "traditional" (1946-1975) three to four day weekend visits to Navy and Air Force that many of you may remember. While the SAEP was successful, it involved few cadets, and it was for this reason that we started again our weekend visit program with Navy. The Commandant of Midshipmen, Admiral Chadwick, and I felt we had to do positive things to familiarize our cadets/midshipmen with their sister academies.

It was in this spirit that we initiated this past fall, the Weekend Academy Exchange Visit (WAEV) Program with Navy. Our joint objectives are to have every second class cadet or midshipman, not in academic danger, visit Annapolis or West Point, respectively, on a Thursday, Friday and Saturday, so that each may experience academics, sports, privileges, and the atmosphere of each institution. The results have been most satisfactory. Here are some quotations from our cadets about their visit to Annapolis:

Both academies have the same goal—to produce well-educated 2LTS/Ensigns capable of handling the pressures of modern service. Furthermore, the middies and cadets themselves both have similar goals. First, to get an education. Second, to be commissioned in the service with a good background in leadership skills. Third, to have a good time and enjoy "college."

The Naval Academy achieves its goals with less restriction on personal freedom. Although USNA may be too relaxed on discipline, I think we can learn from them.

There are many similarities: a structured environment such as formations, classes, meals, regulations concerning behavior — they even like to rack ("sleep") as much as we do.

I learned a great deal about my counterparts at Annapolis and in the process made a few new friends.

In addition to this exchange, we have also made an effort to send cadet "'booster trip sections" to support Naval Academy (and also Air Force Academy) athletic teams whenever they are playing in our area. We want to foster in the Corps of Cadets the notion that we root for Navy and Air Force all year long, except for the one time we meet each other on the "fields of friendly strife." Like many of you, we celebrated Navy's fine showing in the NCAA basketball finals and the dedication of Midshipman David Robinson to the principles of service to the nation that our academies stand for.

The semester-long exchange program participants also continue to offer interesting insights into our respective schools. Most admired by other cadets/midshipmen is our development of a duty concept in cadets. Also mentioned are high honor and ethical development, leadership training, the fourth class system, and tradition. Most admired by our cadets of our sister academies are the greater number of privileges and free weekends. They also felt that academics were emphasized more because of a greater civilian faculty. Although it has been discontinued, we have even had a few corps squad athletes participate in the program in past years. An interesting story involved Midshipman Joseph A. Grace Jr., USNA Class of 1980. Grace was a varsity soccer player for Navy when he came here on the semester exchange. He started at center fullback for Coach Joe Palone for the entire year as the team enjoyed an 11 and 4 record. The curious aspect was that he was on the Army team that beat his classmates at Navy 1 to 0, giving him an Army "A" with gold star for the Navy win *along* with his silver star for beating Air Force earlier, 3 to 2. But Grace wasn't finished. Returning to Navy for his senior year, he scored what proved to be the winning goal against his former Army teammates in a 3 to 1 match. Could Grace be the only person to win both an Army "A" *and* a Navy "N"? I throw this one out for those of you with longer memories than mine.

Of course, we still have programs in the summer during which our cadets get to work with our sister services. Last summer we sent 108 cadets to Survival, Escape, Resistance, and Evasion (SERE) training at Air Force, and this year will revive SEAL (Sea, Air, and Land) training with the Navy for 10 cadets. Air Force sent 25 cadets to Jungle School in Panama; three Navy midshipmen also attended. Air Force sends many cadets to Airborne School at Fort Benning, using their own quotas.

I truly believe that all of these programs contribute to better understanding by our cadets of the unique missions of our sister services and are worth our continued, enthusiastic support. But we still want to BEAT NAVY whenever we meet them.

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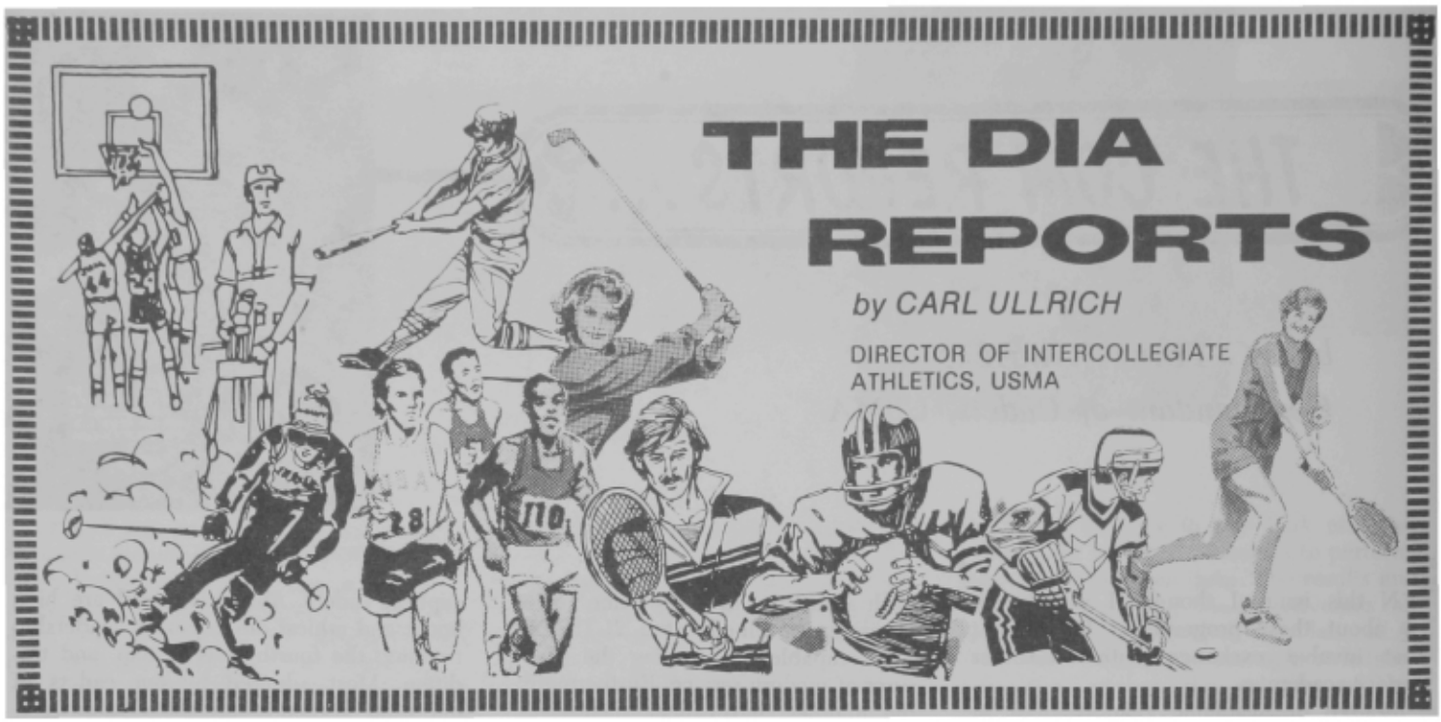

THE DIA REPORTS

by CARL ULLRICH

DIRECTOR OF INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS, USMA

ARMY'S winter sports program finished the season with a fine .654 overall winning percentage, winning 125 of 192 contests.

Women's Track, captained by Michelle Collins, finished with a perfect 2 and 0 record, winning the Indoor Heptagonal Championships, including a decisive victory over the Naval Academy Women's Track team.

Our Rifle and Pistol teams had just one loss each with the Rifle team winning its 6th straight match over the Naval Academy. Wrestling had a fine 18 and 3 season (with an especially great year from first class captain Dennis Semmel, not only a back-to-back Eastern Champion but also a finalist at the NCAA Championships, Army's first since 1963). Dennis Semmel and Darrel Nerove were selected as All-Americans for their performances in the National Collegiate Athletic Association Championships in Iowa City.

Gymnastics and Men's and Women's Swimming each had fine seasons with the women swimmers having a decisive victory over the Naval Academy at the Annapolis pool. Ann Marie Wyckoff set a number of records and was selected as an All-America performer along with Clare Hramiec.

Men's Track had a 2 and 1 season with a disappointing one-sided loss to the Naval Academy at Annapolis. Women's Basketball had a 19 and 11 season, participating in the ECAC regional tournament as a post-season selectee. Julie DelGiorno reached her 1,000 point mark during the season and provided fine leadership for the team as captain.

Jack Riley's swan song as Army's hockey coach (his 36th year) was a fine 18-11-1 season. We had our first wins in the new ECAC League in which Rob Riley inherits full membership next season. Use of the new facility by both hockey and basketball were highlights of the year. The final hockey competition weekend was highlighted by a number of Jack Riley celebrations. We have indeed been blessed by Jack's leadership of the Army Hockey Program over these past 36 years. Everyone wishes him and Maureen well in their upcoming golden years of retirement.

Only Squash and Men's Basketball had losing seasons this past winter. The Men's Basketball team gave a truly exciting, inspiring, and magnificent performance against the Naval Academy team in our new facility, losing in overtime to the eventual Number 8 team in the nation which lost to Duke in the regional championship of the NCAA Tournament. Kevin Houston had an outstanding year, being selected to the All-MAAC 1st Team and finishing second in the MAAC in overall scoring. Kevin will provide great leadership along with Ron Steptoe next year. A good recruiting year and especially good help from the Military Academy Prep School at Fort Monmouth bodes well for Les Wothke's basketball team for the 1986-87 season.

Our spring season through the middle of April has been one of mixed happiness and disappointment. The Baseball team has had its finest start in many, many years under new Coach Dan Roberts. They are 18-6-1 at this writing, resting at the top of the Eastern Intercollegiate Baseball League along with the Naval Academy and having had tremendous performances from a number of team members—outfield-

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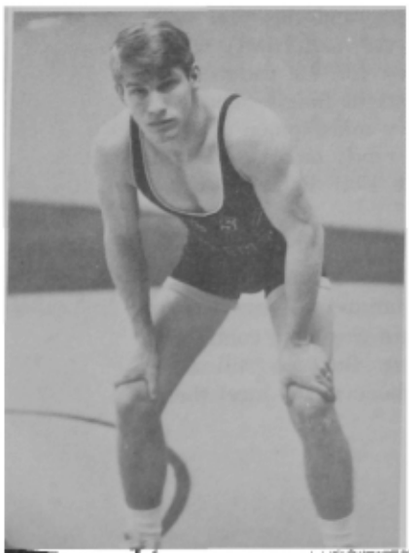
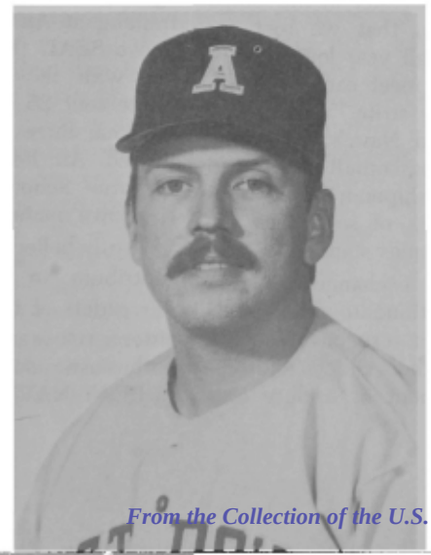
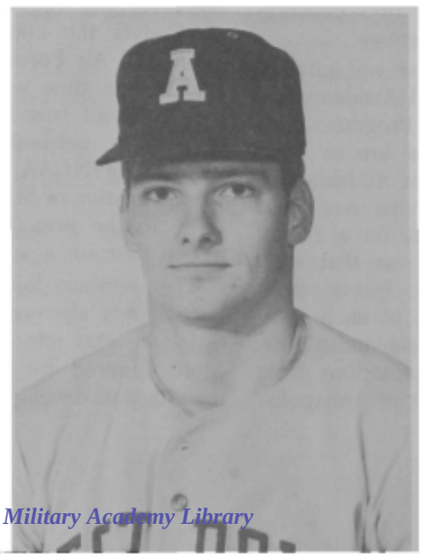
Dennis Semmel



Dan Roberts, baseball coach



Tom Cascino



Rich Krafft

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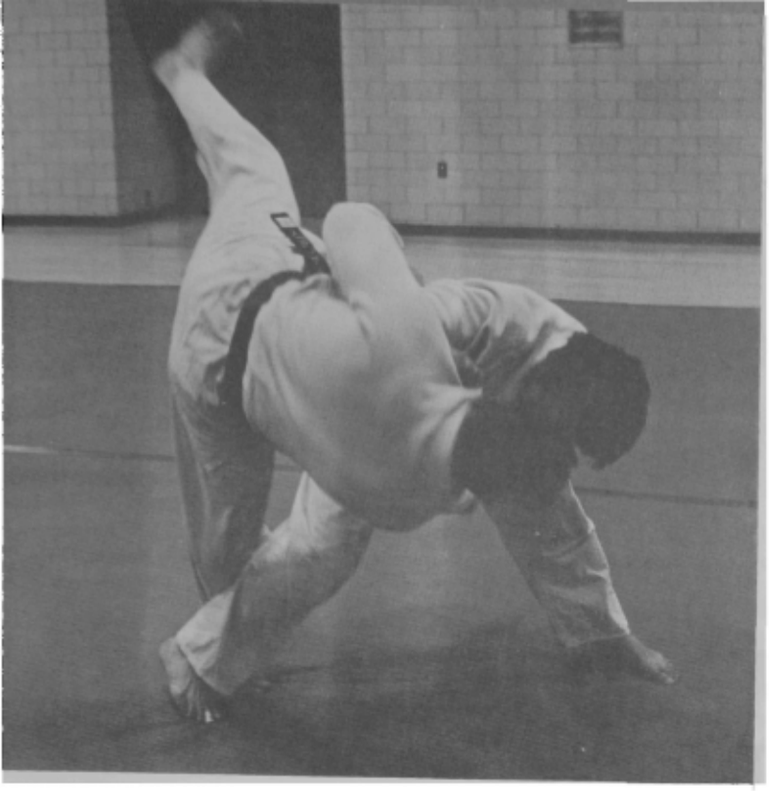
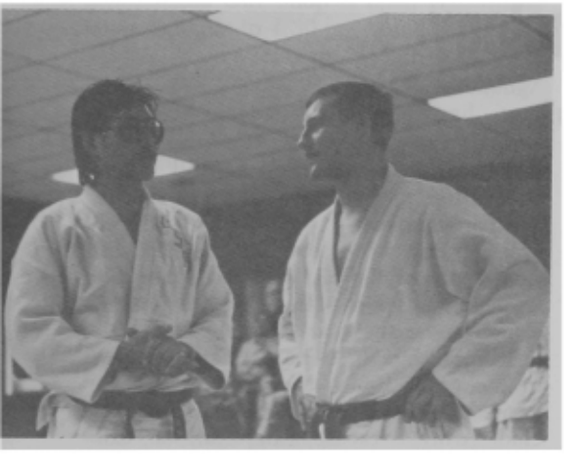


Guest instructor Y. Matsamura and Cadet Bill Stacey '87 working out during a training clinic.

WEST POINT JUDO TEAM'S RECORD BREAKING SEASON

by CPT(P) GARY P. MELTON
Coach, Cadet Judo Team



Cadet Judo Team coach CPT (P) Gary Melton discussing competition rules with Coach Y. Yonesoka of the Cranford, NJ Judo Club.

The Cadet Judo Team assembled with guest instructor Y. Matsamura and several other guests following a training clinic.

THOUSANDS of miles away and over one hundred years ago the martial art of judo was founded by Dr. Jigoro Kano in Tokyo, Japan. Since that distant beginning judo has developed into a competitive sport practiced throughout the world and has been an Olympic sport since 1964. Only in the last 26 years has judo really caught on in collegiate athletics. Today over one hundred universities and colleges across the United States have teams.

Judo is a combative sport and quite similar to wrestling. Judo contestants begin from standing positions and work against their opponents to throw them to the mat. If a contestant throws his opponent very skillfully and with sufficient speed, force and good technique the match may be won. Usually the match will continue to the mat where hold-downs, choking and armlock techniques may be used to gain the win.

Judo as a combative sport would seem to be well suited to the Academy en-

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Cadets Julie Hamacher '87, Ray Jimenez '87, Donna Lee '86; (back row) Coach CPT (P) Melton, Ken Johnson '87, Bill Stacey '87, Mark Schemine '86, and Bill Prior '87, assembled following the team's victory over USAFA, the most significant of the season.

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Top female competitor Brenda Childs '87 of Hampton, ME concentrates at the start of a 7.5 kilometer race as the starter, MAJ Steven Finch of DMI, holds her on the line.

Alpine specialist Tim Kielpinski '87 carves through the slalom gates at Lake Placid, NY.

Two Army greats: Nordic Coach Frank Calamari gives last minute instructions to Lyle Nelson '71 just before a Bear Mountain jumping competition, 1969.

THE ARMY SKI TEAM
Tradition, Teamwork, Training and Technology

by MAJOR DAVIS RICHARDSON

CAPPING one of its most successful seasons in recent history, the Army Ski Team powered to a top ten finish at this year's national ski championships held in Killington, Vermont in early March. This exciting accomplishment was all the more noteworthy in light of the fact that skiing is a club sport at the Military Academy and, as such, the team is organized, led and partially funded by the cadets themselves. Officially classified as a competitive club sport, skiing is one of the 24 athletic teams that are supported and maintained by the Directorate of Cadet Activities and the Commandant of Cadets. Although somewhat lesser known than the varsity or corps squad teams, these important activities provide high-level athletic challenges and competition to hundreds of cadets annually.

The Army Ski Team has an authorized strength of 30 cadets, both male and female, who actively compete at the intercollegiate level. For competition, the team is organized into an alpine squad and a nordic squad with 15 cadets each, normally 10 men and 5 women. In intercollegiate competition, a typical meet would consist of two runs of both men's and women's slalom on the first day and two runs of the faster, less technical giant slalom on the second day. A team may enter 5 skiers in each event, and the times of the fastest 3 skiers are used to calculate the team's overall score. The nordic or cross country events are held simultaneously and consist of a 15 kilometer individual race for men, a 10 kilometer race for women and a mens' and womens' team relay race with 3 skiers, each skiing 5 kilometers. A relatively new event, it was the team relay race which replaced ski jumping in the mid-1970s in an effort to expand nordic competition to a greater number of schools and participants.

West Point competes in the Mideast Conference of the National Collegiate Ski Association which, in spite of name changes over the years, has changed little in membership since it was first organized in the early 1960s. Member schools are located primarily in New York and include Army, Syracuse, Yale, Clarkson, Colgate, Ithaca, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and others. Each weekend from mid-January until the end of February, one of the member schools organizes and hosts a two-day competition featuring both alpine and nordic events. At the end of the regular season, the top 4 teams from the Mideast Conference clash against the top collegiate teams in New England in an

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From the past: BG Davison, USMA Commandant of Cadets 1963-65, presents ski award to Cadet Martin Johnson '65, as Coach Brousseau and Team OIC Captain Charles H. Stevens '55 look on.

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THE GIFT SHOP

Association of Graduates

Faith Kelly working at the display case.

THE Gift Shop in Cullum Hall is operated by the Association of Graduates to promote the Military Academy through the sale of items which effectively display the Academy seal, colors, and/or mascot. Sales are offered to members of the Association, members of the USMA Staff and Faculty, cadets and cadet parents. Sales are not offered to the general public. The Gift Shop is open year-round from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday. Hours are extended through Saturday and Sunday during Homecoming/Reunion weekends and during Graduation Week. Its doors are also open on football Saturdays.

The Gift Shop is a specialty store maintaining quality merchandise. The staff of the shop is dedicated to presenting this fine merchandise with courteous, helpful service. Mrs. Patricia L. Greb, Gift Shop manager, is assisted by Mrs. Faith M. Kelly in the showroom and Mrs. Patty M. Powell in the stockroom. Mr. Jon Koziak, the AOG Facility Supervisor, also assists in keeping the shelves well stocked.

Items are selected for sale based primarily on a combination of the appropriateness with which the items will accept the crest, colors and/or mascot, and with a consideration for the potential interest in the items. Prices are established to cover the cost of the items plus overhead costs. The operating goal of the Gift Shop is to break even.

During the fiscal year of 1 April 1985–31 March 1986, the Gift Shop served some 8,207 customers, both walk-in and mail order, totaling $270,000. The mail order customers comprise about 75% of the total business, with the remaining 25% from walk-in customers. The walk-in customers do have the advantage, of course, of viewing all of the gift items elegantly displayed by Mrs. Kelly in the windowed display cases and artful arrangements on the showroom floor.

It is interesting to note that 50% of the Gift Shop's business is conducted within three months, those being October through December. This high volume is attributed to the Christmas rush. The Gift Shop serves, on the average, 334 customers a week, 67 customers a day (again, both mail-order and walk-in).

The Gift Shop first opened over 40 years ago and continues to thrive with new merchandise and services. For Class reunions, Founders Day, mini-reunions, or Army/Navy gatherings, custom-made items or favors commemorating the event can be made available. The Gift Shop can arrange etching or engraving Class crests, numerals, or dates on jewelry, mugs, glassware, and other items. For further information concerning this very specialized service, contact Mrs. Greb at 914-446-5869. Orders for such requests must be made at least six months in advance of the event.

A complete gift catalog containing a mail order form is mailed annually (each fall) to all graduates, parents, widows, and is also distributed to the Corps of Cadets. The catalog continually features new items, as the Gift Shop strives to update and tailor its merchandise to the needs and requests of its USMA market. For instance, new items last fall included ties, scarves, and cummerbunds made from the new official USMA wool tartan material. Those items were highly popular for the 1985 Christmas season, selling out in record time. (See ASSEMBLY, September 1985, page 33 for feature article, "West Point's Highlanders," regarding the official tartan.) If you do not receive a catalog and would like one, contact the AOG Gift Shop.

When you place a mail order, regardless of where you may be stationed, vacationing or living, the Gift Shop will mail it to you; they offer a world-wide shipping service. An attractive black, gray and gold striped gift wrapping paper is available for all orders at a minimum charge. Fine engraving is also offered. Cadets receive a ten per cent discount on all merchandise and free gift wrapping.

Look for the upcoming 1986-87 Association of Graduates Gift Catalog with exciting new items. The AOG Gift Shop will continue to maintain a top quality, premium service store for your use. The next time you are at West Point be sure to visit the Gift Shop. The staff looks forward to serving you.

Daryl DeBerto-Ferraiolo
Editorial Assistant

Faith Kelly, Patricia Greb and Patty Powell reviewing the gift catalog.

Gift Shop manager, Patricia Greb, taking an order by phone.

Patty Powell and Jon Koziak busy in the stockroom.

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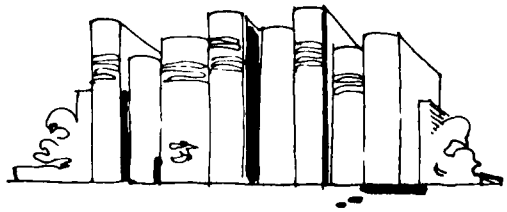
Book  Review

THE CHALLENGE OF COMMAND: READING FOR MILITARY EXCELLENCE

By Roger H. Nye, COL, USA (Ret), 1986, Avery Press, Wayne, NJ.

Reviewed by Colonel Howard T. Prince II, Professor and Head of the Department of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership, U.S. Military Academy.

"You can't say later on in life I will start studying. You have got to start in the beginning." Few would disagree with General Omar Bradley's admonition to self-development. And many have asked, "What should I read?" in search of a starting point or a guide to what others have found to be professionally worthwhile.

By providing an organized answer to the question, "What should I read?,"COL Roger Nye has performed a major service to the military professional, as student and mentor. For young officers, Nye makes a convincing, even inspiring, case for professional reading—reading to develop "a clear sense of themselves as military men with responsibilities and opportunities that are unique in American life." Reading to gain a vision of self as a professional soldier can inspire a career of service, give meaning to life while lifting us beyond our day-to-day jobs, spur us to excellence, guide us into the status of a true professional and even give us style, according to COL Nye. Professional reading can also be fun.

Drawing upon the experiences of thoughtful soldiers he has known as well as his impressive grasp of a huge military professional reading list, COL Nye relates his answers to the question "What should I read?" to the central vision of the military professional as the commander. The main roles of the commander, according to him, include the tactician, warrior, moral arbiter, strategist and mentor.

COL Nye has organized his text to accomplish several things for the reader: "(1) give an overview of the command phenomena; (2) analyze the field into manageable topical chapters; (3) suggest major problems and trends in each topic; (4) highlight some of the best books on each topic, based on readability, substance, and availability; (5) raise questions for reflection and discussion; and (6) include a detailed bibliography for ease in locating books that have been given an abbreviated cite in the text." For the most part, he has succeeded admirably.

In successive chapters, he develops central questions and issues which should serve as guideposts for anyone who tackles his suggested readings. He provokes the reader as learner to read on and provides the commander as mentor with potential discussion topics for use in guiding others.

COL Nye would have us read not only history and literature but also the social and behavioral sciences. He suggests classics as well as contemporary books. Fiction and non-fiction works are found among his references. Each chapter refers briefly to several books which are especially topical. COL Nye relies most heavily on books of history and literature, although the works he has selected from other fields such as philosophy and the behavioral sciences are, for the most part, of central importance to their respective topics. However, better coverage could have been provided for the reader through more careful selection from the social and behavioral sciences. For example, one of America's premier political scientists, James Macgregor Burns, has written an excellent book, *Leadership*, which is an exceptional synthesis of political science, history, biography, psychology and sociology in terms of how each illuminates the leadership phenomenon. This book, which is merely listed in the final bibliography, could have been highlighted within the text and made a recommended reading instead of others such as *Leadership and the One-Minute Manager*, which is catchy but oversimplified. Neither the study nor the practice of leadership is simple.

Although COL Nye's definition of command is "to direct with authority," his notions of command as an art properly include many skills, among them the ability to influence other people and, ideally, to gain their willing support for the commander's intent. However, COL Nye chose to omit the role of leader from his vision of the commander. Thus there is no separate chapter devoted to the commander as leader. The only place where he addresses leadership directly is in his chapter on the company commander. This is unfortunate since there are several misconceptions about leadership in the officer corps today which COL Nye could have addressed to our collective advantage. For example, many officers tend to derogate the formal study of leadership. Some argue "it's all just common sense." Others simply believe that leadership is all a matter of the character and qualities of the leader which aren't very malleable. A third and very important misconception is that leadership is the same at all levels. In other words, many act as if there is no need to learn new leadership skills and perspectives as one progresses to higher organizational levels. COL Nye may have inadvertently reinforced some of these misconceptions by his treatment of leadership as part of company command. Although COL Nye himself recognizes the importance of leadership skills to the commander, he could have made the point more clearly and emphatically by writing a separate chapter on the role of the commander as leader.

Another potential drawback to *The Challenge of Command* is its heavy reliance on military classics that are out of print. The publisher of COL Nye's book plans to reprint a few of these, but the officer who is away from Army centers of learning may be unable to find some of the more useful works.

Some of the most vivid and insightful accounts of combat leadership during the Vietnam war are missing from COL Nye's bibliography. Although he cites Caputo's *A Rumor of War*, useful for its treatment of guilt, and *The Lionheads*, a fictional account of the commander as moral arbiter, he has overlooked two books by Frederick Downs, *The Killing Zone*, probably the best available account of infantry combat at the platoon and company level, and *Aftermath*, a gripping account of the consequences of physical and psychological wounds. Also missing are James Webb's *Fields of Fire* and John del Vecchio's *13th Valley*. All of these are readily available at present and are highly recommended. My own experience suggests that younger officers will find these more relevant and insightful as well as more vivid and enjoyable than quaint accounts such as those of Siegfried Sassoon's from World War I.

The Army experience of the last two decades has highlighted the importance of a moral vision to the commander. COL Nye takes a fresh look at the commander as moral arbiter, and provides material that enables the student as well as the mentor to avoid the trite and well-worn anecdotes of how lying on the battlefield caused unnecessary casualties and failed missions. Instead of having the problem of how to develop character and teach right or wrong, the commander, according to Nye, is faced more often with the problem "of coaxing people of good character to act in accordance with their beliefs when operating in situations of great pressure and very little moral support." This is an invigorating perspective and reflects a growing awareness that the commander needs to establish conditions which favor the exercise of good character. While some may disagree, it is a point of view that should be known more widely and debated. Nye provides a number of useful resources in addition to his own elaboration of this argument which is clear and to the point. On a related topic, the commander's concept of duty, COL Nye focuses our attention on a subtle and potentially far-reaching shift in official Army statements on professional values such as FM 100-1, *The Army*. As a military profession, are we, in our more recent pronouncements,

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NEWS FROM THE SOCIETIES

Association of Graduates

It's great to hear from so many West Point societies as they celebrate Founders Day, vote changes of command, etc. I'll keep my transmission fairly short so all of you can communicate, but let's not let the Sep issue be like church the Sunday after Easter. We want to hear from all of you again and all unknown stations please check in the net too!

Society "scribes" plan now to share news of your society in every issue. Next reports due me the end of June for the Sep issue. If you've not yet reported changes in officers, please let us know as soon as possible. We want the report for the 86 REGISTER (to printer in August) to be accurate.

We have a new team on the field. Based in Chattanooga, it is the Tri-State West Point Society. President is Mel Young '52; Secretary/Treasurer is Tom Huey '75. They are off to a good start but are looking for a few more good men from the southern Tennessee, northern Georgia/Alabama areas. All non-affiliated grads in that tri-state area please contact Tom Huey at 615-265-6309.

Here are some hard-working grads interested in forming new West Point societies in areas indicated. They too need a few more good men. If you're in supporting distance, want to renew old ties and find new ways to repay West Point for all she's been to all of us, please contact the appropriate man:

Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill

L. Neal Ellis, Jr '70, Hunton & Williams, One Hanover Square, Fayetteville Street Mall, P.O. Box 109, Raleigh, NC 27602.

Los Alamos, NM

Andrew E. Andrews '64, 350 Valle del Sol, Los Alamos, NM 87544.

Concord, NH

John W. Mitchell '71, Sulloway, Hollis & Soden, 9 Capitol Street, P.O. Box 1256, Concord, NH 03301.

Annapolis (Yeah, right among 'em)

Allan J. English, Jr '49, 2916 S. Water Point Drive, Annapolis, MD 21401.

Florida Panhandle

Frederick R. Dent '56, D.O. Pattison & Associates, Inc., 1301 Eglin Parkway, Suite E, P.O. Box 822, Shalimar, FL 32579.

Looking for new members for the West Point Society of *Savannah*:

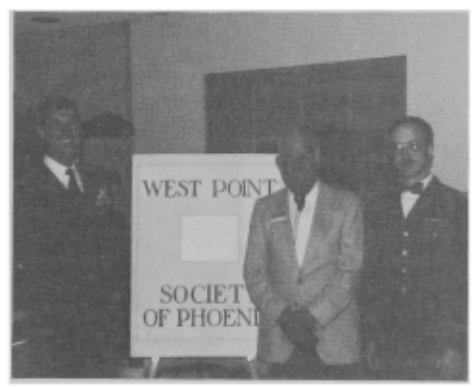
Ford P. Fuller, Jr. '40, 118 East 46th Street, Savannah, GA 31405.

Mailings planned for the summer include a schedule of cadet team/club trips this fall (several great sponsorships this year); an update on changes in society officers; worthwhile articles, etc. If you need something about West Point, haven't been able to find it, think we can help—send up a flare. Any color will do, just be sure we see it.

—Skip Wensyel '52

West Point Society of Phoenix

The West Point Society of Phoenix observed Founders Day on 3 Mar 86, with a social hour and dinner at the Arizona Country Club. BG Thomas E. Griess Jan '43, President of the Society, was Master of Ceremonies. He extended to Bob Fye '45 our thanks for arranging the evening for us. After the usual toasts to the Commander-in-Chief, to the Corps, and to our Ladies, General Griess offered a toast to Colonel Lathe B. Row '13, the oldest graduate in our society. Colonel Row was born in May 1888, in Kansas. He was commissioned in the Infantry and served in the AEF in World War I. He now lives in Sun City, AZ. Unfortunately he could not join us—Edward I. Sachs '30, oldest grad present, commented that ret grads would find that service at the political grass roots organization as precinct committeeman or at the district level offered a further opportunity for constructive service to the country. The youngest grad present, CPT L. Paul Morris '80, gave new evidence that "youngest grads present" are of quick wit and polished sagaciousness.



Founders Day 1986, Phoenix, 3 Mar 86; Boylan (guest speaker), Sachs '30 (oldest grad), Morris '80 (youngest grad).

Our principal speaker, BG Peter J. Boylan, Jr., Com of Cadets, spoke of his role and recounted some of the changes he had initiated in the life style of cadets for them to more readily transition from the role of cadet to that of junior officer. As perceived by some of the old grads present, it would appear that his program is not a break with tradition but in reality is a little stiffening of the spine and a firming up of the stance.

MG Robert Fye was elected President of the Society for the ensuing year. He commented that one of the objectives would be to back the Admissions Program in the location and recruitment of high quality prospects for admission to the Military Academy.

In summary:

Old grads are witty, sagacious, perceptive and old.

Young grads are witty, sagacious, perceptive and young.

Commandants appear to be younger every year.

The Corps has not gone to hell!

Coy L. Curtis '37

West Point Society of Orange County (CA)

Founders Day 1986 was a great success for WPSOC! Over 125 grads and guests turned out as GEN Michael S. Davison, AOG President, brought everyone up to date on major new developments at West Point and described the new, more active role which the societies, through the AOG, will be playing in support of the Academy's mission. The "Jones Boys" were prominently featured at the dinner, with Bill Jones '36, and Jeff Jones '78, as the oldest and youngest grads present. Board members had the opportunity to meet informally with GEN & Mrs. Davison at a brunch earlier in the day. Congrats to dinner chairman Dave Rosenblum '70 for a great job!

Also at the dinner, WPSOC named Tom Mesereau, Jan '43, as the first recipient of its "Duty, Honor, Country" award which will be given annually to the local graduate who best typifies the academy's motto. Sadly, Tom passed away less than a week before the dinner, after a long and courageous bout with cancer, and the award was received by his son, Tom Jr., and his daughter, Mary Jane. Our prayers go out to Tom's family.

New WPSOC officers for the 1986-1987 term are President—Larry Strickland '64; Vice President—Ron Von Freymann '64; Secretary/Treasurer—Craig Kirkpatrick '78. Members newly elected to the Board of Governors for the 1986-1989 term include Dick Henry '49; Lee Gray '53; Ed Olivares '57; John DeLeo '70; and Bud Henry (MALO). Other BOG members serving through 1988 are Bob Braun '49; Ken Herberger '58; Red Zaldo '61; Frank Gibson '61; and Larry Strickland '64. Members serving through 1988 are Fred Rice '60; Ron Von Freymann '64; Bill Correia '66; Dave Rosenblum '70; and Craig Kirkpatrick '78.

WPSOC membership is again on the rise, with a total of 100 current members out of a local graduate population of approximately 235. Membership is expected to top 150 by summer, which will provide a solid financial base for our primary activities in recruiting top prospects for West Point. The annual sendoff picnic for new

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appointees will be held 21 Jun 86. A bumper crop is expected this year, since there were already more than 16 formal offers of admission in the area as of Mar, and a new follow-up contact program has been implemented to help improve the acceptance rate. (More on this program in future issues.)

Socially, WPSOC members got together with their Los Angeles counterparts for a late-season ski trip to Mammoth Mt over the Memorial Day weekend. The OC and LA groups are also joining forces on the sea, first for the Newport-Ensenada Boat Race, which takes place in Apr, and for a less strenuous dinner cruise coming up on 19 Jul. A dinner theater outing is planned for 22 Jun to see "The King and I," and finally, our most popular event, the annual summer social, will be held in Aug.

The local West Point Parents' Club, which is one of the most active in the country, continues to play a key role in many of our activities by their attendance, support and enthusiasm. Typical is their involvement in our team approach to College Night presentations at local high schools.

Fred C. Rice '60

West Point Society of D.C.

Graduates turned out in the largest number ever (more than 300) for the 1986 Founders Day dinner of the West Point Society of DC at the Fort Myer Officers Club on 14 Mar.

Two notable events took place. First was presentation of the Castle Award by LTG Harry A. Griffith '49, Society President, to LTG Brent Scowcroft '47, USAF–Ret. This award is given annually by the society to a USMA graduate whose service to our nation epitomizes the highest ideals of "Duty, Honor, Country." In presenting the award, Griffith noted that Scowcroft's exemplary career placed him in positions of grave responsibility and authority. His outstanding service in the field of national security has been acclaimed at the highest levels of our government.

Citing Scowcroft's significant achievements, Griffith said, "In his truly notable career, Brent has always placed service to others above service to self. As a consequence, he has led others to stretch themselves for the benefit of our country. . . . his career has been rooted in the most fundamental of principles taught at West Point–lead by example." Accepting the award, Scowcroft expressed the thought that it represented a tribute to West Point more than to an individual. He cited the lofty ideals of the Military Academy as the guidelines by which its graduates live and serve.

The second notable event was the "Supe's" presence as guest speaker. LTG Willard Scott '48 gave a rousing talk about the Military Academy and its many achievements in admissions, academics and athletics. He profiled '89, noting that 1,437 entered West Point out of more than 12,000 seeking admission. Of that class, he pointed out, 86 percent were in the top fifth of their graduating class, and 1,238 were varsity letter winners.

Superintendent Scott addressing West Point Society of DC at 1986 Founders Day dinner, Ft Myer, 14 Mar.

Scott also singled out female cadets for special mention, noting that they continue to make outstanding accomplishments. On the athletic side, he pointed with pride to the Army football team record. "For two years," he said, "the Army team has been undefeated at home." Scott said he wanted to leave the graduates with two points. One was to urge West Point societies to be involved with admissions activities. He praised the West Point Society of DC for "doing a very good job." His second point concerned funds. "For the excellence of cadet activities," LTG Scott emphasized, "we need funds over and above those that are appropriated." He encouraged support for the fund-raising activities of the Military Academy.

Tamara C. Kaseman '80 and LTG Joseph Smith '23 share pleasantries at DC 1986 Founders Day dinner.

The Board of Governors of the society is pleased to announce that the first issue of our quarterly newsletter has been applauded by many of its members. LTG Griffith has received a number of favorable comments concerning the newsletter and its objectives. In addition to members, a special mailing was sent to all USMA graduates in the greater DC area. Of the approximately 3,400 graduates in this vicinity, about half belong to the society. As a result of the special mailing, which included a cut-out for membership, 30 more joined the society. We are encouraged by the interest shown by the new members and hope more graduates in the DC area will join our society.

Questions on membership can be referred to BG Michael J. L. Greene '41 at (202) 244-0187.

Phil Farris '46

Space Coast West Point Society

We were treated to a lively, candid, fact-filled update by AOG President Davison when we gathered on February 13th for a "Hundredth Night Day Luncheon." Some good ideas for a society award to an outstanding high school student and a local Thayer type award to a local civic leader were handed out, as a large group of General Davison's old friends filled the room for a warm reunion paving the way for General and Mrs. Scott's 1 Mar visit to our Founders Day celebration. The Supe met with a large, enthusiastic assemblage of selected candidates in the afternoon, followed by the Founders Day dinner in the Patrick AFB Club's Space and Missile Room, with a handsome coterie of our finest all gussied up in their best bibs and tuckers. Dusty outshone us all in her West Point tartan skirt. Steinbeck '29 was introduced as oldest grad present and Griffin '78, who had played handball with the Supe when he commanded V Corps in Europe, gave a good introduction to General Scott's even better than usual address, although some of our crustier old grads seemed to think the idea of ice cream socials in a Fourth Class Club was going a bit far. Many fond farewells were said as the Scotts made what may be their last official visit to our Society.

Jack Dibble '40

Heidelberg, Germany

On 22 Mar 86 at the Heidelberg Officers Club more than 850 graduates and their ladies/husbands attended the 184th anniv of Founders Day. The guest of honor was LTG Willard Scott '48, accompanied by Mrs. Scott. We were fortunate to also have MG(P) and Mrs. Dave Palmer '56, the Superintendent designee. The Deputy Commander-in-Chief, USAREUR and Mrs. Thomas D. Ayers '52 hosted the gala affair. The oldest graduate present was Mr. David Betts '51, political advisor to the Commander-in-Chief, USAREUR, General Glenn K. Otis '53.

Thanks to COL John Burt '57, Chairman of the Committee, all present had a thoroughly enjoyable time.

COL Jeff Kleb '64

West Point Society of Chicago

The West Point Society of Chicago has kicked off another exciting year of activities. On 8 March our new Dean, BG Roy Flint, visited us for a gala Founders Day dinner dance held at the Conrad Hilton Towers. Bob Rosen '47 and Jim Nalepa '78 did the honors as the oldest and youngest grads. The 4th US Army Band provided musical entertainment, and a good time was had by all.

Re-elected president, Jack Faddis '64 announced a series of planned events. Members are to make an extra-special effort to locate new grads in the area. In Apr Jack and Maria Cooley '65 will host a regional cocktail party for northsiders.

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Our last regional cocktail party, hosted by the Cosbys, Mileys and Niedringhauses was a great success with about 50 people attending. Another party is scheduled for 5 Jul at the Colls' '65. This will be a swim party and barbeque and should be a good chance for all the grads in the northwest suburbs to meet.

In early May the society will honor COL Jack Corey, who served with distinction in the CE for many years, part of which was as a teacher at USMA. Since 1968 he has served the City of Chicago in various capacities, most recently as head of its Water Department. On 13 Jun the Chicago Vietnam Veterans "Welcome Home" Parade will be held, one of the largest events that Chicago has seen for some time (except for the Super Bowl). The WPSC has been working with the parade committee in fund raising. COL Wes Taylor '65, who led the ranger battalion into Grenada, as well as Everett Alvarez, acting dir of the VA and the first pilot captured in Vietnam, will be here for a fund raiser in Apr. The society also will host a cocktail party for GEN Westmoreland during that weekend.

In Aug the WPSC has its annual golf outing. On 20 Sep the Army Black Knights will travel to Chicago to play a greatly improved Northwestern U football team. On Fri night the society will host a cocktail reception for all grads in the area, to be followed the next day by a big tailgate party near the stadium.

In Oct the society will sponsor a luncheon featuring COL Len Griffs, who runs the St. Louis Airport; and, in late fall, we'll have our annual Army/Navy football game outing.

Dennis R. Coll '65

Fort Riley, Kansas

On 15 Mar of this year, USMA graduates and friends gathered to celebrate West Point Founders Day at the Officers Club in Fort Riley. The master of ceremonies was COL J. Harding '64. Benny Havens hour began the evening. A series of displays were established with memorabilia donated for the evening by fellow graduates. As the old stories began to flow on "How the Corps has . . ." or "How tough it was when I was there," a bugle call informed everyone it was time for dinner. COL C. Wanner '61 led the cadet prayer. Appropriate toasts were made and we dined with soft music in the background. After the meal, the speeches began.

Our youngest and oldest graduates gave their speeches on "A Day in the Life of a Cadet." It was an interesting comparison of almost 50 years since COL (Ret) L. E. Laurion is '36 and 2LT B. Welch is '85. Both speeches definitely held the interest of the audience. Our guest speaker was COL P. A. Rushton '59, Director of Admissions at West Point. He gave an informative speech on the quality of candidates coming to the Academy. Dinner was closed by the singing of the Alma Mater.

After dinner there was dancing. Next door in the Benny Havens Room, we showed the football highlights of 1985 provided by COL Rushton. All in all we had an enjoyable evening celebrating the founding of West Point.

MAJ Doug Clark '72

Fort Campbell, Kentucky

BG (Ret) Charles H. Schilling '41 was guest of honor at the annual Founders Day dinner at Fort Campbell. Also honored were fallen brothers of the Long Gray Line who perished with the 248 members of TF 3/502 in Gander, Newfoundland on 12 Dec 85.

LT Ray Dudley '84

West Point Society of Michigan

The West Point Society of Michigan (WPSM) held its annual meeting on 15 Mar 86 at the Orchard Lake Country Club north of Detroit. Club facilities have remained accessible to the society for many years through the good offices of the late BG Fredrick S. Strong, Jr '10. Over 135 grads and spouses or guests shared in the festivities and nostalgia associated with the 184th Anniversary of the founding of West Point. This year's program featured remarks by COL John Costa '49, head of the Foreign Languages Department, USMA.

Costa reported on current happenings at the Academy. He informed us of the appointment of General Palmer as the new Superintendent. He also assured us old grads that the quality of the new cadets has not diminished and that the Corps, as well as the Academy itself, remains strong and vibrant. His insightful commentary provided a refreshing blend of information and inspiration.

Accompanying activities followed the traditional program for the Michigan contingent of the AOG. The camaraderie and hubbub of Benny Havens Hour attained new decibel levels for the club before everyone could be mustered in the dining room. Our president, Jim Hays '54, welcomed everyone; then Joe Yeats '49 led the singing of "Benny Havens" (Joe never did like that first stanza). Customary toasts were offered to the Commander-in-Chief, to the Corps, and to our ladies. Afterwards, George MacDonald '46 offered the Cadet Prayer as our Benediction.

The after-dinner program included thanks to Steve Ohotnicky '66 and John Dickerson '74 for their outstanding work in arranging the Founders Day dinner and Army-Navy game party; nomination and election of new Board members; passage of a resolution to donate $100 to the WP Fund in memory of the late General Strong; remarks by the oldest grad present (Miller Perry '31); remarks by the youngest grad present (Kip Edwards '76); COL Costa's remarks; and the group singing of the Alma Mater. New Board members are Newt Whittington '45, Dan James '66 and Kip Edwards. New officers for the coming year are Joe Yeats '49 (President); John Pappageorge '54 (VP); Steve Ohotnicky '66 (Secretary); John Dickerson '74 (Treasurer).

We all had a good time and eagerly await next year's activities.

Steve Ohotnicky '66

West Point Society of Omaha

Yes, There is a West Point Society of Omaha. We celebrated Founders Day 1986 on 19 Mar at the Offutt AFB Officers Club. The program was MC'd by our society president for the past year, MG Jack Farris '57. We were addressed by the oldest graduate present, MG Jim Knapp '39 and the youngest graduate, CPT Al Stuhlmiller '76. The itinerant speaker was the Commandant of Cadets, BG Peter Boylan '61 who brought us news of West Point, reassuring us old grads that the Corps is alive and well and appears able to meet the challenges of the rest of this century and on into the 21st Century. The evening was topped off by viewing the Highlights of the 1985 Army Football season.

A short business meeting was conducted to elect officers for the coming year—to serve through next Founders Day. The officers are:

Dominy, C.E. '62, President BG; Trustin, Y.F. '45, Vice President; West, S.G. '62, President Elect; Pahre, E.G. '52, Secretary; Kallman, M.E. '53, Treasurer; Finlayson, J.D. '62, Information; Martin, R.F. '57, Admissions; Stuhlmiller, A.D. '76, Programs & Arrangements; Farris, J.K. '57, Senior Advisor.

CPT Pete Madsen '75 deserves a kudo for making the arrangements; also MAJ Tom Snyder '74 had a hand in the preliminary planning.

Gordon Pahre '52

West Point Society of Rochester

The West Point Society of Rochester, NY has made it through the "gloom period" and has a strong program planned in the coming months. 1986 activities began in Feb when a carload of us drove to Niagara Falls to watch the basketball team battle Niagara Univ. Although Army was not victorious, it was a real treat to be there to support the team and meet with Coach Wothke after the game. A special thanks to the Buffalo Chapter (WPS of Western NY) for their pre- and post-game activities.

Founders Day was observed on 15 Mar. Turnout was good. Our guest speaker was

Rochester, NY Founders Day 1986: Frank Saul Sr. Jun '43 (oldest grad) and Frank Saul Jr. '77 (youngest grad).

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MG Joseph A. Healey, CG of the NY State Army Reserve National Guard, who gave an interesting talk on the role of the Guard.

The honor of oldest and youngest grad fell to a father and son team—Frank Saul, Sr. Jun '43 from Ithaca, NY and Frank Saul, Jr. '77 from Williamsville. They provided the traditional (and in Frank Jr.'s case—not so traditional) speeches.

Following the dinner, a short business meeting was held. Bob Culp '62 discussed the local West Point recruiting program. It appears that one dozen new entrants will come from this area as well as several who will start at the prep school. Bob Jannarone '69 and Bob Culp '62 have done an outstanding job as MALOs, and they encourage everyone to support the recruiting program.

The next two activities are a get-together with new cadets and parents, and the annual picnic. Any grad who is not on the mailing list should contact Larry Best '72 at 716-425-1435, Jack Black '69 at 716-872-0294 or Mark Preston '77 at 716-223-3489 for info on the West Point Society of Rochester.

—Mark Preston '77

West Point Society of New Jersey

On 15 Mar 86, at the Ft. Monmouth Officers Club the West Point Society of New Jersey sponsored the annual Founders Day dinner commemorating the 184th birthday of our Rockbound Highland Home. Some 202 graduates and their guests assembled to renew old acquaintances, reminisce about their days in gray, and debate that age old question, "The Corps has . . .?"

After the traditional Benny Havens Hour, the assemblage, which included three graduates of a certain yacht club/so-called technical school in the Chesapeake area of Maryland, and a member of the Sandhurst class of '62, enjoyed the comments by the youngest grad, 2LT Ross Turrini '85 and the oldest grad, MG (Ret) William P. Corderman '26.

Highlighting the evening were the remarks by the guest speaker, MG William S. "Lonely End" Carpenter '60, who traveled down from Ft. Drum, NY where he commands the 10th Mountain Division. MG Carpenter was introduced by a film clip of one of his more memorable pass receptions at Michie Stadium during the late '50's. His remarks concerned the outstanding quality of the West Point junior officers his unit was receiving, a fact well received by his most attentive audience. At the conclusion of the talk, the outgoing society president, LTC (Ret) Marvin Thomas '59, presented Carpenter with a framed picture of the general from the 1958 Army-Navy program.

The final entertainment for the evening was a selection of songs performed by the USMA Prep School Glee Club.

Tony Smith '78

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West Point Society of Philadelphia

The West Point Society of Philadelphia celebrated Founders Day and the 60th anniversary of an organized alumni society in Philadelphia with a dinner dance at the Valley Forge Military Academy on 22 Mar 86. The principal speaker was BG Roy K. Flint, Dean of the USMA Academic Board. Other presentations were by COL Lewis S. Sorley, Jr. '19 and LT Jamie A. Ruffing '85, who is currently stationed at Fort Dix, NJ.

A special memorial presentation honoring LTC William E. Murphy III (Ret) '57, the immediate past president, was made to his wife Marilyn and a moment of silence was observed to commemorate his recent death. Newly elected officers and members of the Board of Governors were introduced and assumed their responsibilities for the coming year.

Alfred Griebling '50

Philippine Islands

Members of the West Point Society of DC sent a copy of their Founders Day dinner program, with many notes of encouragement, to LTG Fidel V. Ramos '50, New Armed Forces of the Philippines. His response is worth repeating:

Dear Classmates:

Please accept my deepest appreciation for your felicitations.

Your manifestations of encouragement inspire all of us to carry out our assigned task of achieving much needed reforms with greater vigor and commitment. There is still much to be done to attain a better life for all Filipinos. We look forward to greater cooperation between our two countries to attain our mutual objectives of peace and progress.

With best wishes.

Very sincerely,
Fidel V. Ramos
General NAFF

P.S. What the above really means is that I deeply treasure your words of praise—these coming from dedicated military professionals!

Tri-State West Point Society

The Tri-State West Point Society is officially under construction! Graduates of the Chattanooga, TN area have formed the society to serve as a touchstone for resident graduates as well as those passing through the Scenic Center of the South.

Organizers include William DeBrocke Jun '43, Roy Kauffman '31, Lorres Thomas Jun '43, Mel Young '52, William Spenser '52, Earl Gilmore '61, Judge Andrew Bennett '61, Bill Robinson '68, Dr. James Kimball '68, and Tom Huey '75. We have already identified more than thirty graduates living in the southeast Tennessee area and have begun to search northeast Alabama and northwest Georgia for more.

Our first Founders Day dinner was held in the Walden Club on 31 Mar. Our organizers attended stag and had a wonderful time. We talked well into the night, telling war stories and just getting to know each other. For most of us, it was our first chance to meet, but it will not be the last. Our next major operation will be a joint venture with the very active Tri-State West Point Parents Club to invade Knoxville for the Army-Tennessee game 11 Oct. However, there is a lot of time between now and then with things like July 4th and Labor Day to take into account, so we won't be resting on our laurels.

Any graduates or former cadets in the region are welcome to contact me at my office (615-265-6309).

Tom Huey '75

West Point Society of El Paso

On 14 Mar 86 the West Point Society of El Paso held its Founders Day celebration. The featured speaker was LTG James Polk '33. H. Crampton Jones '16 stirred the memories of all present when he described how it was in the "Old Corps," while LT Rollie Quinn '85, the youngest grad present, allayed any fears among the 250 celebrants by assuring that all was yet well. More than a dozen classes were represented at the dinner.

—CPT Bob Simis '79

Bangkok, Thailand

MAJ Art Marshall, Jr. '70, MAG Thailand, reports an excellent Founders Day dinner held in Bangkok, 14 Mar 86, with more than a score of ranking Thai and US Army officers and their ladies, as well as Captain and Mrs. Herring, USNA '57, attending.

Founders Day 1986, Chattanooga: Tri-State West Point Society.

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West Point Society of South Texas

The West Point Society of South Texas celebrated Founders Day on 14 Mar 86 with a banquet at the Ft Sam Houston Officers Club. Benny Havens revelers enjoyed the music of the 5th Army Band combo. Following an inspirational invocation by GEN Ralph E. Haines '35, guests were introduced. They included three USMA cadets home on spring leave and 14 cadet candidates. The youngest grad present was CPT Brent D. Willis '82 and, receiving a standing ovation, was the oldest grad present COL Julius L. Piland Nov '18.

New officers to guide the society in 1986-1987 are president Jim Strain '41; VP Clancy Hall '57; secretary Chuck Kielkopf '80; and treasurer Ken McCollister '61.

Carl Ullrich, USMA Director of Intercollegiate Athletics, was the guest speaker and assured the crowd of 248 that, although our athletic fortunes had improved in recent years, the West Point philosophy of cadet first-athlete second still is paramount at the Academy.

Project officer for the banquet, COL Buck Griffin '58, was complimented and a good time was had by all.

Russell A. Mericle, Jr. '56

Intermountain Region Founders Day 1986; Cam Longley '33 (oldest grad).

Intermountain Region Founders Day 1986; Bill Taylor '79 (youngest grad).

West Point Society of the Intermountain Region

On 4 Mar 86 at the Fort Douglas, UT Officers Club, our society certainly had one of its most successful Founders Day dinners ever—attributable in large measure to the distinguished guest speaker, the Commandant of Cadets, BG Peter J. Boylan, Jr. First, he drew one of the largest attendances we have had, and then he proceeded to give us all a good, strong shot of esprit de Corps! Covering all the things he knew would interest us old grads and our young ladies—from the new, somewhat more stringent rules on auto ownership, to the teaching of etiquette and the social graces, to of course, the Big Rabble and everyone's unwavering enthusiasm and pride in them—he kept us all absorbed, fired up, and enjoying. Special highlights included the total-person training concept—intellectual / physical / stress management / social; esprit in the Corps; responsibility among the First Class; and integration of the regimental system. It truly was an outstanding presentation, greatly appreciated by everyone.

Benny Havens hour and dinner were, as always, rich in camaraderie and reminiscences. The oldest grad present, Cam Longley '33, and the youngest, Bill Taylor '79, were outstanding and added much to our pleasure. We enjoyed two U Utah ROTC cadets present with their families, as well as several members of our local West Point Parents Club, three of our Utah MALOs, and several USNA grads.

Our annual election produced the following for 1986-87:

President Jerry Dickson '51; 1st VP "Rocky" Milburn '51; 2d VP Jim Strozier '56; Secretary Lake Churchill '48; Treasurer Reid Russell '61; PIO Jim Beierschmitt '64; Board Members—"Army" Lujan '63; Pres Motes '65; Alan Walker '74; Immediate Past President Bill Kyle Jan '43.

Outgoing President Kyle thanked outgoing Board Members and Society Charter Members Bob Muldrow Jan '43 (Past President) and Tom Davies '58 (Past Secretary), for their long and fine service to the society.

—Lake Churchill '48

West Point Founders Day celebrated in Bangkok, Thailand.

West Point Society of Puget Sound

The WPSPS celebrated Founders Day at the Doubletree Plaza Hotel, Seattle on 7 Mar with a Benny Havens Hour, business meeting and formal dinner. BG Peter J. Boylan '61, Com of Cadets, was guest speaker.

Founders Day at Ft Lewis was held on 8 Mar at the Fort Lewis Officers Club with General Boylan again addressing celebrants.

Twenty-five members of the WPSPS attended a business-oriented luncheon in Seattle on 23 Jan. Randy Fisher, Director of the Washington Department of Veterans Affairs spoke. A series of quarterly luncheons with presentations by leaders of business and industry are planned.

Andy Maron '67 has replaced Joe Sullivan '77 as chairman of WPSPS's Career Advisory Committee. Charles N. Howze and C. Coburn Smith, long-time supporters from '31, were reappointed Secretary and Treasurer, respectively.

Society members planning to move from the Puget Sound area are encouraged to affiliate with the West Point society in their new locale. WPSPS secretary, Charles Howze '31 offers help in notifying the

Cadet Mess, West Point: Founders Day 1986.

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"new society" of the relocation and providing a point of contact there.

Win Curley '41

Founders Day Banquet, West Point, NY

The 1986 Founders Day banquet at West Point was held for the second year in Washington Hall. Although the Superintendent, Commandant and Dean all were off visiting West Point societies, more than 525 other graduates and guests attended. The Cadet Glee Club, directed by Mr. Bill Cosby, presented a medley of WP songs, including The Corps and Alma Mater. Cadets representing all four classes attended with their guests. Music was provided by the Jazz Knights of the USMA Band; at midnight more than 60 persons still enjoyed dancing 'neath the Poop Deck.

USMA Chaplain Dick Camp offered the invocation with a benediction by Fr Drummond, Asst Catholic Chaplain. The oldest grad present was COL Don Hull '39; the youngest, CPT Joseph Todd '82. COL Hawley Oakes '56, retiring this summer, was congratulated for outstanding service with the Directorate of Alumni Affairs, USMA. Program chairman and master of ceremonies was LTC Fred B. Johnson '68. OIC was MAJ Ken Burke, assisted by Barbara McNally. Other program officers included MAJ Ken Kiggins '74, MAJ John Norwood '74, CPTs Ray Riddle '75, Herb Hess '77, Russ Robert '78, Doug Bowman '78, Howard Lincoln (NE Univ '75), Rich Tokarz '75 and Bart Keiser '75.

The guest speaker was BG (Ret) Pete Dawkins '59. Dawkins recalled the famous speech by GEN Douglas MacArthur '03 in Washington Hall and observed, "There is a common bond that binds MacArthur and me. It is the same bond that links all of us here tonight. It is the stout web of camaraderie which has been the hallmark of this Academy from that moment when the first graduating class pinned on their bars and marched out to challenge the world. It is the tug of the Long Gray Line."

Dawkins challenged an article by Ben Schemmer '54 which appeared in several publications this past winter and asked whether West Point had outlived its usefulness. Schemmer asserted that perhaps it had and argued that the Academy no longer produces as many general officers as in the past. Dawkins answered "there is something profoundly blind and menacing about Ben Schemmer's article, and his attitude, which on this occasion, as we muse about the Academy's past and its legacy for the future, prompts me to respond." He then asserted, "It isn't what rank you end up with that matters—but the way you walk the route. It's the young lieutenants out on patrol; in the cold, driving rain; at 3 in the morning; speaking words of concern and encouragement to their soldiers. It's the major who stands up to his brigade commander and steels him to report the *whole* truth, when others are counselling a rather more comfortable—but not entirely accurate—explanation. It is, in the final analysis, DUTY, HONOR, COUNTRY. Those three words we've heard so often, transformed into a working pattern of life. That's the enduring value of West Point."

He urged his audience not to become immersed in their own fields alone but to reach out to touch all aspects of American life.

Dawkins concluded "The Army isn't a job, it's a passion. It gains strength by the link it has with the people it serves—not pretending to be *like* those people but dedicated to guaranteeing their freedom and their liberty and their dreams. West Point is in the heart of that passion. It's not getting older, it's getting better."

Fred Johnson '68

Wright-Patterson AFB

USMA alumni in the Wright-Patterson AFB area of Ohio have sponsored a cadet-candidate social hour for the last five years during the Christmas holidays. We generally get a turnout of a hundred or more cadets, candidates, alumni, parents and cadets' dates. Each year the social hour is held in the Wright-Patterson Officers Mess. This year BG Dave Teal '61, USAF, was the master of ceremonies to welcome everyone. He introduced BG Pete Offringa '61, USA, who gave a short talk about Army careers. Cadets Phillip Yost '86 and John Wildermuth '89 gave informative, short talks sharing their views of life at the academy. MAJ Tom Payne '71 and CPT Bill Rollins '74, both USAR, are USMA MALOs in this area. These gatherings have provided opportunities for candidates to talk to cadets and for their parents to share concerns and experiences. Dayton area recruiting has been excellent here in the heart of Air Force territory!

Scott Leaves West Point

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thing we could, but the right things to turn the program around."

His presence at competition and his support of all sports sent a clear message to the coaches and athletes that what they do is important to West Point, Ullrich said. "You need two things to have a successful program: the right guy as coach and institutional support. If the support doesn't come from the president, the boss, the superintendent, then you don't have it."

Even though measures were taken to help the team, such as freeing-up last hour class periods and providing extra time for the players to train and get mentally ready for a game, the general continually reminded the players of their priorities. In a preseason talk to the players, General Scott reminded them that, above all, they were cadets first, and at great sacrifice, athletes second.

"He wanted to help football but not to separate the football players from the Corps," said Coach Jim Young, who believes the superintendent was successful in doing just that.

"Football affects every other sport at West Point including intramurals," said General Scott, who contends that athletic competition has a unique relationship to the Corps and its leadership training. "I now feel that every sport, and I wouldn't make an exception, has come up to be completely competitive," he said. That winning attitude also affects admissions efforts by getting more and better student-athletes interested in West Point. In 1984, 13,500 applicants were considered for the Class of 1988, the largest number ever.

Colonel Al Rushton, Director of Admissions, related that "he has been a true leader in admissions efforts, in terms of being supportive, involved, enthusiastic, and in being able to relate to every audience, to include high school juniors and seniors, and that's our market.

"He is known so widely with our publics that parents, kids and congressmen write to him directly about admission to West Point," Rushton said. "He took the time to be personally involved with candidates because he seriously enjoys it."

While General Scott would be the last to take credit, Academy academic developments moved steadily forward under his watchful gaze. In 1981, the year of Scott's arrival, the dual-track curriculum was put in place to provide additional specialization. That was followed in 1983 by the approval of the optional majors program, through which there are now 16 majors offered, eight each in Mathematics-Science-Engineering and Humanities-Public Affairs. "The majors program is comfortably in place," Scott said.

More recently, the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology granted accreditation to four engineering programs, a process begun in 1981.

While many "old grads" may still lament the demise of the trusted slide-rule, General Scott recently approved the purchase of personal computers for each member of the soon-to-be Class of 1990. "You have to be careful that you don't do something just to keep up with the Joneses," Scott said. So, he applauded the decision of about four years ago that chose "networking" over personal computers. "Now, when we go to personal computers, we still need the network to get to printers and to access bigger mainframes and data bases," he said. Since computers have been introduced to company level in Army divisions, "Our young grads will feel right at home," he added.

Most significant, however, may be the development of the former Ladycliff College property, now West Point's New South Post (NSP), which began late in 1985. Its 28 acres and existing buildings allow expansion of central cadet area academic facilities by moving other activities like the computer center and the USMA Museum to NSP. "He was certainly farsighted in seeing the advantages of developing Ladycliff and what it meant to our academic program," said Brigadier General

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Upcoming Reunion Schedules

In accordance with the USMA policy of supporting the 25, 35, and 45 year reunions at West Point on football weekends other than Homecoming, the following classes will hold reunions at indicated times:

Class	Reunion Period
1961	7-9 November 1986 (Army vs Air Force)
1951	26-28 September (Army vs Wake Forest)
1941	12-14 September (Army vs Syracuse)

Also, the Class of 1956 requested and received permission to hold its 30th Reunion from 31 October-2 November 1986 (Army vs Boston College) instead of during Graduation Week.

To ensure that you are kept advised of all details relating to a class reunion, keep the Association of Graduates advised of your current address.

HOMECOMING 1986

The following is a schedule for alumni Homecoming 17-19 October 1986. The Classes of 1966, 1971, 1976, and 1981 have scheduled reunions for that weekend. For additional information contact the Directorate of Alumni Affairs, USMA, West Point, NY 10996; (telephone 914-938-3700/3024).

Friday, 17 October 1986

1100 West Point Alumni Foundation Meeting, Hotel Thayer
1200 Alumni Headquarters Opens, Cullum Hall
1300-1600 Open House, Selected Academic Department
1430 AOG Board of Trustees Meeting, Place TBA
1700 Reunion Class Picnics, Dinners and Social Activities
2000 Alumni Headquarters Closes

Saturday, 18 October 1986

0800 Alumni Headquarters Opens, Cullum Hall
0845 AOG Board of Trustees Meeting, Thayer Award Room
0950 Assembly for March to Thayer Monument
1005 Alumni March to Thayer Monument
1020 Alumni Exercises, Thayer Monument
1045 Alumni Review, The Plain
1330 Football, Army vs Colgate, Michie Stadium
1800 Alumni Headquarters Closes
1930 Alumni Pre-dinner Cocktail Hour, Washington Hall
2030 Informal Alumni Dinner, Washington Hall
2130 Superintendent's Reception and Dance, Washington Hall

Sunday, 19 October 1986

0800 Alumni Headquarters Opens, Cullum Hall
0800, 0900, 1030, & 1200 Catholic Mass, Holy Trinity Chapel
1030 Protestant Services, Cadet Chapel and Post Chapel
1100 Reunion Class Brunches
1200 Alumni Headquarters Closes

New Superintendent for USMA Chosen

Major General Dave Palmer, born in Ada, OK, has been selected as the school's 53rd superintendent to replace the retiring LTG Willard W. Scott, Jr. Palmer is a 1956 graduate of USMA and also holds a Master's degree in Military History from Duke University (1966).

Palmer, who is stationed in West Germany and commanding the 1st Armored Division, VII Corps, will assume his new post this summer.

Academic assignments prior to his Commandant duties at the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth include teaching military history at West Point (1966-1969), and advisor to the Vietnamese National Military Academy (1971-72). He is the author of three books (*Summons of the Trumpet, The Way of the Fox, The River and the Rock*).

Twice he has served in the Pentagon in the policy arena. He worked in the Office of the Chief of Staff for three years, the last of which was in the position of Congressional Activities Team Chief. The second assignment was in the Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, where he was in charge of the Political-Military Affairs Directorate.

Palmer's appointment will involve a promotion from two-star to a three-star lieutenant general.

He is married to the former Ludelia (Lu) C. Clemmer; they have two children, Allison and Kersten.

Thayer Award

The 1986 Thayer Award Committee, AOG, has selected Dr. Edward Teller, Hoover Institution, Stanford, California, to be awarded the 1986 Thayer Award. It will be presented during appropriate ceremonies at the Military Academy on 2 Oct 1986.

Doctor Teller is a noted physicist who, for more than 40 years, has worked to further security interests of the US in developing and integrating nuclear weapons into our armed forces. He has been preeminent in formulating national military strategy urging a judicious mix of all offensive and defensive capabilities.

He is a Senior Research Fellow at the Hoover Institution; member, White House Science Council; holder of numerous degrees and awards; has been Professor of Physics at George Washington University, Columbia University, University of Washington, University of Chicago, University of California; physicist, Manhattan Engineering District and Los Alamos 1942-1946; Director Emeritus and consultant, Lawrence Livermore Laboratory; author of many books and essays.

Born in Hungary in 1908, Dr. Teller became a naturalized American citizen in 1941. He will be the first recipient of the Sylvanus Thayer Award who was not an American at birth.

Saltzman Honors West Point

Major General Charles E. Saltzman, Class of 1925, a man with distinguished forefathers of the Long Gray Line, has joined a growing list of graduates who have contributed to West Point through the AOG's family of Life Income Plans.

His father, Major General Charles McKinley Saltzman, graduated from West Point in 1896 and fought in the Santiago de Cuba Campaign and the Moro Expedition in the Philippines. His great-grandfather, Major General Isaac Ingalls Stevens, graduated number one in the West Point Class of 1839. He fought and was wounded in the Mexican War. Isaac Stevens went on to become the first governor of the Washington Territory (1853-57). He was killed by small arms fire leading his division in battle at Chantilly in the Civil War (1862).

Major General Charles Saltzman was the First Captain and President of the Class of 1925, and he was one of the group of three graduates who were the first Rhodes Scholars from West Point. His long and distinguished career includes such prestigious positions as Under Secretary of State for Administration, Vice President of the New York Stock Exchange, and

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Partner of Goldman, Sachs & Co. During World War II, he returned to active duty, serving overseas for four years and rising to the position of Deputy Chief of Staff for Fifth Army and 15th Army Group. General Saltzman was President of the Association of Graduates from 1974 to 1978 and is currently the Chairman of its Investment Committee.

In January 1986, Saltzman contributed highly appreciated stock with market value of over $106,000 in order to create a Charitable Gift Annuity for the benefit of West Point. A Gift Annuity is part gift to West Point and part purchase of an annuity which will pay an income for life to the donor and his wife, Clotilde K. Saltzman, as long as either is alive.

- The gift portion, designated by General Saltzman for the AOG Endowment Fund, is just over 40% of the market value of the gift.
- Both General and Mrs. Saltzman will receive a guaranteed annual income, which is equal to 8.2% of the market value of the total Gift Annuity, as long as either is alive. The income is 48% tax free. The assets used to fund the gift were paying no dividends.
- The capital gains tax, which would have been substantial, is minimized.
- The deduction to be taken on the 1986 federal and state income tax return by the Saltzmans (a one-time benefit) will exceed $52,000.

West Point is indeed grateful to the Saltzmans and to the many others who have contributed to West Point through this new and interesting program in recent years. Your inquiries may be sent to the Director of Planned Giving, Association of Graduates, USMA, West Point, New York 10996.

Jean A. Hoey, 40 Years at the AOG

Jean A. Hoey, Secretary/Administrative Assistant to the Executive Vice President of the AOG, recently completed her 40th year of service with the Association. An anniversary luncheon celebration was held 4 April 1986 at the Bear Mountain Inn, Bear Mountain, NY and attended by members of the AOG staff. The Executive Vice President, COL Robert J. Lamb '46, presented Jean with a sterling silver bracelet from the AOG and honored Jean's dedication and perseverance, as she has worked with all of the various directorates. The Association of Graduates looks forward to many more years of Ms. Hoey's fine service.

The Hall of Fame

by COL Leland S. Devore, Jr. USA (Ret)

Don't fret if the public has not yet awarded you the kudos you deserve for your achievements while at USMA. It just takes awhile—73 years in this case!

In the Class of 1913 was a cadet who was known as "Big 'Un." He was 6'4", weighed 225 pounds and while a cadet amassed a series of accomplishments in athletics that has never been equalled. He was twice selected as a football All American, on the 1911 *and* the 1912 teams, at which time Army played Notre Dame when Knute Rockne was on that team and the Carlisle Indians when Jim Thorpe was in their backfield. He was also captain of the 1912 Army football team, he pitched on the baseball team, he was heavyweight boxing champion

of USMA, he won the silver medal in heavyweight wrestling, he lettered in basketball and played on the varsity tennis team! That record still stands—but relatively little was ever heard of it after his graduation—until 27 January 1986!

On that date he was selected to be inducted into his hometown's Hall of Fame in the sports and athletics category. It took 73 years for this public recognition of his feats at USMA, but this fall he will be enshrined in the recently established (1978) Hall of Fame in Wheeling, West Virginia, from which he was a Senatorial Appointee to West Point in 1908. So don't give up hope, your time may come!

This cadet's name? It was Leland S. Devore. He died while still on active duty in 1939. He was my father.

EDITOR'S NOTE: COL Leland S. Devore, Jr. received his commission through ROTC in 1935 and accepted a Regular Army commission at the end of WWII. He retired in 1965 and lives at his home, "Parade Rest," Port Deposit, MD 21904.

Association of Graduates Seeks Assistant Fund Raising Director

Recently, the Superintendent and the Board of Trustees agreed that the Association should expand its fund raising activity on behalf of the Academy. This expansion is needed to provide private funds for special projects and activities which are needed in order for the Association to continue providing the margin of excellence our fund raising program has provided in the past and for which the Superintendent cannot obtain government funds.

Accordingly, to give the Association's staff the capability to execute the expanded program, the Association is seeking an individual to fill the newly created staff executive position of Assistant Director of Development for Special Giving. The starting compensation is $25,000. Because of the nature of the position, the selected candidate will probably be a USMA graduate who has completed a full career in the Army and who graduated from the Academy in the mid to late 1950's or early 1960's.

Those interested in applying for the position may obtain additional information by writing to Colonel (Ret.) Robert A. Strati, Association of Graduates, West Point, New York 10996, or calling (914) 446-5773. Applications, including resumés, must be submitted no later than 1 July 1986.

Help Requested in the Compiling of Company F-1's History

USMA's history, tradition, and folklore are well known and published in many forms. Individual company histories, traditions, and "stories" are not. As the current Tactical Officer of Company F-1, I am attempting to record our grand and glorious past so that our present-day cadets can better appreciate our tradition and gain a better sense of our origins and how they arose. F-1 alumni may provide me with "historical" material, concerning individual and class achievements, and misadventures, both of a serious and not so serious note, at the following address:

CPT Ron R. Porter
Tactical Officer, Company F-1, USCC
West Point, NY 10996

In appreciation for the efforts of those who respond with information, I will furnish to them a copy of the completed F-1 history this summer.

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Four Join AOG

The Board of Trustees, at the 22 February Meeting, approved four applications for Life Membership in the Association of Graduates. Graduates joining the Association are William W. Shely, Jr. '58, Mark B. Pliakos '81, David A. Nash '83. One X-cadet also joined the AOG. He is Edwin C. Gluntz Ex-'32.

ASSEMBLY is pleased to welcome these new members to the Association of Graduates.

WANTED: small size mementos that may have been found or inherited from the years 1851-1854 at West Point. Suggested items are hop cards, class rings, programs, photographs or daguerreotypes, insignia, West Point regulations, napkin rings, or other items connected with the years 1851-1854. The Class of 1951 is sponsoring this 1851 exhibit and cadet room restoration.

Please contact, as soon as possible:

Mrs. Faith S. Herbert
Exhibit Designer
Drury Lane
Highland Falls, NY 10928

Army/Navy Game Weekend—Philadelphia 5-7 December 1986

A fun holiday weekend for people attending the Army/Navy game has been arranged by a civic consortium of the Army and Navy alumni clubs, Hospitality Philadelphia Style (HPS), and the Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce for the weekend of 5-7 December 1986. The weekend includes 3 days/2 nights in a deluxe center city hotel.

This weekend will begin Friday, December 5th with a special afternoon guided bus tour to give an overview of historic and cultural Philadelphia. It will be followed by a private reception in the historic First Bank of United States where guests will be welcomed by local dignitaries. The alumni associations of both academies will join at a Before Game Dinner-Dance at a unique Philadelphia landmark.

Festivities on Saturday start with brunches at both the Army Support Center Officers Club and the Navy Base Officers Club. Transportation will be available to the clubs and/or to and from the game. After the game there are always cocktail parties at the officers clubs. HPS will help visitors select places to dine Saturday night.

Sunday, a morning visit to the Philadelphia Museum of Art with a special tour of the museum's collection will be followed by Bloody Marys and a light lunch on Boat House Row overlooking Schuylkill River.

Applications for this VIP Weekend can be obtained by contacting Army/Navy VIP Weekend c/o Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce, 1346 Chestnut Street, Suite 940, Philadelphia, PA 19107 or call 215-546-4336 on weekdays.

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Roy K. Flint, dean of the academic board.

Other construction that changed the face of West Point during Scott's tenure included the Jewish Chapel and the multipurpose sports facility, which is the new home of Army hockey and basketball. Less noticeable, but important to cadet summer training, a 39-lane night qualification course is due to be finished this October, and a new two-lane combat pistol qualification range should be completed by November.

More important to the families at West Point may be a new commissary, for which FY 87 funding was tentatively approved after General Scott successfully defended USMA's need for the commissary to the DA Subsistence Review Board.

While he seems to have personally raised the spirit of everyone at West Point, General Scott has undoubtedly had his greatest effect on the more than 10,000 cadets who have known him as "The Supe."

"In my view," says Commandant of Cadets Brigadier General Peter J. Boylan, "the cadets absolutely revere the man, and they not only hang on his thoughts, but his words as well."

Others attest to General Scott's ability to motivate young people. General Flint said, "This man is the best leader of young people that I've seen in my life. He is the best." Colonel Rushton commented, "I think he is just a great communicator and people person." And Coach Young added, "He has the ability to project the leader while still letting the cadets know they can talk to him."

The Scotts motivated in other ways as well. Religious programs at West Point did not escape the Scotts' force of personal example. The superintendent would offer grace before meals in his home even though a chaplain might be among the guests. Their attendance at Holy Trinity Chapel services and their enthusiastic participation in interfaith activities provided cadets with a high example of moral and ethical development to which they could aspire.

But cadets did not claim his exclusive attention, however. General Scott personally devoted his efforts to solving the Impact Aid problems with James I. O'Neill High School in Highland Falls, and he advanced the image of West Point locally and at appearances around the country. "He has been a brilliant and enthusiastic representative of the Academy," said Brigadier General Boylan. "His greatest impact has been one of advancing the idea of West Point—the idea of a place where excellence exists—to institutions of higher learning and other organizations scattered throughout the United States."

The Scotts also burned a lasting impression in the minds of thousands of visitors to West Point who were treated to a peek inside Quarters 100. The Scotts opened their doors to cadets, staff and strangers alike—more than 50,000 of them according to Scott's aide-de-camp Major Tim Peterson. Brigadier General Flint remarked, "They were completely generous with that national treasure."

But one didn't have to cross the threshold of their quarters to see the general and his lady. They could be seen at lectures and concerts, football and baseball games, basketball and hockey games, lacrosse, parades, the supe's boat, popping into offices, almost anywhere.

He could be expected to dress for the occasion, wearing a West Point tartan for entertaining at the quarters or a red sweater for delivering Christmas cookies to staff members. She would, of course, dress likewise with a special touch always, fresh flowers in her hair.

Upon relinquishing command, most commanders admit to a disappointing list of projects that they were unable to finish or even begin while occupying the "Old Man's" chair. When asked what items might go on his list, General Scott mentioned nothing that might have made his tenure look better in the afterlight of history. Instead, he gently shook his head, and in a reflective voice he recalled only those disappointments that were very personal to him. "The disappointments that I will always remember the most were cadets who really could have been great officers, who left or didn't make the effort; or some who were tested in dimensions like personal honor and were found, unfortunately at that particular moment, wanting." He'll not miss what he called the sad business of summoning cadets to inform them of his decision that they cannot be allowed to stay.

So, how will posterity record this superintendency of Lieutenant General Willard W. Scott, Jr.? Perhaps General Scott said it best himself, "I hope it is in that one goal, which I really believe in, that we have found ourselves, that we believe in ourselves, and that we have picked up again the winning spirit."

Robert T. Stevens Collection

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1860's include those with the Nez Perce, Flathead, Yakima and Blackfoot tribes. Modern newspaper articles from the *Great Falls Tribune* recount Isaac's role in forming the treaties, from his visits to each tribe during which he gathered data and learned to recognize and respect their differences to his recommendations to Congress that each tribe be granted a separate reservation.

A Brief Sketch of the Life of General Hazard Stevens, printed in Boston in 1908, a political tract addressed to the electors of the 10th Congressional District, reveals Isaac's son Hazard as another Stevens dedicated to serving his country. As a boy, Hazard accompanied his father on Indian

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treaty expeditions. He attended Harvard for one year, leaving to join the United States Volunteers at the onset of the Civil War. The Medal of Honor was awarded to him and he was promoted to brigadier general before his 23rd birthday. Hazard later became an attorney for the Northern Pacific Railroad Company and ran for Congress in 1908.

Various books, letters and manuscripts in the collection lend firsthand insights into our nation's youth, its explorations and ordeals. An eight-page letter written by George Washington in 1784, following an expedition to the Northwest, outlines the resources of this territory, urges prompt treatment of the Indian situation, and recommends surveying the lands and opening them to commerce and settlements.

An original letter from Robert E. Lee to Jefferson Davis in 1863 discusses the Shenandoah Campaign; and two facsimiles of Lee letters written in 1861, one to Winfield Scott, resigning his commission in the U.S. Army, another to his sister, explaining the reasons for his resignation, express the torment felt by many West Point graduates at the onset of the Civil War.

An autographed manuscript speech delivered by William Henry Harrison prior to his inauguration, a John Quincy Adams letter on boundaries set by the Adams-Onis Treaty relating to the acquisition of the far west, and an endorsement signed by Abraham Lincoln regarding land titles in California further enhance the collection. A detailed letter on western exploration written by John Charles Fremont advises John Torrey on how best to reach the Pacific Coast.

This is merely a representative sampling of the extensive collection bestowed upon West Point by the Stevens family. The cadets' academic experience will be enriched by the historical content of the materials, and the dedication of Robert T. Stevens and Isaac I. Stevens to "Duty, Honor, Country" will surely be inspirational.

Judith A. Sibley
USMA Library

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ing Club and War Games Club are especially attractive for some off-duty hours of challenging activity. The World War II Club provides an exciting opportunity for the soldier to study military history.

The athletic program is equally rigorous. Five civilian coaches provide the essential continuity within the program and with West Point. They are supplemented by a military officer, an athletic specialist and an athletic trainer. The permanent staff is enhanced by the assistance of personnel from the Department of Military Training, Admissions Staff and Academic faculty who lend their expertise to flesh out a full program of fall, winter and spring varsity and intramural sports that include football, soccer, cross country, volleyball, men's and women's basketball, wrestling, indoor and outdoor track, baseball, lacrosse, tennis, swimming, softball, golf, and orienteering. In addition, the staff enjoys the assistance of six TDY coaches each year. These are usually recent graduates of the Academy who have shown themselves to be successful achievers on various West Point teams, and who contribute their athletic expertise and serve as important role models for the aspiring Cadet Candidates.

Each C/C must participate in one sport; however, many candidates excel in several. The physical education program is designed to keep them physically fit and mentally alert as both soldiers and athletes. Both men and women must pass the West Point Physical Aptitude Examination to be considered for an appointment, and each C/C must meet the full medical qualifications for entry to the Academy. One of the most important new developments since moving to Fort Monmouth has been the inclusion of the Prep School into the Central Atlantic Football Conference comprised of local prep schools and junior colleges. Each year all sixteen USMAPS athletic teams have the opportunity to test their skills on the competitive edge with Army JV teams and Navy Prep and to battle out their differences with college teams in the area.

The primary mission of the Prep School remains academics. The C/C's most important objective is to strengthen his academic skills in order to receive an appointment to West Point and sustain himself as a successful student while he is a cadet. The admissions procedure is rigorous and the curriculum is a challenge. Of the RA class of '86, 51.3% were in the first fifth of their graduating classes. The mean SAT score is 546 verbal and 568 math. Many of these students were class officers, members of the National Honor Society, listed in *Who's Who* and have had prior college study. They have extraordinary potential; they use the year of intensive academic training at USMAPS to realize that potential.

Each C/C attends four 1-hour classes each day, two in mathematics and two in English. Each discipline is divided into three tracks so that each candidate is able to work at a comfortable yet challenging speed. No one need be overwhelmed by material he may not have been prepared for in high school, and no one need be bored by material he has already mastered. The academic faculty is a unique combination of civilian and military instructors. The majority of the faculty is comprised of civilian instructors with advanced degrees, several with Ph.D.s. They come to the school with many years of experience in both secondary and college level teaching. As a result, they are well aware of the special needs of the post-high school, pre-college student. Instructors are actively involved in professional development by attending conferences and workshops, taking advanced classes and seminars, writing for professional journals, editing works in the field and publishing original manuscripts. The faculty provides the C/C with a role model of personal integrity and professional excellence. The military positions are Army Educational Requirements Board (AERB) positions filled by captains with graduate degrees in mathematics, English, education or related fields. In addition to their academic duties, they assist with athletic teams and sponsor such activities as the cheerleading team and the yearbook staff. Both civilian and military instructors sponsor extracurricular clubs. Modeled after the West Point Cadet Activities Fund, these clubs provide a wide range of cultural, educational and recreational activities. The Fine Arts Forum arranges regular trips to New York City to attend Broadway plays. The Computer Club, Photography Club and Chess Club offer students special opportunities to pursue individual interests. Two school publications are sponsored by the English faculty: the *Volleys* is an anthology of student writing published annually; the *Knight Crier* is a student newspaper published approximately 7 times each year. The faculty also authors many of the textbooks and study materials used in the courses and serve as academic advisors to the C/C's. Instructors provide special individual instruction for students in addition to the time spent in class. As academic advisors, the faculty provides an important monitoring of the student's progress and guidance whenever it is indicated. Faculty members work one-on-one with their advisees but conduct group counseling sessions as well. C/C's receive assistance in developing study skills, forming good study habits and learning and implementing time management. The academic staff works closely with the school psychologist, a new position added in 1985, to grant the student every opportunity to overcome all difficulties and excel academically.

During the past ten years, the program of academic instruction has remained fundamentally the same—the emphasis is placed on the basics of math and verbal skills. However, some things have changed and some new things have been added. In the math curriculum there is a new stress on algebra as the basis for the study of all other math areas. Initially geometry was taught as two subjects—plane and solid. These two areas have been combined into a single, three-unit course of study with emphasis on practical applications and the development of area and volume formulas for 2 and 3 dimensional figures. When USMA decided to move from the slide rule to the electronic calculator, USMAPS also shifted and now uses the HP-15C. In 1982, computer work became a formal part of the math program and students were introduced to basic use of the computer in computations. During each of the three succeeding years this program was refined, expanded and closely correlated with the subject matter taught in the basic curricu-

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lum. The math program, fast-paced and comprehensive, includes algebra, geometry, trigonometry, analytic geometry and calculus. It challenges the student to develop his math abilities to a competitive level for admission to West Point and to work successfully at West Point in a program heavily dominated by analytic skills. In the short term, SAT math scores improve. In the long term, the student's comprehensive knowledge of mathematics improves.

The English program consists of one class in grammar/composition and one class in reading/vocabulary development/literature. A recent innovation in the English program has been working in composition all year. Students begin writing during Unit I and study "formal" grammar as it is "functionally" necessary. They write several papers during each unit which are graded and usually do several other in-class writing assignments which are not graded. Large and small group workshops give the student the added advantage of peer critiquing. In light of national trends in undergraduate writing programs, emphasis is placed on the process of writing as a means of achieving a more effective writing product. In 1984 the English department implemented computer assisted instruction and now trains all C/C's in word processing and computer editing of compositions. Reading improvement and vocabulary development during the first semester have resulted in significant improvements in SAT verbal scores. During the second semester the literature course exposes the C/C to various literary genre and demands development of skills in essay exam writing. Innovative methods have been employed in both courses that emphasize the development of personal self-confidence and awareness as a means of improving written and oral expression. Speech training is provided in composition classes during the second semester to improve the student's ability to express himself orally and to defend a position of argument extemporaneously. The emphasis on writing and verbal expression develops the correlative ability to think logically, a classic and primary goal of education.

USMAPS has had a long and fascinating history. In the framework of an educational system it is, quite modestly, an inspiration. The young people who attend the Prep School admittedly have weaknesses to overcome. They succeed. They struggle through a challenging and difficult program which demands excellent performance in all three areas of academic, military and athletic training. The reward is a coveted one: an appointment to West Point. It is well worth the commitment.

Superintendent Plays Key

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don't like war—they don't want it. But they do their job and do it well. God bless them all. God protect them all. And God take to heaven all those who don't make it through."

On assuming his position as superintendent he sounded optimistic. "The country, the Army and West Point have emerged from Vietnam," he said. "We are looking ahead."

"LTG Berry brought a passion for soldiering to West Point," said COL Rushton, "and spent a lot of time ensuring the Academy was in the mainstream of the Army." He actively participated in the Admissions program personally assisting in the upgrade of the USMA catalog and several film presentations.

"He made a significant contribution to Admissions by helping upgrade our publications and films," recalls COL Rushton. "He helped upgrade the catalog in format, content, and style. Many of those changes are very much evident in our catalog today. I remember working with my sleeves up in his office, side-by-side, on changes to the catalog. We also produced three films in a short period of time that depicted the overview of West Point, the military training programs for cadets and the academic pursuits."

LTG Berry also was charged with the responsibility of preparing for the entrance of women to the Academy which became the law of the land with the stroke of the pen by President Gerald Ford. Preparations included changes in the physical plant, uniforms, administration of the physical development events, and establishment of new standards.

"LTG Berry undertook this task and marshalled the resources which made it achievable," says COL Rushton. "History also shows that this early novel idea of women at the Academy has blossomed into much greater opportunity service-wide for women in both the enlisted and officer ranks. Psychologically it was not an easy task for the superintendent as a graduate of the institution, but he accomplished it in a highly professional manner."

Unfortunately, an academic cheating scandal clouded the West Point horizon, leaving a monumental task for Berry's successor, LTG Andrew J. Goodpaster. Called back from retirement to become West Point's 51st superintendent, LTG Goodpaster provided the Academy the stability it needed to recover from an intensive evaluation of its programs by the Borman Commission and a Department of Army study group. It was a taxing time for all staff and faculty.

Retiring in 1974 with the four-star rank of General, Goodpaster was holding the John C. West Chair of Government and International Studies at The Citadel before being recalled to active duty. Perhaps his impeccable record of service prompted his recall. He had served as a key aide to four presidents — Eisenhower, Kennedy, Johnson and Nixon. After commanding a division in Germany, he was assigned as Assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in 1966. Later, he was appointed to the post of Director of the Joint Staff of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. He also had been Director of Special Studies, Office of the Chief of Staff; Commandant of the National War College at Fort McNair; Deputy Commander of the U.S. Military Assistance Command, Vietnam; and then Supreme Allied Commander, Europe.

LTG Goodpaster accepted the challenge to guide West Point through its traumatic reappraisal, but he insisted on accomplishing the task in his way. "I had an understanding before I went up there [to West Point]," said LTG Goodpaster in an interview in *Army* magazine in 1979. "When Bernie Rogers called me the first time and I said I would [become superintendent] if they asked me, I told him: 'You know what you're getting, you know what I stand for; if that's what you want, fine, but I'm not going to go up and do somebody else's thing; it'll have to be done according to my values, what I think is right for West Point.' "

LTG Goodpaster and the West Point staff sifted through more than 230 recommendations from the Borman Commission and the DA study group, with about 90 percent acted upon favorably. "While there were many changes, I would not term it radical change," said LTG Goodpaster, "because we have not changed what I understand to be the objectives of the Academy. The change is in the methods by which we are attaining these objectives.

"West Point exists to provide to the cadets an academic, military, physical and moral-ethical experience of such high quality that it can serve as the bedrock on which they, as future military leaders, will develop the capability, in due time, to take responsibility for the security and well-being of our country."

Changes were made in the academic requirements for cadets, the Honor Code was fully examined, the faculty makeup was reviewed, attrition rates were explored and the role of the tactical officer was examined by these blue ribbon committees.

"General Goodpaster came to West Point at a time when there was great concern," recalls COL Rushton. "He brought a wonderful reputation of statesmanship and military accomplishment to the post. He was recognized throughout the world for his scholarship and leadership. He was a steady hand and an inspiration in the tough work that followed the honor problems at West Point."

"More importantly, though, General Goodpaster kept the ship afloat during a time when much attention was focused inwardly at West Point. To us in Admissions that meant we were able to keep a candidate pool flowing, and communicate to our various publics in order to accomplish our business of annually bringing

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a class into West Point. It is not easy when you are consumed with internal inspection of yourself."

The superintendent insisted that Admissions document its systems. Consequently, the admissions procedures were examined by a study group, reviewing the process from precandidate phase to enrollment. This action enabled Admissions to do business in a much clearer fashion.

When LTG Willard W. Scott, Jr. arrived at West Point in July 1981 he began what would become the longest tenure by a superintendent since the 1930's. Now he is preparing for retirement after an illustrious military career in which his enthusiasm, leadership and influence have been instrumental in West Point's maintaining its momentum in the college admissions field for the past five years.

When questioned about the reasons the Military Academy was enjoying an admissions renaissance, LTG Scott explained it as an attitude change in the country. "I would hope the most important reason is that the nation as a whole, and particularly young people, have a more positive attitude toward service, including patriotism and an appreciation for the important role played by the Armed Forces in the defense of our nation," said the superintendent. "I think that it is a very important factor—I hope it is the dominant one."

Beginning his watch, LTG Scott felt it was time for the Academy to settle down after the wrenching experience of self-examination. "When I arrived here I said I hope we have a period now of stability," said Scott. "You know what you are doing, you're convinced you're on the right course, but you need to shake it all down, to make minor adjustments.

"My feeling is that the Academy now needs to get back a great deal of confidence in itself. I often think I would hate to be in a seminary or a theological school where the staff and the student body are running around asking each other, 'Do you believe in God?' "

As others before him, LTG Scott is active in assisting in Admissions in any way he can, whether it be speaking to Military Academy Liaison Officers or an individual candidate. He maintains a high profile here at West Point and beyond, providing a special brand of leadership. He is equally at home cheering loudly for the Army football team or speaking about the West Point opportunity for students to a visiting educator group.

"He brings special enthusiasm to the Admissions business," says COL Rushton. "He has spoken to every public we have, and I think it makes a wonderfully favorable impression that the 'president' of the college is willing to talk candidly and openly about becoming a cadet at West Point. He speaks as a former cadet and as a seasoned Army officer with great accomplishment. Most of our candidates aspire to the stature of a person such as General Scott."

"Like his predecessors, LTG Scott has been very attentive to the quality of our program," added COL Rushton. "The written word, our tours program, the Cadet Public Relations Council, our training programs for admissions officers and our field force have all received General Scott's personal attention. To me this is great support."

The role the superintendent plays in Admissions will continue in the years ahead, primarily because it may be considered a "corporate responsibility." Superintendents are an extremely valuable Admissions resource!

Constitution Island

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a summer hideaway necessarily became the Warner House. Not surprisingly, Henry Warner knew little about farming and even less about land reclamation; suffice it here to say it took him less than a year to lose what little money he had left. The bank would have foreclosed the loan on the Warner House in short order had not Henry's friend, John Murray, agreed to make the monthly payments until things got better.

They never did get better, though, and after sheriff's sales of the contents of the house to cover bad debts on two different occasions, Henry Warner was a broken man, quite unable to manage any but the most elementary tasks. Thus he continued until his death in 1875. In the interim, the burden of bringing in some sort of income fell to the three women in the family. They tried all sorts of things from hand coloring playing cards for children's board games to copying court transcripts before turning in desperation to writing. In December of 1850 George Putnam published Susan Warner's autobiographical novel, *The Wide, Wide World*, a book whose "sentiments and teachings," according to *The Commercial Advertiser*, "are pure and healthy." Most readers in the United States and England were quick to embrace her writing, and excepting only *Uncle Tom's Cabin*, Susan's book outsold every other novel written in the nineteenth century. But if the winter of 1850-51 ushered in a reversal in the Warner family's fortunes, it also saw a rift in what, in spite of Uncle Thomas's dismissal from the Academy, had been a cordial relationship with West Point.

The precise reasons for this split are not clear, but a review of the available evidence suggests it had something to do with Henry Warner and the Chaplain of the Academy, W. T. Sprole. In any case, from that winter until Henry's death twenty-five years later, the Warners isolated themselves from West Point. At the time all that was happening, Susan was working on *Queechy*, a sequel to her first novel. Remarkably, it sold nearly as many copies. For the next quarter-century, writing together and independently, she and Anna turned out nearly a hundred other books. At one point during this period the volume of sales on their work proved so great that even in the absence of effective copyright laws they still managed to put together a substantial sum of money.

The heirs of John Murray, the gentleman who for so many years had paid the bank note on Constitution Island, did not share their father's enthusiasm for keeping the Warners housed; hence, the balance of the mortgage suddenly became Susan and Anna's responsibility. Even after paying it off they might have had a fair amount in the bank but for a second financial crisis—this one occurring in 1857. In a matter of days the Warners were once more penniless.

By dint of extraordinary effort and ingenuity the two women managed to keep the family solvent. Anna, for instance, whose chief fame rests on her having written the words to "Jesus Loves Me," published a book called *Gardening by Myself* in 1872. Still widely consulted today, Anna's book represents a real departure from the conventions of its time. Ladies of her social standing simply did not garden themselves. That she did, of course, explains why she actually knew what she was talking about; it also explains why more than a century later other gardeners pay attention to what she had to say. The Warner sisters had other projects as well, but what they needed more than projects were some sustained contacts with other people.

Thus within days of her father's death in 1875, Susan set about developing those kinds of contacts, and she turned almost instinctively to West Point. She began a Bible study for several officers' wives and in a matter of weeks received a letter from the wife of Colonel Thomas H. Ruger, Superintendent of the Military Academy. In it, Mrs. Ruger asked Susan to expand her Bible classes to include cadets. Predictably enough, Susan was both delighted and afraid, but with Anna's help behind the scenes, she began the Cadet Sunday School. For the last decade of her life Susan threw herself tirelessly into class preparation, approaching every lesson with apparent missionary zeal.

Though her classes did not appeal to all cadets, she nevertheless had a large following—so large, in fact, that the Commandant, Colonel Henry M. Lazelle, suspected that they might be less serious than they were. That suspicion, along with their taking place on Constitution Island, prompted him to suspend them in 1882. They resumed the following term, however, and continued until Susan's death in 1885. So highly regarded was Susan Warner's contribution to the Corps that an exception to policy was granted to allow her to be buried in the West Point Cemetery.

The Cadet Sunday School did not disband after Susan's death but rather it continued and prospered under Anna. One element of Anna's success owes much to the generally optimistic bent of her per-

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sonality; another to her willingness to frame her activities within the context of the Academy's mission. In short, she never fought the problem, and in consequence she was highly regarded by officers and cadets alike. Members of her class, therefore, were authorized to row across the Hudson for her lesson, and, moreover, to keep in their otherwise Spartan quarters the small nosegays she sent back with them. A frequent guest at West Point functions, she more and more saw the Academy and the cadets who passed through it as a single tapestry in whose design she was privileged to have a small part.

In 1908, Captain Peter Traub, one of her first Bible students, assisted Anna in selling her house and land to Mrs. Russell Sage for the relatively modest sum of $150,000 against the property's passing to the Military Academy on Miss Warner's death. Two conditions governed this bequest: first, that the property never be developed to commercial ends; second, that Anna have all rights to it for life. Accepting this gift, President Theodore Roosevelt acknowledged Anna's "real and patriotic service" which, when combined with the vigorous part she and Susan took in shaping the lives of so many cadets, amounts to a remarkable legacy.

Shortly after Anna's death in 1915, a group of her friends and former Bible students formed the Constitution Island Association, chartered "for the purpose of commemorating the associations, legendary, historic, literary, and artistic, of the Hudson River Valley, and particularly to arouse interest in the preservation of the house of Susan and Anna Warner on Constitution Island opposite West Point." Seventy years after its formation, the Association engages in a number of activities and programs that logically grow out of its charter.

Last September the Constitution Island Association commemorated the centennial of Susan and Frances Warner's deaths and the seventieth anniversary of Anna's death with an afternoon memorial service in the old Cadet Chapel. Ordered around a dramatic interlude written by Major William M. Bransford, the service focused on the Warner's relationships with both West Point and the literary world. The various reading parts were taken by officers, cadets, and other members of the Association, and more than thirty docents in period costume joined the 150 guests in the Chapel before everyone retired to the superintendent's garden for refreshments.

In April, six costumed docents from the Association served as ushers for a special program by the Military Academy Band. For this performance the band restaged a concert first presented in 1909. Earlier that same month, an art exhibit researched, designed, and hung by Mrs. Morris J. Herbert opened in Eisenhower Hall's Class of 1929 Gallery. Entitled *The World of Anna and Susan Warner: West Point, Constitution Island, and Beyond*, the exhibition concentrated on the polite diversions of the Victorian lady. For the thousands who viewed it, particularly during graduation week, the exhibit captured at once the immediate and timeless nature of the world of West Point.

With an eye toward making that world more accessible to researchers and scholars, the Board of the Constitution Island Association voted earlier this year to place in the Special Collections of the Military Academy Library all correspondence from Academy graduates to the Warner sisters. Among these letters are detailed accounts of life abroad in the nineteenth century as well as vivid reports from the Western frontier. The common thread running through all of this material is the profound influence these women had on the lives of so many fine young officers.

The story of such relationships is at the heart of the two major tour programs the association's seventy-plus volunteer docents serve in each year. Two things continue to make the work of the Constitution Island Association not only worthwhile but also significant: first, the Warner story and its place in the larger fabric of West Point's heritage; and, second, the objects and papers themselves that make up the Warner Collection. Mr. Joseph Butler, renowned antiquarian and curator of the nearby Sleepy Hollow Foundation, points to the Warner House as one of the finest preservations in the United States.

As the Association embarks on its seventy-first year of service to the broad West Point community, it does so with the same optimism that characterized so much of Anna Warner's life. But it also proceeds with the same wearing uneasiness she must have felt each time circumstances forced her to find yet another way to support herself. Mrs. Sage eventually came to Anna's rescue, and that is where this analogy breaks down. As of yet, this organization has found no savior. Readers interested in making contributions to support the Constitution Island Association are asked to write its chairman, Brigadier General Elliott C. Cutler (Ret.), at Post Office Box 41, West Point, New York, 10996.

The Memorials at Cabanatuan

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honored men were and their experiences in combat and as prisoners of war.

The roster of men who died at Cabanatuan is dominated by the names of those who had served on Bataan and had been subjected to the depleting hardship of the Bataan Death March during which a still unknown but shockingly large number of Filipinos and Americans, probably more than 10,000 died, and at Camp O'Donnell where another 1,500 Americans and at least 10,000 Filipinos perished.

The West Point Monument, located just inside the memorial enclosure's main entry, consists of two sections. In its frontal view the black of its pebble grain finish, the gray of its native Philippine marble and the gold which highlights its lettering remind one of our alma mater's colors. Across the top of the smaller, upper section are the words "WEST POINT MEMORIAL." At the center of its marble panel one finds an excellently carved replica of the Academy crest done in pure white marble and presented most attractively in bas-relief. Beside the crest one finds the following somewhat understated inscription:

WEST POINT MEMORIAL

THIS MONUMENT AND THE ADJACENT GATE ARE ERECTED AND DEDICATED BY THE FAMILIES, FELLOW GRADUATES AND FRIENDS OF THOSE AMERICAN AND FILIPINO GRADUATES OF THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY, WEST POINT, NEW YORK, WHO HAVING SERVED BRAVELY IN THE PHILIPPINE DEFENSE CAMPAIGN, 8 DECEMBER 1941–6 MAY 1942, LOST THEIR LIVES IN COMBAT AGAINST THE JAPANESE OR WHILE THEIR CAPTIVES OR PRISONERS OF WAR.

THEIR LOSS, REPRESENTING SIXTY PERCENT OF ALL THE WEST POINTERS WHO SERVED IN THE PHILIPPINE DEFENSE CAMPAIGN, RANKS AMONG THE HIGHEST EVER SUFFERED BY THEIR ALMA MATER.

WELL DONE, BE THOU AT PEACE!

Below that inscription are the words of the Academy's motto:

"DUTY HONOR COUNTRY"

The names and ranks of West Point's dead are inscribed on five marble panels on the larger, lower section of the monument. They are arranged in class order beginning with the Class of 1903 and ending with the Class of 1941. In all, 28 classes report "Present" at the monument's roll call.

The beauty and solemnity of the dedication ceremonies of the memorials completed in May 1985 suited the mood of the large audience present for the occasion and reflected the military precision of the joint and combined honor guards which were made up of personnel from all of the Armed Forces of the Philippines and of United States Air Force personnel from Clark Air Base. The cadets from the Philippine Military Academy in their Full Dress Gray, who participated in the dedication ceremonies were also most impressive.

The principal speakers during the ceremonies were the Under-Secretary of National Defense of the Philippines, the Honorable Jose M. Crisol, himself a Bataan veteran; the United States Ambassador to the Philippine Republic, Stephen W. Bosworth, and Lieutenant General Fidel V. Ramos, USMA 1950, who at the time was Acting Chief of Staff, Armed Forces of the Philippines.

As compelling as the statistics may be, we should not allow their recital to freeze our memory of those our memorials honor in cold, impersonal stone. Nor ought we limit our remembrance of them to the fact that they died under indescribably horrible circumstances. On the contrary we should also remember them as they were, one-time "Mr. Dumbjohns" and "Mr. Ducrots," vibrant youths who proudly wore cadet gray and who to the final moment when their

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fate overcame them were imbued with the strength and sense of direction provided by our motto "Duty, Honor, Country."

Among their number were some who excelled in sports at the Academy. For example, Paul Bunker, Class of '03, the senior graduate among those honored at Cabanatuan, distinguished himself by being the only Army football player selected as a member of Walter Camp's All American team in two positions, tackle in 1901 and halfback in 1902. Later he was named to the National Football Foundation's Hall of Fame and is one of the only 21 Academy graduates to be accorded such distinction. "Moe" Daly '27, earned 8 letters in major sports—3 in football, 2 in hockey and 3 in lacrosse and for 10 or more years following his graduation returned to the Academy each fall to serve as an assistant football coach. He worked with such contemporaries as "Red" Blaik and for the well remembered Army head football coaches, Biff Jones, Ralph Sasse and Gar Davidson when they compiled their combined record of 73 wins and 18 losses. Bill Van Nostrand '34 won 7 letters in soccer and hockey, and '27's Dudley Strickler lettered 6 times in basketball and track. Among those with 5 letters were Harry Packard '30, for soccer and wrestling; 31's Charlie Humber in football and baseball; Brooke Maury '34, for swimming and tennis and Phil Lehr '39 for soccer and wrestling. The list goes on and on.

Very few, if any, men survived those dreadful years in the Philippines having relied solely upon their own resources. To the contrary many died because circumstances had separated them from their friends and other sources of social and psychological support. One graduate has told of several instances in which his life was saved as a result of the spirit of camaraderie born of the days spent among the inspiring Gothic structures at the Point. In the first instance his life was saved while participating in the Bataan Death March by Bill Thomas '32 and Brooke Maury '34 who were to his immediate right and left during a critical stage of that ordeal. After a forced march for an entire day and into the night, he suddenly became paralyzed from the waist down . . . his legs lost all feeling and could not, would not move. Consequently, he lunged forward, falling toward the roadway. Bill Thomas and Brooke Maury caught him as he fell and carried him forward. They had witnessed Japanese guards shoot or bayonet other prisoners who had not kept up the pace and fell behind. Thus they were completely aware of the peril which the extra burden they had willingly shouldered posed for them. Less fortunate were John Ward '20, Ralph Garver '25, Jim Ivy '28, and Jimmy Vaughn '30, who among many others were brutally killed during the Death March.

A very few Americans escaped from Bataan as it fell and like 38's Joe Barker and Ralph Praeger organized guerilla bands. After mounting successful operations against the enemy, they were captured and summarily executed.

A handful of Cabanatuan prisoners were privy to the nightly news broadcasts received by a clandestine radio in the camp. They carefully followed the progress of the war in the Pacific and Europe. Using a set of large scale Guide Michelin maps which Johnnie Presnell, Class of '40 and its Cadet First Captain, had smuggled into camp, they followed the Normandy Invasion in great detail. The radio also kept them abreast of the successes and movements of our Armed Forces in the Pacific. The resultant reinforced conviction that their day of liberation was coming closer and closer proved very important to the improvement of morale throughout the camp.

No one who was at Cabanatuan on 23 September 1944 will ever forget that in the late morning of that day the roaring sound of many aircraft drew the prisoners' attention to the southeast. They spotted an armada of bombers flying at high altitude under escort by fighter aircraft which maneuvered aggressively about them. The formation consisted of far more planes than the prisoners had ever seen. Still in the prisoner's sight, the armada divided into three groups and proceeded on courses to the south and southwest. A little over an hour later the planes returned, reestablished their original formation and flew eastward whence they had come. However, a number of fighter pairs peeled off and swooped low over the prison camp firing their unexpended ammo in salute to their excited countrymen below. All cheered and cheered again, but none more lustily than Horace Greeley '37, who climbed to the top of his barracks and, while wildly waving a tattered shirt, shouted over and over again, "I told you they'd come . . . I told you they'd come. . . ."

In October 1944 as the Leyte landings were underway, the Japanese moved all the Cabanatuan prisoners they deemed healthy enough to travel to Bilibid Prison in Manila. Because American aircraft blanketed Luzon in general and Manila Bay in particular, weeks passed before the Japanese were able to bring a few of their ships into Manila Harbor. On 13 December 1944 the Cabanatuan prisoners and others who joined them at Bilibid were marched to Manila's Pier 7, the pier at which almost all of them had with such expectations arrived in the Philippines. For many it was also the site where 3½ years previously, in 1941, they had exchanged last farewells with their families when they were evacuated from the Philippines.

As they waited the greater part of that day on the pier, several hundred Japanese were loaded onto a nearby ship, the *Oryoku Maru*, a small passenger-freighter. This was the first of three "Hell Ships" on which that group of prisoners was transported to Japan on a 49 day voyage. Late in the afternoon the 1865 prisoners were loaded into the ship's three holds. The greatest crowding occurred in the forward and aft holds where they were crammed so tightly that not more than one man in four could find room to sit and gain some rest. All of the Academy graduates aboard were in those two holds.

The privations, suffering, and dangers that the prisoners were to experience as the Japanese attempted to move them to Japan aboard the *Oryoku Maru* and later the *Enoura Maru*, the *Brazil Maru*, the *Shino Maru*, and the *Arisan Maru* defy description.

In January 1945 the 500 men who remained at Cabanatuan were liberated by a daring force of American Rangers and Alamo Scouts and a Filipino guerilla group. In April of the same year those who survived at Moji and Fukuoka in Japan were moved. Some went to Inchon, Korea and others to Mukden, Manchuria where they were eventually liberated. However, they were still too ill to serve the purposes intended for them when they boarded the *Oryoku Maru* in Manila, to perform slave labor in Japanese mines, dock areas and factories as so many thousands of other prisoners had been brutally forced to do.

The West Point Monument carries the names of the graduates who perished in the following circumstances:

A. Those in direct combat with the enemy including Alexander Nininger, Class of 1941, who was the first Medal of Honor winner in World War II	19
B. Those who experienced the deprivations and disasters of the *Oryoku Maru, Enoura Maru* and *Brazil Maru*	100
C. Those lost on 7 September 1944 when the *Shinyo Maru* was torpedoed	3
D. Those lost when the *Arisan Maru* was torpedoed on 24 October 1944	17
E. The Filipino graduates, the most senior of whom was Brigadier General Vicente Lim, Class of 1914, who were executed for assisting the underground forces	6
F. The Americans, the most senior of whom was Martin Moses, Class of 1927, who were executed for their guerilla activity	5
G. Those who died of disease or were killed while in prison camps	26
Total	176

To the extent that simply designed structures of steel, concrete and inscribed marble set amid plantings of beautiful tropical flowers and shrubs can record for posterity the scope and significance of so great a tragedy as that experienced by those they honor, the monuments at Cabanatuan serves that noble purpose. For

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many of those who were engulfed by the tragedy, the inscribed monuments are their only obituaries and headstones.

The Cabanatuan Memorial Committee is most grateful to the families of those whom we honor at Cabanatuan, to their surviving comrades-in-arms and friends whose contributions to the Memorial Fund helped make our tribute a reality. We must also acknowledge that the success of our effort depended greatly upon the enthusiastic and voluntary contributions by other interested Americans and Filipinos with their professional and technical skills and services, labor, materials and equipment. It is noteworthy that of the total construction cost of $250,000.00 for the memorials, which in the main honor American dead, our Filipino friends contributed more than $100,000.00.

The task now before the Cabanatuan Memorial Committee is to raise the funds required and to make appropriate arrangements for custodial care and maintenance in perpetuity. To accomplish that purpose the committee will establish a Cabanatuan Memorial Trust Fund whose investment income will meet those future costs. It has been determined that a $250,000.00 trust fund will be needed. The committee will select a financial institution to manage the trust fund's investment and will ask the American Battle Monuments Commission to assume the future care of the Cabanatuan Memorials as one of its activities using the trust fund's income.

As was true during the memorials' construction phase no government funds will be available with which to establish the trust fund. At a time when many potential contributors are justifiably concerned as to the use which will be made of their support, the Committee wishes to report that only 8% of the memorials' construction costs were generated by the committee's administrative activities. We intend to repeat our excellent record during this solicitation.

Your personal contribution to the Cabanatuan Memorial Trust Fund and making its needs known to others will be greatly appreciated. Such contributions to the trust fund are tax deductible, will be promptly acknowledged, and should be made in favor of the Cabanatuan Memorial Trust Fund and sent to Post Office Box 13505, Orlando, FL 32859.

CHESTER L. JOHNSON
MAJ GEN USA-Ret
CHAIRMAN, CABANATUAN
MEMORIAL COMMITTEE
USMA 1937

Academic Limits

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Army in the field, will interest you. And I would like to share with you some insights I've gained as the Academy's faculty representative to the NCAA.

Should you choose to write about issues raised in *Academic Limits*, I promise to answer. If your letters are of general interest, we will publish them and the responses in these pages.

Until next time.

RKF

The DIA Reports

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er Dan Kirk, infielders Fernando Huerta, Erik Everton and Karl Tappert, as well as outfielder Tom Cascino. All are batting over .340, with Tom Cascino leading the team at .431. Pitchers Rich Krafft, Gregg Softy, and Rick Nieberding have unbeaten records with Krafft sporting a nifty 2.56 earned run average at this point in the season. Captain Lawrence Tubbs has a 2-2 record and Parker King is at 4 and 1. A number of tough games remain in the always powerful, unpredictable EIBL, but Army has a real shot at having their best baseball record in many, many years. Highlight of the spring was the doubleheader win over the Naval Academy on 29 March before Mrs. MacArthur and a truly "major league crowd" at Doubleday Field.

Also doing well is Men's Golf with a 7 and 0 record, Women's Softball at 14 and 7, and Women's Tennis with a 4 and 2 record.

I would like to share a special concern with all of you in hopes that someone may have a suggestion which could help us improve this troubling aspect of our program., When I arrived at West Point I truly believed that Annapolis (after spending 11 years there) stressed much more importance on beating the Army teams than West Point placed on beating the Navy teams. Many of us have labored hard these past six years to rectify this situation but apparently without success. Although in 1985-86 we tied Navy in overall competition 10-10 and 1, we are far behind this year, having won only 5 of our 19 events with two remaining later this spring. We have tried placing greater emphasis on the contest, less emphasis, having pre-departure and pre-game testimonies, rallies and tributes, making special arrangements for the teams down at Annapolis, and a number of other innovations with the goal of better overall performance in this important competition. I am disappointed with our showing this year against the Naval Academy, and am looking for suggestions that graduates might have to better meet this important challenge.

Our final spring football scrimmages are set for 19 and 22 April, with Jim Young believing that he has had a successful 20-session spring practice period. We have had a number of bumps and bruises but no serious injuries. Several of our players are participating in Track and Baseball this spring through at least part of the spring football practice season. I have been tremendously impressed with the hard hitting and tremendous effort and attitude of what is our smallest spring squad during the Jim Young era. We believe we have had a fine recruiting year with better than 35 of our top 80+ official NCAA visited candidates accepting their appointments, and spirits and hopes are high and optimistic for the very challenging and much tougher fall 1986 football schedule.

The Athletic Committee selected our top award winners from the Class of 1986 in their April meeting:

Army Athletic Association Award winners:

Cadet Don Smith, Football
Cadet Julie DelGiorno, Basketball

Eastern College Athletic Association Merit Medal winners:

Cadet Tom Szoka, Track
Cadet Doug Black, Football
Cadet Jim Clancy, Rifle
Cadet Bob Townley, 150-lb Football
Cadet Rhonda Barush, Rifle
Cadet Wilma Larsen, Volleyball
Cadet Jill Schurtz, Softball

Army Athletic Association Special Award:

Cadet Dennis Semmel, Wrestling

Your continued friendship and support are deeply appreciated.

West Point Judo Team

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vironment and serve to help train cadets to be better combat leaders. Both the combative and competitive aspects of judo promote the discipline of mind and body that future Army officers require. Judo has been an active club sport at the Academy since the early 1960s and, although the club has always been strong competitively, it has had a couple of periods when it was rated exceptionally high in the National Collegiate Judo rankings. The Judo Team enjoyed great seasons from 1972-1977, when the team averaged between 5 and 8 cadet blackbelts on the team each season, a real wealth of experience for any collegiate team. During those years the cadet team consistently won their East Coast judo division and placed well nationally.

This current season which just ended 29 March has seen a revival of the Cadet Judo Team in both national visibility and competitive success. Although the current team does not yet have the experience level of some earlier teams, it is gaining experience by leaps and bounds. A relatively low experience level at the beginning of this past season and a history of unacceptably high seasonal member turnover caused the coaching of the team to orient towards overcoming these two barriers to success. The immediate fixes were to increase the physical intensity of the daily workouts and to schedule the most ambitious season of clinics and competitions ever undertaken by the Cadet Judo Team. Eighty-three daily workouts, 13 competitions, and 3 clinics later it is clear that the plan was a good one.

The cadet team completed this year's season with a truly outstanding competitive record, a highly motivated team of cadets, and even higher prospects for next year. Of the 13 competitions the team

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lost only one team competition, and it was to a non-collegiate team fielding five former national champions and a former Olympic Team member. The cadet team defeated every service academy it competed against, to include the USAFA, USNA, and RMC. The victory over the USAFA was the first such victory over that team in many years and was especially significant as the Air Force Team is coached by the U.S. Olympic Team coach. Seven of the 13 season competitions were collegiate events. The season also included valuable clinics from Y. Matsamura, 6th degree blackbelt, T. Ishikawa, 9th degree blackbelt and the highest ranking instructor in the world outside Japan, and a collection of instructors from the Georgetown University Club. Additionally, Mr. Paul Lim, 5th degree blackbelt, volunteered his time to work with the team every Thursday during our season. The increased competition and the numerous clinics were instrumental in developing the team quickly. Twenty-three of the 24 cadets starting the season completed the season, and with the exception of the three first classmen, it is expected that 20 of the cadets will return for team tryouts next fall. Some of the key cadet competitors who consistently placed in individual competition and represented USMA on the "A" team were Donna Lee '86, Mark Schemine '86, Julia Hamacher '87, Ray Jimenez '87, Ken Johnson '87, Bill Prior '87, Bill Stacey '87, and Marvin Wolgast '88.

The future of the Cadet Judo Team is very bright. On 12 April, two weeks after the end of the Team's official season, the National Collegiate Judo Championships will be held at West Point for the first time ever. Next year the team is scheduled to compete in two more collegiate meets than this past season, and additionally, the Eastern Collegiate Judo Championships are tentatively scheduled to be held at West Point.

The members of the Cadet Judo Team made impressive progress this year both individually and for the team. They learned the tremendous sacrifices, the discipline, and the hard work required to taste victory. They are far better competitors and cadets as a result of their efforts and experiences on the Cadet Judo Team, and this, perhaps, is the true success of the season.

Ski Team

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Eastern regional championship which determines the 4 Eastern teams which will be invited to the national championships.

TRADITION:

The history of the competitive ski program at West Point dates back to the 1950s when members of the ski club participated in informal meets against local colleges. During the early 1960s, the program became more formalized with the arrival of Sergeant Major Howard Brousseau, a veteran of the Army's famed 10th Mountain Division, who took an active interest in alpine competition and helped organize meets with such schools as Norwich University and Johnson State College in Vermont. At the same time, Mr. Frank Calamari, a retired First Sergeant and avid ski jumper who was working in the Department of Admissions and later in the Department of Cadet Activities, introduced a few cadets to the nordic events and drove them to weekend competitions at Bear Mountain and Rosendale, New York.

Nordic Coach Calamari was instrumental in constructing a small ski jump on one of the steeper slopes near the golf course, and it was here that he passed on both his love for the more spectacular of the nordic sports and the characteristic "Go For It" nordic mentality so essential for success in the sport. One of his most celebrated proteges was Lyle Nelson '71 who, following his service as an Infantry officer, went on to become a dominant force and Olympic competitor in the biathlon which combines rifle marksmanship and cross country skiing. Lyle has been this nation's top biathlete since 1976 and competed at the Sapporo, Lake Placid and Sarajevo Winter Olympic Games. Now considered the "old man" of the U.S. team at the age of 38, Lyle has his sights set on a top ten finish in Calgary, Canada in 1988.

The ski team existed as a club until 1968 when it gained corps squad status. At that time a young OIC, Captain Joseph P. Franklin '55, submitted a formal request to gain varsity recognition. It was approved and the team competed as a varsity sport until 1979. Ironically, it was Brigadier General Franklin (now Major General), serving as the Commandant of Cadets from 1979 to 1982, who made the difficult decision to return the ski team to club status in light of budgetary constraints and other institutional requirements.

TEAMWORK:

Like teams of the past, today's Army Ski Team places great emphasis on teamwork. Leadership is a key aspect of team unity as both nordic and alpine squads are cadet run. Leadership positions include a team captain, as well as a captain, supply officer, and training officer for each squad. Many cadets believe that this early emphasis on leadership is a very positive experience. Second Lieutenant Michael Derrick '85, a recent Ranger school graduate and former brigade adjutant and ski team captain stated, "I held several key leadership positions at the Academy, but it was with the ski team that I experienced firsthand the challenges of being directly responsible for the training, motivation, welfare and success of a small group of people."

During this past season, teamwork played a key role in pushing the Army skiers to their highest finish in recent years. The women's nordic team, paced by Brenda Childs '87 of Hampton, Maine won the Eastern regionals and skied to an 8th place finish in the national championships. The men's nordic team was led by Jamie Pearce '87 of Barnevald, New York. Finishing in the runner-up spot to Clarkson University in the Eastern championships, they finished 9th of the 16 top teams invited to participate in the nationals. Jamie was 15th in the men's individual race with a time of 47:56, just 1:40 off from All-American recognition.

The alpine squad was also paced by its women's team which finished 6th in the Eastern regionals at Waterville Valley, New Hampshire led by Lynn Sprague of Danbury, Connecticut who placed 8th in the slalom. The women alpiners were just 10 points off the pace in their efforts to make the top 4 and earn a bid to the nationals. A relatively young men's squad led by Tom Shuler '88 of Boise, Idaho and Tom Niewald '89 of Laconia, New Hampshire finished 8th in the East but served notice that they will be a major force in next year's competition. In reflecting over the past season, team captain John Born '86 of Lander, Wyoming, noted: "We built a very solid base during dry land training, and it paid off as we came down the stretch. We surprised a lot of people this season and next year I predict a top 5 finish at the nationals as well as All-American honors for Jamie Pearce."

TRAINING:

The training program of the team is one of the most rigorous at the Military Academy. As a winter sports club, its season begins in November and lasts until March. Prior to Christmas and snowfall at West Point, the team concentrates on dry land training. The alpine team builds a strong general conditioning base through extensive running, weightlifting, swimming, soccer and team aerobics. By December, it fully integrates a demanding series of workouts to develop the speed, flexibility, balance and power needed to carve quick, rapid and sure turns through the slalom gates. The team actually uses the Victor Constant Slope well before the snow flies. Gates are set up and team members run downhill through them. Between runs, various hill bounding techniques are used to build strength and endurance.

Much of the nordic training program revolves around aerobic exercises like long distance running and roller skiing. Roller skis are approximately two feet long and are mounted with large rubber wheels on the front and back as well as a standard binding to hold the boot. The poles are covered with a special durable tip to withstand the grinding of pavement and concrete. During practice, the skier is able to closely simulate the skating technique which has revolutionized the sport following its introduction by U.S. silver medalist Bill Koch at the 1976 Olympics. During the past season, the Army team made a total transition to this faster and more powerful technique which closely resembles that of speed skating.

One of the highlights of the fall training

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REPORT ... from the classes

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1913: COL Lathe Row

1913: Row wearing his class ring, standing next to the cadet chair he used in 1913.

'15

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Marjorie ("Peggy") R. Davison passed away quietly on 27 Feb 86 in Alexandria, VA. She had been in Lynn House since last Sep. She was the widow of our **Donald Angus Davison,** who died in India 6 May 44, and was buried in Arlington with her husband. This information was received on 26 Mar from her daughter Billie (Mrs. George G. Cantlay, PO Box 1335 Kailua, HI 96734). Billie and her daughter Ann both live in HI.

A letter to **Thea Gillette,** widow of our **Douglas Hamilton Gillette,** was returned by the P.O. annotated "Moved. Left no forwarding address." Anyone who knows her current address, please inform **Det Ellis.**

Your scribe celebrated his 96th birthday on 12 Mar 86. His insurance policies are being paid to him! His nephew, LTC William H. N. Ellis, USA Ret, & his wife Libby, drove the 5 hrs from Tallahassee, FL to Bradenton and took him out for dinner on his 96th birthday. Your scribe greatly appreciates the many birthday greetings he received, and hopes to answer all in due time.

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

the Sept issue by — 30 Jun 86

the Dec issue by — 30 Sep 86

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.

Please keep sending Class info to me well in advance of the deadline so that the '15 Notes will reach WP on time. The next deadline is 30 Jun for the Sep ASSEMBLY, and every 3 mos thereafter.

Mary Hunt has moved but I cannot at the moment locate her new address. She is the widow of our **Jesse Beeson Hunt.**

Recently your scribe received a letter from a CPT at WP who is the Tac of Cadet Co F-1. He suggested that I publish in ASSEMBLY the names of cadets who had been in Co F, years ago, and who later became prominent. His thought was to present to the present cadets in his co some historical background. With help of the AOG, I am giving below what I can in a limited time.

For several mos prior to my graduation on 12 Jun 15, I had the honor of being 1st SGT, Co F. At that time we had only 6 cadet companies. Ike Eisenhower, Omar Bradley, and Matt Ridgway Apr '17, were in F Co. The three became successively the Chief of Staff, USA. As a cadet, Ike was the senior member of the Color Guard and carried the US flag during our first class yr. I think Matt Ridgway was one of the Color Guards—armed with a rifle. Bradley was a cadet LT, having been promoted from 1st SGT due to someone having been busted above him. At that same time I had gone up from Co QM SGT to 1st, and our classmate **John W. Leonard** had gone up from SGT to Co QM SGT.

Ike and Omar were two of about 12 of '15 who became temporary LTCs within 3 yrs after graduation. Later Ike was CG, ETO, then of NATO and still later the President. Omar later commanded more American troops in active combat than any general in the history of our country—over 300,000. Ike and Omar became two of the 5, five-star generals later on.

John Leonard, within less than 3 years of our graduation, had to take command of his regiment on the battlefield because of casualties above him. Still later, as LTG, part of his command captured the Remagen Bridge over the Rhine, and likely shortened WW II by several mos.

Our classmate **Paul John Mueller** was also in F Co as a cadet SGT. Later, as a MG, he commanded a div in the far Pacific in WWII, and still later was chief of staff for MacArthur in Japan for 3 yrs.

Winnie Ellis died peacefully in her sleep at 3:45 pm Sun, 30 Mar, at Suncoast Manor Retirement Home in Bradenton, FL. Services were held in Bradenton. Burial will be later in Arlington National Cemetery.

'16

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I wrote to all of our classmates who are still living to find out who is going to attend our 70th and last reunion. Not a one of our last half-dozen living classmates feels that he can attend. It is for physical reasons in each case. I reduced the number of rooms reserved for us at the Hotel Thayer from 5 to one room. Someone may change his mind. I hope so. In the meantime we shall designate that single room as our command post or message center. Two instructors have been designated to assist us. They are MAJ William Martinez, Dept of Physical Education and CPT James Maye, Dept of Military Instruction. Please direct your questions about Graduation Week to them.

Marian Robb wrote a nice letter from her home in Sun City, AZ. She is back after a 4 mo visit to CA during last summer. Although Marian is quite a traveler, it was her daughter who did the touring this time. She is suffering from arthritis, as most of us are! Marian is annoyed by "junk" mail and that is another common complaint.

It looks as though not even one of our living classmates is going to make our 70th Reunion and so I plan to cancel our reservation for the room at the Thayer Hotel.

Woodie Woodward has had a physical checkup. That is what each of us needs. We are glad that his infected elbow is better.

APR '17

BG Harold R. Jackson
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Bill & Alice McMahon are still living in their home in Winter Park, FL. Alice drives, and they are able to get out and shop and visit. They feel fortunate to have their daughter living nearby. She comes for dinner every Sun and phones every day after work. They occasionally visit **Nina Gerhardt** who lives in a nursing home in Winter Park.

Jule Heavy is living in the Georgetown Retirement Home at 2512 Q St NW, Wash DC. She is very pleased with it and says it has a beautiful dining room and a great

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location. Both of her sons had been there for lunch the day we called. One son lives in Bethesda and the other on the Eastern shore.

Helen Brown is living in a home in Dixon, CA near her grandchildren. At Thanksgiving she flew out to be with her grandchildren in Hermosa Beach just outside of Los Angeles. She says she is doing well except for her eyes, and for this reason does not write any more. However, she says she loves hearing from friends and family and that the aids at her home read her mail to her as soon as it arrives. She usually goes out with her granddaughter, Kit, on Fri or Sat, often for lunch and shopping.

Fred Irving attended the WP Founders Day dinner on 14 Mar at Ft Myer. Fred reports that LTG Scott gave a fine talk. As the oldest grad present, Fred gave a toast to the Corps.

Joe & Gladys Collins enjoy visitors and Joe gets out to church occasionally. They will both be at their daughter Nancy's for Easter.

Jack Jackson will have 5 guests for dinner on Easter at the Presbyterian Home—his daughter and family and granddaughter Barbara & husband.

JUN '18

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Squire Foster reports that he checked with three of his doctors to find out what they thought about his going to London in Apr. All said to go ahead! There, no doubt, in peace and quiet, his memory will take him back to his days in combat in the Infantry and the names—Cherbourg, St Lo, St Malo, Aachen (a field hosp there), Liege (the Bulge), Wesel (where his unit crossed the Rhine at a bridgehead secured by his classmate **Bud Miley** and his 17 Abn Div), the Hartz Mts and the Elbe River. The memories of a combat infantryman!

Louise Bishop had a fall last winter and broke her left arm. In Mar, she rode down to Jackson, MS to visit her sister-in-law and her family. Went to Vicksburg for a day to see the house in which she & **Bob** had lived back in '38 when he was on duty with the Mississippi River Commission. She flew back to DC. Had a wonderful time. **Bee Rundell,** with her daughter and son-in-law, left the winter in Walla Walla behind in Feb to enjoy a mo in HI on Kauai.

Alice Kramer was given a surprise birthday party last Feb by her dear friends the Buehlers '34 who live in St Helens, CA. Alice had expected only a quiet weekend with her friends. When she got there, she found her son and his family from Shaker Heights, OH. Also her longtime friend Kathleen Lynch from DC and Alice's daughter-in-law's parents from San Francisco. Terrible weather with all that rain, but says Alice, "What a party it was!" After a wk back home, Alice had a bad fall at a curb in front of the Presidio Off Club. Her left thumb was terribly injured. Alice says that she was fortunate that it was not a broken hip. She had her arm in a cast for a mo.

Peg Jadwin enjoyed a trip to Spain in late Mar with her son Jim Hamilton & his wife to see their daughter who was taking her spring semester (U of VA) in Madrid. (However, the enjoyment was not in being above the clouds for such a long trip.) Peg also reported a news item which she said was stale, but was quite an event. All of her children and grandchildren, wives and husbands, spent a week with her last Thanksgiving. They came from FL, TX, CA, VA, and NM. My Class letter to **Ellie Bethel** was returned so I presume she has left us. **Norma Axelson** plans to come up to WP in Jun with Edith, her daughter-in-law. We shall be glad to see them.

NOV '18

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More sad news! We lost **Percy Bannister** on 14 May 85, but since he lived alone and his friends knew nothing of our Class organization news was slow in reaching us. He was buried with full military honors in the VA Memorial Cemetery at Phoenix, AZ. **Reed Yeager** died on 22 Nov 85 and was cremated and buried in FL where he and his daughter spend the winters.

Eric Molitor died in Hendersonville, NC on 27 Dec; his body was cremated and sent to WP for interment. Your scribe was present at his marriage to **"Pussy" Foulks** in Plainfield, NJ in 25. **Elmer Barnes** died in a Salem, OR nursing home on 8 Jan 86. As I have reported, Elmer had been pestered with accidents, poor health and just plain hard luck ever since he & **Dotie** left the Wash area. Gene Barnes, daughter-in-law, talked to **Wanny** shortly after his death and said he was down to 100 pounds and wanted to die. His body will be shipped to DC accompanied by son Jack & wife Gene for burial with Dotie in Arlington. Funeral was at 2:00 pm 22 Apr, graveside services only.

Now that you've had most of the sad news, I'll try you on some more cheerful items.

Julia Mitchell, sister of our **Bernie Slifer** and widow of John D. Mitchell '20, who lives in Vinson Hall, the Navy counterpart of our Distaff Hall, gave a luncheon recently at her residence which included as guests **Mimi Norman, Ruth Hastings, Jake Whelchel** and your scribe. We had drinks in her apt and then adjourned to the dining room for food. All of us except Jake were mobile and he arrived in a wheelchair which we pushed to the dining room. Jake had broken a leg recently, chasing an ambulance in which **Grace,** his wife, was riding having fallen and broken one of her legs. The food was excellent and we all enjoyed seeing one another again. Grace Whelchel is now in a nursing home while Jake still lives in their apt in Vinson Hall.

Marian Holbrook and LTC Ret Richard W. Roberson announced their engagement this past wk. They are planning to be married on 7 Jun, the anniversary of **Hunk & Helen's** wedding—how nice. I'm sure we all wish them happiness.

Regional News

From the South Region III

Bob Schow complains having sent Christmas cards to all mates and widows in his constituency. Fewer than half acknowledged receipt. No wonder writing these Class notes is becoming such a soirée. **Johnny & Betty Hinds** reported both are well. **Art Pulsifer** sounded cheerful, doesn't let his bum hip get him down. **Frances Middleton** is well and was looking forward to having her twin boys and their families with her for Christmas.

Polly Stevens (B.G.) hopes to visit her son in Jupiter, FL and see the **Schows** at the time. The Schows had a beautiful card from **Edna Browne (Boscoe's widow)** with a short note (no details). **"Mom" Watkins (Cindy's widow)** is in good health, but her mind is completely gone; she doesn't recall family or friends.

Dave Taylor's widow **Ruth** has been lost. Please write **Wannie** if any of you know her whereabouts. A card sent to her was returned stamped, "Moved, No forwarding address." **Eve Schilling (Karl's widow)** is well according to daughter Shirley and accompanies her on several short business trips each year.

From the Central Region IV

Corp Chorpening phoned me to say he had just taken **Mary** to the hospital seriously ill and didn't feel like writing news notes to me. Here are the items he covered:

Otto Praeger is doing well at 88. **Bernice Keasler (Jim's widow)** is well and full of life as usual (Corp's best correspondent). **Chief Brimmer,** homeless ever since we lost **McMonroe,** has now been adopted by the IV Region and Corp writes he is busy housekeeping, ordering garden seeds and biding his time till spring when the fish are hungry. Had a beautiful Christmas with his daughter and her family who gave him presents he has no place to put. His neighbors also got even for the fish he donated to them.

Marie Odor (Mike's wife) is recovering nicely from open heart surgery. **Cora Moore (Charlie's wife)** died on 31 Jan and was interred in the Ft Sam Houston Cemetery on 5 Feb. Cora had not been well for a long time; she had been in a nursing home for the past 8 or 10 yrs. **Peg Smith (E.W.'s widow)** is now in a nursing home in San Antonio. **Chris Knudsen** has had a lens implant and seems to be doing fine. **Pi & Marietta Piland** are getting along fine in spite of Pi's difficulty in walking. **Duke & Lella Dunkelberg** are in good shape as are **Jon & Connie Fonville** in New Braunfels, TX. So sayeth Corp.

From the West Region VI (Note: Region V died with **McMonroe**)

A letter from **Chuck Gildart** gives some details on **Percy Bannister.** A friend of Bannister called him in response to a letter Chuck had written to Bannister's address, informing us that Bannister died at Prescott Samaritan Village on 14 May 85; next-of-kin is a sister-in-law also of Prescott, AZ who was his guardian and the wife or widow of his brother. He was in a wheelchair some of the year, "was an enjoyable fellow, a delightful storyteller and an accomplished chess player who once played the world champion to a draw." He was a writer of financial articles which have been published. He has a nephew John Bannister of Roseda, CA.

Both **Chuck** and I have had notes from **Ruth Miller (Al's widow)** describing a trip to the Adriatic last fall. The trip was sponsored by a local CA group called SIR (Sons in Retirement) and visited Yugoslavia, skirted the northern end of the Adriatic visiting Trieste, Venice and Dubrovnik from which they flew home. A delightful break from humdrum existence. Al Miller was president of SIR when it first started.

Ruth also mentions the arrival of her third great-granddaughter on 30 Apr 85 whose parents are granddaughter Kathy & husband Jon Holthy. The family celebrated Thanksgiving at Hotel Wawona, Yosemite with 17 persons of four generations present. Ruth spent Christmas with son Don & wife Esther in Auburn, CA.

Chuck also complains of lack of communication with his constituents. Having attached a note to **Wannie's** letter re disposal of the

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Class fund, appealing for news to every classmate, he has received not a single item from any. He also wonders how the Class can expect a column in **Assembly** unless they contribute.

Lucy Bowman is still very much alive. Had two letters from her since the first of Dec. In the first she is busy practicing with her choral group for Christmas choraling. Had a bad leg which worried her as did the extended period of rain and darkness which has been plaguing CA this winter. Her cat kept bringing in bats for her to admire until the supply was exhausted. The second letter enclosed a listing made by **Frank Bowman** back in 16 or 17 of occupants of the old 11th div of barracks including who lived with whom. Anyone interested write me. On 18 Feb it was still raining and blowing in CA. Everything was wet and soggy but Lucy's windows are now nice and clean without scrubbing. So endeth this opus.

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'19

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From Olympia, WA that enthusiastic traveler **Amelia Luce** reports her delightful AOG cruise through the Panama Canal in Jan aboard the **Royal Odyssey.** As on many of her long trips she was accompanied by her niece, Lois Rianda, "a delightful person . . . so cheerful." Amelia celebrated her 89th birthday on board with much "Happy Birthday," cake, and other goodies. She plans to visit her son Dean in Hampton, VA and her sisters in Los Angeles, though by Sep she may change her mind and cruise some more instead. Amelia knows how to get a real kick out of life.

Ann & Hei Heiberg live in a new condo near Ft Knox, and despite Ann's falling downstairs breaking a hip in 82 they have, since then, visited SC; WP (twice); Washington, DC; Ft Riley, KS; and almost visited Baguio, PI (oldest living ex-student of the Brent school which Hei attended in 1910-11), so it's hard to think of them as a retired couple. About 3 yrs ago it was found that Ann had 3 collapsed vertebrae, but she can drive and gets around fine with a forearm crutch and a shopping-cart walker. Hei & Ann have been working busily preparing for a great celebration of their 50th wedding anniv in Mar at the Off Club at Ft Knox.

From the Golden Gate **Jack Vance** reports no news except that he & **Betty** had the flu in Feb, and more recently Betty spent a few days in the hosp for observation of her heart functioning. She was soon home, however, and both of them are feeling much better.

George Elms, up in northern NJ, is quite well and his main complaint is forgetfulness—so popular among us senior citizens of the octo and nono group. On 16 Mar he was to attend the wedding of Kristin Larsen, daughter of George's daughter, Betty Larsen. The reception was to be held at the Off Club, WP.

From FL, **David McLean** has no news to report, but he & **Marjorie** feel and look well, and he does try to garner something for ASSEMBLY. It's a season of the doldrums.

From the DC, **Herb Jones** writes that the monthly stag Class luncheon group now contains only 6 to count on: **Mose Chadwick, Les Flory, Elton Hammond,** Herb Jones, **Dick Ovenshine** and **Al Wedemeyer.** It's a real task for Al to attend these luncheons, driving 1½ hrs each way, much of it through city traffic. He was late for the Jan luncheon as **Dade** had had a fall, and he had to leave her at WRAMC for a checkup. She was OK. In Feb Al missed the luncheon as he himself was in the hosp for surgery. He's out now and feels fine. That luncheon was on Elton Hammond's 90th birthday, celebrated with champagne and a one-candle cake. Elton's two daughters accompanied him but dined in the main dining room of the club with **Kathy Flory** and her guest. Al Wedemeyer and Les Flory missed the Mar luncheon.

In Feb **Les Flory** had successful cataract surgery at WRAMC and shows no sign of the operation. Les is jubilant over the results. **Mary Hopkins** has moved into Army Distaff Hall (address below). It will take time to acclimatize to a new life as it means such a change from her former life. Eight of our Class ladies now reside in the Hall, there being, besides Mary: **Dorothy Ferenbaugh, Rosalina Kerr, Marge Brannon, Gertrude Taylor, Rhoda Springer, Ethel Wyman** and **Dottie Wilson.** Most of them have recovered from their winter colds now, but Ethel Wyman and Dottie Wilson are permanent patients in the infirmary.

Marion Phelps is recovering nicely from her fall. Recently offered a vacancy at the Hall, she declined it after long consideration, thinking of her home of 37 yrs on the eastern shore, her many friends there and above all her doctor who is the son of Bill Wood '25, ex-Army quarterback and head football coach. Her son, Joe Jr, who usually spends his winters in FL, has stayed behind with her this yr. **Doc Martin** has died (see below). Marion Phelps sent in a newspaper photo of Doc walking in the winter sunshine, his cane pointing to the sky, all very cheerful and jaunty. It's a splendid picture of Doc, but being clipped from a newspaper it cannot be used by ASSEMBLY—poor reproduction and too bad. In our Mar column we said that **Mary Hedekin** had visited Siesta Key where her two daughters joined her, but in reality it was her two granddaughters, not daughters, here in the US to attend college, who joined her. Their father is in the US Foreign Service, stationed in Paris. Mary returned to Washington on 1 Feb. In Feb, scribe spent a wk in the hosp after a slight stroke but feels fine now. The doc grounded him, however—no more driving—and this is abominable.

Ham & Vivian Hamilton have sold their "Shangri-La" in Kerrville, TX, a town a bit west of San Ant, and they miss it mucho. They now live in Air Force Village in San Ant, have a corner fifth floor apt in "mid-rise," with a beautiful view, not far from **Mildred Stearley** and **Maude Twining.** Idyllic. In Apr they go to Houston for a meeting of the Illuminating Engineering Soc. **Fred Dodge** died in 84 (see below), but it was not known to us or the AOG until now, when the information came from **Marianne Dodge.** The '85 REGISTER OF GRADUATES lists him as alive for nearly a yr after his death. Marianne has a beautiful home in Castine, ME, where she & Fred lived happily for 34 yrs after his retirement, and where she continues to reside. **Skag Faine & Billie** are "perking along," in AL, Billie in church work and Skag in civic work. They are planning a trip to CO Spgs in Apr to visit Billie's cousin, MAJ Bill Wallis '70, JAGC, stationed at Ft Carson.

We wish to make our ASSEMBLY column more interesting to all '19ers. One way is to provide more news about those '19ers whose names never appear in our pages. We request that all living '19 grads and '19 former kaydets, their wives and '19 widows send in notes giving news of themselves for use in ASSEMBLY. Write to area representatives or scribe, any time, though the months of Feb, May, Aug and Nov are best. Many thanks.

ADDRESSES

Address of Mrs. W. K. Fasnacht, 650 Arizona Ave, Ft Lauderdale, FL 33312 (invalid); **Mrs. E. O. Hopkins,** (Mary), 6200 Oregon Ave, NW, Washington, DC, 20015, tel (202) 541-0223.

DEATHS

COL F. D. Dodge died 13 Dec 84; **COL Orville W. Martin** died 17 Mar 86 in Madison, WI; burial at USMA, WP, 24 Mar 86. The Class extends deepest sympathy to the bereaved families.

VITAL STATS

Living grads 48; missing 2; deceased grads 234; widows 87.

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With great sadness I report that **Dottie Plank, Pete Howard, Dan Daniel** and **Ted Gillette** have died. We extend our deepest sympathy to their loved ones.

Dottie Plank died of pneumonia 8 Jan 86 in her sleep at home in San Fran. She was suffering advanced emphysema and was hospitalized Christmas but returned home 2 Jan. She had many serious health problems since **Eddie** died in 82 but never complained and always kept us informed about classmates and widows in her area. Her daughter Jacqui McLellan sent us this news and said it best for us: "She was a lady of great courage, heart and humor. . . ." Dottie was buried beside Eddie in the Riverside National Cemetery, CA. Surviving with Jacqui are a grandson and a granddaughter.

Pete Howard died 29 Jan 86 of a ruptured abdominal aneurism and lung blood clot at the Community Hosp, Pebble Beach, CA after a brief illness. He had never been ill during my scribeship since 70. He was invaluable to us as No CA Class rep. He was cremated with services at the Little Chapel by-the-Sea, Carmel, CA. His widow **Emily** and daughter Katty Dixon furnished this news. In WWII, Pete fought across Europe in the 11 Armd Div (of Patton's Seventh Army) which made junction with the Russian forces at Linz, Austria (LM-BSM). Surviving besides Emily and Katty are 3 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

Dan Daniel died 8 Feb 86 at Doctors' Hosp, Sarasota, FL from acute renal failure. He had not been well since **Katie's** death in 82 and had moved to the Lakehouse ret home in 84. According to his wishes, his ashes were scattered over the Gulf of Mexico. Providing this news was Dan's niece Louise Miller of Wilmington, NC and **Eloise Smith (RO)** of Sarasota. In WWII, Dan was CO 1 Armd Divarty in Morocco and Italy (2LM-SS-2BSM). He became CG 1 Armd Div when it became part of the occupation force of Ger after the war. Surviving besides niece Louise are 6 other nieces and nephews.

Ted Gillette died 14 Mar 86 in Sewanee, TN from heart failure after several strokes. This news came first from Ted's son Mike. Ted had been in the hosp since Christmas.

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Services were held 25 Mar at the Old Chapel, Ft Myer, VA. The whole family was there, converging from Sewanee; Castine, ME; Miami, FL and Great Falls, VA. The services were conducted by Reverend James J. Ford who was USMA Chaplain when Ted was stationed there. Warm, beautiful tributes were given by Ted's sons, Bud and Mike. Attending from '20 were **Charles & Anne Holle, Anne Farrell** Moore, **Julia Mitchell (JD), Rehm** and **Samouce.** Ted was buried in the WP Cemetery beside his first wife **"Trix"** who died in 66. The entire USMA Academic Board attended as a special honor to Ted who was Head, Phys & Chem Dept 57-64 (DSM). From '20, **Sherm Hasbrouck** and **Johnny Johnston (EC)** were present. In WWII, Ted served with Sig Div Hq SHAEF 44(LM); Ch Sig First Allied Abn Army 44-45(LM-BSM-CR). Surviving are widow **Robin**; daughter Jeanne Baker, wife of John Baker '42, GEN, USA, Ret; son Bud (Edward C. III), LTC, USA, Ret; son Mike '59, MAJ, USA, Resd 70, now with World Bank; 12 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

We extend our condolences also to **Crump Garvin** whose brother died 13 Dec 85. And to **Anne Farrell** Moore whose husband, Jim Moore '24, died 28 Jan 86. Attending from '20 at his services and burial in Arlington were **Anne Holle, Lemnitzer, Julia Mitchell (JD), Rehm** and **Samouce.**

DC area Founders Day Dinner was held in Patton Hall at the Ft Myer, VA Off Club. **Lemnitzer** and **Rehm** attended. And, in Miami, FL, **Russ Eastman** was again Oldest Grad.

CPT Ronald R. Porter, Tac, F-1 USCC, West Point, NY 10996, is compiling an anecdotal history of F Co USCC. He would like to hear from F Co alumni with "historical" material of their serious and non-serious achievements and misadventures and those they know of other F Co alumni.

Crump & Ollie Garvin doubly celebrated 26 Sep 85—their 63rd wedding anniv and the arrival of their 2nd great-grandchild, a little girl. And, for Christmas, they were at their daughter "Kakii" Handley's. Ollie writes: "We had a glorious time, lots of family, even our precious 1½-yr-old great-grandson. We all love to get together for holidays and are very traditional. Now 'Kakii' has taken over from us and is not only keeping up our customs, but has added many of her own. She had just returned a few days before, 21 Dec, from a mo in Nepal climbing the Himalayas; 2 of her sons met her in Bangkok and they had a marvelous time."

In Jan, **Kay Burns** had a fabulous Smithsonian wildlife safari tour of India. She writes: "...Also in Delhi at the Beating Retreat which terminates the 4-day 'India's Republic Day' ceremonies. Saw a line of camels and sentries silhouetted against a sunset sky atop the wall of the President's Palace.... Completely charmed by the little I have tasted of India...."

Your Class DC area contingent did not fare too well last winter—

Charles Holle has been in and out of WRAMC for over 1½ yrs. Mid-Jan, he developed lower back pains and was diagnosed as needing bed rest at home. Two days later he was in intensive care and, later, in the cardiac ward for a wk. After a few days at home he was back in the hosp for several days. Home since about 10 Feb, he is less mobile, on a walker, but continues all Class business as usual.

Denny Denson was rushed to nearby Georgetown Hosp in DC 21 Jan with congestive heart failure, was moved to intensive care and cardiac ward and then went home 1 Feb. On 11 Feb, he had a repeat attack and was back home again 22 Feb. Now he is taking it easy.

Chet & Inez Hine have not been well for many months, she with severe arthritis and cataracts and shingles near one eye, and he with back trouble and arthritic hip. They stay close to home except for visits to doctors.

Eddie Routheau was in WRAMC briefly late Feb with painful shingles spreading fast over his face and endangering one eye. Now home, he is recovering slowly. And **Jo** had a hard fall and fractured her pelvis. She is also home with a visiting nurse's aide. Daughter Jodie Arnold visited them several days.

Elton Samouce continues a very slow and painful recovery from her shattered pelvis since 1 Oct. There has been very little healing because the multiple fractures are not contiguous. After hosp and nursing home care, she is mostly confined to the bedroom except for arduous trips to doctors. And **Duke** was hospitalized 3 days in early Mar for replacement of pacemaker.

Kay Coe is now learning to walk with a prosthesis following left leg amputation in 84. She is cheerful and says she is just fine. **Bill** was going to ret but continues working in his investment firm office. They plan to spend the summer at Virginia Beach, VA as usual.

Louise George is moving to DC's Army Distaff Hall 4 Apr with help of son Bill, his wife Maritza and son Alexander. Her daughter Prof Louise Clubb & husband Prof Will are also coming from the Berenson Villa "I Tatti" in Florence, Italy, where Louise is dir for 5 yrs of this Harvard Center for Renaissance Studies. She will be making her periodic report of progress to Harvard.

Eloise Smith (RO) is suffering with painful bursitis in upper left leg. She manages with a walker at home with help of son Russell before he leaves for work and with a nurse's aide for an hour daily. Hopes it will go away soon.

Sherm & Clara Hasbrouck celebrated their 2nd anniv 7 Feb. Sherm says he's now passed "the probationary period." They plan to visit Spain later. **Bob & Pattie Kreuter,** newlyweds since last Jun, returned mid-Feb from trip to the beautiful HI islands of Maui, where Bob's son Bob Jr lives, and Kauai. Bob sold his home in Santa Monica, CA. They now live in Pattie's Piedmont, CA home.

JK Mitchell has come through with his usual annual report—2 Feb: "I'm comfortably holed up in this cold and frozen North (VT).... After living with **Eleanor** for over 57 yrs, living alone has nothing to recommend it.... I'm blessed with excellent health, am a fair cook and have a good part-time housekeeper. . . . Early Nov, took trip to WP. Lunched with **Marian & Johnny Johnston (EC)**—Marian now getting about without crutches or cane after a long spell with a broken ankle. Ran into **Dick & Nena Singer** on leaving the Thayer. We had a brief visit. I was well taken care of on Thanksgiving with my granddaughter & husband and my son Jim visiting. For Christmas I visited my nephew and his family in CT.... **Wally Ford** lives not far from them so I'll probably run over when I see my nephew again during his spring vacation...."

Chalk up another "first" for **Wally Ford.** He's found **Joe Harris** about whom we've had nary a peep since I became scribe in 70. Joe's wife **Rose** lives at their '80 Class directory address, but Joe has been in a nearby ret home with life care facilities for the past 2 yrs. Wally also writes: "**JK Mitchell's** voice came out loud and clear when I telephoned.... **Sarah** & I had 2 exciting events—late Oct we went to Ft Sill to join a few 'Grasshoppers' in celebration of our WWII efforts...." (Wally "fathered" at Ft Sill the school for little "grasshopper" plane observers of FA fire. They were very effective in WWII); "and, late Jan-early Feb, we cruised from Curacao through the Panama Canal to Acapulco...."

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Our ex-classmate **Philip Jessup** died 31 Jan. He resigned during our plebe yr. He was a member of the US team that helped found the United Nations in 1945. From 1948-52 he was the US Rep to the UN General Assembly. He was hailed in 1949 as the key negotiator of the end to the West Berlin blockade. From 1960-69 he was a member of the Intl Court of Justice at the Hague. On behalf of the Class I extend to his family our sincere sympathy.

Babe Wilson wrote me last Mar that he & **Patti** were staying close to home, but they planned to tour the Canyon country in Jun and spend a couple wks in Aug on the Olympic Peninsula. How about touring FL, Disney World, Epcot and while here stop in to see us? We'd love to see you before we see you at the 65th.

As for the monthly luncheon meetings of our DC classmates, **Mark McClure** wrote me that he and **Bill Lawton** were the only ones who attended the Jan and Mar meetings. They joined with the Class of '20 and there were not many of them present either. Some yrs ago I attended one of these luncheons and there was 100% attendance. When Mark writes me about these luncheons I always expect to see the names of **Harold Conway, Myron Leedy, George Olmsted** and **Max Taylor,** but it is usually only Mark and Bill.

During the Christmas holidays **Mark McClure** attended a party given by Van Brunt '25. He sat next to Eleanor Davies who used to come from Vassar to attend our hops. He thinks **Bill Kyle** dragged her. Her name doesn't ring a bell with me, but I would probably recognize her if I saw her. I usually traded hops with Bill.

I was the oldest grad present at our Founders Day dinner for the third consecutive yr. I have just about run out of things to talk about, so if I am still around next yr I will just have to take a bow. The Supe, LTG Scott, was our guest speaker and he did an outstanding job.

"PD" Lynch is working on a series of essays entitled "Observations." It will be a compilation of people and events from whom he learned something beneficial. Let us know when it is completed; I for one would like to have a copy. "PD" & **Peggy** sent a copy of their book **Hide and Horn** to the WP Library. Three Academy grads contributed poems to the book.

I received a letter from CPT R. R. Porter who is the Tac of Co F-1 at the Academy. He is trying to record the grand and glorious past history of Co F-1. If anyone has any and I quote: "historical material concerning their achievements and misadventures, both of a serious, and not so serious note" please send it to him. I note in our HOWITZER that of the 8 classmates that were in Co F, **Ollie Hughes** is the only survivor. So, Ollie, if you have anything to offer write to CPT Porter at the Academy.

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Sully Sullivan sent me a news clipping about the Johnson brother's Franklin Mutual Fund. The fund was started by **Johnny Johnson,** and when he ret in 57 he gave it to his two sons. At that time it had assets of about $10 million. Under Johnny's sons the fund has grown to include 15 different types of securities valued at $15 billion. Over 500,000 investors own shares in the fund. Now, that is really an accomplishment and Johnny deserves a lot of credit for its success. Sully & **Dorothy** will attend our 65th next yr.

I sent 10 post cards to classmates asking for some info about themselves and their families. In return I received one phone call and one letter. Not a very good batting average.

Rummy Rumaggi called to tell me that both he & **Louise** are in pretty good shape and that they plan to attend our 65th. Since he does not like to drive at night he did not attend the Founders Day dinner in Dallas. He would have been the oldest grad present had he attended.

Minna Cook had planned to move to a ret home in San Antonio other than the Air Force Home. I received a letter from a Jim McLaughlin stating that his aunt, **Charlotte Beal** (Oscar's widow), now resides at Price Memorial, Eureka, MO 63025. **Mildred Watson** has left Distaff Hall and moved back to her former residence at 633 Poinsettia Rd, Clearwater, FL 33516.

You are reminded that our 65th is now only 8 mos away. It would greatly help the comm (when appointed) in planning our 65th to know how many will attend. So if you have not already declared your intention, please drop me a note—yes or no.

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It is with pleasure and pride that the Class of '23 should have the opportunity of telling about a booklet, "Collected Poems of **John Rutherford Noyes,**" a deceased classmate, who died in AK on 30 Jan 56. Unknown to many of his friends, John R. Noyes was a poet. Who reads it? You can say that many people do; people read what they think is an impressive and effective mode of saying things. This is what Noyes says in his poetry. Recently, Mrs. John R. Noyes (**Lily Noyes**) had his poems published in a small book. She requested "That any of John's classmates who would like to have a gift copy, Lily would be happy to oblige." The scribe wrote to her a note saying "Yes, we would be glad to announce it." This, therefore, tells about his book and those classmates (and '23 widows if they desire it) who want a book, send a letter to: Mrs. John R. Noyes, 6615 Lake Shore Drive, #705, Minneapolis, MN 55423.

John Noyes wrote a "Note From The Author" on 8 May 1950. Part of his note follows, "the first atomic bomb was exploded by the American forces over Hiroshima, Japan. The emotional impact of this stopped the author from writing any poetry for a month or two following which, he wrote 'The Atomic Bomb.' . . . This theme, which expressed complete disillusionment and despair for the state of the world, was returned to 'Fear' and 'American Culture Today.' In the latter poem, the author speaks like a Jeremiah or a Job."

With that here is a poem on WP which shows the completeness of his poems. This notice should tell you it is worth getting!

WEST POINT HYMN – 1

Lord God of Hosts forever near
We make this fervent prayer today:
May we, the sons of West Point, bear
Thy mighty sword and shield alway!

May the long line of West Point's breed
To West Point's faith e'er be steadfast;
And, now and ever, true in need
May we keep faith with heroes past!

Through life, may we the motto guard
Of those who, living, first abode
Within these walls, a century since,
And lived and died by West Point's code.

May "Duty, Honor, Country" serve
To guide and purify our path,
And from its tenets, lest we swerve,
Let it become our epitaph!

And if we live, or if we die
May our dear land be safe and free!
Preserved by its sons who lived
And died for it, West Point, through thee!

Palmer wrote to scribe and to **Pierce:** "Since my mind is functioning poorly, due to side effects of medication that was bad for me personally, I hesitate to try to convey consolidated views of classmates in the area. Lately, we Palmers haven't been doing so well, and I have no Class news anyway. Sorry but I'll have to depend on the others to cover this area. Would you, Pierce assume the duties of area correspondent? I find our limited contacts here are not such as to keep me well informed." Thank you, Glenn, you have done a fine job over the years representing the Class in the Oakland area. We will miss you, and we hope Ray Pierce will be our rep in the area!

A letter from **Ray Pierce** tells us that **Glenn Palmer** called 14 Feb, saying he was not feeling up to doing anything about Class notes and asked if Ray would do it and have them in by 1 Mar. Ray said he would see what he could do right away as **Mary** & he were leaving for Maui for 2 wks plus 2 days. (God and His weather permitting!) This time they will be up on the Kaanapali Coast at the Mahana. They have also been planning another cruise with friends from Santa Barbara. Their plans are to fly to VA on 21 Apr for a wk with son Dick '56 & his wife Dottie. Then on the 28th they plan to fly to see Nan Rolfe (widow of Pinky Rolfe, Aug '17) who lives in the Presbyterian Retirement Home in Winter Park. We hope to be with the **Weikerts** on their 59th wedding anniv. (Congratulations, Weikerts, send us a report)! On 1 May they fly to West Palm Beach and sail the next am on the **Caribbean Prince** of the American—Canadian Line, going up to the intra-coastal waterway to Warren, RI (their home base for their summer cruises to the St. Lawrence — Saguenay — Hudson Cruise Line). Their friends had taken that cruise in Jul on the **Prince** and they had seen the ship when they were tied up together in Quebec last yr.

Pierce talked to **Harriette Pesek** and she sounded fine. Her son's children have just returned from a mo in Australia with their mother's sister and were most enthusiastic about the experience. The Pierces see **Ruth Johnson** every day and she is fine. They have tried for two days to reach **Trooper** but he must be gadding around the country again. (See later notes on Trooper!) Pierce sent his notes to **Buckley** who wrote the following: "**Eleanor** & I made flying trip east in Dec to see the great-grandchildren and their parents in Chicago; Fletcher '54 and his family in Cherry Hill, NJ and Barbara, married to L Brown '40 in McLean, VA. The Feb storm has now abated with minimum discomforture to us. We are now looking forward to some golf as soon as the waterlogged Pasatiempo golf course is repaired for play. He could not contact **Jack Harmony.** (N.B. How about writing, Jack?)

Looking back, here's the news on **Trooper Price!** He wrote to scribe on 17 Jan referring to his note covered in Mar **Assembly.** He added: "In view of my taking eye drops as part of the processing for glaucoma, my eyes are beginning to relax and as a result, I see less than ever. . . . Right now, nothing works, including the reading glasses. I am however, **not**—repeat—**not** shopping for tin cup, white cane and ten pack of ball point pencils, to set up curbstone industry, instead of fictioneering." There is much more but he ends by saying, "So when Union Carbide fired me, I did not look for a job, I turned to fictioneering. Best Wishes, Trooper." Thanks for writing, we all know you are doing well (but not always "where"). We will try, Trooper, as you say, "If the happiness I wish for you for '86 seems inadequate, bust your tails to make it what you think it should be. Live long enough and you, too, will learn how to bait happiness in pursuing you. Good luck to you all. It's fun, trying!"

Lyle Rosenberg wrote saying he has no news for me of San Diego area and sends his regards. Try again, Lyle, in May for Sep **Assembly.**

1923: The Craigie's 60th anniversary, 15 Dec 85.

Early in Feb, **Craigie** had business in Carlsbad, CA and took advantage of the opportunity to get in touch with **Dave & Kay Dunne,** who have lived there since ret. They are very happy there and getting along very well. Dave uses a cane, but is very mobile. They had lunch together and then they showed off Carlsbad's 35 sq mi to Craigie. Dave was a mayor of Carlsbad from 1964-74. This made Craigie think of one of our other municipal officers, **Rosy Wolfe,** who until this yr had been treasurer of Littletown, CO for yrs. Dunne has seen the **Cavenders** and **Robinsons** recently and gave them a good report. Dave had recently heard that **Trooper Price** had gone to Yosemite on a visit but had disappeared, i.e. dropped out of sight. Craigie, when he returned to Burbank, called Trooper and he answered and sounded fine. This and the Mar **Assembly** tell about Price, so he is now ok. Trooper has sent book no 7 to publisher and is now starting to work on no 8! (Where does he get the energy?)

Craigie's 60th wedding anniv went off very nicely. Unfortunately no classmates were able to make it, but two sons of classmates were present; Dave Schlatter Jr and Punch Jamison with their wives. **Michael & Eleanor**

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Buckley could not come because of a visit to their son's work in church in L.A. and Eleanor's birthday kept them in Santa Cruz over the weekend. Please note picture of **Craigie** cutting the cake with the saber he used to cut their wedding cake in 25.

Craigie sent another letter on 1 Mar 86 concerning a trip to Tahiti. He wrote, "We spent 7 days on the **Majestic Tahiti Explorer** and toured all Tahiti's major islands—Tahiti, Moorea, Raiatea, Huahini and Bora Bora. We brought back many beautiful pictures and memories. Halley's comet, which I remember from 1910, was much dimmer. I would say that with powerful field glasses it was less than 25% as visible in 1910 with the naked eye. But it was a thrill to see it again. **Victoria** joins me in sending best wishes to **Dot** & yourself. Cordially, Bill." Thanks, Craigie, could you send some pictures of your trip?

It is with deep regret that we report the death of **Raymond C. McCormick** of Tuscon, AZ, 9 Jan 86. It was just a year ago (11 Mar 85) the **Johnsons** had dinner with Ray at his favorite restaurant, then on to his attractive home in Santa Catalina foothills. The Class of '23 sends condolence to Raymond's daughter, Mrs Wm Price, and her family who live in Denver, CO. The scribe has written to Mrs Price extending Cl'23 sympathy in this bereavement and **Adams** has sent a Class donation to USMA Fund, Cl of '23 in memory of McCormick. Mrs. Price has asked COL PW Child Jr, Dir of Information, AOG for a classmate to prepare the commemorative article for her father. COL Child will furnish info from McCormick's Cullum file. Please send your name to scribe.

On 25 Jan **Mrs T** & scribe had dinner with the WP Parent's Club of Delaware Valley at the Naval Off Club in Phila. We were the guests of Mr. & Mrs. David Heller founder of the club and parents of Karl D. Heller '78. Had a nice chat with COL L. Stone Sorley (scribe 1919) & his wife.

Scribe had letter from **F. T. Manross** who said hello and "I did not forget" the donation to WP for 86! Please keep it up. A letter received from CPT R. R. Porter, Tac Off, F-1 asked former members of F-1 to write to him on individual co, history, traditions, and stories which will help with "historical" material of their achievements and misadventures. Those left in F-1 according to my look over in records are **Harmony** and **Pierce**. Please write (plus others who were in F-1) to CPT R. R. Porter, Tactical Officer F-1, WP, NY 10996.

Doug Pamplin, replacement for **Charlie Gettys** in southeastern US, reports the following: The Pamplins are buying a home in swFL (address to come later). Doug & **Lolita** are continuing to be in good health—and hope to continue so. We hope so too and thanks for your work. **J H Workman** is still in Aston Woods Convalescent Home in Atlanta. His mental health is not well but fortunately his physical health has remained good. His son J Workman '50 will keep us informed of any changes in his father's condition.

Christmas greetings from **G. B. Buell,** Summerville, SC were sent to **Pamplin** and the Class for 85 & 86. In the letter he told of his military life with **Bill Lucas.** His attendance at College of Charleston, where he graduated in 1922, gave him an award of "Distinguished Alumni Award." In all of the 200 yrs of its history only 6 such awards have been made, so he is proud of that. We leave him with an inflamed sore foot (not a gout) but some kind of infection. Hope all is well again George; it's good to hear from you. Buell sent cards to **Harmony, JK White**, and **Gettys.** He knew Charlie very well (they went to school at Marion Inst, AL in 1918-19 and saw him from 1972-82 in FL.) Hope the cards arrived as two officers have changed addresses.

Mrs. George F. Heaney Jr (Doris) wrote: "The Gold Coast Chap, of which George was its first pres, was dissolved in 1981 (or thereabouts) due to the fact that the old guard did not enjoy driving at night and chose not to join the Miami Chap as many of the young ones in this area preferred. Recently she relinquished her contract to enter Distaff, as this climate seems to agree with her, and selling her home will not be easy. Was sorry to hear of **Roy Dwyer's** death. They go down one by one, God rest their souls, and may the Long Gray Line persevere!" Doris flew to Monterey on 21 Feb to attend the wedding of the first of her grandsons. His choice was to be married at the Mission of Monterey. Doris's good friends, MG Raleigh and Ann Hendrix asked her to stay with them.

Now let's move up to DC area: A Christmas note from **Santiago & Carmen Guevara** saying, "The nicest thing about Dec is telling friends we care and remember." Thanks from all of '23.

Our first article in Sep 85 **Assembly** told a little about "A North Carolinian at West Point—Stephen Dodson Ramseur 1855-1860" sent in by **Joe Smith.** The complete article of S.D. Ramseur is now in **Assembly** for Mar 86. If you have not read the article we suggest you do so. It is very interesting and tells a lot about WP in earlier days. Thanks again to Joe Smith who sent it in. The Dir of Information (COL PW Child Jr) wrote to Joe saying, "Thank you for your letter of 25 Nov and your continuing interest in **Assembly.** As you know, **Assembly** periodically includes a historical piece on the Academy which, among other things, serves to remind readers of their heritage."

John & Alice White had their whole family at their home in Brockport for Thanksgiving. The family put on a party to celebrate John & Alice's 60th wedding anniv (which actually was not until 2 Jan 86). In their letter they said, "May your 1986 be the best year yet." Thanks Whites, we all hope so too.

Up in northeast we have the story of **W. G. & Ruth Johnson** from Camden, ME to AZ, with other notes attached. He sent a note on **McCormick's** death which he received from Ray's daughter. The Johnsons had been with Ray in Tucson last yr. They were looking forward to the summer weather of AZ after the very cold weather of ME.

They sent Christmas greetings to all and said they were having friends in for Christmas dinner since both sons were having parents of their wives with them. Thanks, **Johnsons,** it's always good to hear from you at the holidays. **Ruth & Johnny** sent a card they had received from the **Neals** in Honolulu. The card said, "This has not been **Ralph's** good year. In Apr he was in a car accident—banged his left eye. In Jun a hip replacement. In Nov a cataract removed. He is still waiting for a lens replacement. The eye has not cleared enough for the doctor to put in a new lens. It seems my day (**Jane's**) is filled putting various drops in his eye. Hopefully next year we'll be able to travel." Thanks Neals for all the info. We hope Ralph has now recovered. Come east when you travel and let us know your itinerary.

A note from **Johnny** on 27 Feb. They travelled to Green Valley and Tubac on 2/25. They failed to get **McGehee** by phone, so they drove to his home and had a half hour visit. McGehee attended WP Founders banquet in Tucson on 3/21 and **Ruth & Johnny** were there too. Johnny also saw Hoyt Vandenburg Jr. at Rotary on 2/27.

The scribe notified **Johnny** about **Roy's** death and **Gettys'** stroke and asked Johnny to take over NE liaison asgmt for Roy. Thanks for saying "yes," Johnny. Best wishes on your 85th birthday on 1 June 86. The **Johnsons** drove to Tombstone (1/24) and spent an hour browsing up and down both sides of historic Allen St and into many of the famous haunts of the tough miners and desperadoes, and then had lunch in "Lucky Cus Restaurant." Then continued to Ft Huachuca. It's an active post now with several services, including an intelligence unit and school. Thanks, Johnny, you covered a lot of territory that will be of interest to your classmates.

The scribe & **Mrs. T** drove over to Lebanon Veterans Med Center to see **Charlie Gettys.** He is still taking therapeutic treatment, but still can't talk. He pointed at me and smiled so I'm sure he knew he was visited by his old friend.

GRIP HANDS

'24

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About 350 grads attended the 86 Founders Day Dinner at Ft Myer, VA on 14 Mar. **Art Trudeau, Ed Hart** and **John Hincke** represented the Class. The main course included beef tenderloin, which was satisfactory. The principal speaker was LTG Willard W. Scott, Supe of USMA. He spoke at length about what is now going on up there, telling several amusing anecdotes. He seemed especially pleased with the good showing made by the female cadets. One high ranking young lady is a cadet bn cmdr. The Supe told her that that had also been his job as a cadet, and asked her if she expected some day to be the Superintendent. She replied, "In due course, Sir." As an interesting statistic, the Supe mentioned that 10 yrs ago, every qualified candidate for the 1300 vacancies in the new plebe class was admitted. This year, for about the same number of vacancies, there were 13,000 applicants.

The Class had the largest representation of all classes at the winter luncheon of the local West Point Soc at Ft Myer on 9 Jan. Present were **Bob Dewey, Jim Moore, Clyde Eddleman, Art Trudeau, Ed Hart, Otis McCormick** and **John Hincke.** The roast beef was surprisingly tender.

The featured speaker for the occasion was GEN Paul F. Gorman '50, who returned recently from assignment as Cmdr in Chief, US Southern Cmd in Central America. He is widely respected as an authority on the current political and military situation in that troubled area. He has been personally interviewed by over half the members of Congress. His comments covered the political and military situation in the Central American countries. He believes the militarization of Nicaragua is a major setback for the security of the US. But since the Congress has no stomach for military action in Central America, all that this country can do is provide support for the forces resisting the spread of subversion from Cuba and Nicaragua.

Tom Holmes writes from the bayous of LA that they are rather quiet since **Lucie** has

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a knee giving her a bit of trouble. They had a most enjoyable visit for two wks with their daughter & her husband in Sugar Land, TX, located on Sugar Creek, some 15 mi from Houston. Their relaxation was enhanced by a moving chair that their daughter had installed along the wall of the stairway, thus relieving Tom of the effort of climbing the stairs.

The following ladies, listed in alphabetical order, attended the spring luncheon of the Twenty-Four Wives at The Westchester in Wash, DC on 26 Mar: **Jane Anding, Janet Berry, Betty Beurket, Fran Blanchard, Thelma Brinson, Bo Craig, Helen Dasher, Florance Dewey, Murial Elmore, Rita Evans, Lorraine Gants, Ginny Glasgow, Mae Hincke, Agnes John, Betty MacCloskey, Brick Moore, Kitty Smith, Marguerite Stevens, Hazel Van Way** and **Marian Weinaug.** The hostesses were Hazel Van Way, Agnes John and Betty MacCloskey. The menu included honeydew melon, chicken a la king, strawberry parfait and coffee. The weather was perfect.

1924: Betty MacCloskey and Agnes John with Paul & Judy Child '52, aboard the **Royal Odyssey.**

Nugie Massaro has given us a run-down of the doings of the San Antonio contingent of the Thundering Herd, also known as the Alamo Chapter. Current membership consists of 3 men, one wife and 14 widows, namely, **Jags Eyerly, Clyde Massey, Dillon McHugh, Hazel Eyerly, Maria de la Rosa, Betty Gibson, Margaret Hames, Hannah Hawkins, Peggy Harper, Maude Ives, Gen Jennings, Carolyn Leonard, Helena Liebel, Winnie Ramsey, Agnes Stokes, Fran Traywick, Irma Wrockloff** and herself, Nugie Massaro. No one is running a marathon, but they aren't rolling around in wheelchairs either. They visit by telephone and their children and their children's children take up most of their time. They feel an enduring bond to the Class.

Donald MacRae, MD (Ret), writes from Dunedin, FL that he appreciates his 2 yrs in B Co of the Long Gray Line as pleasant and certainly interesting. Now, after 47 yrs in the practice of medicine, he recently attended a meeting of the West Point Soc of FL-West Coast. Being the senior member present, he was asked to lead in the singing of the "Alma Mater." During WW II he fought the Battle of Camp Rucker in the capacity of medical off. He now lives in a ret facility with many friends and a workshop where he has made some useful things and many more which are interesting but entirely useless. He sends his greetings to the Class.

James Edward Moore died on 28 Jan at the WRAMC after a short illness. Funeral services were held at the Old Ft Myer Chapel on 3 Feb. A choir composed of 15 of Jim's 16 grandchildren added to the beauty of the occasion. James, Jr. (LTG '54) gave a short eulogy describing the family life of his father. This was followed by interment in the Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors.

Emerson LeRoy Cummings died in a nursing home in Largo, FL on 24 Jan. After cremation and services in that city, the remains were buried with graveside services and full military honors in the Arlington National Cemetery on 3 Feb. This interment, as well as that of **Jim Moore's** on the same day, was attended by a large number of classmates, relatives and friends.

Robert Harvey Thompson died on 19 Sep 85 while in the hospital in Jackson, MS. Following services in the St. Andrews Episcopal Cathedral, he was buried in the Lakewood Memorial Park Cemetery on 20 Sep. After leaving the Army in 1927, Bob received his law degree from the U of MS Law School and became prominent in the legal profession. He held the elective office of a state senator and was a member of several civilian and professional organizations. During WW II he served in the US Army as a COL on the War Dept General Staff.

'25

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Three hundred eighty grads and guests were present for celebration of Founders Day at the Presidio of San Francisco on 21 Mar. Sugg and Woodward '16 were the oldest present, followed by **Denson** and **Long. Joey Cannon** was escorted by Berrigan '27. Classes '19 through '26 were not represented, though many are on the Bay Area roster. George A. Grayeb Jr. came to our table and introduced himself and his wife, daughter of **Dave Tulley.** A pleasant surprise.

Hopkins is receiving Class dues for 86 ($10). Make check to "USMA Class 1925" and mail to **Armand Hopkins** at 21 Ocean Drive, Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971.

A letter to **Hopkins** from **Charles Cavelli** regrets that they had to miss the 60th reunion. He states that walking and standing is difficult for him, but otherwise life is still quite good. They play bridge and travel to Panama City, FL to visit their daughter Susan, Kim and their three sons. The youngest just had his third birthday, and is a little lively for them! Their other daughter Nora lives in Denver which gives them a pleasant place to visit in the summer. While still working at the U she also attends the Denver Seminary where she is working on her Master's in theology.

From Longwood, FL **Hopkins** reports that a few frosty nights required him to bring potted plants indoors for the night and replace them in the sun in the morning. He says it keeps him active, but no younger nor more limber. His daughter Frances & her husband arrived for a few days from Minneapolis after some sort of business convention in Ft Lauderdale. Their daughter Betsy & husband were also there from Columbia, MO for a few days. Daughter Cynthia was there for a wk, from Mexico City, where she, husband and teen-age daughter are more or less comfortable for a two-yr tour with the embassy. The Hopkins had planned to go to Mexico City for Christmas, but kept putting it off. Trouble is inertia. Takes all day to read the papers and water the flowers. Cynthia says the ai in Mexico City in winter is full of dust, gasoline fumes and smoke. Maybe they'll go next summer when the air is washed by much rain.

Hopkins also reports a change of address for **Johnny Haskell** who has moved to an apt in the same area where they had lived for some time. John has some difficulty navigating, his one leg having for so many years done duty for the one lost during the war. But he hopes that he & **Paulette** will be able to make the 65th reunion. His address: John Haskell, Jardins d'Arcadie, Apt 501, Bldg "A," Blvd. Georges Clemenceau, 06130 Grasse, France.

Hubert Cole reports from Arlington that he and **Rinaldo Van Brunt** represented the Class of 25 at the Founders Day gathering at Ft Myer. He estimated that about 150 grads attended and noted Irving '17, a tac in our day and later Supe. Also Hart '24, Ennis '26 and Olmsted '54, son of Olmsted '22, who was busted as 1st Captain just before graduation. The present Supe, LTG Scott, was the principal speaker. He gave statistics to show that the Class of 1990, which will enter in Jul, is a superbly qualified group of young men and women. He also praised the talent of the football coach Jim Young.

On 6 Mar there was a Class luncheon at the Army-Navy Country Club in Arlington. Two classmates, **Dunford** and **Cole,** and four wives or widows attended: **Elizabeth Cole, Jane Galloway, Versa Underwood** and **Betty Crandall.** This seems to be about par for the event.

Pete Liwski reports that since our reunion in May 85 he & **Henreette** have been moving around a bit. This past Dec and early Jan they took a trip to New Zealand where their daughter's husband is stationed with the Naval Observatory. They took them around So Isl where they met many of their friends, including some Maoris who took them to a Maori Church where they had to remove their shoes. Since returning from New Zealand they have had to rebuild their shoreline after a hurricane hit the Chesapeake area. Pete attended the Founders Day dinner at Ft Monroe. He was the oldest grad there and had written two short speeches—but had left both at home. The net result was that he had to dash off a few words while his wife drove them down.

'26

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Class scribes received new guidelines, submitted for our suggestions, in Mar. I pass on to you some suggestions: most important is the need to save space. Hence many abbreviations and shortcuts are required, which may somewhat inhibit the individual's writing style. However, you may leave the abbreviating to the scribe. Repetition is to be avoided so that in case two of you report on the same subject, only one version will appear in the notes. If your name has not appeared in the Class notes within the last 9 mos, you are urged to drop a note to the scribe. We are asked to avoid mentioning the same people too frequently, but because of the age and health of our Class, I have not complied with that suggestion.

I received an announcement of **Bill Creasy's** marriage to **Sally J. Helfrick** 2 Jan in Phoenix, AZ. Their home address is 6400 Trinity Dr, Pine Bluff, AR 71603 (Apt 35).

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Jimmy Burwell phoned that **Kathleen Osborne** reported that **Ralph** was so much improved that she brought him home in early Mar from the rest home where he had been. Good news, and we are pleased to hear it. Jimmy is doing well. Says he got his two deer last fall.

From Atlanta, GA **Ted Peck,** widow of **Marvin,** writes that she keeps up with the Class through **Assembly.** She has moved to a ret complex in Atlanta and finds it very rewarding. She is well and active, playing bridge and enjoying other pastimes. She goes by mini-bus to opera, ballet, stage shows, and concerts. She talked to **Lucy Burns,** who is in an apt adjoining Lucy Ann & her husband's home in Beaufort, SC. Ted's new address is 3747 Peachtree Rd NE, No 803, Atlanta, GA 30319.

A card from **Sparky Baird** says he received a letter from **Betty Storke.** She was greatly pleased to hear from USMA that the Class had made a memorial contribution to the WP Fund honoring **Harry** and asked Sparky to thank our classmates.

I called **Ben Thurston.** He is still in Palm Springs, CA and has been having difficulty with his stomach and says he must get that cleared up or he can't go to the reunion. I called **Bill Mills.** He & **Rosie** plan to go to the reunion after their Mediterranean cruise. Their son-in-law will drive them to WP.

1926: The Booths and McFarlands, Santa Barbara, 6 Feb 86

I talked to **Babe de Shazo** on the phone who has been having a very tough time, starting with surgery last Aug. She couldn't leave the hosp until Oct. Then she got shingles which in turn affected her eyesight so that she had to give up her apt. She now lives in the Center where she has help. Her address is 1111 S. Lakemont, Rm 420, Winter Park, FL 32792. Ph: 305-647-4083. She asks for our prayers, and I know she would appreciate hearing from old friends.

From CA comes **Spud Murphy's** report: **Bud Black** and I represented the Class at the Founders Day Dinner at the Ft Ord Off Club. Ord is home base for the newly reorganized 7th Light Inf. Div. As usual it was a sight to behold, with over 200 present, all in full dress. The performance of the Colonial Color Guard was spectacular. We have become accustomed to seeing both officers and enlisted personnel in battle fatigues whether on the post or in town, so that to enter the ballroom full of distinguished-looking officers, both men and women, was a pleasurable experience. It made one feel young—or old. The local WP Assoc roster shows the source of the uniformed guests: 14 2LT's from '84, 38 1LT's from '82 and '83, 80 CPT's from '74 through '81, 33 MAJ's from '68 through '73, 11 LTC's and 5 COLs from '62 through '68. The presence of a half dozen pretty Kaydettes rather surprised us until we found out they were on spring vacation and on a women's tennis tour. Two of them were plebes. The Com, BG Boylan, gave a fine talk that left everyone relieved that the place "hadn't." This was confirmed by the youngest grad.

Spud's report continues: We had a talk with Roy Herte, Jr & his charming wife. We will check with **Roy Herte, Sr** in May. Seated at the head table was a young distinguished-looking BG. It took us a few minutes to realize that he was William A. **Roosma,** son of our **Johnny** and asst div cmdr. Later I talked to him & his lovely wife. We reviewed the several years in which the Roosma and Murphy families were stationed together at Governor's Island. His twin brother, Garret, also of '58, resigned in 64.

More of Spud's report: **Paul Carroll** was not present but will be at the 60th. **Hal Forde** reports that all is well with the Fordes. **Betsy** has recovered from two broken hips in one yr and navigates about the house with the help of a walker, which she hopes to dispense with shortly. Hal checks up on the nearby **Kirchhoffs** occasionally. **Kirk's** condition has not improved and **Aline's** caretaking problems deserve great sympathy and praise. **Marge Brady** says everything is going well. She is busy keeping up on her French and lately has begun to unravel the reservation problems: dates, airlines, hotels, etc for our 60th, which she is looking forward to with great anticipation. **Big Nourse** will join her in DC for the bus trip. **Beth McNaughton** is in the final stages of preparation for her art show, which she has titled "My Eightieth Spring." Many of the pieces were painted in her own yard. The date has been set for 5 Apr at a gallery in Carmel. Beth sends her very best to "The Army Air Corps," particularly to **Leon Johnson** and to **Admiral & Carleen Sims.** The Murphys have no news of any note except the travels of their grands this summer: Mike to China and Tibet; Tim to Austria; and Cindy to New England.

Kay & John McFarland flew to Tucson, AZ 9 Jan to visit son Tony, then drove our car to Beaumont, TX to see son Jim, then to FL to see Kay's brother. We drove back home, arriving 9 Feb. We had incredible luck, having beautiful weather all the way without a trace of snow. Tony and Jim are doing very well, Jim as estimator for an oil refinery engr firm and Tony as admin off of the AZ Law Enforcement Academy. On the way home we stopped at Santa Barbara, CA to see **Don & Ro Booth.** They regret that Don's health will not permit them to make the reunion.

REQUIEM: **Freddy Munson** called with the sad news that **Walter Stanton** died 28 Jan at Alexandria Hosp of pneumonia. Services were held at Ft Myer Chapel. Interment took place at Arlington Natl Cemetery, 30 Jan. Honorary pallbearers were **Sparky Baird, Leon Johnson,** Freddy Munson, **Admiral Sims, Rodney Smith,** and Johnny Roosma Jr. Both sons, Walter Jr '50 and James D '58, and their families were present. We extend our deepest sympathy to them. The Academy will notify the family that the Class has contributed to the WP fund in Walter's memory.

It is with great regret that I pass on to you the sad news of the death of **Helen,** beloved wife of **Tep Barbour,** at Walter Reed 1 Feb from leukemia. Services were held at the Washington Natl Cathedral, 5 Feb. Burial took place at WP. We extend to Tep our heartfelt sympathy.

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'27

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The only report of travel to arrive was from **Mac & Jean Miller,** away for the wk of 19-26 Feb at Stuart, some 40 mi north of West Palm Beach, FL on a visit with Jean's brother & wife, Dunc & Dinny Somerville '28—"beautiful weather and a grand time." Mac commented: "I played golf 2 or 3 times on a superb course and enjoyed it, even though I spent most of my time either in sand traps or water, none of which I could get out of!" And they returned to the area in one of our snowstorms!

The winter luncheon of the WP Soc, DC, was held at the Off Club, Ft Myer, 9 Jan. The guest speaker was GEN Paul F. Gorman, who gave a knowledgeable and interesting talk on the situation in Central America. It was the usual pleasant affair with lots of friends to talk to. The only members of '27 to make it were **Trap Trapnell** and **Jimmy Collins.**

Mac Miller was the '27 rep at the Founders Day Dinner, 14 Mar, at Ft Myer, sitting at a table of 7 with the Classes of '24, '25, and '26. He reported "a large turnout, over 300, enjoying the Fife and Drum Corps from Ft Myer, the Army Chorus, presentation of the Ben Castle Award, and an entertaining and enthusiastic report on WP by the Supe, LTG Scott—and the usual fine food and good fellowship."

Doubtless many of you, scanning the Jan **Army** magazine, read with interest that fine article "Remembering Bill Dean" by our **George Martin.** It was surely a good job, an interesting story, deserving of the praise it has brought to him. More power to George!

You have all read the "Bulletin: 60th Reunion Class Project" sent out by **Gar Davidson,** covering some details of our approaching 60th. All sounded inspiring, serving, it must be hoped, to help to make up our minds to form strong plans to attend. The 60th is indeed a very important gathering, deserving from all a definite intention to be present, achieving, as Gar well put it, "a significant turnout, a truly good get-together."

Three deaths came to the notice of the DC area during this quarter. First was that of **Helen Johnson** Barbour, of leukemia at Walter Reed, 1 Feb, wife of Thomas E. P. Barbour '26, and whom you will recall as the wife of **Max Johnson,** who died in 68. Memorial service was held at Washington Cathedral, 5 Feb, with interment at WP, where she was born. Survivors included son Max S. Johnson, Jr, daughter Helen Johnson Myers, and 5 grandchildren. Attending the church service from '27 were **Mac & Jean Miller** and **Evelyn Bixel.**

Ruth Sullivan Asensio died of cancer on 19 Feb in Annandale, VA. Service was held at Ft Myer Chapel on 24 Feb, followed by interment in Arlington Natl Cemetery. Survivors are son LTC Manuel J. Asensio, Jr, daughter Joan A. Norman, and 5 grandchildren. Present from the Class were **Trapnell, Collins, Evelyn Bixel, Jean Matthews, Dorothea Ostenberg,** and **Lillard.**

The third loss was that of **W. Hamilton Hunter,** in the VA Med Center, Hampton, VA, on 2 Mar. Graveside service was conducted in Arlington Natl Cemetery on 6 Mar. Survivors include his wife **Bell M. Hunter,** sister Alice Louise Scherer, and brother Charles M. Hunter. Attending from

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'27 were **Mac & Jean Miller, Evelyn Bixel, Collins, Trapnell,** and **Lillard.**

This has been a quiet quarter, as this brief report goes to show. Please dash off a report of your doings, with a snap or two if you can, for we all wish to hear from you! Please communicate!

'28

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I regret to report the death of **Ted Landon** on 27 Jan in SA. The services and burial were at the USAFA with appropriate honors. **Skippy Harbold** represented '28. Our most heartfelt sympathy to **Willie** and other members of the family.

And in early Feb we lost **Betty Daley** in Mobile. I have no details except that she was buried in Arlington. For the Class I express our condolences to Betty's family.

In mid-Mar the **Raymonds** spent a few days with the **Rebers** in Chambersburg, PA. **Johnny Morrow** and one of his daughters joined them for a very special get-together.

So far as I know none of the Class attended any of the Founders Day affairs hereabouts. I'm still recovering from the effects of a bad fall (back injury) that occurred in late Jan that sent me to WRAMC for over two wks.

1928: Honolulu—Thayer, Wells, and Halff

In a roundabout fashion I learned that **Kay Briggs** died just before Christmas.

The **Halffs** are back at their condominium in Honolulu. Hal got together with **Pop Thayer** and **Tom Wells** for a luncheon on 11 Feb (see picture).

Forrest Allen sent me a note reporting that **Scud Scudder,** one of his roommates at WP, was in very poor health due to a malignancy of the colon and liver. Our best to you Scud. Forrest said that he was not kicking much but was very much alive.

Had a note from **Red Moore** telling of his two great-grandchildren. Is that a record or does anyone have more? Sorry to hear of **Mary's** trouble with bronchitis and hope she is fully recovered by now.

Next deadline is 30 Jun plus necessary lead time.

'29

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Taking over from **Fenn Sykes** is not a welcome asgmt as Paul and I indicated when we sent out the rosters. I am going to need a lot of help and will appreciate any suggestions and assistance which may be forthcoming. I'll try to keep you current, but FL is a long way from the usual news sources. We have had a generally favorable response to our letter and roster but over a dozen have been returned because the post office seems more interested in complying with their regs than they are in delivering the mail. This makes it more important than ever that we keep the addresses current, so please send me a change of address notice whenever you move, even across town. Also, see if you can supply one or more of the missing addresses or, as **Ev Noble** did, (when she sent in **Gen Naves**) add one we didn't have.

We are down to less than a third of our grads which really isn't too bad for almost 57 yrs. You know that **Terry Abbott** was one of the more recent losses. He was buried at WP. Both **Martha** and the First Church of Christ Scientist of Rio Rancho, NM have acknowledged the Class memorial contribution which is to be used in landscaping. At the request of Spike Hefley '28 and Fred Dent III '62, a contribution has been made to the AOG in memory of **Cora Lynn.** In accord with **Ruth Callery's** daughter's wish a contribution was made to the Farquier Co Library in Ruth's memory. She died in Largo early in Feb and **Roy Hatton** followed on the 25th. A memorial contribution is being made to the AOG. He was interred with full military honors in the Ft Sam Houston Cemetery. Many may not be aware that he was the Army's first rated helicopter pilot. **Ed Murphy's** widow, **Lib,** died last Oct and was followed in Feb by their oldest son William E III '57. We will make a memorial contribution. **Ginny Fagg** suffered a pulmonary embolism and died 2 Mar. A memorial contribution is planned. **Della Caraway** thanked the Class for the contribution to the Distaff Hall and hopes to move there soon. **Jeanne Wilson** and family expressed their appreciation for the memorial for **Weary.** She now lives in Spanish Fort.

Paul & Josette Thompson made a quick trip to Orlando to get her daughter well settled as she starts work at Martin-Marietta; they swung by Largo for a pleasant lunch with **Dot** & me. He planned to get in touch with the '29ers in the Orlando area and hoped to find **Bob & Mary Cook** in better condition than **Marion McDonald** reported in early Jan after Mary's triple bypass surgery. Marion also said **Tommy DuBose** is doing well after eye surgery and **Rose** recuperated after a miserable cold. Tommy updated this by reporting on a very successful Founders Day dinner at the Citrus Club in Orlando—60-70 were present, with Tommy not only the Oldest Grad present, but the rep of the oldest class. He delivered a few well chosen words followed by a talk which rewarded some who had come from as far away as Coca and Tampa. His brother COL Warren (Randy) Duke '60 is at Wright-Pat but planning to retire this summer. When Marion can break away from her volunteer activities for hospice (head of the Red Cross Vols in the ENT Clinic), she and Ruth Sutherland of '32 take Tauck Tours with the next one scheduled in Apr on the MS Queen Paddle Boat. Not a Tauck Tour, but in Jun they are going to the fjords of Norway. She had some of the '29ers in to celebrate the coming of spring but Tommy & Rose couldn't join **Jim & Jean Gavin** and Bob & Mary Cook.

We had hoped to see **Kitty Bowyer, Margaret Ghormley** and **Senta Bell** down here but unfortunately we missed connections—at least with Kitty.

1929: SF Bay New Year's lunch

McKenzie is back in San Antonio after a visit with each of his daughters and is concentrating on recuperating more fully from his stroke. Hope he does as well as my **Dot** after hers of just over a year ago. **Slim Vittrup** talked to him early in Mar and he said Mac sounded fine, busy as a cranberry merchant at Thanksgiving. (Slim didn't mention the reason for his trip but his mother, who was 104, died.)

Bonnie Mackintosh has been doing some traveling, ending up in Huntsville, AL to visit her son and family over Christmas. See picture with the Great Wall of China in the background. **Ralph Strauss** survived a bad reaction from his medication and is now doing well. **Paul Steinbeck** keeps on running as he has for the last 40 yrs or more and visits his sons, one in England and the other in Korea.

Libby Latimer Bracken & Jack do lots of traveling to keep up with the American Bar Assoc. **Jim Quill** has been ill for about 3 yrs, the last 2 in the nursing facility annex at Hilton Head. He can talk but not walk and constantly demonstrates how to be a good patient. Drop Lou a card to help alleviate "cabin fever." **Freddie Lincoln** returned from a fascinating but strenuous trip to India and Nepal in time for Christmas.

George & Helen Bush had family gatherings for his 80th birthday, Thanksgiving and Christmas including Susan & Jack as well as Jane and her 2 daughters—Lucy a Girl Scout exec and Mary a college student.

DeeDee Armstrong looks down on the campus of McCollie College and Chattanooga and up at the mountains. Her elder son, Peter, is assoc dean of the Dartmouth faculty; her younger one, Alan '61, ret for disability after a tour in Vietnam and 2 in Cambodia. He is in the trust dept of the Bank of CA in San Fran.

Both **Glen Williamson** and **Roy Vincent** bemoan the lack of contact with '29ers. Glen is making liars of the AF doctors in England who told him in '44 that he'd never walk again, by taking a rugged 16-day trip through Russia from the Black Sea to Moscow, stopping in 12 cities. Also by flying gliders and hot air balloons. Roy meets with 50-60 West Pointers in the Pittsburgh area, but since **Joe Colby** and I left, he has been the only '29er. He is the 2nd oldest in the area and frequently is the oldest present as GEN Ridgway has to pass up a lot of these activities. When he gets to Wash to see his daughter he will look up the DC contingent. Unfortunately **Margaret Colby** is quite seriously ill in Fort Lauderdale.

Joe Ladd writes that he & **Betsy** are improving and walking again which makes life worthwhile. **Jack (B-Food) Hornor** is still fox hunting, although in a very limited fashion. He's been in touch with **Charley Tench**

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and **Billy Greear** and all are looking forward to '89.

Johnny Theimer writes that the San Francisco Bay Area '29ers welcomed 86 with lunch at the Presidio Off Club—a happy occasion, as it has been in past yrs. Welcoming were **Dave & Charm Angluin, Lois Carey, Ducky & Martha Hail, Mary Lou LaPage** Murray, and Johnny & **Gracie Theimer. George Carey** broke his hip last Oct, had it repaired with 8 pins at Providence Hosp (2 wk stay) and after 4 weeks in the clinic at St. Paul's Towers, where he lives, insisted on being returned to his apt. He has an excellent nurse—his wife Lois. It's hard for them to get out as George is legally blind and Lois is unable to drive at night. **Paul Freeman** phoned that after a long layoff, his shoulder nerves have recovered enough for him to hit balls with **Mary Anne** on the driving range at Monterey Peninsula Golf Club. He hopes to be playing again before long—a born again golfer.

Pat & Betty O'Hara have been pretty much housebound but hope to be down for our Founders Day 5 Apr.

Last Oct **Slim Vittrup** caught up with **Howard & Inez Moore.** He is now retired as a prof, and they are living in a big white house on large grounds with beautiful trees while he pursues his hobby of family genealogy.

Jim Winn has been in WRAMC trying to find the why of a loss of both weight and appetite. **Molly's** arthritis has been somewhat relieved by surgery on one foot and one hand. They are happy to announce the arrival of grandson James Julius. We are hoping they get away to see if FL will restore his appetite. **Fred Chaffee** is back home after a few days in WRAMC.

1929: Bonnie Mackintosh

Jack & Jackie Nichols tried out the autotrain and recommend it to those living in the NE (we do too and to Floridians, as we have had a dozen trips on it) for transportation to FL. (**Kitty Bowyer** does too.) They spent Feb in Pompano Beach, Key West, Marcos Island and Naples.

Dutch Kraus wrote that he and **Paul Freeman** represented '29 at Founders Day at Ft Ord as did **Jim Winn** at Belvoir. **Mary Anne** & Paul are fine as are **Hank** & Dutch. He talked to **Bill Francis** who is doing as well as can be expected with his pacemaker and crutches. Bill has 5 great-grandchildren, 6 married grandchildren and another on the way. **Charley Rau** is happy and healthy, but he bypassed Founders Day as he has since they became coed.

Bill Vestal says his eyes and general health, or rather lack of it, precludes his continuing as an area scribe as he did for **Dick Wentworth, Fenn Sykes** and I think **Bill Thompson.** Any volunteers? We will miss his input. **Roy Cuno** was unable to survive another operation for leg infection and died 19 Mar. **Bill & Billy Greear** represented the Class at the funeral 21 Mar which was attended by many friends. It was particularly difficult for **Josie** who was in a nursing home recuperating from quadruple bypass heart surgery. She should be home by the end of the mo.

Sam Silver says **Fran Costello** is doing fine even if I left her name off the geographical section. (We plan to get out a correction sheet with some address changes, etc and hope you may have it before you read this.) He also reported an excellent Founders Day meeting at Ft Jackson with the Supe giving one of the best talks he's heard in a long while.

A mo after our Christmas visit with Bill II '55 I ended up in the hosp again—this time with phlebitis, but it's under control. Didn't do as well seeing the DC contingent as we had planned, as we spent most of our time with 2 kids, 3 grandsons and 1 great-grandson.

Helen Poinier wrote that she will be moving from Austin to the Army Retirement Community in San Antonio. ETA is spring of 87. Also that **Bette & Red Cooper** are on the same list but not planning to move as quickly as Helen. She doesn't like leaving Austin but likes being nearer her son in San Antonio.

'30

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Ray Brisach wrote in Jan to say that he & **Charlotte** attended the A-N game in Phila with **Pat Dodge.** On their arrival they found to their dismay that their tickets put them on the ground level. There they were unable to see through the solid wall of standees along the sidelines and witnessed not one iota of the play on the field.

Ray wrote to the Supe LTG Willard W. Scott Jr and whimpered about the injustice of it all. The result: a refund of the cost of the tickets, and a quick return to a happy feeling that all's well that ends well!

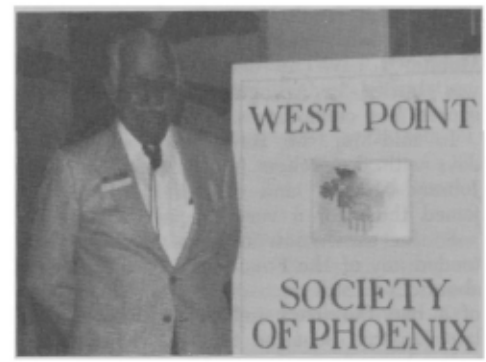
On the gloomy side, our leader **Bob Wood** suffered a stroke on Christmas Eve. Fortunately he & **Sarah** were in their apt in Harbor Square in DC at the time. Sarah was able to get an ambulance from WRAMC where Bob received every care and was back home in mid-Jan. All went well until 4 Feb when Bob suffered a second stroke, from which he has not yet (17 Mar) recovered consciousness. On 10 Mar he was transferred to the VA Hosp in DC, Ward 3 B East, Room 39. Please pray for Bob; he needs a miracle!

Jean Quinn sent us an excellent travel summary of her wanderings in 85. The highlights were a freighter trip to the Far East; a cruise on the **Rotterdam** and tour of FL; Europe from Austria down the Danube, Yugoslavia, and Greece; England, Scotland, and Wales; in Sept OR and CA; in Oct Lake George and Lake Placid country; and, finally Christmas in Morocco. That lady is not ready to retire yet!

Ned Moore finally broke out of hosp after 3 mos and is still recuperating at home. His **Vivian** is on full-time nursing duty and a grandson is in residence to help out. Ned sounds great and is emphatic in his praise of TROA's Mediplus catastrophic insurance. We all hope he will be strong enough to get out of the house soon.

Sid & Mary Wooten have been in close touch with **Ned** while he was in hosp, but took off 15 Jan for a mo in the British Virgin Islands. They say it is a great place to "winter."

Pete & Betty King visited the Fergusons in Phila and went to the A-N game with them. The visit was great, but there was no comment on the game. Pete arranged the winter Class luncheon at Ft McNair's Club. The food was delicious. The excellent turnout included, beside Pete, **Ray Brisach, Bill Carter, Freddie Wing, Ster Wright, George Duehring, Alva Fitch, Max Janairo, Adam Koscielniak, Millard Lewis, Herb Mitchell, Dick O'Keefe, Charlie Olin, Andy O'Meara, Frank Waldrop, Sid Wooten,** and your scribe. Pete is now busy on the spring luncheon which will also be at McNair on 4 Apr. We hope for another good response.



1930: Ed Sachs: Founders Day 1986, Phoenix, AZ

Win Burnett wrote in Dec that **Norman** died at Sheppard AFB Hosp 8 Jun 85. Norm had been a rancher in Graham, TX west of Ft Worth since retirement in 60. He had an outstanding career with bombers in the Caribbean and in the Philippines during the war. He was an air attache in Belgrade in the early 50s. We shall miss this quiet and steady member of the long gray line.

Fritz Urhane advised us by letter in Feb that **Louie Heath** is back in the hosp at Ft Huachuca. This time he has been there about a mo, suffering from bone cancer, but is still quite cheerful. Fritz & **Pud** had to cancel their Rhine trip due to his sister's illness, but they hope to be able to reschedule later. Fritz heard that **Pie Nyquist** is having trouble again with his cancer, but no details.

Bob Porter was in town recently for treatment at WRAMC but slipped away quietly back to his farm in middle VA. We hope all is well.

All of you who were in F Co please note. The current F-1 Tac, Capt Ronald R. Porter is gathering historic material about F Co graduates for ASSEMBLY and publication in a "history of company traditions," "stories," etc. Purpose is to give his current cadets a better appreciation of their origins, and the achievements of their predecessors. Address: Tac Off F-1 USCC, West Point NY 10996. This is a worthy cause.

Betty Allen Roeser sent me a lovely note to say she is moving away from FL with regret. She will now be in a retirement home in CA near her daughter's family in San Clemente. Betty's new address is Mrs F Eugene Roeser, Desert Shadows, 41-505 Carlotta Dr, Palm Desert, CA 92260. We know she will find many new friends there.

Our Founders Day celebration was arranged as usual at Ft Myer by the WP Soc of DC on 14 Mar. Weather was terrible, but the prog was great. Three hundred and fifty of the faithful were present. The Army Band Chorus, and the 3d Inf Drum, Fife, and

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Bugle Team sang and played all the old tunes, and a couple of new ones to everyone's delight. The Supe gave us an inspiring talk on the USCC, today and tomorrow, an update on physical facilities, and highlights of the current phase of the ongoing academic evolution at WP. On the down side, one table of 9 men seated all the reps of the Classes of '30, '31, '32, and '33. Where were you guys? **Max Janairo** and your scribe were present.

On 20 Jan **Hazel Rischebarger** wrote that her husband LTC **Edward S. Rischebarger** x-'30, died at age 77 on 7 Jan 86, and is buried at Rock Isl Arsenal in IL. No other details were furnished. Our sincere condolences go out to this lady, who can be reached at 10035 Royal Oak Rd, #1020, Sun City, AZ 85351.

Your Scribe has something to crow about for a change. One of my grandsons, Ensign Steve Ortman, recently completed basic flight training at Pensacola. He has now been transferred to Beesville, TX where he is receiving jet fighter training. If he can pass that course, he will be assigned to a carrier squadron in jets early in 87. So, the Class is still contributing to the services, however indirectly.

Last minute call from **Fritz Urhane** sadly reports that **Louie Heath** passed away at a nursing home in Sierra Vista, AZ on 19 Mar. His wife **Helen** was with him at the time. Louie had suffered from bone cancer for about a yr. No interment plans have been made as yet. How we hate to see another good man drop out of the long gray line!

Won't someone please send me some GOOD news for the next issue?

'31

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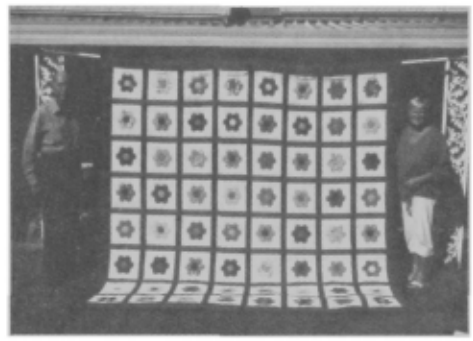
At an exclusive and muy costoso downtown Madrid restaurant just off the Plaza de España, on 14 Mar, **Jim Pumpelly** at the Founders Day dinner delivered the Oldest Grad address. Presiding was JP Franklin '55, Chief JUSMAG Spain, who was Com of Cadets when the first women entered the Academy. And, among the 6 members of the current first class on a European tour present were 2 cadets, 2 good-looking (Pump said more expressively "muy guapas") cadettes, and 2 Caballero cadetes of the Spanish Military Academy now attending WP on an exchange program. The event was particularly significant, Pump avers, because all present celebrated in addition the Spanish govt's just having won the referendum on Spain's continuance in NATO. With a very good vino de Rioja, a hearty Viva España . . . Viva! and Viva America . . . Viva! resounded from the 26 grads and about-to-be grads.

In ASSEMBLY's last issue I reported **Mary Levenick's** trip to religious shrines in Italy, Spain, and Portugal. Now it can be added that she and her 5 traveling friends, a most simpatico group, also visited Pump & Chely in Madrid. One of them was the wife of a Hollywood producer and great friend of WP. He composed the music and wrote the words, which, somewhat changed, we know as "Slum and Gravy." Incidentally, some may not remember that one of Pump's last asgmts in the service was as Chief MAAG in Nicaragua. He had the opportunity to explore the dense jungles of the Caribbean side of the country and, in the light of the current situation, can appreciate the ease with which missile launchers there could be concealed. And before we leave the subject of oldest grads, **Moppy Perry** had that honor when he attended Detroit's Founders Day dinner.

Extra! Extra! The **Coopers** report they are joining the '31 ranks of great-grandparents. Nevertheless, they had time in Jan for a trip to the coast where they called on the **Goughs, Chandlers,** and **Diestels** and plan to see AK in Jul. We hear that **Carl Kohl,** having labored 6 mos, has finished his 293 pg autobiography and its 19 pp of appendices. All 7 copies, once bound, are exclusively destined for his family and a few close friends. **Dean & Martha Herman,** by the time this is read, will have returned from a 3 wk flying tour of South America. **Bill Taylor** had a pleasant 8 day visit by his daughter last Mar.



1931: The Blakes with fund-raising quilt

The calligraphy behind **Ernie & Nancy Easterbrook** in the sumptuously Chinese accented accompanying recent pictures is a personal poem and greeting that was written for Nancy during her last trip to China. Ere we leave the subject of poetry—Hundredth Night lyricist and the **Pointer's** poet **Ozzie Tyler's** new book, "Sweet Land of Liberty" is to be published this fall. It tells the story of an English youth who landed in Newport, RI in 1638 and became the patriarch of a family that fought in all the colonial wars and in the Revolution. Ozzie's last publication, in iambic pentameter, was "Osceola, Seminole Chief" in 1976. One verse from Ozzie's 1985 rather pertinent poem "At Eighty," for which I have his permission to quote, runs like this:

"We are enticed invariably to look back
To measure some success,
To brood upon some lack
Although we ought to heed
What happened to Lott's wife, indeed,
When that nostalgic lady took a chance
Of one forbidden moment's backward
glance!"

1931: Flaherty, Burns and Davis

Lots of **Gordon & Aina Blake's** time is devoted to a humane animal charity in Universal City, TX founded by Gordon and his first wife, Ruth, to whom the shelter "Home for the Homeless" has been dedicated. They provide the food and veterinary care and manage the adoption program, averaging in 8 yrs an 80% adoption plus return-to-owner rate. Periodically they conduct fund-raisings. At one last winter, a raffle brought in $1901 for a brilliantly colored quilt made by Aina. And besides other community commitments, Gordon, believe it or not, produces some 400 cat scratching posts a year for sale in local stores. Come Jul each yr, they rent a large beach house in Wilmington, NC and convene the whole Blake clan for a wonderful wk.

News from Geriatric Center of the South, according to CEO **Hotspur Lash** indicates that during a wk in Feb **Don & Alice Webber** descended from TN and were resplendently entertained at a picnic supper and a lunch by **Bill & Helen Cassidy.**

F Co classmates should be able to provide hitherto unpublished memorabilia to the current tac of Co F-1, CPT Ronald R. Porter '77, who has asked ASSEMBLY scribes to alert classmates of his interest in receiving from them any "historical" material, be it serious or not so serious, concerning their lives during their sojourn with F-1. Should anyone from Cadet CPT **Champ Buck** to 1st Cl F Co bucks respond, a copy to me for inclusion of such nostalgic twists to my notes would be appreciated.

1931: The Davises and Harrisons

The latest to report in the misadventures of **Maggi Moore** runs like this. In early Feb on her way out the door with an armful of reading material to seek at the dispensary nothing more than an allergy shot, she took a mean fall breaking her left shoulder. The good news is that in less than 3 wks Maggi was beautifully repaired at Walter Reed with a high-tech ball and socket joint and now claims to be our No 1 pinup gal—with 2 knees, a hip, and a shoulder offered in evidence. And **Jo Kathryn Eaton** spent over a mo in the Andrews AFB hosp with an arthritic left hip, pain from which has been successfully overcome also with this wonderful, new-fangled artificial ball and socket joint.

Johnny & Wilma Davis escaped from a rather nasty winter on the East Coast by a swing through San Antonio. Sun City, AZ, Acapulco, and HI. They report that **Maggie McGee,** a dyed-in-the-wool Catholic, continues his lively notes to the Catholic bishops and other liberals to straighten them out on defense issues. In Sun City, the Davises dined with **Paul & Irene Burns** and **Jerry & Mary Flaherty.** Paul has joined that growing list of those sporting a new hip, and, like theirs, his is operating nicely. Jerry has overcome a couple of heart attacks and has run into some trouble with implants and cataracts. Before 3 wks on Oahu in the Hale Koa and at Ft Shafter, Johnny & Wilma flew on to the garden isle of Kauai, where they caught up with **Dick & Pat Harrison,** who, with Pat's sister, were there enjoying their time-share

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1931: Ernie & Nancy Easterbrook

condo. I am reminded how completely untouched was Kauai by our modern world in 1940 when Weary Wilson '29 and I on a junket sailed to that fairy tale isl on the minelayer **USS Oglala.** That veteran ship of North Sea ops in WWI was sunk in Pearl Harbor on 7 Dec 41.

Dick & Roz Steinbach tripped back East in Dec for Christmas with their daughter and progeny in Philadelphia and for a visit with Roz's brother in Forest Hills. **Ding Carter's** wife, **Janie Low,** reportedly has finally ret from Lockheed, according to **Deak Roller. Frank Blunda's** widow, **Florence,** is now Mrs. Ralph Haney, also according to Deak.

We have just learned that **Nosebag Bays'** granddaughter, Jacqueline Bays, is in the USMA Class of '88.

Marge King, after a number of times in the hosp over the past yr is back home again, but, unable to make the reunion, sends her love to all.

Sam Houstonwise, our San Antonio contingent, under the leadership of **Jack Gordon,** has stolen a march on us by celebrating a mini-reunion on our actual 55th anniv, 11 Jun 86. The event, to take place in the home of **Johnny & Norma Barr,** should, by the time you read this, have become a significant contribution to the glorious history of '31.

Fresh upon return from a trip, a classmate checked for his name in the updated Class directory I had mailed a few days earlier and lo and behold found the important page missing. I had the printer check all remaining copies to assure they were intact, and they were. Meanwhile, if a copy anyone has received is not complete, let me know and you'll get a replacement. **Georgia McBride** performed a monumental job in handling the typing with her customary precision. After the typing was complete and the work was in the hands of the reproducer, two deaths were reported, and it was just possible for me to add the dates of death opposite their names. However, I regret that I learned of **"Major" Powell's** death on 21 Jan 86 only on 19 Mar by seeing his name listed in ASSEMBLY's Last Roll Call, too late to record in our Class directory, which had then been finalized. The Class expresses its heartfelt sympathy to **Florence** and family.

Clyde McBride has, with meticulous attention to the myriad of details, performed a great service for us in developing the plans for our reunion. And **Bill Dick,** with experience gained as a baggage handler while generously jumping in to transfer luggage from our 50th reunion bus, which had lost its air conditioning, to a replacement bus, is doing his normal great job as our 55th reunion travel agent. And we must not forget our good fortune in having **Marian Wertz** type these quarterly notes for you.

Word has only recently reached me that **Jim Mooney's** widow, **Speedy,** who is remembered by all who knew her as a charming southern lady, died on 19 Dec 83. She is survived by a daughter, Marilyn M. Villano, 4790 Forest Ave, Littleton, CO 80112.

Ned Purnell's widow, **Dorothy,** succumbed 24 Feb to lung cancer in Memorial Hosp near her beautiful home in Easton on MD's eastern shore. She was buried next to Ned in Easton. I had never had the opportunity to meet this lovely lady until she joined **Clyde McBride** and me one day on Clyde's boat for a sail on Chesapeake Bay.

1931: Spangers, Coopers, Hermans; Founders Day 1986, Ft Bliss

Bob Lee telephoned me from CO Springs on 8 Mar that **Wendell Bowman** passed away that evening after a short illness from acute leukemia at Penrose Hosp. Known as "our crafty little quarterback," he thought he had the flu and first checked in at the USAFA Hosp. His remains were cremated, and memorial services were held at the Peterson AFB chapel on 14 Mar. The Class was represented by **Duff, Lee, Pat Carter,** and **Strother.** At time of this writing, plans for interment, possibly in Arlington, are uncertain according to son Timothy Bowman and daughter Janet Sparks. Bob Lee is preparing the obituary for ASSEMBLY.

'32

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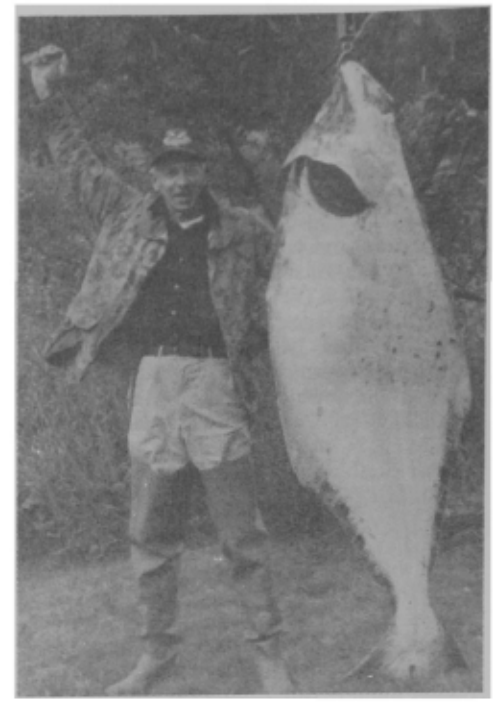
TODAY I'M 40! I did my duty in WW II; North Africa, Sicily and the length of Italy. With V-E day I got orders to the Pacific but during my mo of R&R at home the A bomb ended the war and blew me to WP. **Jake Hassmann** was there and dropped into my off in the spring of 46 to tell me that he was going back to civ life and the next deadline for the '32 column of ASSEMBLY was in a couple of wks.

In the 40 yrs since then I have written all or part of the '32 column for 32 yrs, plus 8 features and 24 obituaries for ASSEMBLY. And the writing gets easier; I no longer stare at a typewriter until blood forms on my forehead.



1932: Bob Scott—just for the halibut

I now stare at a computer until the blood forms.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS. Jim Woolnough isn't mad at me; he just sent the pic and details of his wedding to the lovely **Eleanor** to my old address which delayed its arrival beyond the last deadline. The good-looking man in the background is his eldest son Jim. (He made me some kind of a brother-in-law to our Jim because young Jim's wife and my daughter Kay shared a semi-private room in a Corpus Christi hospital when Jim and I each became grandparents for the first time.) Jim & Eleanor's new address is 1940 S. Arlington Ridge Rd, Arlington, VA 22202.

In Feb **Ed Rowan** married attractive **Mary Reid Blair,** widow of an Army COL, who brings 5 children into the fold. She also has a twin sister, Margaret, here in San Antonio, the wife of COL Jim Wright, USAF Ret. Mary is an ex-nurse which stood her (and Ed) in good stead when Ed's car was hit broadside recently. No serious damage to Ed.

An interesting letter to **Farmer Jamison** from **Ed Gluntz** who was found Plebe Christmas said that he had served 3 yrs with **John Bowen** on the WD General Staff before going to GEN MacArthur's HQ in the Pacific. Ed has become an assoc member of the AOG, sponsored by **Chm Jamison** and **Secy Archie Lyon.** His address is 9818 Oak Ridge Dr, Sun City, AZ 85351.

TIME MARCHES ON. (Don't stop de carnival.) A happy letter from **Charlie D'Orsa**

1931: Steinbachs and Andraes '34

1932: Jim & Eleanor Woolnough

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told about his daughter Cathy visiting from Portland, OR to join him & **Margo** in FL to celebrate Charlie's 75th birthday. Our Class baby will be 75 on 1 Jul and later in the mo our Daddy will be 80. But one of our chic chicks reached that point last yr.

1932: Margo, Charlie and Cathy D'Orsa

FINAL FAREWELLS. Joe Gill, who had been failing for yrs, finally succumbed 31 Jan and was buried with military honors at Ft Myer. Joe had a standout intl career; three yrs in SHAPE, the UN command in Korea and 12 yrs with American U in Beirut after he ret. Our sympathies go to **Edith.**

Archie Lyon phoned to say that **Marv Isely,** after fighting his cancer for yrs while living alone, attended the '32 luncheon 9 Jan then collapsed the next day at home with a heart attack. There was a good Class turnout for memorial services and the burial at Arlington. A few yrs back, Marv was our '32 Class Chm and never missed a Class function.

Just as this was going to press, **Joe Stearnes's** sister-in-law phoned to say that Joe went suddenly with a heart attack. When **Mary** died here just before their golden wedding anniv two yrs ago, Joe went to New Orleans to live with his daughter Liz & her husband, Walton Williams. Joe was buried in his Army blues with full military honors in his Mary's grave at Ft Sam with most of the local '32s present: **Chuck Clark, Glatterer, Longanecker, Rowan, Terri Steele, Gracia Grunert** and two **Zitzmans.** Our sympathies go to Liz, Joe Jr, and the 7 grandchildren.

1932: Terri Steele and Gracia Grunert; Founders Day

CLASS RINGS. (Other scribes please copy.) I got a letter from Dick Guthrie '63, son of my old friend John '30, saying that his WP ring was lost in the mail and that he had heard about my moderately successful campaign in 81-83. (7 rings of 3 classes, 4 of them '32, plus 3 '32 miniatures to our ladies.) I made an appeal to the '63 scribe, Frank Hall, son of our **Gary & Gale,** and am making another pitch here. After I lost mine in a beating/robbery, **Dinny Kelly** sent me **Joe's** ring. Now Dinny is gone too, but I think of them both every time I wear the ring Joe got the same day I got mine. I still have the names of 5 classmates who would like to have rings so let me know if you have one to donate. I'll not publicize until you make your choice.

I feel a special obligation to help Dick because he has a domestic problem most grads don't. He is married to **Dwight & Flo Beach's** daughter Cynthia who reads him the '32 column of ASSEMBLY as soon as it reaches their house.

EVERY MAN AN ATHLETE. Correspondence with **Bob Scott** is always interesting; it reads like one of his books. If it strains the credulity, he includes a pic. Bob was outweighed by the 7'3", 225 lb monster halibut shown here, and he said it took 3 other men to help him beach it while fishing in Ugak Bay, off Kodiak Isl, AK. "Just like our fishing weekends at Cranberry Pond," (joke). They beached the struggling monster 2 mi away before killing and boating it because the folklore is full of tales of boats found afloat with a halibut but no fisherman aboard because the latter had been flipped overboard by his unwilling passenger.

1932: Bearfoot scribe with chic

Daughter Robin took the pic of **Bob** and one of her friends cried, "Fake, what did he stuff it with?" To prove that the stuffing was natural, another pic with the fish in the same pose shows Bob's pal alongside holding a 40 lb filet which he had just removed. Other fauna found inside included a 36" silver salmon, 8 dungeness crabs, various squid and some rocks. (Roughage, I guess.)

In late Mar, **Bob** received word that his latest (15th) book has been accepted for publication. It not only tells how he was deservedly fired from the Pentagon as AF Dir of Info, but has 14 chapters of things for which he should have been fired but at which he wasn't caught. He has promised me an early copy and when I receive it, shall review it here. Bob is also considering a proposal from the People's Republic of China to return and make a TV show about his walking the Great Wall in 1980, an account of which appeared in **Readers Digest.** "If I am able to do it at 78," says Bob.

AS THE BALL BOUNCES. Dave Schorr sent me copies of letters he had exchanged with **Eddie Farnsworth.** Starting with the original fallacious 1941 article in LIFE that a pitched baseball does not (can not) curve, Eddie included his refutation and proofs in his correspondence with noted authorities. I sent the works to **Benny Webster.** In his reply, Benny included that he & **Bobbie** are in the process of buying an apt in AF Village here in San Ant where they will join Bobbie's sister Sally Anderson, **Stan & Esther Wray** and a lot of other good guys.

1932: Betty Besson

AT RANDOM IN QUONDAM. Ed Suarez sent a note with the pic taken aboard ship on a pleasant cruise he & **Bee** took through the Caribbean with Harry Tomlinson (Yale) and his wife Mary, sister of **Bugs Cairns.**

Delighted to talk to **Winnie Culp** when she telephoned during a visit with a friend from her WW II WAC unit who lives in Marble Falls, TX. Learned that Winnie has set up a memorial to **Bill** at the greater Cincinnati Foundation to be used in research for the mentally ill. ("When a few extra $$$ turned up I told the kids they didn't need fur coats and I don't want one.") Winnie called again a mo later and said she was about to go to Colo Springs to visit some of her college classmates. Talented daughter Millie in Seattle keeps in constant touch with me and I think we can mark Winnie "duty" again.

THE WASHINGTON WHIRL. Thanks to Bert Sparrow, '33 scribe, **Pat** & I got an invitation to a four-day CAUSA Intl Military Assoc conference in Wash. Learned a lot, took the occasion to spread some of my own pearls of wisdom and had a good tête-a-tête with **Chm Jamison** on '32 biz before we left.

Finished up Mon am and attended a luncheon meeting of the Wash area ASSEMBLY scribes at the Ft McNair Off Club. About 20 present (very bad weather) and ASSEMBLY editor Paul Child introduced me as the intl rep. It was the first such meeting and well worth while. We swapped ideas, suggestions for improvement and Paul told of the visit he and Bob Sorley '56 would make after lunch to look at the **ne plus ultra** in printing equipment/procedures in nearby VA. They will use the experience to get the equivalent or better for ASSEMBLY.

1932: Ed & Mary Rowan

We also discussed the feasibility of going to 6 issues per yr and it seems to be advantageous. (Don't tell me that it will overwork your underpaid, overnourished scribe; read the opening paras of this again.) More on this subject as it develops.

THE STATE OF THE TROOPS. We have our accidents, our illnesses; we improve, de-

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cline or hold our own. I know you are all interested and will respond with sympathetic understanding to our guys and dolls who experience them. But I don't usually print them here because they are either too personal or because of the time lag. Since the last issue of ASSEMBLY, I have been in and out of some cockeyed thing called Paget's disease. The X-rays looked as though I had moth holes in the marrow of my upper left leg. It was painful and I took to carrying a cane.

Following the old principle that "I can run but I can't hide," I continued the usual activities, cane included and told my pals the full story. Pills stopped Paget's progress, self-administered injections began to turn it back and when I got a note signed by 23 Wash classmates, wives and widows, Paget dropped dead. I'm back to normal mentally, too. I can't remember where I left the cane.

1932: Tomlinsons and Suarezes

We had sympathy for **Joslin Morris** when she had a stroke (her first ever) while driving and had an accident which nearly closed the book. But she signed the card to me that killed Paget and is back in full circulation as **Ruth McCawley's** good pic shows. My most poignant memory of her **Luke** is of his later days when the going for him was tough. He said, "the surgeon drilled a hole in my skull but he didn't see anything, so I know I'm normal."

FOUNDERS DAY in San Antonio played to a packed house at the Ft Sam Off Club. **Ed & Mary Rowan, Terri Steele, Gracia Grunert** and two **Zitzmans** from '32 heard WP Athletic Dir Carl Ullrich give a good talk and saw the football movies of the past season.

1932: Joslin Morris with her boyfriends

THE CLASS GIFT. Honcho **Tom Darcy** has the WP Museum catalogue well in hand, working directly with West Point and NYC while coordinating with our officers in Wash. It sounds good, very good.

WHY I WRITE FOR ASSEMBLY. Corp Chorpening, Nov '18, phoned to say he knew **Frank Besson** well, Frank had worked

1932: COL and Mrs. Juanjeun Kamphu; Founders Day 1986, Thailand

for him at one time and Corp thought my article on Frank was outstanding. (I don't really believe all this stuff but I like the sound of it.) **Moon Mullins,** who started with us and was turned back to '33 by a tough bout with pneumonia, phoned from Columbus, OH, to tell me how close he had been to Frank and that he thought the article was just right. Moon also gave me a good idea for a memorial for Frank on which I shall follow up. I also received letters from grads and gals of '32 and other classes who said the articles on both Frank and Harry Storke were okay.

For the article about **Harry,** the founding editor of ASSEMBLY, I sent the ed a check for $12 for the AOG to reimburse **Betty** Storke for the cost of sending Harry's pic to him by overnight mail in order to meet the deadline for the article. The ed returned the check to me saying he had already sent Betty a check for $14. Betty returned that one to him saying how pleased she was with the article on **Harry.** The ed then showed his class by donating her check to the WP Fund in Betty's name.

Officers & Gentlemen; and their Ladies.

NEXT DEADLINE to me is one wk after you read this; I need your input. Please include good clear pix when you can.

'33

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Never one to hide its light under a bushel, the Class got some splendid publicity in the **Newburgh Evening News** (15 Feb), relayed by our man-on-the-ground, **Pat Guiney.** Headlined "Telling Time Along the Hudson," and captioned, "Time and Place," three fine pics of the Clock, the Sundial, and the Plaque illuminate a stunning full-page spread. Natcherly Pat secured the requisite b&w prints, and here they are!

Still in context of what makes for pride in our Class, we have at hand a poignant note, written just after **Billy Harris'** death: "I am writing on behalf of the widows of '33 in San Antonio," says **Nancy Breit.** "We want the rest of the Class to know how we felt about Billy—

"In our darkest moments and long after, Billy was there when needed. No questions we asked were left unanswered—no errands too inconvenient to run—no requests too bothersome to do. With all his many activities there was always time for us.

"He will be remembered in our hearts as a true and loyal friend and fine gentleman." The note was sent in the names of **Jane Alspaugh, Nancy Breit, Florence Cahill, Dora Due, Thalia Frentzel, and Susanna Shields.**

Casualties during the quarter:

— On 29 Jan **Bob Speiser** died suddenly of a heart attack in Montclair, NJ while lunching with a friend. Following services in Montclair he was buried at WP. He is survived by his wife **Carol,** their 4 children (sons Robin Jr '56 and John, daughters Jane and Sue), and at least 11 grandchildren (as of our FYB).

— On 30 Jan **Bill Fritz** died in Orlando, FL. He was buried at WP. He is survived by his wife **Kitty.**

— On 4 Mar **Billy Harris** died of a heart attack in San Antonio. He was buried in the National Cemetery at Ft Sam Houston. He is survived by his two daughters—Liz (Mrs. Barry H. Pritchard of Chicago) and Harriet ("Punkin") (Mrs. T. J. Stroup, Jr, wife of COL Stroup, CE '62).

— On 22 Mar **Hal Richey** died in Victoria, BC where he was buried. He is survived by his wife **Jean** and their 6 sons.

To each of the families, and especially to the widows, the Class extends its deep sympathy—and in addition, its offer to be of help if there are unanswered questions or matters in which our assistance is needed. Our interest in you, and our good wishes, will continue.

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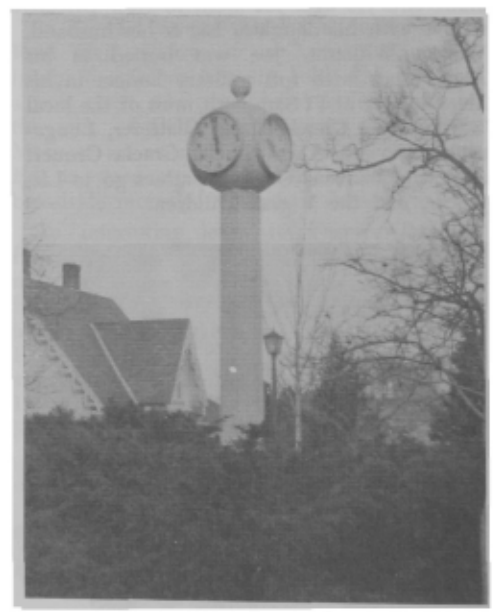
"Not very good news this time," writes **Puddy Bartlett.** "My dear Carl (a close companion for about 14 yrs) died 26 Jan, and I shall miss him very much. Some of the classmates knew him, especially **Mo Kaiser & Ryland.** My boy Bill, Jr came down from Ft Jackson, where he is stationed. . . . I'm hoping to see Mo & Ryland when they do the shooting tour this yr, and would love to see any classmates who drift this way (not to exceed two at a time!)

Word from **Neil & Doris Wallace** is that her granddaughter Kathy was married to Mr. Dill Hittle in a Greek Orthodox ceremony on 15 Mar.



1933: The Clock

"**Chappy (Chapman)** has had setbacks since the MiR," **Svava** reports. "During Jan & most of Feb I took him to the hosp Mon-Fri for radiation treatments, in the midst of which he was hospitalized for pneumonia. Once out of the hosp, however, he's really perked up. Mon night we picked up **Tommy & Miss Atha (Moorman)** and **Cal Smith (Ruth** is having back problems), and off we went to the Founders Day dinner at Ft Carson—a good evening). On 24 Mar we go back for evalua-

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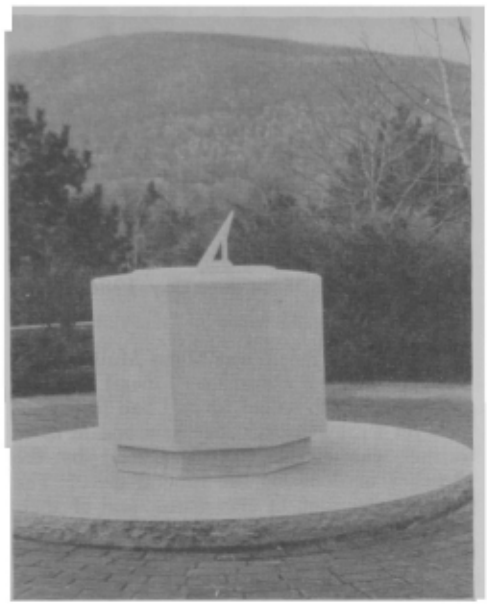
tion of the radiation therapy." Our prayers go with you, Svava and Chappy.

"On Double-Three day of 1986," writes **Ed Doleman, "Bob Neely, Dunc Hallock, Gabe Disosway** and I played golf at the Ft Shafter course. Gabe had an 81. Other scores were classified."



1933: The Sundial

From **Bus Evans'** widow, **Ginny Evans** Reece: "A note to say that our grandson Jamie Evans is pres-elect of Georgia Tech student body, to take off in Mar. He is taking a 5-yr bus mgt course. He has a 3.8 grade average and has had all sorts of honors—Bus would be proud! Joe & I went to Hillsboro Bch, FL in Jan. Spent a night at Vero Bch and had a great evening with **Sue & Red White.** Returning, we saw the shuttle Challenger lift off and explode—a terrible tragedy!"

"Let me say something I've been meaning to put on record to you," writes **Ken Fields** to **Abe Lincoln:** "What a lucky Class we are to have all these yrs as our pres a fellow like you. . . . The way you have held '33 together is fantastic. I'm just sorry to be out of DC so far I can't be around in person for the events you generate."

"We're the only '33-ers left up here," said **Bill Fletter** (Jan), from WA. "**Fred Zierath & Ellie** are still in Yuma, dodging the rainy part of our yr, and **Gordon & Shirl Larson** have gone down to CA for a short visit. I've written **Hal & Jean Richey** to express our concern. The crocus are starting up, so it will be back to gardening as soon as we return from Australia."

1933: "This Time and This Place"

By later letter from Heron Isl on the Great Barrier Reef "45 min (helicopter) from Queensland," **Bill** says, "We had a great visit in HI thanks in large part to (COL, USAF) John & Kathy Cotton (**Sparrow** daughter & son-in-law). In Sydney breakfasted, toured and dined with Roger & Betty Lilly '39. Tomorrow we go to Brisbane, then Tasmania and Sydney for 2-wk cruise to Noumea, Fiji, etc, then fly home."

"Not much news here," writes **Pat Guiney.** "Army basketball is having a rough season—no really tall players. **Steve & Frances Fuqua** have a new Dodge Colt station wagon and are driving down to FL for a short vacation. I've been having a hard time with a cyst on my lower back. . . ."

From **Billy Harris** we have at my request a report on his fall trip to Europe: "Left 17 Oct, ret 11 Nov. We did Greece, Italy, Switzerland (a mistake—too much travel for too short a time), Austria, and London. Highlights were Greece & Vienna. The Greek O's who were in Korea with me '50-51 were our hosts—a very warm welcome from all (now mostly retired generals). In Vienna a wonderful day with **Wally Thinnes** at his Schloss Petronell, riddled with history. A marvelous host, he gets around very well with a cane & drives himself. . . . All in all, the trip achieved its purposes but left me a very tired Billy—I always try to do too much."

And that, as for many of us Type A-ers, could well be his epitaph. How best to speak of the complex personality who did so much for others? The **San Antonio Express-News** extensive obituary covered much of his busy life; in addition it ran a laudatory lead editorial which began, "The word 'distinguished' is inadequate . . ." and ended, "The thing for which he will be remembered most is his capacity for friendship. To many he was Billy Harris, a treasured friend."

"**Allyn** & I made our annual Christmas journey no to visit the children," wrote **Leo Heintz.** "This yr our youngest (Anne) flew down and drove us up and back—a sensing of our fragility which we gratefully accepted. . . . I called **Pete Miles** while we were in PA and found she'd just been released from the hosp and would have Christmas dinner with her sister Doris in Ocean City."

Thanks to **Dwight Divine** we've made contact with **Maria,** widow of **Frank Hunter,** from Roanoke Rapids, NC, "where I came back home to live when Frank went overseas. Our people have always lived in this area, and as you know, families in the South are very close knit. . . . We have two daughters and three grandchildren. Yes, I would like to be listed in the Class Roster." **Foxy Hunter,** it will be recalled, lost his life under heroic circumstances in the crash of his bomber near Dusseldorf, Ger, in WW II. Her address: 313 Hamilton Street, Roanoke Rapids, NC, 27870.

"We joined **Mac & Dodie McClelland** in New Orleans," sez **Hurlbut,** "where we sat in the Saints Box for the game and met many football dignitaries. It was a once-in-a-lifetime thrill, though the Bears' defense completely dominated the game. Mac and I hobbled with canes throughout the whole stadium!

"In Mobile dined with **Jack Dennon,** ex-33, who roomed with **Bill Baumer** and me plebe yr until P Echols sent him home to Mobile, where except for WW II service he's been ever since. Barnstormed FL getting free room, board and life support (Scotch) from the likes of **Ned & Gladys Gee, Red & Sue White, Bill & Helen Ely,** and **Ruth Burkhalter.** Flew to Rio to join **Stella Solaris** for 19-day carnival and cruising. Met **Pat & Jim Boswell** as planned for this excursion, and were delightfully surprised when **Tommy & Chet Dahlen** showed up as well. We had a '33 table for dinner every evening.

1933: Thinnes and Harris in Austria

"After cruise, two days at Epcot, then home by auto train to pay bills and do laundry before 3 wks in Tucson. Hope to see **Ted Schull, RJ Meyer & Dave Gibbs** in AZ. Will be home for Apr lunch." Class Coheser Number One, Hurly!

From **Bea Jones** a late (my fault) account of her very interesting trip to Russia last yr: "Sydna flew from CA to accompany me. The group were alumni from WI, IN, and KS U's. Two profs of Russian history and language lectured from time to time. A beautiful country, but no smiling faces. . . . Besides its imposing Red Square, Moscow has an impressive metro. We had two days and nights on the mighty Volga, then visited Leningrad (old St Petersburg); I can understand why its people fought so hard (300 days) to hold that beautiful city against the Germans. After Russia, wonderful Copenhagen, then home to the USA—how good it is!"

1933: Hoebeke, Miss San Antonio, Bernard and Sparrow at MiR

By a more recent letter Bea sent an impressive paperback by COL **John E. Olson** '39: O'DONNELL – ANDERSONVILLE OF THE PACIFIC, a sobering account of Japanese atrocities and mismanagement, by one who was there.

Mac McClelland sends news from San Antonio:

– **Blackie Myers** has generously agreed to pick up the torch (of coordinating Class affairs in the area), which **Billy Harris** carried so long and so well. We in this area—especially your pres and your scribe—join your Texan classmates, Blackie, in warm appreciation.

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– **Bob Cyr**, hospitalized with angina, is reported as now (mid-Mar) recuperating at home; however,

– **Jim Pearson** is in the hosp for surgery. We're pulling for you, Jim!

Wedding bells! **Dick (RJ) Meyer** married Mrs **Martha** Dybvig on 14 Feb 86. New address: 6682 North Los Leones Dr, Tucson, AZ 85718. Hearty congratulations, Dick, and all good wishes to you both.

1933: Gibbs, Scott and "Buckboard" in prehistoric era

A vibrant New Year's ltr from our MiR photographer, **Dick Montgomery**, provides by mo descriptions of trips and visits about the country and abroad, as well as an account of Hurricane Elena's havoc at Longboat Key: "10" of salt water in house, orange and mango trees in deep shock from 3' of same that stayed & stayed . . . 3 wks slave labor cleanup in 95°, 95% humidity . . . anguish!

"Dec" (he winds up) "An elegant 10-day cruise aboard **Royal Viking Sky** via Cancun/Cozumel area, San Andres Isl, Panama Canal, San Blas Isls, Jamaica. Brought back happy memories of my 2d LT days at France Field, flying open cockpit planes over Panama, Costa Rica & Columbia. . . ."

"I'll be happy and indeed proud," says **Tommy Moorman,** "to present the Class gift to **Doug & Lil Cairns'** grandson, Todd Brooks" (USAFA). **Miss A** & I have a grandson graduating from U of VA 18 May, but we'll be back here in good time for the 28th. She & I are quite well—her heart problems seem to be stabilized." (**Note:** The gift: an ice bucket procured by **Pat Guiney,** with an engraved presentation statement from the Class to "Todd Andrew Brooks, USAF Academy.")

1933: Boswells, Dahlens and Hurlbuts on **Stella Solaris**

"I've been appointed the Honorary COL of the 3rd Armd Cav Regt, stationed here at Ft Bliss and my old wartime command," reports **Jimmy Polk.** "I gather that I'm supposed to be something between an old war horse and a father confessor." The Polks will return to Wash in Apr.

"We'd planned trips to Rio in Dec and to HI in Feb," says **Bert Sparrow.** "But my angina led to a double bypass in Jan, and here we are. I now have a new decoration: **June** has counted exactly **33** staple stitches over my refurbished heart. Next time, **I'll** take a tattoo. . . . '86 brought us also the offer of an attractive apt in Vinson Hall, which we have accepted (hence the change of address)."

"Please thank **Pinky Webster, Steve & Frances Fuqua** for coming to the funeral," writes **Carol Speiser** to **Pat Guiney.** "It was a very warm and loving service. The support of friends — especially classmates — means so much at such a time."

Wally Thinnes writes from his historic eyrie in Austria. "I'm approaching 80 now—eons since the days of Beast Barracks, Flirtation Walk, and the Boodlers. The blondes no longer queue up at my door, but I can't complain. . . . Believe it nor not, the latest here in Kitzbuhl is 'Polo in Winter.' Whatever sense that makes is beyond me. Snow and puddles in the field. It's played with a red ball about the same size as for indoor play at home. . . . Not very considerate of the pony's legs!"

CLASS AFFAIRS

1986 Thayer Award. At its Jan luncheon the DC contingent voted to endorse and recommend Dr. Edward Teller for the 1986 Thayer Award.

1933: Rayburn and daughter Rosalie with Irish Red Setter puppies

Football Recognition for '33. The USMA 1985 FOOTBALL GUIDE lists, under "Distinguished Individual Achievements," the following:

(p86) 1957 **Ken Fields** receives **Sports Illustrated** Silver Anniversary Award.

(p88) 1932 All-America Honor Roll: **Milt Summerfelt, Dick King & Pick Vidal** were also on some All-American lists. Perhaps next yr their names can be added.

(p90) 1933 East-West All Star Charity Game (Chicago): Summerfelt.

Individual Records

(p94) 1932 Punts Returned (one game): **Pick Vidal** (Army 20—Yale 0)

(p95) 1932 Punts Returned (season): **Vidal** (470 yds)

Top Ten in Total Offense—One Game

#4 1932 Pittsburg: **Ken Fields** (289 yds)

Dinner on the River, San Antonio, scheduled for 17 Apr. Wish we could be there!

Attrition. In 85 we lost 7 classmates; 4 in 86. This brings to 181 the number of known deaths; but counting combat and accidental losses, less than half of us have yet died of natural causes.

Help to Families. In thanking **Mac McClelland** and **Pat Guiney** for recent services, **Lincoln** wrote: "Time & again I'm impressed that next-of-kin are always aware of and thankful for help extended during that stressful period from death through final services and burial. Sometimes a single classmate attending the graveside service and speaking to the widow seems to leave an almost overwhelming impression.

1933: Mundells; Founders Day 1986, Phoenix

"One case I recall was **Moon Mullins** driving 100 mi for a classmate's funeral service—a classmate with whom he had had little contact, yet I think his act may have meant more to the widow than anything said by the preacher or done by the funeral dir. . . . The personal attention of classmates, and of their wives, is often the most important element of support." (**Note:** Securing the asgmt of an active duty Survivor Assistance Off is another valuable element of support. And re continuing support after the funeral, see **Nancy Breit** letter above.)

ASSEMBLY Subscriptions. Please note that these Class Notes are for most of us our best way to keep in touch and to apprise others of our news. Don't let your subscription lapse!

Media Derogation of USMA. On occasion your Class Off are apprised of local news items critical of the Academy, often with a request for rebuttal. Such items should be brought to the attention of the authorities at WP (normally the Public Affairs Off), who are best equipped to weigh and deal with them. Usually, as we all know, there is another side to the story that sometimes escapes the attention of our busy, sometimes superficial, sensation-seeking Fourth Estate.

"F" Company Ancedotes. The incumbent Tac of Company F-1, USCC, is compiling a history of that distinguished unit (runts in our day, but no longer) with a view to enhancing the pride of the cadets now in it. He requests historical material concerning achievements and misadventures, both of a serious and not-so-serious nature. C'mon **Sib, Ned Gee, Mo Kaiser, Bob Rayburn,** and others, lend a hand! Send stories to: CPT Ronald R. Porter, Inf Tactical Officer, F-1 USCC West Point, NY 10996.

Next Deadline: 15 Jun, please, to me at my new address. And please keep the pics rollin'—

1933: Essman and Hartel share a good one at Founders Day

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they enliven what might otherwise be a less arresting dissertation!

"Addendum/Late Notes."

"Acting 60 yrs younger than I am," writes **Vic King,** "I tripped while carrying firewood upstairs and broke a finger. When will I learn to pick up my feet and not go up stairs two at a time . . . and where did I learn how to do that? Having been unable to go to the first MiR, **Elise** & I looked forward eagerly to the second, but had to cancel. Son David, who sustained a triple bypass in '72 became a candidate for a second op last Sep. He underwent not only repairs to the first three bypasses, but acquired four new ones. Thanks to the skills of the surgical team at St Luke's Hosp (Milwaukee: recommended by his cardiologist) he has made a miraculous recovery. E— & I are now rescheduling a trip to visit our diplomat son Stephen and family in Paris, in early May. We love our home here in Old Lyme, on the banks of the Lieutenant River. We invite one and all to visit us and see our gardens."

We've just learned that **Billie & Ole Olson's** grandson, Stanley W. Olson, will be graduating in the USMA Class of '86. He is the son of (MG & Mrs) Hardin L. Olson, Jr ('57).

Fritz Hartel sends in a fine pic of himself telling a story to **Gray Essman,** who is clearly enjoying it. "Founders Day at Ft Monroe was one of the best I've ever attended," writes Fritz. "The program was well prepared and carried through on time; the speakers were properly briefed and presented meaningful messages; the Supe gave an outstanding talk; the food was delicious and served on time by courteous waitresses." Fritz didn't mention the drinks, but clearly they were nectar!

'34

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Peggy & Bill Craig filed a great report outlining their anticipated travel this spring. He says he is getting a little old to tangle wih highjackers, so they plan to wander around the good ole USA. He thinks he will have a better chance earning his MTA in the '34 Travel Club this way. So come May they plan to throw their golf clubs and tennis racquets in the family car, turn W at the first crossroad and head for the West Coast gawking and dawdling along the way. They plan to stop whenever and wherever they may decide, taking 4 to 6 wks. They want you to know, you guys west of Ole Man River, that when they call, they are there!

1934: Wilmeth at his lunch for '34 CA contingent

1934: The Chestons with classmates and wives at 50th anniv.

Mary Ann & Dan Cheston took an extremely interesting trip last summer and have just filed a first class report on it. They boarded a ship at Warren, RI and steamed north to NY harbor passing the Statue of Liberty in all its scaffolding, proceeded around Manhattan Isl and up the Hudson River. They passed WP and at Troy entered the Erie Canal and steamed west through some 36 locks to Lake Erie. From there they went into the St Lawrence down to Quebec and Montreal touring each city as they passed. They returned to Warren by bus, picked up their car and drove to Fishers Isl to visit friends. Later they drove to Darien, CT and out to Contentment Isl to visit **Madge & Jimmy Wells.** Not satisfied with that fun trip, they have gotten together with **Faith & Hal Edson,** real charter members of the Travel Club, and are looking forward to their upcoming trip around the No Cape to Murmansk and return. You guys get around! As the scribe emeritus says—do it while you can.

Johnny Franklin wrote in to say that he & **Dottie** had survived the everlasting storms and rainfall that wracked the CA coast recently. It seems like his property in the Hillsborough area is a little exposed, and they watched with some trepidation as the rains came but at current writing had no damage. He said also that the annual mini-reunion of the CA contingent is being held this yr at **Helen & Bud Buehlers'** place. Johnny gave us more info on the CA Class luncheon for the scribe emeritus when he was out CA way in the fall—**Dud** picked up the bill. **Ron Martin** sent in a card to announce a change of address. He & **Sandy** now live at 9309 S Hwy 441 CPV, Orlando, FL 32821. He says CPV stands for Central Park Village and that they are 10 mi from Disneyland. He says for reservations call 305-859-7990.

Nancy & Moon Northam, charter members of the '34 Travel Club, checked in from their magnificent **Odyssey** cruise. Of all things they found **BJ & Farley Richardson** aboard. They flew to Bangkok for a few days, then to Singapore for a sling at Raffles Bar, then got aboard and cruised to Jakarta, Bali, Borneo, Manila, Canton, ending up at Hong Kong. We were surprised to hear old Travel Club members like Moon complain about jet lag, fatigue, 17 hrs in the air. We thought that was their dish of tea! Recently they had lunch in Orlando with **Ron & Sandy Martin** and **Bob & Hope Corrigan** who were on their annual stay at Winter Park.

Dudley Wilmeth checked in to say that he is at home at Hapydaze and that he is happy that he has done no travelling this quarter and has no news to give. This is understandable from the scribe emeritus who sets a wonderful example of Class reporting, but we do hope that the time is not too distant when he will pack a bag, climb aboard another tanker, and with pencil in hand, find 14 more classmates wherever they are. He did say he got a note from **Bob Bahr** saying he is closing his consulting business in Savannah, GA and planning to slow up a bit and smell the daisies.

1934: The Goochs with family on their 50th anniv.

Evelyn & Pete Ward filed another great report on their visit to their daughter in Alexandria, VA. Pete attended a memorial service for **Jim O'Hara** on the first anniv of his death. It was at his grave in Arlington and was arranged by the veterans of the 54th Armd Inf Bn of the 10th AD. Jim was in command of the outfit during WWII. It was a touching as well as an inspiring ceremony. Several officers and men of the bn gave testimonials and presented to **Elinore O'Hara** an "In Memoriam" telling of their love and respect for him, of the pride and strength his leadership gave them, not only in battle but now in civ life, and of their desire to salute their fallen Tiger who was a soldier's

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soldier as well as express to his wife that COL James "Smiling Jim" O'Hara will forever be a Tiger in their hearts. **Faith & Hal Edson, Francie & Johnny Stevens** and **Bob & Hope Corrigan** were there also. Pete said he had a nice long talk with Elinore before the ceremony started and that she looked as pretty as ever.

Muff & Jerry Blair were married in the chapel at Randolph Field just 8 hrs after graduation from Kelly Field. Fifty yrs and 7000 flying hours later they celebrated their 50th wedding anniv 15 Feb at the Off Club, US Naval Base in Portsmouth, VA. Their daughter Ginger and son Jeb and three grandchildren were all co-hosts for the party. Cousins, classmates and friends from all around Tidewater assembled to celebrate with the young couple. We speak for the brotherhood when we wish them the same happiness in the next 50 as they have had in the last.

1934: The Wards disembark from their cruiser.

Nat & Stacy Gooch filed another great report from the snows of NM. The young couple celebrated their 50th anniv at a gala party on 23 Jan at the Off Club. The whole family gathered from points east & west to join the celebration. We remember when they were married in SA a little while back. Nat had been one of the duchesses in the Fiesta de San Jacinto. Stac found himself a pretty girl. The brotherhood joins in wishing as much happiness in the next 50 as you have had in the first. Stac is a long-time instructor at Taos Ski Valley. This year in Jan the 2nd Vintage Ski Races were held there. Vintage means 75 yrs old or better. The 1st Races were held 2 yrs ago when Stac won 3rd place. This yr he won 1st place. He did so well he got an engraved platter. You got it Stac, never grow old!

1934: The Blairs with family on 50th anniv.

Two more classmates joined the Long Gray Line since the last report. **Tom O'Neil** died in Feb and **Jack Seaman** in Mar. Tom was one of our real athletes playing baseball, hockey and football for four yrs and serving as our athletic rep at the same time. He had

1934: Northams and Richardsons having tea on cruise.

a chance at the big league in both baseball and hockey but chose to be a 2nd LT of Inf on graduation. He served on higher staffs during most of his career doing a lot of invasion planning in WWII and after the war logistic planning in EUCOM and NATO. He did his fighting in Korea as a bn cmdr and later a regt cmdr. Retiring, he did logistic planning for SF Public Housing Auth and was an advisor for Litton Ind. In 67 his heart began to act up and bothered him the rest of his life. We know the Class extends heartfelt sympathy to his family at this difficult time.

Jack was one of the Class stalwarts. Aside from schools and normal staff duty, most of his career was cmd duty. He had the 4th FA Bn in the South Pacific in WWII. Later in Ger he had the 30th FA Gp in Seventh Army. On promotion to BG, he had the 25th Div Arty. As the war escalated in Viet Nam, he was given the Big Red One at Riley, trained it and took it to Viet Nam and fought it until he was promoted to LTG and given II Field Force. In 67 he returned to the States as CG First Army at Meade. In 71 he ret to Lucy Ck just outside Beaufort, SC. In recent yrs he began to give the medics problems. We know we speak for the Class when we extend our deep sympathy to **Mary** and her lovely family on the loss of an outstanding soldier and gentleman.

Don't forget to get your reports in for the next issue. Deadline is 25 Jun.

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Please read **Bud Schlanser's** letter of 1 Mar 86 carefully and then place your order for the 50th Anniversary Book. Also make your reservation for the mini-reunion in HI next spring.

There were 7 of us at Ft Myer for Founders Day on 14 Mar—**Fiore, Twitchell, Keating, Wheeler, Chapman, Schlanser** and **Robbins. Paul & Ann Bryer** and **Young Elliget** were on the AOG Panama Canal Cruise in Jan. At a stag luncheon on 14 Jan at McNair were **Rogers, Simpson, Waterman, Schlanser, Picard, Patterson, Fiore, Rumsey, Wheeler, Anderson** and **Chapman.**

1935: The Taylors on 50th anniv

1935: Moose Stillman

In Dec **Milt & Irene Taylor** flew out to Tacoma to visit their son and have a Christmas family reunion. Their children and grandchildren celebrated the Taylor's 50th wedding anniv at a dinner party. **Al duMoulin** married **Martha Jane Smith** on 28 Jun 85 in Ft

1935: George Ruhlen

Myers, FL. They have been on a cruise from Singapore through the South Seas and are planning trips to China and Europe. **Bud Russ, Moose Stillman** and **George Ruhlen** were on hunting and fishing trips in Jan. Bud reports that neither endeavor was a great success.

1935: Cummings

On 25 Mar there was a co-ed luncheon at McNair. Present were **Isabel Bidgood** and her daughter, **Edna Hill, Eunice Root, Esther Agnew, Phyllis Glass, Milt Taylor, Warren Everett, Parrots, Rumseys, Wheelers, Fickels, Keatings, Bowyers, Andersons, Chapmans, Schlansers, Fiores, Watermans, Simpsons** and their daughter, **Strausses** and **Rogerses.**

Fred Cummings sent a note to say that he & **Alice** are well. They plan to drive

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1935: The Gillises cutting WP cake on 50th anniv.

west this summer and visit national parks and friends. They will spend Aug at their summer place in TN. Fred bagged a 25 lb turkey on 26 Feb.

1935: The Stones with Billie Gillis

Dave & Isabel Stone visited the **Gillises** in Greebrae, CA last summer. On 28 Dec the Gillises celebrated their 50th wedding anniv at a party for 60 at the Presidio Golf Club.

1935: Rooney & Betty Rynearson; Founders Day 1986, Phoenix

John Bristor is working on **Jack Davis'** obituary and would appreciate receiving pertinent data and/or stories about Jack's career.

1935: Bryers and Young Elliget on AOG Panama Canal cruise

In early Mar **Bill & Eulalie Proctor** spent a wk with **Norm & Joanne Edwards.** There was a get-together with **Tom & Billie Gillis** and **Bernice Means. Carmon & Rosalie Rogers** were in AZ in Mar to attend an Elder Hostel course at Cochise College. While in Tucson they stayed with **John & Marty Morgan** and had a chance to visit with the **O'Neals, Stones** and **Joneses.** In San Francisco the Rogerses saw **Tom & Billie Gillis** and talked on the phone with **Kelso Clow.**

1935: Hart & Betty Caughey with Fred & Alice Cummings; Founders Day 1986

1935: The Breakefields and Mrs. Bassitt; Founders Day 1986, Carlisle Barracks

With regret we report the following and extend our sympathy to their families. **Tom & Billie Gillis's** daughter, Laurie Jean Gillis, died very suddenly in CA on 21 Jan 86, **Mary Kay Gloriod** died in Salt Lake City on 5 Jan 86. **John Throckmorton** died on 13 Feb 86 at Walter Reed and was buried in Arlington with full honors on 18 Feb. Honorary pallbearers were **Twitchell, Schlanser, Wheeler, Taylor, Robbins, Rogers, Chapman** and **Waterman.** Also present at the service were **Margaret Orth, Eunice Root, Dotty Wheeler, Harriet Waterman, Warren Everett, Andersons, Fiores, Parrots, Picards, Dicks** and **Rumseys.**

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Possibly you'll see these notes **before** you assemble at the Thayer—and herefrom glean a little info you may not already have (remember). It seems clear that our 50th Reunion 21-24 May is to be the BIG if not the LAST Hurrah! The **Chaffin** computer says there will be 288 bodies present (including an exceptional crowd of **Gages**—8). Of this vast hord 114 will be classmates and 22 will be widows (and for all intents and purposes these gals ARE our classmates, so there should be 136!). Now history tells us that at our 25th Reunion there were only 50 classmates at WP and at the "Statue" reunion in '80 there were only 55. I'm absolutely sure that our patron saint (?) on **his** 100th anniv—I refer to GEN of the Armies "Black Jack" Pershing—will be very proud of us. Which also reminds me that back on our 25th we had the 3d youngest BG, Casey, (the two younger were G. A. Custer and Horace Porter). We also had one LTG and 13 MGs. But I predicted that before we quit, we would have 75 total generals (I was a little Panglossian.) It seems clear that if bigness means best, the reunion planned for us by **Dawalt, Breaks, Chaffin, Clifton, Kerkering, Safford** and I'm sure others of DC, is going to create a date worth remembering.

Perhaps the 50th also focuses on some of us who stand in awe that we've all passed that legendary "three score and ten." Within the past wks two classmates have broached this. Of 276 50 yrs ago, a round 100 are gone. This means 170 are over 70 and not all in wheelchairs. So we opine that being the best, we live longer. And to bolster said contention we promote Dante's view that if Christ had lived he would have reached 81. And who and how many have? You'd be amazed. How about Buddha, two Diogenes, Hippocrates (he should have, he was a doctor), Tiberius's wife Livia, Merenpta (the son of Ramses who chased the Jews across the Re(e)d sea), and Moses (the chase-e who lived to 120), Narses (the great eunuch general), and Mithriadates (the great "poisoner" and also a fine general), Plato, Ptolemy 1st, Xenophon (another great military type), and many more. And so my dear classmates, let's not talk about **age** until our 60th!

The Class of 1936 could not possibly have foreseen females at the Academy, but neither could they have anticipated that a wonderfully accomplished **Sally Beard** would produce **our anomaly:** departed classmates kenotically replaced by their widows! No one has done so much as she to keep the Distaff a vibrant entity in the Class. We love you for your generous heart, Sally Beard.

Since the last column release, our class reluctantly bid adieu to fond men and memories with the passing of **Bob Curran** on 13 Jan and **Wally Barrett** on 10 Mar. Both were hoping to be with us in late May; now they and we trust GEN Pershing—will be with us in spirit.

1936: Clark and Austin at USAFA

As we write this, **Mid Burnett** is in town visiting old friends and looking forward to the 50th. A welcome, long letter came from **Herb Cady** who seems to be doing well in FL. Unfortunately he lost his dear **Adele** to cancer a yr ago May. Many of us would welcome seeing Herb again, a man who was admired greatly by two classes (and we're really not prejudiced even though he was our roommate). Back in Jan the **Chappelears** got

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1936: Jones, Chappelear, Terrell, Milliken and Gillespie at Redondo Beach

together a few of our stalwarts at their charming little Redondo Beach home. They were **Freddie Terrell, Biff & Sis Milliken, Bill & Ellie Jones,** and **Marjorie & Louis.** Incidentally, Louie and son, Mac, will drive to the Point primarily to review some of the Civil War campaigns. **Lucy & Jack Chiles** started out for a reunion in Korea several mos ago. Since they were that far they figured they might as well go down to Sri Lanka and see daughter Lucy-lee. After that, Kenya looked good. And what do you know? They ended up going around the globe. He mentioned something about being the honorary COL of some regt. What I don't think he knew is that he and **Westy** are each an honorary regimental COL on a special list that DA put out consisting of only about a dozen of these special positions. And wouldn't you guess it, 1936 is represented by two COLs—no one else can make this claim!

Bub Clark wrote a while back saying that **Heintges** had a burst appendix after his Orient trip and was laid up several wks. **Bill Kimball** has had serious pancreas surgery. **Gordy Austin** joined the **Clarks** for the Army game. Bub spent a few days with the **Monteiths** in Feb. In Jan the **Kellys** and we had a short but pleasant visit with the **Dickenses** in Atlanta Guest Quarters where Randy's son is pres. Heard from **Gil Dorland.** He claims two more great-grandsons. Checking up on us, **Phil Greene** solicitously wrote and said he & **Helen** had again spent a mo in Tarpon Springs, FL (to avoid so much RI cold?). **Helen Hess** has corresponded numerous times; and maybe she's smarter'n the rest of us: 22c is getting to look cheaper every mo as Ma Bell raises her costs—for **anything! Dave Hiester** fell on ski patrol and was in hosp momentarily. He's ok, but can't ski for a bit. We enquired of him about the WP Scottish tartan material. It's so expensive, you won't believe it. "Someone is ripping-off someone!" As of end of Jan **Lyn Hosmer** was "holding in there." Both are planning to be at 50th.

As we write these, we took a break and called **Jim Hughes.** He sounds very cheerful, but finds it hard to navigate because of effects of an aneurysm. He doesn't have a car and stays pretty close to home. He remembers the days when he was a ham operator, and wishes he could still get in touch with his friends like he used to. Received in late Jan another sweet note from **Ruth King;** and also a nice letter from Gar Davidson who says he & Verone look in on her frequently. **Jim Landrum** was "up to the coast" in San Fran and found out that **McCorkles** are now living at 9524 Bay Court, Carmel CA 93923.

It was just recently heard that **Helen Spencer** had suffered a very serious heart attack, but at this date is recovering well. **Ben Turnage** wrote in Jan that it was snowing in Charleston. Now, that IS news. On 7 Feb **Westy** was placed in SC Hall of Fame. The ceremonies were at Myrtle Beach and attended by **Ryder, Turnage,** and **Yarborough.** Pres Nixon, Dean Rusk, and Bob Hope, unable to be present, sent messages of congratulations and tribute. **Eddie Dunn** called in Mar to say that a bus load of people went from San Antonio to Austin to hear Westy speak at LBJ Library. Those present and making the excursion were **Dunns, Grothaus, Peggy Vincent, Eunice Tyler,** and **Flo Jaklé.** As we go to press, **Kitsy** & Westy are on their way to Los Angeles where they're taking a three week trip to Australia, Hong Kong, Honolulu (staying with **Ripples**), and to our 50th.

See you there—I hope—if the crowd isn't too large and there's enough time.

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In early Jan, **Hiestand Underwood** informed me that **OJ Seaman** died 13 Jan in Berkeley, CA after a short time in the hosp with pneumonia. Services were held in the home. His wife, **Jean,** is Bud Underwood's sister. Our heartfelt condolences to Jean and the family.

1937: Ungers, CPT Avdelas, Taylors; AOG Panama Canal Cruise, Jan 86

Phyllis Clark had another stroke which put her into a coma from which she never recovered. She died 21 Jan after about 7 wks in the Bethesda Naval Hosp. She was buried with **Milt** at WP on Valentine's Day, 14 Feb. Daughter Mary Jane had been taking care of her in the nursing home since moving here from San Diego. Mary Jane & her husband Dr Joe Jacobs, Susan and her children Clark and Allison (the bright little girl who charmed us at the 45th) and Ann were present for the ceremony. The **Gildart's** daughter Nancy from

1937: Seedlock, John Salientes & wife Racquel, Sally & Linda, Tense.

1937: Mette Parker and Hoskas at the Seedlocks.

Poughkeepsie represented the Class. The daughters were pleased with the conduct of the services at WP and the floral arrangement sent by the Class. They asked me to express their thanks to the Class for our support during the past 5 yrs of their parents' illnesses. Milt & Phyllis were two beautiful persons whose memory we'll always cherish. Anyone wishing to honor them may send contributions to the U of CA, San Diego Intl Center, Q-018, La Jolla, CA 92093 for the "Phyllis M and Milton H Clark Distinguished Intl Lecture Fund" which was established at the time of Milt's death.

1937: Frazier, Salientes, Jerrie Stumpf and Gildart

1937: The wedding party; Charleston

The Jan luncheon at Ft McNair was well attended but leaderless since **Finn Unger** was absent on the AOG Caribbean cruise with **Bayly,** described in the Mar ASSEMBLY. Sixteen of us attended the Feb luncheon and had a lively discussion of the Regimental Room (**Jim Reeves** on a visit to WP tried to get a look at it but was not allowed in?), the 50th Reunion (details will be announced in bulletins in a timely fashion), the placing of a bust of **Colin Kelly** in the Regimental Room (**Pop & Ann Metz** ran across one in a museum in VA done by the famous sculpturer, Russell, which was commissioned by FDR). I also heard that

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1937: COL & Mrs Tommy Compton; Charleston

the **Connellys,** who were visiting son Kevin in Honolulu, took a side trip to New Zealand.

I just received a batch of excellent photos taken at the **Seedlocks** in Nov when they honored the **Salienteses** at two parties in order to include all our classmates in the area, a commendable and successful undertaking. Wish I could print more than you see herein.

Early in Mar I learned from **Betsy Hardaway** that **Tank** was back in the hosp and having a rough time. He is in the VA hosp in Columbia, SC and Betsy is staying at the Palmetto Lodge, Ft Jackson, to be near him. Daughter Katie lives in Columbia and has been a great help to her mother.

1937: Cheals, Fran Shive, and Wade; Charleston

One bright Sat in early Mar, **Mette Parker** took 21 of us on a tour of the Octagon House, one of the oldest residences in Wash. It has been restored and is maintained as an historic bldg by the American Inst of Architects. Docent Mette gave a very interesting account of the history of the house and its past occupants. Afterwards we joined Mette at her home for afternoon tea.

We just finished another 4-star mini-reunion in Charleston with 104 attending—a record. There were 39 classmates with wives, plus Jim Cruse, USNA '37 & his wife Ann (**Gus Prentiss's** sister), **Bill Dodds** from FL without **Therese** who was unable to make it because of family commitments, 8 single classmates and 15 single ladies. At about 6 pm of the first day of the reunion the last two categories were reduced by one each when **Tommy Compton** and **Ruby Brant** were joined in holy matrimony at the Colony House Inn, with all of us witnessing the happy event. Tommy's brother-in-law, Bob Thompson, gave the bride away and his sister was matron of honor. **Meyer Edwards** did a very creditable job as best man. The Class presented them with a beautiful champagne bucket. A reception followed immediately thereafter. We were also able to welcome another new bride to the Class, **Bill Snouffer's Nedra.**

1937: Grace Barksdale, Marge Hines, Shirley Eubank, Marcia Hood '43; Charleston

1937: Sandy Eubank, Gildarts, Pearsall, and Hineses; Charleston

Charleston was a beautiful setting for the reunion and the Meetinghouse Inn provided accommodations with much charm and gracious hospitality. The hospitality rooms were patronized throughout under the constant attentiveness of **Ann & Pop Metz.** On Tue, **Marge & Randy Hines** held open house in their lovely home in the historic section of Charleston, where we could admire their antiques and reproductions made by Marge's father. In the late afternoon we were taken by buses to the Citadel Beach House on the Isle of Palms where we had a picnic supper arranged by Ann & Pop. In case you don't already know it, Pop was the First Cpt at Citadel before entering WP. He was born in Charleston and baptized at the oldest RC church in SC. His roots are deep in Charleston history.

1937: Margaret Strandberg, Evelyn Powell, Margaret Lewis, Eleanor Ohman; Charleston

Wed, en route to Middleton Plantation, we stopped at the Citadel to admire the beautiful chapel and listen to remarks by Randy, substituting for a cadet who failed to make the formation. He was well qualified since he had been an instructor at the Citadel. Then on to Middleton Plantation for a tour of the gardens, plantation house and lunch. Our tour guide was Sandy Eubank, **Perry & Shirley's** daughter-in-law who is a direct descendant of the Middletons. It was very interesting to get the scoop from an insider. On Thurs it was more sightseeing and lunching at one of the many truly excellent restaurants. In the evening we dined and danced aboard the elegant **Spirit of Charleston** while it cruised the harbor.

1937: Jeannie Hipps, Carmen Clagett, Stu O'Malley, Dorothy Clemens

1937: McDowell, Dottie Graham, Mette Parker; Charleston

We heartily thank our hosts and hostesses for a well planned and conducted mini-reunion and a thoroughly pleasant and relaxing vacation. Even the weather cooperated thanks to **Perry** who was, among other things, in charge of weather. It rained on Thurs (didn't bother us) giving him a batting average of 750—not bad! Charleston is a place we must visit again. There is so much more to see and many more restaurants to sample. A professional grade photographer, Bud Hood, Jan '43, & his wife Marcia joined us and recorded the main events, for which we are very grateful.

Statistics: From DC area—34; TX—19; FL—12; CA—10; CO—4; miscellaneous—24. **Ken Wade** from HI traveled the furthest. Most of us drove since it was an easy one or two

1937: Prentisses and Wilhoyts; Founders Day 1986, Ft McNair

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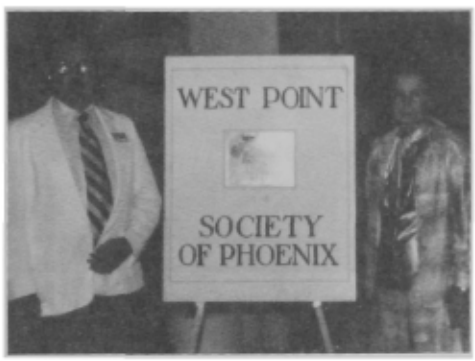
day trip. A large Wash group rendezvoused at Ft Bragg overnight where they picked up **Phoebe Cromelin** from Fayetteville. The **Lopez-Dupreys, Mercados** and **Shives** stopped over at colonial New Bern on the way down and at colonial Edenton returning. Both B&B, very charming and preferable to motels. The **Frank Taylors** saw **Day & Ellen Surles** in Beaufort on the way down. They are saving themselves for the 50th. There were several who couldn't make the reunion. The **Connors** and **Tolsons** were cruising the waters off Australia, looking for Halley's comet. The **Ungers** were settling on the house they sold in Charlottesville and the one they bought in Alexandria, plus moving from there to here. The **Dannellys** had to cancel because of a last min illness.

There was some sad news. The **Van Volkenburgs** brought word that **Whitey Mauldin** in Ashville was in a coma from his long bout with cancer. The **Donohews** stopped to see **Tank Hardaway** en route to the reunion. Tank was able to carry on a conversation in spite of the life support gadgets he was encumbered with. **Vic Mansfield** has kept us posted on **Carl Lyons** who is in the hosp at Boca Raton where he had a major op and is not doing too well. **Sam Agee's Ida** is critically ill. All of you are in our thoughts and prayers.



1937: Curtises; Founders Day 1986, Phoenix

Phoebe Cromelin recently heard from **Mary Jo Ulricson**, regretting that they couldn't get to Charleston but expect to be at the 50th. They are fine and were trying to cope with a 6-in snow. Their five children are scattered—one in MT, two in NJ, one in NH and Bruce, an Army CPT in Ger.

Change **Nobby Suriya's** zip to 10110. **Stu O'Malley** has moved to CONUS. Address: 3931 Villa Ct. Fair Oaks, CA 95628.

We just received word from his daughter Katie that **Tank** died this morning (27 Mar). We have lost a great classmate and friend who was loved and respected by all of us. Since he was stricken about this time last yr he has suffered greatly from his terrible affliction. Burial will be in the Woodlawn Memorial Cemetery, Greenville, SC, 29 Mar, after services in the Buncombe Street United Methodist Church.

Scott Hall has received 70 returns out of the 272 questionnaires that he mailed out and has over 100 orders for the 50th Reunion Book. This is a reminder to all of you who have not done so, to do so immediately—fill in the questionnaire and send it along with your bio and photo to Scott at 247 Sea Rd, Kennebunk Beach, ME, 04045 until mid-Aug, thereafter to his Chevy Chase address. When you read this it will be 11 mos to the big one, so stay healthy.

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Here are some notes about our classmates and families not mentioned in recent ASSEMBLY columns. **Chuck & Dottie Jackson** started traveling 3 Oct from HI, visited Europe with **Dee & Jim Lynch**, and then stopped by Augusta, GA before the mini. They returned directly to HI from SA. **Jim & Ginny Isbell** went to the Big Isl of HI for 4 mos after the mini. Normally they go from Anchorage to So CA during the winter. Jim has volunteered to arrange a '38 mini in Anchorage in the future. Our Class pres is taking the offer seriously, so expect more on that later. I learned at the mini that **Pete & Judy Peterson** both landed in Letterman in Jul 85, both with cancer. In communication with Pete I found that he has recovered except for after effects of chemotherapy. Judy's problems are still under review with hopes that radiation has her on the way to recovery. They are both confident to the degree that a trip to London and Norway has been booked in May. Pete expressed confidence that they will attend the FL mini and the 50th at WP.

Hubie Strange is active in dev of an Indiana retirement community and also in the design and mgt of others. He sees this as the beginning of a major effort throughout USA in the future. **Leo & Fran Harmon,** having completed two cabins in the past elsewhere, are now completing one at Durango, CO. Other ret mil live nearby. Leo says, "I call this my recipe for not growing old too fast. . . . For the past 6 yrs Fran & I have spent our summers working on this project. Except for the foundation (contracted) and a "cherry-picker" placing the large beams . . . I cut and erected all materials with my hand tools and no electricity . . . with luck we may be moved in by mid-86. If any classmates wander so far off the beaten path as Durango, they can find us 12 mi NE on City Rd 240 at Los Ranchitos subdivision. Come see us."

Al D'Arezzo ret in Sep 85 from the TX Water Bd. **Kay** & Al have a son John who is an Episcopal minister in TN and a daughter Sue who is married and lives in Austin near them. The D'Arezzos have 5 grandchildren. In ret Al says that he is looking for new challenges. **Jerry Brischetto** and her son Don reminisced at the mini with **Paul Preuss** and others who went to flying sch in SA. **Roy** was there one yr later than Paul in 39 or 40. **Ed & Jean Bailey** made the trip from WA State by motor van again with no complications. New radiator and fuse system work ok. His boat is also operational again. **Kay Broberg** is enjoying her work as a dietician in IL. Her daughter is now an RN. **Lou Coira** said that **Sam Hogan** told him he can't go to some of the old hunting & fishing sites in the upper Amazon due to govt restrictions and is now looking for new sites. **Don & Madge Williams** enjoy Sun City. We recalled our days at Ft Logan, CO where they were bride & groom and where **Miriam** & I married. Don now spends considerable time working with the symphony orchestra and hardly has time to keep up his skills as an accomplished pianist. **Madge** golfs, swims, plays bridge and follows a full schedule of activities.

1938: Co G classmates & ladies at Alamo, Nov mini reunion

1938: Jim Lynch and Chuck Jackson touring Europe, Oct 85

Andy Anderson was twice elected mayor of Naples, FL and once city council member. He will be up for reelection to city council soon and enjoys local politics. He & **Gene** are pleased with life in Naples. **Paul Cornwall** transferred to USAF after WWII; his career was in procurement and IG re materiel. He worked for Martin Marietta in FL after retirement and now divides his time between Hampton, VA and Cocoa Beach, FL. While at the mini, **Clarence & Natalie Langford** made a commitment with the Army Ret Foundation for a unit which should be ready in 87 or 88. Meanwhile they will continue to live nearby in Sherman, TX. **Mary Kelley** said that she will return to HI for about 4 mo and sell their residence there. She has also reserved a unit at the Army Ret Community in SA and will move there from San Diego in about 2 yrs. She reminisced that she & **Hal** were sweethearts in grade sch, HS and at USMA. "He was always honorable and honest, but could be steel on occasion. We had a fine life together."

1938: Stilwell and Rookie Army mule at Warrenton, VA, Nov 85

Gene Kelsey plays golf in FL and **Myrtle** plays bridge and golf. "Cocoa Bch is a marvelous place to live and there is always something to do." The **Offers** have a son on the West Coast and expect to visit him and his family soon. **Mel & Frieda Russell** visited the Offers at Ft. Sill after the mini. **Vince Elmore** had back trouble and was unable to go to SA mini. **Hal & Nancy Moorman** have lived in Hanover, NH since Hal took early

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1938: Jo Ryan, Isbells and Lipscombs at Alamo, Nov mini reunion

ret from an ROTC asgmt to become foreign student advisor at Dartmouth College. Later he was involved in college admin as advisor to grad students. **Mark & Ibby Brennan** maintain a horse at their CA home. She rides almost daily and he rides occasionally. Mark worked for several yrs with HUMRRO. He plays golf about once each wk with **Jim Henderson,** but knee troubles may soon limit his golfing. Jim Henderson worked for about 13 yrs for Bk Am in bus development before ret again. He enjoys golf, yardwork, and various activities. **Adele** plays golf 3 times a wk and bridge regularly. They have two sons, one a LTC USMA grad and a daughter married and living about 15 mi away. The Brennans, Hendersons, **Harveys,** and **Longs** live fairly close together in Pebble Bch area. **Haynes** lives about 30 mi away in Santa Cruz and **Tip Harrison** is also nearby. **Harvey** is still teaching math in a local HS. **Dick Long** has provided input for past **Assembly** cols.

From **Augusta Chronicle-Herald** 29 Sep 85, **Ed Machen** made the 2nd hole-in-one of his golfing career on the 4th hole of Augusta Country Club. **John Tillson** was featured in an article about military pers using skills in bus after ret. In 71 he became vp Georgia Railroad & Transit Co, after having been CG, Ft Gordon from 1968-71, and ret again from the bank in 80. He commented, "When I was in the Army, there was no such thing as a 40-hr work wk. In the bus world, there is not as much pressure to get soaking wet in going all out for the job. . . ." He said that he always kept the discipline and drive he learned in the military.

1938: Michelets, Cornwall, Bailey, SW Craft Ctr dinner, Nov mini reunion

9 Dec from **Bess Tittle,** San Diego, "Son Dave & wife had their first child in Jan 85, which counts for 2 trips East and one for them out here. He's a doll. Dick and family are in Chevy Chase Episcopal Rectory. All well." In Nov and Dec **George & Betty Bixby** took a 4 wk round trip cruise on the **Royal Viking Star** from Hong Kong to ports that included China, Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia, Bali and the Philippines. They then spent two wks over Christmas with their daughter and family in Japan; her husband, **Ken Zitz,** a Marine type, is assigned to the Joint US Hq at Yokota Airbase. Geo & Betty found things in Japan greatly changed from their tour there from 1946-49. 16 Jan Ft McNair luncheon was attended with wives by **Beverley, Bixby, Brown, Harrington, Lewis, Lotz, Sussmann & Voeghtly;** also by **April Adams, Chavasse, Nim Collins,** and **Bill Smith. Paul Davis** and **Bill Walson** had reservations, but were ill. **Frank & Peggy Miller** went to a local hosp with their daughter and had to cancel too. **Kent Schmidt** was at computer sch. LTC Hank Beverley was in N. VA attending a military conference and was spending evenings and spare time with his parents.

1938: Ben Sternberg and Bob York, Nov mini reunion

The **Mrazeks** were en route by auto to Jacksonville and Macon for about 10 days. **Thelma** is very busy with several projects and **Jim** provides advice, moral support and assistance. The **Sussmanns** have remodelled their TV and laundry rooms and kitchen with both doing various chores including removing old tile and replacing it. They have also had the roof replaced and have installed new siding on their home near Frederick. **Bill** looks fit and still has time to remove leaves, take care of trees and a large lawn. 19 Feb Ft McNair luncheon was attended with wives by **Beverley, Bixby, Brown, Conell, Izenour, Lewis, Missal, Mrazek & Voegtly;** also by **Chavasse, Nim Collins, Damon, Davis, Trudy Hannum, Chung Cha Ryan, Schmidt, Art Smith, Bill Smith, Thackeray,** and **Walson. Stilwell** had as his guest his daughter, CPT Diane Stilwell. **Dick** distributed copies of a sketch of the USMA Overlook, and a contractor's suggestions for improving it, to several attendees for comment. He reported the following schedule for our 50th Reunion: 18 May—dinner at Thayer; 19 May—Supe's Reception; 20 May—tentatively a barbecue at Golf Club. Other activities are being developed. He has made a full court press to support our nomination of Dr Teller for the Thayer Award. **Dick** gave your scribe a picture of his encounter with the new Army mule last Nov at Warrenton prior to A/N game. The mule performed admirably at the game despite the final score. **Nim Collins** went to Australia and So Pac during Nov. During Jan/Feb she went by car to Hilton Head and saw the **Taylors** while visiting the Ed Smiths. Then she went to Gainesville, visited the **Sherrards,** seeing the **Sturdivants** and **Mary Jacunski** while there. Later she went on to Venice, FL and saw her sister there before driving home. On 29 Feb she was leaving for 2 wks in Ger to visit her son Kevin, who was being promoted to LTC, USAF. She will also visit German friends in

1938: Keiffer, Coira and Irvin, Nov mini reunion

Heidelberg and expects to be home by the Mar luncheon.

Don Thackeray was a late arrival from his home in MD after a foggy, rainy drive. He had been to Guatemala last mo and will be going to London 10 Mar. He judges horse shows during his frequent travels. He is contacting Councilman **Kent Schmidt** about scheduling a driving event during May at the Poolesville Polo Grounds. **Paul Davis** is taking his 13 yr old grandson, Nabil Khadduri, to Seville, Spain, on 20 Mar to participate in Holy Wk celebrations there. His daughter, Jill Khadduri, & her husband will be in Jordan at that time. Paul is writing guidance for docents and lecturers for use at the National Art Gallery. He suggested that the Class have a mini at a Club Med sometime in the future. He can supply info from personal experience if we are interested.

Art Smith said that **Jane** was hostess at a bridge party, so he came alone from Richmond. **Bob Brown** is now very busy with tax returns and frequently gets home as late as 8:30 pm during each wk. **Trudy Hannum's** grandson, Lance Horne, placed 8th of 220 HS students in a debate competition at Harvard. **Bill Smith and Dick Stilwell** are our only classmates in the DC area who are regular workers all yr. 6 Mar **Riordan** sent a note enclosing a letter to the editor of the **Gainesville Sun** from **Coleman** responding to an editorial critical of the invasion of Grenada. **Cliff** commented that "**JB** covers the whole ball of wax in Grenada." His response to the editorial strongly supports the military actions and our efforts to curb intl communism from spreading in Central America. **Cliff & Bea** are well and he expects to visit the DC area in Apr.

1938: Bill Wansboro and Andy Anderson, Nov mini reunion

From **Bill Strand,** SA TX, 7 Mar, "**Omar & Maria Knox** hosted a delightful '38 party at the Ft Sam Off Club in Feb. Cocktails, a delicious dinner, and lots of conversation were enjoyed by everyone. Those attending with wives were **Artman, Bayer, Batterson,**

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Coira, Hallinger, Irvin, Keiffer, Polhamus, Singer, Strand, Wallace, and **Wright.** Also attending were **Evelyn Hartman & Norris. Tug & Lynn Hallinger** are looking forward to spending a yr in Ger starting in the summer of 86. He has a job teaching in the U of MD system. **Batt & Paulette Batterson** spent 6 wks in CA in Dec and Jan visiting their children and grandchildren in LA and Sacramento. They found as we all do that life gets hectic in the company of the younger generations.

1938: Gene Kelsey and Bob Works at picnic, Nov mini reunion

Merrick & Celeste Bayer are planning to exercise their motor home on a trip to the East Coast in the spring. **Cliff & Barbara Macomber** are spending Mar in their condo at Gunnison, CO where Cliff will enjoy some skiing and trout fishing. **Bill & Dotsy Strand** flew to Sacramento in Feb to spend 2 wks with their daughter Kristin & family. Granddaughters 15 and 10 and their only grandson 20 mos, kept them on the move. Part of Bill's evening routine was helping Melissa with her advanced algebra. That subject sure has changed a lot since plebe yr. **Neil & Marge Van Sickle** report that they are well established in their new home in Portland, OR. Marge is getting around better now and Neil is busy with the inevitable job of making a new workshop to continue his carpentry and cabinet-making skills.

"The **Artmans & Strands** are hosting a Class get-together for cocktails at the Ft Sam Club before the Founders Day dinner on 14 Mar. **Lou & Ellen Coira** made their annual spring trip to Ecuador. **Doug & Lorraine Polhamus** are going to Europe in May. They will visit one son, a USAF MAJ, in England and another son, a USAF doctor in Wiesbaden. **Jack & Varnell Chambers** had looked forward to attending our mini-reunion last Nov, but a health problem and the continuing demands of his law practice forced him to cancel. Maybe they can join us for the Jan 87 mini."

7 Mar **Bill Smith** was the only classmate attending the Founders Day dinner at Ft Belvoir. 14 Mar Founders Day dinner was attended by **Bixby, Brown, Chavasse, Harrington, Lewis, Lahti, Bill Smith, Stilwell** and **Voeghtly.** There was much reminiscing about cadet experiences with a few war stories too. The talks by the youngest grad and by USMA Supe **LTG Scott** were informal, informative and entertaining. 20 Mar luncheon at Ft McNair was attended with wives by **Beverley, Bixby, Brown, Conell, Izenour, Lewis, Miller, Missal, Stilwell,** and **Sussmann;** also by **April Adams, Nim Collins, Harrison, Bill Smith** and **Walson.** Two large rotogravure pictures of the USMA graduating Class of 1938, taken from the **NY Herald Tribune** 12 Jun 38, were displayed on the wall and reminded those present of the many changes in everyone over 48 yrs. **Tess Kopcsak** was golfing and **Lahti** was bowling. Several were traveling or had hosp appointments. **Muriel Amick** was at WRAMC hosp for checkup due to injuries in the auto accident during Oct 85 and will be returning home soon.

Dick Stilwell informed us that the classmates he had asked to review the contractor's proposal for work on the Overlook had recommended that about $8000 from '38 Class fund be spent without delay on needed repairs and improvements. He stated that **Gene Kelsey** had assumed leadership in arranging for the mini. **Gene** has suggested a cruise on the **Star** lines from Cape Canaveral, 4 days/4 nights to Bahamas and St Thomas. By prebooking soon and as sr citizens the cruise would cost about $450/pp in Jan 87. Attendees should add on travel costs to Cape Canaveral and could plan to spend several days before or after the cruise enjoying the many things to do in that area. Mark your calendars for Jan 87 and expect more details soon.

1938: Leo & Fran Harmon, Los Ranchitos, Durango, CO

Dick Stilwell announced that he had received an invitation from Army Distaff Foundation in Wash, D.C., for '38 to contribute to ADF from our Class fund. The **Millers** and **Bixbys** commented favorably on their experiences with ADF. **Stilwell** indicated that he would obtain more info from ADF before any donation is made. **Frank Miller** had lost considerable weight following a new dieting system and **Peggy** also was pleased to lose a few lbs with her participation in the plan. The results speak well for the system and their discipline in following it.

1938: Machens & Colemans with CPT of **Royal Odyssey**

McHaney sent team captains rules or guidelines for the 86 Golf Classic in which F Co '38 challenges other cadet '38 co's to compete with best 4 scores with handicap. The entry fee is $25 per player, check payable to Class of 1938 Fund. Team cpts: **Howell** – A, **Sternberg** – B, **Russell** – C, **Langford** – D, **Bob Brown** – E, **Sherrard** – F, **Dean** – G, **Polhamus** –H, **Conner** – I, **Bromiley** – K, **Lewis** – L, **Skaer** – M. Establish your handicap ASAP and complete tournament play nlt 1 Sep 86. Obtain copy of rules from your co team cpt and plan to compete. May the best team win!

1938: Brown, Chancos, Conells at Conell cocktail buffet

Regretfully we report the death of another classmate, **Mel Brown,** on 19 Mar at Clemson, SC, due to heart failure. On 24 Mar he was buried at Arlington Natl Cemetery with full military honors. He was survived by his wife **Louise;** 2 sons, Bruce K. Brown, Greenville, SC and Melvin C. Brown Jr, Worthington, OH; their wives; plus 2 grandchildren. Joining them in the funeral services were many classmates and families, and other friends. **Tony & Dimps Chanco** came from San Francisco to be present at the funeral. Attendees at the SA mini reunion will recall that **Mel & Louise Brown** participated actively. We sympathize deeply with Louise and the family in mourning his passing.

The **Chancos** visited classmates and other friends in the DC area. On 25 Mar **Mary & Joe Conell** entertained the Chancos at a delightful cocktail buffet in their home. Attending with wives were **Beverly, Bixby, Bob Brown,** Conell, Chanco, **Missal, Harrington,** and **Miller;** also there were **April Adams, Chavasse** and **Lewis.** Your scribe took pictures with **Miriam's** new camera and obtained one usable picture out of three tries. The Chancos have one son, Pedro A. Chanco, who is in hotel mgt; a daughter, Manuela C. Reyes, a teacher; and a daughter, Pauletto M Chanco Jr, an artist; 2 grandsons & a granddaughter. All live in CA and are US citizens. The Chancos will visit NYC after leaving here. While there they will go to several art galleries for their daughter, Pauletto, who is a grad of U of CA at Berkeley and is an accomplished professional artist. **Dimps** is a "frustrated artist" who paints and is going back to art classes. Tony is thin, articulate, forthright, and witty as always. Everyone appreciated the chance to converse with him and his charming wife.

In conclusion, everyone is reminded to plan ahead for the mini reunion early next yr, and for attending our 50th. Particular thanks go to **Bill Strand** and **Doug Polhamus** and others who contributed info and pictures for this column. Your participation is essential to make each column informative and newsworthy.

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'39

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As we near the 47th anniv, it's interesting to note that 320 classmates survive with 5 unaccounted for; that's a shade better than 70%! Considering the events, it shows a remarkable durability for '39. And, you know, it's not too early to start thinking of the 50th. Your suggestions for programming, housing and whatever will be welcomed by **Norm Farrell.** They can be sent to the above address for forwarding, or directly to him. One suggestion, recently heard, was for the Class to charter a riverboat and live it up off shore during the reunion.

Ed Hamilton sent his schedule for three planned social events in the DC area during 86. The first will probably occur before you read this, but here goes:

8 Jun. Outdoor picnic. Host to be determined. Possible WVA weekend with dinner at "The Command Post" on Ham's farm with golf at the Preston County Country Club.

6 Sep. Tour of Meredyth Winery followed by cocktails and dinner at the Zulla Vineyards of **J. Lawton Collins.**

23 Nov. Joint Army-Navy '39 luncheon. (see pics of same, '85 in Mar 86 **Assembly**). We encourage anyone who will be here, or who can come, to call Ham at 703-256-2433, or drop a card to his address in the Geographic Roster (Yellow Book).

Also, you are reminded of our stag luncheons at the Pentagon each mo on the 3rd Mon at noon for the rest of the yr, except for the 20th Oct, which is co-ed. All who can make it will be happily welcomed. Notify **Norm** at 703-765-0614.

Four couples of '39 enjoyed the AOG Panama Canal Cruise Jan 86 described on pg 26, last issue of the **Assembly**; they are **Myers, Crandalls, Ed Smiths** and **Kepples.**

1939: Turner, Donohue, Kepple, Marsh, Lehr and Sears; Yearling summer, Camp Clinton.

There are some in the Class who have lost their rings. Replacement through the original supplier is mighty expensive, as pointed out in **Matt Smith's** letter of last issue, over a thou! One happy resolution of such a problem can be reported, and perhaps repeated with a little coordination. **Earle Lerette** recently lost his ring and considered replacement. It was not only the cost, however, that deterred him but the fact that such could not be an original class ring, only a replica. Then it was learned that a widow of '39, the husband of whom had been very close to Earle throughout their service, professionally and socially, would part with his class ring. Earle now proudly wears **Dave Dillard's** class ring. He came up from Leonardtown, MD last luncheon to publicly express his appreciation for **Bridget's** thoughtfulness in the class forum. Should there be other widows, so inclined, and other classmates, so deprived of their rings, send a letter to me and I will try to bring you together. The same goes for '39 **Howitzer** exchanges.

1939: Kepples, Meyers, CPT Avdelas, Crandalls and Smiths; Panama Canal Cruise, Jan 86.

Received a request from Tac F-1 USCC for historical material concerning achievements and misadventures, serious and not so serious, of classmates, alumni of F Co. He is writing a history of that glorious co to arouse esprit among present members and would appreciate offerings you may have. His address is CPT Ronald R Porter, Tactical Officer, F-1 USCC, West Point, NY 10996.

Being a runt and anxious to help such a worthy cause, I dug through my "A" Book coming up with two interesting pics, which I hope will print after all the years. The first is the "dragging" of **Bob Sears** when he was made yearling corp at Camp Clinton. It shows **Turner, Donahue, Kepple, Marsh** and **Lehr** dousing Sears with such liquids as we used in those days: jet oil, Noxon, hair oil, water and whatever; this, as you will recall, was the traditional way of congratulating a make and letting him know he was still just one of us. (Spose, now that USMA is co-ed that tradition has expired.) And, if you remember Bob's prowess on the high bar, it took all five to drag him! There is a story about Bob and our Alma Mater which some of you may have forgotten. It concerns the Intercollegiate Gym Competitions first class yr. Under Tom Maloney's coaching, USMA won the Eastern Competition and was invited to participate in the Nationals at Chicago. The budget would not allow the entire team to go so, out of courtesy, Tom sent Bob Sears. To show his appreciation Bob entered all events and compiled, singlehandedly, more points than any team there. The officials, however, refused to award the Natl Intercollegiate Gym Championship to USMA because they said, "one man can not be considered a team." The second pic is of 4 stalwarts, canoeing on the Hudson: **Habecker, Laitman, Janowski** and **Sears.** If any old pics, even from flankers; send them.

Mike Davison called with tidings of **Jack Habecker** and **Chuck Medinnis** with whom he talked while in Los Angeles for a Founders Day speech on 22 Mar. Jack and Chuck are both in fine health enjoying the southern CA climate. And Mike is continuing his extensive travels recounting the WP story. Mike says that Chuck is into calligraphy pretty heavily these days and is well respected by his peers in the club.

Ken Collins wrote from Hilton Head about that Class party at Leavenworth in 50, first reported in the Jun 85 Notes. You may recall there were two pics submitted by **Kerwin** showing the Class group: first, in their street clothes on arrival; then after a few drinks, in their party costumes. Ken said it was one of the best parties ever. Each man had to bring a lady's costume and vice-versa. These were wrapped or bagged and deposited in a pile on the floor of the appropriate dressing room. They may have had some help, but the **Nolans** were the principal organizers. Danny met everybody at the door with a bottle and a large jigger. The price of admission was to consume the contents of the jigger. A social hr followed after which all went to their respective dressing rooms and donned a costume taken at random. "A delightful evening and fun to remember."

1939: Summer 1938: Habecker, Laitman, Janowski, and Sears

Bob Schellman, writing from Marietta, GA, gave some info on the Army-Ill affair at the Peach Bowl adding to **Sutton's** bulletin on same, published in the last column of notes. He said, "Army played one fine football game in miserable playing conditions, beating a good IL team." Bob was down with the flu for the game, but **Helen** went with **Carl Buechner.** They were lucky to have an en-

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closed box out of the weather. Bob commended the AOG and the WP Soc of Atlanta on their handling of reservations and their helping all alumni and cadets get to the various activities. He said the Supe appeared at the Benny Havens affair, the night before the game, in a white football jersey and the next day hosted a lunch at the Ritz Carlton. Apparently, the champagne victory party following the game kicked off a lively New Year's for all. Bob & Helen saw **Ed & Ann Hoopes** in NC last Aug, while up there with a group of golfers. And he talked to **Frank & Audrey Mildren** at Lady's Isl, SC and **Pat Smith** at Hilton Head later in the yr. Said **Ed Smith** was sacked out after a busy day in the yard. Helen & Bob look forward to visits by classmates and wives. They have spare rooms and "plenty to do in HOT-LANTA." So, go visit them.

Elder James enclosed in his letter an obituary notice on **Jap Wilson** who died 17 Jan 86 of cancer after having been ill about six mos. He said, "Although he and I have been in Tucson over 15 yrs and lived within 5 mi of each other, I don't think I've seen him more than a couple of times in the past 10 yrs. When Jasper first came to Tucson, about the time he ret, he was working on a couple of master's degrees at U AZ where I was on my job as Dir of Student Counseling. I used to see him on campus from time to time, talked with him a little and enjoyed his company. Erna & I drove down to Ft Huachuca to attend the service and to express our condolences. Jasper is buried on the edge of the very picturesque little post cemetery; he started his tenure there on a beautiful warm sunshiny day. As I stood there I couldn't help thinking how much an improvement in the weather compared with some of those dark, sub-zero funerals Jap and I had stood through while cadets at WP."

1939: Plogers; Founders Day 1986, Michigan

We have two letters from **Dick White** in HI. The first dated 27 Jan 86 cheerfully describes a brunch at the Cannon Club for 39ers on 24 Nov 85. "Present were **Fitzgeralds, Jacobys, Glenns, Whites, Winegars** and **Hal Wilson** with 3 guests. Missing were the **Livy Taylors,** who were off the isl at the time." The next, written just 9 days later, enclosed Hal Wilson's obituary. Hal was a former classmate who, after being found, went on to a commission in the AF and ret in 66 as COL. "Members of the Class attending his funeral at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific were Shep & Sue Fitzgerald, Jake & Rosene Jacoby, Walt & Ann Winegar, Ned Glenn, Dick & Nena White. Also present was Tom Rienzi '42. Kay Glenn and Claire Rienzi were absent due to severe colds." Hal died 30 Jan 86.

Hamilton sent on a letter received from **Bel Evans** in CO Springs. He writes, "Sorry we missed you at the Army-AF football game. Unfortunately our personal use tickets were not the best in the house. (They were on the 12 yd line). We sat next to the **Dziubans** and had a good time raking up old memories. We had as our guests Mike & Lila Michaels. (Mike is Canoe Club 38). Mike, Stan and I helped the battleship **New York** across the Atlantic during yearling furlough, aided also by **Good-P.** Mike and I swap off every yr acting as hosts to be sure the two sr academies have at least a small rooting section when they invade Birdland for a football game. Incidentally, last yr Mike and I were joined by Hank Surface (also Canoe Club 38) who also was a member of the **New York's** crew. He was stationed at Pearl Harbor back in our lieutenant days. Hank is still embarrassed that he never did call to express his regrets that he was unable to attend a cocktail party the Dziubans had scheduled at Schofield Bks on the afternoon of 7 Dec 41. Well, you know these Navy people. Of course he didn't know until that morning that he was going to be unavailable for social activities, so I guess we can excuse him."

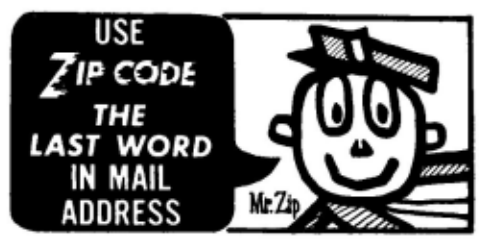
1939: Frasers; Founders Day 1986, Phoenix

Bill McCaffrey saw **Walt & Agnes Brinker** at San Antonio last winter while down for a wk in the sun. Said all is well with them except for a few medical problems (don't we all!). Walt swims daily at Ft Sam. "**Bill & Nina Smith** are fine. Nina golfs daily. They report the other classmates in the area doing well. **Matt Bristol** is still the golf enthusiast."

Clyde Sutton sent a couple of short reports from Atlanta. One reads, "On 12 Feb **Mike Davison** addressed 100 alumni and guests at the Ft McPherson O Club, after a masterful introduction by **Bob Schellman.** Later that night, the '39 crowd enjoyed the famous hospitality of **Helen** & Bob at their palatial home where Mike again discussed WP recruiting and admission policies. **Ed Hoopes** came over from Athens, GA to hear Mike speak." The second letter from Clyde: "160 alumni and their guests observed Founders Day at Ft McP on 10 Mar with Supe & Mrs Scott as the honored guests."

Len Kaplan wrote **Bernie & Phyll Teeters** last winter telling of the death of his beloved **Greta** on 6 Dec from pancreatic cancer. He thanked B & P for their friendship and support.

The Class extends its sympathy to **Evelyn Wilson** (Mrs J.J.), **Kay Wilson** (Mrs. H.F.) and to **Len Kaplan** for your loss.



'40

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I'm sorry that I have several items of bad news:

First, we heard from **Alyse** that **Paul Krauss** died on 6 Jan after a heart attack at a VA nursing facility at Lakehurst, NJ. You may recall that Paul had a major stroke several yrs ago when they were living in Alexandria, VA, and that he had been fighting the effects ever since. Funeral services were held on 10 Jan in the Old Cadet Chapel at WP. Our deep sympathy goes to Alyse, who moved during Paul's hospitalization to 717-B Wooton Ct, Leisure Village West, Lakehurst, NJ, 08733.

Next, we had word through **Al Gillem** that **Maury Parker** had died at Hilton Head on 21 Feb after his long battle against cancer. His ashes were placed in the columbarium at Arlington on 28 Feb in a ceremony attended by a number of DC area classmates. We of the Class offer our sympathy to **Marge,** who can be reached at their home at 3 Whistling Swan Rd, Hilton Head Isl, SC 29928.

And last, we were very sorry to hear through **Joe Couch** that **Gene McDonald** had died at Boynton Beach, FL on 17 Feb, following an earlier stroke. Our condolences go to his widow, **Rita,** who can be reached at the family home at 1016 SW 25th Pl, Boynton Beach 33435.

It was just 2 yrs ago that I described in these notes the many advantages of a long weekend at Innisbrook at Tarpon Springs, FL. The mini reunion there in the fall of 84 was quite successful: classmates, golf, tennis, classmates, swimming, sightseeing, and lots more. And as recently as this past Oct, **Don Baumer** was standing at the mike at our 45th, announcing '40's **next** mini this fall to be at Innisbrook again. By now, each of you should have had your letter from Don describing the reunion program and the accommodations for those of us attending—we hope we'll see you there. Don points out that he received several comments that the 84 reunion was scheduled too early for the FL season. As a result, the reunion in 86 will be about a month later. Don plans for us to start gathering at Innisbrook on Tue, 28 Oct, departing Sat, 1 Nov. Epcot, Disney World, and Sea World are not too far away, so you can schedule your FL tour to leave time for a visit either before or after the reunion.

1940: Esau, Case, and Osborn at Stuart, FL

Since we'll be closer to the FL season's prime time, Don reminds us that early reservations are all the more important. So, if you haven't yet sent in your response to Don and the Innisbrook mgt, we suggest

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that you get it on the road soon so that you'll have one of those comfortable places in which to lay your head!

1940: Penneys; Founders Day 1986, Phoenix

Late in Feb, **Kermit & Bobbi Dyke** went to WP so he could attend the meeting of the Board of Trustees and see the 100th Night Show. Kermit was quite enthusiastic about how much the chorus line had improved with the addition of real live lady cadets. He also told me that he had talked at some length with **Wendell Sell.** You recall that Wendell had a minor stroke last Sep in Manhattan just before our 45th. Since then, Wendell has been recovering nicely and is looking very well; he proudly announces that his blood pressure is down and that he has lost 50 lb.

That word about **Wendell** reminds me that sometimes I hear about classmates a bit indirectly. As another example, I hadn't heard from **Bill & Edith Gildart** or about Fern Park, FL for some time. However, his brother Bob Gildart '37 wrote to say that Bill is keeping busy with his family and also as pres of his homeowners' assoc, vice cmdr of the local MOWW, and bldg comm chmn of the Winter Park U Club.

Similarly, word about **Mike Paulick** comes from Ben Fuller, Princeton '40, a former arty and CIA type who lives around the corner from me. Ben tells me that Mike's health has kept him pretty close to home at Stuart, FL for several yrs, but that he is breaking the ties this spring and going to Phila in Apr for the next reunion of their 601st TD Bn (Mike commanded the recon co of the 601st while it was part of the 3d Div in WWII). Ben also says that Mike is really branching out, since he plans to go on to Atlantic City following the reunion.

1940: Witts, Taylors, O'Keefes and Norris; Founders Day 1986, Ft Bliss

By way of getting through the gloom period, **Ralph & Greg Osborn** wrote that they had held a mini mini at Stuart, FL with **Scott & Priscilla Case** and **Chuck & Marie Esau.** They were awaiting the arrival from CA of **Dave & Betty Parker,** who were about to embark from Port Everglades on the **Royal Viking Sky** for another cruise, enlightened by Parker lectures, through the Caribbean and the Panama Canal.

A slightly delayed report from **Bob & Jane Fate** says that a number of the faithful gathered with them in Santa Cruz, NM to watch the Navy game. Their guests included **Charlie & Kathleen Banks, Sam & Kiki Goodwin** (just back from their trip to help look for oil in China), and **Jo Kenney (Jack** was off Sierra Clubbing in El Paso). The conclusion reached by the group was fairly obvious: Beat Navy in 86!

And it's not inappropriate to note that, at the DC Soc's Founders Day dinner, the '40 table included **John Burfening, Wally Clement, Joe Couch, Kermit Dyke, Oz Leahy, George Mayo, Stew McKenney, John McLean, Bidwell Moore, Thad Nosek,** and **Mel Rosen.** We enjoyed hearing the youngest grad tell how the Corps has and the Supe telling how it hasn't.

1940: Wynne, Dibbles and Roedy; Founders Day 1986, Space Coast.

There was a thoroughly interesting column by David Westheimer in the **Houston Post** back in Jan. Dave and **Morry Shoss** were classmates at Rice U (33-36); Dave became a bombardier in an AAF gp commanded by Luper '39 and turned that experience into his book **Von Ryan's Express.** Dave's column, titled "A Tale of 2 POWs from Houston," describes the coincidental experiences of Morry and his brother, David Shoss. During the same period that Morry was a POW in the Philippines, aboard the **Shinyo Maru** when she was torpedoed off Mindanao and served with the Filipino guerrillas, David Shoss was an AAF navigator shot down in occupied France, hidden by the Resistance in the Hotel de France in Le Neuberg and liberated by the advancing US forces. Dave Westheimer sharpened his description of the coincidence, "They may be the only brothers, Allied or Axis, who escaped their captors on opposite sides of the globe and made their way home before the war's end. What's more, they began their return to Allied control on the same day, allowing for the Intl Date Line."

We look forward to seeing you this fall. On to Tarpon Springs!

'41

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Founders Day at Ft Carson was outstanding, as usual. We had the good fortune to have the Com of Cadets, BG Pete Boylan as our speaker. Despite a thin turnout by the '41ers due to flu, trips, and other commitments, we had a grand evening. **Ben & Harrie Spiller, Curt & Terry Chapman** and I had to hold down the '41 table.

1941: Moore's Hilton Head Rally; Cookes, Vaughan, and Harriet Linnell.

The Com gave an outstanding talk which made all of us feel very comfortable about the health and stature of our Alma Mater. He made it clear that Honor still enjoys top priority, and USMA National Honor Seminars are being well attended and much appreciated by visiting academics and students. The Corps' appreciation of Duty is indicated by the fact that recently all reports of violations of alcohol regs have been reported by cadets—not officers.

Rigor is very evident—qualified cows take the full Ranger course in the summer, and a course similar to the Ranger program is conducted at Buckner entailing a 7 day max effort with only 4 hrs sleep per night. But it is not all rigor; at Eisenhower Hall, cadets over 21 can sip a brew or two at—you guessed it—Benny's Bar!

The old India Whites we wore will be back by popular, cadet demand. Attrition is halved with the abolition of the co scramble. Coach Jim Young believes that character comes before triple options. 64% of new cadets have National Honor Soc credentials. And the spoon and shovel concept holds that a hardnosed soldier should also be a person of refinement.

1941: Henschkes host Clearys via Eastern Passport

General Boylan closed by saying that USMA is still in good hands, that suggestions from old grads are welcome, and that Duty, Honor, Country prevail.

The Oldest Grad, COL Otto Praeger, Jr. '18, USAF (Ret) got a standing ovation, but at age 89 was too frail to handle a speech, so Bob Lee '31 filled in with a short scenario of how the detail of today must be discreet in correcting female military posture. The youngest grad's job was admirably performed by 2 LT Anne Chiarella '85. Ben led the do-it-yourself choir ably assisted by **Curt Chapman** in the bass section.

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1941: B-47 pilots reunion with wives and elegant seafood

Had a grand time instructing at Camp Lejeune. But I learned one thing—the US Marine Corps does not want the USAF to give them any advice on how to fight a war! Splendid students—dedicated professionals and workaholics like I have seldom seen.

Kay flew out and met me in Augusta where we visited **Julie Easton.** She is doing very well after John's agonizing demise, but she is isolated from the Class and living in a community where tradition makes for a cool reception comm. Her daughter Betsy lives there and her son John, who narrowly lost the race for governor of Vermont in '84, visits often. She is a grand lady and loves to see any and all transient '41ers.

Our next stop was Hilton Head where we were royally greeted by **Biss & Penny Moore.** They were entertaining a charming British couple, Joan & Cliff Cooke, who had started kindergarten with Penny. The new Moore home on the golf course is elegant, and they rallied **Frank & Harriet Linnell,** and **Laddy Greene** from Beaufort and **Bill & Nancy Vaughan** all the way from Charleston. They tried to get **Paul & Marcie Ramee** from Savannah, but Paul was going in for some hip surgery and couldn't make it. The luncheon was out of the gourmet cookbook, and the war stories were patiently endured by the Cookes, bless their hearts!

Our next stop was at Cape Kennedy and a most interesting tour of the base. Next we saw the fascinating shows at Cypress Gardens and a barefoot waterskier going 35 knots backwards with no skis and fighting his way through 3 ft waves.

1941: Julie, John Jr and Betsy Easton

After homing in at Sarasota we found **Bob & Jo Kramer** vacationing in the same development, the Meadows, where we were guests. We called **Spec Powell,** as ordered, and next day joined a very nice cocktail party in their condo attended by the Kramers, **Judy (Tyler) & John Hay** who live in the same complex, and **Al & Alicia Jensen,** who live nearby. All looked fine and, happily, **Cleo** showed no after effects of her devastating auto accident a few yrs ago.

Next was a sortie south to no Ft Myers to check up on our recent CO neighbors, **George & Betty McIntyre.** They are in a new home in a new development, right on the golf course. They had alerted the other '41ers in the area and **Chick & Ginger Seamans** and **Johnny Brooks** came in for a libation before we adjourned for one of the greatest fish dishes I have ever eaten, Blackened Redfish. The next day at **Johnny & Janey Brooks'** lovely home on the Caloosahatchee Canal after Bloody-Marys and a tour, we went to an outstanding Chinese restaurant. Johnny brings his Apple down from MI for the winter and, using an array of charts that would make the old steam tables seem simple, is scoring well in the tricky commodities market. Sailor Seamans is no landlubber!

Back to Sarasota, where our AF hosts were absent due to a death in the family, we called **Jonat Atkinson** at Holmes Beach, and next day jumped in his boat, called on **Milo & Lillian Moucha** who live a block away, and then cruised to a delightful restaurant on the water. The Mouchas are well and have a beautiful home and a cabin cruiser that would make a ret admiral jealous. John & **Nancy** treated us to a delicious dinner of fish taken from his fish trap. They are excited about their new home in Highlands, NC where they plan to spend their summers.

1941: The Chapmans with Kay & "King" Kelley

After our hosts returned and a good visit with them we headed toward CO. First stop, Ormond Beach and **Ralph & Betty Upton.** Their winter home is beautiful and in a most impressive development. They took us to an elegant dinner at their country club. Next day we headed no and RONed at the super DV quarters at Eglin. **Tom Corbin** did a great job as cmdr of that complex a few years back, and the club and facilities show it.

We did have a most pleasant visit with **George & Celeste Stalnaker** who live minutes from the base. They took us to a lovely brunch at the Beach Club. We tried to contact **Andy Evans** but no answer—apparently on one of his many trips to his condo in Spain. We are hoping to lure the Stalnakers into making a trip to CO Sp to visit his daughter whose husband is stationed at the USAFA.

We are happy to say that all of these special people were well and were looking forward to the big 45th.

The mail dragger did a good job this quarter. **Cuz Dillard** wrote: "On 19 and 20 Feb we parked our motor home next to **Norm Coker's** in Chula Vista and spent an enjoyable two days together. **Ben & Marge McCaffery** had a dinner party on the 20th which included "all of the above" plus **Jane & Perk Perkin, Wilma & Bob Salisbury** and **Johnny McIntyre** and his new bride, **Wanda.** A great time was had by all. Today am meeting **Jerry LaRocca** for lunch."

1941: WP's Skeet Club circa '40

Curt Chapman reports: "In Feb, **Terry** & I flew so to the sun and friends of our recent youth. All remembered the fun we had living on that generous $125/mo. First, we were hosted by **Tulah & Pete Crow** prospering in San Ant; then **Kay & Roy Kelley** in New Orleans where all saluted Roy as the surprise King of Mardi Gras for his Krewe, the Prophets of Persia; in Tampa, **Hope & Cocky Cochran,** gourmet cooks both; and **Peggy & Dick Scott** in their delightful waterside villa Manalapan. Old tales were retold, new ones invented and hospitality was positively rampant!"

Betty Campbell's dad, GEN Ted Brooks, left 37 footlockers, a polo helmet, saddles and tac in a beautiful old home that their daughter Bea & husband, COL Jack Kempster, are buying for retirement. Betty has donated the GEN's memorabilia to Norwich U, the Cavalry school of ROTC in the 30s, with an abundant cache of letters from Ike, Brad, et al.

From the lounge chair of **Richard Van Pelt Travis** came a note with the happy news that he would be at the AF Assoc's Gathering of Eagles in Las Vegas in Apr. This will be the 30th anniv of the AFA's founding and a chance for us old airmen to gather for a round of songs and a chance to tell war stories about the beautiful aircraft we have flown and the fast gals we have chased. So far **KO Dessert, Pooge Curtis, Rosy Rosenbaum, Ham Avery, Lou Elder, Johnny Brooks** and I are scheduled for the big bash. We'd have more but for frailties and previous commitments.

Ben Spiller had me go to the Guru of Space A travel, Your Old **Will Vaughan,** to get the straight poop on how to visit

1941: Larry Greene, Biss & Penny

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1941: Aboard the AOG's **Royal Odyssey,** through the Panama Canal: Harveys, Briers and CPT Avdelas

son Michael in Madrid. The answer, for others who might want the hassle but the right price, is—for Europe, go to Dover; for So America and the Carib, go to Charleston. Once you are out of the CONUS, and on departure therefrom, wives can accompany. It ain't bad, once you get to Frankfurt; if you have the time you can tour Europe together—thanks to the fearless USAF!

A planned bash to launch the **Henschkes** to teach for USC was cancelled due to a death in the family. Asgmts: Stuttgart Mar and Apr and Wuerzburg Apr to Jun (shuttling to W. Berlin two days per wk). They plan to enjoy Greece and Spain in their time share exchange quarters en route!

Journeying to Camp Lejeune, I managed a short stop to see **Ted & Jane Brown** in Little Rock. Ted is holding his own in remission after his traumatic surgery and rejoices at the visit of a classmate. He has just completed the obituary on his roommate, **John Easton.**

1941: Also aboard the AOG's Love Boat: Corbins

Sharp-eyed **Spec Powell** was kind enough to give me a list of interpolations in the Christmas letter. I'll not submit my puny B-Ache for a problem with the deadline and the printer but hasten to offer these corrections: **Clark JC:** Rte 9, box 958 Lake City etc; **Carman:** 1648 Great Highway, San Fran, CA 94122; **Jensen:** (Winter) 61 Inlets Blvd, Nokomis, FL 33555, Ph: 813-488-1744; **Mateer:** 2812 Broadview Terr, Annapolis, MD 21401, Ph: 301-841-6391. **Johnson MC:** 1870 Wateroak Fr. W, Clearwater, FL 33516; **Laudani:** 1 Westchester Rd, Chelmsford, MA 01824; **Michaels:** 38045 Dorsey Ln (**not** S Dorsey); **(Sykes) Sherwood, Ann:** 66 Spanish River Dr, Ocean Ridge, FL 33435, Ph 305-737-1037; **Thompson, Bud & Carole:** 3415 Beresford Ave, Belmont, CA 94002, Ph: 415-592-6149; **Thompson, Tommy & Barb:** 7101 Citrine Lane SW, Tacoma, WA 98498, Ph: 206-582-1404; also **Gregg McKee** noted that I reported name and address for **Dori Kercheval** who passed away several yrs ago. No excuse, Sirs—"All Right for Interpolations, Sir?"

Received several "hits" on the Christmas letter this yr, and it is becoming very expensive even with bulk mail which is miserably slow. We expect to have our tax exempt status through the IRS soon which will decrease the mailing charge. But the bottom line is, as slow as delivery is and as expensive as the nearly perfunctory messages are—is it worth it? I'll submit this as an agenda item at the 45th.

Received a most interesting note from the F-1 Tac, CPT Ron Porter saying that he is doing an F-1 history and would like input. He did not indicate how anyone could track the ancestors of F-1 through all the reorganizations since our time, but if you have a good story he'd appreciate it.

1941: Neumeisters and Kuzells; Founders Day 1986, Phoenix

Sandy Nininger's nephew, John Alexander Patterson, Dir, Lusaka, AID wrote to say that his extensive collection of documents, clippings, photos, etc will be donated to the USMA Library where they will be available to cadets and researchers alike. He also pointed out that Sandy's remains were never recovered after the war and that he plans, based on numerous documents and accounts he has researched, to ask the DA to reopen the search.

Walt Mullane, whose doctors say he has Parkinson's, reports that **John Rossell's** obituary is ready for publication and that **Ted Brown** is doing **John Easton's.** Walt has a lot of heart to continue to push these projects in the face of his terrible illness. Another guy who has done a great job with the obituaries is **Delly McMillan,** "C" Co. He has recently suffered a cerebral hemorrhage and is partially paralyzed, but when I called **Judy** she said he was still fighting, and she, bless her heart, was fully composed. Let's make a max effort on obituaries for the 45th.

1941: Schillings; Founders Day 1986, Ft Campbell

1941: CPT Tom Cleary III, US Inf

Reporting casualties is never easy, and a valiant and highly respected guy like **Howdy Clark** makes it even more difficult. After a long and tormenting series of efforts including an anesthetic which created complications necessitating aborting the surgery, he died on 22 Feb. **Betty** is not well, so much so, that she couldn't go to Arlington for the interment in the columbarium—their daughters were present. Betty wanted to particularly thank **Mike Greene** for alerting the DC Chapter and for those who attended the service and others who have sent notes. **Horace Brown** has been a tower of strength also. Betty wants me to tell the Class that Howdy's ring, in excellent condition, is available for any classmate who has lost his and wants a replacement. Write her at GG5 Crowfields Lane; Asheville, NC 28803, Ph: 704-274-1165.

Signs of the times: **John Richards'** son, Jack '64 has ret from the Army, and **Jack Murray's** son, John '64 is sweating out promotion to COL. And for those who are wondering, I can say that, from my observations at close range, the Pattons, LeMays and Chesty Pullers are still out there. Visiting Ft Bragg and the **Clearys** (who were en route to FL), I met CPT Tom Cleary, US Inf. His room resembles a gym and besides running 5 mi per day and swimming 1 mi per day, he starts the morning activity by affixing collars on his ankles so that he can hang upside down and do his sit-ups vertically! And so as we anticipate our 45th, let's salute the great young people who are still at the ramparts and let's have a '41 "Hats Off" to the cmdr of the 6th Fleet and to the guy who had the moxie to approve the ops order! "YEA REUNION!"

'42

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Pickens are slim--or I guess I should say is, in case you happen to know Slim Pickens! Anyhow, the editor will owe me some extra space after this issue!

George Allin got me off to a flying start in early Jan when he sent **Jeff Davis'** draft of a "thank you" to the gal who slaves over the Christmas newsletter and address list for us. Having seen some of the handwriting—mine included—that she has to interpret, I know that it has to be a labor of love! George was freshly returned from his Christmas in London—no details—and was heading for a tour in Italy in Feb. He advised in Mar that '42 had filled a table at the Ft Myer Founders Day bash for the first time in memory! Joining him in enjoying the mule rider's (whoops, Supe's) remarks were **Bob Clagett, John Ely, Pete Flor Cruz, Charlie**

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Mizell, Jim Newman, John Reid, John Sheffey, John Sitterson and **Bob Terry.** Even though **John Westenhoff** failed to show, I'd say we had enough "Johns" to put the Tobyhanna Torrent to shame! George made no comment on his trip to Italy other than to advise that he'd written a dozen postcards, given them to the last concierge with money for postage and was still waiting for any of his correspondents to receive them! So much for the Eagle Scout approach!

1942: Could "cheese" evoke such smiles from the Stephens, Hunters, and middleman Al Thompson?

Al Hunter was the next to gladden. He & **Nancy** plus **Dopey & Jackie Stephens** had been invited by **Al Thompson** to attend the Peach Bowl in Atlanta. With Al T. proving to be a royal host, they sat through to the bitter—cold and wet—end of Army's 31-29 walkover! After the Navy letdown, we needed that! Al H. reported that **Paul Cerar** was due in for some saddle-induced (Jeep?) surgery, from which we trust he has long since settled back comfortably! The Hunters took son Jim & his wife Lorraine to the '42 family Christmas luncheon and allowed as how **John Westenhoff** had scored another triumph. On their immediate schedule was the AOG Trans-Canal cruise. Does the accompanying photo look like they were in tall cotton?

Ted & Millie Marks checked in after spending Christmas at Ft Hood with Peggy and family. They had enjoyed New Year's Eve with the **Boltons** and continued to praise Don's work on their future home at the San Antonio retirement residence.

1942: Al & Nancy on their best behavior with the CPT of the **Royal Odyssey.**

Jeff Davis wrote that **Sid Williams** had greeted Santa while flat on his back after triple by-pass surgery! Must have been quite well done if he was corresponding within the mo! **Bill Seifert** timed his semi-annual visit to make the Jan luncheon . . . and found DC snowier than Denver! Jeff also made **The Retired Officer** with a letter recounting his efforts to effect a Christmas truce in Dec '44, when he was CO of A Trp of the 81st Rcn Sqdn, north of Florence. He and a few troops moved forward to a secure position to serenade the Krauts with some Christmas carols. The following arty barrage convinced him that things had changed since WW II! Jeff insists that his mortar cpl really could sing and that the German response could in no way be interpreted as a criticism of the music! A subsequent note from him included a picture of the '42 Terrace at Eisenhower Hall, but since the ASSEMBLY cover featured it, I thought that we shouldn't compete! However, that site is presently being considered for a luncheon when we assemble for the 45th. And it is indeed worth seeing. We thank you, Jeff!

The current tac of **F-1** wrote to request that I advise former—dare I say it?—feather-merchants that he is seeking "material concerning their achievements and misadventures, both of a serious, and not so serious note." Send them to CPT R. R. Porter, Tactical Officer, F-1, USCC, West Point, NY 10997. A history of F-1 will be sent to respondents this summer. I trust that he understands that there was but one "F" in our day and that youse who were just "F"'s will qualify!

Joe Cannon sent a copy of the notice of his 30 Jan ret luncheon, which included a cartoon of Joe athwart—what else—a cannon! FMC cohorts, plus his two resident sons—showered him with kind words and gifts. **Jack & Lee Colladay** drove 40 mi to join in the fun. Joe sez that now that he's hit 70, he'll settle for something requiring less than a 40-hr wk, and that he may not promise 20+ yrs to his third career!!!

1942: The Hanleys host the Ryders, Michels and Gen Urrutia for Christmas cheer.

Fred Rosell enlightened me with an explanation of his avocational activity and a clipping from his hometown journal—written as he sat on the ground in 12° temperature in Cleveland on a United flight from DC to LA. He has successfully operated a "share-housing" project in CA for some yrs and is launching one in his old podunk, Miamisburg, OH. He provides a 3 or 4 bedroom house, a property mgr sees to the grounds and periodic cleaning. Each tenant has a private bedroom and has specific kitchen and refrigerator space assigned. The individual costs are modest and the responsibilities minimal. Thus can an individual live independently, in decent surroundings on a low income. Of course the key is the screening of potential tenants, and Fred admits that he has had a few losers! Ask him about some of them sometime for a few belly laughs! Fortunately, the present occupants are A-1 (or in our case, just A!). Fred's off on his Halley's Comet cruise at the time of this writing.

A picture from the **Michels** taken at a Christmas party at **Tom & Elma Hanleys'** ménage . . . but **no news!** We had hoped that they would be free-loading at Ted's brother's place at Marco by now, but I guess they just couldn't fit it into their absurd schedule.

1942: Fergie focused on the Stapletons, Stevens and Peggy.

Should have given this prominent billing as it contained kind words for your scribe, but **Eric Orme's** epistle will have to take its chronological place! The bad news was that **Pat** had spent most of the winter in Orlando taking care of her terminally-ill stepmother. Mercifully, she died in her sleep, and Pat is now home after a very trying time which kept her too busy to contact any of '42 in the area. Eric thought he'd been busy running the local hunting and fishing club as well as planning additions to their handsome home and its landscaping—until the levee of the nearby Yuba River (?) gave way and he was inundated (hah!) helping with the 25,000 evacuees. The first time in almost 15 yrs that he hadn't been officially involved with the State Office of Emergency Svcs in a disaster—but he found plenty to do. Even their lake suffered from the storms—boats, docks and much heavy debris. Most fortunate was that the flooding occurred on the opposite side of the river from the **Offleys'** and Bobbie's mother Gerry Boyd. Eric says that she was cool as a cucumber—was totally prepared to bug out to their place, but didn't have to budge. Eric & Pat will be taking their boat up the coast in Jun for beachcombing and salmon fishing.

1942: The Shorts; Founders Day 1986, Ft Bliss

Charlie & Peggy Fergusson pulled off quite a coup when they lured **Garth & Caroline Stevens** into a visit—and may have talked them into the 45th! As part of the exercise, they lunched with **Carl & Louise Stapleton** before a tour of the TX culture museum (non-Texans might call that an anomaly!) where Louise serves as a docent. Another snap showed Fergie & Peggy in their "dogtrot log cabin," recently completed after two yrs of labor out in the hill country. The picture is a bit too dark to reproduce, but the cabin and the environment surely do look inviting! Their hideaway is named Fiddlers Green, which this Infantry soldier assumes to be in honor of Irish violinists on St Patrick's day plus 1! They sneak out there to hunt, fish, hike and collect artifacts. In the meantime, son Tom is

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about to leave 11worth, son Ted is at Bragg and daughter Sally is a bride of 1 yr in Austin.

I noted in the Class of '15 news that **Tom Hanley's** mother had died last fall. I'm sorry that we didn't know, Tom, and wish to extend belated sympathy. Also noted in the recent ASSEMBLY is the death of **Dave May,** in Lexington, KY in Nov. I have absolutely no details, but if anyone is in touch, please extend our sympathy to the family. And do remember to let **Jeff Davis** know if you can help with Dave's obituary.

From **Butch & Bobbie Offley** came the surprising news that they were having a ball in Spain! Company had included **Ted & Joan Michel** plus Bob's sister & her husband. A trip to the French Riviera was on tap before they headed home 1 May. They sent a clipping from the Marysville, CA daily bugle, still fighting the Rand-McNally rating of their town as # bottom and citing a local couple who had left #1 rated Pittsburgh to live in Marysville! They had even conned **Pat Gates** Lynch into interviewing the couple for VOA when she visited there!

1942: The Shedds; Founders Day 1986, Space Coast

We've had some welcome excitement of late. **Bob & Hancel Evans** descended on Ft Myers Beach in Feb, prompting a visit from **Dick & Diana Reinbold.** We took a chance and went up one afternoon. Before joining Bob's brother & wife for dinner at their club in Ft Myers, we had a considerable cocktail hr which resulted in a phone call to **Jim Wood.** He's had more than his share of physical problems, having lost most of his giblets to the surgeons, but the old beady-eyed rascal sounded wonderfully strong and optimistic. **Doc & Enid Hyde** were next on Evanses' guest list. They all drove here to our place for a small toddy before we went to the fancy new Ritz Carlton for brunch. Because its prices are as fancy as its decor, we'd been there only once—and for only **one** drink! When Doc began the usual jockeying over who would pick up the tab, Bob and I didn't even offer a face-saving argument! To help make up, we gave the 50-cent tour of Naples afterwards.

Fly Ely called to remind about the Aug picnic at the **Cockrells'.** Let him know if you'll be in the DC area then. And the **Caruthers** and **Hunters** will again be offering the wonderful crab feast in Jul. **Dimi** was recovering from foot surgery, and Fly was recovering from all the responsibility that had been thrust upon him! He reported that **John Sheffey** had been skiing with **Pete & Nancy Russell** in Italy. John sez that Pete is truly wild on the slopes! **Yates Hill** had sent questionnaires to be passed out by **Bob Clagett** at a luncheon so that all could express their preference regarding USMA tours at the 45th.

Pleasantly surprised to have **Phil & Marg Wyman** in our town to visit her brother, otherwise defined as for Phil to play in a member-guest tournament (successfully!) with Bill! We were lucky to get them to squeeze an hr out of their jam-packed schedule to come by. Phil was arranging another DC golf tournament for the '42 hackers—this to be bigger and better than the last.

1942: Vivians, Hoziers and McAdams; Founders Day 1986, Phoenix

And just before deadline came a call from **Jeanne Schmidt,** hiding from the Minneapolis weather in a condo just around the corner from us! We invited her to a shindig we were having a few days later—and then had to include her houseguests—**Bill & Kitty Shedd!** As **Lu & Betty Clay** were also in attendance, it was quite an impromptu mini! The next night to Jeanne's to get even! She has about had it with the frozen North and is thinking of returning to the DC area—or coming our way.

I'll be hoping for a rush of cards and letters after you read this sparse issue so that the next one can be bigger and better. OK?

JAN '43

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Well, we have some good news and, unfortunately, we have some bad news—but first, the good news. Final plans for our mini-reunion here in the DC area from 9-11 May have been completed and the latest version of the itinerary has been dispatched to everyone, according to **Jim Frankosky** (Comm Chm). An eye-witness account of what transpired at the mini, along with snapshots, will be presented in the next edition of our Class Notes. Concurrently, we have updated our "Roster of Classmates and Their Wives" of 1 Apr 85 and will be distributing copies directly to the attendees at our mini-reunion and by mail to those who were unable to join us. If you haven't received your copy of this roster, which is dated 1 Apr 86, just let **Fred Spann** (our Class secy) know, and he'll send you one by return mail. Fred's address and phone number are as follows: 8617 Highgate Road, Alexandria, VA 22308, Tel (703) 360-5498. The bad news is also reflected in this roster which, by comparison with the 85 edition, indicates that we have lost 8 classmates and 1 wife since the roster was last published—namely, **Ike Behn, Tom Farnsworth, Chuck Hardy, Bob Harrington, Tom Harrison, Bill Lewis, Tom Mesereau, George Porter,** and **Dee Russell** (Jack's wife). Of these, the following 3 have departed from our ranks since the beginning of this yr:

• **Chuck Hardy,** who died at the Veteran's Hosp in Palo Alto, CA on 1 Feb after 10 yrs of gradually deteriorating health. As many of you may recall, Chuck was a letterman in football, basketball and track while we were at the Academy and served as a B-26 bomber pilot and squadron cmdr with 52 missions in the European Theater during WWII. In the latter capacity, he rose to the rank of LTC in the Army Air Corps with many decorations (including the DFC) before he was compelled to ret from the service in Nov 46 due to combat injuries involving the amputation of his left leg just above the knee. Chuck then went to work for the AF at McClellan AFB, Sacramento, CA as a civ computer programmer and supervisor. Later, he joined Lockheed Missiles and Space Co, where he was a co-developer of the COBOL computer language system and from which he ret in 73 to play golf and bridge at Pebble Beach—his home adjoined the golf course.

• **Tom Mesereau,** who died in his townhouse in Irvine, CA on 16 Mar after a valiant fight against cancer. As reflected in our **Howitzer,** Tom won his major "A" on the football team for 3 yrs and, after WWII, returned to the Academy as asst graduate mgr of athletics and plebe football coach with Vince Lombardi under Earl (Red) Blaik. During the war, he distinguished himself as a parachutist and combat leader in New Guinea and on Leyte and Luzon and, as a result, his 511th Abn Inf Bn was selected to be the first US bn to enter Japan after the surrender. Tom himself was also selected to carry the Japanese surrender document to the US from the battleship **Missouri.** Subsequently, in 1953, he resd from the Army to become a restauranteur—1st with Leone's in NYC, then in his own restaurant (the Opera on the NJ bank of the Hudson) in 1959, and finally with Horn and Hardart (as vp) and W.R. Grace & Co in Paris, from which he ret in 75. However, he continued to be active in restaurant activities in the Laguna Beach, CA area until his struggle with cancer consumed all of his energies.

Jan '43: In memory of Chuck Hardy, 23 Jan 1920—1 Feb 1986.

• **Dee Russell,** who, after many years of contending with the deleterious effects of diabetes, died in the Mt Vernon Hosp, Alexandria, VA on 20 Jan. Prior to her interment at USMA, funeral services were in the Ft Myer Chapel with some 13 classmates & their wives in attendance.

Just before I completed the last edition of our Class Notes, **Bill Knowlton** advised me of the death of **Tom Farnsworth** on 22 Dec in Waterford, ME, as the result of diabetes-related problems. Subsequently, Bill drafted an obituary for the **Assembly** from which I have extracted the following partially paraphrased highlights: "From his early youth, Tom had a love affair with the English

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Jan '43: In memoriam: Tom Mesereau, 22 Oct 1921—16 Mar 1986.

language. By the time that he graduated from HS in ME and joined several of us at COL Stanton's Prep School in Cornwall-on-the-Hudson during the summer of 1937, his vocabulary was 10 times that of his colleagues and he did not hesitate to use it. Subsequently, at the Academy, he was selected as editor-in-chief of the **Pointer** which afforded him the opportunity to display his skill not only in writing, but also in mgt (i.e., persuading others to write). Tom joined the 75th Inf Div in combat in Europe during WWII and, to the surprise of none who knew him well, was one of the first to be awarded a Silver Star as well as a Purple Heart. Back in Wash, DC on the Army GS, Tom became the speech writer for the Army CS and, later, the aide to GEN J. Lawton Collins in DC and in Indo-China when GEN Collins was the ambassador. During the Korean War, he served as the sr advisor to the Korean 27th Inf. Tom ultimately ret from the US Orleans Area Cmd in France in order to work on a movie about the US 1st (Big Red One) Div. On his return to ME and his family's historic Christmas House, Tom taught English and French to the young boys at the Freiburg Academy. Everything that Tom did had an element of the theatric about it—Tom really belonged to the era of Mr. Kipling's army when the officers' mess was the center of mil social life." According to **Bill Knowlton** Tom will eventually be interred in the Arlington National Cemetery with his parents, or possibly, with the uncle for whom he was named.

Bill Knowlton, who has become the conscience and prime mover of our Class (and others) with regard to the preparation of obituaries for the **Assembly,** advised me that he still needs help in identifying individuals who can assist in the preparation of obituaries for the following classmates, some of whom have been dead since WWII: **Hugh Jordan, Jim Little, Tom Ramsey, Em Prince, Johnny Roberts, Dick Jones, Dick Hall, John McNamara, Jim Ledbetter, Lester Taylor, Hugh Mease, Rod Wriston, Dick Broach, Dick Hynes, George Porter, John Kerig, Hiram Turner, Harry Saunders, Ike Behn, Jim Richardson, Ed Costello, Jack Jones** and **Keith Canella.** If you can provide any info or assistance with regard to the preparation of obituaries for these classmates, please contact Bill by mail or phone (4520 4th Road North, Arlington, VA 22203; tel: 703 841-0140). As Bill observes, the best insurance against leaving your widow and him in the "lurch" with respect to your obituary is to write down and send a summary of where you've been and what you've done since graduation to the AOG (Cullum's Register) at USMA—it'll add another 10 yrs to your life, for sure!

Jan '43: Joe Benson, superstar of the Arlingtones' (VA) "Big Top Barbershop."

Jan '43: The Wilkes clan at Pappy's retirement from the Cambion Corp.

In other veins, we

• Applaud **Joe Benson,** who was a star in the local SPEBSQSA (and that spells barbershop singing here in Arlington, VA) production of "Big Top Barbershop," in which Joe was the poor soul who always aspired to be in the circus, but ended up by being eaten by the lions, fired out of a cannon, and sweeping up after the elephants. He was great!

Jan '43: Nan & Joe Dover and Millie & Brad Lundberg celebrate our 43rd at Cocoa Beach, FL.

• Congratulate **Bob McDermott** on his selection by the **Texas Business** magazine (Feb 1986) as one of the "20 Most Powerful Texans," along with Sen Bentsen, Lt Gov Hobby, Roy Hunt, Bobby Inman, Ross Perot and T. Boone Pickens. The article cites Bob as "San Antonio Mayor Henry Cisnero's strong right arm on development matters." Bob is also a member of the Board of Trustees of the Falcon Foundation.

• Take our hats off to **Dar Mendoza** (formerly Dar Kitch) who, according to his roommate at the Academy **(Bob Baden),** writes the lyrics for the production of the Jubilee Players in Ft Worth, TX. His latest lyrics were the hit of the Jubilee Players' musical "Small Change," based upon the "Beggar's Opera." Dar's wife **Muriel** is also very active in the performing arts of the Arts Council of Ft Worth.

Jan '43: Bob Fiss teaches our O-A-O grandchild (Christine Minckler Wall) how to navigate his party boat on Lake Barcroft, VA.

• Marvel at **Pat Wardell,** who is a prof genealogist with 3 books on Virginia families to his credit.

• Wish the best to **Pappy Wilkes,** who "retired" from the Cambion Corp in MA last Nov, but still serves as a consultant on a weekly basis. After 27 yrs with the corp, Pappy had become "Mr. Cambion" himself. As a result, some 300 people assembled for a final testimonial farewell, during which the pres of the org cited Lowell as one who had the "highest personal integrity of anyone he had ever known."

• Wonder how **Jackie Armstrong** does it as a member of the Chm's Club of Coldwell Bankers Realty here in the Wash, DC area—which means $4 million or more in total real estate sales. Meanwhile, her husband **Jack** continues to run at full speed with as many clients of his div of Gen Business Services as he can handle.

• Salute **Ted Seith** and **Bill Knowlton** who continue to serve as Sr Fellows for the CAPSTONE Program of the Natl Def U (NDU) at Ft McNair. This program is offered to a small, select group of general/flag offs and selectees of the NDU and involves a series of seminars, panels, interviews, field trips, budget exercises and decision games. The Sr Fellows who are associated with this program are all ret 4-star general/flag offs. According to **Marge Seith,** it's a great program, but it "pumps up" Ted's adrenalin so much that she can "hardly get a word in edgewise" when he comes home.

Jan '43: The "West Coasters" celebrate our 43rd at Terminal Island, LA.

• Sympathize with **Jim (J.) Cobb,** who finally did ret from the State of GA med services on 1 Feb, but spent the 1st weekend of his new life in bed with the flu. Then,

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as soon as he was up-and-about, he began his part-time work as general handyman, budget planner and mgr of support for his daughter, Justine, at her North Side (Atlanta) Readiness School for delayed-learning, pre-kindergarten children. On top of that, **Jean** promptly produced her list of "honey-dos" (like re-doing parts of their already elegant home), so, as Jim commented, "It's a cinch that I'm not going to be without something to do!" Also according to Jim, he & Jean and **Jack & Jerry Dulaney** were present for a reception sponsored by **Bob Bullard** for the purpose of dedicating a LTG Robert L. Bullard (USMA 1885) room at the Ft Gillem Off Club. LTG Bullard was Bob's grandfather, and Ft Gillem is an Army depot so of Atlanta.

Jan '43: Sue & Russ Herrington and Earl & Barbara Hehn at Terminal Island.

Here, in the Wash area, some 45 classmates & wives celebrated the 43rd anniv of our Jun-in-Jan graduation at the Ft McNair Off Club on the evening of 18 Jan. Those in attendance included the **DeWitt Armstrongs, Jack Armstrongs, Badens, Baers, Bennetts, Bensons, Burrs** (who were visiting from SC), **Camms, Conmys, Bob Cooks, Elliotts, Frankoskys, Henrys, Knowltons, Mincklers, Gabriella** (D'Andrey) **Moses** (who announced the opening of her Budapest opera-in-concert-style performances at the Old Budapest Restaurant), **Norrises, Pages** (who "took a break" from the renovation of their ancestral home near Gloucester, VA to join us for this occasion), **Richards, Jim Schofield, Seiths, Spanns, Don Thompson** (with Dawn assisting their daughter in CO) and the **Jack Woods.** Then, on 14 Mar, such "old stalwarts" as **Jack Armstrong, Ardery, Baden, Bennett, Benson, Camm, Conmy, Cook, Rebh, Spann** and **Jack Wood** "turned out" for the Founders Day Dinner at Ft Myer with "the Supe" (Willard Scott, USMA '48) as the guest of honor and principal speaker. A bit later, on 20 Mar, 54 classmates & wives assembled for our annual spring "business" luncheon at the ANCC with **Johnnie Baer** (Class pres) presiding, but ably assisted by our "Norwegian-moose-story-telling" **Jim Frankosky** as chm of our forthcoming DC mini-reunion comm. Out-of-towners at this occasion included **Bob & Tish Kurtz** (from Snow Hill, MD, who offered the blessing for our luncheon), **Brad Lundberg** (from Cocoa Beach, FL, who was in town assisting his mother with her IRS papers), **Art Sebesta** (from Haworth, NJ, who brought **Mary** to town to shop and promised us a note about his farming ventures) and **Howard & Mary Liz Wehrle** (from Hampton, VA).

Thanks to **Barbara Barger** (our great West Coast correspondent), we were able to in-

Jan '43: Buck Taliaferro and Jim Aleveras carry on from our 2nd San Diego mini-reunion.

clude the accompanying snapshots of our West Coasters' celebration of our 43rd anniv at the Terminal Island Off Club in Los Angeles. **Dave Barger** was in the process of recovering from foot surgery and received lots of sympathy when he limped into the club. However, as Barbara reports, he was "the floor show" a few martinis later. Also included in Barbara's letter was an interesting clipping from the **Los Angeles Times** about none-other-than **Jeb Stuart,** whose address we've been trying to confirm for our updated roster of classmates and their wives. According to the **Times,** Jeb, "the Executive Off of the South Coast Air Quality Mgt District, is resigning from his $80,000-a-yr post that he has held since the District was formed 9 yrs ago to become

Jan '43: Some of our Wash clan gather for an old-time jazz brunch.

a private consultant representing clients with business before the District (which includes Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino and Riverside Counties). Stuart said that he expects to represent firms involved in waste-to-energy programs which require operating permits from the District after his resignation becomes effective 3 May." From the sound of that article, Jeb may be resigning, but he certainly isn't ret! Barbara also advised us that **Buck Taliaferro** recently came home from the hosp after a bout with cancer of the prostate and spine and is currently undergoing radiation treatments. We wish him the very best for a speedy recovery! And, as a final note, Barbara reported that **George Sykes** ret on 1 Apr as pres of USAA's Investment Mgt Co and promptly departed with **Kay** on a vacation to Australia to "see Halley's Comet" and then on to Europe and our mini-reunion here in DC.

Speaking of vacations, **Ed & Betty Lue Lowry** spent the latter portion of Jan playing golf on the coast of Puerto Rico, while **Ted Ardery** and his 3 daughters went "cha-

leting" and skiing near Salt Lake City—**Muriel** stayed at home to avoid becoming the chef-in-residence. Meanwhile, **Darrie & Pat Richards** had a most interesting voyage down the coast of South America from Puerto Rico with 5 ports of call in Brazil and Argentina.

Well, **Jim Hackler** has done it again! After being involved with the development and op of 7 golf courses in Myrtle Beach, SC, he has just completed one known as Heather Glen, which he expects to be his "crown jewel—and the last one."

Jan '43: Moores and Lundbergs; Founders Day 1986, Space Coast

In closing, I should mention an interesting note that I received from CPT Ronald Porter (USMA '77), who is the current Tac Off of Co F-1, USCC. It seems that he is searching for interesting stories and anecdotes from former members of F-1 Co about "their achievements and misadventures" as cadets. He hopes to use such material to instill a distinct pride among his cadets in being members of the "F-1 marching 100." Now how about that, you "F-1ers!" If you can help Ron, drop him a line.

Jan '43: Maertens and Griesses; Founders Day 1986, Phoenix

JUN '43

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HOOP THE HOOP. I think that one very interesting thing is that a grad of our inst, one Mike Krzyzewski '69 has been since 80 BB coach at Duke U which team has captured natl attention by being no 1 for several wks plus sticking it to everyone else including Navy to get to the Final Four. Navy was outstanding and should be hurrahed for their effort. As of this writing Duke has kanned KS and is in the finals.

AND FOR OURSELVES regretfully I must inform you that **Harvey Latson,** native Texan, passed away. I was unable to de-

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Jun '43: Easley, Rogers, Pehrson, and Galas

termine details, for my letters to his widow were returned and a survey of the Amarillo Directory had no Latson listed the past two yrs. A nice letter from **John Moses** still in Spartanburg, SC where many of us passed a WWII cadet summer as 3d LTs trying to instill soldierly qualities in NY lawyers and stockbrokers. Well, John, who shouldn't be kept waiting, contends that he is still with Smith-Barney, although John is planning a dropout in a couple of yrs. He admits to 4 grandkids and tries to kid us into thinking he sits by the fire. Actually he has been on the move quite a bit—while en route to Nova Hampshire to see his mother at an amazing 92 yrs young he saw Army dump the Elis (shades of Albie Booth) and later made it to the Peach Bowl to see Army freewheel over the Illini.

Jun '43: The Jim Walkers' party for the Galases

MR. BELL YOU MADE A FINE INSTRUMENT. **Dave Galas** called to tell of **B. Rogers** visit and talk in San Bernardino. Dave, **Pehrson** and **Easley** were a hardy trio that made it through the rain and storm. As Dave told me, and I'm telling you, Bernie had asked the chap introducing him to cut out some of the extensive details. Later Bernie explained that at an earlier talk when Ann was present, the MC had related his every asgmt whereupon within Ann's hearing a nice old lady commented, "You know he looks like a nice man. What a shame he couldn't hold a job!" While Dave had my ear, he related a lengthy but fantastic trip he & **Kaye** made along the East Coast. Believing themselves to be sr cits, they opted for everything the airline had with gossamer wings which lifted them to Newark and reunion with daughter Cynthia. Kaye it seems has a niece about to become a cordon bleu quality chef up at Hyde Park at the Culinary Inst of America (CIA) and they were treated to a gourmet meal. Kaye's brother has his own island off Moorehead City, NC and that was the next stop followed by a visit with the **Tommy Tomlinsons** at Jacksonville. Thence to St Augustine and a conducted tour by **Helen & Dale McGee;** Orlando next to see old WP friends; then to one of Dave's relatives at Cocoa Beach after Epcot. Later **Jane & Jim Walker** brought together the **Hogans, Hoffmans, Loughmans,** the **Tom McCabes** for a mini-reunion with the **Galases.** They managed a tour of the Ringling Bros Circus Museum at Sarasota and finished with a nostalgic look at the St Petersburg house where their first child was born. I have a funny feeling that if **Peggy** & I visit either coast after this we are going to run into relatives of the Galases!

Jun '43: Classmates assembled at Keefer's wake hosted by Snavely's sister Edna

Dave, who has by acclamation become the West Coast correspondent, filled me in on some of the details relating to **Norm Keefer's** most untimely demise. Norm didn't believe in long bereavements, and he asked that the attending classmates be hosted to a fine old Irish Wake which was hosted by **Bill Snavely's** sister Edna Susank Laker & her hubby Alex. Wake-ees are listed in case ASSEMBLY is delivered to Norm wherever: **Dickinson, Easley, Galas, Wheeler, Shea, Vordermark, Pehrson, Chamberlain, Farley, Spalding,** Susank Jr, and Snavely. During Norm's final days, Pehrson provided around the clock transportation for long-time family housekeeper, Helen Saunders. Dave concluded that Easley is recovering from bladder surgery and at the time of the writing, Dick Wheeler had the corporate airplane cloudborne.

Jun '43: Caroline & Dick Shaefer

ONWARD CHRISTIAN SOLDIER. A packet of info tied together by a personal letter from **Dick & Caroline Shaefer** explains that for the past 8 yrs the two have been in full-time service of the Lord though not affiliated with any church or org. This has caused extensive and almost continuous travel during this time and has prevented attendance at our most recent Class reunions, although Dick says they were both there in spirit. He says that recently they contributed $1K to the Pac & Asian U in the name of our Class. In 85 they were in Canada, South America and Europe and plan to use 86 in Australia and New Zealand and the environs. A sample copy of a typical schedule doesn't leave them much time for idle chit-chat, but we are glad to have tidings of them and their work.

Darlin' **Will Cover** dropped a couple in the mailbag which will help bring us up to date on the Memorial Gate and the doings in the DC area. He said our Class attendance at the Founders Day Dinner was down with only himself, **Hamblen, McAdam, Morgan** and **Heintzelman** present. He did report that **Arch** has taken a bride, an English girl named **Diana,** and they will be holding forth at 6446 Queen Anne Terrace, Falls Church, VA 22044, tel 533-3586. The event took place last 24 Oct. A tip of the tarbucket to the lady and a snappy salute to Arch. It seems that Harry Heintzelman ret after 27 yrs and signed on with the Civil Svc. He just recently ret from that on 20 yrs because unlike the mil svcs the Civil Svc gives credit for Academy time as federal svc. Next, Will reported on a summit meeting of the movers & shakers of the Gate Project with the result that before you read this you will have a definitive letter from **Lee Hogan** telling you where we are right now and what the future plans are. Because of the conformation of the space that will be used, our blueprints had to be modified somewhat eliminating the east pavillion-walkthrough and bringing the western one in proportion to the central 30' tower. Good weather in the spring of 87 should see the first earth being turned and completion in time for our 45th Reunion in the fall of 88. Now is the time for all you who have made pledges to cover your bets by ponying up. This will represent 70% of the living classmates and those who have died since the project commenced. We would like this to be a 100% affair so roommates check each other out to make sure no one has dropped out.

Jun '43: Walkers and Bowleys; Founders Day 1986, Space Coast

A young CPT R.R. Porter, Tac of F-1 is seeking anecdotes about that co from alums. If you're so moved, tell of your achievements and misadventures. He can be contacted at the USCC, West Point, NY 10997. Our Founders Day at Ft Hood was an ear blaster with barbeque (in evening clothes) and neither the youngest nor oldest grads got to speak. C'est la guerre, mes enfants. Dan'l Flannel.

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A good Good Friday to all!

Doug Kinnard began in Sep to make a weekly commute from Lexington, VA back to his old halls of ivy at the U of VT to teach his old classes there for a semester. Although it's fun to be wanted, after those mos on the shuttle he was glad to return after New Year's to full-time writing on the Max Taylor book, now under contract. Wade escapes Doug's ambit daily by teaching at a nearby college. Their offer of bird and bottle will not be long left to twist in the wind.

It has been a cruel winter! It first brought the news through **Ray Dunn** of **C.C. Martin's** death on 2 Jan 86 in Santa Ana, CA. We treasure our time spent with **C-Square & Barbara** in Antigua in May 84, where he captained the CA delegation, held his own and then some at the beach, on the boat and at the bar. We salute his memory with a "Vale!" and send again, by this means, our sincere condolences to Barbara and the family.

In the same cold wk, **Rojo Aldrich** passed the sad news of the death of **William R. "Ham" Hammond,** his cadet roommate. Ham's loss will leave a big empty spot on the rosters of Mountain View, CA, our AF formation and the Class. Ham gave the AF more than 22 yrs until 66 and then more to the Lockheed satellite program from which he ret a second time. Rojo Aldrich and **Dusty Rivers** helped **Jackie** lay Ham to rest in Mt Pleasant, TN on 10 Jan 86. Our sympathy for Jackie, three sons and families joins our enduring high regard.

On 30 Jan, **Tank DeArment's** eldest son, Harold G. DeArment, Jr died in an accident in Gallup, NM. Funeral services were held in Springfield, VA on 4 Feb 86. Our sympathy goes out to Tank and the family in their loss.

Yet another blow was the untimely death of **Jennie Wald** in San Diego on 6 Mar 86 from a cerebral hemorrhage. We had been looking forward expectantly to seeing **Al & Jennie** in Antigua in May. Please accept our condolences, Al.

Unspared, we received a call on this Good Friday from **Jean Ellis** in Stuart, FL that **Lin's** lung cancer, halted in frontal attack 3 yrs ago, has outflanked chemotherapy and is reported to be terminal "in a few weeks." Jean wishes all to know. When most would be fast abed, Lin rose from that devastating chemotherapy to sail his beloved 37 footer 4 times across the Gulf Stream to the Bahamas and traveled to the Caymans. He eschews hosp for a bed at home, where his window overlooks his vessel and dock at the front door. Lin has drawn a new profile in courage for us to admire. Our hearts go out to them—and equally to all of our classmates and families in their grief. May we "so live that when our summons comes—."

Curley Jackson wrote that Army's win at the Peach Bowl, Atlanta, may be credited to **Bill Humma, Ed Millington, Al Norton** and the immodest reporter. That Curley, on Long Isl, believed the weather forecast for Atlanta (gullible Yankee) and then spent the game with the beauteous **Inge** under a shower curtain and trash bag says something about **Curley.** That she stayed with him through that deluge says something for Inge and loyalty. Curley gave much credit to the WP Soc of Atlanta for accommodations and parties at the Ritz-Carlton and the transport.

Danny Lee reported a Space-A trip from Homestead AFB, FL to Los Angeles, AK, Japan, Korea, Manila, Hong Kong, China, Okinawa and Cherry Point, NC last summer-fall. Safely home, he broke an arm in a fall from his scooter.

With **Margaret's** approval, **Sam Samuel** swore into the AF 2LT Charlene Samuel, their youngest daughter, on 17 Dec 85; she is headed for Lowrey AFB, CO. Their other unmarried daughter manages the Pentagon Federal Credit Union branch in Honolulu.

1944: Ginnie & Harry Rogers; Founders Day 1986, Michigan

On 10 Feb, **Patty & Spike Geltz** hosted a dinner for **Alan & Mary Louise Weston** visiting Orlando from Little Rock. **Lynn & Mac McKeever, Martha & Les Hendrickson** put four more pairs of feet under the festive board. Over the real Washington's Birthday weekend, **Bill & Marge Marks** hosted a sizeable gathering of the FL-44 group in their St Petersburg home. The **Claytons,** now married long enough for kitchen passes, sent **Larry** from Vero Beach with **Pat & Bill Courtney; Bob & Margaret Daley,** honeymooning, came from Dunedin; **Hal & Diana DeArment** and **Jerry & Ann Mickel** of St Pete; the **Geltzes, Hendricksons** and **McKeevers** from Orlando; **Johnny & Marie King** of Oldsmar and **Jim & Dot Patterson** of Longboat Key. Les avers that it took until Sun noon to win all three wars that those ole sojers and fearless fly-boys refought tale-by-taller-tale.

IN-BOX OF FEARLESS REQUESTS: Wanted by the WP Soc of Central FL, 123 Valencia Loop, Altamonte Springs, 32714: roster of '44 in the vicinity. I pointed the writer toward **Hendrickson** and wished him luck. If you think that's optimism, try this one: CPT Ronald Porter, F-1 Tac, seeks to create/flesh out the history and traditions of F-1 and rashly solicits relevant facts, stories and yarns. For you troops present when F-1 was created by Uncle Phil Gallagher, your duty is clear: tell it like it was, at the beginning, before the lines were messed up by flankers, but beware overloading the system. Truth is beauty; ration it! Although today's plebes have a beer and barf drill, I'm reliably told, I'm not sure that they are ready for the real story of the original F-1.

HAPPINESS NOTES: In early Feb three vehicles converged on Olean, NY from VA and NJ bringing **Hi & Judy Ely, Dave & Joyce Ott,** yours truly & bride to rendezvous with **Grey & Jean Fitzpatrick** on the snowy lee side of Lake Erie. Uniform was snow gear over skis. Elys and **Smiths** stashed at the hosts' super lodge high on the mountain, while the Otts alighted at the homestead. The sun shone on the slopes, just enuf snow to groom the piste, guests were stuffed with food and wine far beyond ski-calories and all enjoyed three days of great skiing and fun. We admired three oversize, handsome Fitzpatrick sons, three ski resorts, Jean's acrobatic driving on snow—like her skiing—flat out, her super meals and Dave Ott's alert conviction that all electric ovens must operate somewhere above 350 degrees. One guest twice straightened out the hosts' curving driveway, testing a neighbor's tolerance of strange cars on his front lawn; modesty compels anonymity. Joyce & Dave improved their skiing, as did Hi & Lee; Judy and Audrey made not a bobble.

Leafing through the "Antigua" folder last wk, I did a real double take: my "preferential fare on Eastern," so proudly negotiated at $260 round trip from Miami, appeared as "$360" on the poopsheet, only $10 below the normal coach fare! I truly hope nobody cancelled out based on this error. I am comforted some by the thought that in our band of braves there are a lot of chiefs and very few Indians; most likely I will hear from all the guys in Antigua how dumb I was. I hope I hear it from a hundred there—who checked with Eastern themselves! Next issue will report how much hell I smelt.

Speaking of mini-reunions, I spoke with **Betty Rodden** last evening; here's the poop on the autumn event: It will be held at the Danish Inn, Solvang, CA west of Santa Barbara on 5-7 Oct (incl) 86. Sponsored by the Carmel gang, the **Carleys, Mitchells, Roddens** and **Wallises,** it includes golf, tennis, tours of Vandenberg AFB and a horse farm, bridge, and several other indoor and outdoor choices which escape me. All for $495 per couple or $295 single to include breakfast, dinner and lodging. A $25 deposit is expected. This is your "to remind" since a primary poopsheet was scheduled to be distributed in a world-wide Class mailing in mid-Apr.

It's Easter Sunday; my MacIntosh is being modified, so I'm using my son's IBM-compatible Leading Edge. My skill? It's been four hrs + 15 min to type this. I'm glad you're brief this time. GSOYP,A!

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There's still a lot of news from Christmas cards that reached me late. **Jim Morris** is completely ret now so **Lee** and Jim spend lots of time on the road—come home just long enough to pay off the VISA card. Their son Jimmy visited at Christmas coming from the U of SC where he is getting a master's prior to a tac asgmt at USMA in Jun.

Dodie & Pat Powers told about their first overseas contract which is to build training ranges in Nigeria. They also have a long-term contract to test an Army howitzer system. Daughter Jaye & husband (MAJ Dave Billings) live in VA nearby. Their 2-yr old son, Brett, keeps them hopping. Laura is in Anchorage singing at the Sheraton. Bob, with wife Gail and Rebecca (7) and Pat (5) returned from Kuwait and now live in Coral Springs, FL where he manages the US off of a Ger construction firm. Pat & Dodie planned an '86 vacation in Garmisch—the first one in many yrs.

Mac McDaniel enjoyed the holiday season with 4 of his 6 children visiting. His parents

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now are staying with him and love it. Mac says he really enjoys his job.

Tom & Nina McCunniff said that with all the new grandchildren during 85 they've stayed busy with lots of birthdays, baptisms, and babysitting on their schedule.

Hal & Julie Moore planned to spend Christmas in FL but be back in Crested Butte in early Feb so Hal can hit the slopes. **Rattans** moved into the **Roots'** old house in San Antonio. **Chuck & Becki Knudsen** wrote that when Barney goes off to Tampa Tech in Jan 86, the nest will be empty for the first time in 37 yrs! Another first was expected in Mar when Chip & Esther were scheduled to present them with their first grandbaby.

Nancy & Mack McGovern spent the Christmas season in HI. **Carl & Phoebe Nerdahl** said their big news this yr is the expected arrival in Jul of their 8th grandchild courtesy of Cam & Betsy. **Shirley & Bates Burnell** planned to spend the Christmas holidays in Steamboat Springs along with Mike, Laurie and 2 little ones.

Tom & CB Maertens had a busy 85. May was the wedding of goddaughter Sandy McQuarrie and also the 40th reunion. They had a fun trip to Montreal and Quebec with 3 days at Chateau Frontenac. Jul was the time Tom became district governor for upper half of SC in Rotary club. CB sez they're being "Rotarized" this yr. Mar 86 was the planned time for them to visit Ger and see two of their young ones and their families in the Heidelberg-Mannheim area.

1945: Gloria & Jim Hamilton with CPT Avdelas, **Royal Odyssey,** Jan 86.

My faithful Dallas correspondent, **Tom McNiel,** sent me a clipping from a Dallas paper about the merger rumors concerning **Jack Bowen's** TRANSCO of Houston. Tom says they usually don't write up "foreigners," but Jack's PR is superb. Based on the rumors, TRANSCO stock was up—is Jack thinking of retiring? Tom also noted that **Norwood Robinson,** after five 3-yr terms, joins him as an AOG trustee emeritus in Jun. Another clipping announced GEN Wickham's visit to Dallas on 28 Feb to talk to a joint meeting of AUSA, Dallas Council of World Affairs and WP Soc of North TX, of which **Ed Rafalko** is pres.

Gloria & Jim Hamilton were participants of the Jan AOG Panama Canal Cruise. **Ran Preston** wrote that he's changed employers, but is still doing transportation-oriented consulting engineering. He's now based in Austin, TX, moving there in Nov 85. On their move from NJ to TX they visited with **Bill & Monna McMurray** at Lewisburg, WV, and **Rusty & Nan Heilbronner** in Kosciusko, MS. They're living in the Onion Creek area of Austin at 10912A Crown Colony Dr, Austin 78747. One of the reasons they relocated was to be in the vicinity of Nelle's parents. They've seen **Orv & Fran Post** and the **Kristofersons** already and

1945: Hardins; Founders Day 1986, Thailand

look forward to seeing other classmates in the area.

Rolfe Hillman wrote about a 2-wk trip to FL. **Calista** and he swung by Ft Benning to reminisce. They took pix of 4 different sets of qtrs that they once occupied and got a special tour of the Natl Inf Museum—a real attraction. They also visited with **Jim & Lee Morris** for a couple of days. Jim assembled the area classmates for an occasion during the visit; included were **Hinman, Hutcheson, Harry & Pat Kelly,** and **Jack & Pat Boettcher.** After that they spent a wk with **John & Lolly Carley** in Shalimar, FL. Rolfe says that John's novel is well along and is really good! **Pete Spragins** flew over from Beaufort, SC to spend a weekend. On the way home they visited **Bill & Betty Ochs** in Chattanooga where they were settling Bill's mother's estate.

Geo Forssell joined a law firm in Titusville, PA at the end of Jan. He had left Pennbancorp where he had been general counsel for 12 yrs. In past yrs Geo has been asst DA and he continues to be most active in civic affairs in the city.

John Ferguson wrote about his volunteer work with the audio-visual section of the Colonial Williamsburg Central Library. Volunteers in this section are working on the creation of an index of early 20th century Williamsburg residents who appear in foundation photos, along with organizing slides and videotapes of the community.

COL Paul Jennings, x-27, sent me a clipping about **Warren Briggs.** This article appeared in the Sun edition of the Pensacola paper dated 19 Jan. The profile of Warren lauds his work and civic leadership as mayor of Pensacola, state legislator, and pres of civic, educational, military, and health orgs. They said he is a true "mover and shaker" for the area. Warren will have a new interest this yr—a daughter Sandi is scheduled to make him a grandfather.

1945: Bushes, Fyes, Musgroves and Clymers; Founders Day 1986, Phoenix

Harry Stewart reported on the classmates who gathered in Atlanta for the Peach Bowl. Harry said it was typical Peach Bowl weather —cold and rainy. But since Army won the game and the fellowship before and after the game was great, it was a completely worthwhile occasion. All the 45'ers attending looked great and were navigating firmly and with vigor according to Harry. The group was composed of **Dick Chidlaw** from Oak Ridge; **John & Sandee Geer** from Monroe, GA; **Dick & Harriet Hartline** from Atlanta; **Jack & Martha Boettcher, Henry & Fran Hutcheson, Harry & Pat Kelly,** and **Jim & Lee Morris,** all from Columbus, GA; and **Harry & Ruth Stewart** from Charlotte, NC.

Pat Patterson wrote me in Oct and I mislaid the letter when preparing the last column. He reported the death of **Chuck Rupert** in Sep in Hillsborough, CA. Chuck had been an exec with the SF Giants after his retirement in 66 and was vp when he left them in 74. He was buried in Orlando, FL. **Alex Froede** died of cancer in Tucson on 23 Jan. **Pat Sherwood,** John's wife, died of cancer on 4 Feb. Jimmy Hughes '75, son of **Hank & Barbara,** died on 25 Dec. We all extend our sympathy to the families of these members of the '45 family.

1945: Tierno, Wagonhurst and Smith; Founders Day 1986, Carlisle Barracks

Audrey & Les Ayres are well into their Peace Corps asgmt. They're located in Fraijanes, Guatemala where their official job is to organize the equivalent of our 4-H clubs. They've found that there are a lot of other needs in the community and have set about to do whatever they can to help on these, too. The Peace Corps has a system to get financial assistance through contributions which can be tax-deductible. It's called Peace Corps Partnership Projects. The projects that they have identified as urgent are a dental health program, a 2nd-grade classroom re-roofing job, and the construction of a jr HS bldg. Les has notified the class offs in the DC-area about his plans and says he'll keep us posted on how things go. Contact **Jim Elkey** for more details on how you may contribute.

Fred Hartwig was in the news in his local community of Rolling Hills on the Palos Verdes Peninsula, so of Los Angeles. It seems that an area of the community is called Flying Triangle, and for the last 5 yrs there have been landslides from the hills down into canyons there. Fred has proposed that the two canyons that the slides are moving into, be filled up. The proposal is to get contractors to dump fill dirt into the canyons and charge them $1.50/cubic yd. (It's hard to find a dump area in those parts.) This would pay for the cost of placing and compacting the fill. Since the slide has grown from 11 to 60 acres, the folks are greatly concerned that something be done. The homes are expensive and all are in danger of sliding away. Good luck, Fred!

George Lenfest wrote that he has proposed to the Supe that the new sports arena be named for **George Casey.** Sounds like an outstanding suggestion. Hope the name is the one they decide on.

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Calling all F-1 classmates. CPT Ronald R. Porter, Tactical Officer, F1, USCC, West Point, NY 10997, phone (914) 938-3307 (office) or 446-5666 (home) is collecting "historical" material on the co. He's interested in stories about achievements and misadventures. If you have an item that would help, please contact him.

Have a good summer.

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(158) Spring is just about to begin as I pen these notes. You will read them after returning home from our 40th. I would, of course, like to be able to report on the Reunion, but that will have to wait until the Sep issue. Certainly, at this time, I can comment on the tremendous job done by the Reunion Comm. The poop sheets have been timely and nothing has been left to the imagination. It's most certainly a time consuming project and many hours have been expended to get it right. So to all the members of the comm—Thanks a million from all of us for a job well done.

I have received a request from the WP Soc of Central FL, tel: 305-788-3308, 123 Valencia Loop, Altamonte Springs, 32714, for the names of any classmates in the Greater Orlando Central FL area. If you are one, or know one who is, but are not now carried on their rolls, why not contact G D Withers '62 and let him know you are there.

You will have noted in Last Roll Call of the Mar issue that our classmate **A. R. Babe Ives, Jr** passed away on 5 Jan 86 in FL. His brother Bob '45 had informed me of the possibility this might happen and then did write after Babe's death, which occurred after my notes were mailed to AOG. As with Bob, we are saddened by his passing, caused by cancer after a year and a half of fighting all the way. Babe was interred at Osceola Gardens, St Cloud-Kissimmee area, FL on 8 Jan 86. For anyone wishing a memorial, Bob suggests the American Cancer Soc. You will have also noted the passing of **John T. Price, Jr** in Austin on 7 Dec 85. I haven't any details nor did I know of his death until now. We are also saddened by the news we all read when **Donna Reed, Grover Asmus'** wife died on 14 Jan 86, also of cancer. Her passing was amply covered by the wire services. To Grover and the families of Babe and John our deepest sympathy for their losses.

Harry Rogers '44 was kind enough to mail a news article about **George Griffith's** retirement. Harry knows George from alumni activities in the MI area. Harry stated George did great things for WP in MI, including hosting the Glee Club and being pres of the local WP Soc. George ret as gen mgr of GM's Hydra-Matic Div and was honored at a reception last 21 Oct 85. George had been with GM since 50. Among the many gifts he received, and shown in a picture with the article, was a small pig—really, and it looked alive! Among the many folks who attended the reception were members of the U of MI coaching staff!

What follows is printed as received: "The USMA's history, tradition, and folklore are well-known and published in many forms. Individual co history, traditions, and 'stories' are not. As the current tac of F-1, I am attempting to record our grand and glorious past, so that our present day cadets can better appreciate our tradition and gain a better sense of our origins and how they arose. I hope to instill in them a distinct pride in being a member of the 'F-1 Marching 100.' This process of digging through HOWITZERS - - -." Well you get the picture, if you are an F-1 file mail your stories to: CPT R. R. Porter Tac F-1, USCC, WP, NY 10997. If you do, you'll get a copy of the history. Oh yes, phones: 914-938-3307 (O) and 914-446-5666 (H).

Murph Murphy (F-1) sent me an article from the Loyola U magazine (Winter 85-86) which concerns **Bill & Marilyn Simpson** (D-1). Murph receives the mag as a Loyola grad. He also said he'll be up for the Reunion with pictures of his 6 children, their spouses and his 14 grandchildren. The article states that both Bill & Marilyn were granted honorary alumni status for their service to Loyola. They have contributed volunteer time, not only to the school, but to many other civic and charitable causes. The award was made at the annual Founders Day convocation of Loyola held at the Westin Hotel in Chicago last fall. To both of you our congratulations.

1946: Hoeys and Butlers; Founders Day 1986, Phoenix, AZ.

AOG forwarded a letter they received from a USNA grad, Capt (Ret) J. D. W. Borop '42 concerning a former classmate of ours, **Ronald C Graham, Jr** who was a member of C-2 and had been honorably discharged for physical disability on 5 May 44. Ron is at the Memorial Hosp Springfield, IL 62701, or at home 416 E. Ash St, 62703, suffering from a debilitating cancer and other complications. Apparently Ron has no family in the area and Capt Borop has visited him several times. Borop also states that Ron is in considerable pain. Perhaps a note or card would be in order. I have written on behalf of the Class and as a former co mate.

Bob Crowley dropped a line from Rolla, MO about a sentimental journey he took to Salisbury, MD last Thanksgiving to attend the funeral of Mrs. Marion Hannaman who had passed away at the age of 94. Bob had been best man at **Bob & Connie Williamson's** wedding in Salisbury in the fall of '46 and met Connie's mother, Mrs. Hannaman then. Several years later, in memory of her late father Donald, a distinguished engr and builder, Connie and her mother donated to the WP Museum the original survey notes for the Mason-Dixon Line, which had long been a Hannaman family heirloom.

Got a very late Christmas note from **George & Jean MacDonald.** He's doing market research and planning now, with GM as his best client. Their daughter Cassie was home from a six month's study and work program in Ger. While there she spent an evening in Frankfurt with Dr. John **Crowley,** eldest of **Bob & Claire.** That happened at the end of the six mo period, which was a sr exercise in intl business at Hillsdale College. George ran in the Boston Marathon.

John & Elsa Schmitt's son Mike was promoted to LTC on 31 Jan 86. Mike is a USAFA '70 grad. **Jim Loome** sent along the details he received when classmates sent in their dollars for the DC Class roster. **Bob Kren** will have moved to Laurel Lane, Wilmot, NH by the time you read this. He closed on a home there 15 Mar 86. He will maintain a business base in MO as **Burney** rep. His daughter Jeni & her husband Norm Hendricksen have Bob's first grandchild Paul Jeffrey, adopted at birth 10 Aug 85. **Tom & Mil Provenzano** announced they have just returned from finding their roots in Sicily. **Ed Joseph's** son Charlie graduated from U of VA Law School May 85 and is now practicing with a firm in NYC. **Paul Barthol's** son David VMI '85, now a 2LT USMC, will be at Ft Sill for Arty sch and then Camp Lejeune, NC. Grandson William Ash was born May 84 to Paul's daughter Deborah B Ash. **Joe & Polly Jordan** report their 16th grandchild was born New Year's Eve. **Joe Rogers** reports that their son Joe Jr's wife was expecting their first child last Feb. Son CPT Henry Rogers, stationed at Ft Benning, has their first grandchild Gabrielle.

In the marriage dept: **Bill Parker's** daughter Nanette married Dr. Peter Radue, veterinary surgeon, on 28 Dec 85, St Paul's Episcopal Church, DC. Nanette is a grad of Hollins College and employed by Damascus Equine Assoc. Peter graduated from Dickinson and the U of GA sch of vet medicine. **Jane Williams,** widow of **Ben Williams** (C-1), and **Oscar Bill Traber** (C-1) joyfully announce their marriage on 6 Dec 85 in Ventura, CA. Betty Kwast and **Patrick PJ O'Connor** have the pleasure of announcing their marriage 29 Nov 85 in Northbrook, IL.

Just received an obituary from **AR Gazette** of 19 Mar 86 indicating the death on 18 Mar 86 of **Sam Pres Davis,** age 62, in Little Rock. Pres had attended U of AR before entering WP. Pres was a member of 1st United Methodist Church and served on the admin board. He was a board member of the Quapau Quarter Assoc, Friends of the Cent AR Library and Goodwill Ind of AR. Among the pallbearers was **Twill Newell** for the burial in Oakland Fraternal Cemetery. To Pres' family and friends our deepest sympathy.

I have a copy of an article from **Army Times** 27 Jan 86 mailed by **Frank & Queene Lester** concerning Frank's brother-in-law **Harry Cramer.** I really wish I could include the whole thing, but space will not permit. The essence of the article is that our classmate Harry has been officially declared the earliest recorded American casualty death in the Vietnam War. He was a Special Forces type, veteran of the Korean War and nicknamed "Hairbreadth" while CO of a co with 1 Bn, 24 Regt, 25 Div. There is still a question of whether Harry's death was a result of a training accident or a VC mortar shell. He is buried at WP.

Other family data mentioned by **Lester: Harry's** wife **Anne** (Queene's sister) returned to her hometown of Newburgh, NY and taught in their public schools to ret this year. Harry's son, CPT H G III, also a Special Forces type, is stationed at Ft Lewis and graduated from U of AZ and commissioned in SC. He & his wife Kelly have a son HG IV. Harry's daughter Kainan graduated Russell Sage and is an exec recruiter of lawyers in NYC and daughter Ann graduated from Vassar and Princeton and is a sr pers off with

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Hewlett Packard in Palo Alto, CA. Lester's son Frank III is an Army CPT and CO Army Det at Lackland AFB. Daughter Lindsey Brutcher is a Navy LT with DIA, Bolling AFB, while daughter Michelle Oppenheimer is Dir of Personnel, Fed Com Comm.

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The post office is getting mad. Please note and use the address above.

I am glad that many classmates have taken the time and made the effort to continue to keep me informed as to their activities over the last 20 yrs or so. It has been a struggle to obtain the 40th YB inputs, and at the time of writing (15 Mar) there are many still not submitted although the deadline was last Dec. You will have to forgive me for only placing brief excerpts in the next few columns while I work on the Book. For the big Story, await receipt of the 40th YB! Also please excuse any "slights" of people—your pictures or info may have been temporarily diverted into the 40th YB file.

1947: Delistratys, Tom Flattery, Edingtons, Meade Wildrick; Christmas '85.

Dick Hutchinson, after working hard for R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co for 26 yrs, has taken ret from the Engr Dept so that he can now put in an extra long day in his own ret doing the things that he wants to do. Up on our refrigerator door, **Bobbi** has attached a couple of magnet weights which have the following inscriptions upon them: 1) Retirement: Twice as much husband; half as much money. 2) Once upon a time, there was enough time. Many of us are falling into that same trap or rut! Dick has been happily married to **Louise** now for 16 yrs. Sadly, Dick lost Cay, his first wife, in 64 to cancer and his second wife in 69 to a heart attack. May health now continue in your family for many years, Dick.

Cliff & Cynthia Zimmer have just moved to 46 Hannah Dr, Hollis, NH 03049 from CT. Cliff continues as pres, Visual Tech Co, Inc and stays busy with 7 children and 8 grandchildren. **Jim Fraser** married **Nelda** in Nov 85 in Atlanta, GA. **Bernie Abrams** and Ann & Irv Schoenberg 48, attended the wedding. We welcome Nelda into the fold (the "girls who come up in Jun"). The Frasers were planning many long trips in 86 now that Jim has ret from MARTA (Rapid Transit System).

Elaine & Ed Greene are both extremely busy in Ed's new banking corp, but still they take time to enjoy their only granddaughter, Sarah, 3½, living close by. **Althea & Ken Hatch** took, early in 86, a common ret action: selling their one big house and moving into 2 smaller ones close to the mountains and the Washington coast. **Tobe Crowe** says that she is staying busy canoeing and playing tennis and finishing a college course while **Forest** is in Europe. This sounds like the decade of the 50s.

1947: Millers, Christmas '85.

Many of you, I know, knew **Lee Lynn's** mother. Nana celebrated her 95th birthday, as reported in last column, in super style and then on 21 Dec, I am sorry to say, passed away peacefully. I know the Lynn family will really miss her as will all of us.

Buck Fernandez has ret from his Venezuela job and is doing some work for **Bill Reckmeyer** now. Buck & **Naoma** saw only **Wally Nickel** and **Bob Kennedy** at the A-N football game. We're pleased to see **John Miller** looking so well and glad his asthma condition continues to improve. George **Harrington** has ret from Beech and **Ruth** & he are now in Arlington, VA living in a new condo (1201 Jefferson Davis Hwy, #304-S, 22202). **Hal Richardson** has ret also, but **Louise** & he are trying to decide where to reside permanently from Somerset, MA. **Bill West** reports that Bill, Jr, now 16, is at least 3" taller than his old dad.

1947: Jacobsons at Miriam Rosen's wedding.

Rose Mary Thompson says she is "coasting" these days, waiting for **Jack** to ret from his county facilities job, so they can "take off." **Adrienne Dell** is proudly following in the footsteps of her famous father, **George.** She recently passed the bar in CA and is now running from court to court! I didn't know that George had done that. **Garry Ickler** is spending first 6 mo of 86 in the Soviet Union doing research. On what? Ike's mother, unfortunately, is not doing well now. Son Kurt & Lauri presented them with a grandchild in Sep 85.

Don Burton says he will ret in 2 yrs and grow millions of pecans! **Matterns** are happy to be in a small town with their grandchildren close by also. **Bob Peckham** ret from his U of GA job in Jul 86 and is looking forward to a more "leisurely" pace. I don't begrudge you, Bob, the many times you had to run down to the county jail! The **Pearces** say that Angel Fire is growing like mad but houses aren't selling. There's a similar refrain around here. The **Boergers (Frank)** spent the holidays skiing at Tahoe with many of the returning kids. I believe this was before the house was practically buried from the heavy snows. **Dick Steinborn** is feeling better now, and **Mil** & he are starting to do a little travelling.

The **Haskins** divided the holidays: spent New Year's with son Tom and family, but Christmas with daughter Kathy and family at Lake Tahoe. I note in the **USTA** magazine that Doc has been elected pres of the Greater El Paso Tennis Assoc for 86. If anyone can obtain a natl sr tennis tournament site at the Santa Teresa CC in NM, Doc can! **Bill Coghill** is justifying his late submission of input for the 40th YB on the need for a new Eskimo dog sled mail service in AK. I've had better excuses from the rest of our classmates.

1947: Burtons at Rosen wedding.

Dorothy Kent knows when to win "trips" on raffles. One to Disneyland occurred when WA had extreme cold and snow last Nov. **GG,** somehow, was elected fire commissioner in Silverdale for a 6 yr term recently. **Bev & Bob Rosen** had one of the loveliest weddings for daughter Miriam in San Antonio on 4 Jan 86 that we have attended in many a year! See last column. David Blake (George Wash U, '84) LT, USAF, is entering Uniformed Services Health U this summer. **Blake** and Rosen families were present at the Marriott where we enjoyed frequent meetings in the swimming pool and saunas! **Burtons, Jacobsons** also were present for wedding. It was nice to see **Ann & Irv Schoenberg** there too. They must enjoy weddings as much as we do. Burtons were giving many bags of pecans out to all from their many-tree farm. I must admit that **Don's** pecans taste better than mine!

CPT Ronald R. Porter, Tac Off F-1 USCC, WP, NY 10997 is recording the past traditions and history of Co F-1. He is requesting that those of you from F-1 Co provide to him historical stories and anecdotes re F-1

1947: Grandson, son Max, Miriam & David Blake, Bob Rosen, 5 Jan 86

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Co. He promises to return a complete F-1 history to each that contributes.

Great letters were received from **Al Cretella** and **Jack Tully.** Al relates that in Feb on a trip to San Diego, he met and had dinner with **Jack Murphy** & his new wife, **Jean.** J. J. Murphy's new address is 2988 Bayside Walk, San Diego, CA 92109. J. J. has created and is chief operating off of American Paratransit Services, Inc in San Diego (transportation for the elderly, disabled). Jack Tully had a long telephone talk with **Alfie Alfano** in early Feb presumably extracting a promise from him that he would attend the 40th Reunion! New address for Alfie is Anthony Allan Alfano, 3331 Texas Rd, Morganville, NJ 07751 (201-946-8096). Everyone please note that "Texas" has infiltrated my old home state of NJ!

1947: Fraser wedding, Nov 85

Over the holidays, besides going down to San Antonio for Miriam Rosen Blake's wedding, **Bobbi** & I spent a few days in Tucson, AZ where **Bobbi Geraci** slept in **Mark Kinevan's** bed!! However, not at the same time. We noted in the register of the DV quarters at Davis Monthan AFB where we stayed, that Mark & Bobby, last Feb, stayed in the same double room as we did.—I hope someone responded to **Raul Roca's** plea to visit him down near Mexico City during the time of the World Soccer Championship games.

1947: Geraci with Keith

I send many thanks to **Doris & Dick Littlestone** for their encouraging support in my producing the 40th YB. Doris submitted a symbolic representation of the "girls who come up in Jun" for the YB dedication section. While **Mike Greenberg's** Solarflex business expands, **Goldie** indicates that she has spent some time visiting in FL. I think the only time Mike works is when Goldie is away. Many of the LA contingent celebrated New Year's at the **Sargents. Boergers (Pete)** announce that in early Feb, their 2 granddaughters had their joint birthday party at, what is believed to be, the first celebration for '47 grandchildren at the now famous Class of '47 RR Station Party House. See picture in 40th YB!

1947: Willie Gray and Ed Robertson in Tuy Hoa, RVN Jun 69

I regret to report that in the YB inputs I have received news of four classmates passing away: **Dick Dunlap,** 6 Oct 85, in MO; **Jack Reese,** 3 Jul 85, in Manhattan, NY; **Frank Meadows,** in 83, in San Angelo, TX; and **Bob Short** in San Jose, CA, 17 Jan 86. We express our condolences to the wives (families) but urge them to stay in touch with the Class. Although we have now located **Alfano, Reynolds,** and **Murphy,** the list of unknown addresses increases to 15: **Mallory, Emerson, Learmonth, Dexter, Van Petten, Brannon, Cofield, Frost, Kettner, Kremser, Landis, McDougell, McKnight, Newcomb** and **Schnepf.** Although 98% of the Class are members of the AOG, I feel there is a far less percentage who subscribe to **Assembly.** It would be far less work for me and a whole lot easier for each of you, if y'all would subscribe. I know this is like the minister preaching in church, but get the word out in your local contingents!

The picture of me with my latest grandchild, Keith, is put in the column by order of the official family adjutant, Martha, my daughter still in Ger until Jul. I wish I had received more pictures like this for the 40th YB. **Meade Wildrick** reports of a Christmas get-together in Honolulu just after he became a grandpa for the second time with Christopher, by daughter Lindsay. **Tom Flattery** and **Delistratys** have good excuses to visit HI at Christmas. **Mary Lou Edington** says that Oahu is flooded with visitors galore after Christmas too. Apparently many of the 37½ mini group decided to return to the beachhead of Waikiki this Feb again. **Jim Edington** played a round of golf with the **Haskins.** Maybe if some of you people would stay home, I'd get the 40th YB input in on time. **Meg Sargent** visited HI in Feb on portrait painting business. **Wally Griffith** remains ½ time active in his law practice but still certainly travels around the country a lot seeing **Rosens (Bob)** in Chicago, **Dave Odell** in La Jolla, and **Gaineys** in San Antonio. We were sorry to hear from **Jack Pierce** that

1947: Brent Scowcroft, Cecil Fox, and Bert Brennan, Williams AFB 48.

Gerry, his wife, died of cancer in Apr 82. He has since ret from TRW in LA and recently (29 Jun 85) married **Jean Farr.** They live in a Palm Desert, CA condo.

Some of the photos in this **Assembly** you will recognize as a 40th YB "Prevue Coming of Attractions." Please accept the announcement that the cost of the YB will now most likely be close to $50/copy but "worth it."—Under new rules, I can only write so much; I have reached my limit! Have a nice summer and come visit us (so you can help out with the YB).

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After a most distinguished career and a tour as Supe at WP, the length of which has exceeded all his predecessors since General Connor's term 50 yrs ago, **Willard Scott** ret 15 Jun 86. The Academy has seen many improvements during his tour, including the introduction of an optional majors program which includes 16 disciplines in Humanities and Public Affairs or Mathematics, Science and Engineering. WP's excellent academic reputation has drawn peak numbers of candidates; eg, in 84, the academy considered nearly 13,500 applicants, the largest candidate pool ever, for an entering class of 1,416. Scotty also presided at the graduation of the largest class ever, '85—1,061 strong.

1948: LTG Willard W. Scott, Jr.

During Scotty's tenure, the academy acquired Ladycliff College, now known as New South Post. Also, ground was broken for the Jewish Chapel in 82, and the Multi-Purpose Sports Facility opened its doors in the fall of 85. The sports program, too, has prospered, the football team having won both its first two bowl bids, the Cherry Bowl in 1984 and the Peach Bowl in 1985.

Through my own sources, I have learned of the extraordinarily high regard in which the cadets hold Scotty. Not that this news would surprise anyone. What his next career will be, I don't know. Whatever and wherever, he'll be outstanding. Congrats, Scotty, and much happiness to you & **Dusty.**

Andy & Pilar Witko's youngest son, Jeffrey, graduated recently from the USAF's manpower mgt off course at Keesler AFB. Jeff heads for the 6592d Mgt Engr Sq at LA AFS, CA. Andy & Pilar are about to become bi-coastal.

Irv Schoenberg has come up with a proposal which deserves serious consideration. At the wedding of Bob & Bev Rosen's ('47) daughter last fall, he also met three other members of that Class: Jake Jacobson, Don Burton and Al Geraci. It was Irv's idea, concurred in by the men of '47, that some

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1948: The Waggeners; Founders Day 1986, Ft Leonard Wood

joint observance of the 40th reunion be held, either in '87 or '88. Since we share a common half of our WP days, it would be great to have such a reunion. I have only attended one function since graduation of this type, and it was a memorable one.

Irv & Ann are justly proud of their boys: David is in his second yr of corporate law practice with Smith, Gambrell and Russell in Atlanta, and is a very eligible bachelor. Eric is in his second yr at Tulane Med School on an AF scholarship, and spent last summer at Brooks AFB learning what flight surgeons do. And, Jeff is in his 3d yr at Princeton majoring in politics (used to be called poly sci). Ann splits her days between the Red Cross blood mobile program and as a tour guide about Atlanta's scenic and historic areas. And Irv continues to plug away at marketing, PR, etc, for Abrams Industries. He was a prime mover behind the Peach Bowl task force, too.

Got a note from CPT Ronald R. Porter, Tac of F-1 Co. He is seeking input from F-1 alumni for an F-1 history he is putting together. Both serious and not-so-serious material is sought. He'll return any offerings you might have. His address is Tactical Office, F-1, USCC West Point, NY 10996, and if you want to talk with him, his numbers are (O) 914-938-3307 or (H) 914-446-5666.

1948: Scotts and Van Arsdalls; Founders Day 1986, Space Coast

CY 1986 hasn't been too auspicious for us. Our just turned 2-yr old grandson, Brian, who lives with us, was hit by a car driven by the 16-yr old girl who lives at the end of our culdesac and just barely survived the accident. He appears all right now, except that his right eye apparently has sixth nerve deadness, and he will have a roving eye for the rest of his life. A mo later my mother who has been living with us for the last 14 mos died while on her way home from the beauty parlor. Hope things improve.

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Anne Lauer sent along a clipping from the **Orlando Sentinel** relative to the death of **Sally Bondurant** who passed away in late Dec in Winter Park, FL. Sally & **Frank** had made their home in Winter Park since 70, moving there from Scarsdale, NY. They were active in racquet club and tennis activities, and Sally was co-chm of the FL State husband-wife championship in 85. She is survived by three children—Chip, Scott, and Elizabeth as well as Frank who can be reached at 1074 McKean Circle, Winter Park, FL 32789. Our heartfelt sympathy to the Bondurant family.

Last column's winner of the last in the Class to reach 60 yrs of age, **Duane Smith,** informs me that **Avery Fullerton** is two wks younger and can be appropriately termed the "baby" of the Class.

Bill Gustafson, now ret from US Steel and living in Pasadena, CA is momentarily enjoying ret and looking at what to tackle next. In the meantime, he's become very active in the Rotary Club and is busily engaged in putting together their calendar for the latter part of 86.

1949: Don & Erika Keith aboard the **Royal Odyssey**

Jack Hayne and **Matt Lampell** can't forget their Academy fencing days, both are active in coaching in their home areas; Matt around Poughkeepsie and Jack on Long Isl, and both are trying to help move the sport from a club activity to a Corps Squad status at WP.

Bob Pfeiffer after a yr off from the travel bus has resumed activities and is now with Meridian Travel in the Tyson Corner area of VA. **Ted Swett** is looking at Latin American activities for Stone & Webster Engr and also travels frequently to their Boston Hq where **Ken McIntyre** is busily employed as a program mgr for that firm.

Had a note from **Ray Klemmer** who has been with Nordeman, Grimm in NYC for several yrs in the personnel recruitment field. Ray has decided to join two old acquaintances in that business in a firm known as Webb, Johnson Assoc, Inc. which had its beginning in 67. Ray's name will be added to that of the firm which does business at 280 Park Ave in NY. Good luck with your new venture, Ray.

John McCarthy writes from Cleveland that he has ret from TRW after about 30 yrs and is doing some consulting for the Allison Div of GM. After all these yrs as a bachelor, John thinks he now has the time to consider courting some young lady and raising a family—I think he had his tongue in cheek when he jotted that down. **Gene Mechling** has joined **Bob Black** in the financial consulting business and **Phil Feir** is a part-timer in the same firm. Phil is now a permanent member of Burdeshaw Assoc, a consulting firm in the DC area.

Don Keith has been elected pres of Cyprus Assoc in Alexandria, VA. They're doing a lot of entrepreneurial type work and are very high on some new cold weather clothing that Burlington Mills is doing for them for some testing by the Armed Services. The Keiths, as pictured, took the Trans-Canal Cruise sponsored by the AOG in Jan, ten days at sea ending in Acapulco and a flight back home. No other classmates on board, but our old L-1 Tac EP Smith '39 & wife were there; he and Don enjoyed talking over old times.

Dan McGurk sent along an entry for my obituary file which isn't filling up very fast. The McGurks are living in Hidden Hills, CA where Dan is a private investor and serves on the Bd of Dirs for Datum Inc, Emett & Chandler Co, Milton Roy Co, Bowmac Instruments, Informatics, Southland Title Corp, and the FL Federal Savings & Loan. He's also very active in a large number of civic activities—I'm not sure he has the time to enjoy the sun in southern CA.

George Sylvester and **Bob Pfeiffer** both sent along an item from a publication entitled **Air Force Policy Letter for Commanders.** The item was titled "Observations From a Clergyman" and reads as follows,

OBSERVATION FROM A CLERGYMAN. In a letter to Vice President Bush, **Dr. Maurice M. Benitez,** bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of TX, told of his reaction last summer when asked to support a planned demonstration sponsored by some church groups. The demonstration was to take place about 6 Aug, the anniversary of the dropping of the atomic bomb on Hiroshima, and would involve wrapping a large white ribbon around the Pentagon, all to be done "for the cause of peace in the world." He explained his lack of enthusiasm for the demonstration and his puzzlement. "I frankly wonder why the date of 7 Dec was not chosen for the peace demonstration, the anniversary of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, which precipitated the four-yr Pacific conflict that culminated in the dropping of the atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, which brought the Japanese to the surrender table, ending the war in the Pacific.

1949: Bill Gustafson

"Alternately, I wonder why those who planned the demonstration around the Pentagon near 6 Aug, did not instead choose 1 Sept, the anniversary of the date that the German armies invaded Poland, which precipitated World War II, the six-yr global conflict that brought death to some 60 million persons and untold suffering and devastation to the world. Next, I am puzzled about the symbolism of tying a large white ribbon around the Pentagon, seemingly to suggest that the key to peace is in restraining those

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who serve in the military forces . . . and especially of our military leaders who exercise command and control from the Pentagon.

"It seems to me that the demonstration leaders forget that the military commanders who serve in the Pentagon, and the forces who serve under them, have a simple yet awesome mission, which is to be prepared to defend our freedom and that of the Free World, whenever called upon to do so by our politically elected civilian leadership. . . . This is not an easy age in which to live as a Christian, with the nuclear genie out of the bottle, but it is my conviction that living with a strong measure of 'Christian realism', rather than acting on the basis of that world seen through the rosecolored lenses of idealism, offers us a safer world and a better hope for the future of mankind."

Well said, Ben we're proud of you.

Harry Maihafer sent along the following clipping from the **Nashville Tennessean** relative to **Rip Rowan's** posthumous induction into the TN Sports Hall of Fame,

"Elwynn P. 'Rip' Rowan, Posthumous (Memphis): Attended high school at Memphis Central and college at Louisiana State and West Point, where he was selected as the most valuable player on the 1947 Army team. He served as president of the Liberty Bowl and was a founder of the Memphis Touchdown Club. In 1984 he received the Distinguished American Award from the Memphis Chapter of the National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame."

1949: Bushes, Shiels and Makinneys; Founders Day 1986, Phoenix

Harry is winding up his first yr as pres of the WP Soc of Middle TN. Last fall, he & **Jeanne** visited **Billy & Marty Hiestand** in Syracuse—Jeanne and Marty at the last reunion decided it would be great to have a mini-reunion of their old Ft Riley car-pool and are now trying to work out the arrangements. Harry is working at the Commerce Union Bank in Nashville, playing tennis about 3 times a wk and entering an occasional SR tournament. Had a chance to play some doubles at Hilton Head with **Dan Guyton** who is playing great, now has a wicked two-hand backstroke. Harry was reminiscing that he and Rip used to joke about their times as teammates on the special swimming squad, and if memory serves me right, one of our super athletic types, one **Jim Hartinger**, used to be a member of that team.

Borrowing from **George Summers'** notes on our last Class luncheon held in Mar—**Harry Griffith** reported on a request for support of the Army Distaff Hall Foundation. The Class members in attendance voted to authorize $100 a yr until the next reunion when this subject will be discussed at the Class bus meeting. **Dave Bolte** reported on our treasury balances which represent $9,251.03 in the Washington area account including 1985 interest of $778.21 and $24,911.71 on deposit with the AOG.

Ed Hyndman reported that the new '49er sign for the lodge at WP has been completed and installed. **Al English** received a Christmas card for the Class from LTJG Steve Jones USNA '82, **Kelso's** son thanking the Class again for the gift given at his graduation—he has spent the last yr in the No Atlantic, Baltic Sea and the Caribbean.

1949: Founders Day 1986, Michigan

John Maurer, our new vp, is holding a Class dinner party at Rosecroft Raceway on 5 Apr—initial response has been good and we're hoping for a good Class turnout. **Jim Coghlin** now in Palo Alto contacted George Summers via **Orton Spencer**—he's looking for a DC based writer-editor for one of the defense-electronics magazines.

Al English is trying to organize the 150 plus USMA grads in the Annapolis area—maybe they can steal some of those Navy basketball players.

Lee & Trudi Surut's son David was married on 27 Dec 85 to Mara Reynolds in the Episcopal Cathedral in Salt Lake City—both attended the U of UT; Dave is with NCR and Mara is active in real estate.

Charlie Anderson called me early in Mar; he's going to be looking for help from our Class. As most of you are aware, Charlie has lost both kidneys and undergoes dialysis 3 times a wk. In a search for a donor kidney, his children were tested with sobering results; it is likely that the same kidney disease could strike three of his children later in life as it did Charlie. Active in kidney causes for some time, this latest news has made him a full-time volunteer including several appearances on television, one of which was nationwide on CNN. Since we all contribute to worthy charities, see if you can find it in your heart to direct some of your funds to Charlie's cause. A letter from Charlie arrived as I completed this column and I quote from that letter:

"Above all, my endeavors on behalf of kidney disease research and patient welfare have brought the greatest satisfaction. This work has taken me down channels and avenues that I never knew existed when I started it, and I have experienced immense gratification whenever I see a little bit of headway in which I feel I played some small part. Sometimes I think Providence put me through my own series of sufferings and surgeries just to permit me to become a better advocate for the work I'm doing.

"My particular interest in calling you was to seek support for the PKR Foundation of Kansas City (see brochure enclosed). The foundation is sponsoring research aimed at finding the cause and cure for polycystic kidney disease (PKD), which is what brought about my own kidney failure. PKD is the one form of kidney disease which is genetically caused, so the new bioengineering sciences give us a lot of hope that the cause can be found.

"My involvement has been one of seeking publicity and funds to further the Foundation's work. As I mentioned on the phone, CNN did a feature story on us last August. This is a very meaningful race against time for me, since three of my four children have been diagnosed as having early signs of the disease."

The address is PKR Foundation, 20 West Ninth Street, Kansas City, MO 64105.

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Bruce is temporarily unable to do the column this time, since he is deep in the heart of Saudi Arabia doing a 6-mo tour for SAIC (and you thought only the military had hardship tours). **Barbara** reports he is doing well, but they are looking forward to the SAIC version of R&R in Apr when she will join him for a short vacation in Europe. In the meantime, this former scribe is filling in for a couple of columns.

All the Class has been closely watching the actions in the Philippines, particularly the fateful and courageous acts of **Eddie Ramos**. His break with the Marcos govt and his stand to support Aquino certainly was the turning point, giving the military a rallying point and probably saving many lives. The Class sent a telegram of congratulations and support. Eddie has always been a loyal member of the Class, supporting the high standards of WP; I know we are all prouder than ever of him. With his promotion to full GEN and appointment as Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces, the Class now has three chiefs sitting at one time and a total of 7 four-star offs. After Eddie's promotion, **Mike DeArmand** had a chance to visit him in Manila. Mike not only reported at a recent Class party that Eddie was doing very well, but Mike also brought back a remembrance to the gathered classmates: a beautiful wooden humidor with "GEN Fidel Ramos" carved in the lid and filled with cigars marked the same way. Not many were smoked that night, but a number were certainly taken as souvenirs. Eddie also sent back a note to the whole Class: "To: Classmates USMA '50. Thank you for all your encouragement and moral support. **Ming & I** and the 5 girls, one son-in-law and one granddaughter are most grateful."

1950: Hennings and Maladowitzs, 5 Dec 85

The Class also has a rep in another spot that has been in the news of late—Haiti. **John & Evelyne Fahy** make their home there, though they visit the States from time to

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1950: Army-Navy party at the Thomas's

time. Unfortunately their plans to make the 35th didn't hold up. Better luck next time.

Gray & Ann Tate had a get-together at their new home in Huntsville during Feb while visited by **Bob & Martha Morrison,** complete with a birthday cake for Martha. Included among the guests were **Gus & Donna Hergert** and **John & Eileen Jones,** both couples also enjoying life in Huntsville. Gus, by the way, had just returned from a trip to Abu Dhabi. Somehow the lightweight summer suit he used in the Middle East just did not seem appropriate by the time he reached Atlanta. Gray also had dinner with **Dan & Helen McDaniel** in Monterey, CA while Gray and Dan were attending an AIAA Strategic Systems Conf. The McDaniels live in Los Altos. As you can see by a picture from Gray, only the Hergerts and the Tates showed up for Founders Day at Redstone.

From the FL contingent, **Ardath Wilson** wrote that she had all of her gang home in Indian Rocks Beach for the Christmas holidays. She said it was the best ever, though I suspect granddaughter Leah was at least part of the reason.

1950: Kelly, Pennekamp and Wood

The FL group is about to add another couple. **Ira Ward** writes that he & **Phyllis** will move to the Heather at Royal Highlands after he ret for the second time, this time from 16 yrs of teaching construction engr at Iowa State. Their two daughters, Linda and Janet, together with husbands and four grandchildren seem to be the attraction. Anyone traveling south to Clearwater on US 19 is invited to stop by. Their new address will be 7418 Heather Walk Dr, Brooksville, FL 33512.

1950: Fred & Joan Nickerson at Prince Ruppert

Corinne Detherow wrote from MO that daughter Diana was married on Columbus Day '85 in St Louis to Mark Holder. Son Douglas, 24, lives at home and works nearby. Daughter Dori, 18, is looking at colleges for the fall. Corinne has been working since Nov at a store where she took weaving lessons. In Feb she had a 5-day trip to Seattle, which was great, but now she is back to the world of the working.

In Jan a flyer from St Moritz announced that the winning bobsled team on 20 Jan included one **David Pettit.** The run was on an unaltered Olympic course known for its difficulty. Dave was heard to say afterward, "If the breaker is supposed to brake, then Mike (the brakeman) sure wasn't doing his job."

Shirley Thomas sent a note saying that she & GG hosted an Army-Navy party in Bradenton for the game. Included were **Dolly & Ed Kennedy, Callie & Bill McDowell, Mary & Roz Round, Ardath Wilson, Roland & Emmet Lee** and **Dick & Ruth Newton.** Unfortunately their game turned out just as badly as the one we watched here. Shirley also said that **Helen & Hooper Adams** were due down the Valentine weekend. Shirley reported a couple of new grandchildren. The Thomases' grandson Sean Ryan Thomas was born 25 Feb in Huntsville. The other was a granddaughter (and first grandchild) for **Dave & Ann Bird Meredith.** Their daughter Leland had a girl, Margaret.

Joan & Fred Nickerson have been gallavanting lately. Fred ret in Aug and off they went. First a two-mo trip to the Northwest in a motor home, followed by a 14-day cruise to AK that included climbing on glaciers, hiking and fishing. Their latest excursion was a trip to Spain and on through Europe by train. In addition they managed to spend the holidays in Philly with Joan's father.

Frank Henning dropped a note to Bruce enclosing a great picture of the Hennings and the **Maladowitzes.** Frank also noted that his daughter, contrary to the last column, did NOT give birth to her husband Jim but rather to Frank Andrew Hopkins on 5 Sep 85. **Chuck & Peggy Tonningsen** continue with their missionary work in Madras, India. Their living has really moved up. They now have a 13' by 14' room with a closet and a full bath! Their descriptions of conditions are astounding. There is much work for them to do there. In Mar **Tom Ball** called while he was escorting a group of students who were taking part in the Congressional Seminars. Tom is still in San Antonio, where he is teaching American history in a private school.

Founders Day found **Jake & Eloise Allen, Bill & Lois Slavins, Chuck Newcomb (Betty** was ill), and **Peggy Galiffa** all gathered in FL. Eloise nicely brought home a picture of the happy group, which should be with this column. **Blackie & Mary Bolduc** took a vacation on St Thomas, saying that it was 95° in San Antonio while they were gone; the trip hardly seemed necessary. Blackie, by the way, is just about as hooked on genealogy as Robin is. When they get on the phone together, WATCH OUT.

Dode & Warde Wheaton's annual Christmas newsletter finally caught up with the column. It reported, among other things, on Elizabeth's marriage to Michael Striebel in Sep out in San Diego Bay. Everyone stayed in the grand old Del Coronado Hotel and had a great time. It is always fun to catch up on all their children's doings as well as their own activities.

1950: Allens, Slavins, Peggy Galiffa, Newcomb, Lois Slavins

I don't want to have anyone go into shock, but the planning is already underway for the 40th yearbook. **Jack Wagner** asks that anyone willing to act as the rep for his co please contact Jack at 3229 First Place North, Arlington, VA 22201. We want to get everyone in the book, so Jack needs help.

Speaking of reunions (indirectly), planning is well under way for the first of our mini-reunions to be held at the USAFA 18-21 Sep this yr. **Dick Cody,** with lots of help

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1950: Hergerts and Tates; Founders Day 1986, Redstone Arsenal, AL

both here and in CO Springs, has handled the effort. By the time you get this column you should have already gotten at least one mailing from Dick. If you have not, please contact him at 703-560-9394 to get you back on track. It should be great fun, particularly while **Skip Scott** is the Supe there and **Charlie Gabriel** the AF C/S.

Win Skelton reports that **Art Porcher** was married to Robin Langhaar Weise on Valentine's Day down in Cocoa Beach, FL. Congratulations, Art. **George & Mary Morrissey** also had a wedding in the family. Their daughter Jennifer was married to James William Dunn on 4 Jan out in Las Vegas.

Tom Austin received news from **Joe McCrane** on some of his children. His oldest, Maureen, and her family have returned from several yrs in Australia. She will be working on her Master's of Education at U of PA. Connie was married in Feb, but I don't have any of the details. Joe's youngest Siobhan is now a sr in communications at Syracuse. Tom also said that **Charlotte Ferguson** has purchased a condo in the Wash area and hopes to spend part of each mo here. That will be great for us in the area, for she has always been active in the Class get-togethers when

1950: Joneses and Carm Milia; Founders Day 1986, Michigan

1950: Lopers, Joy Viskochil and Porchers; Founders Day 1986, Space Coast

she was around. Her daughter 2LT Jennifer Wood '85 has just left for Ger and an asgmt as an ord off.

A couple of interesting news articles on classmates: **Ed Reidy** was the admin law judge in an anti-semitism case for DLA. In another article **Will Hill Tankersley**, chm of the Reserve Forces Policy Board, was among the VIPs at the mid-winter ROA conference at the Wash Hilton.

1950: Henry Sachers; Founders Day 1986, Thailand

I am sorry to say that **George Cannon** wrote that his wife **Ann**, after more than 35 yrs of marriage, died unexpectedly on 3 Mar. They had four children and two grandchildren. Co mate **Monty Coffin** introduced the two of them and was best man for their wedding back at Goodfellow AFB. Many of us who were at the 30th will remember Ann on her only visit to WP. All of us extend our sympathy to George and his family.

That about does it for this column. Let us hear from all of you out there and be sure to plan on the get-together at the USAFA in Sep.

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'51

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Beginning 1 Jul 86 **Jim Rockwell** at NATO and **Tom McMullen** at Wright-Pat AFB will be the last '51ers on active duty. According to the grapevine **Elmer & Anne Pendleton, Ed & Jean Peter,** and **Bill & Mary Richardson** will join **Jim & Kay Boatner** and recently ret **Roscoe & Millie Robinson** in ret in the Wash DC area. Incidentally, Roscoe's departure from Europe broke up the '51 NATO triumvirate which included Rocky and **Dave Abshire,** AMB to NATO.

SAD NOTES: Funeral services were held on 11 Feb 86 at Ft Myer followed by interment in Arlington for **Hap Jones,** who died of internal complications. **John Byers** represented '51 as honorary pallbearer; others attending included **Claudette Barber** (they dragged with the Joneses at WP) **Akers, Cuny, Dickens, Red Graham, Ken Holle, Klein, Lynch, Bob McDonald, Mulder, Partain, Pat Ryan, Steele,** and **Waldman.** Deepest sympathy was extended from the Class to **Betty** and the children. **Frank Wilson** reported sorrowfully through Frank Vellella that "My wife Louise's heart could finally work no more and she passed away 23 Dec 85. Mercifully we had a family Christmas on 22 Dec so she was able to enjoy the warmth of family life and the joy of Christmas during her final days." Graveside services preceded burial on 28 Dec in the Old Mission Cemetery, Upper Sandusky, OH. The Wilson children, Jenny—Haymarket, VA; Joel—Dallas, TX; and John—Columbus, OH, together with the two Wilson grandchildren provided Frank comfort during these trying days.

'51 ACTIVITIES: '51 has been very active in the Wash, DC area during early '86 beginning with a Valentine's Day party at Andrews OC on 8 Feb. Support provided by the club was very good; activities included an open bar, sit-down dinner, and dancing for those who cared to demonstrate their youth (or age). Corsages, expertly prepared by **Joan Klein,** were presented to the wives. Attendees included the **Cunys, Dickens, Byers, Boatners, Vellellas, Hendricks, Coughlins, Crockers, Edlers, Charley Crowes, Birdeyes, Kleins, Keeslings, Lynches, Mulders, Peixottos, Roscoe Robinsons, Pat Ryan, Gorman Smiths, Joe Smiths, Sandersons, Steeles, Dudley Thompsons,** and **Van Matres.** Founders Day was celebrated by the Class on 7 Mar at Ft Belvoir and on 14 Mar at Ft Myer which was hosted by the WP Soc of DC. Many of the classmates and wives who attended the Belvoir program commented on its being the finest Founders Day they've attended, thanks to Kem '56 and his exceptional comm. A mini-reunion was hosted by **Ed & Herma Matney** at the Mid-Pines Resort, a beautiful golf country club at Southern Pines, NC, 8-11 May.

1951: Well done, Roscoe.

Accommodations were exceptional—guest cottages contained individual rooms with baths while providing a common living room with fireplace. Golf, tennis, sightseeing, shopping and tourist activities were available within close proximity of Ft Bragg and Fayetteville—more details and pictures coming in the next issue!! Regretfully the scheduled '51 cruise on the **Mississippi Queen** was cancelled due to damage sustained by the cruise ship in late 85 and could not be repaired in time for our trip. Both **Howie & Mollie Peckham** worked very hard to insure a successful trip—our heartfelt thanks and sorrow for the much pain they endured on our behalf: Howie & Mollie we are greatly indebted to you.

Monthly Luncheons: Attendance at the A/N Club in Arlington, VA continues to in-

1951: The Rockwells and Abshire in Brussels

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1951: Founders Day at Belvoir

crease; it averaged 21 per luncheon during the 1st Qtr 86. Schedule thru Sep: 19 Jun, 17 Jul, 21 Aug, and 18 Sep. Monthly calls have been initiated by **Reb Barber** for classmates desiring notification or reminders; if you want your name added to the list, call **Reb or Claudette**—(H) 703-941-4789 or Reb's off 703-876-8232.

35th Reunion: Planning continues under co-chairmen **Gary Sanderson** and **Gerry Hendricks.** Events remain generally the same; however, activities for Thurs evening, 25 Sep have been expanded to add wine tasting at the Ramada Inn, courtesy of **Ted Griesinger** who recently purchased the Finger Lakes Winery in upper NY state. A unique '51 label has been designed by the Reunion Comm; based on your taste, you can purchase your own special '51 vintage at near cost. 26 Sep—Class picnic and boat ride; 27 Sep—Class meeting, followed by a memorial service, luncheon, the Wake Forest football game, an after-game buffet at the Thayer with follow-on music and dancing; 28 Sep—informal brunch and get-togethers. This info will be updated by the Reunion Comm as the final date approaches.

REGIONAL SPOTLITE: MID-ATLANTIC (Less MD & DE): Reg Reps **Dan Wardrop, Bob McDonald, Ken Holle, Chuck Ewing, Don Van Matre;** ADDED TX: Reg Rep **Sel Graham.** Taking full advantage of their ret and using Williamsburg as a base, **Dan & Noreen Wardrop** traveled extensively in Feb and Mar visiting friends and resorts in FL and along the East Coast. Mixed in with his excursions, Dan provided outstanding column support. **Bill Richardson** is still visiting the four corners of the world and still finding TRADOC an unending challenge. After ret this summer, he & **Mary** will reside in McLean, VA. **George & Faith Stannard,** nearby in Aquia Harbor just so of Belvoir, are active in the mgt and op of their PhotoArt store. Their son James has completed UVA Med Sch and will go to Brooke AMC, San Antonio. The recent arrival of a new grandson, Scott, has great big smiles on their faces—George is standing for lunch if anyone drops in!

Farther so in Williamsburg are **Bob Orlikoff** and **Ev Parkinson, Tom Aaron** in Hampton, and **Fred Henney** in Yorktown. **Bob Jacobs** is in Hayes, **Paul Summers** in Charlottesville and **Joe Rogers** is farther to the west in Woodstock; both **Verle Johnson** and **Jack Price** are located in Goode, VA. Dan also reports that **Chuck & Jackie Canham** visited with them en route to CA—says they look wonderful and very happy with their lives in and around Newport, RI. **Bob & Iris Yerks** recently married off daughters Caroline and Patty—for the Yerks that makes 9 married and the tenth nearing that fateful step. Still in outstanding physical condition, Bob ran the NY Marathon last Oct and will run another with two sons in Ger in Jul 86. Bob also reports visiting **Matt Collins** in the VA hosp (hospice) in Scranton, PA; despite terminal cancer, Bob reports Matt is in excellent spirits and would appreciate a note or visit. Others who have also been in communication with Matt and heartily endorse Bob's recommendation are **Ernie Peixotto, Howie Steele,** and **Gorman Smith**—all report his attitude is outstanding, his spirit is upbeat, and his feelings for the Class very strong. To arrange a meeting, or visit, call 717-824-3521.

1951: Bob & Jeannette Howes, JoAnn & Gus Villaret, Pat & Gerry Carlson; Founders Day 1986 at Bliss

The **Bob McDonalds** who recently cruised the Antarctic, toured Scandinavia, and skied in VT and UT, are now looking for other places of interest to visit. Rita thoroughly enjoys her job as flight attendant with USAIR while Bob periodically thinks about coming out of ret—but not too deeply or too often. **John Shillingburg** is one of the numerous '51ers who live in Alexandria, VA; both he & **Nancy** enjoy opportunities of being with their two children and two grandchildren while John pursues his second career with the Inst for Def Analysis. The **Van Keurens** also enjoy Alexandria where **Ed** is chm, Math Dept at Congressional HS. **Larry Larsen** travels often as an atty and an intl bus consultant. **Tom Stumm** continues with the Wash Sub Sanitary Commission as dir of ops; he has worked with WSSC since retiring in 73; wife, **Gloria,** continues as a teacher in Fairfax Co. **Lou Michael** is principal dep asst sec of def for Intl Sec Pol, with responsibility in Europe and Arms Control matters. Living with Lou and **Ann** is Lou's 86 yr-old mother (still in good health) who has fond memories of the "E-2 crowd." Daughter Barbara is a housewife with two children; Louis III is in banking, and John is their eternal student. Lou says the **Michael** family is really into wind surfing, sailing and beer drinking.

1951: Griesinger's wine is of good quality —Sheridan, Hendricks, Jorstad.

Pat Ryan happily reports that **JoAnne** appears to have completely recovered from her malignancy, regaining both her usual energy and interests. Pat strongly endorses full-time ret; during the winter he stays active by refereeing basketball games—the remainder of the yr he's active in tennis, swimming, boating, hiking, etc. Much time is spent in the Ryan log home in Wintergreen, VA. **Ted Atkeson** was awarded the Natl Intel DSM for contributions during his tour with the CIA as Natl Intel Off for Gen Purp Forces. Now a consultant on national security affairs, Ted has writings published in **Army** magazine. **John Byers** stated that a Hawaiian vacation during Feb and Mar convinced him that relaxation was a good thing—so he ret from Data Design Labs at the end of Apr. But a relaxed John Byers will never be found!! John now works as a consultant, is part owner and actively involved in an art gallery (the Prince Royal in Alexandria) and is an active member of the Planning Commission for Fairfax Co, VA. **Larry Crocker,** a long-time employee of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, is also considering ret this summer. The father of their two granddaughters, Dave, lives in Alexandria also; as does youngest, Rick, who graduates from George Mason U in Dec; remaining children, Kathy and Mike, live in UT. **Jack Graham,** although seldom seen at Class activities, is in good health and working for the Nav Mil Pers Cmd in Arlington. Nearby in the Pentagon, **Joe Luger** is said to be wondering about all the classmates who are ret from second careers. **Ken Holle** reports that **Chet Bobinski,** an active assoc classmate, continues to hold forth as vp at Army Mutual Aid in Arlington, VA; he & **Pat** will eventually ret to their home at Pawleys Isl, SC, where she is now enjoying the beach, golf, and visiting children and grandchildren. Ken Holle is busy in a volunteer, no pay position of treas gen, Gen Soc of Mayflower Descendants. His efforts support a society of 23,000 members and encompass mgt, fiscal

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and budgetary functions to include investing and administration.

Hal Headlee informs us that son Christopher is a CPT on duty at the AFA, and he & his wife will present Hal & **Jerilynn** the second grandchild in Jun; their daughter provided their first grandson in Feb 85. **Don Van Matre** continues his outstanding recovery from hip surgery. He & **Betty Ann** report all is well with their children although widely separated; David in Atlanta; Claire in Bethlehem, PA; and Barbara with DOD schools in Alconbury HS, near Cambridge, England.

1951: Webber, Rogers and Thompson at monthly luncheon

Bill Louisell and **Virginia Munse** were married 8 Sep 84—a long time after Ginny was Bill's date for Jun Wk in 1951. Although both are very busy, they are active in '51 activities. Bill is consultant in the mgt and planning area; Ginny is dir, Info Svcs, Natl Assoc for Foreign Student Affairs. They have found time to visit England and Scotland during the past yr, attend the Army-Yale game with **Al & Mary Akers,** and survive Mardi Gras in Mobile in 86. However, Bill says he may never travel again—during his trip to Mobile he was selected commodore at a meeting of the Ft Belvoir Yacht Club. **Stan Sheridan** was recently appointed pres and chief operating off of Royal Ord Inc, which will service and supply defense products. Incidentally, Royal Ord is an American subsidiary of a British corp, one of Europe's major producers of integrated defense systems, subsystems, and related components. Recently Stan & **Ruth** hosted a party of '51 Class offs and the exec comm in honor of one of '51's AOG trustees, **Arlie Sherman.** As usual, Ruth was the perfect hostesss, the food outstanding, and the camaraderie great—a perfect evening. A second special affair with the same group was held by **Ernie & Libby Peixotto** in Mar in honor of **Ab Webber,** our other AOG trustee. Again the fare, amenities, and environment was unsurpassed, and resulted in the same type evening.

In Mar both **Pat & Lois Lynch** and **Phil & Irene Cuny** visited **Rocky & Joyce Milburn.** As Pat says, "the host and hostess with the mostest in the Wasatch Range." All report the Milburns are doing fine and thoroughly enjoying life on the slope, in town and at home. This yr the entire **Lynch** family has concentrated on skiing. They attended the Natl Col Ski Assoc Eastern Reg Finals at Penn State in Feb where daughter Erin's team, VA Tech, barely missed making the finals; daughter Shannon is a member of JMU's team—both participate in grand slalom and slalom events. The **Edlers** continued their traveling during 86; each yr they vacation in HI—however, they've expanded their efforts considerably. In the last quarter of 85 they visited throughout East/Central US, the Midwest in Mar and made a swing through the South in May. **Ed & Fran Partain,** other travelers to the South, stated the **Fants'** wedding in Mar (son) was carried out in the finest manner. Also in attendance were **Ab Webber,** the **Meighens,** and the **Tatums.** Ed says that **John Tatum** has regained his svelte, slender form after his most recent heart attack. Of course we credit **Mary** for John's cheerful countenance, buoyancy and enthusiasm.

1951: The Lewis family.

Kermit & Lynn Johnson are constantly involved in meaningful projects. During the summer Lynn will bring to a close her time as minister of Greenwich Presbyterian Church, near Manassas, freeing her for other pursuits. During the past yr Kermit has increasingly published articles in a variety of magazines to include an article in the **National Catholic Reporter** on the Bishop's Pastoral Letter on War & Peace; articles published by **Sojourners, Christianity and Crisis, Christian Century,** and **These Days;** chapters in the **Nuclear Crisis Reader** and the **Peacemaking Struggle.** In Mar Kermit spoke at the Brookings Inst, along with Dr. William O'Brien of Georgetown, on Catholic, Methodist, and Episcopal letters dealing with nuclear questions.

1951: Pat & George at a '51 party

MEA CULPA. In Dec 85 ASSEMBLY I failed to include the following major input provided by **Sel Graham** for the SW edition. After informing Sel of my mistake, I can only add that he is gracious, as well as understanding, kind and considerate. **Ed Markham** reports from Lubbock that their fifth (and final) child dropped off the payroll in late 85; also that their children and spouses have many varied occupations and lives—these are reflected by three teachers, an energy banker, cartoonist, stockbroker, restaurant owner, a dietician and a horse trainer; also there are 5 Markham grandchildren. While not seeing many classmates in that area, recently they saw both the **John Lewises** and the **Ken Hites.** Ed says all are doing well and in good health. The **Lukerts** are very active in Arlington where **Ed** performs admin mgt functions with Gearhart Ind, while **Carol** is a member of the Board of Dir for their homeowners assoc. Since their youngest, Mary, graduated from SMU in 85, the Lukerts have reclassified their children as relatives; Ed III '77 and Paul '83 are both stationed at Ft Hood; John '82 is at Riley; and second son David has a research grant doing grad work in ee at UT in Arlington. While **John & Fran Lewis** continue their happy ret life in Houston normally bereft of children, there is quite a bunch when they do get together. John is working for the engr firm of Lockwood, Andrews & Newmar Inc, assisting in the construction of a sewer plant for Houston. Their eldest son is a CPT (TC) attending FL Inst of Tech pursuing an MA in proj mgt; daughter and her family live in Corpus Christi, while youngest son graduated from UT in 83 and manages an 84 Lumber Store in Austin.

1951: Russ and his protegee—an All-American

Bruce & Sue Robertson thoroughly enjoy Austin despite very busy schedules. They are now working on their newest "old house"—this one has a view of all of Austin, even from the pool. Bruce is still in the bus of inspecting homes for buyers (past pres, TX Assoc of Real Estate Inspectors). Sue, on the other hand, is a realtor-broker and heads the firm Suzanne Robertson, Realtors; Bruce says Sue is "cooling it" somewhat, after a frantic pace of yester-year—one day off in 7 yrs. The two oldest Robertson daughters are married and live nearby (one granddaughter), while youngest, Laura, attends UT in Austin.

Across the state in El Paso, **"Moon" Mullens** since ret in 73, reports teaching HS math. Since they built a mountain cabin no of El Paso, he & **Margie** have cut down on their skiing and concentrate more on golf—and when possible they alternate living one week in El Paso and one week in the mountains. Also in El Paso are **Jerry & Pat Carlson;** Jerry is exec off of the El Paso Apt Assoc which has 300 members and 2500 apts—he stays busy!!! Eldest daughter has relocated to El Paso; younger daughter is attending the adv course at Redstone Arsenal and is a CPT (ORD); Gerald Jr, a CPA, married last fall and located in St Louis. **Russ Johnson,** although based in El Paso, says that during the summer season he sees only airplanes, motels, and pools. His work with youth and coaching of young swimming hopefuls has had an impact that all would be proud to acknowledge. Last summer had to be one of Russ's most satisfying when Britt Hoefs won the SW Conference 50 Meter Butterfly Championship—she forwarded Russ her winning plaque with the following inscription: "To the man who believed in me from my first day—to the day of my most important race, and all the times in between. This one's for you. Thank you, Britt Hoefs." Incidentally, that plaque had to mean even more to Russ when later in 85 Britt was named to the college all-American swimming team.

George Gividen is Chief, Army Research Inst Field Unit at Ft Hood where his son Rick (CPT) & wife recently presented the Gividens with their 16th grandchild. Well,

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George never did do things in a small way!!!! Sounds as though the philosophy runs in the family. The **Harrises, Bucky & Pat,** are located in Austin where Bucky heads the corp dev efforts for Radian Corp, as he has since ret in 80. These functions encompass funding and budgeting new procedures and services, and shepherding them to the marketplace using various strategies and planning—both challenging and fun for Bucky. The Harris daughters live in the Austin area: Sandy, the older, works with the emergency room training team at Breckenridge Hosp; younger daughter, Jill, and family (to include the two Harris granddaughters) live in Odena. The twins, Bill and Bob, now in HS, have progressed in golf to the point that Bucky is now the attractive target for on-course bets. Well, Bucky, don't worry too much until Pat starts taking your money on the greens!!

1951: Elmer never looked better

The **Sel Grahams** have been in Austin since May 85 when Sel took an early ret from Exxon and opened his law off in a bldg at the west gate of the Capitol. Sel says, "One of the lowlights of the law yr was taking a case through the entire judicial system to the Supreme Court without ever seeing a judge. The irony is that the original complaint was for lack of hearing. So much for due process!!" Sel recently had lunch with **Bucky Harris** and reports that **Bruce Robertson** avoided them by having a home accident with his thumb and a saw. He & **Pat** also dropped by to see the "historical **Michel** Drug Store in Marble Falls and visited **Joy** and historical **Doug.**" By the way, Sel was instrumental in the activation in Jan 86 in Austin of a program that introduces selected students, parents and counselors to WP career opportunities. (Sel says this program is patterned on the Houston-style program initiated earlier by **Ab Webber.**)

1951: Howard & Molly Peckham; Founders Day 1986, Space Coast.

In 1979 Susan Steele, daughter of **Howie & Dotsy Steele,** was seriously injured in an automobile accident. Since that time, Sue spent much time in hospitals, and with her family's strong support, is courageously recovering her health; and at the same time, although relegated to a wheelchair, also gaining her HS and college degrees. On 1 Mar 86, Sue was a bridesmaid in her brother Howard Jr's wedding. The following item was written by the minister who performed that marriage ceremony; it has been included in the column because of interest generated within '51 concerning Sue and questions asked of her remarkable recovery.

1951: Charneys, Cortners and Fischl; Founders Day 1986, Carlisle Barracks

"This past weekend Pam and I were privileged to be a part of a very special wedding in CT. It was one of those exhilarating whirlwinds of happy activity that punctuate our lives with time orienting memory-making. 'Oh yes,' we will say someday 'it was the winter of 1986 when Howard & Robin were married.'

"One life-affirming memory was made as members of the wedding party processed to their respective places before the altar. The first bridesmaid to walk down the aisle was Susan Steele, younger sister of the groom. She walked with what for her was determined haste. The sun flooded through the clear glass of this tasteful expression of contemporary and New England meeting house church architecture. And everyone present, I believe was caught up in the triumph and beauty of that moment. You see Susan's brother was being married, and she was walking down the aisle for him. Seven years ago Susan was in a tragic teenage auto accident which resulted in her paralysis from the waist down. During the past several years she has been involved in an experimental program which is attempting to use an exterior electrical device to send command impulses to the leg to walk. Last Saturday afternoon this tall beautiful young woman raised herself above tragedy and gave us all a gift.

"I remember standing there blinking back the tears thinking 'the human spirit is indomitable! The human spirit is enormously inventive and creative! And in such moments of awareness the Spirit of Life affirms our tears of joy.' "

Next regions to be highlighted will be the Northeast (Reg Reps: New England—**Pete Foss;** NY and Canada—**Al Lichtenberg;** PA—**Ron Roberge;** NJ—**Tom Odderstol**) and MD & DE (Reg Rep—**Earl Keesling**).

'52

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And another yr past makes 34 since we first pinned on those gold bars. For slightly more than one-third of that time, I have been your correspondent for this Class article. In all that time (52 class columns), I would venture a guess that fewer than 50 of you have called or written me to provide me with info for the article. (Someday, I may dig out all the old columns and count how many actual contributors I've had.) Because of this shortage of contributors, the Class is being cheated. They are hearing only about those who have had contact with the few who understand that it takes input from classmates to make a good column. If more of you would sit down regularly to pen me a few notes about **yourselves** and classmates you have seen or heard from or about, we could get a more representative cross section of the Class mentioned in these articles. Everyone would benefit. Please don't misunderstand, I do love my regulars for your faithfulness. Without you, I'd be making up every article out of whole cloth, since I seldom see many classmates any more. When any of you write (even regulars), please bring me up to date on any changes in your family situation. It's sometimes difficult to figure out whether mentioned names are wives, former wives, new wives, children, spouses of children, friends, close acquaintances, very close acquaintances, etc. . . .

Two additional Christmas cards came in after my last deadline: The one from **Connie & Charlie Watkins** went to the wrong address and back before being forwarded to me by their daughter, Gayle. Much of the news was included in the letter I published last quarter from their son, Bill. They did mention, however, that **Jan & Dave Bethea** have been in Hendersonville for a number of yrs and have been "super" to them. I presume that was part of the reason why Connie & Charlie finally chose Hendersonville as the place to settle for full retirement. **King Coffman** admitted to being very disorganized this yr. His A L Williams business is growing. Son Chris holds down the BENELUX desk in the European div of Manufacturers-Hanover Bank. Steve graduated from UCLA and is spending a yr in Munich, playing basketball with a German pro team. Cindy will graduate from UCLA this summer. Gina graduated from Munich American HS in Jan.

1952: E-2 at Peach Bowl: Tipton, Bartel, Woltersdorf, Putnam and Aker

Frank Pimentel forwarded, "In accordance with Para 8, Art IV of the Class Constitution, I hereby submit the Class Fund Annual Report for publication in ASSEMBLY:"

12-31-84 Balance		$8,734.90
1985 Income		
Interest	$ 901.32	
Memorial Donation	25.00	926.32
1985 Expenses		
P.O. Box Rent	12.00	
Mailings, Postage	96.18	
Flowers, Gifts	63.19	
Class Meeting (Portrait)	33.15	(204.52)
12-31-85 Balance		$9,456.70
Depositories		
United Savings Bank of VA		$6,500.79
Andrews Federal Credit Union		2,955.91
		$9,456.70

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Frank also sent me a flyer for the quarterly Class get-together on 6 Apr at the O Club at the Naval Med Ctr, Bethesda, MD.

George Bartel called in mid-Jan and followed right away with: "This is to recommend **Karl Woltersdorf** as Army's 'Man of the Year.' Why not? The Chinese guy got it for *Time* magazine. We want Karl's pic on the cover of ASSEMBLY. The reason? Karl & **Nancy** Woltersdorf hosted a Co E-2 reunion in Atlanta for Army's Peach Bowl victory. Besides the Woltersdorfs, **Larry & Barbara Putnam, John & Sis Tipton, George & Kay Bartel** and **John Aker** came to play! Aker, Putnam, Woltersdorf & Bartel were first class roommates. The trivia question of the weekend: What was our room number? After a lot of SOBER discussion, it was agreed it was 2812. Can't verify this since Old North doesn't exist. Getting back to the game, Karl got us tickets on the 40 under the stadium overhang, so we didn't mind the constant rain. Sitting nearby were **Pete Withers** and **John Cooke** and we all were right in the middle of the Illini cheering section. Naturally, we disrupted them and so, take a lot of credit for the win. Karl & Nancy Woltersdorf entertained the group lavishly, giving new meaning to the term 'Southern Hospitality.' Woltersdorf is a highly successful Westinghouse exec who knows his way around Atlanta. At the after-game victory party at the Ritz Carlton, he walked right up to the Supe and started talking to him. Imagine that! The rest of us were bracing. Karl & Nancy, members of a championship local tennis team, look like they could be Cl of '72. Larry & Bobbie Putnam took time from their extremely successful computer software bus in McLean, VA to help cheer. They were just in from some championship skiing in CO. They, too, look like they could be '72. John & Sis Tipton are so young they drove in from their estate near Memphis. John is professoring at Ark State U, I believe, and working on his doctorate. John & Sis like being identified with '72, but would go for '82, too. John Aker, looking '72 or younger despite the loss of some hair, slipped in quietly from somewhere in VA where he is working in Army Intell. John refused to tell us anything about his work, for which we were very grateful and proud. George & Kay Bartel expressed their willingness to be identified with any Class with a higher number than '52. Kay looks good, but George could be AGE 72. They came from their Northern VA real estate bus and left their beepers at home. George wanted to talk about real estate, but no one would listen."

1952: John Tipton explains triple option

Right in the middle of writing this article, I received a welcome phone call from **Bob Carlone** to report attending, with **Mary**, the Founders Day dinner at Ft Carson last Mon (17 Mar). Other classmates there were **Jack Hettinger** and **Liz & Loyd Rhiddlehoover.** The Com was the speaker. Bob also was quite excited about the tremendous interest forthcoming in "The Aspen," a CO Spgs ret off community which Bob has spent a good part of the last 3 yrs of his life in planning and organizing. The drawing for priority was held recently and 540 people sent in $2000 deposit each to be in on the drawing. The community is a non-profit op to be located right outside the so gate of the Air Academy. They will break ground in Jul with the first units to be ready by the fall of 87.

Last quarter, I reported the murder of **Bob Pfeil.** I don't know who sent me the clipping I reported on, but in Jan I received a letter from **"Sheepherder" Carlson** enclosing several clippings from Anchorage newspapers about Bob's death, the murder, the investigation and the apprehension of five persons alleged to have had a part in the murder. Sheepherder's letter reads, "I suppose by now you have heard of the tragic death of Bob Pfeil. Enclosed are some news clips from Anchorage a friend of Bob's and mine sent along. I heard first via **Thor Sundt's** brother who had talked to Thor the evening of Bob's death, 11 Nov (shooting was 12 Oct). Bob was flown to Mayo's from AK, surviving for several days and, as I understand it, was doing fair when a blood clot killed him instantly. At our reunion, Bob had told some of us of the background to the affair, vowing that he'd get the killer of his sister (allegedly the ex-husband). It appears that will be done (The clips list him as allegedly financing the contract killing.), but what a price to pay. I know nothing of the circumstances of his wife & children but had met her at the reunion. It was always such a pleasure to see Bob, and one always figured you'd see him again. Such a loss!

1952: Jelineks at breakfast with Gen & Mrs Scott and the Irvings '51

"Meanwhile, out here west of the Pecos, it's a good life as always. Saw **Jack Foley** in CA in Aug; doing good as always, running a utility district. Had a small A-N party here in Tucson with **Ray Tensfeldt** and **Rip Rider** in attendance. Ray at Garrett still and Rip, while still at ASU teaching, expects to be in full-time consulting business soon. **Sears & Mal Craig** also still in Phoenix. I travel less so see fewer '52ers this yr. Sure can tell we all are at a mature age now, gleaning from Christmas cards. **Birddog Lee** is just ambulatory again after knee cartilage surgery and **Reilly** says he has a new hip joint. Maybe we could have a Class spare parts commune and get a discount on volume purchase. I have one kid out and flying on her own, 2 in college (Does it ever end?) and one 19 yr old at home. Still making my annual pilgrimage to Bareass Flats, pay my taxes, play pinochle non-stop for 2 days and come back refreshed and ready for another yr in the trenches."

Charlie Hoenstine writes, "The letter from my old D-1 co-mate **Ash Speir** has inspired me to finally write a letter to the Class column. **Joanne** & I settled in Carlisle after spending our last 4 yrs at AWC. On my last day of active duty, young son Tom and I had our picture taken together in uniform—he had just completed his first mo as a plebe! Two years later our eldest, Susan, arrived at WP with her husband, Joe Boylan '75, and our first granddaughter, Lindsay. Needless to say, we have been at WP often the last few yrs. Tom is now a 'firstie'—the only one from '52, I believe, while Susan will be at WP until the summer of 87 when Joe goes to C&GSC. Son Bob, an AF SGT, should depart Berlin next fall after 4 yrs there. He & his wife Robin have a daughter Kristen. Lisa, our youngest, is a jr at Millersville U, near Lancaster, and is majoring in bus admin. The three '52 redlegs, **Dick Bullock, Bob Turner** and I, continue to work at Mandex, Inc, which is now one of the 500 fastest growing small businesses. Our family and extra cadets, for a total of 12, invaded Joanne's brother's home in West Chester, PA for the last A-N game. Just like the old days! It was great seeing the following '52ers there: **Harry Dutchyshyn, Al Griffin, Otis Moran, Deryle Whipple, Ron Obach, Dick Larkin, Bill Moore, Phil Coleman, Jim McInerney, Birt Kidwell, Dick Miller** and **Skip Wensyel.** There probably were more, but it was certainly a big increase over A-N in 84. That's it for now, Ralph, but I hope others will be inspired also and drop you a line."

1952: Karl Woltersdorf celebrates Peach Bowl victory in his own way.

Ollie Oliphant sent me a short note as follows: "I had a tumor removed plus some intestine with a successful reconnect, in late Jan. VA Hosp at Indianapolis does a great job. Prognosis good. Plan to attend AF Assoc's 'Gathering of Eagles' in Vegas, 27 Apr- 2 May. Willie going along. No. 4 (of 4) daughter, Lisa, to be married 31 May." And Ollie's note reminded me that I haven't mentioned my good news. Youngest daughter Lynda was married last Nov in St Petersburg, FL to Joe Grimes (Coast Guard). And son Randy is to be married 26 Apr 86 to Jean (Chi Chi) Harper, daughter of Jean & Phil Harper '50.

Pat & Howard Jelinek had a great time at the Founders Day dinner in Jacksonville. Unfortunately, no other '52ers made it. (Howard is the current pres of the WP Soc of No FL.) He also reported the chapter's A-N pep rally with the local USNA grads. Cheering was good, but not the results of the game. In addition, the following, "Our oldest daughter is married to MAJ Jim Wimberley '73, and together with their two boys they are stationed at Redstone Arsenal, AL. Our oldest boy Chuck '78 is married and in his last yr of dental sch at Baylor. No 2 son Jim with wife and daughter live in VA. He is a dr assigned to WRAMC and his specialty is radiology. Finally, Ted '80 just returned from Korea and is assigned to Ft Benning, GA. Patty & I are delighted when they visit us in Jacksonville."

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Paul Child sent me an article from **The Retired Officer**, Feb 86, discussing **John Garver's** work at **National Geographic.** John has introduced computer technology into their map-making process. John has found his niche in ret and is very happy with his job. My son's mother-in-law to-be sent me an ad from a Montgomery, AL paper headlined "AMSOUTH Elects New Directors in Montgomery." One of the three pictures and write-ups is of **Jim Walter,** pres of Algernon Blair, Inc. He's been with them since he left the service in 59. He's a past pres of the Montgomery Academy Board of Dir and still serves on their board. He's also a vestry member of the Church of the Ascension and former Sr Warden. Besides WP, he also graduated from the exec prog at U of VA and the Harvard advanced mgt prog. He's married and has 2 sons. Jean Harper tells me he has one grandson; also that Algernon Blair is a million plus contracting firm that Jim's wife's grandfather began.

1952: Asensios, Dupkes, Staniers and Reaveses; Founders Day 1986, Michigan

I clipped a picture of **Jack Biddle** from **Gov't Computer News** accompanying a quote from Jack in which he expressed concern with the growing tendency now in govt to try to fix procurement in such a way that causes the same fix to be applied to off-the-shelf computer technology that is being applied to the $900 toilet seat. Jack is the pres, Computer & Communication Industry Assoc, Arlington, VA.

1952: Leggetts; Founders Day 1986, Carlisle Barracks

From **Army Times,** I see that **Sam Wetzel,** currently at V Corps, USAREUR, in Frankfurt, will ret 30 Jun.

In Feb, I received a plea from the current F-1 Tac CPT Ronald R. Porter, for "historical" anecdotes about achievements and misadventures (serious and otherwise) of F-1 files. His intent was to complete the F-1 history this summer; so you F-1 alumni should send him what you can ASAP. Another plea that many scribes get from time to time is a request for names of classmates in the area of a given WP Soc. The chapters get the AOG address list and seek other addresses that the classes may be keeping. Those of you who do not have a current address on file (check the **Register**), can serve a number of good purposes by forwarding same to the AOG.

1952: Ayerses, Founders Day 1986, Heidelberg

In this column and elsewhere, occasionally the subject of drinking has been treated humorously. We all know, however, that sometimes, to some people, the subject is anything but humorous. **Ted Gregory** sent me a note enclosing a newspaper letter to editor discussing a classmate's undergoing treatment for alcoholism. The letter was quite complimentary, ending with the statement, "It would also be wonderful if his example, like that of Betty Ford, would inspire other needy persons to take a similar step." Ted indicated that the classmate seeks no anonymity in the matter; even that the classmate stands ready to help others shake this problem. However, as a matter of choice, I try to avoid using material that I feel might offend any person whose name is mentioned. If the classmate were to write me and discuss the problem, approving mention of it in the column, that would be another matter. In the meantime, just recognize that another classmate is in need of your prayers. Like any other group of humans, this Class has its share of heartbreak among its members. And I rather imagine that the problems spread among the Class include a few cases of alcoholism. I even imagine that there are some alcoholics in the Class who have not yet admitted their problem. But, for each of you with a problem (whatever it may be), the Class stands behind you wishing you every success in overcoming your problem. May God be with you; each and every one!

Until the next time, please keep those cards & letters coming!

'53

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The mailman made very few stops at my mailbox these last 3 mos, so this article is going to be extremely short. In fact, the only letter from the Class was from **Bill & Jo Horton.** They reported on their Christmas ski trip to Steamboat Springs, CO, where they enjoyed excellent weather with clear sunny skies and superb skiing. On their way back to FL they stopped over in Atlanta, GA to watch Army defeat IL in the Peach Bowl game. There were three other Class of '53 members at the game: **Fred Reynolds,** who was en route to CA seeking a change in employment with the outside possibility of going back to school before his GI Bill benefits expire, **Lee & Sara Rew** who were down from NJ visiting friends and relatives, and **Bob Tumperi** who resides in Newnan, GA, an Atlanta suburb.

Bill also reported that his son Will '80, is Btry CO of HHS Btry 4/27 FA (MLRS) in Wertheim, West Ger where he is putting in a standard 60+ hours a wk. Their oldest daughter, Lisa, & her husband Dr. John Zimmerman, live in Greeley, CO, while their youngest daughter Diane is working part-time as a nurse's aide in the cancer ward at the U of IA hosp while enrolled as a grad student in English at the U.

The only other letter was from CPT Ronald R. Porter the current tac for Co F-1 who is trying to record and document past accomplishments of the co so that present day cadets can gain a better appreciation of their "grand and glorious" past. If any old F-1's have "historical" material concerning their achievements and misadventures, both of a serious, or not so serious note, he would appreciate hearing from you.

1953: Nolls and Harmons; Founders Day 1986, Phoenix

1953: Dalys and Hutchinsons; Founders Day 1986, Ft Bliss

The last item of note was that while eating breakfast in a hotel in Ft Worth, TX in late Feb, I heard someone at another table ask, "Have you heard from BG **Jerry Brophy** lately?" My ears perked up and on the way out I stopped by the table and lo and behold **Dan Richard** was one of the occupants. Dan stated that he was working for US Planning Assoc, Inc, a financial planning org, and was assigned to their Columbus, GA off. He indicated that he was enjoying life in GA and said if anyone was in town to give him a call at (O) 404-323-9980 or (H) 404-327-8270.

As they say in the cartoons, "That's All Folks." If you would like to hear about what your classmates are doing, please drop me a line. Without mail or telephone calls, this column can become awfully bare.

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'54

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The quarterly mail brought a few surprises. Any time the column gets mail, it's a surprise. Several notes arrived in bottles that were washed ashore but, alas, both the notes and bottles were empty. Our warmest thanks go to all correspondents. For the rest of you, go and do likewise.

To start the cube rolling, **John Shelter** writes from Caldwell, NJ that he is exercising his multifaceted talents as a teacher of history and English. He is also researching and writing articles on military history and biography. John socializes with the family of COL Guletsky, who was a Russian "P" in our salad days. John enclosed a **Washington Post** story about a Pentagon MILSPEC that describes the official Army whistle in 16 pp. The irony is that John, **Dick Sugg** and **Ronnie Rounds** did a takeoff on the same subject on the stage of the theater at Buckner in Aug 51. John's son Andy graduated from USNA (his webbed feet ruled out WP) and is assigned to carrier escort duty on a frigate in the Mediterranean.

1954: Harry Emrick and Dick Farmer foundering in Golden, CO

The WP Soc of Central FL seeks the names and addresses of graduates in its purview. If you live nearby and are lonely, write the society c/o Geoffrey D. Withers, Secretary, 123 Valencia Loop, Altamonte Springs, FL 32714, (305) 788-3308.

A publication of the American Inst of Aeronautics & Astronautics lists **Jim Williams** on its 1986 Honorary Comm. Jim & **Barbara** believe in retiring gradually.

1954: Holly Gritton and LT Scott Torgerson '82

Roy Muth is pres of the Intl Snowmobile Industries Assoc in Fairfax, VA where the Muths reside. **Fay** is active in local and state politics and acts as family dispatcher. Roy Jr and Leigh are both grads of UVA; Roy is a proj engr with Omni Corp, and Leigh is a sch teacher. Young Wendy is in the 7th grade and leads the prayers for killer blizzards.

Jolly **Roger Browne** sends a hit list from CO Springs in a welcome report that where it is not printed here verbatim, is quoted word for word. **Ron Salvador** was in WR-AMC for a triple bypass and, after some difficulties, is mending well. Ron said he did his PT pacing the hall with **Lew Mologne** holding him up. Ron's son is a WP plebe.

1954: Brandt Grubbs and the Paprockis at the Peach Bowl

Bill & Marie Weafer moved into their palatial home in Leavenworth after a period of refinishing, refurbishing and refinancing. Marie at last has room enough to display the treasures gleaned in the past 30 yrs. Oldest son Tom '78 is a BC at Ft Lewis, while Bob '81 was married in Jun and assigned to HI. Daughter Anne is married to a lawyer and living in Lawrence, KS. Mary (Liz) rearranges the dust and does the valet parking for visiting archeologists. For you historians, Marie and my helpmate frequently drove to WP together to ogle the yardbirds and memorize Grant Hall. Bill & Marie were so proud of me for pulling **Monica's** car, they made me one of their wedding ushers.

1954: Paprockis, Bob Tawes and son; rear—daughters of Paprockis with Brandt Grubbs at Peach Bowl

Rog attended the Army-AF game in a van he rented with **Bill Frier** for tailgate catering. Since the event was reported exhaustively in the previous issue, let me only add the names of **George Calhoun** and **Clyde LaGrone** to the attendees and reassure you that the wives of all those mentioned were also present, mainly vocally, bless them. Rog has lunched with **Bob McPherson, Leo Hobbs** and Bill Frier, and learned that Bill's son David works as an account exec with Bill at E. F. Hutton. Hungry Rog also dined with **John & Anne Ballantyne** at Ft McNair. Rog ran into **Dick Hobbs** in the TWA Ambassador Room, when Dick was en route to L.A., but did not have lunch with him, perhaps because it was in the evening. Our radar now tracks Dick in Europe.

1954: Richard Weaver; Founders Day 1986, Thailand

Roger is cofounder of an analysis co in CO Springs and spends a lot of time on trips to their 5 offices, including the corporate hq in Rosslyn, VA. **Ginger** is absorbing knowledge of Southwestern art and dispensing this expertise as a docent in the Fine Arts Center. Daughter Suzanne earned her MA in speech pathology at UT, Austin. She returned to CO Springs and teaches children there. Roger III (Trip) operates a boutique in Austin, where he imports sweaters and rugs from Peru. I've suggested to Rog that he phone me when he is in DC for an update of area Class activities and soup line locations. There is a place where you can get a cup of hot sauce before noon, if you ask no questions and have a valid credit card. But bring your own towel.

Elliott & Joyce Gritton write happily from Reno that their only child, Holly, was married on 7 Dec to CPT Scott Torgerson '82, though he looks younger. Congratulations, folks, and get on with grandparenthood while you're still young. Elliott is a mech engr and project mgr for construction of a state trout hatchery for the NV State Public Works Board. They attend the WP Glee Club concerts in Reno (are you eating your hearts out?) and get even by entertaining the cadets at home.

Easy **Ed Pawlowski** mailed in his dues with the annual report of attendees at the Founders Day Dinner at Ft. Myer. From memory, alphabetically and no hands: **Bob Adams, Aggie Aguilar, Jack Ballantyne, Andre's** brother **John Broumas, Walt Evans, Skip Forman, Frank Hart, Glenn Matsumoto, Jack Miller, George Olmsted, Ed, Paul Reistrup, Doug Stuart, Dick Sugg** and **Yale Weatherby.** All admitted to having an enjoyable evening. Ed & **Jan's** son Ed is an architect with Cannon & Faulkner in Georgetown, DC.

Pres **Jack Miller** says he met **Wes Gheen** at WR. Maybe we should hold our next reunion there. Wes was decorated with a monitor that records heart beats and sports results. I wore a similar device but turned it

1954: Pappageorges, Remuses, Hayses and Munsey; Founders Day 1986, Michigan

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1954: Parkers, Richards and Freyers; Founders Day 1986, Ft Bliss

in when my voice started changing. Jack also sent a clip from **National Defense** magazine stating that **Dr. Gustav J. Freyer** was the guest speaker at a luncheon meeting of the American Defense Preparedness Assoc. Gus is dir of the NM State U Physical Science Lab and spoke on the topic "An Overview of DOD Interaction with Universities." That's easy for Gus to say.

Here's a chance to fulfill a dream and help a tac who is writing the history of Co F-1. If you can provide any material concerning the achievements and misadventures, serious or otherwise, of former members of that unit, write CPT Ronald R. Porter, Tactical Officer Co. F-1, USCC, West Point, NY 10997. Respondents will receive a copy of the opus in the fullness of time or Jul, whichever comes first.

1954: Clarkes and Devereauxs; Founders Day 1986, Space Coast

Brandt Grubbs writes from Shalimar, FL of his entertaining trip to the Peach Bowl, Atlanta for the Army-IL game. He met **Tom Paprocki,** Tom's wife, and their 2 daughters. One of the girls is a yearling at USMA. Brandt says it was difficult enough to keep your mind on military art when there were no girls. It's the best thing that happened to USMA since stuffed pork rolls. When the rain-soaked cadet joined the merry group, Brandt wrapped her in an Army blanket that belonged to his Uncle Carl '30, who never imagined it being used that way. Has no one ever taken a chance on an old Indian blanket? And whatever happened to the old Indian? All the noise attracted **Bob Tawes,** D-1, who attended with his son. Brandt uncharacteristically omitted a few details, but he can fill us in when the 5 of us drop in on him unannounced next winter, if he has a yard for our wolf.

Just as the column was sealed and mailed, **Harry & Barb Emrick** write from Lakewood, CO that they attended the WP Founders Day Dinner in Golden. Present were **Ralph & Lael Porter** and **Dick Farmer,** all D-1 troops, and **Ken & Patti Stewart.** Bo Callaway '49, former Sec of Army, was guest speaker. Ken is an engr consultant, and Harry is a prof of engr at the CO School of Mines in Golden. Barb is a broker with the C-21 Real Estate Co. Harry is preparing the results of the Service Academy Graduates golf tournament to be played this spring.

Thanks to all for brightening Class morale. Have a jolly July Fourth.

'55

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I am saddened to have to advise the Class of the death of **Joe Thomer,** our A-1 classmate, who died of complications following an operation for a leg aneurism in Bellingham, WA on 27 Jan. Joe had been ill for some yrs with a kidney disorder which he contracted during service in Vietnam. This heinous disease had taken his kidney function away some 4 yrs ago and made Joe reliant on regular dialysis for survival. Joe was unmarried at the time of his passing, but his son Joe, Jr was with him during his final days. **Rod Vitty,** Joe's USMA roommate, and **Bob Strati** represented the Class at Joe's interment next to a previously deceased young son at WP on 3 Feb. We'll miss Joe's easy smile and warm good humor, and we mourn a good friend and fine soldier; well done, comrade in arms, be thou at peace.

The first blush of the three issues previous to this one must have been beginner's luck, guys; the old mail box and phone have virtually dried up during this gloom period. Certainly Gramm-Rudman-Hollings couldn't be casting a blight over everyone to the extent there is no news to report. I even had great hopes that I'd run into many 55-er's at the Founders Day banquet put on by the WP Soc of Wash, DC on 14 Mar. Statistics would almost demand that of the more than 80 classmates in this area at least 10% would be there. Wrong! When I counted '55 noses at that festivity, there was one—mine! I even had to sit water corporal for a bunch of '54 files! Felt like a pea on a plate.

I chatted with **George Monahan** in the Pentagon recently; he's still very much involved in USAF's R&D efforts, has become a veritable genius in the budgeting process and reports that he & **Mary** enjoyed the Founders Day celebration at Ft Belvoir recently. The Belvoir affair is drag, so some in the DC area enjoy that instead of the WP Soc affair, which is stag. Also gathered for that evening to hear the Supe describe the changes and plans for USMA were **Al & Edie Edwards,** who are always great sources for news for starving scribes: **Dick & Sandy Wargowsky, Ed & Betsy Anderson** and their son West, who is following Dad's footsteps in the USAF. **Zach Hagedorn** and **Ted & Mary Carolyn Gay** were also among our Class reps at Belvoir that night, as were **John & Mary Pickitt** and **Bob & Linda Newton.** John is being kept increasingly occupied now as dir of the Def Nuc Agency here in the DC area.

1955: Army-Navy: Dan & Ann Malone and daughters

I talked with **Fred Knieriem** down in Atlanta recently; he is with Lockheed, as he has been for several yrs. Fred did a tour in Algeria not too long back which he said was a challenge and made him appreciate Atlanta even more when he returned there. He & **Pat** are enjoying their two young daughters, who keep them very young too.

Pete Fikaris and I had a long bs session on our mutual birthday recently. Pete's hydraulics bus is going very well and allows him & **Angie** the chance for some Gloom Period vacation in FL to catch a few rays

1955: Army-Navy: '55 at ease!

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1955: Army-Navy: Don Reid, Rod Vitty and Bill Robinson

and tap the golf ball. Word is Pete has mastered the game as well as he did wrestling and the Chicago police make him register it as a deadly weapon. Pete reports the Chicago '55 contingent is doing very well. **Sandy Sanderson, Rich Miller** are reported to be just fine. **Jack Strom** had some pretty delicate surgery recently, but is responding nicely, Pete reports. All our best to Jack & **Candy**, and our wishes for a full recovery. Pete's son George is performing beautifully in med sch, and promises to be a great surgeon. He can tackle dad's nose as a first challenge.

1955: De Longs and Waterstrats; Founders Day 1986, Phoenix

I got wind recently that **Don & Chickie Hilbert** will be returning from Paris this summer, where Don has done an outstanding job as our def attache. Don's new posting will be as cmdr of the Mil Dist of Washington. Hilbo returns to familiar grounds and responsibilities, since he commanded the 3rd Regt, "Old Guard" as a COL. We look forward to seeing the Hilberts settled into their new home at Ft McNair.

Rod Vitty was kind enough to send on some pics you see here from the Class gathering at the Army-Navy Game in Phila this last yr. The outcome was not to our

1955: Smiths; Founders Day 1986, Carlisle Barracks

liking, but the gathered '55-ers had a great chance to warm up the pre-and-post game activities. Rod had a large hand in setting those up, for which we owe him a debt of gratitude.

I need to pass on some Class bus to one and all. Please get out your long range planning calendars. Our 35th Reunion (Time's winged chariot, guys!) will be held in conjunction with the Army-AF game homecoming at WP in Nov 1990. Specific dates are not available now, but will be provided in a future issue. With the setting of this date, plans begin that will make that homecoming very significant to all of us. By that time, all of us will be out of the military, can share the experiences and memories of some great 35 yrs, and will be a little whiter around the temples. Mark down the mo in your planning documents and plan to attend.

1955: Fiscuses; Founders Day 1986, Ft Leonard Wood

The exec comm met recently in DC to review the bidding on returns from a survey of ideas about a Class mini-reunion between now and 1990. The survey showed diverse indications as to where exactly the get-together should be held, but most responses indicated somewhere on the East Coast was preferred. As a planning proposal, our ex-scribe, **Jack Goldstein**, has agreed to pursue investigating the possibilities of a leisurely, relaxed gathering in the Hilton Head, SC area in Apr of 1988. As the planning goes forward and Jack defines more of the details, I'll pass on info to you. As a possible, mark a big circle around Apr of 1988 for a Class outing near or at Hilton Head. More to follow.

News pickins aren't too great this time, guys and ladies; so let me make a suggestion before the next issue's deadline comes in late Jun: take a little old 14¢ postcard out of your desk drawer, write down 3 things you've done in the last 3 to 6 mos, the names of any Class buddies or their ladies you've seen, or 3 of the best memories you have of USMA and mail it to me at the address above. One card from everyone will feed a hungry scribe for many issues, and it will greatly reduce my phone bill. Remember, guys, I don't do fiction—yet! Word from the AOG is that some time in the foreseeable future the **Assembly** will appear 6 times a year vice 4. That will be great, because the news will be timelier and come more often. In the meantime, out with the postcards and . . . take care.

'56

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It is a real pleasure for me to announce that our own **Dave Palmer** has been appointed the next Supe of USMA. Dave will take charge this summer and will, of course, be on hand to greet us at our 30th Reunion. If any of you have been holding out for a better incentive to attend this event, start packing your bags and making your reservations now, because Dave will be there, the comm has done a superb job of setting this one up, and you are virtually assured a grand time. Most of you have received the formal schedule of events and reservation forms by this time, so I won't repeat all the details here; however, a brief reminder of the key dates and main attractions are repeated below for your convenience.

31 Oct A lavish buffet and welcoming cocktail reception Fri evening at Hilton.

1 Nov Class memorial and meeting, presentation of Class Gift, parade, lunch in Cadet Mess Hall, and Army-Boston College football game—all taking place at WP. Evening dinner dance at Hilton.

2 Nov Farewell Sunday brunch at Hilton with Dr. Clarke from the Sch of Aerospace Medicine as speaker.

1956: Pre-game tailgate at the Patricks'; Oct 85.

I apologize to all for the incorrect dates in the Mar issue of this column. Please correct your calendar accordingly. **Farrell Patrick**, our reunion chm, has ordered a unique and beautiful memento for attendees—a silk scarf for the ladies, and a silk and wool tie for the men, each distinctively decorated with our '56 Class Crest. All of you will be extremely proud of the Class Gift. **Jim Anderson** was in charge of bringing together the Class of '56 Reception Room, and you will genuinely enjoy seeing it presented to the Academy. Those who can arrive by 30 Oct will be treated to a glittering array of worthwhile attractions. These will include a tour of Eisenhower Hall, the new hockey and basketball arena, New South Post with Visitors Center (formerly Ladycliff College), the Jewish Chapel, and a briefing from the Com on current cadet programs. A bus trip to NYC with dinner at Mama Leone's and a Broadway show is also planned for Thurs evening, 30 Oct. Please remember the deadline for registering and paying for all WP events is **1 Jul 86.** Farrell indicates that he has been unable to obtain current addresses for the following classmates. If any of you can help, please contact the AOG or write to Farrell directly at PO Box 15, 19 Bridge Terrace, Ft Montgomery, NY 10922. The

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addresses needed are for **Bob Richards, Walt Liska, Charlie Trefzger, Mike McGrath, Kip Baker,** and **Jeff Childs.**

You will all be pleased to know that a comm consisting of **Maury Cralle, Stan Diez, Dick Dowell, Al Renshaw, Bob Sorley** and **Pete Verfurth** has been formed in the Wash DC area to put together a 30 Yr Book. Please send them the info they need regarding your latest doings and don't miss signing up for one or more copies. They will need your info and checks by no later than **1 Jul 86,** so please don't put it off.

Bob Sorley is also a member of the AOG Information Comm, which has overwatch responsibility of AOG publications. As such, he recently briefed a group of our class scribes on plans to modernize our process for publishing ASSEMBLY. I wonder if he had anything to say about "modernizing" your scribe? Talk about mission impossible!! Bob also sent me a news release on **Roger Blunt's** recent ret as a MG in the US Army Reserve, effective 8 Feb 86. Roger had commanded the 97th ARCOM since 84. Roger is Chm of the Board and pres of Tyroc Construction Corp of Wash DC. Roger's wife, **Derrie,** received a certificate of appreciation signed by the Army Chief of Staff. **Ken & Myra Withers** and Bob & **Ginny Sorley** also attended the ceremonies.

1956: Roger Blunt

Judy & Ward LeHardy were thoughtful to pass along the latest info on **Joe & Julietta Villanos.** I'm certain you will all be relieved to know that the Villanos family is fine. Joe & Etta and one son are residing at 15 Falcon St, Fairview, Quezon City, Metro Manila, Philippines. Joe is a COL and will be ret soon. Their eldest, Judy, is now 24 and completed her bachelor degree in math with highest honors when she was 19. She is a computer programmer and teaches in the evenings. Jeannie Marie, 22, has a bachelor degree in math and actuary science and is also a computer programmer. Jeassamyn, 21, has a bachelor degree in psychology. She is working on her doctorate in medicine. Jocelyn, 20, is studying dentistry, Jo-Anne, 18, is majoring in accounting. Their only son, Jonathan, 17, will grad next yr with a bachelor degree in applied math. Joe & Etta were in CA in 84 when Joe took the Resource Mgt Course at the US Navy Postgraduate Sch in Monterey. Joe saw **Charlie Bagnal** in 85 when Charlie was on an off visit to Manila. Joe hopes to attend the 30th Reunion. Judy LeHardy also mentioned that their daughter, Sally, was expecting a baby around Apr this yr.

Ed Kime helped me stay up to date on **Roger Root's** progress since his heart replacement operation last Dec. To recap, Ed's daughter Allison is a med student at the U of VA at Richmond where Roger is an

1956: Foxes, Deleuils, and Wagenheims; Founders Day 1986, Huntsville, AL

outpatient. Roger had to return to the hosp in early Mar because of a rejection episode, and Allison spoke to him several times while he was there. Later, Roger was released and was planning to attend the Founders Day activities at Ft Bragg along with **John Foss** and **LeRoy Suddath,** who command the 82nd Abn and the Special Forces Command, respectively. Ed and **Farrell Patrick** are both actively supporting a group known as the US Decathlon Assoc. Presently, this assoc is helping to train two decathletes full-time to enable the US to make a better showing in this event. To accomplish this, their group needs to raise something on the order of $50,000 per yr until '88 when they will need to raise about $100,000. Ed and Farrell would like to make contact with any individuals or cos looking for such an affiliation. Ed can be reached at 87 Gerdes Rd, New Canaan, CT 06840.

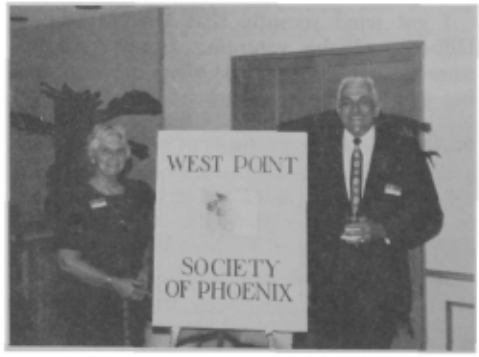
Thanks to the excellent reporting of **Dick Woods,** I can tell you the Class activities in the Wash DC area are still going strong. **Perry Smith,** Cmdt of the NWC, hosted a Jan 86 gathering of the faithful at Ft McNair. As usual, **Pete Verfurth** did a first rate job of calling the '56ers together—about 46 attended. Among them, in addition to those previously mentioned, were **Jim McNulty** and **Jim Anderson,** who were visiting from WP, **Jack Nicholson,** visiting from Ft Eustis, **Mike Alexander, Conn Anderson, Jerry Amlong, Jim Bauchspies, Steve Canby, Harry Christopher, Bill Cody, Maury Cralle, Bill Crites, Gene Dewey, Lee Denson, Stan Diez, Dick Dowell, Bob Flory, Bob Hammond, Fred Holmes, Bob Hull, Ted Jasper, Sam Kem, John Keutmann, Harry Kotellos, Dirk Lueders, Dick Pierce** (with full beard) **Charlie Prather, Bob Quackenbush, Al Renshaw, Rand Rensvold, George Rostine, Soop Saferstein, Bill Schrage, Mike Sirkis, Jack Sloan, Mark Smith, Bob Sorley, Bob Sullivan, John Wall, Tony Wetzel, Tom Weinstein, Gary Williams, Tom Winter,** and **Marty Zimmerman.**

1956: Boweses, Barlows, and DeFrance; Founders Day 1986, Carlisle Barracks

At the Wash DC area Oct 85 luncheon, many of the above were present along with **Jack Woodmansee, Ken Withers, Stainton Smith, Jack Sharkey, Norm Schwarzkopf, John McGinn, Don Ernst** and **Bill Baxter. Dick Woods** also saw **Terry Prossner, Bob Krutz,** and **Davy Moore** along with others from the Baltimore-Wash DC area at the Army-Navy Game in Philadelphia. Dick also saw **Keith & Kay Barlow** at the Infantry Ball in DC. Dick also brought me up to date on the following important promotions: **John Shaud** was promoted to LTG and is the AF DCSPER. **Pete Lash** and **Arv West** have recently pinned on one star. We are very proud of all of them.

1956: Salomes, Patricks and Oakeses; Founders Day 1986, West Point

Dick Woods also reported a very good turnout of classmates at the Ft Belvoir Founders Day event hosted by Sam Kem, CG of the Engr Sch there. Many of those mentioned above were in attendance. In addition, **Art Boudreau, Mike Cavenaugh, Frank Matthews,** and **Bob St. Louis** all made the scene. Dick Woods also had the honor of attending the ret ceremony for **Mike Sirkis** earlier this yr. The Army Vice Chief of Staff, GEN Max Thurman, presided. Mike is now working with LTG (Ret) Walt Ulmer '52 at the Center for Creative Leadership in VA.



1956: The Judsons; Founders Day 1986, Phoenix

Gene Fox forwarded a Class picture taken at the Founders Day celebration at Huntsville, AL in the Redstone Arsenal Off Club. **Wood & Peggy De Leuil** as well as **Herb Wagenheim** joined Gene & **Evelyn Fox** for a delightful evening. Two Class daughters, Ellen Fox, junior U of VA, and Virginia Wagenheim, grad student U of AL, also attended. The USMA athletic dir, Carl Ullrich, was the speaker. We also received a postcard from **Jesse & Anna Blackwell** announcing that they have transferred from New Zealand back to Honolulu, HI. **Jerry Morgan,** who now leads his own co in Oak Brook, IL, J.A. Morgan & Co, ran the Chi-

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1956: Founders Day 1986, Ft Belvoir

cago Americas Marathon 20 Oct 85 with a time of 2 hrs, 59 min 8 secs, good enough to finish 5th for men age 50 and older. When not keeping in great shape as a distance runner, Jerry and his co specialize in corp acquisitions and divestitures. **Hawley Oakes** has announced his ret after 7 yrs of great work as dir, Alumni Affairs at USMA. He & **Carol** will relocate to Chapel Hill, NC.

Dave & Gail Muntz still reside in Evans, GA where Dave is a consultant around the country for environmental mgt. Gail remains very active with Augusta Prep as sr warden and dir of the Alumni Assoc. They have done a great deal of flying and driving around the country to visit with friends and family. Recently, Dave visited WP to help his daughter Carla and son-in-law Kevin move on post. Kevin is the new community affairs off at WP. Carla is expecting their second child in Aug. This I'm certain will give the Muntzes more than adequate incentive to visit the 30th Reunion this fall.

1956: The Barretts; Founders Day 1986, Ft Leonard Wood

Here in LA, we were pleased to hear from **Bucky & Peggy Harris** when they were out this way for the Allen Nicholson and Elyse Knapp wedding. Allen is **Bob & Caroline Nicholson's** son who is with Rockwell Intl in the LA area. Bucky & Peggy are living in HI and marketing many products sold at exchanges and commissaries. Their business brings them to this area fairly frequently, so we hope to see them in person the next time around.

This last bit of news is for all you F-1 "fanatics." CPT Ronald R. Porter is looking for "historical" material concerning your many achievements and, perhaps, misadventures. He is putting together a book about F-1 so that the co's grand and glorious past can be immortalized and provide present day cadets a better appreciation of your traditions. Those who would like to contribute to this book should contact him at the following address: CPT Ronald R. Porter, Tactical Officer, F-1, USCC, West Point, NY 10996 or call him at (914) 938-3307 (ofc) or (914) 446-5666 (res).

That's all for now. I'm hoping to see most of you at the 30th, so make your plans now and bring your photos and "brag sheets" to give me plenty of material for this column.

'57

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Greetings from Greenbelt. No, I haven't moved, but I'm going to in about 4 mos. My new address will be (as of 1 Aug) 7332 Devereaux Ct, Alexandria, VA 22310. Actually, it's only a mi from where I live now, but.... Sometime in Jun or Jul, about the time that you are reading this, you should receive a mailing with info about the 30th Reunion. It should even include a card for making reservations at the Suffern, NY Holiday Inn and Holidome, which will be our hqs as well as accommodations for the reunion. As of now (according to **Bernie Tullington,** who has been charged with making arrangements based on your input) we will have a cocktail/buffet dinner at the Holidome on the 11th; a breakfast buffet/bus meeting at the Holidome on the 12th; take a bus to the North Gym to present our gift (more later) and walk to Trophy Point for a memorial service; attend the parade and have lunch in Washington Hall; go to the football game; take a bus back to Suffern to change clothes; take a bus back to WP for a dinner/dance at the O Club; and then return to Suffern by bus. On the 13th we'll have a farewell brunch at the Thayer Hotel, and the rest is up to you. Please be sure to send the reservation cards back to the hotel ASAP so that we can make the proper food and bus arrangements, and be sure to identify yourself as a member of '57. It won't hurt to admit it.

Now, back to the Class gift. We learned that the center entrance corridor of the North Gym is in need of remodeling, and that the job can be accomplished for about $50,000, to include a plaque and even some Class pictures. This is the corridor that had the wrestling room on one side and the boxing room on the other side, and the project is No 5 on the Supe's list of things to do. It is important that we collect the money by the reunion so that we can actually make the presentation to the Academy. It has really not been going as well as I expected, and we have collected less than $10,000, leaving $40,000 to go. Let's go folks, send your checks. As I recall there were over 200 of us present when we voted on this collection of $100 per person at the 25th, and it certainly should be a **total** Class effort, although we welcome all the extra donations any of you would like to make. I know that you will all be pleased and proud of what is being done with the money, since it will be very useful to the cadets, visible to all who visit WP and totally a '57 project. It satisfies all the criteria one could ask for to be a worthwhile venture.

The Class had several luncheons over the last few mos, and in fact we're trying to have one the first Thurs of each mo. Our Feb luncheon was a special event arranged by **Archie Barrett,** our Congressional staffer to the House Armed Services Sub-Comm on Surveys and Investigations. He arranged for us to have lunch in a room in the Rayburn Bldg, and for Rep Nichols to speak to us about his proposed legislation for Def Reorganization. It was a very interesting luncheon.

1957: Ledbetter and Lindholm

We also had a rather sad occurrence in Feb, and it is my duty to report to you that **Bill Murphy** died of cancer on 21 Feb at the Brymaur Hosp near Philadelphia. Bill was employed by Amtrak since his ret. He was buried at Arlington on the 25th following a service in the Ft Myer Memorial Chapel. His widow **Marilyn** and their 3 children, Bridget, Brian and Kevin will continue to live in Newtown Square, PA. It was requested that any donations in honor of Bill be made to the American Cancer Soc.

After I finished the last column and mailed it in—late like this one—I found several letters that had been misplaced. They are included in this column, with my apologies. Hopefully, I won't miss too many this time. **Don Baughman** has put me on his travel agency (Travel Services Intl, Silver Spring, MD) and the temptations are certainly great to take one of the many trips he's been planning. He even volunteered to arrange a special one for the Class. If you're interested, let me know. If you're looking for a travel deal, call him at 301-585-2003. **Champ Buck,** who

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has been working with **Les Bennett** and the folks at WP on the selection of our Class gift, told me that Les will ret in Jun. As a result, we elected **Gerry Galloway**, currently in Europe on sabbatical, as our new point of contact when he returns this summer. I know that Gerry will be thrilled by his election. **Bruce Turnbull** has been and continues to be our contact for arrangements with the Holidome. Got a letter from **Ray Bell**, back in Oct, and he gave me lots of info about the Bright Star Exercise in Egypt. You may remember that there was a picture of Ray, along with **Ed Soyster** and **Parks Houser**, in the last ASSEMBLY. Ray, who commands the 220th MP Bde, mentioned that Parks was the driving force behind the Army's participation in that exercise, and that it was extremely successful. Of course! He also said that **Gary Stemley**, cmdr of the 301st Area Support Group out of NY was there with a bang-up group of part-time soldiers as well as active Army troops. Ray's troops were from the entire eastern part of the US, and found the desert experience to be quite enjoyable.

Lou Circeo, whom I see fairly frequently, sent me a clipping from "At Ease," which had **Ray Dixson** dressed as a baby—in a giant diaper—during the Mardi Gras costume party on the **Delta Queen** riverboat. It was during a two ship trip down the Mississippi, and Ray was the youngest person on the trip. He characterized the costume by saying, "They called me the baby of the group, so I came dressed as a baby." The author of the article described it this way. "The huge man wore a sheet for a diaper and carried a baby's bottle filled with something other than infant formula."

1957: Hicklins and Steins

Got a letter, with picture, from **Tom Hicklin**. The picture was taken at the WP Soc of Denver's Founders Day and includes **Sue & Tom Lindholm, Eunice & Mike Stein, Jack Murphy, Tom (head only) & Lyn Hicklin,** and **Dick & Joyce Mollicone.** Dick & Joyce were up from CO Springs to help liven up the festivities. I'm sure the dinner was especially lively because Jack is the pres of the Denver Soc and both Toms are on the board. Actually, the only '57 type event that took place was their version of how many Irishmen it takes to change a light bulb. Murphy held the bulb and they all drank until the room started spinning. Others who live in the Denver area, but were not at the dinner are **Stan & Marcy Pore, Ray & Gail Karsian,** and **Bill Foster. Jim Jameson** and **Mal Duffek** live in CO Springs. We appear to have quite a contingent in the area. Tom mentioned that **John Ledbetter** was supposed to join them from Billings, but had to drill some oil wells. With the current oil market he may have been better off going to the dinner. Tom also mentioned a Jan party, and a letter I got from **Ray Karsian** (which I'll cover next) has more details. Thanks, Tom.

1957: The Pores

Now for **Ray's** letter, which I should note also had checks from Ray and **John Ledbetter.** Thank you gentlemen. Ray included a copy of the flyer announcing a gourmet dinner party for the Class at the Tivoli Restaurant in Kittredge, CO on 25 Jan, a copy of the menu and a newspaper write-up about the restaurant. Must have been a super dinner.

The following comments are a combination of notes written by the individuals and explanatory comments by Ray. **John Ledbetter** is into oil exploration in Billings, MT and is the pres of NYVATEX Oil. He flew in to visit the **Hicklins.** The only comment was that he's got three kids, and that the oil business is down right now, but he's surviving. **John & Susie McKillop** (former '57 and actual '58), is a prof employer with People Power, Inc in Englewood, CO. **Jack & Pat Murphy** are with Pre Paid Legal Services, and Jack is doing a lot of traveling as a marketing associate. Three of their 5 kids are married, and they have two grandchildren. One of the kids is in the Army, stationed in Ger. The Murphys are thinking of moving to Phoenix in the near future. **Tom & Susan Lindholm** have three kids (2 boys, 1 girl) and all are in college, one at U of CA and two at CO State U. He's a sr proj engr with a civil & structural engr firm in Evergreen, CO. **Mal & Nan Duffek** have two kids, one an artist and the other an accountant. The Duffeks just started a bus in CO Springs making color microfiche after yrs of running his family auto parts bus in Chicago. "Coop The Snoop" (the friendly tac of days gone by) was present and sent his best wishes.

1957: The Dewitts; Founders Day 1986, Ft Leonard Wood

Tom & Lyn Hicklin have two children, both girls and both employed (Tom's comment—Hooray!) Tom works as an engr with Fastspan, Inc, a co that makes portable bridges. I've covered the **Steins** several times in the last two issues, so I'll skip them here. **Stan & Marcy Pore** have 3 children, and the youngest is a soph at CU. He's a purchasing mgr at Stearns Catalytic Corp in Denver, and he travels a lot to Korea to buy steel. Marcy teaches elementary school, and they live 20 mi no of the AFA. **Jim & Barbara Jameson** have 3 kids, all in college. He is the owner and dir of General Bus Services (CO Springs franchise of the largest mgt consulting firm in the US). They have been living in CO Springs since 1975 and invite you all to drop in and enjoy. Jim is also the state coord for admissions to all four academies (USMA, NA, AFA and CGA).

Gail & Ray Karsian have been in Denver since 62 and he's still with IBM, marketing large scale computer systems to the feds and related quasi-fed accounts. They have two children, a 17 yr old dau, Kem, and a 15 yr old son, Andy. They are very active in outdoor activities, and Ray gets to the DC area 3-4 times a yr. Thanks **Ray,** for a great letter.

Back in Sep 85, **John Loberg** sent a note that **Howie Haupt** is stationed at Travis AFB. **T. B. McDonald** had a Class party at his house back in Sep, and then sent me a check which I never acknowledged. Sorry about that. To make matters worse, I collected some info that night and forgot to publish it. The info follows: **Jeanne & Bob Comeau** returned from USAREUR in Jul 85, and he is now a sr judge on the Army Court of Mil Rev. Jeanne is the child dev services coord at AMC. Their youngest, Karen, was married in Aug and is now at Reese AFB, TX. Daughter Valerie & husband live in Houston, TX and have twin boys. Son Christopher & wife live in Arlington, VA and are expecting now. **Rudy & Pat Pataro** still live in No VA, but Rudy now works as the sr mgr of employee relations for MCI Telecom Corp.

1957: Jim & Gloria Pocock; Founders Day 1986, Michigan

Bruce Stout is now married to **Tanizin** Pabst O'Meara (related to Pabst Brewing). **Dick Kenyon** has been the Army's Chief of Legislative LN since Jun 85. His youngest son, Steven, grad from Auburn U last summer and is now living in FL. Daughter Susan, who is married to GEN Thompson's (Cmdr, AMC) son, had their first grandchild, a girl, in Oct and lives in Arlington. Their (Ginny & Dick's) oldest son, Michael, went back to their original home near Buffalo, NY, grad from the U of Buffalo and now manages a district in Long Island for a landscaping and lawn care co.

Got a card and check from **George O'Grady.** He is the dir of marketing for BEI Intl in Ft Worth, TX. Thanks for the check George, but what does BEI do? **Bill & Bambi Ray** wrote to say they're enjoying Frankfurt and EUD is keeping him off the streets. Actually, that's good. If I were him I'd stay out of anyplace I didn't have to be. Take care, Bill, and thanks for your interest and help. **Jerry & Barbara Schumacher** sent a letter and check fom San Carlos, CA. Their son, Jerry II, '83, brought home an ASSEMBLY at Christmas, and it was the first one they've seen in 2½ yrs. During that time Jerry has been vp of ops & Barbara has worked in the personnel

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dept of VISA, and they've really enjoyed it. But Jerry has just been offered a position he couldn't refuse as chief operating off of Fuel Tech, Inc, in Stanford, CT. They are now living in New Canaan, CT and embarking on a new exciting adventure. The co has a technology to "eliminate" acid rain as well as products to eliminate other pollution. Good luck, and thanks for the check.

J. D. Smith sent a note and check, for which we are all appreciative. **Esther** & J.D. are enjoying being back in their house, and Esther is now publishing a newspaper called **Washington Technology.** The first issue was published on 3 Apr. **Jack & Liz Sobraske** wrote from Mound, MN and sent a check. Great mail. Jack said that spring seems to have actually reached MN, but he suspects treachery and 6 in of snow in May. Both of their children will grad from college this spring—Cathy from St. Catherines (how appropriate) and John from Stanford. Congratulations. I know it feels good to see them finish.

1957: The Gruhns and the Moses; Founders Day 1986, Phoenix

Got a nice card, letter and newsletter from **Jack & Barbara Vickers.** They also enclosed a check, which was icing on the cake. They went to WP for homecoming, and it was the first time Jack ever marched in the Old Grads column. It's definitely a new sensation. **Dana Mead** was also in the column. He's now vp and group exec of Intl Paper Co, a major corp working out of NY. Jack also saw **Ole Olson** at the Supe's reception. Both of their sons are in the Cl of '86. Yes, Jack, we still give gifts and we'll have one of our classmates at WP arrange it. The Vickers also went to the A/N game, and saw **Dave Schorr, Bill Huckabee, Jack Elder** (whose son is at USNA), **Rod McConnell, Bob Leard** and **Darryl Erickson.** As Jack said, too bad they didn't take a picture. He has been the pres of the WPPC (parent's club) in RI for two yrs now, but is hoping to be replaced this spring. It's really a great organization which helps new cadets, old cadets and their parents get together and help each other, to include having social functions like picnics to get introduced. He has also recently become an admissions participant and interviews potential candidates for USMA. It's an effort to both evaluate those who are applying and to encourage those whom the Academy would like to apply. Jack & Barbara's daughter Beth is doing well as an elementary and special ed major at RI college. Daughter Jennifer plays the flute in the 8th grade band and was auditioning for the all-state band competition. Both girls enjoy visiting their brother at WP. How well I remember the interest my girls had in visiting Jacob.

Ted Voorhees sent two letters, one in Oct and one in Jan. The Oct letter pointed out that I put **Harlow's** name under Ted's picture in the Sep ASSEMBLY. He also included the following info. **Tommy Thompson** retired in Jul and has settled in HI, selling real estate and looking around for other work. His wife Jan says she is temporarily supporting him since she has a full-time job. **Clark Rogers** is the Dep CINC at PACAF, having previously been in Korea. The **Swindlers** have been in HI for 3 yrs, and Glen is in the J4. Ted was the Dep IG, and both he and Glen spent a lot of time traveling around the Pacific. Ted & **Toddy's** oldest son Ted is a sr at American U and should now be studying in Brussels. Son Mike is a frosh at the U of CO on a 4 yr ROTC scholarship, having earned his Eagle Scout rating just before turning 18. The Rogers, Thompsons, Swindlers and Voorhees had a Class party on the beach at Bellows AB, and then had another party when the **Olsons** visited HI. It's a lot of fun out there, but I think the Voorhees are ready to return to the DC area. That was the Oct letter. In Jan, Ted decided to start the new yr right by sending a picture and a check. Great follow-up. He also mentioned that he has been reassigned to the DCSPER Rev Bd and will be returning at the end of Jul 86. Thanks for the mail, Ted.

Got a misc letter which requested assistance. CPT Ronald Porter, the current F-1 tac, is trying to write a history of F-1. He'd appreciate pictures, etc, of historical value. Just send them to him at WP. That's it for now. Have fun, write and SEND MONEY!

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39th Column. On to the news. First, a few cards and letters missed in the last column. One is dated 12-20-85 and is quoted in its entirety: "Dear George, like I read in the Dec issue my only excuse is foot-dragging. Regards, **Len McCormack.**" Enclosed was his check for $100 for the Class memorial fund. When you read this you should have your IRS tax refund check, so, grab your checkbook and **send in your $100.**

A card from **Tom Forman** had sad news that both his parents died last Jun, though Tom pointed out that it was a blessing they went together. Our sympathies are with Tom. On a happier note he said that he and Alice Wakefield are planning a trip east in the spring, and he hopes to make a Class luncheon, which should be the next one on 11 Apr.

The 58 picture of EOBC group prompted a letter from **Ron Hudson** in Katy, TX (a suburb of Houston). He correctly identified everyone! And, is awarded a free drink at the 30th from **Garry Roosma.** Ron commented, "Actually, they all look alike—YOUNG." He also said that **Bo Craddock** is in Houston and was in the gathering mentioned in last column via letter from **Cloin Robertson.** Ron then asked the question: "Which classmate became a district engr, but was not in the EOBC picture?" Scribe knows the answer. Do you? First correct reply from other than the guilty classmate gets a free drink from Garry.

Most recent arrival. Found my notes from **Bob Julian's** call. Megan Anne Julian joined us on 22 Oct 83. Congratulations to Bob & **Pat.** Any other claimants out there to take the title away from the Julians?

Charley Glover wrote in Dec and scribe refound and reread his letter in Apr. Anyway, Charley has written to all I-2 files except for **Dick Warner,** who he lists as "lost." Purpose of writing was to locate the scattered comates and to encourage 30th reunion attendance. Can anyone help with Dick Warner's address? **Gene Scales** sent news about Dick and must have his address. Let's hear from you, Gene.

Also not mentioned last time was 13-16 Oct AUSA annual meeting. A number of classmates were there in active and ret status, many of the latter were there courtesy their companies. No names. Would feel so badly for sins of omission. Plan to attend in Oct 86. Keep alert for a dinner Mon or Tues night. **Butch Ordway** has organized one in the past. In Oct 85 he was out of town, but **Mark Sigurski** filled in admirably. About 8 of us met at ANCC for drinks and then went to a restaurant for dinner.

1958: Brintnall, Janice, Jintana, Sookmak

USAF Report. The long promised run-down on active duty AF types. **Dick Beyea** is BG and commanding AFOSI at Bolling AFB. **Charlie Bond** is training future offs in ROTC at State College, MS. **Jack Bujalski** is with AFELM, Iceland. BG **Chuck Cabell** is Com of DSMC at Ft Belvoir. Second report that **Frank Crowley** is at AF Sys Cmd at Andrews AFB. Scribe has talked to him on the phone, so the report is fairly reliable.

MG **Mike Dugan** is DCS/Ops, Hq TAC at Langley. **Gary Durkee** is in 7 Air Div, APO NY 09012, not sure where that is. **Bob Durkin** is new MG. Promotion moved him from Pentagon to DIA at Bolling. Still close enough for our First Capt to become a regular at the DC Class luncheons. Another DC area MG and infrequent luncheon attendee is **Jud Ellis,** dir of engr & services on the Air Staff (think that Jud sent me the print-out).

1958: The Gretes

Lee Fay is wih AFELM JCMPO DO/JCM 09. Cannot translate, but the rest of his address is Arl, VA 22209. Another too close to have an excuse for not making the lunch bunch. BG **Bob Kirtley** is in OSD as asst dep USDRE (Strategic and Theater Nuc Forces). Bob's DC status is off, that is, he's been to a Class luncheon.

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1958: Tuttle, Smith, Sigurski at Oct luncheon

BG **Bob McCann** is vice cmdr, Ninth AF at Shaw AFB. BG **Don McCullough** is at Reese AFB in the 64th Flying Wg. **Burt Miller** is another AFELM type, but his element is NATO/2ATAF NSHQOO/CCD, APO NY 09103. **Bob Shellenberger** is with 21 AF/DOT at McGuire AFB. MG **Leo Smith** is dir of budget in AF Comptroller Off, HQ USAF. Leo's a luncheon attendee, so scribe can attest to his two stars, youthful appearance, etc.

John Soper is BG cmding 47th Air Div at Fairchild AFB. **Bill Stambaugh** is with 17 AF Cmbt Ops ST/XP, APO NY 09130. Hope that Bill is still wearing his cadet bathing suit as he did at a DC swimming party a few yrs ago (few? not more than ten). **Jim Wade** is at Tyndall AFB in AF Engr Svc Ctr SA/DEM. Last listed is **Mac Williams** as dir of ops, DCS/Plans and Ops, HQ USAF. My list reflects Mac as BG, but am certain that's wrong. He's a MG for sure.

Bottom line. Twenty still on active duty, half are COLs, half are generals. Don't know the current Army count. It was 67 and going down.

On to my letters. First after the last column was mailed was from **Bob Miller** in Albuquerque. He wrote, "Almost immediately after reading the last issue of **Assembly**, I wrote the enclosed check for the Class Fund. Now—nearly a mo later—I find myself getting around to this letter and hopefully will mail it today. And so it has been with my communication to the Class scribe since Jun Wk in 58. Before being listed as a 'Five-Oh,' I felt compelled to report in at least once." **Another first letter.** Too many of you out there still owe us your first letter.

1958: Miller, Carpenter, Daley, Shepard, Brower; Oct luncheon

Bob writes that the WP Soc of Albuquerque lists **Charles W Mitchell, James W Chapman, Louis J Prime** and himself there along with **Thomas H Claffey** in Santa Fe. Bob saw Jim Chapman at their A-N tv party for the first time since graduation. They were having a society luncheon in Jan where Bob hoped to see the others. **Bob & Suzanne** celebrated their 25th anniv in 1985. Daughter Cindi and son Jon both live in Albuquerque (third time's a charm, Scribe can now spell it). Bob says, "we guarantee no contest in any competition for recent arrivals."

Bob confirmed **Bob Huskinson's** report of their having met in AK on a fishing trip in 83. Miller plans to be there after Labor Day 86 to keep his string of 18 yrs alive. Also said he'd try to see **Kelly Robinson** in Anchorage in Sep. Great first letter! Get the NM contingent together to write a group letter.

Dr Chuck Toftoy sent a note to let us know that he's training for the Liberty Triathlon on 6 Jul. It will consist of 1½ mi swim, 100 mi bike ride and 10km run. I might handle the last one, but certainly not the first two. Good luck, Chuck. He's dedicating his effort to classmates who fell in Vietnam.

Reported last time that **Chuck Profilet** was moving to DC to represent Bernard Johnson, a Houston engr co. A few mos of commuting to DC from Plantation, FL convinced **Chuck & Sandy** to stay there, so he's now pres of Network Affiliate Corp. Network will use "advanced and sophisticated satellite transmitted technology, a network of large screen computerized theaters" to bring a new entertainment concept to country clubs and condominiums throughout the USA. Sorry we lost them here even before they arrived.

1958: Nun surrounded by USNA '58 on train to Philly.

Bob Grete writes that he is still dir of Rocky Bayou Christian Sch in Niceville, FL. He'll be in DC 13-17 Apr with the RBCS TEEN Political Affairs Club (13 students and 4 chaperones). He writes for the record that he & **Trinky** will both "hit the ½ century mark and our 27th wedding anniv this yr." Eldest daughter Kathy (almost 26) was graduated from Pensacola Christian College, is married, provided their first grandson Christopher, and teaches at RBCS. Her husband David is in the Coast Guard. Son Bill (24) also graduated from PCC and is a 2d year law student at Cumberland Law Sch in Birmingham, AL. Bill & his wife Elise are about to provide grandchild #2, and will be working as an intern at Rutherford Inst in Manassas, VA this summer. Does anyone in DC know of a "super-cheap place for Bill, Elise and baby to stay for 2-3 mos in the west-of-Wash area?" If so, let Bob Grete know. Daughter Mari (23) attended Clearwater Christian College and is married to an airman. They are in line with grandchild #3. Son Bobby (22) graduates from Liberty U on 2 May and will go into a master's program. Daughter Nancy (21) is a jr at PCC while son Brian (14) is an 8th grader at RBCS run by his dad. Check out the photo of the eight Gretes.

Last letter, which is the first one since the Mar **Assembly**, is from **Ann Jones**. She got an early glimpse of the column while **Garry & Jill Roosma** were in Ger to visit their daughter 2LT Meg Roosma. Ann writes that "Not only was it distressing to note that the '58 column was almost mid-book, but was surprised to read our names printed for lack of news! **Linc** will attest that no one sends more cards or pays more for postage than I do! The Christmas card referred to must have been in his pile to do!" Scribe, too, will so attest and further state that she deduced correctly that the card was from Linc. A second card from Ann contained news that daughter Patti became engaged over Thanksgiving.

Didn't intend to distress **Ann**, who easily outdoes the **Siberts** in the cards and letters dept, but it was worth it in light of her newsy letter. Ann & **Linc** and **Garry & Jill** attended Founders Day in Heidelberg. A real nostalgia trip for the **Roosmas** who first attended a Heidelberg Founders Day in 60. LTG Scott gave "a marvelous speech to the largest WP audience in USAREUR." Ann reports that 2LT son Peter is finishing Ranger sch as she was writing and that daughter Patti will visit for two wks in May before going to ROTC summer camp at Ft Bragg.

Ann also got together with **Carole Smith** for lunch at the Frankfurt Club in Jan. **Joneses** hope to see Smiths in Paris. Ann & **Linc** are looking forward to a visit from **Alan & Florence Salisbury** (now, there is someone who is resting on her laurels as a correspondent, haven't had a letter from Florence for too long). Last time mentioned the brothers and brothers-in-law. A pair omitted were step-brothers Linc Jones and Alan Salisbury. Great letter, Ann.

DC Luncheon. Big news is that **Bill Tuttle** came to 14 Feb luncheon sporting **three stars!** He's the new Cmdr of Logistics Center at Ft Lee. Congratulations, Bill! Should move this news to the front of column, but my use of this word processor isn't that sophisticated. Another class LTG is **Sammy Sookmak.** Sammy is chief of the Thai Territorial Def Dept. Congratulations, Sammy! **Pete & Janice Brintnall** were in Thailand recently and saw Sammy & his wife **Jintana.** Pete provided the picture.

1958: With these supporters, how could we lose?

More from the luncheon. **H-2 was the co with the most attendees: Jim Hall** (his first luncheon appearance), **Jack Downing, Phil Pryor** and scribe. The H-2 files not present had the following puny b-aches: **Mike Riordan** was out of town for his son's wedding. **Joe Luman** claimed excessive workload at his law firm. **Denny Sharon's** secy

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told me earlier in the wk that the luncheon was on his calendar, so call him AWOL. **Bill Parks** was reminded by me, so let him get his neck in and give us a proper "No excuse, sir."

Claude Fernandez was another first time attendee. He's a recent arrival to ODCSPER. Other attendees included **Jack Bradshaw, George Lawton** (host in **Mark Sigurski's** absence), **Jerry Mitchell** (who had his overcoat taken. He left his card in the pocket of the coat left in its place. Hope the out-to-luncher returned Jerry's), **Herb Puscheck, Bob Rhodes, Joe Schwar, Lee Miller, John Schroeder, Bob Bunker, Chuck Hansult, Pete Bahnsen, Paul Johnson, John Herren, Bill Gillette, Dick Reidy,** and **Bill Shepard.** Total of 23 so two names were omitted. Where were you?

News from the luncheon. **Paula Johnson,** asst principal at Mt Vernon HS was instrumental in recruiting Clarence Jones, Army HB. She's also working on an all-Met defensive end to enter in Jul with class of 1990. **Mike Mahler** has written a book on Vietnam and has secured a publisher. **Phil Pryor** is changing to mufti in Mar. He'll work for Thomson CSF, a French co producing Mobile Subscriber Equip (MSE) for the Army. I picked up a Joe Gibbs quote that applies to scribes as well as to football coaches: "When I'm right, no one remembers. When I'm wrong, no one forgets."

1958: Is this before or after the game, Ordway?

Founders Day at Ft Belvoir. George Lawton reports that attending were **Bob & Marion Bunker, Paul & Paula Johnson, Chuck & Patsy Densford, Chuck & Karen Teeter, Chuck & Helena.** Connie Tulley was George's drag.

Founders Day at Ft Myer. This traditional affair was "stag." Attendees were **Pete Brintnall, Dan Brockwell, Bill Cibosky, Chuck Hansult, George Lawton** (he got to hear the youngest grad twice . . . but the 2LT did an excellent job reporting with authority that since 29 May 85 the Corps definitely has. A few there might have suggested an earlier date), **Joe Luman, Lee Miller, Jerry Mitchell, Bill Parks, Phil Pryor** (in his new civ tuxedo, having just ret), **Mike Riordan,** scribe (in his tux bought at First Class clothing soiree in gymnasium and worn twice previously in 28 yrs, however, pleated trou have come back in style), and **Mark Sigurski.**

Stag was in quotes above, because two grads attending were of the female gender. Significantly for '58, one of them was 2LT Valerie Coffey. Valerie is in EOD training at Indianhead, MD en route to her first asgmt. I enjoyed myself immensely introducing the red haired 2LT to one and all as "my first wife's daughter." **Ray Coffey** called me in Feb to get info on Founders Day for Valerie. On the phone I told her that her dad was my "first wife." It's a term no longer used, so had to explain it to her. Explained it to Mike Riordan too at the dinner. Mike: "First wife, OK, but how can you take credit for Valerie's red hair?" Scribe: "First wife and I remained good friends." Mike: "And you talk about it?" That's when I told Mike that Ray Coffey was my beast barracks roommate.

1958: Lawton '22 keeping an eye on Rhodes; train to Philly

Meanwhile, it wasn't the first time that the stag dinner wasn't "all male." In 78 or 79 ex-cadet Kathy Mellin attended with father **Pat** while we were serving in ODCSRDA together. Not too many yrs hence, given the longer life span of the "weaker" sex, our alma mater's oldest grad will be a woman from the Class of 1980 or so.

The Supe was our speaker also. He asked for a show of hands for cadet offs, then star men. The crowd of 350 or so didn't provide too many hands for either category. LTG Scott then asked for all to stand who had walked the area. Very few of us remained seated. He then commented that as an indicator of success, the area appeared to surpass stars and stripes. The next game was to see who remained standing the longest. Last two on their feet were **Mark Sigurski** and **Dan Brockwell.** At about the 400-500 hr mark, Dan yielded the floor to Mark. The Supe questioned Mark's total hours by remarking that someone must have granted amnesty. Dan Brockwell sang out that Mark got amnesty from Princess Grace one day after a 154-hr slug, but still had so many tours that he spent an extra week in Jun 58 walking. Brought the house down. Mark and Dan never did like the Nancy Sinatra song, "These boots were made for walking."

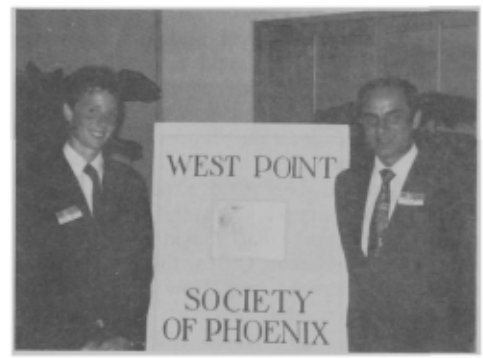
1958: Kullavanijayas and Sookmak; Founders Day 1986, Thailand

George Lawton was given a hard time by his Tac Sandy Oliver '50 because H-2 turned out five from '58 while G-2 was represented only by Lawton. Another time I'll rerun the 25th reunion co stats as a challenge for co with the most at our 30th. The contest can be based on absolute numbers and best percentage attending based on surviving classmates. **Charlie Glover** has already written to all I-2 files. Reported last time that **Roger Waddell** was spurred on by Glover's action to contact all his A-1 comates.

Mike Riordan attended **George Walker's** parents 50th anniv in Jun 85. Mike said that **Cary Martin** was also there. Mike's son George Walker Riordan has given him a grandson, George Walker Riordan, Jr.

Miscellaneous. **Phil Pryor** called in Jan to say he'd tried to find **Tony Smith** in Paris, but the Otis Elevator office he located had never heard of Tony. Phil did run into **Sam Myers;** they were in the same hotel. Other stops included Italy and the Netherlands. Tough duty Phil gave up when he ret. Another recent retiree is **Heyward Hutson.** He departed the Pentagon for Summerville, NC.

Some changes in the DC Class roster. **Jack Eliot** has left BDM and DC for York, PA. **Bob Gall's** phone no is no longer in service. Where are you, Bob? The "lost" list is getting longer. **John Herren** is back in the Pentagon in civies in Intl Security Policy in OSD. **Pete Kulick** ret from Carlisle to NH somewhere. **Walt Plaue** has gone to USAREUR as a civ in DCSOPS. **Denny & Shirley Sharon** have moved to Arlington near the ANCC. **Van & Suzy Van Fleet** have moved closer to the city also, from Fairfax to Alexandria. **Barry Williams** has moved from TRADOC to Little Creek. Hope that he's not without a paddle.



1958: Pensiero and son; Founders Day 1986, Phoenix

Pat Mellin called in late Mar. He & **Linda** have 3 grandchildren and another on the way. Pat listed me for a security update. Glad he doesn't need that clearance. He reports that **Fred & Helen Hall** have left Minnetonka for somewhere OH. Fred is with Batelle and moved so for the climate. Mellin's family is deployed more or less as follows: daughter Kathy, the same one who broke the all-male tradition for DC Founders Day, is married and living in the Twin Cities (MN) with two children. Daughter Suzie is married to an Arty LT at Ft Sill. They have one child and another due in Jul. Son Jay has a chiropractic practice, not sure where. Son Christopher is in Cincinnati while the twins Tim and Mike are living at home (Pat & Linda are considering a smaller house in self-defense). Mike has an ROTC commission and is waiting to go on active duty.

More sad news. **Jae Stanton's** father died recently and was given a soldier's funeral by the Old Guard at Arlington Cemetery. The ghostly assemblage gathered another from the class of '26. A number of classmates were there to support **Jae & Annie.**

Garry Roosma is in ODCSRDA for another MOBDES tour. He added a little to the news from Frankfurt and vicinity contained

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in Ann Jones' letter. They also saw **Chuck Teeter** in Frankfurt Club one day at lunch. Chuck is Dep DAIG and travels constantly. Garry timed his tour to make the luncheon 11 Apr. Actually, Garry's really here to do some more 30th Reunion planning and coordination. He needs one rep per cadet co to help get in touch with and encourage attendance from comates. I gave him **Roger Waddell** and **Charley Glover** as two potentials in light of their current efforts to reach all in A-1 and I-2. Volunteers? Contact Garry at (201) 746-5788 home, or (201) 328-0650 off.

The remaining DC luncheons for 86 are easy to remember: Fri the 13th in Jun, then the double number bit of 8/8, 10/10, and 12/12. Hive the formula, 2d Fri of even numbered mos, or spec the dates.

1958: Doug Sedgwick and Donna Forrester; Founders Day 1986, Michigan

In Jan my son David and I visited **Mel Drisko** at USMAPS. David is trying for WP and Mel is in his 5th yr as Com of the Prep School. The tour was great. "Not coveting" is written in stone; however, scribe will confess to that sin with respect to Mel's job. Has to be the best COL's position in the Army for a former bde cmdr. **Judy** & I are pleased to report that David was selected by USMA Admissions Off for the Prep School, so he'll go there in Aug. How about extending another yr, Mel?

A few ads. CPT Ronald R Porter, Tac of F-1 is working on an F-1 co history and needs to hear from former F-1 files. He's looking for stories, anecdotes covering achievements and misadventures of a serious or not so serious note. He'll provide copies to participants/contributors.

Geoffrey D Withers '62 needs names and addresses of grads in the Greater Orlando area for the roster of the WP Soc of Central FL. Send poop to him at PO Box 3068, Orlando, FL 32802.

Rupert Johnson '21 established the Cadet Loan Fund in 1951. He is seeking contributors to the fund, the funds of which are used to make low interest loans to cadets. Johnson will match contributions up to a limit of $25,000. He wrote, "While I am 86 yrs old, in case of my early demise, I have arranged to have payments made by my estate." The fund is managed by COL John J Costa '49 and Prof of Foreign Languages. Checks or requests for info should be addressed to Costa at WP. The fund is IRS tax exempt UP 501(c) (3).

That's about it. If you haven't written your first letter, now is the time to do it. Now is also the time to get in touch with roommates, comates, friends with whom you served yrs ago but haven't seen lately, etc. Why should you get in touch with them? To ensure that they come to the 30th Reunion to see you, that's why.

Coming attraction. Watch this space for news of the Class Poker Game. Regulars are **Densford, Sigurski, Stanton, Trainor** and **Van Fleet.** Irregulars are **Andreson, Bahnsen, Bradshaw, Toftoy** and **Waskowicz.** A recent recruit is **Jim Davis.** Seven meet together to exchange lies and money. (Recent country song talks about "seven Spanish angels at the altar of the sun." Do not think Willy Nelson was singing about these 7 angels.) If you have deep pockets, play poker, would like to read the most humorous memos around, contact Chuck Densford. If you are prudent, watch here for the gory details and be spared the eyewitness horror.

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There were 10 of us at Ft Myer for Founders Day on 14 Mar: **Bair, Boyle, Coreth, Guthrie, Kleb, Mayers, McNerney, Porter, Warren,** and **Weekley.** We were forced into the smaller quarters because the club at Bolling had burned down. It was noted that the change had resulted in a 250% increase in attendance at our table. The food was good (steak instead of chicken), the Army Chorus sang great songs, the Supe was entertaining and we really had a grand old time with one another. If you haven't been to one of these things in some time, you ought to give one a try.

Someone mentioned that he had seen a news story reporting that **COL Pedro Baraoidan** had been in charge of the National Computer Center that counted the Marcos vote in the Philippine elections. **Pete** has been with us for Founders Day here just a yr ago.

1959: Fernandezes, Zaldos, Al Rushton, and the Mullens; Founders Day 1986, Ft Riley.

A couple of weeks before, on 27 Feb, 29 of us gathered for the Class luncheon at the Tivoli Restaurant in Rosslyn: **Bair, Bennett, Besson, Boyle, Breuel, Breen** (special trip down from York, PA), **Broocke, Frank Campbell, Coreth, Cotts, Ferguson, Phil Gibbs, Gurr, Guthrie, Kleb, Mayers, Manzo, McNerney, Moellering, Murry, Porter, Robinson, Roesler, Schow, Socks, Warren, Weaver, Welch,** and **Wilson.** These luncheons are brief and barely give us enough time to pass greetings among friends, but we did squeeze in a couple of bus items. **Campbell** reported that the Class Fund was up to about $62,000, and **Moellering** said that he thought we would have to come up with about $175,000 by this fall for the lecture hall project. Expect a call from the fund raising comm. This luncheon is where we had the chicken.

Art Bair writes that his older son, Art, a sr at James Madison U in Harrisonburg, VA completed abn sch at Benning last Aug. Although **Babs** nonconcurred in our Art's decision to participate in his son's graduation jump, jump he did anyway, almost 26 yrs to the day after his own graduation jump. Popped his vertebrae for him, he says, and he hadn't felt so good in yrs. **Ed Burba,** then Asst Com of the Inf Sch (now Com), led the Bairs out the door on what was Ed's own "master blast," or 65th jump. **Trish Burba** and **Babs Bair** enjoyed the "boys will be boys" episode on Frayer Field (says Art), and that evening they all joined up with **Karen & Tom Seybold** (dir, Combat Developments at Benning) and **John Meloy** (pres of the Inf Board) for dinner in downtown Columbus. All in all a great day, says Art.

1959: Fishers and Harkinses; Founders Day 1986, Carlisle Barracks.

Jack Knebel was named early this yr as pres of the American Mining Congress, an industry assoc headquartered in DC that encompasses the producers of most of America's metals, coal, industrial and agricultural minerals; the manufacturers of mining and mineral processing equipment; and engr and consulting firms and financial insts that serve the mining industry. Jack has been a partner with the Wash off of the intl law firm of Baker & McKenzie. Before that, Jack, at age 40, was appointed Secy of Agriculture by President Ford, and became the youngest person in history to serve in that position.

Harry Walters resigned as head of the VA at the end of Jan and is now pres of Great Lakes Carbon Corp, a div of Horsehead Industries located in Briarcliff Manor, NY. Prior to his 3 yrs at the VA, Harry served in the Reagan admin as asst secy of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs. Before that he was pres and CEO of the Potsdam Paper Co, which was founded in 1978 to revive a mothballed Great Northern Nekoosa paper mill.

1959: Stadlers and vanLobenSels; Founders Day 1986, Ft Leonard Wood.

At the beginning of the yr, **Douglas Campbell** wrote that he had abandoned his house of 10 yrs for a 60-year-old farmhouse on 1.8 acres just outside the Atlanta city limits. He had undertaken a major renovation of the

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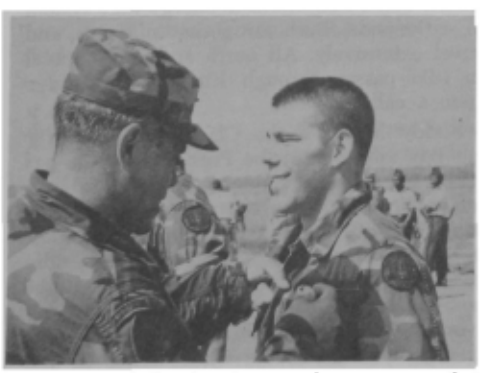
new digs about 8 mos before, but at the time of his writing was not optimistic about finishing on schedule. His law firm relocated to the no in Atlanta at about the same time, so Douglas's recollection of 85 is of moving. His new home address is 4776 E. Conway Dr, Atlanta, GA 30327.

Our classmate, **John Patterson**, ex-F1, whom we were happy to see at the 25th Reunion, is still dir of AID in Lusaka, Zambia. John has spent a great deal of time in the last few yrs researching the exploits of his uncle, Alexander Ramsey Nininger, Jr '41 on Bataan in the early weeks of WWII. 1LT Nininger wsa killed on 12 Jan 42 and was posthumously awarded the first Medal of Honor in WWII. As a result of the USMA Library's interest in John's extensive compilation of books and manuscripts concerning Bataan and Corregidor and the early days of the war, as well as John's collection of letters, articles, and clippings about his uncle, John has agreed to donate the entire collection to the Academy. It will be housed in the West Point Room of the Library in both John's and his uncle's names, and will be available to cadets and researchers alike. I understand a dedication ceremony is planned for this May.

1959: Stromberg, Dawkinses, and Temple; Founders Day 1986, West Point.

An interesting aspect of John's research has been the mystery that developed over his uncle's remains, which were never recovered after the war despite detailed accounts of a burial at Abucay, Bataan. John and his mother (and his grandfather before them) have always wanted the remains returned to WP for burial. As John has gotten to know some of the survivors of Bataan and the Death March, he has come to realize that the Army did not contact a number of people (the CO, for example) with firsthand knowledge of his uncle's death and burial. John believes that his research may have brought him to the point where there is enough material, including maps, to ask the Army to reopen the case. Best of luck, John, and thanks for sharing this with us.

John's story may be fodder for the following. CPT Ronald R. Porter, '77, who is tac of Co F-1 and can be reached by mail sent there, has asked me to inform you that he is compiling a semi-serious history of F-1 and its alumni. If you will share your knowledge with him, he will reward you with a copy of the work when he completes it.



1959: Art Bair pins jump wings on son Art

1959: John Knebel, new pres of American Mining Congress.

The mail was brightened last mo with an announcement that **Rod Ferguson & Sharon Coleman Starnes** were wed on 14 Feb in Fairfax, VA. Rod penned a note that Sharon had just accepted a position in Garmisch and that they planned to be off for Ger on 4 May. He adds that he will try to establish contact with the **Kanarowskis**, and suggests that we might want to consider having a Class reunion in Garmisch. Sounds good to me, Rod. It would certainly ease the congestion at the Thayer.

We were saddened to learn that GEN John L. Throckmorton '35, Com of Cadets during our time at the Academy, died at age 72, of cancer at WRAH on 13 Feb. He had lived in Winchester, VA for the two yrs prior to his death.

Likewise we noted with sadness the passing of BG Edward C. Gillette, Jr '20, who was our **Mike's** father and Head of the Dept of Physics & Chem during our cadet days. He died on 14 Mar in Nashville and was buried alongside Mike's mother at WP.

I am sorry to report that **Chris Thudium** died of a heart attack on 4 Apr in Finland, where he was the Army attache. At this writing, burial at WP was scheduled for 14 Apr. The heartfelt sympathy of the Class is extended to his family and friends. Until **Carol's** address is settled, write to her in care of her father, Henry Scheafer, 5140 W. Fletcher St, Chicago, IL 60641. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Assoc.

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Charlie Otstott has written of the passing away of three classmates: **Joe Wiley**, who died 30 Sep 85 in Anchorage, AK. His widow, **Leslie**, resides at 2822 McCollie, Anchorage, AK 99417. **William Skinner** died 27 Jan 86 in Cane Valley, WV. His widow resides at 1304 Stone Meadow Way, Vienna, VA 22180. **Edmond Drake** has also passed away, but no further details are as yet available.

It's a soldier's "right to bitch." Usually my editorial problem is that there is not enough material for the column. My current complaint is that with materials you all kindly submitted at the Reunion, we had too much material so that our Reunion column had to be split into two sections. The second section follows:

Roger Seymour is still on active duty as the dir of foreign ln and OACSI, HQDA. He is scheduled to take cmd of the 10th Special Forces Gp at Ft Devens the first wk of Jul 86. One son, Glenn, graduated in the Class of '85, ranked no 11, and is now at Ft Benning, GA going through the Basic Course, Ranger Sch, then on to the 82nd Abn Div. Glenn's also engaged to a classmate who will also be asgned to the 82nd as a rigger in the div VISCOM. Davie, another son, is a member of the Class of '86. Wife, **Birgitt**, is a DAC serving as a dep chief of housing mgt for the Mil Dist of Wash.

Tom & Carolyn Eynon took a brief interlude from their missionary work to visit the Boston area. If you recall, Tom & Carolyn had spent many, many yrs in the Far East in missionary work. Their son, Brent (20), is now at Auburn and Derrick (15) is a 9th grader at home.

Frank Partlow journeyed in from El-Torah, Egypt, where he is the chief of staff of the Multinational Observer Force. Frank says **Kay** resides with him and they will both stay in the job through 86. Both daughters have graduated from sch (George Mason and the U of NV at Reno) and are married and working. Anybody is free to visit Frank any time you want to, bring BDUs, steelpot, canteen, entrenching tool and the like for playing in the sand.

Ross & Dot Gagliano were very interested in visiting son Jim, who is a member of the Color Guard, Class of '87.

Bob & Joann Rudesill are currently at Ft Bragg where Bob is with the XVIII Abn Corps. On 1 Nov they move to NATO where he will attend the NATO Defense Col in Rome. We promise not to visit **en masse.**

1960: Rice '60 and Rice '88, Oct 85

John Seely, back in HI for the 3rd time with **Marilyn**, is currently the J5 of US CINCPAC. **Ed & Joy Post** are with EDS. Ed ret in Aug 84, and they are living in Fairfax Station, VA.

Eugene & Gretta Howell are in Boulder, CO. Daughters Gena and Lisa are respectively a sr and a jr at the U of CO. Gene is working for Bell Aerospace Systems Div, and Gretta works for the U of CO. Son Gary is an 8th grader and still living at home, thank goodness.

Swift Martin is still in the computer consulting bus in Wash, DC and said to look him up in the phone book any time you want to say hello. **John Reid & Kathryn** are in Atlanta where John is still with the FBI. (We hope not in the "sting" business, as it seems one of the Bureau's less successful areas.) **Fred Plummer** is working with Exxon in Oslo, Norway where he recently married **Sigrid Melle**, a Norwegian. (We'd never know from the name.) Fred is the engr mgr for a joint venture project with a Norwegian firm, Saga Petroleum, to develop a North Sea oil field.

John Young is still living in Houston and in the investment counseling bus. **Jack Misura**

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& **Karen** drove up with **Vince Grande & Gloria.** Jack got the rooms and left the driving to Vince. (Notes don't show where they drove from—hope it wasn't Guatemala or the Matzelan Peninsula.) **Rufus Overlander** is an engr with Boeing on the NASA Shuttle Program at Kennedy Space Center in TX. **Curt Herrick** still enjoying St Louis as a project off for Aircraft Survivability at the Aviation Systems Cmd. Young Curt is a yearling. Wife **Carolyn** is fine as are daughters Mary Alice and Sarah.

Bill & Joan Hourihan have been living in Wellesley, MA for the last 15 yrs. They own and operate a regional phone interconnect co called Boston Telecom. Their oldest son Chip is a grad student at Princeton in architecture, plays rugby, and coaches women's ice hockey. Obviously Joan's responsible for the sports and Bill for the academics. Sure. Their youngest daughter Erin is a sr at Bates College in Lewiston, ME majoring in sports psychology and French. She plays on the varsity women's lacrosse team and is a slalom specialist in their Div I downhill racing program.

1960: The Scotts; Founders Day 1986, Ft Bliss

Ted Harcke is still practicing as a pediatrician at the AI DuPont Inst in Wilmington, DE. Ted's specialty is pediatric/radiology and nuc medicine. **Bill & Bette Raymond** are at the USNA where Bill is teaching chemistry to midshipmen. He says he teaches them that hydrogen is a solid and copper is a gas and makes a particularly special effort to get that across to Navy's athletes. **Mert & Betty Darling** are in Austin, TX where Mert's been a CPA since ret in 80. Every Apr, those initials have new meaning—last time it was Continual Pain in the Assets.

A group of A-2 files decided to try to meet on the stoops of the old First Div for a reunion picture. Upon arrival, the group consisting of **John Willauer, Vince Grande,** Ed **Laurance, Bill Blitch, Fred Faery, Fenton Griffith, Erc Barone, Randy Perkins** and **Herm Marmon** soon discovered that no one had brought a camera. The amazing part of the story was that **Dick Carnaghi** showed up and they told him that the picture was reserved for A-2 files, so Dick promptly left with the only camera. **Suzanne Blitch, Bill's** bride of 2½ yrs, enjoyed her first visit to WP. **Ray Andrews** finally showed up after everybody departed from the A-2 picture formation; he thought the picture was scheduled for an hr later.

Tyler Wilson came in from White Plains, NY where he is the dir of purchasing services for General Food Corp. **Jack & Karen Denton** are living in Bronxville, NY. John is still an orthopedic surgeon at Columbia-Presbyterian Hosp in NY. **Bill Richie** is with ITT Research Inst in Annapolis. He & his wife have two children: a son who is in his last yr of med sch and a daughter who is a sr at Notre Dame.

Tony & Joan Blackstone live in Oakton, VA and kindly sponsored **Lyell King's** widow, **Judy Edwards** and daughter, Jeannie King for the reunion. **Frank & Ete Finn** flew in from their home in Mexico City. Frank is a writer and Ete is a bus exec with a Mexican-based multinational co.

Dyke & Jill Miller ret in 81 at Ft Hood. Dyke is currently in Austin, TX with the IBM Corp's Systems Tech Div. They have three daughters, two of whom are married, with one in college. They have one grandson and two sons-in-law. Some note on the card about working on the male influence in the family.

Jerry Rivell & Lorraine for the last 4 yrs have been with investments and financial planning for Pru-Bache Securities. Classmates visiting Boston are invited to avail themselves of the Rivell's hospitality in Hopkinton (26 mi and 385 yds west of Boston)—marathoners also are most welcome. **Jim Kane** flew in from Indian Wells, CA accompanied by a lovely lass. We all made the assumption that it must be **Bonnie Bradley** whom he is marrying on 15 Dec this yr.

Randy & Maida Perkins—Randy too is now working for EDS in Springfield, VA. Their son is a 2LT flying Chinooks and on his way to Swäbisch Hall in Ger. ("I usta woick in that town," as Jimmy Durante was fond of saying.) Daughter Cindy will graduate from William & Mary this Dec. Maida is doing extremely well in the real estate bus, so much so that she sold the house out from under Randy, and they're now forced to build a new home in Fairfax Station. Seems like everybody is moving to Fairfax Station lately, a sure sign the Class is prospering.

Trent & Sharon Crosby are currently at Forscom Hq at Ft McPherson where daughter Cathy is an '85 grad and now flying with Eastern Airlines; son Chuck is Class of '88. **Joe Cannon** is a facilities engr for Carleton State College in Castleton, VT. He extends an invitation to come by and see how to really run a facilities engr op. **Jerry Stewart** is still on active duty as a Marine and assigned to Hq Marine Corps. **Janice** & he live in Alexandria, VA. After hours, he's an instructor and doctoral student in engr admin at George Washington U. Wonder what "after hours" means for Marines?

1960: Nobles and Heibergs '61; Founders Day 1986, Ft Sill

Herman & Phyllis Marmon live in East Hanover, NJ. Phyllis teaches kindergarten in Newark and Herm owns an air freight trucking co in NYC named Hermie's; cute logo, Hermes, messenger of the Greek gods. **Jim Lincoln** is project mgr of TOW at Redstone Arsenal, AL. Other classmates in the area are **John Crump** at Micom Hq and **Don Summers** at Micom and **Jim McCollum** who is ret in the area.

Fred & Eleanor Hall are still in Richmond, VA. Cindy (24) grad from FL State and teaches in Jacksonville. Ben (22) is a sr in math and computer sciences at Emory & Henry College in Emory, VA. Karolyn (15) is in the 10th grade. Fred is a national sales mgr for Robertshaw Controls Co, an environmental and commuterized energy mgt system co nationwide. Both are active in tennis, and travel extensively. All north and south travel on I-95 passes through Richmond, so give them a call.

Buddy Mease is the Class coordinator for the Bay area out at the Presidio; said he has a big, 7-bedroom home, so visitors are welcome. Since he's the coordinator, his phone no is (401) 561-3203 in the off, and 668-0771 at home. **Sam Kouns** is also at the Presidio as a Sixth Army engr. He is the secy at the San Francisco Chapter of the WP Soc and lives in Mill Valley. Buddy gave me a list of the members of the Class living in and around the Bay area: **Emer Yeager** and **Hank**

1960: Founders Day 1986, Ft Belvoir

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Carmean in San Francicso; **Jim Ramos, Dan Wilson, Jerry Witherspoon** and **Mike Hatcher** in San Jose; **Chuck DePew** in San Carlos; **Tom Taylor** in Berkeley; **Hank Lee** in Sacramento; **Chuck Dwyre** in San Francisco; **Ed Laurance** in Monterey; **Chuck Collins** in Monterey also; **Bill McNamara** in Alameda and **San Endy** in San Mateo.

Candy & Charlie Otstott flew a long way from Bamberg, Ger where daughter Kelley Ann celebrated her 2nd birthday in Sep. **Charlie's** been the ADC for the 1st Armd Div since Jul of this yr and congratulations are due him for being selected for promotion to MG. Charlie's son Jim (16) is a jr at Bamberg HS. Much of Jim's time is taken up playing football and the entire family is enjoying the FRG.

Bob & Gena Mills are still in the foreign service and are back in the Bethesda area. This is the first reunion they've been able to attend, as they were in Thailand in 70, the Soviet Union in 75, and Indonesia in 80. They both had a great time and look forward to the 30th. Bob's address is the US Dept of State, Wash, DC.

Pat & Ken Richardson passed their 3x5 card in with max info: Ken's with the IBM World Trade Hq in Tarrytown. Pat is with Paine, Webber and commutes there from their home in Chappaqua, NY. Kent, their oldest son, graduated from the USNA in '83 and is now a 1LT in the Marine Corps, training "boots" at Paris Isl. He & his wife Beth will make Ken and Pat grandparents in May. Scott, their youngest son, is a jr at Ithaca College where he's a bus major. He was a member of the Ithaca baseball team that went to the Div III College World Series in 85.

Mike & Mary Jezior were at the reunion and fast becoming fixtures around WP. You may recall at the 80 reunion, Mike volunteered to be the room orderly for the new Class of '60 room. His absence was conspicuously noted by all who toured the room. Both their sons, Jimmy and Tommy, have graduated from WP. Tommy is a LT in Ger and Jimmy, who graduated this past yr is in med sch at the Uniformed Services Academy in MD. Matthew is giving Mary all she can handle at home while Mike is with the engr services portion of Butler Aviation. They're both still enjoying living in Staten Island, NY.

Fred Rice sends a photo of "Rice '60 and Rice '88, taken Oct 85. Fred's son is a yearling. Fred is pres of a consulting services co in Orange, CA. **Bill Blitch** wrote sending a copy of **Information Week** magazine with a feature article on **Euel Wade** and his success with Southern Co Services Inc. It's nice to see all our classmates getting so much press.

As a last note, the tac off of Co F-1 wrote me that he is looking for historical material regarding the achievements and misadventures, serious and not so serious F-1 alumni. You F-1 files send in some good stuff, otherwise I will manufacture some really great stories.

That's all folks.

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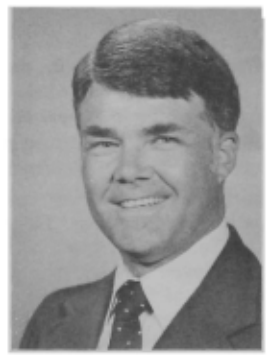
The **Dave Millers** have pcs'd to Richmond, VA, in particular, Def Gen Supply Center (DGSC), a field activity of Defense Logistics Agency at Cameron Station as dir of Installation Services. Dave reports the L-1 happenings in their newsletter.

I am sad to report the death of **Don Watlington** at the age of 44 on 2 Sep 83. His widow Jackie would be glad to see any of the Class who visit Ft Sill (tel no at work is 351-3300/5644). Condolences to Jackie in Lawton and sons Del (20) and Tommy (15).

Rod Grannemann wrote from CA that he has a one-man consulting firm doing business with the Middle East. We hope it is doing well, and we envy him the CA climate. Rod also invited us to play golf in Monterey County.

The **Jim Mannings** have had a real odyssey this yr, starting out in Sault Ste Marie, Canada, and ending up in Crossett, AR. Crossett is in the southeast corner of the state—can you still remember the AR poop, Jim? Now with Georgia Pacific, Jim got lots of PE in his new job this yr when their work force went out on strike, and he and the rest of the mgt team operated the plant for an extended period. Their kids are split between OH and AR. You may remember **Mike Wilkinson** was/is from Stamps, AR, not far up the road from Jim & **Steffi.**



1961: Harry Woodward

There is a late entry from **Chuck & Bunny Armstrong** at Ft Lewis, where Chuck is in charge of ADEA, Army Development and Employment Agency, the old high tech test bed. His 4 boys are well distributed around the country—John a second yr med student at UVA, Peter a cow at WP, and two still at home in 10th and 8th grades.

Peter Boylan reports on his Founders Day circuit ride as follows:

"As you might surmise during my recent visit to various cities on the Founders Day circuit, I ran into a number of classmates and thought this would be a good time to let you know who it was that I met and perhaps it may be of some interest to you and others for use in your column of ASSEMBLY.

1961: Boylan with Faye and the Cains; Founders Day 1986, Phoenix

"First of all, in Beverly Hills, CA I saw **Red Zaldo** and **Chuck Randolph.** This is the 3rd or 4th time I've seen Chuck in perhaps as many yrs in different places of the US. I don't know who is more peripatetic. In

1961: The Wanners; Founders Day 1986, Ft Riley

Phoenix, AZ I ran into **Bob Cain** and **Morris Marshall,** both of whom met me at the airport. I happened to go to the National Guard facility just outside Phoenix during the afternoon to speak with some potential cadets and happened to see **Roger Obermeier** there. Roger is with an ROTC detachment at one of the local schools. In Salt Lake City, UT, I was met at the airport by **Reid Russell** whom I hadn't seen since graduation, and it was a real delight to run into him again after so many yrs. **Charlie Welsh** is now a pilot. I don't really know what airlines he flies with, but he is wholly involved in the WP Soc of Seattle and is doing an absolutely magnificent job of recruiting the best possible candidates for WP. I really had to take my hat off to Chuck. I have yet to run across anybody who is more involved in WP Soc work than he. **Ed Leland** is still commanding Ft Irwin but will be leaving shortly to assume cmd of the 1st Armored Div. I believe that that change of cmd is going to occur sometime during the mo of Jun. At Ft Carson, CO, I ran across **Ken Siegenthaler,** who is on the faculty doing research at the USAFA and **Joe Maio.** Joe hasn't changed a bit and it was a delight to see him after so many yrs.

1961: Vanderbush, guest speaker; Founders Day 1986, Ft Leonard Wood

"Ft Leavenworth is still the same beautiful post that we've all been to and **J.B. Taylor** is the Chief of Staff there and doing a great job. **Jim Mathison** is a civ and works for the B.D.M. Corp in Leavenworth and, as I understand it, sees J.B. quite frequently.

"I travelled to a number of other cities, but those are the only ones in which our classmates surfaced. I had hoped to see others but they didn't have the opportunity to come to the Founders Day celebration. Just for the heck of it, I thought I'd pass on to you that I've seen a few other classmates around WP. Of course, **John Kilkenny** lives just down the river and is up at the Academy at various times. **Bob McCarthy** comes down periodically. He is still located at the center of the universe in MA. **Mike Maus** has recently moved

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1961: Founders Day 1986, Heidelberg

to NJ and has a son in the Corps so I see him occasionally. During Plebe Parent Weekend, **Bob Kewley** was up here—he has a son in the Corps, as well as **Lee Sager** who has a son. Finally, for everyone's knowledge, you may not realize it but we have, or will have shortly, ten classmates here at the Academy: **Hoy** in English; **Hannon** in History; **Pete Heimdahl** recently became Head of the Dept of Mechanics; **John Cornelson** is in DOPS but will move this summer to Ft Lewis; **Todd Counts** is coming in to become the Resource Mgt head; **Hank Rennagel** is in Chemistry; **Scotty Dillard** is in the History Dept; **Dick Behrenhausen** is the chief of staff, and **Al Vanderbush** is the deputy DIA."

1961: Connollys, Ganderson, Kees and Olivers, Founders Day 1986, Carlisle Barracks

Al Hokins is DCS for Info Systems HQ Eighth AF (SAC) as well as group cmdr for the C-3/computer services group. Al enjoys the Cajun cooking and other highlights of Bossier City, LA. **George Henderson** writes to report (modestly) nothing on himself, but he did see **Peter Offringa**'s picture in the **National Geographic,** where he is described as an "official"—of what, for what, or to what, we haven't the foggiest.

Marsh Harrington is a project mgr at Eaton, in charge of EF-111 upgrade. He reports son

1961: Hannons and Behrenhausens; Founders Day 1986, West Point.

Michael, a Norwich grad (Armor), has finished jump sch and is learning his trade at Ft Carson. The scribe notes that tanks seldom attain sufficient altitude for a full canopy deployment.

Dan Halpin has been appointed to the A. James Clark Chair in Construction Engr at the U of MD. Dan has become a leading authority on the use of simulation modeling for construction and has published two texts which are used at over 50 colleges and universities. He is active in the ASCF, chairing the Construction Research Council. He is known internationally and lectures frequently in Europe, Asia, and Australia. Congratulations, Dan on your new post!

Harry Woodward has been promoted to mgr of personnel programs at Pratt and Whitney's govt products div in West Palm Beach. Congratulations, Harry! Being paid to live in FL is having your cake and eating it, too.

Dave Miller sends along the L-1 newsletter. Dave commands the garrison at DSCC in Richmond. He also teaches English part-time (but **NOT John Brown's Body**), while Dotty works in a local hosp.

'62

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This report seems to cover many moves and new paths for our Class. **Denny Reimer** should be in Seoul with the combined field army, having moved from his old job as CG of III Corps Arty at Sill. **Bill Kosco** is at Carlisle, **Dave Sholly** at Riley, **Bill Kinard** is in J5, MacDill, and **Rudy Kohler** called at Easter to fill me in on the troops of the Engrs in DC.

1962: Chris Spivey

1962: Ann & Marv Norwood

Jim & Becky Acklin should be settled in their new home at 35 Hastings Dr, Ft Salonga, NY 11768. Jim ret in Dec 85 from OSD-R&D and after 11 yrs in the DC area, took a job with Eaton-AIL in Deer Park, NY. Son Tom is a UVA pre-med in his jr yr and daughter Amy is a frosh at Ohio U in

1962: Becky & Jim Acklin

1962: The Campbell children

theater arts. The Acklins welcome all the B-2 contingent and classmates in the Long Isl area to come visit. Becky writes of **Carol Murphy** Bell, who is residing at Qtrs 3, Offutt AFB, Omaha, NE 68113. Son Brian grad from Duke U last yr, Doug is at USNA, and Jeff follows in HS. Becky is doing interior decorator work and writes of **J. J. Heigl** with Litton Ind; **George & Marilyn Handy** still in Army service; and **Dave & Arline Mundt.** Dave works at Teledyne Brown Engr.

1962: Browns, Bartletts (CG, 4th ID), Landrys and LeHardys ('56); Founders Day 1986, Ft Carson

1962: Fintels; Founders Day 1986, Ft Riley

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1962: Henns, Skowns, Scharpfs, Schmidts and Wards; Founders Day 1986, Michigan

Dr. Bert Finn is firmly located in Hato Rey, PR as vp-investment banking with First Boston Corp. The **Campbell** clan has built a new home near old Tampa Bay and requested that a more up-to-date photo be published. So let it be written, so let it be done. **Skip** is working with GE in St Pete as a proj mgr and **"Rat"** is working in the home health care area. Two of their children are off to the U of FL, and two are entirely involved with HS sports.

1962: Meehans, Hamiltons, and Kayses; Founders Day 1986, Carlisle Barracks

Geoff Withers is the scribe for the WP Soc of Central FL and is working for Gray, Harris and Robinson law firm in Orlando. Geoff is seeking to contact any and all grads in the Orlando area for their interest and participation in WP activities.

1962: Wongs, Fishburnes, Butzers and Phillipses; Founders Day 1986, West Point

Dr. Chris Spivey is off to Panama to teach bus admin under a Fulbright Award. Chris served in Panama in 63 and has been a member of the Citadel faculty since 76. He has

1962: Vosses and Worthingtons; Founders Day 1986, Phoenix

authored two books and received an MBA from UNC in 70 and a PhD at No TX St in 75. His family will reside at 11-C Register Rd, The Citadel, Charleston, SC 29409 during his absence. Chris holds the rank of LTC in the SC Militia as a full prof at the college.

1962: LaRoques; Founders Day 1986, Thailand

A monster letter of family doings arrived from **Marv & Ann Norwood** in Bryan, TX, where Marv is doing well as the city mgr. Their children have been world travelers and erudite scholars to say the least. The family will see 4 univ graduations in 12 mos. The exhilaration will be matched only by the budget reconfiguration. . . .

This is not only late for the deadline, but with apologies for some lost info. A small accident claimed the original copy and some photos which will hopefully be replaced. Please make an effort to send news and photos of your doings for the next deadline at the end of Jun. Make plans for the 25th in Oct 87.

1962: Dennis Reimer, Master of Ceremonies; Founders Day 1986, Ft Sill

1962: Hansen; Founders Day 1986, Ft Leonard Wood

'63

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Congratulations to the following classmates who made the 06 cmd list: **Bob Wood, Jim Dickey, Lou Sturbois, Max Barron, Gary Marchand, Matt Miller, Galen Yanagihara,** and **Al Varnell.** Enclosed is a picture of the Silvasy change of cmd frocking ceremony at the 2d Bde, 82d Abn Div at Ft Bragg. In the picture are BG Waller, Col Silvasy (USA ret), **Steve,** and **Judie** with the 2d Bde troops in the background. Steve is now the dep dir at CAA in Bethesda, MD and they live in Oakton, VA. Scott is a sr at Penn State, Lori is a soph at Methodist College, Tara is a sr

1963: Willson, Orlicki, Whittaker, Lee and Byrne; Founders Day 1986, Ft Myer

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1963: BG Waller, COL (ret) Silvasy, BG Silvasy and Judie Silvasy

at Oakton HS and Erie is a 4th grader keeping Judie busy. Judie misses Ft Bragg but enjoys volunteer work.

Dan Wilson keeps us organized here in DC. On 1 Feb many classmates and their wives met for a cocktail party at the Army/Navy Country Club. Now that Danny is a civ he has learned the profit motive and made $57.02 on the party along with donations by **Al Jones** ($28), **Dick Cole** ($14), and **Rich Entlich** ($14), which added $113 to our Class fund giving us a new total of $637.50. Dan has ret and is working for the Special Olympics. **Charlie Nahlik** was visiting DC and took many pictures at the party which are enclosed. Charlie & **Carole Nahlik** are in St Louis. Charlie works in the Ops Center at the Army Reserve Pers Center where he cmds the USA Mob Spt Det.

1963: The Foleys

Ed Lee cmds the Army Troop Spt Cmd's R&D Center, Ft Belvoir, VA. **Jim Roberts** is in OSD trying to get Army TACMS through DSARC. He succeeded so well I had him brief my ICAF students. Jim reports his son David will be USMA '90, Nancy is a sr at U of KS, Jimmy is a jr at U of Central FL and Laura is a frosh at U of Central FL. Christopher is in the 8th grade. Next time I'll have Jim brief my students on financial planning.

1963: Ray Ong

Ray Ong sent a picture of himself and some members of his teaching staff in the 1st Army Training Gp. He is the dep cmdr of the 3rd Bde, 1st Inf Div of the Philippine Army. Ray conducts classes for Army soldiers in the Mindanao area like basic NCO courses, infantry basic, special forces, etc. Ray reported, "In my spare time, I participate in water-skiing, scuba diving and coup d'etats to overthrow our

1963: The Seidels

1963: Bosma and Entlich

president. The last one I missed because I was in Mindanao, and it happened in Manila. I sent a USMA '50 to represent me, and now he is the Armed Forces Chief of Staff. Next time, I'll go myself. **Frank Cardile** is somewhere in Clark AFB, but I cannot find him. Last time I tried, he was TDY in the USA. I stay mostly in Mindanao, but every once in a while I get a chance to come to Manila to pick up my mail and get a Dunkin Donut or Shakey's Pizza. They don't have those luxuries here in the boondocks. It's a 2-hr

1963: Ruberts, Little and Merritt

flight by C-130 from Manila. Mrs. Ong stays with our two kids Carlos (21) and Diana (19) in CA. She works as a nurse there but comes to visit me once a yr for about 2 or 3 wks. At my age that's all I need." At the end of Ray's letter he stated, "If you don't hear from me again, it means the next coup failed." Ray's address is COL Ramon M. Ong, Qtrs 39, Ft Bonifacio, Makati, Philippines.

1963: Wall, Lafond, and Jaworowski

The current tac of Co F-1 is looking for "historical" material concerning F-1 alumni achievements and misadventures of both a serious and not so serious note. Contributors will receive a completed F-1 history this summer. Mail to CPT Ron Porter, Tactical Officer, F-1, USCC, West Point, NY 10997.

Received a long letter from **Rich Goldsmith.** He reports **Bob O'Toole** & his bride are in the 1st AD in Ansbach, Ger. **Mike Allen** just arrived and will take cmd of 1st AD Div Arty. **Lou & Bambi Sturbois** are in the Netherlands where he cmds the AFCENT Res Corps (Fwd). **Andy & Gail Seidel** are doing well in College Station, TX. **Andy** is pastor of Grace Bible Church. Their daughter Shannon will be a sr in HS this fall, and

1963: Miller and Farris

their son Scott just received an appt to USMA. **Bob Vogel** is in San Antonio enjoying a res component asgmt covering the states of TX LA, and NM. He is still single—perhaps the Class's only remaining bachelor. **Al & Josie Christensen** are still in DC. Al is working at CAA. They are enjoying their 2 yr old son Jonathan after having only daughters (Tiffany and Jessica) up to now. **Jim & Elaine Lang** returned to their home in OH (near Wright-Patterson AFB) after a sojourn to NDU in DC. Jim has about a bn of high paid civ researchers under his tutelage. **Tom & Jan Griffin** are into CA living as civilians. Tom is pursuing his second PhD. The **Goldsmiths**

1963: Rice and Banks

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1963: Wall, Klopotek and Silvasy

are well and happy in Erlangen, Ger. They sent their first-born away to college this yr. Their son Rob is 17 and doing well at Nurnberg HS, and Anne, the youngest, has not yet written her dad off as being totally square . . . but it probably won't be long now. Unfortu-

1963: O'Sullivans and Kuzemkas

nately **Rich's** request for an extension in cmd beyond 24 mos was denied so the time of his life as cmdr of the Iron Bde (2d Bde, 1st AD) will end on 24 Oct 86. **Joe Galle**—Please drop a note to Rich Goldsmith at APO New York 09066. Thanks for all the great news Rich!!

1963: Drewry, James and Woods

1963: '63 wives: Harrison, Coomer and O'Sullivan

Through Ken Zitzman '32 received a note from **Dick Guthrie** that he lost his USMA class ring. Dick wrote Ken to see about obtaining a Class ring from a classmate who may have passed away. Dick would be more than glad to contribute the insurance money to any good cause; but does not want to spend it on a brand new ring. Any relative of our deceased classmates ('63 or any other Class) who might help please contact COL Richard P. Guthrie, Allied Staff, Berlin, APO NY 09742.

1963: Vopatek, Entlich, Foley and Cole

Did you know that two '63 wives are expecting—**Carole Coomer** and **Mary O'Sullivan.** On that happy note I close my column with thanks to all the contributors.

'64

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Spring greetings from the Pentagon. Correspondence is once again getting very slim. The editors of this mag have announced that in the future they will be going to six publications a yr. If you expect me to continue to provide my usual standard of amusing and insightful verbiage, you are going to have to increase your input. Garbage in, garbage out, as the old saying goes.

In my travels in and about Wash and the Pentagon I have picked up a few tidbits which I will relate forthwith. **Gene Sullivan** has been nominated to be a judge on the US Court of Military Appeals by the Pres. The court is located here in DC and is the highest appellate court in the military criminal justice system. Gene will take his seat on the bench as soon as the Senate gets around to confirming him, which we hope will be prior to publication of this column.

1964: The Horstmans

While flipping through LIFE mag the other day I noticed a pic of **Dave Binney.** I didn't get a chance to read the accompanying article, but judging from Dave's demeanor it must have been favorable.

1964: Kim (Hartle) & Paul Ostrowski

Bob Craighill is among the growing number of those ret from the Pentagon. He is going to work with COMTEC and will be staying in the No VA area. **Jim McCormack** dropped by my off the other day during the course of a job interviewing trip to the DC area. We are looking forward to his & **Judy's** becoming permanent party here sometime this summer. Also ran into **Ken DeGon** who is ret/reemployed in Annapolis.

1964: Founders Day 1986, Heidelberg

1964: Vicki & James Harding; Founders Day 1986, Ft Riley

In the still producing offspring dept, **Art Weiss** announced the arrival of Alexandra Mari on 10 Jan. Glad to see that we are still a virile lot.

1964: Founders Day 1986, Carlisle Barracks

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Kathy Horstman provided me with a personally annotated Christmas letter which assured coverage in this column. Mike has made a career change and is now teaching and coaching (tennis and soccer) at Norfolk Academy. The Horstmans are residing in VA Beach and trying to adjust to living amongst the squids.

1964: Peter McAteer and Ann Paroly; Founders Day 1986, Michigan

Tony Hartle announced that he is well on the way to the establishment of his own personal military dynasty. Youngest daughter Kim married into the Class of '85 last Nov. (The Hartle son is a member of the Class of '89). These sorts of things happen when you live at WP. Tony also passed the word that the '64 contingent at WP continues to grow. **Seth Hudgins** will take over this summer as XO, USCC, and **Kim Flint** is scheduled to join Alumni Affairs. As a consequence, Tony speculates that the 25th reunion comm is now in place. Sounds like a bit of self interest there, Tony.

1964: Haydashes and Kongsuwans; Founders Day 1986, Thailand

Well, that's the mail folks; one real letter, one Christmas form letter and one birth announcement. A final note from the Class Gift Comm. As of this writing, pledges and one-time gifts from 181 classmates total approximately $257,000. So far, so good, but we need to hear from a lot more of you!

'65

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Greetings once again from Chicago! As I write this article, the weather in Chicago is changing toward being more springlike and thus, the late winter doldrums are slowly beginning to fade. I am also sitting here watching Chicago's annual St. Patrick's day parade from my office window, which will give you some idea of how long a lead-time these articles require. Now, the news from our Class.

We had Founders Day here in Chicago several wks ago with the dean as our guest

1965: John Thompson

of honor. '65 was well represented with the **Colls, Jack Cooley** (**Maria** was vacationing) and the **Scullys. Bob & his wife** are just back to Chicago from Denver, even though they never sold their house in the Chicago suburb of Naperville. Bob works for Amoco Chemical in their new capital projects area and was looking very distinguished, with a few speckles of gray hair.

1965: Coll, Cooley and Scully; Founders Day 1986, Chicago

Received a nice letter from **John Salomone** who writes from Ft Hood, where he has been for the last 2 yrs assigned to DENTAC. **John Thompson** arrived at Hood last Nov and became the CO of the 1st Bde, 2nd AD. **Linda Thompson** is teaching in the foreign language dept of one of the local high schools. The Salomones really enjoyed the reunion and reported it was good seeing all of their "old" friends, especially a healthy **Joe Palone.** John is the endodontist at the Perkins Dental Clinic where he treats soldiers of the 1st Cav for root canal (oh swell!) John hears from **Gerry Hoffman** in Houston every once in awhile. They were good friends plebe year in G-1. They also hear from **Sonny & Judy Arkangel** who have just built a beautiful home in Victoria, TX where Sonny is in chief emergency medicine at the local hosp. Sonny turned down O-6 to take this job. John also sent in a picture of the change of cmd of John Thompson,

1965: Stankos and Colls

where John takes the colors from **BG Burleson** ('59).

One of the Tac's at USCC is trying to reconstruct the history of F-1 (good luck!). Anyone interested in providing him with "historical" material concerning their achievements and misadventures, both of a serious and otherwise nature, write or call **CPT Porter, F-1 at WP.**

1965: McIver

It's about that time of the yr when your friendly scribe reminds everyone that if we each gave $65 to the Class Fund to be earmarked for orphans and scholarships, this small amount would add up very quickly. Why not send in your check today and mark it for the Class of '65 Fund. Mine has already gone in.

1965: Golden and friends

1965: '65 Reunion

I received a nice announcement of **Tom Kovach's** acceptance as a partner with Stein, Roe here in Chicago. Tom also wanted to know why he didn't see me at the Peach Bowl in Atlanta. Tom, after attending 4 football games in 85 in which Army almost won 1 (Homecoming) and lost the other 3, the Supe personally called and suggested that **Judy & I** skip Atlanta. The results indicate that we did. **Joe Anderson** reports from Detroit that **Art Hester** is in GM's KC plant where he's a production mgr and that **Jim Conley** is in their Dayton plant where he is a plant mgr. Speaking of Joe, **Melke's** two children, a **13-yr-old**

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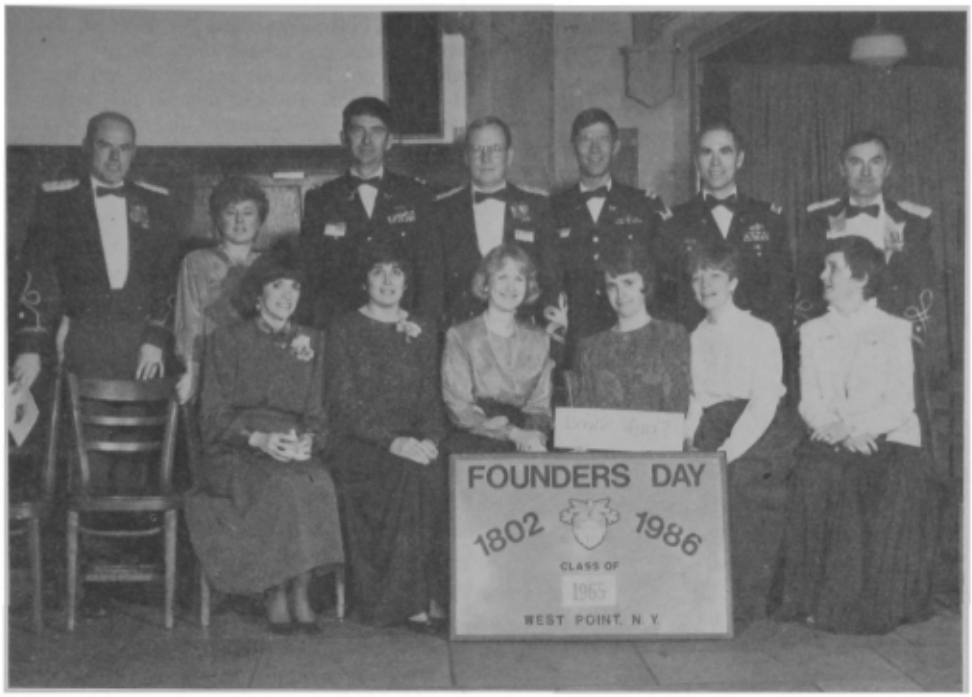

1965: Founders Day 1986, West Point

boy, Mered, and a 14-yr-old girl, Kedist, have arrived safe and sound from Ethiopia and are now learning how to become very active American teenagers. It was a long and difficult process to get the two children out of Ethiopia, but all is well now. While in Detroit, we also saw **Walt & Francey Oehrlein** and their two children ages 7 and 2 who live not too far from Joe. Walt reported that **Tom Genoni** will ret soon and go to NM to do research and that the **"Z" Zaleski** is a base cmdr in MA where he lives with his wife and two children. **Dave Gnau** and **wife,** (**Bob DeLaar's** sister) are moving to MI. I wasn't aware of this but apparently during the half time of the Army/Navy game, Brent Mussberger did a special on **Mike Berdy** with some input from **Johnny Johnson.** If anybody has a copy of that tape, please send it along to me for our historical records.

1965: Sherrells; Founders Day 1986, Ft Riley

Received a nice note from the **Scholls** over the holidays from Sacramento, where **Susie** is in the real estate bus and **Wayne** is the district engr. Everything seems to be going well with them out there especially their skiing—I thought engrs worked every once in awhile? I heard that **Dick Trageman** is now the CO with Div Arty at the 101st at Ft Campbell and that he was in the hosp with some lower back surgery, but is doing well.

An update on our reunion yearbook. Our publisher, Ev Arnold, was laid up for the better part of a mo with this respiratory flu that was going around, and as such, the book is a little bit behind schedule. It should be out by the time you read this, but if not, please have patience. We are pushing as hard as we can, but unfortunately, it sometimes becomes very difficult. A special note of thanks to **Rolly Stichweh** and his fantastic fund-raising staff who raised almost $8,000 to defray the costs of the reunion yearbook. Our hats are off to all of you guys—Thanx! Also, a great big THANX to everyone else who has helped, especially COL Morris Herbert and you other guys at WP! Speaking of things historical, the friendly scribe/photographer took the night off the evening of the alumni dinner dance at Washington Hall during the reunion. If anybody took pictures that night and would like to pass them along for our historical archives, I would appreciate that.

Bob Bedell called from TX where he's in new construction. After he got out of the AF, he went to Iran to teach the Shah's pilots how to fly (must have been an interesting task and one that he hopefully finished prior to the Shah's downfall). Bob is married with no children and his wife also works in the construction co. Received a note from **J. P. & Bobbye Greene** that their daughter Becky was seriously injured in a car accident just after the reunion. She had serious head injuries, but is back home now. All of our prayers are with Becky for a speedy recovery.

1965: Bentons, Fergusons and Keiths; Founders Day 1986, Ft Sill

Also received a nice letter from **Step Tyner** from Carmel. As some of you may know, Step received a master's from Johns Hopkins and has completed all but his dissertation for his PhD. He ret in 84 and is now a free-lance screen and television writer as well as a consultant on defense policy, public policy, creativity and innovation (not sure what that all means). He & wife **Beth Hemenway,** live in **Ledzinski**-land with daughter Lauren. Speaking of Ledzinski, I hope you feel like a "shamoo" for not going to the reunion. **George Ruggels** reported that prior to the reunion, he went to Wash to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial and looked up the names of all our classmates. He was kind enough to send a list with the locations of each name, which I am taking the liberty of publishing here. The abbreviations are as follows: **Arvin**—E, 27, 68 stands for the East Wall, panel 27, line 68. Here goes: **Berdy**—E, 32, 61; **Borrego**—E, 23, 9; **Brown**—E, 12, 9; **Clark**—E, 22, 29; **Collins**—E, 12, 27; **Davis**—E, 9, 96; **DeWitt**—E, 113, 67; **Dickey**—W, 53, 33; **Endicott**—E, 53, 11; **Gagne**—E, 24, 12; **Glynne**—E, 7, 113; **Hayes**—W, 39, 37; **Hemingway**—E, 21, 98; **Hutton**—E, 24, 100; **Kadtz**—E, 7, 86; **Keats**—E, 36, 76; **Kistler**—E, 12, 43; **Lee**—E, 30, 71; **Menninger**—W, 29, 103; **Momcilovich**—E, 55, 23; **Myers**—E, 16, 54; **O'Toole**—E, 31, 85; **Wuertenberger**—E, 34, 65; and **Zonni**—W, 11, 29. Thanx, George, I'm sure everybody really appreciates this.

1965: Hawkers and Lawsons; Founders Day 1986, Phoenix

We were also saddened to hear that **Jerry Merges'** date at the reunion, Carol Applegate, died in a car crash two wks after the reunion. Jerry had been dating her for about two mos. I forgot to mention previously, but I saw a nice article on **Joe Anderson** in the Nov issue of **Black Enterprise. Joe Barkley** reports that **George Gehringer** is the PMS at Drexel and is thinking of ret shortly. Word has it that **Tony Livic** is in the San Jose area. If anybody knows of his whereabouts, please let us know.

I received a last-min letter from **Bob Frank** who saw a number of our classmates while he was attending a conference at Stanford. **John Alger,** who teaches strategy and history at the National War College, was there and presented a major theoretical paper on "operational art" at the US Readiness Cmd—Natl

1965: Webbs, Founders Day 1986, Ft Leonard Wood

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1965: Founders Day 1986, Carlisle Barracks

Def U. John returns this summer to the Army staff to head the Political-Military Div in the ODCSOPS. **Oleh Koropey** is a resident fellow at the Hoover Inst and is working on a book on acquisition during his yr as a sr service college attendee. Oleh will return this summer to Wash so that he can work in ODCSRDA. Another book writer is **Bob Doughty** whose book **Seeds of Disaster** is on French Army doctrine prior to WWII and is apparently a significant contribution to French and military history.

Bob Frank's wife will be graduated from C&GS this Jun and will be assigned back to DC in the Off of the Surgeon Gen, so they will have to give up the joys of a commuter marriage. She was also selected for promotion to O-5 and awarded a JSA medal for her work on a film on Army and nurse POWs in WWII. Bob is completing his 2nd yr at the USA Center of Military History, which has kept him quite active during the recent resurgence of Army interest in military history.

Well folks, that's about it for this time. This is a much shorter article than we normally have which I hope is not indicative of a reduction in the cards and letters. Please keep everything coming and we can keep these articles a lot of fun.

'66

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Summer greetings to everyone! By the time you read this column we will be about 4 mos from our 20th Reunion! The Class scribe has not been overloaded with mail since the last issue and since today is the deadline to AOG, I will give all I have now.

I have received two requests for info and assistance. The first request is from Geoffrey D. Withers '62 who is the secy for the WP Soc of Central FL. He is attempting to locate all West Pointers in the area. Please contact him at 123 Valencia Loop, Altamonte Springs, FL 32714, (305) 788-3308.

The second request is from CPT Ron Porter who is the current Tac for F1. He is attempting to prepare a co history and asks any F1 alumnus to provide him with any material "concerning their achievements and misadventures, both of a serious, and not so serious note." Mail the info to Tactical Officer, F1, USCC, West Point, NY 10997, (914) 938-3307.

1966: Faber, Jean McSweeney, Scaleses, McCallums and Kelleys; Founders Day 1986, Ft Sill

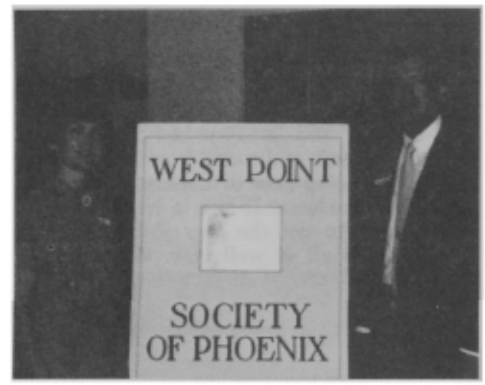
I've received only one Founders Day report and that was from **Billy & Molly Frazier** from Ft Knox. They said **Sillimans** and **Scuremans** attended the dinner there. The highlight was eating "cadet style."

1966: Fairbankses; George Leonard, USNA; Scotts '63; Founders Day 1986, Phoenix

The scribe is counting on a lot of pictures from other Founders Day activities to let the Class know where everyone is or where they were.

Several classmates are ret in Jun, but I have chosen not to list them in the column until the ret becomes reality or you hear it at the reunion. In that regard, the scribe is looking for a replacement to take over the reins of the Class column following the 20th

1966: Hallumses and Hayeses; Founders Day 1986, Ft Campbell



1966: Burgers; Founders Day 1986, Phoenix

Reunion. I've talked with several classmates on this matter, and it is useful to pass the scribe duties around every few yrs so there are new insights and different segments of our Class represented. So get your favorite room-

1966: Founders Day 1986, West Point

1966: Kakels, Scotts and Norrises; Founders Day 1986, Ft Leonard Wood

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1966: Founders Day 1986, Carlisle Baracks

mate "primed" for this supreme "classmate" and let's nominate and elect him to be the scribe at the 20th!

Regarding our 20th Reunion, **Art Mulligan** reports that planning is proceeding at an ever faster pace. Approximately 250 classmates have registered to attend, which as near as we can tell is a record number to have registered this far in advance of the reunion. He will send us all a list of attendees before the summer. **Morgan Roseborough's** hotel flyer was sent to all attendees in early Apr, to permit entry in the Hotel Thayer lottery. If you don't make the hotel, then Morgan says to make other hotel reservations NLT Jun, otherwise you risk an hour's drive to get back and forth to reunion activities.

1966: Ohotnickys, Suhays and Jameses; Founders Day 1986, Michigan

1966: Edwardses; Founders Day 1986, Ft Stewart

Art reports that a number of classmates have indicated an interest in bringing their children. The reunion comm is delighted and plans a special mailing to fill you in on the child care center, babysitting, etc. A final note: keep those photos and background sheets coming in, so that our reunion book will be a great mini-update on each of us. Art Mulligan also asks if any of you have film, slides, or other memorabilia of our cadet days that you would be willing to lend the Class for the reunion weekend. Your items will be treated with care and returned to you immediately after the reunion, and will serve to enrich the experience for all. Please write or call **Mike Hustead** on this at 914-938-3985 or c/o Dept of Physics, West Point, NY 10996.

'67

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I must warn all of you at the outset that I am in very foul humor today. I have been on a diet of late, and last night caved in. Before my frenzy abated, I had eaten the refrigerator, ice maker and all, and washed it all down with half a liter of Ireland's very finest whiskey. Today I am on the ultimate guilt trip, so look out. Add to that fact that **Suzi,** who thought that last year's experiment with separate vacations was a huge success has decided to do it twice this yr, and couldn't even wait for school to get out for her first fling. So here I sit, solely in charge of my three Autobots, two of whom decided to come down with terminal chicken pox the minute mommy's plane was wheels up, while Suzi is doing her thing for the next 10 days. I, of course, have never had the chicken pox, so things could get real interesting around here in a few days. In case you're wondering, the answer is no, Dr. Doom is not one of the victims. There is not a virus on earth strong enough to tamper with that child. He simply wills it to die, and it does. So far I have uncovered one of the great mysteries of running a house: if there are 100 Tupperware bowls and 100 Tupperware bowl tops, then why the hell don't any of the tops fit any of the bowls. I have also learned that certain substances melt in the microwave, while others send off sparks, and none of my kids will eat melted plastic on their spaghetti-o's, sick or not.

The final source of my irritation, though by no means the least intense, is the fact that from the time the Mar ASSEMBLY arrived in everyone's mail until now—a period of 3 or more wks—I received not one letter, literate or otherwise, nor one phone call, obscene or otherwise, from any member of the Class of 1967. I received some very nice mail from members of the classes of '46, '50, '62, '65 and '68. But none from any of you. I hope you are all audited by the IRS this yr. Phooey.

I was actually a bit disappointed when I opened the Mar issue and discovered the swill that I had sent in 3 wks late for that issue had actually made it into print. I was hoping that I would simply be able to resubmit that column, rather than have to struggle through another of these term paper marathons. Writing these Class notes is a lot like our plebe term paper, when I waited 'til the day before it was due to start my research, only to discover that what few books the USMA library had on my chosen topic were all in French and were kept in the ancient manuscripts room where they couldn't even be touched, much less checked out. The source data for these notes is not unlike that dark day in my life. Are you getting the message, folks?

For those few of you who are into hero worship, we shall dispense with that trivia quickly (or, as COL Nichols used to say, this is a bridge to be crossed rapidly). The FY 87 Bde Cmd list has 2 heroes on it—**Ray Roe** and **Tony Nida.** The rest of the fast burning O-6s get to keep on trying. Those of us not yet selected to cmd bns, much less bdes, can only stand in awe. (I'm sure there will be lots of people standing in awe when Tony Nida takes cmd of his bde. I know that **Angie** will have all the wives in that outfit squared away in no time.) Anyway, these two guys did good. They have managed to avoid all those little pratfalls of soldiering that lead to herpes of the career or below the zone frontal lobotomy, such as asgmts to MACOM staffs or advising the local RF/PF unit in Ho Chi Minh's home province, and we can all be proud of them. I would tell them not to let this success go to their heads, but since one is an artilleryman and the other is an engr, there is probably not much in their heads that could suffer damage.

1967: Barbara, Emmett and Colin (7), Mahle, Jan 86

Another guy who is clawing his way inexorably to the top of the compost heap is **Ray Winkle,** who was just selected as dep head of the Physics Dept. Now this is no mean feat, guys. I was so D in physics yearling yr that my slide rule warped every time I went

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into Bartlett Hall. My God, at this rate, Ray could be dean in a few yrs. But that won't happen; Ray's too nice to be the dean.

George Dials and his clan continue to excel. George decided to take his bright ideas overseas, and last summer he established his coal-fuel manufacturing co (COALBRIK) in England. He is building a plant no of London, in Yorkshire. He's been spending most of his time this past yr in London, and his family will join him there this summer. **Pam,** in the meantime, has found time to go back to college full-time, and will graduate from the College of Santa Fe with a bus admin degree this May. I guess the diploma will make official something we've all known for a long time—Pat's smarter than George. Their son Bill is graduating from HS this yr, and despite a nomination from the Rock, the betting money is on Princeton. Seems Bill is an ace soccer and lacrosse player, being CPT of both his HS teams, and the Princeton coaches are after him. Besides, Brooke Shields goes to Princeton. Daughter Heather, meanwhile, continues to excel as a budding opera star. She has performed at the Santa Fe Opera and had a leading role in the "Turn of the Screw" as Flora. She has attended the Natl Music Camp for the past two summers and has won the operetta award both summers. Last summer she also won the choral award. This Mar she also had an audition with the Royal Academy of Music in London for consideration for their Jr Apprentice program. Now friends, I've heard George sing, and I can tell you that Heather did not get her vocal talent from him. No way.

1967: Kerns and Newmans; Founders Day 1986, Ft Stewart

Joe Hardin is moving up in the corporate world. He was recently elected vp for distribution of WAL-MART Stores Inc. Before joining WAL-MART, Joe was vp of warehouse and distribution at Southland Corp. Sounds like Joe could probably get a decent job as a bde S4 somewhere. S4s are those guys we're always so glad to have around (when they're good) and always so glad that it's the other guy who's the S4 and not you.

OK, the Carpenter of the Month Award goes to **Brian Hayes,** MD, who was inducted as a fellow of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons during ceremonies at the groups 53d annual meeting on 21 Feb. Brian was one of 542 new fellows inducted, bringing the Academy's membership to 12,181. This is obviously a highly selective organization. It is the nation's largest medical organization for specialists in bone and joint surgery. To be eligible for induction, all fellows must have passed the certifying examination of the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery. And they have to have won 5 of their last 6 malpractice suits.

All you F1 files out there, listen up. The current Tac of F1 is trying to write a history of your co. I cannot imagine why anyone would be interested in reading, much less writing a history of any 1st Regt co, but life is filled with little mysteries. CPT Ronald Porter wants to hear from you. He wants to hear all of your cute little cadet life stories, serious or otherwise. If you send him an anecdote he'll send you a completed F1 history when done. I suspect that when he learns F1 had the likes of **Jim Balkcom, Vic Pangle** and **Ray Winkel,** he will probably just skip over 1967. And if that's not enough, there's always **Frank Kreeger.** If you've got a grudge you've been harboring against an F1 file for the past 18 yrs, here's your big chance. Send your story to CPT Ronald Porter, Tac F1, USCC, WP 10996.

Europe news comes courtesy of **Ron Dionne,** who back in Feb managed to shake off an 18 yr case of writer's palsy and pen a few lines. He's currently the Heidelberg Area Engr for the Europe Div, CE. His area covers the southwest corner of Ger. Among other things, he supervises all the major construction projects in the region. He has managed to hold this job for going on 4 yrs now, which as any good MILPERCEN weenie will tell you is bound to be damaging to one's career, no matter how much fun it is. Ron, however, is like me and has decided not to be the next CSA. His family includes his wife **Wida,** and daughters Missy, 17, and Tracey, 15, and son Jason, 10. Other guys Ron sees occasionally include **Bob Meyer,** who is a grunt by trade, now serving in his alternate Engr specialty as the DEH at Karlsruhe. Ron is on orders to replace him in that job this summer. **Mark Miller** is in his 4th year at DCSENG on the USAREUR staff in Heidelberg. He's married to **Ingrid** and they have 2 sons, one at college and one a soph in HS. Mark has really gone crazy on the squash courts, and plays on a local Ger team. **Mike Kishiyama** left Heidelberg not too long ago to head back for DC. He's a civ GM-14 working for the Engr Studies Tm in the Off of the Chief of Engrs. **Bill Obley** now has a job with the CE in CA. His wife is **Joan** and his children are Travis, Jenny, and Susie. **Mike Lascher** is a dentist at Landstuhl; **George Pejakovich** is a chaplain at Patch Bks (EUCOM Hqs) in Stuttgart—he always gets to give the invocation at Founders Day. **Bill Ervin** is a bn cmdr of some sort near Heilbronn, and **Bill Brigadier** is with the 200th TAMMC at Zweibrucken, but is leaving this summer. Don't ask me where to. That will undoubtably remain a mystery.

1967: Don MacPherson with son Scott; Founders Day 1986, Phoenix

Emmett Mahle is making good in both the military and civ sectors. In real life he is doing very well as an atty with the firm of Caietti, Bell and Mahle in Sacramento, CA. He entered private practice 18 or so mos ago after a short stint as a DA. In his spare time

1967: Blacks; Founders Day 1986, Ft Bliss

Emmett is a bde cmdr in the USAR, having been promoted to O-6 back in Nov 83. Now I must ask myself, if I can get promoted to O-6 by getting out of the Army, why am I here? This is a very confusing profession we are in. Emmett's wife **Barbara** works as a teacher's aide, but her real job, as anyone knows, is being mother to their son Colin Patrick, 7.

Aha—the winner of the first Class son to go to WP award is **Tom Blaney.** Tom's son Mike has received an offer of admission and an appt to the Rock, Class of '90. Well done. The Blaneys are now in Korea where Tom is a tooth fairy at one of the local dental clinics. They'll be returning to Ft Benning about the time you're reading this. So Tom will be able to take his son to WP and say "look boy—that's the man in the Red Sash. He will be your friend. Go up to him and introduce yourself to him—just tell him your daddy went to school here. He'll take it from there."

1967: Hamilton, Suttens and Schwartz; Founders Day 1986, Carlisle Barracks

Randy Pais's daughter Lisa made some history recently. She was selected to the 1985-86 All East TX Under 16 girls soccer team. Lisa is the first girl in the Houston area to have played on a boys' HS soccer team. Not bad for a freshman. Or is it freshwoman? Freshgirl? How about freshperson? What the hell, make her a sophomore.

Got a surprise visit from **Marc Ducharme** not too long ago. He's now at FORSCOM Hq at Ft McPherson in Atlanta, having recently come back on active duty after a 5 and a half year vacation. Marc reports seeing quite a few classmates over the yrs. He ran into **Bob Shadburn** at Ft Carson a few yrs back—Bob is supposedly on his way to DCSOPS in the five sided funny farm. He also saw **Fred Barofsky** and **Dave Rivers** at the Peach Bowl. Marc reports that **Jimmy Walden's** doing OK, working for some big outfit and living in some big cheese plush place in Hotlanta. Also, he ran into **Budd Stann** on a trip to PA. He reports that Bud's shadow has not grown any smaller over the years.

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Short burst read on the wall of the local men's room: **Chuck Sutton,** who used to cmd the 141st Sig Bn in Ger is now at the AWC in Carlisle, PA; **Ed Smith** gave up cmd of his bn at Carson and is now at the Canadian War College; **Gordie Rankin** is now working for Martin Marietta in CO; **Craig Butler** is a diet doctor in Albany, GA; **Jim Pryor** is the no. 2 guy in the hosp at Ft Leavenworth; **Bob Knapp** is a PMST at U CO in CO Sprgs; **Larry Izzo** is doing high level Army doctrine work at the Sch for Adv Mil Studies at Ft Leavenworth; and **Ed Beck** is pres of some software outfit in LA.

Finally, a tragic note. **Mike Kush's** wife **Kandi** died very suddenly just before Christmas. She died of a rare blood disorder, which apparently took her from good health to death within two weeks. Kandi leaves Mike with their two sons, Aaron (15), and Ryan (9), and a daughter, Amy (5). I'm sure I speak for the whole Class when I offer our deepest and sincerest condolences to Mike, the children, and all who knew and were close to Kandi for their loss. It's really all of our loss, for we are all family, you know.

OK, kids, that's it for this time. Please note: if by some miracle you get an urge to write to me, do it now. It is already mid-Jun as you sit on the john wading your way through this, and my deadline for the next issue (Sep) is 30 Jun. That's only a few days away. Most of you will take that long to find paper and pen to write with. Do it. Keep the faith, kids—God loves you. Yes, even you too, **Dewey.** BEAT NAVY.

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Pop it up Rabble. Your written and oral contributions recently have been so good that **Steve Williams** was not able to go to the Navy game last yr because he was recovering from falling out of a chair after reading and laughing about your adventures. As your scribe, I felt especially honored that you had given me enough material for me to be recognized by, and invited to be included in **Who's Who in America** until **Barbara** brought me back to the reality of mediocrity by noting that the invitation was addressed to "Occupant." Thanks anyway for keeping the Christmas news letters coming even this long after Christmas. The Class is really pulling together by supplying news. Now, if we could only find all of our lost classmates in time for the 20th Reunion.

1968: The Potters at Garmisch

Mike & Marie Potter were among the first of the many to check in with lots of news from FRG. Mike is chief of neurosurgery at 2nd GH in Landstuhl, and has kept his competitive edge this yr by successfully defending his title as individual champion at the annual med pistol match held in Koln and featuring teams from French, German, Belgian and US forces. Mike & Marie also went to Oktoberfest for the 3rd straight yr of world class beer drinking. His travels last yr included trips to HI, Switzerland, the Black Forest, Oregon, and to Malta in the aftermath of the Egyptian airline highjacking to attend to one of the Americans who was shot. Marie is still active in the mainstream of wives club politics, playing duplicate bridge, and getting into hardcore tennis. The Potters plan to show 6-yr old son David and 4 yr old daughter Melanie some new adventures this summer when Mike gets reassigned to Madigan GH at Ft Lewis, WA.

Speaking of FRG and wives clubs, **Donna Lee** wrote to relate a new slant to the coffees and teas in **Dwight's** 141st Sig Bn. The spouse group of which she is first lady contains 7 husbands. The Lees are getting their basic load of troop problems and handling them in a caring and understanding manner—just like they're supposed to. I guess that's why cmd tours are being shortened again. Donna & Dwight report that **Dick Steiner** loves the female to male ratio in DC, **Chuck & Terry Canella** are still in DC, **Dick Powell** and **Charlie Beckwith** are stationed in the Stuttgart area, and **Stan & Donna Burwell** are just fine in MA. Donna says that **Jeannie Clemm** figures she & **Dave** will be moving anytime now because she bought new furniture. They've lost contact with **John & Judy Cullen** (460 Green Bay Rd, Lake Bluff, IL 60044) and **Ed & Maureen Mendoza** (3556 Pebble Beach Dr, Augusta, GA 30907) and are trying to get back in touch with them.

1968: Shipleys in FRG

Another series of troop horror stories came from **Marv Wooten** who managed to call just prior to going out on a road-bound Reforger. Marv wanted to know what a good FA off would do at OTEA. After telling him, he asked if I knew anyone in ODCSOPS that could get him a job. Marv now needs to thank Frc Dev XO **Lee Norton** for getting him into the world of 14 hr work days, 6 days a wk during slack times.

If a spouse would care to take over scribe duties, I'd nominate **Sue Nagy** after reading her Christmas note from her & **Ross.** Her portrayal of their adventures during their trip from Ft Lewis to Augsburg were filled with action, info and wit only big kids would understand. Ross (Bx 16 USMCA-A, APO NY 09178) is hanging out as the CS/XO of the VII Corps Arty while he's waiting to take over the 1/18 FA. They report that **Lee Outlaw** has already taken over the 1/36 FA in Augsburg and **Mike Simonich** has finished XM119 testing with his 1/84 FA at Ft Lewis. Also, **Bill & Sue Mulvey** are at Kelley Bks in Stuttgart where Bill is the VII Corps PAO. On the civ side, **Pete & Claire Bonasso** are still in VA with 4 kids, where Pete is with Mitre Corp.

1968: Chapurans, Reids, Fulton, Millers and Thygersons; Founders Day 1986, Redstone Arsenal

Dick & Cathy Shipley (86th Med Det, Butzbach ADC, APO 09077) must feel that a way to stay young is to stay out of sight. They are staying in FRG for another yr, where Dick will become the Staff Res of the 7th Med Cmd in Heidelberg. We're hoping to see him when he comes to Norfolk to zing the oral portion of his specialty board in Gen Dent.

Dave & Pat Carraway still love the Frankfort area and don't plan on returning to CONUS till at least Jul 87. That way, the kids can be exposed to the ambience of Europe and be shielded from the US philosophy that the only thing within a teenager's world within walking distance is the car. They'll still be back in the land of the vanishing PX in plenty of time for the 20th Reunion.

Thanks to **Chuck Jones** for calling in mid-Mar, and to his brother-in-law **John** and sister-in-law **Trish Dallen** for allowing Chuck to run up their phone bill for the call. Chuck was in CONUS looking for a house to move the family into when he takes his new job with the Dep Dist Engr (14052 Emmiline, Omaha, NE 68138) to the Omaha Dist. The move is perfectly timed in view of the falling dollar at SHAPE, low interest rates here, and lots of construction going on in the Omaha Dist. He reports that **Steve & Cathy Windsor** are enjoying life around the 547th Engr Bn at Darmstadt, **Mike Brennan** is moving from the Chief of Med job at Stuttgart to WRAMC, and that **Surry Everett** is moving to DC for an info syst job as soon as the Army can find his wife a good job too. John reported that things haven't changed too much at WP; the plebes got washed out of their PPW, the new Supe is an English hive but wrote a book that sounds straight out of ES&GS, and **Fred Johnson** has recommended that one of our 20th Reunion souvenirs be the 15 year photo book. The only person who seems to be ac-

1968: Hostler, Roberson, Parry, Alexander, Gerard and Tucker at Gary's 40th

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complishing anything is Trish, who is making the WP Gift Shops turn a profit.

Any rumor you may have heard about **Tom & Pam Jewell** being associated with a cat house is exaggerated. Son Keith's cat had 4 kittens, and the Jewells ended up with one to bring their menagerie to one dog and three (spayed) cats. While Pam is trying to stabilize the home by being involved in 3 school PTAs and den mothering, Tom busied himself with presenting at least 4 papers, giving a course for the NY State Dept of Trans, lecturing at WP and writing a text book, **A Systems Approach to Civil Engineering Planning and Design,** which has just been released by Harper and Row. In fine WP form, Tom also wrote a 400 pg solutions manual to go with the book, to explain what he was doing in the text. During precious free time, you'll find the Jewells either camping or on their boat cruising up and down the Mohawk River, through the locks on the canal, water-skiing, and exploring other local lakes.

Other busy family heads include **Rick & Marsha Wright.** Marsha spends most of her time driving Ricky and Greg to their activities, representing the 101st's 3rd Bde at wive's club functions, working in the thrift shop and at the blood mobile, proclaiming what was once yard of the month as "Sewer of the Month," and trying to figure out when Rick will come home for dinner. Rick went from G1 to 3rd Bde XO last summer and is just getting back to normal after the Newfoundland tragedy. He reports that Class Pres **Dave Ohle** gave up cmd of the 3/327 Inf (without sending us a photo) to become the G3, and **Tony Medici** went from being the Ch of G3 Tng to being the 1st Bde XO.

1968: Manske, '68's Rambo

It is hoped that **Dave Ohle** will join **Larry Jordan** in checking in with DC Class coordinator **Larry Manning** this summer when they come to town to attend the NWC. It looks like **Pete Sowa** will be the only classmate to be in attendance at Carlisle this yr because **Tom Banks** and **Al Vitters** have earned AWC appoints in the Res Assts Prog. Sorry I missed this quarter's DC Class luncheon, where I hear that **Mike Peters** gave a super slide show on the real people of the USSR.

Mike & Sue Toole (7120 Bridgeport Ct, Springfield, VA 22153) report that adjustment to population concentration and pace from NM is slow. They moved here last Jul so Mike can work in Crystal City to set up a program for the Army Strategic Defense Cmd.

Charlie Hill says he plans on staying at WRAH "for the duration" and possibly going into private practice with **Woody Cobey**—if either of them can come up with the funds to cover mal-practice ins. He also reports that **Don Roberts** accepted his promotion as it obligated him for only a few months beyond his initial obligation, and that either DuPont reassigned **Brian Utermahlen** or one

1968: Christmas at Rucker with the Orahoods

of DE's two counties must have started sinking during high tide due to overpopulation, because he's now living in Houston.

In an effort to create even more tradition and lore at WP, the present Tac of F1 would like ex-Fun Oners to forward any stories and anecdotes that they feel would instill pride in being a member of the now "F1 Marching 100." Send the truth to CPT Ron Porter, Tactical Officer, F1, USCC, WP 10997. With stalwart individuals like **Dan Adams, John Benson, Jerry Buckley, John Finney, Jay Francis, Pete Hanson, Chris Iaconis, Fred Johnson, Ed Larson, Bill Little, Charlie Mackall, Shep McCaffrey, Lee Morand, Norm O'Meara, Mike O'Neil, Steve Osborn, Bill Raines, Fred Reynolds, Bill Robinson, Fred Shahid, Dave Smith, Doug Stevenson, Gordie Tillery,** and a few of the crowd that got pushed over to make up H1 firstie yr, I'm sure a war story or two could be forwarded so the F1 TAC will have something to do this summer.

Chris Iaconis stopped in while on TDY at OTEA—main to say that he has been spending more time in VA and FL than at home. After his next trip to FL, he's going into the hosp for some stomach surgery that will help him swallow such statements as "The Army has your best interests at heart." Chris plans to stay at Ft Bliss for as long as OTE will keep him there. He says that he also heard that **Andy Shaffer** has been smuggling cats into Mexico .

I hope all of you got to see **Jack Reed** on **60 Minutes** in Mar. He was terrific as the show's expert witness against evangelic real estate selling practices and seminars. And I thought all he did was write anti-tax books and paint bicycle seats.

Thanks also to **Stash Parker,** who is now the civ Ch of Log and Fld Spt Div of PM Night Vision Dev at Ft Belvoir, for making my stay there the other day worth while. It was great to end the day on a positive note by reminiscing about Poop School and getting the other side of how Stash became the Class premier double century man.

1968: McClellands, Kordas and Lamberts; Founders Day 1986, Michigan

Another chance meeting that saved an otherwise disastrous day occurred at TRADOC when I bumped into **Keith Merritt** at his asst TRADOC IG for insp off. He has been in the so VA area for quite a while as he was chief of leadership at the Trans Sch prior to his IG job. After 23 mos as a Bn S3 and XO, and 19 mos as a DIVARTY TACFIRE Off, Keith asked for an asgmt where his kids could be close to both sets of grandparents, and MILPERCEN got personal. He says the IG bus is really interesting and has opened a new part of the military to him. Keith also brought me up to date on the private life of **Dean Becker,** who we knew had earned a PhD in Science Ed at UT. But I'll bet even **Gil Tijerina** didn't know that Dean was also the '78 TX power lifting champ and the '84 Mr Texas. Gil has been seen pumping iron and stuff in the gym at Ft Benning, and further reports that he turned down a job with lots of promises offered by an ex WP RTO. Keith and I are convinced that **Jerry Cobb** has gained 150 lbs and is living in the East under the name of **John Riggins** because they both have very curly hair and you never see them at the same parties.

1968: Antonios, Wrights and Ohles; Founders Day 1986, Ft Campbell

Bill Jeffries couldn't handle my misspelling his name anymore, so he dropped a note that was actually a failed experiment in word processing. He claims the Class marathon record by running a 2:48 at the Marine Corps Marathon and qualifying for Boston, which sounds OK to me since that's about the time in which I ran my LAST APRT. Cheering for Army sports in the Norfolk/VA Beach area is rare because he works for an AF 06 at a Navy school. The most fun he had was to watch **Steve Harper** watch Army play football on TV. **Bill & Cheryl** got together with **George Christiensen** and Steve and their brides at a micro reunion to watch the game. George left AFSC for Ft Bragg where he is to take a dental cmd, and Steve went to Charlottesville to straighten out **John Cruden's** and **Joe Fowler's** work.

Vic & Pat Haitt checked in with a holiday note to let us know that they have mid-GA under control, and that sons Michael and Bryan racked up a couple of big football trophies. If you find yourself in their AO, drop in for a swim if you dare to venture under the pavilion Vic designed and built.

One of the best letters to be received this quarter was from **Frank Chapuran** (312 Quincy Dr, Huntsville, AL 35801) who tried to convince me that he worked with **Larry Fulton** and **Jack Reid** for the Strategic Def Cmd at Redstone Asnl. The giveaway was that he wrote in crayon on a Big Chief tablet. What was almost believable was that he, Larry and Jack were on the Founders Day Comm for the last 3 yrs, and he doesn't know why. Larry has been in charge of photos each yr, and when he screws up the CG's class

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1968: Founders Day 1986, Heidelberg

picture, he gets the job again. He messed up the photo so bad in 85 that he was sent to Ft Leavenworth for 6 mo TDY. **Jack Miller** also works under the MICOM umbrella at Redstone, while **Bill Thygerson** is a civ servant who jokes that it only takes one private sector worker to screw in a light bulb. This summer, Jack & **Nancy** Reid will head for CA for another SDC job. Frank & **Carol** will remain at Redstone for another yr with their two teenagers and a preteen to ensure there are no dull moments in Huntsville. This yr's photo decides Larry's fate for his next PCS.

1968: Lynchs; Founders Day 1986, Ft Riley

The prize for the most stuff in an envelope goes to **Dennis Manske** (111 Armory Bldg, 505 E. Armory St, Champaign, IL 61820), who I was afraid I had embarrassed out of existence the Christmas before last. Dennis is giving Sly Stallone lessons in military machismo. If you missed articles about him in the local Ft Rucker or the 2d ROTC Region periodicals, too bad because my summary of his feats won't do him justice. Dennis is back on active duty with the U of IL ROTC Inst Gp after teaching leadership at Avn OBC. While at Rucker, he set the Air Assault 17km Road March record of 1 hr 20 min, and added Air Assault to his Aviator, Abn and Ranger qualifications. In 84, he was the Armd Forces Assoc Res Off of the yr in the Austin, TX Chapter. He also won the opportunity to represent the US for the 12th consecutive yr by winning the US Military Olympic Championships at Ft Sam Houston. In Oslo last yr, his team won the over 35 category gold medal at the NATO games. Not to take anything away from Dennis, but not many guys over 35 would try to do the stuff you have to do in military olympics. Dennis said that he saw **Greg Camp** at last yr's Ft Benning marathon. Greg was second in the ½ marathon 35-39 group in 1:17 while Dennis was second in the marathon 35-39 group in 2:38, with a ½ marathon split time of 1:15.

This quarter also brought class scribes living in the DC area face-to-face with the new editor of the ASSEMBLY at the Ft McNair Club. We were shown how the ASSEMBLY is put together, what is desired from the classes and their scribes, and what to expect in the future. It was interesting to note that the ASSEMBLY recognizes and supports classes going through phases like having children, moving all over the world, being assigned to WP, settling in the DC area, sending kids to college, mid-life crisis, and publicly realizing that your baby boy is now a man with the mind of a lime and WP won't even take him, etc. As we get older, we have more interests and Class news becomes more important. To meet the demand for timely news, the ASSEMBLY will (aspiring class scribes take note) expand from four to six issues per yr. That means that you have to write and call more, or the scribe has to be a combination pathological liar and a prolific fiction writer.

One of our Class phases presently appears to be breaking the 40 barrier, and we're doing it in grand style. **Jean Fetterman** planned a number of little surprises for **Rick**'s 40th, which included sending letters out throughout the US asking classmates to call him on his day. His birthday at his dental practice was reportedly spiced up with a "new patient" (from a Strip-o-gram service) who opened up in an unexpected way when he said, "open up." The entire community also wore "Fetterman is 40" stickers provided by Jean.

The day Rick turned 40, **Cookie Roberson** threw an over the hill party for **Gary** which was attended by more classmates than Cookie had expected. **Dutch Hostler** was in town on his 2 wk reserve and holiday from the frozen north stint. **Bob Alexander** was up getting confused on whether to rent or buy in No VA for his last asgmt. Bob reported that **Eric Kunz** is the Program Resource Mgt Dir at TRADOC's DCD. **Bruce Parry** couldn't stay too long due to many sleepless nights working to reconcile the Packard Com report. **Fred Tucker** was also fighting jet lag and only seemed interested in his sponsoring an 18 year old female Scandinavian exchange student. Fred's wife, **Jeri Lynn**, was livelier in her rightful renunciation of space shuttle jokes. The party was fun until **Barbara** told everyone that I was the oldest person there.

To ensure that every classmate who has a birthday between the beginning of Jun and the end of Aug has been mentioned at least once during the last 2 yrs, I beg our editor's indulgence to mention a sampling of the Class turning 40. **Wally Barton** is an industrial engr with Firestone Tire, **Ed Cutting** is a supervisor with Stone and Webster Engr Corp, **Rand Witwer** is a sr engr with Cummins Engine, and **Greg Unangst** is a systems engr. **Tim Carpenter** and **John Guinn** are dentists, and **Bill Dickerson** is an MD. Other professionals include lawyer **Tom Krieger**, City Atty **Leonard Wallin**, and JAG **Jim Walsh. Craig Carson** is a prod mgr with FMC, while infantryman **Chuck McKenna** could be using his product. **Craig O'Connor** is still high kicking for the troops with the USO. We can only speculate that **Phil Krueger** has gotten so old that he can hear "snap, krackel and pop" without pouring cereal, **Ed Nelson's** broad mind and narrow hips could be switching places, and **Tay Yoshitani's** waistline may be approaching his age instead of the other way around.

1968: Johnsons; Founders Day 1986, Ft Sill

Gary treated me to some cheap theater by inviting me to a CMR trial. The lawyer defending the misunderstood ex-dentist grad was **Lou Font**, and I thought he presented his argument in such a creative, forceful and logical manner that he'll probably get a few yrs shaved off the fellow's sentence. Being true to form when it comes to deep and involved issues, I slept through much of the discussion. From what I hear, Lou is keeping the military justice system on its toes by handling a good number of military actions and appeals.

Another barrister of note is **Pete Wallace** who reportedly still loves being a Wall St

1968: Fuhrmans, Nashs and Timboes; Founders Day 1986, Carlisle Barracks

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1968: Founders Day 1986, Ft Ord

lawyer. During the beginning of the yr, **Pete & Betsy** spent a weekend with **Johnny & Camille Johnston** and their kids. Taylor, the Johnston's 7 yr old, made his off-Broadway debut at Penn & Teller, when he was picked out of the audience and went on stage in a manner not unlike his dad. Johnny is giving up fighting for ammo funding at ODCSOPS to fight for real ammo for his bn in FRG this summer. In between writing for **All My Children** and winning an Emmy, Betsy talks to **Jane Bachman** who reports that **Bill** is managing a law firm in Boston and climbs mountains a lot with **Jocko Merriam.** Pete says he sees **Mike Einbinder** and **Joe Durkin** on the train during his commutes. But all is not well in the Wallace household— Gwen and Steve are developing NJ accents and refer to distances in terms of turnpike exit numbers.

The next article to come out in the Sep issue is due to the editor on 30 Jun. Because it will be the last one I'll do while in uniform, I'd like to make it as full of news as you've allowed the last two to be. I know summer is a hectic time with moves, house repairs, vacations, etc, but that's just what your classmates and others who read this article want to know about. So move, repair, have fun, write, call, and be careful—you're all we've got. DAVE

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This col is being written on 31 Mar, covering news received since 6 Jan. Deadline for the Sep issue is 30 Jun.

The col is a bit late because I wanted to include coverage of tonight's NCAA natl basketball championship between Duke, coached by **Mike Krzyzewski,** and Louisville. I know I speak for our Class and many others in telling Mike how proud we are of him. Mike's graciousness in victory and defeat was as impressive as his coaching and his team's all-time record of 37 victories in a single season.

1969: The Hugh Donohue family at Ft Polk

Sherrie & Mike Landrum have again agreed to host this summer's Class party. We will hold the gathering on Sat, 23 Aug beginning at 5:00 pm. We will send invitations to all in the Wash area and to anyone from out of town who calls or writes to indicate they may be able to join us. We certainly hope a good number of you from elsewhere will help duplicate last yr's tremendous turnout.

News this qtr was sparse, as is often the case after the holidays. The first letter from the civ side of the Class was from **Kristine & Dennie Haydon,** who recently moved from Charleston, SC to Atlanta, GA. Dennie has joined with two bus associates in forming the investment banking firm of Kessler & Co.

1969: Jim Giacomini

In the Midwest, **Jim Giacomini** was recently appointed pres and gen mgr of General Electric Credit Auto Lease in Barrington, IL. **Barb & Tom Whitaker** sent a long C-4 newsletter from Ft Wayne, IN and reported that **Gigi & Andy Wielkoszewski** are on orders to an attache position in Moscow this summer. They also located the **Mike Taylors** in St. Louis and the **Chuck Karwans** in OR. **Jim Moeller** called from Ft Worth on his car phone (a first for the col) to report that his various bus ventures are doing well. **Rick Whitaker's** co, New Venture Consultants, in Palo Alto, CA is also prospering.

1969: Selecmans; Founders Day 1986, Michigan

News from the mil side opened with a call here in DC from vet **Bill Yonushonis,** who is due for an overseas asgmt in Cairo this Aug. Recently arrived in the area are **Donna & Glen Hirabayashi.** Donna is dir of White House liaison for the Navy. In Hampton, VA **Corinne & Dave Hofstetter** were joined by second daughter Elizabeth Hilton on 19 Dec. Further south, **Pat & Hugh Donohue** and their 3 girls are at Ft Polk, where Hugh is dep hosp cmdr. Leaving Ft Polk this summer en route to a permanent position in the Leadership Dept at West Point are **Marilyn & Steve Hammond.** Settling in at Ft Hood, TX are **Peggy & Jim Love.**

1969: Spud & Patty LaVallee; Founders Day 1986, Phoenix

That is it for letters, so let me add a few quick notes. First, **Peggy Isenhower** and the children are still at Ft Stewart but considering a move to Ft Lewis this summer. A new enlisted housing area at Ft Stewart was named Isenhower Terrace in **Jim's** honor. As I mentioned last issue, I am writing Jim's obituary and would be pleased to include any info classmates wish to provide.

Holly & I had a very enjoyable evening in Mar at a dinner party hosted by **Mary Grace & Ralph Crosby.** We also saw **Chris & Dave Scibetta** at a nice party hosted by **Marianne & Bob Ivany,** who are en route to a cmd at Ft Bliss this summer. **Kathleen & Rick Ricker** and daughters visited Wash in Mar, and we joined them for dinner with **Sylvia & Jack Guernsey,** who drove down from Philadelphia for the evening.

1969: Nigros; Founders Day 1986, Thailand

CPT Ronald Porter, Tac of Co F-1 is doing a history of that fabled org. He asked that F-1 alumni write him at the Academy with anecdotes for the history, which will be mailed to all who contribute. (He may want to check Central Area, because I recall that F-1 may still have a few classmates walking off some hrs.)

Holly has reported recent, reliable sightings of **Pat Spann** running the hills near our new home. I have also seen **Jim Narel, Dolph**

1969: Smiths, Pouchers, and Bazzels; Founders Day 1986, Ft Sill

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1969: Founders Day 1986, Heidelberg

Carlson, and **K.C. Scull** at the Pentagon gym from time to time.

Lastly, in response to two inquiries, the abbreviation "SSC" stands for Senior Service College, a term that encompasses the Army, Navy, AF, and Natl War Colleges, to which our classmates have begun to be assigned.

Holly and our children—Kathleen (6), Robert (4), William (2½), and Thomas (1)—join me in wishing you a delightful summer. Please advise the Class of any upcoming news or moves through a quick note to me by 30 Jun. Until then, God bless to all in '69.

'70

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First, in the Public Service Announcement Dept: any of the old grads coming out of the "F-1 Marching 100" are invited to send anecdotal info to the current co tac so that he can put together the glorious history of your co. Send your stories to CPT Ron Porter, Tactical Officer, F-1, USCC, West Point, NY 10997. Ron claims that all contributors will be rewarded with a copy of the compendium when available.

Also, any laid-back central Floridians are urged to contact Geoffrey Withers '62 so that you can be included in the future festivities put on by the WP Soc there. He can be reached at 123 Valencia Loop, Altamonte Sprgs, FL 32714, or phone (305) 788-3308.

1970: Rachel, MacDonald and MacDonald, Jr Plummer

Finally, all who are in the DC area, or who might be, in the fall of 87, are hereby informed that plans are underway to have an Army-Navy train. That is, a railroad train from DC to Philly will be loaded with anybody who wants to ride, rather than drive, to see 1987's annual gridiron clash. The man with the plan is **Joe Reeder,** at 2301 Ft Scott Dr, Arlington, VA 22202.

1970: Mike Glawe, "Happy Daze" Fri night hop, Reunion 85.

Joe also provides a batch of info for us. On 14 Mar at Ft Myer, VA the grandaddy DC Founders Day was celebrated. Representing '70 were Joe, **David Carr, Cesare Rosati, Bill Vogt, Jim Crawford, Fred** (the Judge) **Carroll, Ron Riggs,** and **Bill Knowlton.** The fete was so well attended by the top brass that spouses were not invited (they take up too much room).

As expected, **Greg & Ginny Vuksich** have departed the DC area for a return trip to Yugoslavia. **Penn & Jeanne Watkinson** were coordinating a Memorial Day weekend trip for E-1 classmates on the beaches of NC. You will have to wait for the next exciting issue of this column before reading all about it. **Dave Selby** is joining **Scott Isaacson** as a trial atty in the contract appeals div of the Army JAG staff. **Jim Crawford** is now in the middle of sorting out the Gramm-Rudman nightmare. **Jon & Melony Boslego** bumped into both **Joe & Kate Reeder** at the 20km Bethesda Chase, a local running race for the very motivated. Jon is currently a sr medical researcher at WRAMC. **Neal Ellis,** a partner with the law firm of Hunton & Williams, has just opened up that firm's new off in Raleigh, NC.

A few mos back, a bunch of guys got together to issue the classwide letter explaining the new Class fund routine. Preparing, folding, licking and mailing 650 letters can be quite a task. The following folks each had some part to play: **Bill Adams, Ed Beddow, John Bickel, Dave Brown, Dave Carr, Bill Cater, Jim Crawford, Barney Forsythe, Cary Garner, Chuck Gandy, Shelby Stevens,** and **Terry Treat,** led by the kingpin **Joe Reeder.** Good job, guys, pop it up! But that brings up the subject—don't forget to send your contribution to the "1970 Class Fund Gift Account," now being maintained and managed by the AOG.

Nick Bonarrigo checked in with news from the G-1 Gophers. **Mike & Bobbi Pearce** moved across the country with their reassignment from Ft Lewis to Ft Benning. Mike is out at Camp Darby hiking with the Ranger Comm. **Joe Faraguna,** the big-city lawyer, is working for the city of NY, writing a book, and is planning to get married in Jul. Best wishes in all the above. **Vance & Judy Hutchison** are now in Houston. Vance just recently returned from a short tour in Pakistan, where he was doing consulting work for a gas and oil co. Nick received greetings from **Bob & Manny** Walton in So Germany, **Bruce & Beth Michalowski** in Vancouver, WA, and **Pat McGoldrick** in El Paso, TX.

1970: Roger & Judy Cross, Reunion 85

Jim Price checked in with some further details of his Star Wars activities. He is putting together a program to establish a network of test facilities for the defensive technologies being researched, known as the SDI Natl Test Bed.

John McDowell, at Ft Leavenworth with the Low Intensity Conflict Comm, will soon add to the low intensity conflict on the home front. **Karen,** you see, is expecting to have their second child any moment now. The new baby will join Jimmy (3) in the war zone. And speaking of new kids, **Don & Lynda Swanda** have recently adopted their second Korean-born child. Jennifer should be about

1970: John Brenner and Pat Sculley, Reunion 85

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1970: Chris & Denise Keegan, Reunion 85

7 mos now, joining Courtney (3). Don is working the region out of MN for American Hosp Supply/Baxter Labs as a sales rep. Swandas have been in MN since 77—their co gives them an opportunity to stay in a region if they like. And they like, since Don is originally from upstate NY while Lynda hails from MI. They are no strangers to the cold northern climes. Lynda will be taking a break as a fill-in secretary at MN Power due to the arrival of their newest.

Eddie Mitchell dropped a note in from Redstone Arsenal and included a pic from the Founders Day there. Much to his surprise, **Bill Wessels** was there with his friend Ellen Fox. Bill got a medical shortly after graduation, went for an MBA at the U of AL, and joined a mining co there in the SE. Since then he has been travelling the globe, to such scenic spots as So Africa, Namibia, Diego Garcia, Peru, and Australia, presumably for the mining bus, rather than the search for beautiful women. He had stopped by the old hometown of Huntsville, just as the Founders Day party was going on.

Mike Grove is located in sw Houston, TX working with a law firm that specializes in oil and gas. His better half, **Maxine**, does volunteer work with preschoolers in the area. That is, of course, when she's not paying attention to her own preschoolers, Cynthia (3), and Jenna (9 mos). Max states that in order to be able to locate reasonably close to the center of town, it is necessary to buy an older house, and redecorate. Consequently, part-time jobs for the Groves must be OJT in paper, painting, and basic carpentry. Next time you're cruising the Meyerland Shopping Center in town, head two mi west to say hi.

Also in the sun belt are **Carl & Donna Funke**. When Carl got out in 76, he cruised the country for a while, found out about warmth in So CA, and after several jobs, settled as a supervising engr in gas planning with the San Diego Gas and Electric Co. Carl is also about ready to wrap up an MBA at SD State. Donna recently gave up being a nurse after 6 yrs of experience. She says after a while, the trauma of the trauma clinic becomes a little hard to cope with. Now she spends more time with the kids, Carolyn (12), Julie (10) and Amanda (7). All the children are involved in the church activities, and all play the piano. With 3 kids on one piano, it could result in a duty roster for practice time. Carl devotes his free time to a church program known as AWANA, that is, "Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed," in which he helps out with the little kids. Must be a talent he picked up during second beast detail. The Funkes are looking forward to a move in the San Diego area this summer, so if you want to visit this yr, make sure you get their right address.

1970: Marshalls; Founders Day 1986, Thailand

1970: Kerry & Nancy Goodier, tripping the light fantastic

I talked to a batch of Floridians recently. **Greg & Mary Helen Edwards** are down in the vic of Tampa. Greg is chief financial off of Waste Mgt, Inc there, taking care of the various aspects of the conversion plants. Mary Helen is a member of that noble profession, housewife, and surely accumulates many mi on the family wagon as she gets the kids, Jason (14) and Lucy (9), to baseball practice, and Mary Kathryn (11) and Peyton (3) to cheerleading practice. **Sherman & Lea Crawford** are in Coral Sprgs, where Sherman has his own general practice law off, Crawford & Keefe. The Crawfords boast about the 4 children, the twins Virginia and Matthew (10), Jonathan (7), and Keri (1). The whole family

1970: Lora & Richard Snider; Founders Day 1986, Michigan

can be seen out on the links in a round of golf periodically. And Ginny has been known to swap stories with Jack Nicklaus and Tom Weiskopf on occasion. **Chuck & Barbara Davis** are in Orlando. Chuck is an atty as a partner in Wooten, Honeywell, & Kest, a firm of about 13 lawyers specializing in personal injury cases. Davises have been in FL since about 75 when Chuck got out of service and got educated at FL State. They have two youngsters, Natalie (7) and Chrissy (5), both of whom are Indian Princesses. That org requires participation of the fathers, so Chuck must lend a hand there, too. A recent trip by

1970: John & Olga Pavlick, Reunion 85

all to the slopes of Beech Mt indicates that the family also likes to ski. On snow, not in FL.

Toni & Tom Weaver are in the area of Chicago, IL. Tom is in prog mgt for Baxter-Travenol, a health care outfit. Toni claims to be a housewife, but is an accomplished organist and guitarist who has been known to perform at weddings and the like. She also works with children in the music program of their church. Naturally, with mom's talent, the kids have started to add to the Weaver combo. John (12) plays the flute and Rob (9) plays guitar. Michael (6) probably hasn't picked out anything noisy enough yet. All the boys, including Micky, play soccer. Spare time, at the moment, is rare, since the Weavers bought a new house last Sep and saved for themselves the task of finishing it.

Some straight poop from Ft Leavenworth. **Tom Schmidt** will close his second yr prog there this mo. From there, he will be reassigned to V Corps, G3, in Ger. A notable event in the Schmidt family life is the lack of public school. That is, Tom & Jean have decided to teach their children Kevin (13), Kelly (11) and Daniel (9), at home. They use a designed curriculum, which ends up being almost a correspondence course, but with the parents being the on site "P." Tom claims great enthusiasm from the kids and notes "a whole different pattern of behavior" in them. Good, we hope. The older kids especially like the program, and even the move to Ger will not prevent their participation. The kids as a group are also involved in sports, such as soccer, baseball and running.

Bruce Spear has been busy crossing the country as he sets up ret communities. Two of his projects are due to open this yr, one in FL, and one in Seattle, WA. With himself in Indianapolis, his partner in LA, and his marketing firm in TX, Bruce really appreciates all the work Alexander Graham Bell did.

1970: Bill Wessels, Ellen Fox, Mitchells; Founders Day 1986, Redstone Arsenal

I was able to visit for a short while with **Frank Montieth.** He had come to Camp Atterbury, IN as part of the 75th MAC, a TX res unit, to help with the 38th Inf Div

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1970: Founders Day 1986, Heidelberg

(INARNG) CPX. Since I am now the CE Off for the 2d Bde, we were both involved in the "First Battle" exercise. Frank assures us that **Linda** and the kids are all doing well down in Houston.

1970: Osman and the Roberts; Founders Day 1986, Phoenix

Rapid fire, found in droppings near the statue at the city square: **Roland Carter** is in DC, hiding in the Pentagon. **Bob Frank** is headhunting as a prof recruiter in TX. **Scott Knight** is in OK working in the energy field with Kerr McGee. **John Norris,** who used to be with the FL state atty, now has his own law off. **Jim Rushfeldt** is an electrical contractor in So FL, and was recently married. She obviously didn't think long wavy hair was a requirement, since Jim still sports that fast, sleek, shaved look (it creates less drag in the water when you swim). Speaking of swimming, it appears that **Don Greene** is now in FL working with the olympic swimming and diving teams. Rumor has it that the only '70 rep to the Armed Forces Staff College class 80 is **Corky Bruce.** It seems that after a trip down so where he could practice his Spanish, the sch window is now open. Ft Bragg is the new home for **Boone Bartholomees.**

Scattered throughout the article here are more pictures I dug out of my personal file from Reunion 85. If you don't want to continue to look at the terrible results of my minimal effort, send photos of yours!

If you want to see your name in bold print, in an internationally distributed magazine, then make a call, send a letter, smoke signals, something, and I will ensure that you make the big time. Until next time—may all your news be good.

'71

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Okay. So I have made a few mistakes in this column. Garbage in, garbage out, right? And yes, I have had to sensationalize some info. Yellow journalism sells! But this punishment I do not deserve. Banishment. To Korea, no less. Please note that for the next two yrs, the **deMoya** family will be enjoying the Land of the Morning Calm.

1971: Jeff Jones and the Hagenbecks, Australia

We had a light load of correspondence this quarter. I will try to embellish what I can. **Mike & Jean Ritchie** escaped from the frozen wastelands of Ft Richardson, AK last winter for a brief sojourn in sunny HI with **Tom & Bonnie Burrell.** The Ritchies are bound for Ft Benning this summer where Mike will attend the Sch of the Americas. Note the action verb, "attend." To graduate, one must remember his Spanish. Good luck. Haggard after 30 mos at bn level, Mike is spending his last 6 mos as the plans and opns off on the 6th ID(L) staff. While on TDY, Mike saw **Don Elder,** who is an Armor bn XO at Ft Polk. The Burrells will island hop from the Big Isl of HI to Oahu this summer as Tom becomes the XO of the 1/14 Inf in the 25th ID. This new challenge and its accompanying two yr extension may be due, in large part, to Class nepotism as **Ben Bauer** is the current dir of off mgt in the div. It has been reported, but not confirmed, that Mike and Tom temporarily shed their geriatric fitness program and participated in something resembling a triathlon. Remembering these tigers' exploits in the halls of the Master of the Sword as I do, I suspect that the competition was less than "Ironman" than a "Foolsgoldman." Oh yes. Due to his grueling participation, one Kevin Shea was ceremoniously made an honorary member of the Class of '71 through a ritualistic saber tap on the shoulder, the singing of the Alma Mater, and mucho hops. Congrats to all.

1971: Ironpeople: Burrell, Shea and Ritchie

1971: Matwiczaks, Jameses, Bernards, Smiths and Snyders; Founders Day 1986, Ft Bliss

Absolutely mahvelous. Class professional and personal honors continue to abound. **Randy Smith** was recently awarded the Certificate in Mgt Accounting which recognizes prof competence in the field. Randy plies his trade with the Space Communications Co in Gaithersburg, MD. The **Bob Worthington** family (Jason, Judi, Anne, and Pat) of Ft Bragg won 8 gold medals in an Ice Skating

1971: Founders Day 1986, Ft Ord

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1971: Crossmans; Founders Day 1986, Carlisle Barracks

Inst of America competition in Winston-Salem last Mar. Two questions come to mind. How does a family with consecutive tours in the Philippines and NC excel on ice and where's poppa? Again, plaudits all around.

Another great note from the pen of **Dave Schlener,** who still flies B727s for American out of NY. **Kim** & Dave visited with **Sam & Janie Pride** at WP in Jan. As the Dir of Instruction, Sam oversees the athletic tribunals held daily in DPE while Janie is moving up the mgt ladder in the Civ Pers Off. Apparently, the Pride home is a shrine to Janie's many and varied theatrical accomplishments as an actor and singer/musician. The Schleners spent some time old-gradding

1971: Kitts, Founders Day 1986, Ft Riley

with **Sam & Valerie Sutter** during the Sutters' holiday back in the States last Christmas season. Sam is sill a flight test engr in Munich, but he is looking at a prospective job with the stateside div in Westchester, PA. When the Schlener-Sutter conversation began to lull, they played that fun game "call friends in the middle of the night," a diversion much akin to that old sibling cry, "you're asking for it." First on the call list was **Gordie & Linda Dietrich.** Gordie uses his Stanford smarts on the President's SDI in

1971: Joseph Cerami and friend Neil Dennington; Founders Day 1986, Ft Sill

1971: Founders Day 1986, Heidelberg

the Pentagon. **Cliff Deckard,** ex-'71, is employed by the Secret Service on Pres and VP protection. Dave mentioned that **Fred Smith** has about a yr left at an evangelical seminary prior to entering the chaplaincy.

Not as diligent in corresponding (like the first time in 15 yrs), but still much appreciated, was a note from **Glenn Barefoot.** He & **Linda** have been in Orlando for a yr and a half. Glenn works for Translogic Corp, a co dealing in computer controlled material transport systems. He mentioned having seen **Charlie Williams** of recent Pentagon fame and having heard from Mr Rabble Rouser, **Gus Gustin,** who is a gm with the Canadian subsidiary of Lukens Steel in Toronto. Also with Lukens is **Mike Kesler,** who is the supt of 2 mills. VP **Rick Rentz** designs and installs electronic surveillance systems for the Natl Security Agency.

We have found the answer for catching those greedy, beady-eyed contractors who try to rob the Treasury of our hard-earned tax dollars. **Dan Allemeier** works contract appeals in Falls Church, VA. **Carol** continues as a scheduling off for Senator Moynihan. At the A-N game last fall, the Allemeiers huddled with **Bill & Bobby Quinlan.** Bill is at a heart and lung clinic in southern NJ. Dan mentioned that lawyer **Don Brodeur** specializes in tax and corporate law in Sacramento. **Ward King** has found a niche doing admin law in the 41st Spt Cmd in Kaiserslautern.

The **deMoya** book of lists, which is traditionally suspect, continues. The AY 86-87 CGSC slating includes CGSC — **Barkovic, Bauer, Bremer, Bridges, Cerami, Fligg, Rasmussan;** AFSC — **Anderson, WF, Beno, Chiacchia, Cummins;** Air — **Theaux;** Marine — **Van Buskirk;** School of the Americas — **Ritchie;** and lastly, Naval — **Lincoln, Mathews.** Corrections to me, please. Make my day. Stay tuned in the next issue for the posting of the AY 85-86 classes.

1971: Founders Day 1986, West Point

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A tip of the tar bucket and a hearty "pop it up" to the Professionally Done baby for the quarter, David Alexander Dailey, born 16 Jan 86.

1971: Hutchinsons and Daileys; Founders Day 1986, Ft Campbell

Congratulations on our 15th graduation anniv. Buy yourself some crystal. I promise to write more next time.

1971: Metcalfs; Founders Day 1986, Ft Leonard Wood

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all classmates for their comfort and gifts upon the death of my father, COL (Ret) Harold deMoya '46 on 1 Apr. He knew and cared for many of you and was quite proud of the Class' accomplishments.

'72

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Hope this Jun edition finds everyone well and in good spirits. It seems that all the news, though sparse this time, is good news with many '72 families and friends staying in touch with each other. Your scribe has been fairly busy for the past few mos. Our address has changed; note the new one above for future correspondence. I will also have to gloat about my termite league (10 and under) basketball team and its league championship won in Mar. The title game was a one-point thriller! Now if my T-ball team can do the same, I may just ret from coaching.

In looking over the published version of Mar's column, I noticed an omission which calls for an apology. Somehow I got in a picture of the **Tom Folk** family without mentioning anything he had written. Sorry about that Tom. In the way of correction, Tom has left active duty and is a practicing atty with the firm of Hazel, Beckhorn, and Hanes in Fairfax, VA. Most of his work has been in commercial litigation. Folk has mentioned seeing **Stan Florer & Patty** when they were en route to Africa and again at their return. The Florers are at Ft Devens with the Special Forces, as are **Bill & Ann Tierney**. In Jan, **Rob Holland** left OTJAG at the Pentagon for AFSC in Norfolk. Tom also spoke recently with **Ty Hughes,** who's headed to Ft Monmouth this summer to do some govt contract law work. Thanks for the poop, Tom. I could have used those dry socks and foot powder at Disneyworld this spring.

1972: Grecos, Hartmans and Codys; Founders Day 1986, Ft Campbell

The **Ray Crawfords** sent a copy of their very informative Christmas/New Year's status report letter. After leaving Ft Leavenworth, they were visiting family en route to Ger. Ray says he found the biggest house in Ostheim, with a beautiful view of the Ger countryside. His present asgmt is asst S-3, Div Arty, 3rd AD in Hanau. Ray & **Bettsy** have had fun decorating their new home, despite efforts by the movers to destroy all their furniture. The children have adjusted well to the move and all (Nora, Luke, Samuel, Jonathan, and Hilary) do their best to keep mom busy. To maintain sanity, Bettsy says she prays, dialogues with hubby, gets lots of exercise, and eats nutritious meals. If that doesn't work, she resorts to stateside phone calls! The Crawfords have seen or heard from others including **Jim & Nancy McLean** in Hanau and **Gerry & Pat Hamilton** in Budingen. **Bob & Anne Mahowald,** St Cloud, MN, added Michael Anthony on 8 Dec 85 joining Bobby and Amy. **Lance & Marie Giroux** are in Marin City, CA, and **John & Mary Northrop** are at Ft Bragg, NC.

George Webb checked in recently with a copy of the early '86 H-1 (Hawgs) newsletter. I must say it was quite well done, George. Because of space requirements, much has been edited here. None the less, **Jim Silcox** is now in HI on what he calls an "overseas" asgmt. He's in the plans shop as a strategy off for Westcom at Ft Shafter. Jim & Jane have 3 children: Martha, Heyward, and Elliott Taylor. Outside sources report that Jim was last yr's CGSC winner of the Arter-Darby military history writing award, and was published in the Dec '85 **Military Review.**

Butch & Janet Rust are presently in TX while he pursues his PhD in civil engr at Texas A&M. The Rusts have a son Henry, almost a yr old. Butch is also active in the Army Reserves. He's S3 plans off for the 420th Engr Bde with plans to go to Central America this yr and Reforger in 87. Also in TX are **Chuck & Joy Minshew** and family, Christie (11) and Casey (8). They have moved to Katy, TX, just west of Houston. Chuck is a petroleum engr for Amoco and now wishes he had stayed awake in fluids. He also recently completed an MBA at U of Houston. Joy is in pursuit of her teaching degree, and she & Chuck manage to keep up with the kid's soccer and baseball.

1972: Cantons; Founders Day 1986, Ft Sill

Jim & Gretchen O'Brien have settled in Atlanta where he's with IBM. They are expecting to add a fourth in Apr to their three previous O'Briens: Bobby (5), Janet (3), and Susan (1). About to close out their HI tour, **Phil & Blanche Drumheiser** (wed 7 Sep 85) think they are headed for Ger. Since Blanche

1972: Founders Day 1986, West Point

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1972: Founders Day 1986, Heidelberg

is from HI, they are making plans to return to settle there. Phil went to Japan for Orient Shield '85 as XO of 1-5 Inf. **Cliff Stilgenbauer** has returned to Conus from AK, where he was an engr for the govt. He's now in Cleveland with an industrial/commercial construction co. He is also a maj in the AG branch of the Individual Ready Reserve. The draw of small-town life got the best of **Dan Bappe,** so he returned to his hometown of Nevada, IA. His atty bus is doing well, and Don says he enjoys having his own firm. He **& Karen** have a son Adam (3) and live in a farmhouse outside Nevada. Latest report from the **Brian Dillons** is that they are back in Greenville, SC with Michelin. Brian is also pursuing an MBA.

1972: Clarks; Founders Day 1986, Ft Riley

Peter & Gina Topp moved to Augsburg, Ger last yr where he is the staff engr for a "commo site." The Topps have a nice duplex, which they advertise as "on the road to Garmisch." Peter is convinced that Gina is really saving him money on the good deals for crystal, porcelain, etc. They have two children, Erik (4) and Kristina (2). One of their neighbors is **Steve Daly,** XO of 1/30 FA Bn. The **Dav Carlsons** were at Leavenworth earlier this yr for CGSC after a teaching tour at Woops and Penn State grad sch before that. They recently headed to HI. Dave & Sandra have two children, Andrea (8) and Beth (2). Sandra has taken the yr off from her work as a speech therapist to enjoy being a mom full-time.

Mark Robershotte is in the Engr Dept at WP, teaching op research/mgt science. He & wife **Nan** have a daughter Erika (6). Nan has a civil service job and also does some tour guiding as well. Robes says that **Lou Reyna** is also there with the SJA. Also, **Ed Murdock** is teaching French, but adds that his tour includes visits to Morocco and Belgium courtesy of the Dept of Foreign Languages. He & **Caryl** are headed for CGSC next summer. Their son Edward was born last Dec and sisters Jeanne and Cathleen are 7 and 5 respectively. Recently at Woops, but now at Ft Hood are **Spike & Ellie Latimer.** Spike taught English at sch and is now the XO of 1/66 Ar, ZAD. Seems that Ellie has a special touch in the garden and consistently places high in the yard-of-the-mo competition. The Latimers have two daughters, Tammy, a frosh at Central TX College and Sherrie, in HS. **Scott Peppler** is presently attending CGSC, but soon heads to Bad Tolz, Ger where he will be the dir of engr. Patricia is doing some temporary teaching and tutoring.

1972: Matt Hussey; Founders Day 1986, Phoenix

Bob Mercer is in private law practice in Branford, CT. He & **Judy** have a daughter, Aleagia (6). In his spare time Bob is the bde commo off for the CT NG. **Jim & Doreen Mohney** are in Phillipsburg, NJ with Mobil Chemical. Jim is in charge of production and distribution at their Washington, NJ plant where Hefty trash bags are made. The Mohneys have two girls, Robin (12) and Katie (7). After finishing CGSC last yr **Mike & Debbie McDannell** headed for Schwäbisch-Gmünd, Ger and the 56th FA Bde. McD is the bde IG. They live in a large Ger house off post (about 45 mins from Stuttgart) with their children Timothy (11), Callie (8), and Jesse (4). Debbie will travel to NY this summer to check on her bus. That'll give Mike plenty of time for his IG's. Having kept moving and remaining undiscoverable for a while, **Rick Ekman** finally surfaced in St Louis. He's with the RCPAC Mobilization Op Center. He had been with Corning Glass in Canton, NY for a while, and then in a high tech sonar developing/manufacturing firm. Rick & **Sue,** who also worked at Corning, were married in 81. That does it for Webb's H-1 update.

Hope the editing wasn't so gross that it took the news out. Certainly my color commentary isn't up to par with **George's.** By the way, the **Webbs** are still at Leavenworth for the "2nd Yr Course," Advanced Military Studies Program. George **& Rita** met at Ft Carson and were married 3 yrs ago. They have two boys, Randy (8), Rita's son whom George adopted last yr, and Ricky (almost 2). Likely next stop for the Webbs this summer is 1st AD in Ger. Thanks for keeping us posted on Hawg history.

A hometown news release came my way just in time for inclusion. **Dan & Ginger Merritt** are now in Alexandria, VA, with MILPERCEN. Attention F-1 alumni: CPT Ronald Porter, current Tac of F-1, is compiling a history of that co and would like to have some "historical" material, both serious and not so serious, to include in his work. In return, he'll send you a completed F-1 history this summer. Mail to: CPT Ronald Porter, Tac Off, F-1, USCC. That's it for the spring. See you in Sep. Have a happy summer.

'73

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Your response to my simpering, pathetic pleas for letters has excelled my wildest hopes, and taught me that shameless begging is not that degrading if it produces results. This month instead of having to concoct witty anecdotes about my commonplace life, I find myself scurrying to include all of the news in your wonderful letters. Maybe a more organized system than my file called "it's in, on, or around the desk," would help.

I'll get down to the business of reporting your news because I have so much of it. As I predicted in my last column, I received a deluge of Christmas cards and letters in the week after I sent the column to the **Assembly.** The day I dropped that article in the mail, I swung by the off to find a letter from **Bill & Chris White.** Of course the

1973: Mandy and Joey Hazel celebrate becoming US citizens, Dec 85.

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1973: Founders Day 1986, West Point

letter was computerized, a result of a secret experiment performed on Bill's brain while in Signal OBC. But his beautiful daughters Elizabeth and Jennifer keep Bill human and busy with their gymnastics and church activities. Chris & Bill also find stability in the life of their church. Chris is presently a teacher's aide and Bill, working for TI, has a new job title that is so long he must be doing well.

1973: Gail, Ryan, Sean and Ed Quinnan

Heard from **Clare Miller** & Hubbie **Jerry** (wives write the nicest letters). In Boulder, CO they and daughter Kate live near **Joe & Sue Tallman,** who recently had their 4th beautiful blonde, Jessica. (Thanks, Joe; it's nice to know that **Kath** & I aren't the only ones unbalancing the zero population formula.) Joe and Jerry have a prosperous "Consumer Health Info Service." But Jerry has a tough time controlling Sat bus meetings when Joe has his WP flashbacks and keeps shouting, "BRING YOUR BN'S to ATTENTION!" But the birth of #4 has mellowed Joe: the kids and Sue now have indefinite PMI. (Joe, you softy.)

God bless my old buddy **Bill Jordan** who talked me into a blind date with the love of my life. And God bless the soul of that other special person who shared her life with Bill, **Kathleen** & me, yesterday—a long time ago. Bill's doing fine with his beautiful wife **Sally** in Chino, CA. (I know she's beautiful because she's from OR!) Bill works for Rockwell, another fly-by-night bunch! He too is ecstatic over the birth of their 4th, Steven Andrew, last Oct. (Bill, Joe and I would all be facing life in prison if we lived in Communist China). Bill asked about **Tim Hoffman;** he's in Heidelberg, czar of USAREUR HQ, or whipping-boy, I can't remember which.

Frank—the inf off, Ford mid-level mgr, petroleum engr, active duty res off, finance off, classmate, friend and round-ball player—**Weiss** wrote me. Frank has decided to come back and spend 30 with us green suiters (well, some of us). Most importantly, Frank & **Laura** are happy. But think about it, Frank; old WP b-ball players can coach nationally ranked teams. No, forget it; your name is to easy to pronounce. Duke wanted to fire Krzyzewski '69 his first yr, but nobody could spell his name on the pink slip.

Tom Lubozynski (now he could coach basketball) sends his best from Panama City, FL, another hardship tour in the AF. With Megan's baton lessons, Matt's soccer and baseball, and Moira's Brownies, **Robin** & Tom seem to be living a life that . . . well, if they substituted "junior scouts," "gymnastics," and "ballet," could be Kathleen's & my life. Must be that regimented WP training. Robin is working full-time as an employment counselor. "Full-time" must mean that Robin can finally trust Tom not to put dirty red soccer jerseys in the same washer and dryer with the girls' silky white things. Way to go Tom! Now we know how you qualified to oversee millions of dollars in

1973: Laura, Frank, Jr, John and Frank Weiss

1973: Rick, Debbi, Will and Jon Read

contracts and monitor the performance of your subordinate project officers. I haven't been given such responsibility by Kathleen since I washed the "girls" things with my muddy softball uniform (the uniform came out OK).

My last few articles also shamed **Bob Holcomb** into writing; proving once again that everyone has his price, regardless of how cheap it might be. It seems that Bob's latest attempt to maim himself by sledge hammering his knee while drunk has finally exempted him from duty with the FA. He's now in R&D looking at homes on "beltway bandits" row after ret. Bob says that he & **Kathy** have two children and are anticipating a third. He says he has definitely discovered what is causing Kathy's periodic weight gains. Please let the rest of us in on your discovery! Bob thinks he may soon be at the Pentagon and is fighting the move. Remember, Bob; "Beltway defense contracts, money, twenty years;" "Beltway, defense contracts, money, twenty years." Watch my lips!

1973: Aldrichs and Bakers; Founders Day 1986, Ft Stewart

Also received a Christmas note from **Ed & Gail Quinnan** and their "Dublin" boys, Ryan (7) and Sean (4). (Certainly a toss-up between Notre Dame and WP for these two lads.) Gail and kids in CO and dad in Ft Leavenworth, KS say they have developed a deeper appreciation for one another during the last few mos apart. But when the family reunites after Ed graduates from CGSC and Gail from a nursing program in Jun, their family will be stronger than ever.

Joe FitzHarris wrote from Ft Leavenworth and reports that he will be going to Korea. Joe wonders if he can expect to find any classmates there in Jun/Jul. **Deb,** Katie (8) and Brian (6) are fine and expect to spend the yr near Deb's parents. Another letter from CGSC brings news of **John & Gail Hazel** and their adopted children Mandy (3) and Joseph (1½). John proudly reports that the children gained their US citizenship through naturalization on 19 Dec 85. The family is heading to Ft Knox, KY this summer, where

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1973: Founders Day 1986, Heidelberg

John will assume cmd of the CID district there.

I have had so much firsthand news from so many of you that I have little room for your comments on other classmates. I'll steal a phrase from '67's scribe and give you some "short bursts," but as an FA guy I'll be a bit more dangerous and call them "short rounds."

1973: Mortesens; Founders Day 1986, Ft Campbell

Hank & Debbie Allen are back in France, where Hank is an instructor at the French Military Academy. **Tom & Cora Reynolds** are at Edwards AFB where Tom is a test pilot. **Dana & Betty Warehime** in Dearborn, MI had a second baby girl, Ann Catherine. Dana has left Henry Ford's Co and has recently been seen with a Mr. Lee Iaccoca. **Bill & Mary Pokorny** are still at WP where Bill will be taking a regt XO job. **Gary & Judy Hall** are still in Anderson, SC where Gary works for Michelin. **Tony & Terry Jones** are in "there's no place like home" KS where Tony works for ARCO. **Rick & Debbie Read** are living in MI. And finally, **John & Diane Tapp** and their two daughters reside near Dallas. Drop me a line and I can provide full addresses for most of the people mentioned in the column. Please include addresses if possible when you provide me with info on classmates! Also received reports about dozens of classmates at Ft Leavenworth, but they will all be going somewhere else by the time this column is in your hands.

Chuck & Tommie Sacrison also dropped me a line for the holidays. They and children Katie and Douglas are well; and how could things be otherwise? They live in God's Country, the Pacific Northwest. Chuck is working a production job that included a free wk's cruise on the aircraft carrier **USS Ranger.** He also holds down a job as ops off in his res unit. Tommie spends her few moments of free time assisting with kindergarten, Sunday sch, and a "Homemaker's Support Group and Mother's Club."

Kenn Riordan sent me a list of classmates in the DC area, along with off addresses and phone numbers. I can only include the names here, so let me know if you want specific addresses. They are: **F. Andrew, S. Ankley, B. Boevers, K. Bond, H. Canciglia, M. Ellis, P. Hill, B. Innes, B. Knight, B. Madigan, G. Mayhew, G. Rollins, T. Shook, J. Sorenson, C. Torgerson,** and **K. Workman.**

1973: Mike Schulte; Founders Day 1986, Thailand

I've rambled long enough. I just want to close by letting you all know that the Bakers are managing to struggle through this hardship tour. We went to Paris for a long weekend in Feb, "ohne Kinder!" Thanks again for all the letters; they make writing the column a pleasure. Until next time—God bless.

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'74

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Greetings! This summer marks the end of year 12 from the rock. Rotations, new jobs and Gramm-Rudman effects are the headlines. Also Founders Day—hope a few pictures will make the column; Pete Dawkins spoke at WP. Last issue announced the **Andreottas** with 6 young'uns, do I hear 7 from anyone?!

Start off with a letter from **Robert J. Williams** down in Beaumont, TX. Bob left the service last yr and took a job with Southwestern Bell, then switched services div; he honchos 10 switching offices in se TX. Bob's in the middle of conversion of old electomech systems to more high-tech influenced systems. He & **Regina** attended the WP Soc of Greater Houston Founders Day and nary a classmate to be found. They have 3 kids, Megan (6), Erin (3) and Stewart Michael (1). He sees **Mike Tixier** who works in construction engr in Austin, doing dirt and material testing. He was also married to **Sharon** in 84. Bob's namesake, **'RS' Williams** is alive and well in NH.

1974: Bottom: Fitzpatrick, Pattison, Saunders; top: Dickey, Williams, Phillips and Wittman

Another TX letter comes from **Karl Arunski** in Richardson. Since leaving the service in 79, he's bounced around more than Army guys: was with Gould, Inc in Atlanta, Century Electric in St Louis, and was a civ servant for AVSCOM and is now a systems engr with TX Instruments in Dallas. He had seen a lot of chopper pilot classmates when with AVSCOM but likes it in TX where wife **Rose** is from. Now his time is split between TI, 3 kids: Kevin (7), Robin (2) and Kelly (1) and his Doctor of Engr Program at SMU. "I wonder how did I ever survive 4 yrs of 20 hrs/semester when 3 hrs seem impossible!" Karl, that was when we were young and innocent (and the pullout worked).

Pete & Gail Breton write from FL, announcing the arrival of Sarah Nicole, 9 Mar

1974: The Hyten family

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1974: R.J. Williams clan

86; she joins brother Christopher (5). Pete is an assoc in a W Palm Beach law firm, deals with environmental and growth mgt law. Gail is an ops dir of her computer services co.

Blaine & Marcea Hyten added Rebecca Caroline on 13 Nov 85 in Fayetteville, NC. She joins Christie (7), Jimmy (5), and Andy (3). Blaine still flys C-130's at Pope AFB, but left in Feb for a 2½ mo rotation to Mildenhall, England. He also made O-4 on 31 Dec 85 (Zoomies a few mos behind Army). Congrats!

1974: Founders Day 1986, West Point

1974: R.J. Williams and Tixier in TX

John Fitzpatrick sent a picture of a mini-reunion at Charlottesville last winter. They had located **Jack Pattison** in the Norfolk area and invited him up. Ref the picture John says: "I always knew Pattison needed legal advice, our bde cmdr surrounded by 6 lawyers!" Jack & wife **Anne** are at Ft Monroe, Jack working at TRADOC. The lawyers' asgmts were in last ASSEMBLY but in addition **Gene Dickey** will be in Torts Branch and John will do medical malpractice in the litigation div at DC. **Craig Wittman** will stay at the JAG Sch to instruct along with **Harry Williams.** Also **Bob Visnovsky** is stationed at a foreign policy post in Charlottesville and doing well.

1974: McDaniel, Websters, Seebers, and Davises; Founders Day 1986, Ft Stewart

Bill Betson and **Bob Mixon** have been informing of Leavenworth happenings, orders, etc. We had 22 guys this past yr in CGSC. Of those, 8 will stay a 2nd yr for the Advanced Mil Studies Program. This prog was started up recently for 48 folks a yr that rigorously study the art of war and its facets before getting handpicked divisional jobs. The eight guys are **Mike Combest, Greg Gardner, Russ Goehring, Kerry Pierce, Bob Reese, John Twohig, Bob Mixon** and **Bill Betson.** The other 14 guys were still sorting out PCS's; those known are **Jim Mitcham** to Ger to cmd an avn co; **Joe Miller** to an engr bn at Ft Devens; **Kurt Norman** to ODCSOPS at the Pentagon; **Skip Sharp, Rudy Veit** and **Jim Mudd** to Ger. There are also about 10 classmates at Leavenworth for other purposes and all doing fine. Bob has seen **Dale Barnett, Dan French** and **Bob Kimsey; Don Dubia** is a JAG type in CAS³ and made O-4 on 1 Mar; **Bob Impellizeri** is also a CAS³ student back in the Army after a 5 yr civilian tour, fit as ever. **Eugene & Joni Barbero** are also there; he's a combat arms branch chief with the Combined Arms Tng Activity.

1974: Founders Day 1986, Heidelberg

Our numbers in CGSC level schooling will increase vastly this and next yr. Guys that don't attend the resident course may do it by correspondence. The **Army Times** reports that this coming yr we'll have around 50 classmates going to Leavenworth, 7 to Norfolk to the AFSC, 4 to Naval CGSC and 3 to AC&S. I'll avoid a laundry list here, but many names will appear elsewhere in this article or in the **Register.**

There are about 40 classmates leaving WP this summer, half to Leavenworth and half elsewhere. At this printing the half PCS'ing elsewhere were facing a possible 3-4 mo freeze on PCS's due to Gramm-Rudman induced cutbacks (you've probably heard the name). Supposed to leave this summer (by dept) are Engr Dept: **Harvey Jones** to AMMRC (materiel research) in Watertown, MA; **Greg Parlier** to an Ops Res job in DC; **Bob Bassler** to Heidelberg to work for DCS for Engr Ops; **Dave Norwood** to CGSC. Law Dept: **John Schaefer** was promoted 1 Apr to O-4 and will go to MacDill AFB, FL to work in intl law at CENTCOM. Foreign Language: **Don Galvanin** and family to Israel with the UN Peacekeeping Force; **Tom Schmidt** to CGSC. G&CS: **Todd Bacastow** to Heidelberg off of engr; **Bart Bailey** to the Army Space Cmd, DC area; **Bill McMillan** and family to a FAO job in Singapore—he will

1974: Founders Day 1986, Ft Ord

1974: Thomases and Garitos; Founders Day 1986, Ft Campbell

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travel from there some in his studies of the Malay language, etc; **Jim Relyea** is headed for a stateside ops res job; **Bill Doe** will go to CGSC.

1974: Dickersons; Founders Day 1986, Michigan

History: **Jack McDonald** is headed for Augsburg and VII Corps; **Conrad Crane** to Ger, 32nd ADCOM. Mechanics: **Mike Deeter** to Ft Sill; **Dom Izzo** to Fulda and a DEH job; **Eric Wildemann** to CGSC. Math: **John Haetinger** to Ft Hood and an ops res job at TCATA; **Mick Raney** to Panama, the Res and Anal Direc, Ft Kobbe; **Terry Youngbluth, Ron Miller, Steve Wells,** and **Emilio Digiorgio** to CGSC; **Dennis Rochette** to Naval C&GS in Newport, RI. Tac's: **Pat Armstrong** to Ger and an Arm Cav unit; **Gary Anderson, Bob Beecher** and **Denny Lewis** to CGSC. Phys Ed: **Bob Humphreys** to DC and a comptroller's position; **Steve Trauth** to Wurzburg, 3rd ID G-2 Ops Off; **Bill Martinez** to CGSC. BS&L: **Chuck Sitero** to Naval C&GS. English: **Colin Dunn** to CGSC. USCC: **Bryan and George Oliver** both to CGSC. Supe's aide: **Tim Peterson** to Naval C&GS. Social Sciences: **Barry Scribner, Fred Polk** and **Mike Reopel** all to CGSC. DMI: **Ken Popielis** to AFSC, Norfolk.

1974: The Preeces; Founders Day 1986, Carlisle Barracks

Colin Dunn provided this at press time, "I'm getting married on 5 Apr 86 at WP to CPT Maria Tousignant, who's hanging up her Army boots and following me to KS, or so she professes! Attending the gala event: **George Desiderio** (Boston Govt Svc) and **Mike Deeter,** two of the few remaining 74'ers yet unknown to marriage; **Greg Boron,** vp of a pharmaceutical firm in his hometown of Park Ridge, NJ; **Paul Millner,** en route from Redstone to Ger; **Gary 'Manly' & Sheila Maus,** P&G people from PA; **Jim Laughlin,** finished grad sch at Dartmouth and is now at Ft Lee working in the Engr Dist; and not **Tom O'Leary** who whimped out. Draft Heineken will flow freely at the reception, and honeymoon plans are for the Cayman Islands." Congrats Colin!

Babies of the quarter: to **Mark & Cathy Scott** in Turkhannock, PA was born Karen Lillian on 15 Jan 86, who joins sisters Marilyn (9) and Cathy Lynn (6). To the **Barry Scribners** at WP on 19 Jan 86 was Zara Margrit. To **Bart & Cathy Bailey** at WP on 25 Jan 86 was Michelle Marie. Also **Dave & Rose Stevens** in Bethesda, MD added #2 in Feb.

The F-1 Tac, CPT R. Porter is looking for co history, humorous anecdotes, etc for a book on the "F-1 Marching 100" (they sure had fewer than 100 when we were kaydets). Want to help? Contact him at USCC, WP, NY. My ties with Leavenworth will be strong since I'm moving there, but I need to hear from the "other" places, like Ger, DC, civ ranks, etc. Also a lot of summer moves were probably missed—please send a card. My address will be good through the next issue and the deadline for it is 27 Jun Have a nice summer.

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It's Jun again, time is flying. Hope everything is fine for all of you wherever you are and whatever you're doing.

1975: The Campseys, Smiths, Maneys and Gecks; Founders Day 1986, Ft Bliss

Vern Peters moved into the apt next door to us. Vern's working in VII Corps G-3 Training. He's making the adjustment from 3 yrs in New Orleans to Stuttgart and the Corps staff with a smile and a great sense of humor. **Eddie Manning** is a chaplain at Bliss while **Craig Hardford** is a finalist with the astronaut program. **Al Brown** is working with Corning Glass in Corning, NY, while **Joe Jones** is medically ret and living near New Orleans. Vern kept trying to link up with Joe but couldn't find him. During the Peach Bowl, Vern ran into **Bill Hoffman** who was working for Fox Morris. Bill invited Vern over to a post game bash but when Vern showed up, last as usual, he found Bill out cold and **Dave Tate** attempting to watch a porno film on VCR without much success. Vern's pretty sure neither one really was aware he appeared, but he wanted to thank Bill for the invite anyway.

Tom & Leigh Ayers have a new baby boy, Christopher Thomas, born 28 Dec 85. Tom's roughing it as a dist engr on an AFB living in O-6 quarters. He said the AF treats Army CPTs pretty well. They have glowing reports about the reunion but relayed one story in particular. The H-1 attendees went to **Bruce Well's** house at WP and proceeded to call all non-attendees collect. **Austin Omlie** got hold of **Tim Muchmore** at Leavenworth but pretended to be a general off that Tim aided for. Austin pretended he was

1975: Stanleys; Founders Day 1986, Ft Campbell

broken down 100 mi from Leavenworth and needed a ride. Tim was extremely courteous and polite for about 10 min and was getting ready to leave when he figured out the joke and hung up. Since he took his phone off the hook, no one could explain what happened, so I was drafted.

Saw **Tom Wallace** on REFORGER; he's the new 1/13 Ar S-3 in 1AD. **Steve Bellene** was working hard in the Corps Main and **Joe Kotch** was the topo advisor who briefed on trafficability. Joe got a real workout this winter. Since that experience he PCS'd to Heidelberg to become the HHC cmdr of the 649th Engr Bn prior to becoming the S-3. He needed the "experience" of an engr cmd as an Inf off to fully appreciate the unit. Besides, Joe's learning how to count property.

Founders Day in Heidelberg found **Kruegars, Dodds, Fitzpatricks, Gibbs, Trimbles, Ghents, Marions, Lawsons** and Joe with date Maria in attendance. **Dan Trimble** was the welcome man and signed us in, but he must have done something to someone cuz '75 sat 2 ft in front of the band. Dan & **Carol** are en route to the JAG Adv Course in Jun. **Jay Dodd** is leaving his comptroller duties for the British Army Staff College while **Dan Kruegar** leaves his engr bn S-3 for a couple of mos of special projects before Leavenworth and the Dept of Engr at WP. **Pete Marion** is escaping Cologne and his LNO job for an Ar S-3 slot in Mannheim. Pete's going back to the same bn he started in—5/68 Ar. **Larry Gibbs** is working with DCSLOG in War Plans til Leavenworth this summer. He started out as an aide at SHAPE, went to 1AD to cmd in 2/6 Inf and now is relaxing with a staff job before school. **Ralph Ghent** still loves DCA at EUCOM. Everyone asked how is it really and he just smiles at you. **Brian Fitzpatrick** has adapted to Ludwigsburg and dentistry. He wanted to dump on **Pat Lisowski** and that is deserved. Pat bumped into Brian at Frankfurt by accident when Brian came in to the cou try; during the meeting Pat said "Go to Founders Day, great time, wouldn't miss it"—Guess who was missing? Dan Kruegar called him. Karen said with baby #3 a sitter is too hard to come up with and Pat can't be out alone. So much for Pat and to think the 8th ID Div Arty uses him as a prosecutor.

Didn't have much mail. Hope you co reps can drop me a line this summer (to arrive in Ger A.S.A.P.) with an update on each co. Between Leavenworth and WP there should be at least a large contingent by fall. If you think someone is missing, and you want to surface them write or call me. I've had a number of comments on that working out, though the usual reply is, "I'm not lost." See you in the fall for another great football season.

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1975: Founders Day 1986, Heidelberg

Many people have expressed an interest in our Reunion Yearbook, so here's the poop: It should hit the mail in the Aug/Sep time frame. Total cost should be about $25. Only 360 people have paid the $10 "sign-up" charge, so for them, we will be asking for another $15. For the other 40 or so who attended but who didn't sign up, are you sure you want to miss out on this fine memento?

Will you be moving this summer? If so, let us know so we can get your book to you. For more info, contact **John Whisler,** Dept of Mech, 914-938-4194. He has the unsung but absolutely crucial job of keeping track of all administrative matters.

1976: Founders Day 1986, Ft Ord

'76

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Hello again. Hope everyone's making plans for our 10th Reunion this Oct. Before getting into the notes, let me make a couple of comments about the reunion. The point of contact for questions is 1976 Reunion Comm, P.O. Box 16, Highland Falls, NY 10928. Registration begins on 16 Oct and the final activities wind up on 19 Oct. The football game will be vs. Holy Cross on the 18th. A Reunion Yearbook will be printed and all are encouraged to contact the Reunion Comm if you have not received the first mailing. Now, on to the notes.

1976: Dale & Judy Vincent

1976: Founders Day 1986, Ft Belvoir

Several of the notes date back from Christmas time as, with mail delays, they didn't quite meet the 6 Jan deadline. **Carol & Bob McClure's** note is one of those. Bob finished his Olmsted studies this past Jun and took cmd of an engr co with the Berlin Bde in Dec. Other classmates he ran into included **Ron Russell** who's the CG's aide, and **Dave Morin** who is CO of one of the Inf cos. Also there are **Bruce Hoover** and **Bob Dalton.** As I think was mentioned in the last column, Bob & **Teresa** are expecting their first in May and looking forward to it. Bob & Carol went down to Vilsech a while back and bumped into **Audi & Cindy Zimmerman.** Both are doing well.

1976: Founders Day 1986, Ft Sill

1976: The Fletchers; Founders Day 1986, Ft Bliss

Linda & Bill Walsh sent a Christmas card from Ft Monroe. They now have 2 children—Pietra who's 3, and Roman who's 1. They're all doing well and enjoying the area. Another card from **Dale & Judy Vincent** finds them doing well in Ger. From their note, they'll be touring most of Europe quickly. They're

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1976: Founders Day 1986, West Point

enjoying the new sport of Volksmarching and Judy's now collecting the plates.

Another card from Christmas-time came from **John & Alicia Williamson.** John's teaching world history to plebes and Latin American history to upperclassmen at WP. Last summer he spent several wks as a foreign area off in Panama. He really enjoyed the tour. Jeffrey's now 2½ and both he and Alicia are doing well. A more recent note from **Lynne & Jim McGinnis** finds them both doing well in grad sch. Jim's working on his thesis. Lynne happened to run into **Gerald Lambert** at Duquesne U where Lynne's in sch. Gerald's on the ROTC staff and is also getting his master's at the U of Pittsburgh.

1976: Founders Day 1986, Heidelberg

A letter from **Axel Krigsman** brings us up to date with him. In Aug, he turned over his co at Ft Polk and started grad sch in political science at Yale. His family lives fairly close and he's also managed to get back to WP for several football games. Plans are to return to WP in 87 to join Social Sciences Dept.

Last card's from **Dave Rees** in Korea. Dave really likes the area and will be going to Ft Huachuca for 4 mos, then back for a 3rd short tour. Other folks he's heard from include **Hector Topete, Ed Murdough,** and **Keith Snider,** all of whom are doing well.

A few comments from down here. I recently talked with **John Brown** and **Rudy Valentino** at WP. John's with Soc Sci and enjoys the teaching. Rudy's with Physics and is also doing well. **John Foy** called several wks ago. He's across town here with the AF at Kelly

1976: Woodys and Edwardses; Founders Day 1986, Michigan

AFB. He's enjoying his work but expects to be moving out of the SA area soon.

That's about it from here. A typically short Mar column. Do us all a favor and send in your Founders Day pictures. Also, everyone who's heading to the reunion, send me a card. I'll make a note in the next issue and maybe it'll get more folks to come. Till then, all my best.—Ian

'77

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It's mid Apr and I have received very few letters from classmates, so these notes will be short compared to most. **Susan** & I have been anticipating a confirmation on our move any day now. Chances are that by the time this is published we will be back in NJ. Our short yr in AZ has been very enjoyable . . . we will miss it but look forward to going back East and staying for awhile. Ashley turned 5 last Jan and I think she is ready to run the household. Lauren is 3, keeping mom quite busy with her antics.

The editorial staff of the ASSEMBLY has started sending me releases on our classmates, so here they are:

Mark Mengel has been awarded a grant from the Diabetes Research & Education Foundation to study the role of psychological factors in the overall health of insulin-dependent patients. His goal is to determine whether strict control of the disease occurs at the expense of other factors important to the patient's health, such as psychological well-being and family stability. If his studies confirm earlier data, the results may lead to new management strategies that support control of diabetes while minimizing psychological distress.

1977: The Schwegman family

John & Pat Holbert are in Ger where he is a CO in the 3rd ID. He was in a NATO-sponsored exercise combining the AF's Crested Cap with REFORGER. **George Samuelson** recently arrived in South Korea where he is a dep camp cmdr.

I heard from **John Wolters,** who is in Panama (2nd PCS) working at SOUTHCOM. He married **Cheryl** while at Bragg; **Terry Carr** was best man. John had 2 yrs of FAO, grad school and language training at Bragg. He remembers fondly a mini-reunion of "old A-3's" last yr. The reunion took place at Ft Bragg and at that time **Pete & Brenda Palmer** were stationed at Benning but looking over future assignment options. **Blair Turner** was in FAO training (now at Columbia U), while **Fred Seeger** was a rich bachelor and part-time Blackhawk pilot at Bragg. Thanks for the news . . . I hope Panama second time around is as enjoyable as the first.

Lynne Richardson wrote from Ft Rucker. **Bob** & Lynne have two children, Bobby (7) and Brianna (4); they expect to be in AL for another yr. Bob assumed cmd of an HHC in Jan, after having an assignment in the Dept of Cmbt Development (DCD) which involved a lot of TDY. Other news from Rucker finds **Barry, Sue,** Barry Jr. (5) and Sharon (3) **Willhite** due to rotate in Nov. **Wes & Sue Walters** and their son are there as well as **Gregg & Patty Adams** and their two sons.

1977: A-3 clan: Palmers, Turner, Seeger and Wolterses

George & Nancy Mitroka and their 4 children are at MIT after having returned from 2 yrs in Brazil. The Richardsons saw **Earl & Kim Yerrick** during Founders Day 85 . . . he had gotten out of the Army. **Trey & Debbie Meyers** are in CO where he works for a law

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1977: Founders Day 1986, West Point

1977: Pierson, Kwans; Founders Day 1986, Ft Bliss

firm. By now they should have two children . . . I am not sure when #2 was due.

Fred Mills sent me an abridged version of **War and Peace.** Last time we heard from Fred, **Janet** & Katherine, they were at Benning (IOAC). Since then, much has happened . . . they returned to Rucker for UH60 transition and stayed on for Air Assault School. From there it was off to Stuttgart, FRG where Fred was assigned as the ops off for the 48th Avn Co. He has had the chance to participate in REFORGER, a unit move from VII to V Corps, an AORSE, two ARTEPS and a few other distractors. Currently, he is the XO for the same avn co and doing very well. Last Dec, Fred graduated from CAS³, where he saw **Jim & Nancy Bickford.** Janet is starting to teach BSEP while Fred does some teaching with Embry Riddle. By all accounts the Millses have made the most of their time in Ger with much traveling, and they plan to get around even more during their last yr. Though no firm plans are in place, Fred would like to pursue an aeronautical engr ms when he returns. P.S. **Mac & Debbie Warner** (also in Stuttgart) had a son, Stephen Steele on 14 Feb. Good to hear from you Fred.

I spoke to **Andy Chmar** and **Gail Watkins** to get an update on our 10th Reunion. Arrangements are currently being made for hotels and a location for the reception. However, the most critical thing at this time is to ensure that our classmates have correct mailing addresses at AOG. There will be a mailing this fall so please put the word out . . . specially to those classmates that don't receive the ASSEMBLY. Gail told me that her brother, **Bill Watkins,** will marry Vera Rieffler on 3 May at WP. Bill is a product mgr for Mobil Chemical in Atlanta.

Please remember that for items to get into the Sep issue I must have your input by 15 Jun. Best wishes and God speed—Keesy

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Spring has arrived in DC and the cherry blossoms at the Tidal Basin are outa sight! Sure beats the snow and cold. Get out those bathing suits and let's go to the beach and work on our. . . .

1978: Founders Day 1986, Chicago

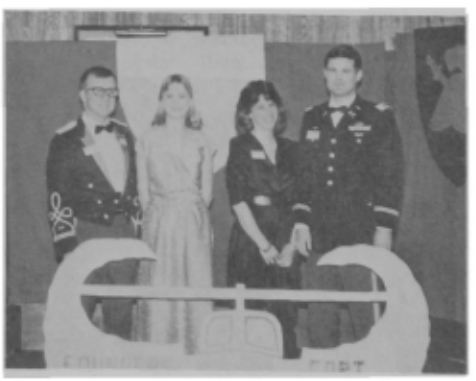
Roger Brown was down from Annapolis last night. We tore downtown to chase skirts. He is enjoying civ life as a consultant with ARINC. He loves Crabtown and is adjusting well to his new lifestyle. Roger said **Booth Buckley** was out west working with a family bus in the seafood industry.

Vaughn Vasconcellos stopped by the off. He was up at MILPERCEN getting ready for his new asgmt here in Jul. **Darcy Anderson** is still with EDS in Dallas and getting married in Dec. **Jim Hoffman** will graduate from William & Mary Law Sch in May. **Kurt Alitz** is up at Madigan AMC after graduating from Duke Med Sch. **Garrett Sullivan** finished his master's in CE from TX A&M in May. He will work at the Vicksburg Corps of Engr Waterways Experiment Station in R&D.

1978: Matt Stavish and Charlie Hart, Dec 85

1978: Founders Day 1986, Ft Ord

Geary Leathers wrote from FL where he was finishing up a couple of new golf facilities for American Golf Corp. He was promoted to southeast regional dir for ops. Geary & **Phyllis** will settle in Atlanta with son Bradley. Geary saw **Gordon Manley** in Miami. Gordy is a natl accounts sales dir for the Joseph E. Sexton Co in Chicago. **Mark & Jill Kwasniewski** are stationed in Ger. Kwas is commanding a rifle co. **Ron Prichard** is really enjoying his job at T.J. Trauner in Philly. He also is enjoying his new baby boy, Robby, born 6 Feb. **Keith Hoffman** is a quality assurance engr working with Honeywell. He works with military contracts in Minneapolis. **Rob Fess** has moved to Cincinnati with Manville Corp. He is the Printing Dept Mgr and started 1 Mar. **Jim Galloway** is cmdg an aviation co in HI. He was in Korea for Team Spirit '86. I'm sure that Jim enjoyed his stay in the Far East. **Leigh Wacenske** was also in on Team Spirit. Leigh is cmdg a co with the 125th MI Bn in HI. **Rich Rees** is a co cmdr with the 48th Inf in Ger. He just finished



1978: Lucketts and Knottses; Founders Day 1986, Ft Campbell

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1978: Gildeas; Founders Day 1986, Ft Leonard Wood

with Reforger last fall which was thrilling I'm sure.

Jack Cronin is a program mgr with Kuman Aerospace in CT. He's doing real well and has several projects he is working with including some new Navy helicopters. **Tom Bostick** has finished his master's at Stanford and is a mechanics pup at sch. **Rusty Roberts** is teaching juice. **Bob Lamb, Mike Scaparotti** and **Mike Colpo** are all Tacs. **Bill Harner** called from Ft Ord. He will be transferred back east soon but doesn't have any definite orders. **Bobby Olds** has joined a bunch of other classmates in MCI. Bobby is working in the Denver off, **Bill Sumner** in Dallas and **George Tronsrue** in Chicago.

1978: McArdle with date Renee Pew, Hunters, Chings; Founders Day 1986, Ft Sill

Dr. Jelinek, or was it Mr. Hyde—anyway Jugger called me today. He will hang his dental shingle out next Mar. If you are in the Nashville area and need a tooth filled, call Jugger and keep a dentist off the streets. Extreme caution advised as gas will be administered (mass quantities). Jugger saw a bunch of folks over the weekend. **Jim & Pam O'Neill,** who were merged from a corporate meeting at TI. **Jay Miller** is to be transferred to Minneapolis with Honeywell. **Jim Nagy** is still teaching ROTC down in TX somewhere.

1978: Holdeman, Morrisons and Rileys; Founders Day 1986, Ft Riley

Sandy Saunders is living up near Boston. Sandman is an estate planner or something similar. Oh yeah, Jugger & **Susan** are expecting the sequel, Juggernaut #2, scheduled to be released in Sep.

Charlie Hart wrote from Seattle where he is working for the Engr Dist. He works with area contractors, including **Frank Simpkins.** Frank & **Mary** are expecting their second child soon. Charlie visited **Matt Stavish** in VA Beach where Matt works for McLean Trucking as an ops mgr. **Doug Vermillion** writes Matt from med sch in Salt Lake City. **Bob Sheffer** is an MD, up at Madigan AMC. **Jose Olivero &** wife **Donna** have a little baby boy, Jose Anthony, born last Feb. They are living in Panama where Jose is working with the Green Berets. He even swindled a trip to DLI to learn Spanish, which he probably

1978: BG Boylan with Class of '78; Founders Day 1986, Ft Carson

knew better than English before he went. **Blair Ross** is also with Jose in Panama and lives down the street. **Herm Kumangai** was spotted by Charlie and is now a combat engr in Korea after getting a degree and commission from Evergreen State in WA. Charlie wants **Dave Eby** or **Steve Childers** to call him up in Seattle.

Jim Nalepa dropped me a line from Chicago. He is still doing some marketing function for Murdoch & Coll. **John Becker** is stationed at Ft Sheridan with the recruiting cmd and working on his MBA. **Frank & Paula Arduini** have a new son, John Robert, born 7 Feb. **Tim Taylor** has switched from his controller job into marketing with Container Corp.

That's it for now, see you again in Sep!

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Greetings,

I have been overwhelmed by the response in letter writing. Thank you everyone, not only from me but from everyone else who reads this column.

A long, long time ago in a far off land, **Joel Anderson** was a CSC Cmdr in Ger. But that was back in Jul 83 and now Joel & **Amy** have been to the Inf Adv Course where they saw many familiar faces. A couple names that Joel remembers are **Einar Seidler** and **Doug Boone.** Joel remembers that Einar was headed for Cornell and then on to WP to teach zecon while Doug was headed for Schweinfurt. After the Adv Course Joel had to leave Amy at Ft Benning while he went to CAS³. That was back when Gen Palmer was in charge. Joel said it was easy to understand the nickname that CAS³ received, "The Mental Ranger Sch." Since Joel was accepted into the Soviet FAO Program and

1979: Three happy civilians at Homecoming 85; Schott, Hartman and Tax

back in Jun 84 started learning Russian at DLI at Monterey. Then he was transferred to the Naval PGS where he is now in his final semester in his pursuit of a master's in natl security affairs. Joel's next asgmt will be to Garmisch where he will spend 2 yrs at the US Army Russian Inst. Joel says, "It's tough, but someone has to do it." Joel has been able to keep in touch with several people. **Warren & Lisa Wieland** were at Ft Ord for a while but Warren has since left the Army and is now living in VA. **Ray & Allison Grantham** are now in NC where Ray is studying to be a lawyer. Last Jan Ray & Allison had a little girl they named Amy. **Mike Modica** is just about finished with his MBA at Harvard. Mike's mom says he has become a real preppie! **Steve Buck** is at the PGS studying computers, and **Tom (TC) Coleman** is a real life "light fighter" with the new Light Inf Div where he is an arty btry cmdr and really enjoying it. But the biggest thrill for Joel since being at Monterey was the birth of his daughter Kelsey over a year ago (7 Mar). Thanks for the informative letter Joel and we all hope everything goes your way.

1979: John, Brittany, and Trenda Jacocks

Going back further than we did with Joel, we find **Steve & Carol Davis** dating at WP followed by a 9 Jun wedding and being whisked away to Aberdeen Proving Grounds, MD for the OrdC Basic Course followed by jump sch. This nomadic life settled down for three yrs at Ft Polk when Steve decided he wanted to become a doctor. Well in typical fashion, they were sent back to Aberdeen for the OOAC where Steve was accepted into med sch and then chose to go to LSU. But before they left MD, Carol gave birth to their son Jonathan. In 83 sch started and now Steve is in his sr yr. Last Mar the second wonderful event happened in the Davis family, the birth of Matthew. Steve & Carol have kept in touch with several classmates including **Steve Schooley.** Steve & **Nan** are in FL where Steve is in law sch but no longer in the Army. They also have two sons

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1979: The Pagan family

the same age as Steve & Carol's children. Thanks to the Davises for an interesting and informative letter.

Another first time writer is **John Jacocks.** John did 1 yr as an engr at Ft Belvoir and then jumped to Tulane Med Sch from '80-'84, followed by internship at Tripler Army Med Center in Honolulu. Last fall John attended the flight surgeon course on the way to his cmd of the 5th General Dispensary, Box 363, APO NY 09050. John & **Trenda** were married in Apr 83 and were blessed with Brittany in 85 Jun. Now the three of them are in southern Ger to welcome skiers to Garmisch. While in med sch, John lost touch with **Tim Scott, Bob Schicktanz** and **Rick Jordan.** Thanks John for the letter, and we hope to hear about the skiing at Garmisch this winter.

This is the first time that we have heard from the **Johnson** family, and **Sheila** was writing for **Dan.** Sheila started by saying that **Paul & Kim Harwig** have left Berlin and are at EOAC and will be going on to OH State where Paul will be preparing himself for a tour at WP. Dan & Sheila spent last Christmas in Munich and went to Garmisch while there. **Jim Pierson** came and spent some time with them. Jimmy changed cmd last Nov and is now a Bn S-1. He has also extended another yr to take another cmd in Bad Kissingen. **Don Huskey** is a cmdr in Augsburg where he has Svc Btry, 1/30 FA. Sheila & Dan have not seen much of Don since he now has a German girlfriend. But Jimmy, Don and Sheila & Dan did all get to go skiing together. Dan relinquished cmd last Dec and is now the Asst G-3 with the Berlin Bde. Other classmates in Berlin include **Tim & D'Nelle Bloechl** and **Brian Hunt.** Others that Dan & Sheila have heard from include **George Hartnell** who is finishing up his last semester at U of IL, and **Kevin Berner** who is finishing up at MIT and will be at WP this summer. **Frank & Kathy Finelli** are also finishing at MIT and will then be visiting Europe and friends as they pick up the car they ordered. Last fall Dan got together with **Harry Argo** when Harry was in Berlin with the swimming competition. Then Harry was a btry cmdr in Aschaffenburg. **Dave Hergenroeder** left Ft Sill for grad sch but with a final destination of WP. **Tom & Anna Gibbons** are at Ft Campbell where Tom is a cmdr and should be moving in Aug 86. The last tidbit that Sheila had to offer was that the **Renfrows** were enjoying civ life. Thanks to Dan & Sheila for all the news.

1979: Founders Day 1986, Ft Stewart

1979: Founders Day 1986, Ft Carson

Another first time writer is **Jim Sitlington.** Jim & **Carol** have two kids now, Megan (6) and James IV (Jimmy). He has recently talked with **Nelson Hager** and during their conversation they realized that they had not seen each other in over 6 yrs. Nelson is presently getting his master's in physical fitness at IN U and will then be returning to WP. Jim also notes that **Tommy Quinn** is presently in Ger with the 8th ID and is also married with two kids. I guess that we will have to wait for Tom to fill in the details. As for Jim, he left active duty after a cmd in Ger in Jul 84 and went back to the U of MI to get an MBA. He is scheduled to graduate in Apr 86 and had a job lined up with Morgan Stanley & Co. Starting in Aug Jim will be in NYC for training on Wall St and will then return to Chicago. In order to help with the bills, Jim has also become a member of the Michigan Natl Guard and has assumed cmd of B/1/119 FA. He says that there is a real difference between the guard and active duty troops, for his 1Sgt is a millionaire. His unit is also doing well for they were selected to go to Honduras for their annual training. I'm personally looking forward to seeing Jim this fall at Michie Stadium; he says that he has already purchased his season tickets. Thanks for the letter, and we hope to hear soon more about trading stocks and bonds.

1979: Founders Day 1986, Ft Ord

Dave McCann writes from CO that he is now working for Texas Instruments as a cost/financial analyst for the electronic warfare element. When Dave is not busy working for TI he is either doing income taxes or playing rugby. Dave & **Brenda** have seen several classmates at Ft Carson including **Pete Rowan** and **Russ Sherrett.** Anyone getting assigned to Carson can contact Dave for an update on the area at 8294 Brigantine Dr, Colorado Springs, CO 80918 (303) 598-6135. Recently **Steve Buck** left Carson for Armor OAC and stopped back on his way to Naval PGS. **Keith & Ginny Kelley** have added a child to their family. Dave is trying to get hold of **Mike Zonfrelli.** The final word from Dave is that he wanted to remind all the ruggers to update their addresses with AOG for their "Old Gray" Game is coming up in 1989, and Dave is already preparing for the event. Thanks Dave for the info and if I can help with getting out the word, just let me know.

Earl Pagan sent a letter but was sure to note that he was not a first time writer. The last time he wrote was to say that his son had been born. This time he can say **Debbie** delivered a girl, named April Christina on 29 Nov 85. Earl is presently cmdr of A Btry 1/30 FA in Bavaria, and **Don Huskey** cmds Service Btry. **Phil Disalvo** left for the Adv Course a while ago and **Phil Gardner** was a cmdr for a maintenance co in 1st ID Fwd

1979: Founders Day 1986, Heidelberg

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1979: Founders Day 1986, Heidelberg

in Boeblingen. Paul was married a while ago to **Debra Sue** Cypher whom he met while at OOAC. **Chip Sniffin** cmds an Inf co at the same kaserne. Chip assumed cmd from **Dale Newman.** Earl is also excited in that he will be finishing up his MSBA from Boston U. Finally, Earl said he would do his best to write more often even if Debbie does not have any more kids. Thanks Earl for the news.

Greg Chura writes that he & **Vicki** were married back on 10 Mar 84 and then on 6 Dec Jacqueline was born. Greg has since finished a tour in Ger and the OAC and found his way to Ft Bragg. He has now finished his bn time as S4 and HHC Cmdr in 1/504 Inf and has now become the Div Hq Commandant. The new job is fun but Greg says that he misses the soldiers. While he was back in the bn he went to Spain instead of Grenada and also spent 3 mos in Panama. The big trip, TEE, was NTC this past Sep. Many familiar names came out on that trip including Comrade Hagnovski (**Tom Hayden**), for his picture was on the PSYOPS leaflet. Greg also saw **John McDonald** who was a plt ldr with 82nd CAB. Greg was impressed that we won by destroying a 171 vehicle force in only 46 mins. But to give credit for the entire OPFOR, it was a total success and very professional. Back at Ft Bragg, Greg has seen several friends. **Jim Harris** is presently MG Foss's aide. In 1st Bde **Gary Suner, Al Arther** and **Tim Deady** are all co cmdrs in 1st Bde while **Joey Torres** is a co cmdr in the 2nd Bde. **George Withers** is working in the G-3 shop and **Cary Linnerud** in the G-4. **Jeff Stonerock** is a legal off and **GS Patton** is reported to be somewhere on post. Greg also saw **Scott McAllister, Paul DeBenedictis** and **Dave (Ziggy) Belcher** before they all left active duty. Thanks Greg for the letter and best of luck in the future.

I received an annual news brief from **Mike & Lynn Tax** entitled, "The year we settled down but didn't stop moving." Mike moved to Fogelsville, PA (just west of Allentown) when he ended his brief (6 mo) career with American V Mueller as he went to work for AT&T Information Systems. He is now an account exec and markets computers and telecommunications equipment. Mike had to spend 10 wks at the AT&T Training Center in Denver. During his brief visits home, he was able to join the USAR as an arty instructor with the 2059th USAR Sch in Bethlehem. He is also attending CGSC. Mike spends his "free" time as a member of the USMA Field Force as an admissions participant. This job offers no pay but great fringe benefits such as free football tickets and an occasional free meal. Don't worry, Mike was able to enjoy some of the skiing in CO. Meanwhile Lynn spent most of the winter keeping the home fires burning and shoveling snow. She has joined a weekly adult Bible study and a morning aerobic class. Last summer she also taught swimming at a neighborhood pool and pre-schoolers at the Church Vacation Bible Sch. Last fall she got a part-time job as an aerobic instructor and now loves being paid to exercise! She also keeps busy as a crafter in a local Christmas boutique, women's club and a babysitting co-op. Together, the Taxes missed only one home football game and spent many weekends on the Jersey shore. Sarah had her second birthday last Oct and loves to count to 10 and read and be read to. As everyone can see, Mike & Lynn have settled down in PA but are still on the move. Thanks.

Dave & Deirdre Blakemore wrote from Ft Hood that they wanted to thank everyone for their concern and support for Dave after he had his car accident on 6 Dec. It seems that Dave spent two wks in the ICU at Darnell. His Christmas holiday was spent at home and he is slowly but surely recovering from multiple injuries. The car was a total loss, and to this day the surgeons and nurses are astounded that he was not killed. With all the complications of the accident his status as an aviator is in jeopardy and at this point he is just taking each day as it comes. Dave has heard from **John Lesko** who is the assoc dir of the Mech and Structural Integrity Lab at Materials Technology Lab/R&D Center Leominster, MA. **Fred Hoon** became a father last Nov to Judith Elissa. As for Dave he is now working in production control at the 528th Trans Co. Unfortunately he had to put CAS^3 on hold for medical reasons, and he is hoping to go in the near future. It also seems that some of TX is rubbing off on Deirdre for she (an avid, undying New Yorker) has driven Dave's new pick-up truck, even though she finds it difficult to grasp. To Dave, for the Class as a whole, we wish for the quickest and fullest recovery. Thanks for the letter.

Another first time writer for this issue is **Tom Kee.** It seems that Tom started with the ADA and then switched to Av. He has

1979: The Dardises; Founders Day 1986, Ft Riley

1979: Founders Day 1986, Ft Campbell

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been to Korea (A Co, 2nd Avn Bn, 2nd ID), then became the helicopter plt ldr, XO and ops off for the White House. Since OAC and the fixed wing transition, Tom is now assigned to Coleman Barracks, Mannheim, Ger where he is the HHD Cmdr and Bn S-1. In Ger Tom has seen **Steve & Dottie Keer.** Steve has taken cmd of 69th Truck Co in Bremerhaven while Dottie is busy with their daughter Katie. **Bill Lough** is cmdr of HHC 5/77 Arm and **Leslie Paul Leonard** is with the 7th Signal Cmd. **Tommy Tucker** was medically ret and is now working with a chem co in Holland. In a final note, Tom says that he is still single and if anyone knows of any likely candidates they should send them his way. Thanks Tom for the info and hope your future plans work out.

1979: Martin Scanlan; Founders Day 1986, Ft Sill

The final letter I received was also from a first time writer. **Francisico Javier Gonzalez** went into the MP's with **Jeff Ames** and **Bruce Uphoff.** After Basic, Francisico was assigned to Ft Dix, 759th MP Bn as plt ldr, det cmdr and asst S-3. In Jun 83 it was back to Ft McClellan for the MPOAC and to be reunited with Bruce Uphoff. Then in Sep 84 Francisico res his commission and stayed in AL to finish his master's. In Jan 86 he got a job with the Foreign Service that satisfied his lifelong dream. After initial training, Francisico will be headed for Barranquilla, Columbia for a tour as vice counsel. Since many Americans have been "targeted" by drug-traffickers, Francisico will be receiving danger pay. As for others, he has kept in touch with **Miguel Leal** who is also out of the Army and living in TX with his wife **Janice. Joe Pecoraro** has finished his master's in nuclear eng at Columbia and is now at Los Alamos, NM with his wife **Karen. Steve Seybert** was married to **Jeovanna** and is presently teaching at the Air Force's MI Sch in CO. Francisico is trying to contact **Bob Skertic.** He hopes Bob could drop a line to him at 1121 Arlington Blvd, Apt 536, Arlington, VA 22209. Thanks for the update and best of luck in your new job.

I would like to thank everyone for their support. Even the AOG has helped, for I have received several news releases that I would like to pass along. **Ed Dowling** is in Ger with his wife **Catherine** where Ed has assumed cmd of HHC 3rd ID. **Richard Lochner** has been chosen off instructor of the quarter of the 3390th Technical Training Gp at Keesler AFB, MS. **George Schaertl** has received an AAM. George is a cmdr with the 30th ID and married to **Lisa.** The following individuals were involved with REFORGER: **Thomas Allmon** (Co Cmdr, 63rd Ar), **Jeffrey Appleget** (Btry Cmdr with 3rd FA), **Kendall Cox** (Co Cmdr with 78th Engr Bn), **Ronald Lardie** (Bn Int Off with 33rd Ar), **Thomas Roth II** (Btry Cmdr with 40th FA), and **Charles Sniffin** (Co Cmdr with 16th Inf). I want to say thanks again for the support, GO ARMY—BEAT NAVY!

'80

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You may have noticed an address change at the top of this column. That is my permanent address; I am leaving active duty on 1 May and don't have my new address yet, so send your items there and they will reach me.

1980: Prohoda commanding the forces of the free world during last fall's REFORGER exercise

1980: Pete & Jean McAnulty; Holy Trinity Church, WP, July 84

1980: DiGennaros; Founders Day 1986, Carlisle Barracks

That leads to another important point: SEND SOME LETTERS! Of 912 graduates in the Class, only 4 of you wrote to provide info for this issue. It is vitally important that we keep in touch, for personal and professional reasons—I never realized the value of the USMA network until I started my job search. Besides, that old roommate of yours, who may never have emerged from under his green girl except for meals, may some day be chief of staff, so be sure to stay in touch.

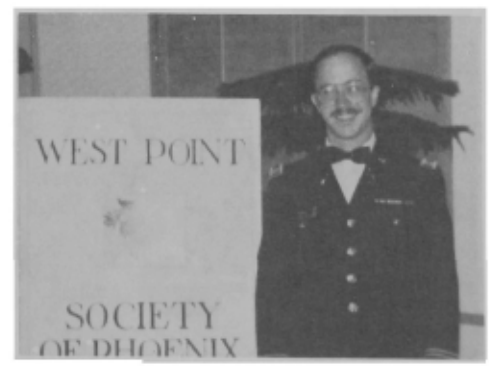
1980: Pfennings and Petros; Founders Day 1986, Ft Riley

Mike Conrad, the barracks bolshevik, exceptional artist, and former **Pointer** editor, called the other day as he was about to leave CAS³ to return to Ft Huachuca. We met and talked about last fall's reunion, the Hundredth Night Show, which we had worked on together, and other nostalgic aspects of the days of yore. While at the reunion, he was able to track down a box of E-4 firstie mugs that had been paid for and never delivered. They were still sitting in the E-4 tac's closet (how refreshing to know that change at USMA is

1980: Founders Day 1986, Ft Sill

not all-pervasive!). If you have anxiously checked the mail each day for the last 6 yrs, looking for your E-4 mug, write Mike at 1900 Paseo de la Luna #1, Sierra Vista, AZ 85635, and he will send your mug. Mike also said that there are about 100 inscribed 1980 HOWITZERs stacked in the HOWITZER room which never got delivered to the family and friends. If your order never got shipped, write the HOWITZER staff to see if it is still lying there in Bldg 720. For MI types, Mike has drawn and had printed a hilarious MI branch poster similar to those you've seen for bigger branches. Write him for details.

Jeff Weart sent his first letter ever to the ASSEMBLY (take a hint, the rest of you!) to delineate his career. He has spent all this time in Cav units, at Hood and in Ger, with a slight



1980: Paul Morris, youngest grad; Founders Day 1986, Phoenix

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1980: Founders Day 1986, Heidelberg

1980: Founders Day 1986, Ft Ord

deviation to play golf at Benning while attending IOAC. **Jim Lindemeyer** was another Cav type who golfed his way through IOAC at the same time. Jeff & **Carol** are enjoying Ger, and Jeff has taken cmd of a troop in the div sqdrn of the 3rd AD. He has run into **Paul & Debbie Oettinger,** assigned to the 1st AD in Bamberg; **Tom & Alice Arielly** in Nuremberg with the 2nd ACR; and during the recent REFORGER, **Dave Powell** commanding a btry, and **Mark Hu** in the S-3 of the 1/1 Cav. Jeff wants to track down the lost "Beta House Boys" from B-1: for starters, I saw **Jon Bray** recently in Alexandria, VA working for the Baltimore District of the Corps; and **Robbie Robertson** is here at Ft Leavenworth in the training activity. The rest of you B-1 alumni should write in to reveal your whereabouts.

1980: Founders Day 1986, Ft Campbell

Bob Morris is taking cmd of a co in the 78th Engr Bn in Karlsruhe. He went through REFORGER recently with VII Corps G3, and forwarded an action photo of **George Prohoda** commanding all Allied Forces in the Western Hemisphere. In real life, George is the BMO in 1/16th Inf, 1st ID. Bob adds that **Mike Goodwin** is at Schwaebisch Gmuend with 1/41 FA; and **Tom Sole** is finishing his engr co cmd to begin an Olmsted Scholarship this summer, possibly at a Ger u.

Jean McAnulty wrote to announce her Jul 84 marriage to **Pete** at the Holy Trinity Chapel. Sabre bearers included Jean's brother Paul, USNA 85; Pete's brother Paul, USAFA 81; and classmates **Randy Von Rosenberg, Dave Bender, John Tindall,** and **Jody Locklear.** Pete now cmds B Troop, 1/3 ACR, at Ft Hood, having taken over from **Miguel Guardia.** Other 3rd ACR classmates are **Fred Takatori, Eugene Maggioncalda, John Albright,** and **Charlie Ruppert.** I'll bet that Charlie is still driving his decrepit Batmobile, which ranks right down there with the Edsel in the annals of automotive horror stories.

1980: Schozer; Founders Day 1986, Ft Leonard Wood

Finally, in response to **Dave Peter's** plea in the last column, **John Moeller** emerged from obscurity to write that he is at Ft Carson with wife **Marlene** and daugher Megan. John spent a yr doing facilities engr in Korea after EOAC and is now the BMO at the 52nd Engr Bn (CH). Thanks, John—you may now return to obscurity—but keep in touch.

Some **Army Hometown News** releases: **Mike Linnington** got an ARCOM while cmdg a co in the 502nd Inf Div (sic); **Vince Brooks** now cmds B Co, 4/16 Inf; and **Steve Dwyer** participated in REFORGER as an aviation co XO with the 503rd Avn Bn.

That's all for now—for those who wrote, thanks; for those who didn't, please do so. Remember, the deadline for the next column comes only a couple of wks after you receive this ASSEMBLY (i.e. the deadline for the Sep issue is 30 Jun) so get your letters out soon. Until Sep, best wishes to you and your families, and I look forward to hearing from you.

'81

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It's summer again and many classmates are involved in rotation of asgmts. My stack of letters begins in Dec when **Dave & Vanessa Jones** wrote to announce the birth of their first child Russell David, 24 Oct 85.

1981: Frank Johnston with Jera and Michael

1981: Bill & Lisa Gallagher

Apparently the kid is eating everything in sight because the parents expect him to have a good chance for linebacker on the 2007 cadet team. Last Jul Dave completed the

1981: Fahnestock and guest; Founders Day 1986, Carlisle Barracks

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1981: Founders Day 1986, Ft Riley

1981: Founders Day 1986, Ft Carson

1981: Founders Day 1986, Ft Stewart

Engr Adv Course and is now an instructor himself. He is teaching topographical classes of the S-2 module and loves the Ft Belvoir area. The Joneses ask that **Greg & Heidi Rassatt** write them at 455-D Jadwin Lp, Ft Belvoir, VA 22060.

My old roommate **Tony** "Night Prowler" **Echevarria** finally bit the bullet and got married! The ceremony was held 29 Sep 85 at the Catholic Chapel of USMA. Currently **Tony & Ann** are living in CO Springs. He says his stateside asgmt is a lot different than Ger. "Things are a lot more laid back here."

By a strange coincidence **Bill Gallagher's** marriage seems like Tony Echevarria's. Bill **& Lisa Ann McDonnell** were married 28 Sep 85, the day before Tony & Ann, at the same place—the Catholic Chapel USMA! They are also living in CO Springs and will be stationed at Ft Carson the next 3 yrs. Attending the wedding were **John Britten, Eric Lynam, Brian Bowers, Jesse Nutt, John Hustleby,** and **James Krushat.** After a reception at the WP Off Club, the couple flew to Ireland for their honeymoon.

Barry & Betsy Lowe are stationed at 3/327 Inf, Ft Campbell. Recently Barry was selected to be the first cmdr of a newly activated unit, a Long Range Patrol det of the 101st. He is very excited just to be on jump status again! Additionally, by this time the Lowes should have had their first child, as Betsy was expecting last Oct. Barry intends to teach the child his first words, "Airborne" to be followed by "Ranger."

From Korea writes **Walt Olker** who is stationed with the Chunchon weapons support det at Camp Page. He is the PBO/S4 and **Porty Roth** is the weapons platoon leader. Porty's next asgmt is HI, and Walt is planning on Ft Living Room back in KS or IL grad sch. Walt's wife **Janice** came to Korea last Aug and together they are roughing it out on the economy. Also in Korea is **Mark Brinkley** who is down at Camp Red Cloud (Uijongbu) as an LNO to the Combined Field Army.

Short note from the States: **Tom Comodeca** & his wife are at Ft Campbell since flight sch. **Grant "Stoner" Steffan** is stationed at Ft Leavenworth, KS and is engaged to be married. **Dave Hamilton** is down at Ft Sill taking a follow-up course after OAC. **Jim Stuteville** & his wife **Lynne** are headed for Greece. Last word from **John Thiel** and **Fernando Berrios** was that they were at Ft Sill waiting to go to Ger with the 5th FA. Walt asks all C-2 types to write him at WSD-K, APO SF 96208.

1981: Andrew Marsh and Beth Ball, Iseles, Browns; Founders Day 1986, Ft Sill

1981: Founders Day 1986, Ft Campbell

1981: Founders Day 1986, Heidelberg

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1981: Founders Day 1986, Ft Ord

1982: Sexton, Palamar, and Kimmey at New Yr promotion party

As we remember all too well, NY has a rough winter. Joe spent Dec shoveling out from under the 8 ft of snow that buried Drum. Needless to say, his Apr move down to Ft Belvoir was a relief. He's been thawing out with **Charlie Baldwin** and **Vince Grewatz.** Joe says he's heard that **Bill Volmer** and **Tom Kula** are now married.

1981: Kurtz, Altys and Kons; Founders Day 1986, Ft Leonard Wood

The Hometown News Service has been cranking out news releases. Attending REFORGER were **Joe Lowder** and **Lewis Cochran.** Joe is an S4 with a 3rd Armd Div unit in Ger, and Lewis is a motor off stationed with his wife **Karen** in the 36th Inf, Ger. The Korean version of REFORGER was called "Team Spirit." Participating were **Tom Dodd** and **Tony Tarta.** Tom is a training off with the 25th Inf Div at Schofield Barracks, HI. Tony is an S1 stationed with wife **Tracy** in the 21st Inf at Schofield. A note from Ft Benning has **Jim Hudson** graduating from abn sch. Two new cmdrs are **Dave Hogg** and **Lewis Boore.** Dave is cmdr of D Co 5th Bn, 77 Armor in Ger and Lewis, Co B, 2nd Bn, 77th Armor, Ft Lewis, WA.

A final comment is to remember **Brian Haller's** family in your prayers. Brian was killed with the 101st Abn in that tragic Canadian air disaster. We will surely miss him!

'82

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Hello Select Few. Most of you will probably read this while you're in your adv course. Welcome back to academics. Nice break, though. From the letters received this mo, it appears that there are quite a few '82ers seeing each other for the first time in 3 yrs at the various adv courses.

One guy who hasn't seen a classmate in a while is **Joe Corrigan.** Joe has been the sole member of the Select Few at Ft Drum.

1982: Corrigan digs out from Dec snow in NY

1982: Rob & Debbie Baker

Scott Torgerson is another newlywed. Like Joe, he had an asgmt that was off the beaten path. It was during his 3 yrs at Herlong, CA at the Sierra Army Depot that Scott met **Holly,** his wife to be. Her father is a '54 grad and the wedding took place on 7 Dec 85 in her hometown of Reno, NV. Scott jokes about getting married on Pearl Harbor Day, particularly since his best man is of

1982: Founders Day 1986, Ft Sill

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1982: Scott & Holly Torgerson

1982: Founders Day 1986, Ft Belvoir

1982: Rogers suits up for Halloween party

1982: Reichelt, Rogers, and Collett, Christmas 85

1982: Sung, Calls, Wadsworths and Flemmeys; Founders Day 1986, Ft Riley

Japanese ancestry. The Torgersons left CA for the MP adv course in Feb. **Debbie (Delgiorno) Reisweber, Denise Goudreau, Jack Tompkins,** and **Jim & Cindy Brown** were there to greet them. Debbie & her husband will be going to Ft Rucker for their next asgmt.

Gene Collett sends the photos of his get-together with **Bill Rogers** and **Rick Reichelt** at Ft Bragg last Christmas. Gourmet Gene cooked up a holiday feast. The photo of Bill is from Halloween. He took second place at a costume party.

1982: Founders Day 1986, Ft Ord

1982: Founders Day 1986, Heidelberg

Another guy at Bragg, **Uwe Porth,** is a proud father. Wife **Kris** gave birth to Eric Andrew on 12 Jan. He weighed 7 lb 9 oz and was 21½ in. Congrats to you, Uwe & Kris. Elsewhere at Bragg, **Rob Baker** was married in Feb.

Mike Woodgerd wrote on St Patrick's Day reminiscing about the past. Exactly 4 yrs earlier he'd been soaking up sunshine on Ft Myers Beach, FL while on spring break 82. As he wrote, he was packing for an ARTEP in Hohenfels. He'd just returned from a two mo stint at Graf. But that was his last hurrah in Ger. Mike, **Tony Wickham,** and **Tim Welton** began their AR adv course at the beginning of Jun. Mike planned to see Berlin before he left to go back stateside. Recently he's seen **Sam Johnson** and **Jim Ferguson.**

Dave Palamar's been a few places in the past couple of months. He & his wife **Mary Ellen** went up to CO to see the Army-AF game last fall. They saw **Jim Quinn, Tony McDonald,** and **Steve Jarrard** at an O Club rally the night before the game and on game day dropped in on **Mike Barbero's** tail-

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1982: Founders Day 1986, Ft Carson

gate party. Dave gave fellow 1st IDers **Tom Darby** and **John Travers** directions to Barb's party, but they were missing persons. Must have found a better party. Dave saw a few folks during the holidays also. He caught **Phil Kruk** in NY and went to **Jay Kimmey's** place back at Riley for a New Yr's Eve promotion party. **Eric Sexton** was there as well. Off to REFORGER went Dave's bn. During his 7 wks in Ger, quite a number of the Select Few were spotted. **Jeff Weil** was at the railhead at Regensburg, and one day in the barracks Dave was ambushed from behind by fellow E-2 Dogs **Sam Johnson** and **Jim Creighton.** They carted him off to Sam's in Nurnberg at 120 mph in Jim's Porsche. Sam's wife Carol was waiting for them at the Johnson home. They told old E-2 tales and gave a phone call to **Bo & Chong Lee Ruck** at Ft Lewis and **Dave Hanauer** at Ft McClellan. Dave & Mary Ellen are currently at Ft Knox where he's in AOAC.

1982: The Yorks; Founders Day 1986, Ft Bliss

The annual XVIII Abn Corps CPX Gallant Knight was held in Jan-Feb 86 and was the scene of a meeting of more than 20 of the Select Few representing units from all over CONUS. The gang consisted of **John MacPherson, Ben Perry, Dave Powell,** and **Gene Collett** from the 82nd Abn; **Mike Saylor, John Korsnick, Alex Gorsky,** and **Walt Leberski** from the 7th ID; **Ron DeSantis,** and **Steve Jarrard** from the 4th ID; **Patti (Laplaca) OKeefe, Dan Enright, Phil Hallenbeck,** and **Manny Aponte** from the 24th ID; **Terry Garland** from the 1st Cav; **Joe Duffey** from the 6th CB (AC) (an AH-64 unit); and **Rick Burtnett, Paul Scroggins, Scott Monroe** and I from the 101st Abn. Other '82ers who were spotted near the exercise area included **Roger Smith, Rob Norr,** and **Bo Dyess.**

Drop a letter or give us a call and tell us what's going on in your neck of the woods. Have a good summer.

'83

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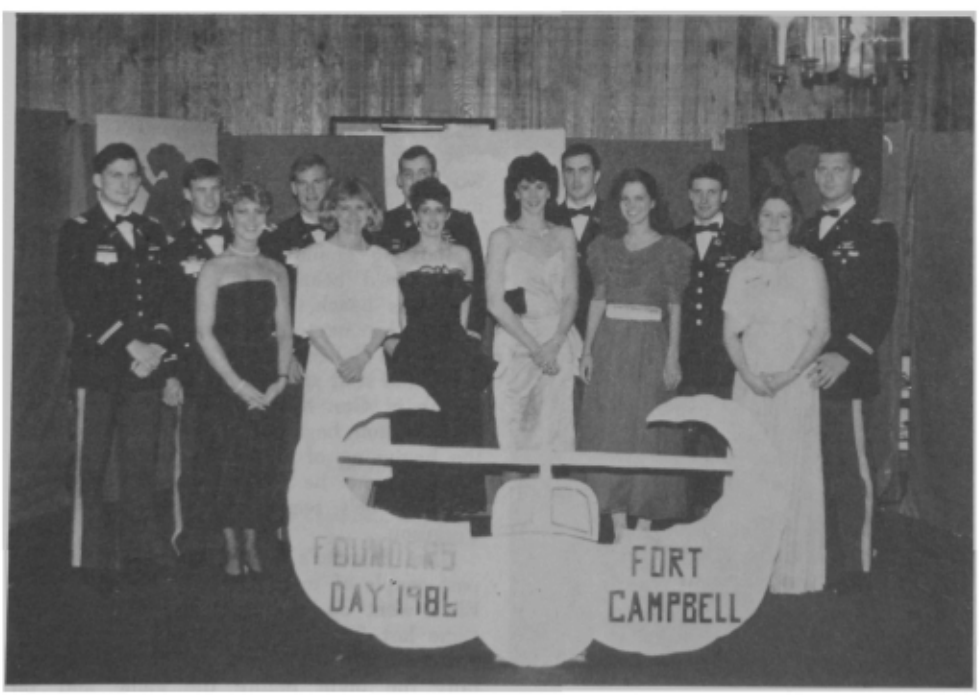
Let me start off by apologizing to **Steve Root.** He called me back in Jul 85 with some sad info, and I somehow forgot to put it in the proper issue. It's with deep regret that I tell you we lost another classmate. **Dale Neuman** & his wife died in an auto accident on

1983: Mary Kay & Marc Sierra

1983: Jim, Nancy and Amanda Miller



1982: Founders Day 1986, Ft Campbell

1983: Front Row: Mike Bell, Joe O'Connell; Back row: Blacks, Phil Fauth, Jacqui O'Connell, Opie Payne and the Parrises

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1983: Founders Day 1986, Ft Campbell

1983: Cheryl Cafferty and Robert Knapp; Founders Day 1986, Ft Riley

Rory Radovich has gotten over 200 hrs of flight time in AK alone in just over a yr. He's lucky **Susan** says that he got out of the budget off slot and is back into the supply game.

Joe O'Connell says, "Upon our arrival into NY, we made a diversionary stop to Philly for the Army-Navy game. The final score wasn't too good, but I saw a lot of classmates: **Gary Laing** (F-2), **Calvin Carlsen** (H-2), **Jim Evans** (E-1), **John Gorske** (G-4).

"I need to take a step back now. This past summer we had a picnic at our house. The majority of the attendees were from the infamous I-2 moose. Those in attendance were **John & Sue Black, Phil Fauth, Steve 'Opie' Payne, Frank & Laura Parris,** and **Mike 'Hobbit' Bell. Jerry Pasierb** and **Mark & Elaine**

1983: Founders Day 1986, Ft Leonard Wood

20 Jul 85 in Hineston, LA. They were riding with another couple in a jeep and weren't wearing their seatbelts riding in the back; it was a rainy night at Ft Polk, and they were thrown from the vehicle and died.

1983: Quint, Donna Gibson, Bridgford, Kavalin McKain; Founders Day 1986, Ft Riley

1983: Hoover and Moravits; Founders Day 1986, Redstone Arsenal

1983: Founders Day 1986, Ft Carson

1983: Shorts, Widmers, Linda Campbell and Finkenaur; Founders Day 1986, Ft Sill

1983: Founders Day 1986, Heidelberg

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1983: Founders Day 1986, Ft Ord

Hopson were also going to attend, but duty called. A good time was had by all as we played some games and topped off the evening at the beer fest.

"Back to Christmas leave. While skiing up in Cortland, NY **Jacqui** & I had the pleasure of running into the originators of the moose: Chris Sullivan '81, Mike Lessel '81, and Mike Anthony '81. While tipping a few in the tavern, we reminisced over some good times like rappelling from the floor windows of Pershing Barracks."

Mary Kay & Marc Sierra were married 29 Nov 85 in Miami, FL. Believe it or not she is **Marty Stefanelli's** cousin. It was a "truly abn wedding—the saber bearers were in dress green with jump boots and berets . . . the relatives loved it!" **Lou Francis** and **Jim Evans** were among the saber bearers.

Jennifer Campbell and **Pete Foster** got married on 15 Feb.

Karen & John Lennon were married 11 Jan 86 in Montclair, NJ. "We have dated for the better part of 9 yrs and decided the time had arrived." **Tim Rushatz** and Mike Enres '86 made their wedding along with COL & Mrs. Rushatz, Asst Head of DPE.

Susan & Rory Radovich had a baby boy, Ryan, on 3 Sep 85.

Sorry this is short, I'll square it away next time. Please drive carefully and wear your seatbelts.

'84

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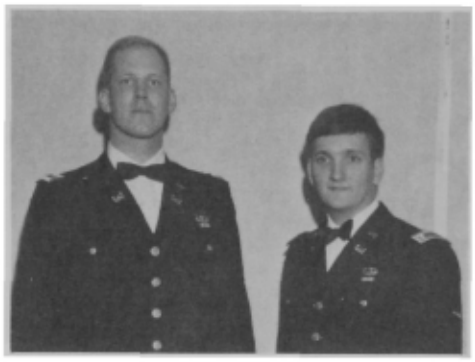
Well, two years of service are under our belts, '84. I don't know about you, but I'm beginning to feel old! Time seems to be travelling at a quicker pace. I guess it's all the more important that we take the time to enjoy our life and friends—especially the ones that shared our experiences at WP.

This quarter's column begins on a very solemn note. **Scott McCormick** was killed in the tragic plane crash in New Foundland that claimed the lives of so many who had served their country in the Sinai. I'm sure that all who knew him will remember him as a true friend and soldier. His loss will be felt by the entire Class.

Letters were very sparse this quarter. In fact, most of my news was sent by the Army and AF Hometown News Service. I guess that means we're either really busy or really bored.



1984: Aarthun and Chapman; Founders Day 1986, Ft Leonard Wood

Either way, drop me a line! Your friends really do want to know how you are.

I did hear from **Dee Painter** who passed along news from right here at Bragg. She participated in the Gallant Knight CPX and ran across numerous classmates including **Dave Rossi, Kathy Spaulding, Bob Werthman, Bev Rogers, Larry Iram, Amy (McDonald) Mulligan, Chris Deluca, Ruben Lopez, Luke Fox, Pete Boylan, Andre Carrington,** and **Shawn Baird.** Most were from Ft Campbell but others came from as far as Ft Lewis and Ft Ord.

Dee also joined a number of classmates that attended Founders Day here at Bragg, myself & **Dianne** included. The show this yr was outstanding as the Supe himself joined our celebration. Enjoying LTG Scott's presentation were **Steve & Irene Smith, Brent & Pam (Prentiss) Johnson, Leon Moores, Dan Miller, Clark Spurrier, Andy Lawrisuck, Charley & Maura Millar, Jerry & Kassie Murphy, Paul Forbes,** and **Chris Deluca.** I hope I didn't forget anyone! While at Founders Day these folks passed on some info about themselves. Leon has been accepted to med school and will be leaving Bragg to pursue that very shortly. Brent just arrived on a joint domicile move and will be working in my bde with the 27th Engr Bn which is abn. Paul Forbes is also a new arrival and is serving with the "rotorheads" here on Bragg.

1984: Founders Day 1986, Ft Campbell

Michelle Hernandez sent a note from Panama where she is serving in the USAISC which is a fixed commo station. She's run

1984: Founders Day 1986, Ft Sill

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1984: Founders Day 1986, Heidelberg

across a few classmates who are also enjoying the Caribbean sun including **Troy Foote, Steve Perry,** and **Dave Auge. Cesar Candanedo** is serving his home country in the Panamanian Army. Michelle also ran across **Luis Parada** who is serving in his homeland as well. His country is a bit more dangerous, however, since it is El Salvador. Luis deserves congratulations as he was married to **Brenda Amster** '85 after her graduation! Congrats, Luis, and we wish you many years of happiness together! Finally, Michelle has received letters from a few classmates including **Phil Kaiser, Sue Thompson, Margaret (Johnson) Osborn, Jeannie (Mular) Tibbetts,** and **Andrea (Allen) Baker.** All are doing great in their various endeavors.

A great deal of news came from FRG through **Ted Devens.** Ted served as a plt ldr and pbo in the 568th Engr Co. Now, however, he is in Turkey as the project engr for an airbase project. There are only two Americans within a 700 mi radius!! Before leaving FRG, though, he ran across **John Edelen** who is FDO and BMO for the 1/32 FA. Ted also managed time for some extra-curricular activities such as skiing with **Dave Danielson,** golfing and, of course, an Oktoberfest with **Leo Munoz. Tom Walko** and **Steve Detwiler** are enjoying Europe Armor style . . . with the M-1. **Joey Christmas** is living the combat engr life with a great deal of field duty! **Sal Tortora** is also an engr serving as the S-1 with the 547th Engr Bn. Super Sun brought **Mike & Bridgette (Wawhasuck) Kwinn** to Ted's place because they could not get AFN in their neck of the woods. They had to drive 5 hrs each way, but I guess the Super Bowl is worth it. **Joe McClung** is a Cobra pilot on the border living the exciting life of the flying ace! Thanks for all the "poop" Ted and good luck in Turkey!

Well, when you talk about FRG you have to talk about REFORGER. All reports that I've received indicate that '84 led the way on that exercise! The Inf was well represented by **Rich Wink, John Buckheit, Steve Franz,** and **Jim Knickrehm.** Participating with the armor were **Steve Richey, Nich Coddington, Jim Miller, Luis Rodriguez, Tom Walko,** and **Rob Craig.** The FA was not left out as **Dave Balland** and **Chris Frawley** represented the Class. Of course, no one trains without the engrs! '84 was proudly represented by **Dave Rocha, Jim Amundsen,** and **Jim Gilbert.** All did a great job on a tough exercise!

I've mentioned a number of aviators in the column already so I suppose it's rather obvious that they've begun to leave the "nest" of Ft Rucker. **Kevin Gibbons, Bettyann Watson, Bill Johnson, Barry Roth,** and **Al Fessenden** all earned their silver wings and have joined the big green machine. Barry is serving with the 62nd Avn Co in FRG. Al & his wife **Peggy** are also in FRG where he is serving with the 13th Attack Helicopter Bn.

Another '84 bachelor took the plunge in Apr. **Mark & Linda Crane** were married at the AFA Chapel. Although it's hard to forgive their choice of location, we wish them all the best in their life together! Congratulations!

ROK had a number of classmates making the headlines. **Don Matz** had to leave his wife, **Janet,** in HI while he participated in Team Spirit '86 with the 25th ID. **Drew Turinski** just arrived in ROK and he will be serving as a nuclear support team leader there. **Greg Kane** was truly honored as he received the Distinguished Leader Award from the Eighth Army. To be so honored, Greg was selected by his peers, subordinates, and the COC! Congratulations, Greg, on a super job!!

A couple of long lost members of the Best of the Corps have reached their duty stations. **Scott Moschell** is serving with the 2nd AD at Ft Hood, while **Mike Roche** joins the 209th MP Co at Ft Meade.

1984: Founders Day 1986, Ft Carson

1984: Founders Day 1986, Ft Ord

A couple of classmates got to take on some tough Army schools. **Herb Aten** finished jump sch to earn the coveted silver wings. **Ed Wentworth** not only received the Ranger tab but walked away with the William O. Darby Award, the Merrill's Marauder award, and Distinguished Honor Grad! Congratulations guys!

Well, that's all the news I have for now. As for me, I'm the xo of my co now and enjoying that job. Until next time. . . . BEAT GRAHAM-RUDMANN!

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1984: Founders Day 1986, Ft Riley

1985: Danny & Kim Ball

1985: Aviation Class 86-4-3, Ft Rucker

'85

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Hello again from Ft Ord! It has been great hearing from a lot of you, and I thank everyone who took the time to write. I'll try to let you in on all that I know, but I've been gone for nearly six wks and am already late with this article. (Using all those great writing habits that we all inherited from the SS307 paper and RD=FC, this ought to be easy!) **Jack "3-Spot" Harrington** and I have decided to join in with three others and join the "Clint Eastwood for Mayor" campaign by moving into a five bedroom house overlooking the ocean in Carmel. **Rod Wilson, Charlie Mallory, Tim Lawrence,** and **Nate Sassaman** have all arrived here at Ft Ord as well. Word has it that some unit, bucking for a post championship in football, snatched up Nate before he got a look at the ocean. Will the legacy ever end?

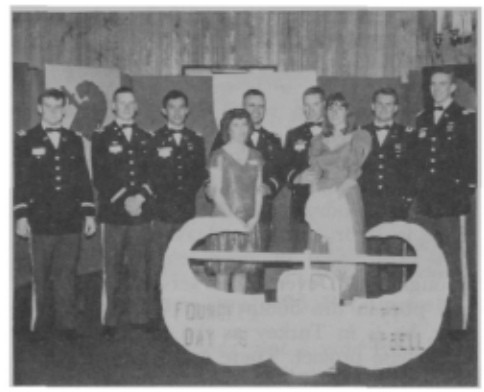
1985: '85 supporting Army partying

I guess it would be best to start off by recognizing the newest members of the Professional Knot-Tieing Club—the RANGERS of '85. **Keith Landry,** myself, and a few others have some serious heartburn with not being able to become members of this elite club as someone at DA decided that engrs had little use for Ranger qualified personnel (just one of those things—I hate that reason-

1985: Terry & Debbie Sellers' wedding, 8 Jun 85

ing!). But I would seriously like to recognize and congratulate everyone who has graduated.

Tobey Schoff informed me that **Larry Young** (honor grad at Ranger sch by the way) and **Steve Bruch** will be going to Jumpmaster



1985: Founders Day 1986, Ft Campbell

1985: Signal OBC Graduation banquet, Sept 85

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1985: Founders Day 1986, Ft Riley

1985: Crews, Roemer, Spellman, Harbers, Behrend; Founders Day 1986, Ft Leonard Wood

1985: Founders Day 1986, Ft Ord

Sch, **Dave Myers** and **Marty Kuhn** are going to the Bradley course, and **John Shaw** and **Pat McGurty** are headed to Pathfinder sch.

Danny Ball was recently married and he & **Kim** presently reside in Ft Rucker, AL. He laid some news on me that made me realize the world can come to an end. Brace yourself —**Dave "Big Daddy" Woolfolk** is engaged! Has anyone ever seen Big Daddy when he isn't happy? Best wishes to both of you.

I heard from a fellow gopher finally. **Terry Sellers** was married 8 Jun to his HS sweetheart, **Debbie,** and only says that married life is great. ("Sure!") Also in attendance were **Ernie Benner, Wayne Lowe, Steve Houston, Alec Allessandra, John McCarthy, Pete Jones,** and **Blake Nelson.** Terry & Debbie are now in Berlin, having **Tucker Mansager** over for dinner five nights a wk; an extension of the friendship Terry and Tucker developed living next door to each other in the barracks. (Tuck, by the way, I still have your electric razor—it's working great!)

I knew I could count on Nells to drop me another line. **Nello** has decided it might do him some good to take a couple of yrs off to unwind as a lifeguard on Ft Lauderdale beach. "All are welcome!" (Just make sure you know how to swim.)

Rick Philips & Joyce Vortherms were married on 28 Dec 85 in Sioux Falls, SD. Also in attendance was **Mike Horton.** Rick & Joyce presently reside in "Lower AL," and we wish them the best of luck. Also recently married was **Greg Kropkowski** to the former Miss **Jane** Filipowicz. Greg & Jane were married at WP on 7 Dec 85 by Reverend James Tubridy at the Chapel of the Most Holy Trinity. Best wishes to them as they start out their Army career at Ft Carson.

F-Trooper **Tom Holguin** wrote to inform me that the aviators are still working as hard as they always have.(?) If I interpreted him correctly, the energy they expend on some days is about equivalent to that used to lace up both boots in the same day. Tom says that dynamic **Mike Pasco** is running around Ft Rucker somewhere probably looking for a party. He also mentioned that **Joel Henley** is engaged to be married in late Jul. Congrats Joel!

Our famed Pres **John Lopes** is now engaged to **Debbie** and is looking to be married on 13 Sep 86 in CA. (where else John?!) John has been playing drums in a country-rock band for fun on the weekends down at Ft Rucker. By the way John, are "Mo",

1985: Founders Day 1986, Ft Stewart

1985: Founders Day 1986, Ft Sill

1985: Founders Day 1986, Heidelberg

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1985: Founders Day 1986, Ft Carson

1985: Rodney and Lisa Thompson; Founders Day 1986, Carlisle Barracks

1985: Anthony Loglisci (youngest grad) and Susan Peak; Founders Day 1986, Ft Sill

"Stretch", and Tony still alive? I'm beginning to think Tony was serious about the Class of '85 owing him a Porsche for his work after all!

Tom Tracy has left for Ger to become a fire support off for some co near Nurnberg. He says he is **not** engaged and is loving the single life. Tom informed me that **Jeff White** has not changed a bit, evidently firing all of his blank ammunition during a field exercise at FAOBC. The best part is that Jeff could justify it in just under one hr. Without rewriting the rest of Tom's 8 pg letter (a feat many of you should consider), he basically said that all the FA officers from our Class are going all over the world.

Lisa Gross sent a picture from SOBC and said that she has arrived at Ft Riley and will be participating in REFORGER this yr. Others participating in REFORGER are **Rick Arnold, Barry Conway, Matt Hayes, Russ Wagner,** and **Kathy Lane.** Finally, **Dan & Lisa Tidwell** have arrived in Darmstadt, Ger. Dan is assigned to the 18th Engr Bde and working hard while Lisa is spending all the money. Good to hear from you and both **Amy** & I wish you the best of luck in Ger. Keep in touch.

That's all I have. I've spent the last mo at the Master Fitness Trainers Course at Ft Ben Harrison, IN. It was probably the most professional sch I have attended, and they have some super people working there. If you can get a slot, I highly recommend you go. I'm sure many of you have received your West Point Fund info. Let's not forget what the Academy has done for us (don't take that offensively "Du-lein"), and be generous in supporting the 'ole Alma Mater. Take note of my new address and drop me a line before the end of Jun, send me a picture, or what have ya'!

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BEAT NAVY

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SKI TEAM

(Continued from Page 38)

period is the annual alpine-nordic soccer game. Tradition dictates that the more miserable the playing conditions are, the better the match and this year was no exception. Rain and snow turned Clinton Field into a quagmire as the two teams faced off in 20 degree temperatures. There are few rules, no time-outs and no out-of-bounds calls. In fact, there are no referees and to add to the excitement, two balls are used simultaneously on the same field. This year the alpiners earned a solid 8-5 victory behind the sparkling play of Tim Kielpinski '87 of Santa Barbara, California. Overall it was once again the officer assistants on each team who suffered the most with Major Ralph Graves of the Department of Engineering and the alpine team complaining of numerous bruises, and Major Stephen Finch of the Department of Military Instruction and the nordics limping off the field after the match.

The return from Christmas break signals the start of more intense on-snow training with the alpine team working long and hard on the ski slope and the nordics polishing their techniques on the golf course. When a lack of snow on the course threatens cross-country training, they move to the edge of the ski slope which benefits from continuous snow making throughout the winter. Here the cadets work on hill climbing and downhill techniques not far from where their teammates are developing their speed, edging and balance on the slalom course.

TECHNOLOGY:

In spite of the role that conditioning and constant practice play in ski racing, technology continues to greatly influence the sport. Besides faster and lighter alpine skis, the gates themselves are no longer made of bamboo. Called "breakaways," they pivot at the base to cut down on injuries and constant course maintenance.

For the nordic skiers, it was skating which led to technological changes. Skis are shorter with smaller shovels at the tips since today's courses are rolled flat for maximum speed. Gone are the traditional set tracks and the skis themselves are made of light weight fiberglas with reinforced edges under the foot where the skating motion puts great pressure. The poles are much longer so that skiers can take full advantage of their upper bodies to propel themselves forward as they skate. Waxing has also become much simpler since kick waxes are no longer needed. Nordic skiers now wax for speed and glide much like their alpine teammates.

In spite of the many changes in the sport, however, it is still the individual alpine racer who must challenge the gates and the course from the top of the mountain. And it is still that individual cross-country racer who must continually push himself for 6 to 9 miles over constantly changing terrain in varied weather conditions. These are the racers who, in search of the perfect slalom run or the ideal nordic race, ultimately determine the success or failure of the entire team. At the Military Academy, Army skiers continue to meet that challenge and contribute to their overall professional and personal growth.

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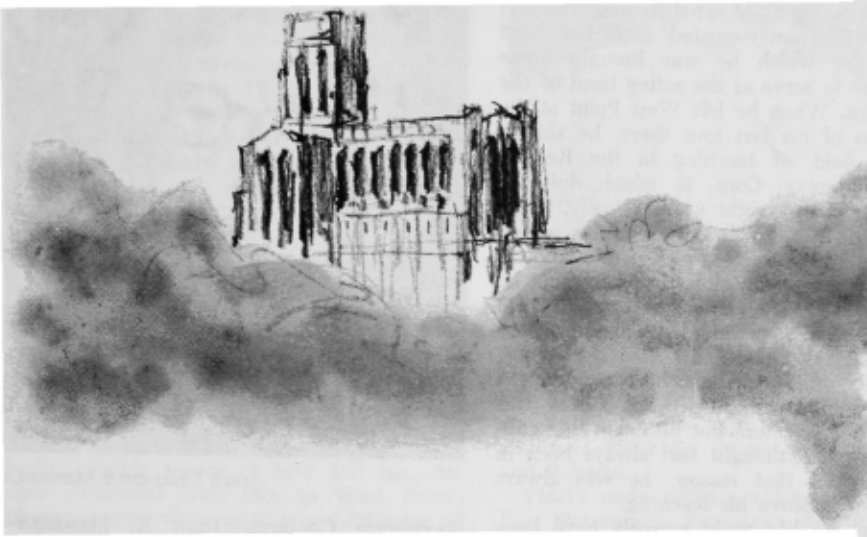
Be Thou At Peace

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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Alexander Wheeler Chilton

NO. 4569 CLASS OF 1907

Died 17 September 1985 in Las Cruces, New Mexico, aged 99 years.

Interment: National Cemetery, Santa Fe, New Mexico

ALEXANDER WHEELER CHILTON

I WONDER IF, when *Assembly* suggested that members might prepare their own obituaries, it had in mind anything more than the list of assignments which signal the steps of a man's career. But the temptation is to go beyond Browning's "What Does" of a man to the intangible "What Is." There is first the thought that there may be someone left to recognize and say, "Alas! Poor Yorick!" Too, there is in the suggestion something that appeals to a man's vanity, and makes him think that here, perhaps, is a last chance to cheat the great silence. But most appealing of all is the opportunity to pen the feeling one has of still traveling hopefully. If, taking a leaf from Ben Franklin's book, there is a prospect of issuing in a "new and more perfect edition," I think that, like any author, I should attempt to write the foreword. Here follows that attempt, stated objectively.

When Chilton left the Minnesota farm where he was born to go to West Point, the only soldiers he had ever seen were the brave relics of the Civil War, marching in the Grand Army of the Republic parade on Memorial Day. It was many months before he mastered his awe of the professional soldier, and of the assertively professional cadet. When he did, he settled down to being a complaisant but not very admirable cadet himself. His training he took as it came; the first thing that fired his real enthusiasm was the library. There he found a treasure that he had only dimly imagined, and through it he searched voraciously for four years. That background of reading, an acute awareness of fellowship, and West Point's legacy of high standards were what he took away with him, rather than a burning ambition to be a great soldier.

In the years that immediately followed, it is doubtful if he ever became a very good soldier, in the strictest military sense. He loved the Army life, for it gave him a broad scope of experience: work, outdoor life, travel, adventure, and companionship with some of the best and finest. Only when he was ordered back to West Point, however, did he really become aware of the teacher's role within the military profession, and only then did he know how best he could serve. There followed years which, as he writes this, he remembers best his interludes between his tours of duty as an instructor at the Military Academy: service in Hawaii, Mexico, the Philippines, Benning, Leavenworth, military attache in Chile, historical section of the War College—all were prefatory, it seems, to another period of the work he loved best.

Twice he was ordered back to West Point in the Department of English and History; twice to the newly-created Department of English, for which he was brought home from Chile to serve as the acting head of the department. When he left West Point at the conclusion of his last tour there, he shortly found a field of teaching in the Reserve Officers Training Corp, in which duty he served for almost eight years. Finally, when the close of World War II brought his second retirement, he found a niche in a civilian university, where for almost eleven years he taught English until he was past seventy. He still believes in something a colleague quoted to him at the time of his final retirement: "A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops." The saying was unfamiliar to Chilton, but he knew that subconsciously the thought had always been in his mind; for that reason, he was always striving to improve his teaching.

His private life could scarcely have been happier. He chose a wife, "of this bad world the loveliest and best"—thoughtful, gracious, and kind. Living with her had the spontaneous gayety of a spring day: there is a cloud now and then, but the warmth and light charm you until sunset.

So much for the author as subject; now for the subject as author. Like every man who writes a book, I have acknowledgments to make. I am grateful for sensible parents, who in my boyhood, made for me a life of disciplined freedom within a large family. To West Point, I owe my thanks for a training of the body, of the intellect, and of the will, which training, though it has not placed me among the Academy's great, has at least ranked me among her useful. To my students, both military and civilian, I offer my gratitude for stretching and extending my mind through all my years of teaching. I am under obligation to my many friends for countless "little, nameless, unremembered acts of kindness and love." My wife and son I thank for a devotion and loyalty beyond my desert. Finally, I am grateful for the gift of life itself—a gift with which I have done alas! only what I have done. "And lo! the phantom caravan has reached / The Nothing it set out from. . . . . ."

A. W. C.

Editor's note: Colonel Chilton was an Oldest Living Graduate (4 August 1984–17 September 1985).

John Kimberly Meneely

NO. 5369 CLASS OF 1915

Died 16 April 1985 in Albany, New York, aged 94 years.

Interment: Grove Cemetery, Coeymans, New York

JOHN KIMBERLY MENEELY

ALTHOUGH COLONEL JOHN K. MENEELY—"Jake" to most of his friends—retired from the Army early in his career, West Point and the Corps remained his pride and joy throughout his life. His immense interest in and regard for the military achievements of his distinguished classmates provided for his existence a very special dimension.

Colonel Meneely was born in Watervliet, New York, on 15 August 1890, the son of Andrew H. and Grace Young Meneely. He belonged to the fourth generation of a famous bell manufacturing family, which for more than 120 years produced bells which continue to be celebrated in the annals of American bell making.

After one year at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Colonel Meneely received an appointment to the United States Military Academy. His grandchildren remember the oft-told story of his determination to be a West Pointer; when he didn't quite meet the height requirement, he prevailed upon his doctor to hit him on the head with a small hammer and to measure him again *with* lump. He passed and graduated four years later with Dwight D. Eisenhower and Omar Bradley. One element of his career at USMA which enriched his family's life ever after was his membership in the cadet chorus. No family occasion passed without song, Jake the orchestrater; no song-fest ended other than with a rendering of "The Corps."

Shortly after graduation, Jake was married to Sarah E. Suderley, and their son, John K., Jr., was born in 1917. Stationed initially in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, Jake Meneely commanded a battery of the 53rd Artillery Regiment until his promotion to major in 1918, and his assignment as G-3 of the new Third Army in France. He won four battle stars in World War I, and his accounts of experiences in the trenches at Verdun—rich in humor as well as stark reality—held his family spellbound in latter years. Blessed with a tremendous capacity for optimism and

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enthusiasm, he enjoyed every bit of his long life to the full.

After the World War I Armistice, Jake Meneely opened and commanded a school of heavy artillery at Fort Monroe, Virginia. In 1920 he left the Army to join his wife's family business, the Sutton and Suderley Brick Company of Coeymans, New York where he became vice president and later president. Extremely active in community affairs, he was a member and president of the Coeymans school board, a director of the New York College of Ceramics, and a lifetime member and five-year president of the board of trustees of the Albany Academy. He was a member of the Albany Medical Center Hospital board of governors, and was named honorary governor in 1971. His interest in these institutions never slackened, and he continued to contribute in many ways until the time of his death.

In 1942, Jake Meneely accepted an invitation to return to military duty. He was assigned to the Watervliet Arsenal where he served as assistant executive officer and personnel officer until his final retirement from the Army in 1947 as a lieutenant colonel, and his return to the brick business.

Colonel Meneely is survived by his three granddaughters, Nancy, Sarah and Dorothea, who remember him as the world's most involved and creative grandfather, an absolutely reliable source of love and fun. Annual excursions with him to West Point's Homecomings were important highlights of each fall season during the Meneely girls' childhood years and on into maturity. There was always at least one granddaughter present during the years 1979 through 1984 when Colonel Meneely reviewed the Corps of Cadets at Homecoming as the oldest returning graduate.

Well into his 95th year, Colonel Meneely died after a brief illness without ever having departed from his life's forward course. It was his plan to attend his 70th reunion in May. He was a strong and determined man whose stubborn carriage of a challenging life could have resulted from discipline learned at West Point. Physical infirmities in his final years limited his mobility to a degree, but not his lively interest in the world around him, nor his warmth and humor. He will be sorely missed.

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Fidel Ventura Segundo

NO. 5804 CLASS OF AUGUST 1917

Died 6 January 1945 in Manila, Philippines, aged 50 years.

Interment: Unknown

FIDEL V. SEGUNDO died in action during World War II and the remains of this brave and gallant career officer lie in an unmarked grave somewhere in Manila. Soon after he was captured by the Japanese military police in December 1944, Fidel V. Segundo, together with others, was executed by the enemy and buried in a common grave. The date of his death is placed on or about 6 January 1945 and the exact location of his grave is unknown.

Fidel was born in Laoag, Ilocos Norte on 24 April 1894 to Luciano Segundo and Paula Ventura. He received his early education in Laoag and completed his secondary education at Manila High School. He was a pre-med student at the University of the Philippines

FIDEL VENTURA SEGUNDO

when he received his appointment to West Point where he was nicknamed "Smoke." He graduated from West Point in August 1917 and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Philippine Scouts. In 1919 he married Angela G. Agcaoili with whom he had four children: Fidel Jr., Maria Lourdes, Lucien and Roberto.

Fidel's early military career was spent at Fort Stotsenburg, Pampanga. He returned to the US to attend the Field Artillery School at Fort Sill, Oklahoma (1925) and the Cavalry School at Fort Riley, Kansas (1926). Returning to the Philippines as a captain, he was soon assigned to the Department of Military Science and Tactics of the University of the Philippines, which he eventually headed as Commandant of Cadets. He found great satisfaction in this particular phase of his career as he was able to mold many promising young cadets into the career officers who would soon hold important positions in the fledgling Philippine Army.

In 1936 he was promoted to major in the US Army and held an assimilated rank of colonel in the Philippine Army when he was detailed to assist in the formation of the Philippine Army under General Douglas MacArthur and his assistants Major Dwight D. Eisenhower and Major James B. Ord. From 1936 to 1940 Colonel Segundo was assigned to Philippine Army Headquarters as assistant chief of staff (G-2 and G-3) Intelligence, Operations and Training. During this period he took charge of the formation of the Field Artillery and is fittingly remembered as the "Father of the Field Artillery."

In 1940 he was promoted to lieutenant colonel in the US Army. Still detailed to the Philippine Army, he was briefly assigned to Mindanao where he revitalized Camp Parang and intelligence operations in that area. He was thereafter assigned as Superintendent of the Philippine Military Academy in Baguio, a position he was holding at the outbreak of the Pacific war on 8 December 1941.

Immediately following the Japanese landing in southern Luzon on 12 December, Colonel Segundo was directed to evacuate Baguio with his corps of cadets and his officers. On 19 December, with the rank of brigadier general, he formally took command of the 1st Regular Division which until then had not been "a component of the United States Army Forces Far East and, unlike the reserve divisions already inducted, it was not allocated any arms, equipment or supplies from the stock of the USAFFE." There had been no previous plans to muster the division. Colonel Ambrosio P. Pena, Philippine Army historian who wrote the *After Action Report*, further states, "The 1st Regular Division was surely the least prepared for combat assignment in December 1941. It did not have any organic artillery, and as to arms and supplies, they were short of minimum requirements. . . . The division did not even have at its disposal the minimum time to prepare the men for combat duty."

But because of the urgency of the situation the 1st Regular Division had to be sent to the front lines. Colonel Uldarico S. Baclagon, who wrote *130 Days of the USAFFE*, states of General Segundo, "On him fell the lot of commanding a hastily organized division with troops lacking in training and inadequately armed. Nevertheless his unit . . . made a good account of itself in defense action in southern Luzon and the Moron Bagac Sector in Bataan, particularly in the 'Battle of the Pockets.'"

General Segundo survived the infamous Death March and the Capas concentration camp. Upon release he was active as advisor to the underground resistance movement. On 19 December 1944 he was arrested by the Japanese military police together with his son Fidel Jr. They were tortured and ordered executed by the Japanese military command under General Yamashita.

General Segundo was the recipient of the Purple Heart and the Certificate of Appreciation and Memory from President Harry Truman. These stand out among the many citations he received before and after the war. His family is especially proud of his being the only member of his class whose name is engraved on the West Point plaque honoring those who died in action.

During his lifetime General Segundo was the author of various articles on military science and had helped draft the Philippine National Defense Act. He was an avid horseman who kept a modest stable of horses and instructed many friends in the art of horsemanship. He was a dedicated polo player and member of the American Polo Association.

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Onslow Sherburne Rolfe

NO. 5849 CLASS OF AUGUST 1917

Died 29 January 1985 in Winter Park, Florida, aged 90 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

HIS BRILLIANT RED hair and glowing countenance inspired his classmates to call him "Pinkey." This name was ever appropriate because he long retained his youthful and radiant look. He was "to the Army bred," from his distant antecedent Nathaniel Eaton who fought at Bunker Hill, to his father, Colonel Robert H. Rolfe, US Army.

Pinkey was born in Concord, New Hampshire on 16 January 1895. His mother was Grace Stearns, daughter of Onslow Stearns, former governor of New Hampshire. Pinkey's travels with his parents in the Army imposed early schooling in New Hampshire, Cuba, California, Japan, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, and Texas. Once, even before he reached his teens, he traveled alone from Japan to enter St. Luke's Episcopal School at Wayne, Pennsylvania. This nomadic academic career presented the first great challenge to young Onslow, intent on some day

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ONSLOW SHERBURNE ROLFE

passing the West Point entrance examinations. And pass them he did after intensive study at the Columbia Preparatory School in Washington, DC.

Another enormous challenge followed soon after his West Point graduation, in France in the Second Battle of the Marne in July 1918. Lieutenant Rolfe, 7th Infantry, responded with "extraordinary heroism" in moving desperately needed reinforcements to aid the hard-pressed US 3rd Division. His bravery earned him the Distinguished Service Cross—and an erroneous report homeward that he had given his life in this action. In October he was wounded, awarded the Purple Heart, and evacuated before the Armistice in November 1918.

Between the two World Wars Pinkey served in the 4th, 18th, and 27th Infantry Regiments. Duties with civilian components were at Rutgers University and with the Wisconsin National Guard. He attended the Infantry School and the Command and General Staff College. Then he faced his third major challenge: to be the Senior Infantry Instructor at the Field Artillery School, but first to take the complete Regular Course there. This course would be filled with lieutenants fifteen years junior to Major Rolfe, and each with extensive field artillery experience. The "Doughboy Major" not only survived the course by his hard work, but was acclaimed by his "Redleg Lieutenant" colleagues for his spirited attitude and camaraderie.

World War II brought the next challenge: orders to organize and command a new kind of unit—"Ski Troops," the 1st Battalion, 87th Mountain Infantry Regiment. His success with this mission won him eagle rank and command of the activated complete 87th Regiment. In 1942 he was promoted to brigadier general and given command of the Mountain Training Center and Camp Hale, Colorado. In early 1945 he moved into combat in Europe with the newly activated 71st Infantry Division as assistant division commander. With the end of the war, he commanded Land Area Salzburg in Austria, then returned to the US in 1947 to the Research and Development staff at Headquarters Army Field Forces. In 1952 he was transferred to Japan, took charge of Northern Command for a year, then served a year at Headquarters Army Forces Far East before retirement in 1954.

While still a cadet, Pinkey met Nan Elizebeth Belles of New Brighton, Pennsylvania. Two months after his graduation they were married, and thereafter shared happily all the adventures, responsibilities, and demands of Army life. They were blessed with a daughter, Ann Sherburne, who is married to Brigadier General Charles A. Symroski, USMA Class of 1935. The Rolfes have three granddaughters and three great-grandsons.

Pinkey and Nan traveled extensively in retirement. Each year their Christmas card was a picture of them in a different corner of the world, such as on the Great Wall of China, or in front of the Taj Mahal, or beside the Kremlin. Friends grew to await the card each Christmas, "to see where the Rolfes had been this year."

During his retirement years General Rolfe managed, for the first time in his life, to find some free time to enjoy golf and association with fellow golfers. But he never fully escaped responsibility because his talents for leadership were acknowledged by his election to top positions in every organization he joined. One of his most treasured posts in this period was that of president of the West Point Society of Central Florida.

He was deeply proud of his Alma Mater, and West Point in turn may ever be proud of this noble son who marched so worthily and valiantly in the Long Gray Line.

His Son-in-Law, C.A.S.
Class of '35

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Joseph Stubbs Robinson

NO. 5948 CLASS OF JUNE 1918

Died 17 November 1984 in Rocky Hill, Connecticut, aged 86 years.

Interment: Cataumet Cemetery, Cataumet, Massachusetts

JOSEPH STUBBS ROBINSON

JOSEPH ROBINSON WAS born in Bourne, Massachusetts on 1 May 1898, the son of George W. and Sarah D. Robinson. He attended grammar and high school in Bourne, was appointed to the Military Academy and entered with the Class of June 1918.

As a cadet, Robbie found time from his studies for extracurricular activities and became assistant football manager. He graduated in the top half of his class and entered the Coast Artillery on 12 June 1918, a year early because of World War I.

The end of the war found him in France where he was on duty with the Graves Registration Service in Paris. It was during this time that he became fluent in French and met and married his first wife, Simone Gaujot.

His early stateside service was with troops at Forts Hancock, Howard, and Eustis and at the Coast Artillery Corps School at Fort Monroe, Virginia. In June 1928 he was assigned with the First Corps of Cadets of Massachusetts National Guard until April 1931. It was during this tour that the last of his children was born. Because of his command of the French language, he was then assigned to Paris with the Gold Star Mothers Pilgrimage.

In February 1932, Robbie was ordered to Fort Amador, Canal Zone as commander of the mine battery. After a year and a half he was reassigned as Post Exchange Officer. He threw himself into making that PX the best in the Canal Zone and soon was having periodic sales of exotic merchandise imported from the Far East. The sales brought Army wives from the Atlantic side of the Canal Zone; no small feat in those days with no road across the Isthmus.

In June 1935 he returned to the United States, where he became a battery commander at Fort Monroe. In August 1936 Robbie was ordered to Charleston, South Carolina, where he became assistant Professor of Military Science and Tactics at the Citadel. After three years there, he went from professor to student at the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. This tour was marred by the death of Simone which left him with five children to care for. His oldest son was then at West Point. In February 1940 he was ordered to Fort Crocket, Texas as commander of the 1st Battalion, 69th Coast Artillery. In February 1941 he was ordered to Camp Beauregard, Louisiana as anti aircraft officer of the V Corps. From there, he became anti aircraft officer of the Fifth Army and saw service in North Africa and Italy. In January 1943 he was given command of the 34th Anti Aircraft Artillery Brigade, and in March was promoted to brigadier general. When the war in the European Theatre of Operations came to an end, Robbie and his brigade were assigned to Heidelberg, Germany.

In September 1945 he returned to the United States and became commanding general of Special Troops at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. He then went to First Army at Governors Island, New York as assistant G-1 in June 1946. His last assignment was as military attache, Ankara, Turkey. Robbie retired in August 1950, shortly after his return to the US. It was at this time that his marriage of ten years to Walsie Dodge ended in divorce.

During his military career he was awarded the Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster, Bronze Star Medal, Commendation Ribbon, a number of theater and battle medals and several Italian and French decorations.

After retirement Robbie returned to France to study fine arts at the Louvre. From there he attended Boston University during 1952-1953, graduating with a Master's Degree in Education. He became a case worker in the children's department of the Connecticut Humane Society in 1955, where he met Barbara Van Gaasbeek whom he married in November 1957. In 1959 he became a probation officer for the Connecticut Juvenile Court from which he retired in 1971.

During this retirement, he and Van turned his hobby of collecting antique American

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glass into a small business and frequented many an antique show in Connecticut. They led an active life with trips to the Point for football, to Hartford for the symphonies, and to their cottage on Cape Cod in the summer, along with visits to his children. He is survived by Van; his three sons, Michel, Gilbert, and Hugh; and his three daughters, Alice Colquitt, Odile Huddleston, and Elisabeth Purple; nineteen grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. His departure has left a large hole in our lives; we shall always remember him with love.

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Richard Lee

NO. 6048 CLASS OF NOVEMBER 1918

Died 13 May 1985 in Rocky Mount, Virginia, aged 85 years.

Interment: High Street Cemetery, Rocky Mount, Virginia

RICHARD LEE

RICHARD LEE was born in Rocky Mount, Virginia on the 14th of June 1899. He was the eldest son of Judge John Penn Lee and Isabella Gilmer Walker. Richard was descended from a distinguished family. His grandfather was Charles Carter Lee, the elder brother of Robert E. Lee who commanded the Army of Northern Virginia during the War Between the States. His great-grandfather was Henry ("Light Horse Harry") Lee who led a legion of his own through Pennsylvania and New Jersey as well as through the South during the Revolutionary War.

Richard attended elementary school and two years of high school in Rocky Mount. He then entered Virginia Military Institute conditioned in every subject to start his college career at the age of fifteen. At the end of his first year at VMI, he stood second in his class. Two years later Richard entered West Point and graduated with his class on 1 November 1918 at the age of nineteen. Seven days later World War I was over and with his class Richard spent three months on the battlegrounds of France, returning to Fort Belvoir, Virginia to spend three years completing his engineering education.

His initial assignment was with the 4th Engineers at Fort Lewis, Washington. After six months he was reassigned to the 9th Engineer Battalion at San Antonio, Texas, where he commanded a troop. He was next sent to the 7th Engineers and then to the 17th Engineers at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. His next assignment was to the Troop Officer class at the Cavalry School at Fort Riley, Kansas. Upon graduation he went to the 2nd Engineers at San Antonio, Texas. Then he was assigned to the 1st Engineers in May and in September 1929 he was ordered to the 11th Engineers for two years in Panama.

Following that were nine years on river and harbor duty, taking Richard from Memphis, Tennessee to Ocala, Florida to Fort Peck, Montana. The years 1940 to 1944 were spent at Fort Belvoir as executive officer at the Engineer Center, then island engineer at New Caledonia and on to Manila to become commanding officer of the Construction Corps of the Philippines where he received a "Legion of Merit." A year was spent at St. Louis, Missouri, and he returned to Fort Peck, Montana to spend a year as the district engineer. In 1950 Richard went to Heidelberg, Germany as staff supervisor of the Post Engineers of the European Command, but poor health forced him to return to the United States and retire from his beloved Army as disabled on 31 March 1951.

He returned with his family to his boyhood home of Rocky Mount, Virginia. His sister and two brothers with many nieces and nephews and Virginia cousins made his family complete. This was a happy time for Richard, and he began to build a new life for himself, his wife and his two young daughters. He managed his brother's properties and under his direction they prospered wonderfully. He soon had a new home and a vegetable garden close to the old home. Richard was an Episcopalian and loved his church. He was a Trustee of Trinity, a superintendent of the Sunday school, many times on the vestry and a member of the choir. He was instrumental in forming the Rotary Club in Rocky Mount and named a Paul Harris Fellow in 1983 by Rotary International. He was active in charitable affairs and a Trustee of the Franklin County Library for many years. He was a member of the Society of the Lees of Virginia and also a member of the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi.

Richard and Margie were married in June 1938 and have two daughters, Dr. Margaret Lee Haines and Mrs. Mary Lee Honzo and two grandchildren, Katherine Margaret Honzo and Richard Lee Honzo.

Richard died on 13 May 1985. He had remained in remarkably good health and entered the hospital only two weeks before his death. His funeral service was held at his beloved little Trinity Church, and he was buried next to his family in Rocky Mount.

Richard loved his family, his church, his Army life, and his many friends. Always with a twinkle in his eye, he was a truly good man, compassionate, kind, generous, and especially loving toward the young. Determined as a bulldog, he was ever thoughtful and considerate of others and lived by the West Point motto of Duty-Honor-Country.

M.K.L.

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Paul Wilkins Kendall

NO. 6212 CLASS OF NOVEMBER 1918

Died 3 October 1983 in Palo Alto, California, aged 85 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

PAUL WILKINS KENDALL

PAUL WILKINS KENDALL was born 17 July 1898, in Baldwin, Kansas. Son of David Ellsworth Kendall and Olive Catherine Sullivan, he was raised in Kansas, Colorado and Wyoming, where his father, a Methodist minister, had churches. Working after school and in the summers on ranches and farms in the area, he completed high school in Sheridan, playing football and serving as captain of the team in his senior year.

Influenced, as have been many others, by General Paul B. Malone's books, he sought and obtained an appointment to West Point from Wyoming in 1916. The course being compressed by the needs of the war, his class graduated in November 1918. In spite of the shortness of time, difficulty with the academic load, and General Malone's failure to prepare him adequately for the shock of beast barracks, he was able to live a full cadet life, excelling at wrestling, playing a little football, marching in President Wilson's inaugural parade, and walking a number of hours in the area.

After a short course at the Infantry School, Lieutenant Kendall in March 1919 joined the 27th Infantry, part of the Siberian Expeditionary Force. In command of a platoon charged with the security of Posolfskya on the trans-Siberian railroad, he defended the post against the attack of a Russian armored train. The citation for his Distinguished Service Cross reads in part: "The detachment under his leadership and inspired by his example attacked and disabled the armored train and caused its surrender."

His succeeding assignments were typical for the 1920's, but three stand out. First was Hawaii, for while returning by transport in 1921 from a leave in the United States he met Ruth Child Pistole and married her the following year. Second was Fort Logan, Colorado, where their daughter Jean was born. Third was West Point with duty as an instructor in the Department of English and History. Here was born their second daughter, Betty. His academic instruction of cadets alternated with his teaching of the bayonet to

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them in the summers; this combination, but perhaps the impact of the latter more than the former, left a mark on hundreds of cadets and led to his being dubbed "The Bull," a nickname that was to become familiar to thousands of soldiers in later years.

After another course at the Infantry School, ROTC duty at a tin school in Wisconsin, and the two-year course at Leavenworth, the four Kendalls were off to Tientsin, China and the 15th Infantry. They witnessed the Japanese attack on the city and returned to the United States with the regiment when it was evacuated in 1938. Duty with the Civilian Conservation Corps in Sacramento and on the staff at the Presidio followed.

The outbreak of the war found him with the Marines in the Amphibious Forces, Pacific Fleet. After staff assignments in the 85th Infantry Division, he became the assistant division commander of the 88th Infantry Division. He took the advanced party of the division overseas in October 1943, first to North Africa and then to Italy. While attached to the 36th Infantry Division, he was involved in the crossing of the Rapido River in January 1944, organizing boat groups and directing engineer groups "despite intense enemy artillery and mortar fire;" he was slightly wounded during the action. Shortly thereafter the division arrived in Italy and entered the line. He fought with it through the Gustav Line and the Hitler Line to Rome and northward.

In July he assumed command of the division and led it through the hard fought campaigns of the North Apennines and the Po Valley. On 4 May elements of his division linked up with those of the Seventh Army near the Brenner Pass, and the job in Italy was finished. General Kendall was ever fiercely proud of the men of the 88th Division, the "Blue Devils," and of their accomplishments against a formidable, competent enemy, in most difficult terrain, and under often agonizing weather conditions; and he thoroughly enjoyed reminiscing with his veterans of their adventures together whenever the opportunity was presented. The war in Europe was over and he left his division, returning to the United States en route to China to become the deputy American commander. However, the rapidly closing hostilities there resulted in a change of assignment, and the end of the war found him back in California at Camp Roberts.

Leaving Fort Lewis, Washington and the 2d Infantry Division, the Kendalls in 1948 went to Austria where he held command assignments. Of their time there he said it was "perhaps the most enjoyable of our service."

His service during the Korean War included command of I Corps at Uijongbu, a most unusual composite force of American Army and Marine divisions, Korean Army and Marine divisions, the Commonwealth Division, and other units of the United Nations.

In January 1954 he and his wife went from Japan to Izmir, Turkey, where he became commander of Allied Land Forces Southeast, a NATO command consisting of Greek and Turkish forces. The Kendalls had a memorable time, living and travelling in the ancient lands of the eastern Mediterranean, a region familiar to a "preacher's kid." This was his last assignment; he was retired in August 1955 for a heart condition. His military service had spanned nearly forty years, he had led soldiers in battle in three wars, and had served on four continents.

On his retirement the Kendalls settled in Palo Alto, California, a town well-known to them for it was here that Ruth lived and awaited his return from Italy. They had a quiet, happy life amidst classmates and other comrades of their many years of service life. Their happiness was increased as daughters, Jean Baumgardner and Betty Miller, and their families moved into the area.

Then in June 1979 he was stricken by a severe heart attack, but he fought back with the grit and courage he had shown throughout the difficult periods of his service. Having won this battle, some months later he was paralyzed and lost his speech from a stroke. Yet again through the months and then years of hospitalization that followed, he continued to fight. But finally on 3 October 1983, he saw the light of heaven and joined that part of the Long Gray Line that is in the shadows. He was buried at West Point, that place that had been in his heart most of his life. He has since been joined there by Ruth, his loving wife.

The passing of Paul Kendall has left an empty place in the lives of his family; but this emptiness is relieved by the memory of a dedicated American, a courageous soldier, and a devoted father.

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Granger Anderson

NO. 6864 CLASS OF 1922

Died 13 May 1984 in Southfield, Michigan, aged 86 years.

Interment: Riverside Cemetery, Union City, Michigan

GRANGER ANDERSON

GRANGER ANDERSON WAS born 9 July 1897 at Girard, Michigan. His father, Dr. James Henry Anderson, was a practicing physician; his mother was Harriet B. (Granger) Anderson. Andy seriously considered following in his father's footsteps and entering the medical profession. After graduating from high school in Union City, Michigan, he spent two years at the University of Michigan; however, with World War I in full swing, Andy decided he should prepare for military service and entered West Point on 4 November 1918.

I roomed with Andy our first and third years. He was a grand, cheerful, fun loving companion and a loyal friend. He was one of those very few men to whom you felt you could trust everything you had with full confidence; it would be taken care of competently and with the strictest integrity.

He did not have to prove his daring and courage on the battlefield. One afternoon he came to our room after football practice with a bloody face and a cut scalp requiring fifteen stitches. On his way back from football practice he had come by a lacrosse game where wild play overflowed the field, and he was hit by a lacrosse bat. This reminds me of a newly arrived man from Ireland who remarked, "Can you imagine a game where they give an Irishman a club?"

Andy was married to Olga Neundorf on 5 September 1922. She died a few years later. There were no children.

Among his many post assignments, he was called back to West Point as an instructor. I spent thirty-three years on Wall Street, New York, and during that period saw Andy frequently at West Point and in New York City as well as at Army football games.

He married Meda Lucile Wilbur Lundteigen in January 1967 at Union City, Michigan; they had been in classes together from kindergarten through high school. It was a very happy marriage. They both liked to travel extensively and did so both here and abroad. After retirement they spent twenty years wintering in Florida. In Florida he was near me, and we had many happy visits together.

He and his lovely wife, Lucile, suggested that we organize a Florida reunion of classmates each winter. The idea was adopted with enthusiasm and plans made accordingly. Under the plan, all classmates and their wives as well as widows of classmates were invited yearly to a three-day reunion in Florida, usually in March. The format started on Friday noon with a visit to Hialeah Race Track near Miami for lunch and the races. We had a box with reserved seats together. On Saturday we would meet at Lucile and Andy's apartment in Deerfield Beach (near Miami) for a cocktail hour followed by dinner and further refreshments at the Deerfield Beach Country Club where Andy was a member. An orchestra furnished music for dancing.

On Sunday we would all meet at my home in Miami Beach at 3 p.m. for cocktails and a hilarious time with songs, reminiscences, speeches, and football yells.

Later we would adjourn to the nearby La Gorce Country Club for further refreshments, dinner, and dancing. The orchestra, by request, would play many West Point songs which we sung lustily—providing entertainment for club members present. The reunions lasted about ten years when old man AGE started to curtail traveling for many of us, and finally ended with regret and many happy memories. These reunions, for Lucile, Andy and me were a highlight of our lives.

About ten years ago Andy decided to visit every classmate that year in the United States. He and Lucile, by car and plane, did just that. In large cities he arranged with Lucile to have a cocktail party and dinner for everyone in the area. He did visit us all. He even went to see Henry Woodbury who was working his farm in central Maine. Woodbury had never been to a Class reunion so Andy had not seen him since graduation. I happened to be in San Francisco when he had a cocktail party and dinner in a private suite at the St. Francis Hotel.

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Present were Yale, Sullivan, Dean, Meyer, Andy and myself and our ladies. It was a superb affair. That complete visit, I believe, was something no other West Point graduate has ever done.

Andy was a life member of the Metropolitan Lodge No. 519 F & A M, Detroit for sixty-two years.

Andy's post assignments included Fortress Monroe, Virginia; Fort Eustis, Virginia; Fort Mills in the Philippines; West Point; Fort Amador in the Panama Canal Zone; Fort Barrancas, Florida; Fort Kamehameha, Hawaii; Alaska; Fort Bliss, Texas; Orlando, Florida; India; China; Des Moines, Iowa.

Andy grew up an only child as his four-year old brother was drowned in a flood. He never had any children. He is survived by his beloved wife Lucile, a niece, and three grandnieces.

He served his country valiantly and well. He gave happiness to all who knew him. My life was enriched by our friendship and association over the years. A friend has gone on before us, but many happy memories remain.

Rupert H. Johnson

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Gerald Goodwin Gibbs

NO. 7362 CLASS OF 1924

Died 4 July 1980 in San Antonio, Texas, aged 79 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

GERALD GOODWIN GIBBS

GERALD GOODWIN GIBBS (Jerry to all who knew him) was born in Bridgton, Maine on 16 October 1900. He was the son of Fred and Myrtie Gibbs and attended grammar school and high school in Portland, Maine.

Though accepted at Bowdoin College after graduation from high school, he had also applied for admission to both West Point and Annapolis. Somewhat disappointed at not gaining admission to the Naval Academy, he accepted an appointment to West Point. Two weeks later he was advised that the principal had failed his physical and that he should report forthwith to Annapolis. Jerry responded that, unfortunately, he was otherwise committed.

His time at West Point was characterized in the HOWITZER as "Happy-Go-Lucky." He knew all his classmates, since at one time or another he was in all the academic sections from Goat to Engineer. This eventually contributed to his taking the five-year course, graduating in 1924. It was during those days at West Point that he began building his reputation as one of the Army's preeminent bridge players. Upon graduation he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Coast Artillery.

His first assignment was to Fort Monroe, Virginia, where in 1926 he met and married Margaret Rowe. They had a son in 1931, Gerald G. Gibbs, Jr., who graduated from West Point in 1952. Fort Monroe was followed by a series of peacetime assignments in Hawaii, Corregidor, and Panama. During this period the Army ran out of money and Jerry was given the opportunity, along with most of his classmates, to take a six-month unpaid vacation.

In 1938, Jerry married Harriet Collison. They had a daughter, Susan, who served as an Army nurse and is now an Army wife.

In 1942, Jerry activated and commanded the 505th Anti Aircraft Artillery Battalion at Camp Edwards, Massachusetts. He took the battalion first to England, then to North Africa and eventually to Italy. In 1944, he was given command of the 9th Anti Aircraft Artillery Group and participated in the Anzio Landing and beachhead breakout. Later that year he was appointed executive officer and subsequently commanding officer of the 45th Anti Aircraft Artillery Brigade. This latter assignment was involved in one of the more unusual episodes of World War II. The 45th Brigade was a mixed force of US, United Kingdom and the Brazilian anti aircraft artillery. The brigade was ordered to reconfigure itself into an Infantry division along the Arno River. Opposing the brigade was the 16th S.S. Division. The brigade, now designated Task Force 45, conducted an opposed river-crossing and fought heroically and successfully until inactivation near the end of the war. The brigade received commendations for its actions from both Generals Mark Clark and Willis Crittenberger. Jerry personally received the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, the Italian Medal of Valor and four campaign medals.

Following World War II, Jerry was director of operations for the 4th AA Command in San Francisco, the director of air defense for the First Air Force and the plans and operations officer to the Alaskan Command.

In 1951 he was assigned to Camp Stewart, Georgia to activate, train and deploy to California the 47th Anti Aircraft Artillery Brigade. His last active Army assignment was in 1954 when he commanded the 9th Division Artillery at Fort Dix, New Jersey. He retired from the Army in July 1954 and established his home in his beloved San Francisco.

For a short time he worked as a management consultant with Sutro and Company, then retired for good and thoroughly enjoyed extensive travel. He became very involved in numismatics and was president of the San Antonio Numismatic Society.

Jerry died peacefully in his sleep on 4 July 1980. This date, which he shares with Jefferson, Adams, and Monroe, seems appropriate. He took the Country, the Army and their ideals very seriously, but never himself. He was a true leader and a joy to be around. We miss him.

his son and daughter

— Be Thou At Peace —

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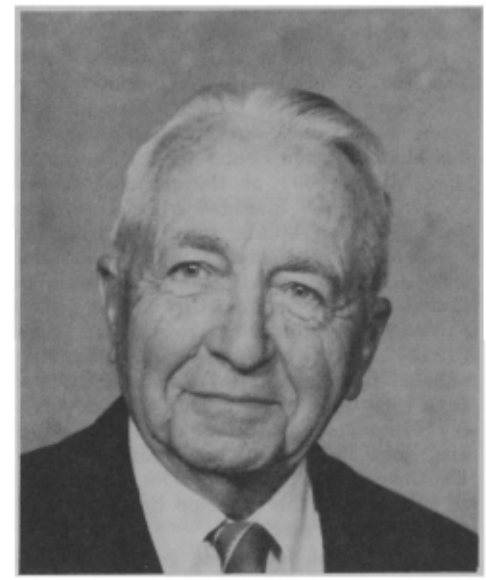
Otto Lauren Nelson, Jr.

NO. 7439 CLASS OF 1924

Died 25 June 1985 in New Rochelle, New York, aged 82 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia



OTTO LAUREN NELSON, JR.

MAJOR GENERAL OTTO L. Nelson, Jr., US Army (Retired), passed away suddenly on Tuesday, 25 June 1985 in New Rochelle, New York. General Nelson, who lived in Alexandria, Virginia, had been participating in a tournament of the Eastern Seniors Golf Association (of which he had served as treasurer for six years) at the Siwanoy Country Club in Bronxville. After active careers in the military, business and academe, General Nelson became an avid amateur golfer participating in numerous tournaments in the US and in Scotland.

General Nelson was born in Omaha, Nebraska on 2 November 1902, the first generation son of Swedish immigrants. He was educated in the Omaha public schools. At Omaha Central High School he served as cadet major of the second battalion of the regiment, president of the student association, and captain of the debating team.

In the fall of 1920 General Nelson entered West Point. He graduated in the Class of 1924, known as "The Thundering Herd," and chose to serve in the Infantry. Later he served as an instructor of economics and history at the Point from 1929–1935 and from 1938–1941. He also earned a master's degree at Columbia University and a Ph.D. at Harvard University in economics and political science. He was author of *National Security and the General Staff* (1946) which is used as a reference text in US military officer schools.

While on active military duty, General Nelson served in numerous posts in the United States, Puerto Rico and Italy. From 1942–1944 he served as assistant deputy chief of staff to General George C. Marshall, Chief of Staff of the Army. In 1945 he was deputy theater commander of the Mediterranean Theater of Operations under Theater Commander Joseph T. McNarney. General Nelson retired with the rank of major general in 1946 after receiving the Distinguished Service Medal for War Department service and the Distinguished Service Medal with

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Oak Leaf Cluster for wartime service in Italy.

In 1946 General Nelson joined the New York Life Insurance Company in New York in a newly established position of vice president in charge of housing. He directed New York Life's entry into this new area of interest and planned innovative housing developments in Princeton, New Jersey (Stanworth), in New York City (Manhattan House), on Long Island (Fresh Meadows) and in Chicago (Lake Meadows).

In addition to serving full-time at New York Life, General Nelson devoted considerable energy to civic duties. These included acting as executive director in the construction of the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts (1956–1960) at the personal request of Mr. John D. Rockefeller, 3rd; chairman, Task Force on Middle Income Housing, by appointment of Governor Nelson Rockefeller (1958–1960); chairman, Commission on Government Operations, City of New York (1959–1960); director, Project East River (1951–1952), a major study of non-military national defense. General Nelson also served from 1961–1978 as chairman, Program Advisory Committee, Office of Emergency Planning, later the Federal Preparedness Agency, US Government. He served for many years as a trustee of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

Upon formal retirement from New York Life in 1968, General Nelson turned his attention to academic life. Until 1982 he served as consultant to the chancellor (Dr. Wesley Posvar) and the vice chancellor (Dr. Albert C. Van Dusen) at the University of Pittsburgh.

During his lifetime General Nelson belonged to the Century and Harvard Clubs in New York, and the Army-Navy Town Club in Washington. His golfing activities were centered in the Springdale Country Club in Princeton (where he lived in the 1950s and 1960s) and the Belle Haven Country Club of Alexandria, Virginia. He was a member of eight senior amateur golfing associations: International Seniors' Amateur Golf Society, Eastern Seniors' Golf Association, the 200 Club, Winter Golf League, the Breakers Seniors of Palm Beach, Florida, the Three Score and Ten Club, Eastern States Seniors' Golf Association, and the North-South Seniors at Pinehurst, North Carolina.

In addition to his widow, the former Miss Milrae E. Jensen, General Nelson is survived by three nephews: Dr. Robert N. Smith of Toledo, Ohio; Dr. Barton T. Smith of Marion, Indiana; Dr. Charles L. Smith of Perrysburg, Ohio; and 13 great nieces and nephews.

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Frederick Cruger Pyne

NO. 7457 CLASS OF 1924

Died 19 December 1984 in Randallstown, Maryland, aged 82 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

Born on the island of Guam shortly after the end of the Spanish American War, Freddy Pyne was the first of three boys of Frederick Glover Pyne and Ellen Roosevelt Jones, whose family background included descent from General Philip Schuyler, Governor DeWitt Clinton, and signer of the Declaration of

Frederick Cruger Pyne

Independence William Floyd, and who gave the boys a sense of duty and service. Fred's grandfather, Captain Charles March Pyne, served in the 6th Infantry of the Union Army, was wounded in the Second Battle of Bull Run, lost his leg from wounds received, and later went to the seminary and became an Episcopal priest. His great-grandfather was the Reverend Doctor Smith Pyne who became the Episcopal rector of St. Johns Church in Washington, DC during the administration of eight presidents, including Abraham Lincoln.

So a strong family tradition of duty to country and service to man was inculcated into Freddy's youth and upbringing. He was a Navy junior, since his father was a career Naval officer, and lived in such diverse places as eastern New Mexico; Pensacola, Florida; the Brooklyn Navy yard; Elizabeth, New Jersey; and Washington, DC. In his early youth there were many separations from his father who would have lengthy sea duty on the China Station or in the Mediterranean, but there was always plenty of family with whom to stay, particularly in the New York City area where young Fred spent most of his school years.

With his brothers and friends he was one of the early Boy Scouts belonging to a troop in Elizabeth, New Jersey during the 1st World War, where he earned the Eagle Award presented at the hands of Lord Baden Powell himself, the founder of world Scouting.

Encouraged early to consider a service life, he applied to both West Point and Annapolis but chose the former, and entered the United States Military Academy at West Point in the summer of 1920 at the age of seventeen, graduating with his class in 1924. Following graduation and before his first assignment as a young Horse Artillery officer of the border, he went to Washington, DC on furlough and there met and swept off her feet Helen Louise Wallace, the only child of a prominent automobile dealer. They were married the following spring in a military ceremony and went to live at his border station, Fort Bliss.

After more than four years of Army life, Freddy decided in November of 1928 to invest his engineering talents with the Aluminum Company of America and was given the New York Sales district, enabling him to live in the old family environment of Elizabeth, New Jersey, where two sons, born on the border, and a daughter, born in Elizabeth, were brought up through their youth. A subsequent transfer to the company headquarters in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania provided an opportunity for growth and recognition.

Freddy had always been a brilliant mathematician and physicist. When he first entered the aluminum sales field, aircraft, while built of wood or aluminum frames, were covered with fabric or corrugated steel sheets, much like the famous Ford's tri-motor "Tin Goose" aircraft used in Admiral Byrd's Arctic and Antarctic expeditions. Such a craft, of course, was quite heavy which limited its carrying capacity. Freddy figured out that aluminum skins would work even better because the metal could be either riveted or welded and would, of course, be much lighter and aerodynamically smoother. And, he proceeded to show a skeptical industry not only that it would work, but how it would work, and in 1939 wrote the definitive work on aluminum aircraft skins.

As their family grew up, Freddy and his wife Helen would take the children on trips with them, during which Fred would tell endless children's stories—fascinating stories about pirates, soldiers, and adventurers—making them up as he went along. Traditions of family get-togethers, Christmases and that old family spirit of duty and service were impressed upon the children.

The day after Pearl Harbor, Freddy, who had always maintained an active Reserve and National Guard status following his resignation from the regular Army, volunteered for active duty and was sent in May 1942 to West Point as professor of mathematics. Here the now teenage children were able to grow and mature with the assistance and guidance in all academic areas, of a kind, loving, and supportive father.

After the war Freddy was reassigned by the aluminum company to the Detroit area office. His sons completed their service obligations and their college educations, and all three of his children moved away, married and began to produce grandchildren. Not bothered by the "empty nest" syndrome, since the children had all been raised to think and act independently, Freddy and Helen were now able to travel, explore their mutual interests in history, and plan and enjoy family get-togethers which became such an important part of their older years.

Following his eldest son, Freddy purchased a house in Linwood in 1955 in preparation for his future retirement. The aluminum company transferred him to Washington, DC in 1962 which allowed them to develop the place as they chose. Retiring in 1966, they moved up permanently from Washington and spent an additional twelve years living the life of country gentle people with entertaining, family gatherings, and class "do's" in Washington. His beloved wife Helen died in 1979. Freddy sold the old place and moved to the Episcopal Retirement Community at Fairhaven in Sykesville, Maryland.

Interment was with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery next to his wife and near his parents. Freddy's survivors include his son Frederick Wallace Pyne, his daughter Margaret Ellen (Pyne) Patterson, ten grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

If anything epitomizes the life of Frederick Cruger Pyne it could be summed up in three points paralleling the three points of

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the Scout Oath and the elements of the West Point motto: Duty to God, Duty to Others, Duty to Self.

DUTY, HONOR, COUNTRY.

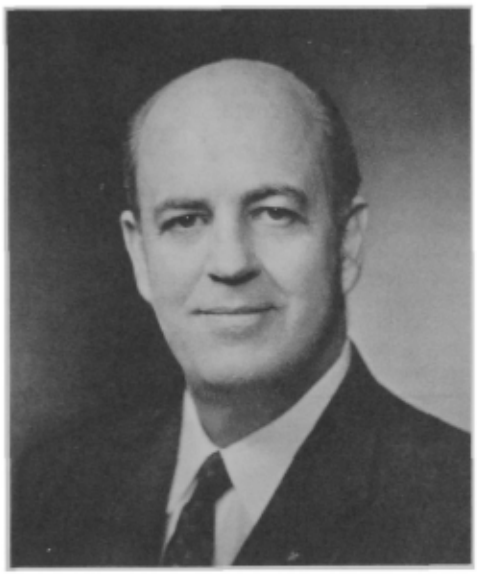
Prepared by Frederick Wallace Pyne, Son

Nathaniel Claiborne Hale

NO. 7773 CLASS OF 1925

Died 2 September 1983 in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, aged 80 years.

Interment: Ivy Hill Cemetery, Chestnut Hill, Pennsylvania



NATHANIEL CLAIBORNE HALE

CLAIBORNE HALE, retired business executive and historian, died 2 September 1983 at Bryn Mawr Hospital, outside Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He resided with his wife Eliska at 261 Hathaway Lane in nearby Wynnewood.

Born in Franklin County, Virginia in 1903, the oldest of four children of William Herbert Hale of Rocky Mount, Virginia and Effie Audenreid Lacy of Richmond, Virginia, Claiborne entered West Point in 1921. He was remembered in the 1925 *Howitzer* for his "cheerful optimism," his "high sense of honor," his "spirit of youth," and his "dare of the seemingly unattainable." On the polo field, he was described as "our mainstay of the defense—a hard-hitting and hard-riding defensive player." Members of his family recognize all these traits because they were with him all his life. He was circulation manager on the business staff of the *Howitzer*, playing manager of the 1925 Army polo team, and regimental sergeant major during his last year at West Point. Graduating in 1925, he served as a second lieutenant until resigning in March 1926 to enter business.

Claiborne had been associated with Dictaphone Corporation for thirty-eight years prior to his retirement in 1964. He started work for Dictaphone in New York City in the spring of 1926 and was transferred as salesman to Atlanta, Georgia. Rising rapidly, by the end of his first year he was transferred to New Orleans, Louisiana and promoted to city sales manager. For two years he lived and worked in New Orleans, where he met his bride, Eliska Provosty Tobin. On 25 April 1928 they married and relocated to Minneapolis, Minnesota in order for Claiborne to accept a new position as district manager for Dictaphone. Their first child, a son, was born in 1929. In 1934 he accepted another promotion and moved his family (by now including a daughter) to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania as regional manager for Dictaphone Corporation.

During the period 1934 to 1939 Claiborne served as a first lieutenant in the Pennsylvania National Guard, and then as captain in the ORC. Although not active in either by the time of Pearl Harbor, he immediately volunteered for active duty and was commissioned captain, AUS. During World War II, he was commandant of an Officers Training School at the Philadelphia Signal Depot, which he had organized and which graduated 650 lieutenants for Signal service. He was executive officer of the depot in the grade of lieutenant colonel in 1943 when he was assigned to Headquarters in London for special duty. Overseas duty ended suddenly, prior to D-Day when Claiborne was hospitalized for physical disability and was returned to the States and discharged in June 1944.

Regaining his full health after an operation, he returned to Philadelphia and resumed his position as regional manager for Dictaphone. In the following years, his continuing business success permitted him to devote more and more time to his interests in history, writing, and to many patriotic activities. During this period, his family remembers trips on weekends to sites of 17th century military engagements, about which he was writing. He was well-known along the Maryland Eastern Shore, and in particular on his favorite Kent Island, located in the Chesapeake Bay opposite Annapolis. Returning from field trips, he would draw maps and meet with the artist who handled illustrations for his books.

When he retired from business Claiborne devoted himself full-time to the promotion of early American history. He became known as an authority on the colonial fur trade, a little known subject which he felt deserved more attention because of its importance as a "tremendous source of wealth which sustained the colonies until they could become rooted in agriculture," and as "preparing the way for pioneering farmers which comprised the vanguard of the western movement." He wrote one popular book on the fur trade; it was typical of the energy and outlook, that even in his last years he talked about expanding this into several volumes. He was author of eight books and numerous published papers. In 1962 his book *Virginia Venturer*, a biography of William Claiborne, was awarded a citation in New York as the outstanding contribution of the year to American colonial history.

In 1965 Mr. Hale became governor general of the General Society of Colonial Wars, having previously served as the governor of the Pennsylvania chapter of this society. For a number of years during this period he was a noted speaker, giving numerous talks to various history minded groups across the country. His favorite topics were the various military engagements known as the Colonial Wars, including the Indian Wars, King Philip's War, and conflicts resulting from American entanglements in European wars, known in America as King William's War, Queen Anne's War, and King George's War, and finally the French and Indian War.

It was his purpose to further the understanding of wars that occurred during the colonial period (1607–1775), feeling that this was neglected history. He wrote, "In reading about the American Colonial Period, we generally find that emphasis is laid on the evolution of religious freedom, the political development of both individual and community freedom, and the encouragement of the free enterprise system. But little credit is given the participants in the wars that made possible these fine achievements—those men who took part in the vital military actions that were necessary to gain and then to protect these freedoms."

In addition to his work on Colonial Wars, he found time to serve as governor of the Colonial Society of Pennsylvania, trustee of the Oncologic Hospital, and treasurer of the Franklin Inn. He served on the boards of Windham College, the Philadelphia Institute, the Penn Club, and the Genealogical Society, and was a former member of the Rittenhouse Club.

Claiborne is remembered as a beloved husband and a devoted family man. He was above all a generous person who always extended a helping hand.

Surviving are his wife Eliska; his son Lawrence Herbert Hale of Yardley, Pennsylvania; his daughters Mrs. Patricia Swoyer of Cape May, New Jersey, and Mrs. Mary-Leigh Granger of Wynnewood, Pennsylvania; a sister Mrs. Beverly Overbey of Danville, Virginia; and a brother William Herbert Hale of Sarasota, Florida. His sister Josephine (Mrs. George E. Martin) died in 1984 in Bradenton, Florida. Claiborne leaves nine grandchildren.

His son

John Miller Brabson, III

NO. 7863 CLASS OF 1925

Died 21 February 1985 in Bronx, New York, aged 83 years.

Interment: Woodlawn Cemetery, New Windsor, New York

JOHN MILLER BRABSON, III

JOHN MILLER BRABSON III of 24 Spruce Street, Cornwall-on-Hudson, New York died 21 February 1985, after a long illness. Mr. Brabson was born in Greenville, Tennessee, the son of John Miller Brabson II and Maria Julia Harmon. He graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1925 and also attended Tusculum College, the University of the South at Sewanee, and the University of Tennessee. Mr. Brabson was a fine classical clarinetist having studied un-

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der Maestro Gustave Langenus. He had been a banker with the then National City Bank of New York. He lived for long periods of his life in his adopted England, studying and reading exhaustively his beloved Dr. Johnson, Boswell and Dickens, returning to America to become a prominent paper manufacturer in the Hudson Valley with the Little Falls Paper Company.

Mr. Brabson was a low handicapped golfer and won recognition in the Metropolitan area for his long driving. Yet what won him worldwide attention was his having played polo with the finest international players and royalty in the US and abroad. During his playing career he maintained twelve ponies at various locations and participated in winning the Queen's Trophy in London in 1936 and the American Indoor Eastern Polo Conference title in 1937 and 1938, having played in as far flung locales as New York City, Purchase, New York, Argentina, Venezuela and India.

Mr. Brabson leaves a widow, Edna Holden Spencer; one child, Ethel Spencer-Brabson; a sister, Julia N. Brabson Garrett; a brother, George D. Brabson and several nieces and nephews.

"Johnney," as those fortunate enough to have known him will gladly remember, was hardly the career military man or militarist. He was rather the high-spirited fantast, a lover of poetry and literature of all kinds, an alchemist of cultures, a classicist, an exuberant eccentric and a noble individual; yet no greater lover of the "old Gray Line" existed. He will most likely never be forgotten by those who met him once and certainly will never be replaced. It is with a stunning sense of longing that we bid farewell to John!

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Robert Kinzie McDonough

NO. 7894 CLASS OF 1926

Died 19 September 1984 in Washington, D. C., aged 80 years.

Interment: Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, San Antonio, Texas

ROBERT KINZIE MCDONOUGH

ROBERT KINZIE MCDONOUGH was born at West Point on 26 April 1904. He was truly a native son of the Academy. His father, stationed at West Point at the time, was of the Class of 1899 and his mother was the daughter of Brigadier General David H. Kinzie of the Class of 1863, who resigned to accept a commission in the Regular Army in 1861. Robert was appointed to the Military Academy from the New Mexico Military Institute, an honor school, in 1922.

According to his *Howitzer*, very early in his career, Pinkie, as he was known to his close friends and classmates, began to gain renown as a distinguished rifleman. He became captain of the Academy rifle team, winning two minor A's. He was sports editor of *The Pointer* and had an active interest in The 100th Night Show. His fame as a gymnast, according to a classmate's version of his cadet activities, came about by "boning much bunk drill. He was an engineer by nature. Morning, noon, and night we find him preparing for class with the assistance of that all-embracing technical handbook, *Adventure*."

Robert was commissioned a second lieutenant, Signal Corps, upon graduation 12 June 1926, but his engineer instincts and aptitude enabled him to transfer to the Corps of Engineers, 3 August 1926. His was undoubtedly the shortest career in the Signal Corps for any officer before or since. Robert's engineering career began at Fort Humphreys, Virginia, now Fort Belvoir, with the 13th Engineers. Two years later he was a student at Cornell University where he graduated in 1929 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering. Returning to Fort Humphreys, he attended the Company Officers Course. In 1930 he competed in the National Rifle Matches and later that year joined the 3rd Engineers at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. He was Assistant Professor of Military Science and Tactics at the University of Illinois when he met and married Nancy Alice James in 1934. While in the Tulsa Engineer District in charge of construction of the flood control project at Fort Supply, Oklahoma, he received orders to Trinidad, British West Indies, to build American military air bases.

Two years later he was on his way to England for duty with ETOUSA Engineer Section. Soon thereafter, he would command an engineer regiment clearing beach obstacles for the Normandy Invasion. His 112th Engineers received fourteen Distinguished Service Crosses for their heroic efforts at Omaha Beach. He fought the war in Europe with the V Corps from Normandy to the Rhine through France, Belgium, and into Germany and Luxemburg. After the war, following stateside tours at Fort Lewis, Washington, and at the Infantry School, Robert served in the Korean Conflict as Engineer of the US X Corps, of X Corps Group, which had operational control of three Korean corps, and as Engineer, Eighth Army. He thus occupied successively the most important US Corps of Engineers positions in Korea.

Robert concluded his active duty career in the South Atlantic Engineer Division at Atlanta, retiring in 1956. His decorations include two Legions of Merit, three Bronze Stars, the Order of the British Empire, the French Legion of Honor and the Croix de Guerre with Palm, the Belgium Order of Leopold and Croix de Guerre with Palm, the Luxemburg Couronne de Chene and Croix de Guerre.

After his retirement from the Army, Robert was for seventeen years an engineer with Lockheed Corporation, Marietta, Georgia, and a long-time director and vice president of the Atlanta Association for Retarded Children.

Of Robert's personal qualities, quite apart from his distinguished military and civilian career, one retired general officer writes: "Robert exemplified for me all that was and is best in the Old Old Army and in the Military Academy and its product—the sense of almost *noblesse oblige*; the instant willingness and readiness to undertake any task 'without fear, favor, or the hope of reward;' the constant devotion to duty; the highest standards of conduct and performance. And with this Robert was warm and outgoing—spontaneously friendly, cheerful, and helpful. I first encountered him when I was a plebe and he was a first classman on the New Cadet (Beast) Detail. My immediate reaction to his presence and conduct in that duty was: 'This is one great guy.' Over a period of fifty-nine years there occurred no reason to change that judgment or to doubt its validity."

Robert's wife, Nancy Alice, preceded him in death in 1982. He is survived by two sons, David and Michael, both of Statesboro, Georgia; a daughter, Mrs. Sheila M. Reese, 2502 Deepford Drive, Woodbridge, Virginia 22192; two grandchildren; and by a sister, Mrs. John S. Nesbitt, 3812 Woodbine Street, Chevy Chase, Maryland 20815.

P.R.W. and a friend

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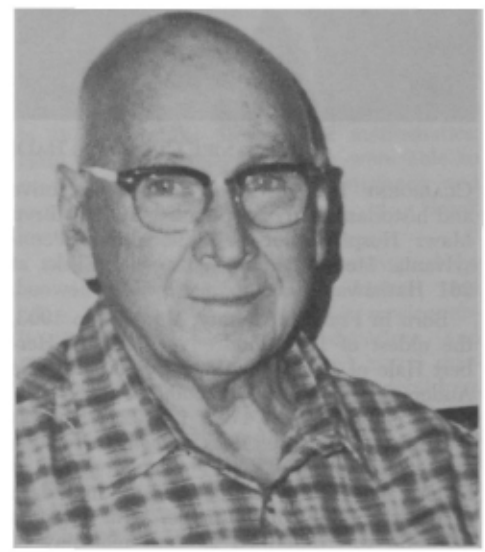
Horace Alvord Quinn

NO. 8109 CLASS OF 1927

Died 17 March 1983 in Bountiful, Utah, aged 79 years.

Interment: Ogden City Cemetery, Ogden, Utah



HORACE ALVORD QUINN

AS ONE REVIEWS the life of Horace Alvord Quinn, one must be impressed with the number of seemingly small and insignificant circumstances that shaped his life and how he responded to the opportunities for great achievement.

Horace was born in Washington, DC on 3 June 1903. He would have been eighty years old in just a few weeks from his passing on 17 March 1983. When he was two, the Quinn family moved to Ogden, Utah, as his father received an appointment for management of a western region in the Interior Department. While in high school Horace worked at physically demanding jobs and saved his money towards a college education. He invested his money in Utah-Idaho Sugar stock, only to see the value of the stock drop with great losses. A college education was then impossible. Looking for alternatives, Horace Quinn won an appointment to West Point commencing in July of 1922. He entered West Point with great dedi-

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cation, looking forward to a career as an Army officer. He loved working with men, and he appreciated the great responsibilities of command. While at West Point, Horace met Alice Badger during the June Week festivities of 1925, and a lovely romance began. She joined the Army in June of 1928, moving every year for the next six years. She set up housekeeping in Army posts from Salt Lake City to Panama and back, often moving with just a few days notice, and once leaving everything they owned stacked on the outside porch of their empty quarters. Alice never complained and she always established a home of comfort, love and encouragement.

The third set of circumstances in Horace Quinn's life was the "gathering clouds" or the "winds of war," as a recent television series depicted. Farsighted leaders in the Army anticipated World War II and in 1932 began preparation for US involvement. A staff of military engineers were assembled and given assignments for development of weapons with which the US fought World War II. The M-1 rifle and the B-17 bomber did not magically appear in 1941; such weapons were designed and painstakingly developed during the mid-1930's. Horace was selected to be part of that effort, and his career embarked on a new direction. He accepted the assignment as a temporary one, anticipating that it would last only 3 or 4 years and then he could return to his Infantry command. But as he gained experience as a military engineer, he became a specialized resource that the Army could not replace, and he was to serve the remainder of his military career in technical assignments. He was sent to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology for a master's degree in metallurgy and to Harvard for an MBA. He was assigned to the proof service at Aberdeen Proving Grounds and became a member of the flight test crew for the Norden bomb sight. During World War II he had responsibility for development of aircraft armaments.

At the close of the war, Horace was sent to Europe on a technical intelligence mission to recover and evaluate German weaponry. As a part of this assignment the military team recruited German scientists such as Dr. Werner Von Braun to come and work in the United States. From these people our missile and space program was spawned.

After the Korean War and ten years with American Machine and Foundry, Horace decided to move back to Salt Lake City and look for work. The Mormon Church building program needed help. The church was completing more than one chapel a day and there were problems. Horace didn't know much about building chapels, but he knew about budgets, schedules, reviews, and management procedures, and he had a testimony of the work. He applied himself to this church program in the same manner he approached his military assignments. Soon the building program became predictable. Projects were conducted in an orderly fashion and budgets became reliable. In the church office, he had to use patience, understanding and softness. Yes, it was a different environment, but he loved the work. He earned the respect of church officials because he was candid in representing what could and could not be done. He kept his word and honestly represented the program. The same principles of honesty and integrity were appreciated in all of his occupations.

Horace recognized his duty in every situation and it became a matter of supreme personal dedication. There was no deviation from the course that duty directed. He felt that when one accepts a position or assignment then certain responsibilities were also accepted. Rather than compromise performance he would decline to participate or even have his name associated with an activity.

Honor was a matter of sacred trust. A man was expected to be truthful and honest. If Horace gave his word it was binding; you could count on what he said. To him the honor system was essential for the officer corps in the Army. Horace loved his country. He objected to the activities of those who sought to tear it down. There was no illusion that things were all good and fair, but he had seen firsthand the results of other systems, and he knew the United States has the best system of government.

Dad's greatest achievement was his family. He and mother raised eight children and taught them to be faithful to God's precepts and to be loyal citizens. These children in turn are raising families totaling forty grandchildren and nineteen great-grandchildren. All members of these families are greatly influenced by the example set by Horace and Alice. Real accomplishments in life are measured in terms of eternal values. It is our faith that family relationships continue in the life to come. We look forward to a reunion with our father and to experience once more his spirit of love, dedication and service.

Edward B. Quinn
Son, USMA Class 1950

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John Xavier Walsh

NO. 8855 CLASS OF 1930

Died 23 June 1984 in Natick, Massachusetts, aged 76 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

JOHN XAVIER WALSH

JOHN XAVIER WALSH was born 3 January 1908 in Lawrence, Massachusetts, the son of Thomas A. Walsh, an immigrant from Keighly, England and Annie J. Collopy, whose father fought in the Civil War and was a prisoner at Andersonville. John was graduated at the top of his class at the Lawrence High School. He was appointed to West Point by Representative William P. Connery, Jr. as a result of his fine showing in the West Point exams, and he climbed the hill from the old West Shore Railroad Station, as did most of his future 1930 classmates.

At the Academy John was not the most brilliant scholar, but he graduated well up in the class and was probably more sound in his academic accomplishments than many whose rankings were higher. Added to this, he kept his natural wit and sense of humor in good working order and was one of the best liked men in the class. Perhaps it should be noted that John seemed to be more interested in the movies on Saturday night than he was in the hops. Which reminds me of a Saturday evening during our second class year when John, Zan Appelman, and I were roommates. The question was, shall we go to the hop or to the movies? Zan suggested we toss a coin; "If it's heads we go to the hop, if it's tails we go to the movies, if it stands on edge we stay home and study." Our room in North Barracks had a wooden floor—the coin hit a crack and stood there. We decided it had to be the best two out of three.

On graduation John went to the 5th Infantry at Fort Williams, Maine. From there he attended the Infantry School and then went to Fort McKinley. There he instructed math at the West Point School in addition to his other duties and was commended for the splendid results. Before returning to Fort Williams, he toured the mainland of China for about a month.

While at Fort Williams, John was seriously injured in a car accident on icy roads. He was treated at Fort Banks and later at Walter Reed. Complications resulted in his retirement from active duty with a stiff leg. Not one to give up, John went to Columbia University to study math and education in preparation for a teaching career. Shortly after he completed his work at Columbia he was recalled to active duty and was assigned to West Point as a math instructor in the grade of captain. Promotion to major and lieutenant colonel ensued, and he retired again from active duty in 1946, again with a commendation for meritorious service.

He then became professor of mathematics at the University of Massachusetts at its Fort Devens branch. There he taught World War II veterans. When this activity was phased out he was offered a position at Amherst, but chose to rest for a year. In the succeeding years he taught math successively at Drury High School in North Adams, Needham High School and Northeastern University. He finally retired in 1974.

John was married in 1942 to Mary Boland of Portland, Maine. There were two children, Thomas and Ann, both born during the tour of duty at West Point. In his final retirement years John also enjoyed the company of his four grandchildren. In his files were found a number of letters from his former students, thanking him for his extra help and for his clear and concise presentations. He was a dedicated teacher, as he was a dedicated cadet.

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William Charles Hall

NO. 9084 CLASS OF 1931

Died 22 May 1984 in Washington, DC, aged 75 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

WILLIAM CHARLES HALL

BILL HALL CAME to West Point a very young man possessed of a quick, unruffled mind, a good sense of humor and strongly independent outlook. He was his own man. Those traits he carried throughout his highly successful military career for thirty-two years and into retirement.

He was born in St. Louis, Missouri to William Antoine Hall and Grace Caldwell Hall into a family of five boys and a girl. His father was a doctor and all his brothers entered the field of medicine, three as doctors and one as a pharmacist. It has been said that Bill entered West Point to avoid the study of medicine and because of a longstanding interest in military history and an affinity for mathematics.

Throughout his early life he excelled in his studies, making the highest grade in a St. Louis-wide pre-high school examination and continued his excellent work in high school, graduating at age sixteen. He was a member of the track team, running the 880 and the mile.

As a cadet Bill did not devote a great deal of time to his books, but he did very well in those subjects he liked, those with a mathematical flavor. However, he was more than generous with his time in helping others who needed it. Bridge and a self-devised football game interested him more than the conjugation of French verbs. Very little effort was devoted to avoiding demerits.

Success as a cadet can be measured in many ways: stripes, stars, athletic letters. Or it may be judged on more substantive things: the friendships you make, the impressions you leave on others, the pleasures you create. Bill is remembered for these latter things. "It was a happy experience to be his roommate" reported one of his cadet wives. "A fine roommate—relaxing to be with" was the evaluation of another.

Bill entered on his career as an Army officer with a large and varied assortment of talents. Throughout the years he applied these talents with distinction to an equally wide assortment of jobs and tasks. As an Infantry lieutenant he once led a column of horses and mules on a 700-mile, three-week march from Jefferson Barracks, Missouri to Camp Custer, Michigan—more time in the saddle than many cavalrymen. Months later, then assigned to the 3d Engineer Regiment, he was training the regimental close-order drill platoon for the Hawaiian Department annual competitions.

Duty in the Office of the Chief of Engineers was highlighted when he met, courted and married Betty Brooke in Washington, DC in November 1940. They remained a devoted couple through forty-four years of marriage marked by frequent moves and separations, the making of new friends and the parting from old. The kaleidoscope of pain and pleasure which is Army life, they met with a smile, anticipation and a shrug.

The outbreak of World War II found Bill still in Washington where he remained until early 1943 when he left for training at Fort Leavenworth and at the Engineer School, which led to his selection to organize, train and take to Europe an Engineer general service regiment. In the European Theater, among other things, he built eighty-six bridges for Patton's Third Army.

Following the war, he returned to Washington. There his son Ned was born. Soon he was on his way to another job and other faraway places. Commanding an Engineer topographic battalion in Hawaii, later transferred to California, he was charged with surveying Alaska by airplane, helicopter, landing craft and tracked snow vehicle. It was then back to the Pentagon.

Bill's last ten years in uniform were as busy as the first twenty-two. From the Pentagon G-2 he moved to Headquarters, Second Army, first as the Army Engineer, then as G-4. Next came a pleasant year as a student at the National War College. From there he went to Alaska as the J-4 of the Alaska Command, then to Office of the Chief of Engineers again in 1959, this time first as assistant chief for Personnel, later as director of Research and Development. His final Army assignment was to J-4 Division, European Command in Paris. He retired in 1963.

Retirement brought change but no surcease from work. His first sally into civilian life was as an associate with an architect-engineering firm in Washington. In 1965 he became the executive director of the Society of Military Engineers and editor of the magazine, *The Military Engineer*, which positions he held until 1978.

He remained active in retired circles in Washington until a series of strokes in the final two years slowed him down but did not stop him. Bill died 22 May 1984. He is survived by his wife Betty, his son, three brothers, a sister and a host of friends.

Of their husband and father, Betty and Ned write, "He was a fine man, a wonderful husband and father—we love and miss him very much."

Orlando Collette Troxel, Jr.

NO. 9181 CLASS OF 1931

Died 3 June 1984 in Arlington, Virginia, aged 76 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

ORLANDO COLLETTE TROXEL, JR.

LIKE MANY PROFESSIONAL soldiers, my father seldom told "war stories," and when he did, they were usually anecdotal in nature. There was the morning in London, during the V-2 bombings, when he was sitting in a small restaurant, one wall of which had been blown away the previous night. The place was a wreck: with bricks, boards, glass, dust and other debris piled on most of the tables and other furnishings. Nonetheless, breakfast was still being served that morning, and the head waiter still stood in the doorway, ready to seat the customers. A short London businessman soon entered the establishment, dressed in a typically conservative dark suit, bowler and umbrella. He looked at the wreckage, then at the head waiter, and then politely inquired, "No marmalade, of course?"

My father was born 15 February 1908, in the Philippine Islands, the son of Major O. C. Troxel, Sr., and Janie Dee Jones. His childhood was spent in typical military fashion, moving from station to station, around the world. He remembered especially enjoying the period when his father served in Japan, his family having acquired many Oriental furnishings, art works, and other items while they were there. His father died in 1917, following the Army's campaign into Mexico after Pancho Villa, so he then moved with his mother and two sisters to Washington, DC—which he always thereafter considered his "hometown." Graduating from Western High School in 1926, he entered West Point after a year at Columbia Preparatory School.

Graduating from USMA in 1931, with a commission in the Field Artillery, he was first assigned to Fort Sam Houston, Texas. It was there that he met and married Lucy Reynolds. She was also from an Army family and, coincidentally, was also born in the Philippines. Following the tour of duty at "Fort Sam," he and his new wife went to Fort Sill, Oklahoma, where, in addition to his regular duties, he acquired considerable

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skill in horsemanship and polo. (Possessing a natural fondness for the cavalry, he often recalled his father's tour of duty at Fort Huachuca, Arizona. By the 1930's, however, the cavalry was all but defunct.)

He considered the years up to 1939 his "graduate school," in which he began to show a talent for logistics and planning. Since I hadn't been born yet, he could devote his spare hours to learning what was called "the big picture." Although the Artillery was his chosen branch, he soon became interested in how the other branches of the Army functioned with each other: "communications" was the link between the branches. His theories impressed one Fred Wallace, who was then commanding general of the 4th Division, and who made him his aide-de-camp.

My father was to remain with the 4th Division until the decisive landing on Utah Beach. Under General Wallace, the division trained at Forts Benning, Leavenworth, Gordon, and Dix. By 1940 war with Germany and its allies had become an inevitability. At Fort Dix, New Jersey, General Wallace was replaced by General Raymond O. Barton, and my father became G-3 of the division. In September of 1943, the unit began its departure for England.

The next six months were spent preparing the division for the mammoth assault on the Normandy beaches. My father received a wartime promotion to full colonel and was heavily engaged in training the newly-drafted troops. He still had time to theorize, however, particularly in the area of liaison and communications between ground troops and air support. He also met J. Lawton Collins, commanding general of the VII Corps, of which the 4th Division was a part. Then, on April Fool's Day of 1944, he received word that his son, myself, was born.

The beaches of Normandy were not the only important battleground of World War II, but they were certainly the great turning point of the war: the first decisive rip in the side of the raging Nazi mammoth. When he would talk about it, my father would stress that the invasion was really the work of hundreds of thousands of individuals, not just a handful. D-Day was the result of thousands of man-hours of planning, training, and mapping, "down to the last grain of sand, if necessary." He knew, as do all professional soldiers, that no one person is really more important than his organization, and that no organization is more important than its mission, especially as far as the Normandy invasion went. The weather, the tides, and even the phases of the moon all played a role.

Fatalities on Utah Beach amounted to a few dozen, possibly due to a sudden change to better weather, or possibly due to the 4th Division's G-3 section. A total of 20,000 troops and 1700 vehicles were landed there on 6 June. Following the landing, my father became G-3 of the VII Corps, under General Collins, and it was this experience that formed the basis of his later military career. It also molded his personal life as well, for from those years on, he was a plotter and planner, by second nature—whether it meant buying a car, making a shopping list, or thinking about his next stroke on the golf course.

Since my father's personal life was inseparable from the movements of the VII Corps across France and Belgium toward the Siegfried Line that girdled Germany, it is with considerable pride that I mention the battles in which he participated: the Normandy Breakout (Operation Cobra), Aachen, the Huertgen Forest, the Roer River Dams, Düren, Cologne, the Ruhr encirclement, the Remagen Bridge, and the meeting with the Russians on the Elbe. I learned of these only after his death in 1984, when I found, locked in a trunk in the basement of his condominium, three volumes of VII Corps memorandums. These volumes also included directives regarding the Ardennes Forest defensive positions ("Battle of the Bulge"), and the discovery of the underground missile factory at Nordhausen, with its notorious slave-labor camp.

For his participation in the war effort, my father earned a number of decorations, including three Legions of Merit, two Bronze Star medals, and the Belgian Order of Leopold. Prior to accepting the French Croix de Guerre, he and the other American troops were advised that, upon receiving it, they would be kissed on both cheeks, and were to offer "neither resistance nor encouragement."

The exuberant Russians on the Elbe presented him and the rest of the VII Corps with the Medal of the Fatherland War. Along with much singing, dancing, and drinking, it was acknowledged that, had Russia's people not held off the Nazis along the Eastern Front, the Normandy invasion might not have been possible. Such camaraderie lasted for less than a year, however.

From 1945 to 1953, most of my father's activities were concerned with the instruction and training of troops, as well as attending a number of military schools as a student: the Armed Forces Information School at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania; the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth; and the National War College in Washington, DC.

In 1953, following his promotion to brigadier general, he assumed command of the 1st Cavalry Division Artillery in Hokkaido, Japan, and following his promotion to major general, the entire division itself. Having lived in Japan as a child, he was eager to acquaint me with that country and its people. My mother and I arrived in Hokkaido in the fall of 1953.

The weather on Hokkaido was extremely cold, with snow beginning to fall in October and not leaving until May. The housing was mostly quonset huts, and it was a truly thrilling existence for a nine-year-old boy.

In 1956, we moved to Tokyo, which was beginning to look more like an American city than the more typically Japanese towns further north. The Japanese were still far from microchip computers, however. Their home electricity was supplied by a generator that was activated by pedalling a bicycle very rapidly.

The family returned to Washington in April of 1956, when my father was assigned to the Pentagon as Chief of Psychological Warfare, and then with the early US Army Special Forces. In 1959, he had a year's tour of duty in Korea in charge of the provisional headquarters of the Korean Military Advisory Group. From January 1961 to March 1963, he commanded the US Infantry Training Center at Fort Ord, California. His last year in the Army was spent at Fort Meade, Maryland, as deputy commanding general, Second US Army.

Following his retirement, he received the Distinguished Service Medal, settled permanently in Washington, and began working with Research Analysis Corporation as a military consultant. He spent eight years with RAC, working mostly with computers, applying the principles he had learned throughout his career to the tactics and strategy of future wars and other possible military operations.

He was a member of the Army-Navy Country Club, a volunteer at Army Distaff Hall, and for five years, president of the West Point Class of 1931 Association. Other interests included golf, sketching, travel, and, of course, a fondness for socializing, martinis, cocker spaniels, and the Washington Redskins. Survivors include his wife, Lucy, of Falls Church, Virginia; his sister, Mrs. Francis T. Kirk; and niece, Mrs. Jane Kernaghan, both of San Antonio; a nephew, Mahlon T. Kirk (USMA 1958) of Portage, Wisconsin; and myself, his son.

His West Point roommate, Ben Turpin, remarked that, "Trox was a strong and polished gentleman with high ideals . . . definitely outgoing, with a remarkably well-tuned sense of humor. He was artistically able in a number of interesting ways: he could quickly and accurately sketch out on paper just what he saw. With soldiering, and when faced with communicating information to others, this is a convenient talent to have.

"He had great admiration for his father (USMA 1901), whom he had known for too few years. He aspired to be a soldier like him and thus he understood exactly why he was at West Point."

—Roy Troxel
Arlington, Va.

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Luigi Giulio Guiducci

NO. 9541 CLASS OF 1932

Died 14 February 1984 in New York, New York, aged 74 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

LUIGI GIULIO GUIDUCCI

LUIGI WAS BORN in Rome, Italy, into a happy little family which later included a younger brother and sister. He was bright and precocious and when his family moved to the US in 1920, when Luigi was eleven, he started school from the beginning in Woonsocket, Rhode Island with no knowledge of English. He advanced ten grades in five years and was one of the most popular members of his class in Woonsocket High

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School: an honor student, a member of the football team and an editor on the school newspaper.

After being in this country just seven years, Luigi won a competitive appointment to West Point and entered in 1928. His former cadet roommates tell of a generous, kind-hearted and cooperative man who was always full of enthusiasm. They thought that the poetry Luigi wrote was very good and visualized him as turning to poetry or journalism some day as a career.

Throughout his life those were prime interests of Luigi, but he had to make some money and be free of the restrictions that an Army life would impose. Immediately after graduation he resigned from the Army and went to work in the New York City financial district.

The day after Pearl Harbor, Luigi volunteered and was called to active duty in July 1942 as a 2nd lieutenant in the Army Air Corps. He first served at Stewart Field, West Point, then with the Central Flying Training Command in Kansas and Oklahoma, and in 1944 went to the Air Technical Service Command at Wright-Patterson where he was promoted to captain.

At Wright-Patterson Luigi met an attractive young secretary, Viola Marie Short, a widow with a two year old son, and in February 1945 they were married. Another son, Raymond, was born in 1949.

On 1 February 1946, Luigi was honorably discharged from the Army and returned to his primary career in the financial world epitomized by the term "Wall Street." Then, as now, I was the Class scribe and I regret that I didn't keep a letter that Luigi wrote me at the time. He said that he was going to make a fortune and when he did he was going to give substantial sums to '32 and to West Point. He never made that fortune, but it was not for lack of effort. Along the way he may have accomplished many things that were worth more.

He resumed working in investment banking as statistician, investment advisor and salesman, specializing in mutual funds. He wrote a column in the *Magazine of Wall Street* and was on the staff as a writer on mutual funds for several years. In 1951 he published a pamphlet *Successful Investment* at his own expense. He was the mutual fund editor of *Stock Market Magazine* for several years and appeared on New York City radio programs dealing with the financial district.

In 1962 when things were going well, Luigi left an established firm and started his own investment company with an office on Wall Street. However, when a severe business recession hit the country sometime later, he did not have the resources to weather the storm. In his later years he took a lower paying job on the Street and did it with his usual enthusiasm, cheerfulness and honesty.

Luigi had been out of touch with West Point and our Class for some years—perhaps he moved and didn't give us his new address—then didn't receive our notices of what was going on—whatever the reason, we missed the cheerful little guy. I knew him well as a cadet and after hearing about his burial at West Point, I traced down and spoke on the phone with his son Raymond, his widow, his stepson, and his sister who lives in Blackstone, Massachusetts with her husband, the little boy with whom she and Luigi played in Rome when they were children. Luigi's brother Raymond was killed in Europe in World War II.

They followed up with warm, revealing correspondence which showed what a fine man Luigi was right to the end. Each wrote independently without knowledge of what was in the others' letters, but they all verified and even repeated each other. Quotations would be more impressive but space prohibits so the following is my consolidation and presentation of their words. None of it surprises those of us who knew him well once, even though we hadn't seen him in 30 years.

He loved his stepson, Clifford Irvin, as much as he did his other son, Raymond, and they both reciprocated that affection. He raised them according to his own altruistic standards and his ideals spread among the neighborhood. Children having trouble at home would stay over a few days with Luigi and Viola to get straightened out. The worst of them were always well behaved in the Guiduccis' apartment. Luigi helped them with their homework, which ultimately extended to tutoring some in high school and college.

Years later some of them, now in their 30's, took the day off, rented cars, and cancelled business meetings to go to Luigi's funeral. Raymond said it well in his letter when he wrote that they were his friends and contemporaries, but even when he had been away at college they liked to hang out with Luigi. He was their buddy and going to his funeral was their last chance to be with the old friend they hadn't seen in years.

Throughout his life, Luigi's overriding love was to write poetry and fiction, which he did in his spare time. It wasn't published but he was never discouraged. His last letter to Raymond said, "Here's the story that I want to make into my first movie. . . . I expect this will be quite a hit—both as a book and movie. I want to expand and improve it—which I'll do as soon as I get an advance from a publisher."

Two months later as Luigi was leaving his church in Manhattan, he had a heart attack and it was all over.

Luigi Guiducci was a fine American who believed in and lived by the principles of Duty, Honor, Country.

Ken Zitzman, classmate.

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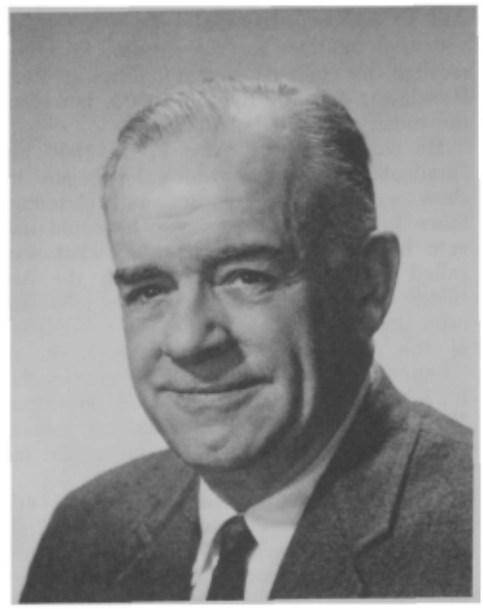
George Louis Descheneaux, Jr.

NO. 9574 CLASS OF 1932

Died 14 July 1984 in Charlottesville, Virginia, aged 75 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York



George Louis Descheneaux, Jr.

Was he a French Irishman or an Irish Frenchman? Whatever, he was a charmer. He combined the puckish deviltry of the Irish with the suavity and smoothness of the French. He was a man's man, but something of a darling of the ladies also. He was an all-around good guy who earned the love of men and women alike. So many friends he had.

George Louis Descheneaux, Jr. was born in Newton, Massachusetts on 30 November 1908. His father was a French Canadian and his mother, Dorothy Bernadine Malone, was born in Kilkenny, Ireland.

After attending high school in Watertown, Massachusetts and a stint at Boston University, Desch prepped for West Point at Millard's School in Washington, DC.

Once admitted to the Academy, Desch established his pattern quickly. As a cadet he was distinctly Descheneaux. Outwardly he was loose, relaxed and devil-may-care. But in truth, he was concerned, aware, interested. He feigned indifference to tenths and demerits, but, when push came to shove, he cared to the point of worry—worry he brought on himself. He had the stuff. There was no shortage of brains. When Christmas leave or other special occasions loomed, he would pour on the heat and pull himself up—both academically and in discipline.

Physically, too, he had it. Athletically, he excelled all-around. A splendid physique helped him master sports and all physical requirements with ease.

Desch's character was marked by generosity and integrity. If he had a dime or $100 he willingly shared. If he owed a dime or $100 you knew it was good.

As a cadet, Desch liked the girls and the girls liked him, many of them. But only years after graduation did true love come. Few men were as fortunate as he in having two successful and happy marriages. The first to the stunningly beautiful Mary Elizabeth Bowles from Portland, Maine. He and Betty were married in 1935 and had over thirty years of happy companionship until her death at too early an age in 1967. Happily to this union was born Joan Elizabeth in 1936. His daughter Joey was a beloved sustaining force in Desch's life.

After five years as a widower, there came a revelation. At his fortieth class reunion in 1972, Desch became aware of the vivacious, extremely attractive Margaret Turnbull Adams, widow of classmate Gilbert N. Adams. In the succeeding months Desch pursued Peggy seriously and in December 1972, they were married in Washington Cathedral. A happy event indeed because it led to twelve more years of comforting companionship.

This final stage of his life ended on 14 July 1984 in Charlottesville, Virginia where Desch and Peggy had come to live. Desch died peacefully in his sleep after a visit only the day before with daughter Joey and sister Dorothy. Fatefully his second lovely wife followed him in death by only six days. The two of them were buried at West Point alongside their respective first spouses.

Following graduation from West Point in 1932, Desch set out on a military career that in its early phases can be described as routine. His first four years of commissioned service were with the 5th Infantry Regiment at three stations in Maine, Forts McKinley,

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Preble and William. During this time he drew the usual assignments of a company grade officer from platoon leader to company commander. In the fall of 1936 he became a student officer at the Infantry School at Fort Benning. Upon completion of that course in the spring of 1937, he was ordered to the Panama Canal Zone where he served initially with the 14th Infantry, but then was chosen by then Brigadier General R. C. Moore as his aide-de-camp. He went to Fort Snelling, Minnesota in 1940 and then, with war in Europe, his career gained speed. In a span of two years he was thrice promoted, attended the Adjutant General's School in Washington, DC, commanded a battalion, attended the Command and General Staff College at Leavenworth, participated in Second Army Maneuvers in Louisiana, and in 1943 was with Headquarters Fifth Army in Italy as a combat observer. Thus, with invaluable experience gained in multiple capacities, he was eminently prepared for his peak assignment. In 1944, Desch attained the prestigious goal of every worthy Infantry officer, but achieved by few. He took command of the 422d Infantry Regiment of the 106th Division, destined for an early combat role under his leadership. He was one of the youngest regimental commanders in the Army.

In December 1944 the 106th Division moved into position in a supposedly quiet sector of the European front. A few days later, the Germans launched a last desperate attack in a final bid for victory. The spearhead of the main Nazi force hit the 106th and Desch's regiment, together with the 423d, was at the point of contact. The Nazis concentrated intensive artillery fire upon the regiment's position and followed with overwhelming tank and infantry assaults.

The situation became so desperate for his regiment that Desch was faced with the most difficult decision any commander is ever called upon to make. In his words—"The paramount question became that of saving the lives of as many of your men as possible and every possible action to accomplish this was discussed. Our situation was rendered hopeless by our great distance behind our lines, the weather, our ammunition supply, and many other factors. And so, though my spirit revolted against such a decision, surrender seemed to be the only solution to avoid needless loss of life and further suffering. I am convinced there was nothing else to do. . . ." That decision took guts.

Desch was captured in December 1944 and remained a prisoner of war until April 1945. During his captivity he contracted tuberculosis which led to extensive treatment at Fitzsimmons General Hospital and eventually to early retirement for physical disability after fourteen years of service.

Through the painful months of captivity, distress at the loss of his wife Betty, and years of physical discomfort after military retirement, he maintained an attitude of cheerfulness, and stoically kept his troubles to himself. During this period he was employed for several years by the Mitre Corporation in Concord, Massachusetts. His last years were comforted and made tolerable by the loving support of his second wife Peggy.

Throughout Desch's life he remained loyal to family, friends, the Army and West Point. Most pleasant to him after retirement were frequent visits to his Alma Mater for class reunions, athletic events, homecomings and other occasions. He is a worthy member indeed of the Long Gray Line.

Shortly after Desch's death, Lieutenant General James M. Gavin wrote of him—"We shall all miss him. He was a fine officer who did his duty as he saw fit regardless of the risks and, in my opinion, fate was more than cruel to him. He was a great officer and his loss will be felt throughout the Army and among his many friends."

With his spirit of patriotism, progressiveness and verve, it is fitting that the life of the Irish Frenchman should have ended on Bastile Day.

L. R. C.

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Amaury Manuel Gandia

NO. 9835 CLASS OF 1933

Died 11 April 1980 in Arecibo, Puerto Rico, aged 71 years.

Interment: National Cemetery, San Juan, Puerto Rico

AMAURY MANUEL GANDIA

AMAURY MANUEL GANDIA was born to Alberto and Juana Gandia, 4 March 1909, in Arecibo, Puerto Rico. There he attended school through three years of high school. As a young boy his dream was West Point and Puerto Rico's 65th Infantry. He joined the Puerto Rico National Guard as soon as possible and attended CMTC in San Juan for two years. After high school—preparing for West Point—he went to Stanton Preparatory School in Cornwall, New York for sixteen months and entered the Military Academy in July 1929.

At West Point only instructors called him Gandia. To the Corps he was an affectionate "Spic;" and to girl friends an endearing "Mahatma." His social life was as important as the academic and professional. So, at West Point, he chose a balanced life rather than "boning" academic excellence toward a high class standing.

After graduation Gandia returned to his beloved Puerto Rico and the 65th Infantry where he had started military service in high school. Amaury wasted no time in marrying Antonia Marques (Toni), his teen-age sweetheart; and there his son Albert was born. He remained there until July 1936, when he was ordered to the 2d Infantry at Fort Sheridan, Illinois. After a year he attended the Regular Infantry Course at the Infantry School, Fort Benning, Georgia. Following Benning, in 1938 he was assigned to the 34th Infantry, Fort Meade, Maryland where he remained until 1940. During this time he took a special course in transportation at the Quartermaster School, Holabird Quartermaster Depot, Baltimore, Maryland.

Having been "away too long from Puerto Rico," Gandia returned as a battalion commander to the 65th Infantry, April 1940. He also served as ground defense officer of the Sixth Air Force. During this tour his daughter Antonia was born. In 1943 he returned to Fort Benning as an instructor until ordered to Fort Leavenworth for the General Staff Class in 1945. Following Leavenworth he commanded the Puerto Rico 295th Infantry Regiment in Panama until 1946 when he was sent to Bolivia as deputy chief, Army Mission. Here his daughter Carmen was born in 1947.

Gandia returned to the US in 1949 and was assigned to Headquarters, First Army at Governors Island, New York. He attended the Armed Forces Staff College at Norfolk, Virginia in 1950, which was followed by a short tour with G2, Department of the Army, at the Pentagon until 1951 when he was ordered to Spain to serve with the Military Assistance Advisory Group (MAAG). In 1958 Gandia returned to Puerto Rico where he served as deputy commander, Antilles Command until retirement, February 1960.

Gandia's value in Puerto Rico to the Army was clearly recognized by the repetition and continuity of his assignments. He returned to the US primarily for education and special training. And, in turn, his devotion to and record in the Army, especially in Puerto Rico, enshrined his name in the annals of the Puerto Rico National Guard. Its new armory in Arecibo has been named after him and a large photograph of him prominently emplaced.

If one word could characterize Amaury it would be LOVE: his beloved island, Puerto Rico; his passion for family; and his love for the Army. It would be difficult to rate their relative importance to him. All were integrated into a very full life while attaining an enviable military career. "Spic" to his classmates personified a Spanish "Don." Proud. Utterly rapt up in his family. Fiercely loyal to friends whom he helped unstintingly and supported sometimes to his own detriment. Devotion to and integrity in the Army were complete. His boyhood dream was realized and exemplified by the West Point code, DUTY, HONOR, COUNTRY. A joyful, gregarious, industrious personality who lived life to its fullest. And for whom the Corps can say WELL DONE!

After retirement in 1960, Gandia entered the family's sugar business, finally retiring in 1967 to enjoy life in Arecibo with his wife Toni, and his growing family. He joined the Long Gray Line from a heart attack in April 1980. He is survived by his wife Antonia who lives in Areciebo with their younger daughter, Carmen Denton, and her two sons. Their older daughter, Antonia Gil, lives in Granada, Spain with her two sons and two daughters. Their son Albert lives in San Juan with his two daughters. Gandia is also survived by a sister, Angeles, who lives in Arecibo.

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William Alexander Cunningham, III

NO. 10164 CLASS OF 1934

Died 25 September 1983 in Washington, DC, aged 72 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

WILLIAM ALEXANDER CUNNINGHAM, III

WILLIAM ALEXANDER CUNNINGHAM III was born 10 May 1911 in Athens, Georgia. His father, born in Nashville, Tennessee, had been a former head football coach at the University of Georgia for eight years, then entered the Regular Army during World War I, served with distinction, retired as a colonel in 1946 and subsequently served as assistant adjutant general of Georgia. Bill's mother, Ada Ritter from Fairland, Oklahoma, died when he was two years old.

Bill attended high school in Athens, Georgia and Chattanooga, Tennessee. He enlisted in the Regular Army as an infantryman in 1928, served two years as a soldier, attended the Army West Point Preparatory School at Fort McPherson, Georgia in 1929-30, and won a competitive appointment to the United States Military Academy.

As a cadet Bill was well liked and respected by all. Perhaps the most eloquent description of Bill as a cadet, and one which describes him throughout his life, is this excerpt from the 1934 HOWITZER: "There is branded on every graduate a certain maturity beyond normal years. In almost every case the natural manifestations are obvious—Bill is the exception. He has been the exception in every phase of his cadetship—jovial, amiable, easy-going, and yet behind the lackadaisical manner that so constantly invites friendship there is a power to analyze logically and without prejudice. Bill's opinions are not quickly reached, fixed nor flaunted; consequently they are sought and respected." Bill treasured his cadet years and would tell you with a grin and a sparkle in his eyes that he was the best qualified and experienced "area bird" of his era. He participated in several sports including track and cross country. Perhaps the accomplishment as a cadet of which he was proudest was his selection for membership on the Honor Committee.

Bill's first assignment was to the 3rd Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment at Fort Sill, Oklahoma where he met, courted and in 1937 married Madera (Deede) Maddux, his beloved wife of forty-six years. He next was moved to the Hawaiian Division where he served at Schofield Barracks and the Kilauea Military Camp. In 1940 he was assigned to the 16th Infantry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division at Fort Devens, Massachusetts where he began a long and close association with the BIG RED ONE. After that he attended the Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia, graduating in 1942. From the school he was sent to Camp Blanding, Florida as battalion commander of the 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division, then to England in August 1942 and thence to North Africa. Here he led his battalion through the landings and through the battle of El Guettar in which he was severely wounded. After six months of hospitalization, in September 1943, he was ordered from Walter Reed Hospital to the Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Here he was the first instructor assigned who had World War II combat experience.

Bill served almost half of his commissioned service in the Pacific and Far East areas. From January 1945 to February 1946 he served on the joint staff of the Okinawa Island Command 331, as assistant chief of staff G-3 and participated in the Okinawa landings and operations. Later, in 1946-1947 he consecutively served as assistant chief of staff G-4, Okinawa Base Command and as executive officer 24th Infantry Regiment until November 1947 when he was ordered to Washington, DC and assigned for duty as chief of the Organization and Training Division in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Department of the Army. He held this position during the period in which the Army Field Forces were reorganized. In 1949 Bill was ordered to the Armed Forces Staff College in Norfolk, Virginia. After graduation he reported to Fort Bragg, North Carolina for duty with the Army Air Support Board. Here he was primarily responsible for organizing the Army Air Support Center and co-authored the air-ground operational doctrine later used in Korean operations.

In 1952 Bill was returned to the Pacific Theatre for duty with the Plans and Operations Division, Joint Staff, Headquarters, Commander in Chief Pacific Theatre. As CINCPAC's plans and policy officer, he participated in the theatre operational planning during the period of the Indo-China conflict and the Quemoy crisis. He was also military coordinator for our many pacts with allied countries including Anzus, Five Powers and SEATO.

His next move returned him to the 1st Infantry Division at Fort Riley, Kansas where he successively served as commanding officer, 18th Infantry Regiment and division chief of staff. After promotion to brigadier general in 1958 he was ordered to Korea where he served consecutively as senior advisor to the Republic of Korea Joint Staff, assistant chief of staff G-3, Headquarters Eighth Army and assistant division commander, 1st Cavalry Division. Returning to the Zone of the Interior in January 1960, Bill was appointed assistant commandant of the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Upon promotion to major general in 1961, he was ordered to Headquarters United States Army Europe as deputy chief of staff, G-1 in which capacity he served until May 1963 when he was assigned as commanding general, 24th Infantry Division in Augsburg, Germany. Bill's final assignment was as commanding general, IV Corps in Birmingham, Alabama from which position he retired in 1966

Bill's widely diversified assignments throughout his career spanned the full spectrum of the most exacting types of duties to be demanded of an Army officer. His staff experiences included general, joint and combined staff assignments, whereas his command duties included all echelons of command from platoon leader through division and corps commander. His performance in service to his country both in war and peace was exemplary and in keeping with the ideals of his Alma Mater: Duty–Honor–Country.

Any narration of Bill Cunningham's life and military service would not reflect an accurate picture of the man without a few words concerning his personal hobbies, pursuits, characteristics and interests. He was devoted to his wife Deede and to their children. He was an enthusiastic sports advocate and participant. One of his favorite sports was tennis which he and Deede frequently played together. He spent much of his spare time gardening, his specialty was roses, and he was a gourmet cook. Bill was an avid reader, particularly of books on military history. He had a remarkable memory and was an expert on genealogy. Bill was extremely proud of his heritage and could quote dates, names, places, marriages, etc. ad infinitum. Probably his most pronounced characteristics were his wonderful sense of humor, his quick wit, and his great empathy for the views and feelings of others. These attributes made him many admirers and lifelong friends.

After retirement Bill held three civilian positions: first, assistant director of an engineering firm in Saigon; second, director, New York Transportation Authority; and third, director of Lake Lanier Development in Gainesville, Georgia.

In 1974 Bill and Deede moved to Mathews, Virginia where they lived until Bill's death in September 1983.

Bill is survived by his wife Madera (Deede) Maddux Cunningham who still resides in Mathews, Virginia; son William Alexander Cunningham IV who lives in Williamsburg, Virginia; and daughter Susan Madera, Mrs. W. T. Fleming, of Washington, DC; and three grandchildren.

Classmates L.A.W. Jr. and W.H.C.

David Campbell Wallace

NO. 10188 CLASS OF 1935

Died 27 May 1982 in San Antonio, Texas, aged 68 years.

Interment: Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, Fort Sam Houston, Texas

DAVID CAMPBELL WALLACE was born in Fayetteville, North Carolina on 20 August 1913. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chambers G. Wallace, moved to Richmond in his early childhood, and Dave grew up in manner and speech a thorough Virginian. He graduated from John Marshall High School in Richmond at the age of 14, worked for a bank and a brokerage house and attended the University of Richmond for one year before his appointment to the Military Academy from the 3rd Congressional District of Virginia.

Dave was seventeen when he entered West Point—brilliant, full of self-confidence, of a decidedly original and perceptive turn of mind, and not overly inclined to be hemmed in by petty matters. Despite his superior gifts, he was not arrogant. His occasional impatience was directed solely to

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DAVID CAMPBELL WALLACE

the sort of meaningless pomposity, which then as now, too often permeated military bureaucracy and custom.

To the less gifted, Dave was especially helpful and understanding. He gave unselfishly of his time to the coaching of other cadets who lacked his accomplishments in academic matters. During his first class year he was the head academic coach in the Corps. Had he really wished, without doubt he could have finished his four years at the top of his class.

Dave's independence of view and self-confident attitude sometimes brought him into difficulties with the authorities. He paid the penalty for his jousts with the Tactical Department by walking hundreds of miles on the Area. Yet his composure in the face of adversity, his good humor, innate decency, and high moral standards earned him the highest respect of his classmates and the upper classes. No one ever heard him use profanity. He could express his emotions adequately in the language of a gentleman.

Dave's interests were often as volatile as they were intense. He would apply himself with uncommon diligence, for instance, to mastering the push-up until he could do two hundred. Then he would drop this in favor of cross country running, which he pursued only long enough to win his monogram and prove to himself that he could do it.

At graduation, Dave was presented with the Robert E. Lee Saber by the United Daughters of the Confederacy for leading his class in mathematics, a singularly fitting honor for a fine Virginia gentleman who pursued his own goals and never compromised his standards.

Dave was commissioned in the Field Artillery and assigned to Randolph Field for flight training. Some eight months later, after an automobile accident, he was reassigned to the 12th Field Artillery at Fort Sam Houston. This proved to be extraordinarily fortunate, for there he met and courted Ella Lyford Bergman, with whom he was to share a marriage of almost forty-five years, and to whom he remained devoted all his life. Dave later wrote in the 25th Class Reunion Booklet: "The horse drawn caisson ride and mounted band greeting by the 12 Field Artillery (after our wedding), we will always remember."

Two years of troop duty, mostly as a battery commander, were followed by assignment to the Field Artillery School at Fort Sill for the Battery Officers Course. Shortly after completion of that course, Dave transferred to the Corps of Engineers and was sent to Fort Belvoir to attend the Company Officers Course at the Engineer School, and then to the University of California at Berkeley for his Master's Degree in Civil Engineering.

World War II was coming on, and, along with other members of the small Regular Army of that time, Dave found steadily increasing responsibility and promotion. Most of his assignments, at the many training camps that were created, involved troop duty with combat engineer battalions, so that he was well qualified to command the 1153rd Engineer Combat Group and take it overseas to England. Meanwhile, Ella and their two daughters returned to San Antonio for the duration.

Further preparation for combat in England was interrupted by the Battle of the Bulge, and Dave and his group took part in the action at Malmedy and all the subsequent actions to the Rhine River. His group constructed the bridges over which the 30th Infantry Division (and later Prime Minister Winston Churchill) crossed the Rhine.

After the war, Dave served four successive tours of duty in high level staff assignments in Europe and the Pentagon, and ended his active Army career with a three-year stint on the staff and faculty of the Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania.

Dave's restless and questing spirit impelled him to early retirement from the Army. He was hired by RCA as head of its management training, and later set up the telecommunications system for the Central Treaty Organization's northern tier countries of Turkey, Iran, and Pakistan. He went on to be vice president of a New York brokerage house and president of a small packaging company.

Out of consideration for his family, Dave returned from the East to Texas, where he taught high school mathematics and gained a PhD through study over a period of years at St. Mary's University, Texas A&M (which he attended on a teaching scholarship), and the University of Texas. Thereafter, he taught at colleges in Alabama and Texas, did a major actuarial study for the United Services Automobile Association, was the civil engineer for the Marine Corps Air Station at Beaufort, South Carolina and worked for the Corps of Engineers, overseeing construction projects in Saudi Arabia and harnessing the Columbia River in Vancouver, Washington.

During his bewildering succession of post-retirement jobs, Dave took a good many courses toward a law degree and, because of a deep compassion for elderly people and an interest in geriatrics, registered in a medical school in Guadalajara, Mexico. Ella, who had accompanied Dave on all of his peregrinations, dissuaded him from that endeavor. At the time of his death, he was working for the Texas Department of Health in the Bureau of Solid Wastes.

Dave Wallace was no ordinary mortal. His life amply demonstrated his extraordinary versatility and remarkable range of interests. He was always setting new goals for himself. It simply was not a part of his nature to stack arms. He not only had a brilliant mind but was a perceptive and discerning judge of the strengths and foibles of his associates. He was a wonderful husband and father and a good and loyal friend, blessed with a rich but almost gentle sense of humor. He met his own high standards and values, and recognized them generously in others.

Dave was buried with full military honors at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery. Eight of his classmates served as honorary pallbearers, joining his gallant wife Ella, their daughters and family, in commending Dave into the hands of a merciful Savior. One of his classmates delivered a graveside eulogy, ending with these words: "As we give our classmate to the Lord, we can picture Him greeting Dave, even as He did His disciples on the evening of His resurrection, with a soft 'Shalom—Peace be with You.' And we are reminded of the words of another brilliant, restless man, St. Augustine, as he prayed: 'Our hearts are restless until they rest in Thee.'

"The eagles Dave wore on his shoulders, the walking he did on the Area at West Point, the running which began on the cross country team there and continued throughout his life, bring to mind these words from the Book of Isaiah: 'Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; but they who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall mount with wings like eagles. They shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.'

"Lord, we offer up David Campbell Wallace to you. He made this world a better place in which to live. We don't think he'll lower the quality of life in Heaven—and we're sure the angelic hosts will benefit from the gifts and talents You have bestowed upon him."

J.C.A.
Classmate and Companymate

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Harold McDonald Brown

NO. 11004 CLASS OF 1937

Died 6 October 1983 in McAllen, Texas, aged 67 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

HAROLD MCDONALD BROWN

HAROLD MCDONALD BROWN was born in Macon, Georgia 13 March 1916, the son of Charles and Florence Brown. He grew up, however, in Cordele, Georgia where his father was publisher and editor of the area

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newspaper. His talent for clear, forceful writing was undoubtedly developed and nurtured in the environment of his home life. He followed in the footsteps of his brother Charlie (Class of 1934) when he entered West Point in 1933.

An "M" Company flanker, he was relaxed, low-key and a cheerful griper who would work incessantly for a cause in which he believed. Seemingly cynical and easygoing, when the chips were down, he approached all problems with the highest standards of ethics and morality. These inbred principles became dominant characteristics throughout his career.

Graduating in 1937 and commissioned in the Infantry, Duffy, as he was universally called, was initially assigned to the 11th Infantry, Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana. In December 1937 he and Sarah (Sally) Leigh of Little Rock, Arkansas were married. Detailed in the Signal Corps during the summer of 1939, he and Sally moved to Fort Monmouth, New Jersey where he attended and graduated from the Signal School. Then came a transfer to the Office of the Chief Signal Officer, Washington, DC, in October 1941 for duty with the Signal Intelligence Service.

In October 1944, leaving Sally in Washington, DC, Duffy took command of and trained the 61st Signal Battalion at Camp Shelby, Mississippi and brought this unit to the European Theater of Operations. With him at the helm, the unit served with distinction in England, France and Germany, providing communications for the XXII and XXIII US Army Corps until the cessation of hostilities in Europe. During this hectic period, Duffy received word from Sally that their first son Peter was born on 4 June 1945. He redeployed with his unit to Camp Chaffee, Arkansas and was reassigned to Headquarters, First Army until ordered to Hawaii in December 1946.

In Hawaii, after serving in several responsible positions, he finished his tour as deputy signal officer. Returning to the US in July 1949, he attended the Armed Forces Staff College, served on the Department of Defense staff, the Chief Signal Officer's staff and attended the Army War College, until 1955. Meanwhile, son Stephen was born at Fort Belvoir, Virginia in June 1951. After graduating from the Army War College, Duffy, Sally and the two boys spent a happy, productive tour at Fort Huachuca, Arizona where he was chief of the Electronic Warfare Department.

In March 1958, he was assigned to Fort Monmouth, New Jersey to command the US Army Signal Research and Development Laboratory. Under his command, the Signal Laboratory played a vital role in the US Army's first successful explorations in space. It made particularly noteworthy contributions to the success of the SCORE, VANGUARD II, TIROS II and COURIER orbiting satellites.

Assigned to the European Command in March 1961 as signal officer of the Seventh Army, Duffy became signal officer, US Army Europe, and was promoted to brigadier general in August 1961. During the following three-year period of tense, highly volatile US-Soviet relationships, including the erection of the Berlin Wall, he distinguished himself in this highly responsible position.

Reassigned to Fort Monmouth in the summer of 1964, he became commanding general/commandant, US Army Signal Center and School where he served with distinction until his transfer to Washington, DC, to become deputy chief of Communications-Electronics, Department of the Army, on 1 April 1966. Duffy's final tour of military service was a fitting climax to an illustrious career. With his vast and varied experience, he was thoroughly prepared to represent all aspects of communications-electronics at the Army Staff and Joint Staff levels. Needless to say, his superb performance was in keeping with the exceptionally high standards he had adhered to throughout his life. He retired 1 February 1967. His many decorations included the Distinguished Service Medal and two Legions of Merit.

Upon retirement, having led such an active military life, Duffy embarked on a second career with Stanford Research Institute based on his wide knowledge and experience in electronic warfare. Unfortunately, after a year and a half of conscientious and valuable work at S.R.I., he suffered a severe stroke that forced his retirement and adoption of a completely different life style. He and Sally move from Northern Virginia to the McAllen/Edinburg area in southeast Texas in the heart of the citrus country.

Despite great physical and psychological handicaps, with his own indomitable will and the loving support of family and friends, Duffy staged a remarkable recovery for many years.

Becoming proficient in all aspects of the citrus industry as a grower, he served on the Board of Directors of "Texas Citrus Mutual," was active in Lions Club affairs and devoted himself to varied community interests such as teaching Sunday school classes and supporting Gideon Bible activities.

In July 1983, however, a second major stroke proved too much for his already weakened constitution. He died on 6 October 1983 and was buried with full military honors in Arlington National Cemetery later that month. Courageous, disciplined and personable, Duffy will be remembered with admiration, respect and great affection by everyone he touched.

—By John E. Watters,
Class of '33

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Homer Barron Chandler, Jr.

NO. 11888 CLASS OF 1940

Died 24 August 1984 in Metuchen, New Jersey, aged 70 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

CHAN WAS, LIKE many of us, an Army brat—well, kind of an Army brat. His father was Colonel Homer Barron Chandler, US Army Air Force, born in Iowa, and his mother was Margaret Faye Magley, born in San Diego. Chan was their only child and he was born 19 December 1913 in San Diego.

Chan lived on many Army posts as a child and entered West Point through the Army Preparatory School at Fort Scott, winning a competitive Army-wide appointment. As one would expect with his background, academics were a breeze for Chan, and he spent most of his time making friends, helping them in their academics, and pursuing other extracurricular activities such as the Cadet Chapel Choir, Glee Club, and the Hundredth Night Show. He also was the business manager of the *Pointer*. While at West Point he met Anne Larke, of New York, New York, and they were married after graduation.

As Chan himself said (in our Class 25th anniversary book), Army life was remarkably

HOMER BARRON CHANDLER, JR.

stable for him and his family. This was really due to the consistency of Chan's understanding and willingness to work hard and to make things so.

The first quarter of Chan's Army career was with the Artillery and the remainder the Infantry. He excelled in both, but in neither could he escape his talent for thoroughness and concern for others. Even though he was a commander in both branches, and always volunteered for such, inevitably he would be summoned to be the operations, logistical, or administrative officer—from regimental to DA level.

Regardless of these obstacles, Chan managed to be commander of Battery X, 52nd Coast Artillery, a separate battery of 8-inch railway guns in 1942. Then he became commander of the 177th Coast Artillery Battalion (AA), a separate unit on Guam, during World War II. In the Korean War (he had transferred to Infantry by then) he was executive officer of the 19th Infantry during the early conflict when a bullet nearly curtailed his combat days and sent him to Japan. He recuperated in two months and then returned to combat for a full year, getting as far as the Yalu River.

Fate then pretty much sealed Chan's career to management fields, which although easy for Chan, were his second choice. But as always, he devoted himself wholeheartedly to each, and excelled in all.

One of Chan's greatest satisfactions came as post commander of Nuremberg from 1960 to 1963. It was there where his unique ability to understand and address the concerns of others came to full realization. Not only were the post requirements fully met, but both the military personnel and the German community were satisfied customers.

Chan closed out his military career with assignments at the Presidio of San Francisco, in Korea, and at Fort Leonard Wood. He was retired disabled in 1968.

His obvious talent for management brought an immediate offer as business manager of the city of Metuchen, New Jersey. The Chandlers now had three grown children—Pamela, John, and Cecilia. Pam was already married, the others soon to be. Retirement would seem to be at hand but, of course, Chan was needed and liked to work—work hard, as usual, and competently. Chan remained as business manager until his untimely heart attack in 1984. He was buried at West Point.

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Chan, of course, will be missed by all but a short insight will amplify. Chan, like many of us, was a lover of little people and flowers. Almost every soldier he served with, and every shopkeeper in Metuchen remembers Chan for his concern for their welfare, aspirations, problems, and accomplishments. Any one who ever visited Chan and Anne's quarters in any part of the world will remember their gardens resplendent with flowers—especially daffodils. To those who visit his grave at West Point on Chan's birthday, they will find daffodils again. Chan will be ever loved and not forgotten by those who knew him.

Thomas Wilson Sharkey

NO. 12540 CLASS OF 1941

Died 7 October 1966 in Ferrisburg, Vermont, aged 47 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

THOMAS WILSON SHARKEY

THOMAS WILSON SHARKEY was born in Somerville, Massachusetts, a suburb of Boston, on 14 March 1919. He was the second son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Sharkey. His brother, James R. Sharkey, now lives in Wilton, New Hampshire.

From an early age Tom was strongly attracted to military service. Upon reaching the seventh grade in elementary school, Tom focused his sights on West Point. He was graduated from Medford High School in 1936 and matriculated at Norwich University the following September. During his freshman year he received an appointment to West Point and joined the Class of 1941 as a plebe on 1 July 1937. During his four years as a cadet Tom excelled in many sports, including hockey and baseball.

The personal attributes and characteristics that early developed in Tom are best illustrated by a quotation from a person closest to him during his cadet years:

"I will always remember Tom as a warm and true friend and roommate. During our days together we never had a harsh word—we meshed wonderfully as roomies. I think one of Tom's greatest attributes was his ability to adapt. He had a soothing influence on me, and I watched him settle into overall cadet life with ease. I am certain that it was this ability to adapt that enabled him to perform so admirably in the many and varied military situations he encountered during his Army career."

Upon graduation Tom was commissioned in the Coast Artillery Corps, but soon transferred to the Infantry. During World War II he saw service with the 89th Infantry Division for which he received two Bronze Star Medals and the Combat Infantryman's Badge. Following the war he was appointed assistant military attache at the US Embassy in Paris. After three years as attache he returned to the United States and was assigned to the Office of the US Army Assistant Chief of Staff Intelligence. He served in the Pentagon in the Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff until 1953 when he joined the joint American Military Mission for aid to Turkey.

Tom was a graduate of both the Armed Forces Staff College and the Army War College. He was a paratrooper and served with the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, North Carolina from 1954 through 1956.

Tom was then assigned to Headquarters, US Army Europe and shortly thereafter assumed command of the 1st Airborne Battle Group of the 187th Infantry. The group was one of the first Army units to arrive in Lebanon in July 1958 when American forces successfully brought a condition of peace to that now war-torn country. Under extraordinarily difficult conditions the troopers interposed themselves between the warring Lebanese factions and prevented the destruction of lives and property which has recently devastated this once beautiful land. Tom's forceful and energetic command of his troops led to a successful accomplishment of an unusual and difficult mission. On 22 July 1958 he was promoted in the field to full colonel.

Despite the immediate pressures on the commander of a complex military operation, Tom was well aware of the part that common humanity plays in great events. His favorite recollection of the Lebanese operation was a greeting given him as his parachute hit the ground by an urchin with a pack on his back yelling in broken English, "Ice cold Coke and Pepsi."

After his tour with the Airborne, Tom returned to the Pentagon where he served until his retirement from active service. Upon his retirement he joined the Simmonds Precision Products Corporation, Vergennes, Vermont, and was employed as manager of personnel.

On a dark rainy night in October 1966, Tom was driving alone on a country road in Vermont. He was sideswiped by a large trailer truck travelling in the opposite direction. His car veered off the road and struck a tree. Tom was instantly killed. As he had expressly requested, Tom is buried at West Point.

Tom leaves his former wife, Ruth Beaton Sharkey, and two sons, Thomas R. and Douglas.

Jack Lester Bogusch

NO. 12767 CLASS OF 1942

Died 6 March 1944 in Tubbergen, Holland, aged 23 years.

Interment: Gooch Cemetery, Mason, Texas

THE LASTING MEASURE of a man is not so much in what he did, but rather in how he conducted himself while he did it. Bogey was a part of our lives for less than six years, in the flesh, so to speak, but his memory

JACK LESTER BOGUSCH

has never left us. He came to West Point from a truly small town in West Texas. His childhood and boyhood were spent in learning to love life and his fellow man. The youngest of two sons, he was reared in an adult atmosphere; his acceptance of responsibility was taken for granted; the requirement to perform in one's best manner was deeply ingrained; honesty, loyalty and respect for other people, yet tolerance for their shortcomings, were taught to him along with good table manners, Texas history and love for our Lord.

Jack was the valedictorian of the 1937 graduating class of Sanderson, Texas High School, achieving a 94.34 grade average for all four years. He then attended the Schreiner Institute in Kerrville where he was elected to membership in Phi Theta Kappa, the Junior College National Scholarship Society which corresponds to Phi Beta Kappa in senior colleges. Because of his outstanding college record he was not required to take the mental examinations generally required for entrance to West Point. While attending high school he lettered in football, basketball and track and was very active in other school activities.

At West Point, Bogey put all these traits to good use. He did all his work better than necessary. He kept in good physical condition; he played, he loved, he respected and he tolerated. He was always ready to shoot a few baskets, stroke a couple of sets, paddle a canoe, swim a few laps, bone a little red comforter or help a less talented classmate with his lessons. We chose him to be our company representative on the Cadet Honor Committee.

His heart was really in the Cavalry, but the advance of technology in warfare and the existing world conditions made the lure of flying his prime career objective.

A relatively casual interest in the opposite sex was fanned into flame when he met Dorothy A. Vogeley of Jersey City, New Jersey, and they were married in the afternoon after graduation in the Chapel of Trinity Episcopal Church, New York City. Bogey's life was now completely full, and together they went through pilot training, loving every minute, each other and the Army Air Corps. In rather rapid succession they were posted to Ocala, Florida; Greenville, Mississippi; and he finally received his pilot wings at Lawrenceville, Illinois. Then followed further training as a four-engine pilot at Sebring, Florida; Boise, Idaho; Casper, Wyoming; back to Boise; then Orlando, Florida; Salt Lake City,

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Utah; Wendover, Utah; Tonopah, Nevada; and finally at Hamilton Field, California. It was there they had to part, as Bogey was going overseas to England.

His assignment to a B-24 crew and to a combat group in Europe represented to him the culmination of all his hopes and desires. He quickly rose to the position of operations officer of the 753rd Bomb Squadron of the 458th Bomb Group, Eighth Air Force, where he set an excellent example for his crews and flew as often as he could. On 6 March 1944, he flew as command pilot on a raid to Fleringen, Germany. On the bomb run his plane suffered extensive damage and one crew member was wounded so badly that bailout was not possible.

Realizing that his battle-damaged B-24 was not able to stay in the air lo· ; enough to get back to England, he ordered his crew to bail out. Bogey then sought to crash-land in an attempt to save the life of the critically wounded crew member and two other crewmen who refused to bail out. The attempt was not successful due to the lack of an adequate clear space and Bogey, along with his three crew members, perished in the ensuing crash into some trees. He was buried temporarily in the community cemetery of the small Dutch town of Tubbergen, Holland, and after the war his remains were returned to Mason, Texas for final interment.

He was survived by his wife Dorothy; his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Max Bogusch; and a brother Roy.

Greater love has no man than one who lays down his life for his friends. Well done, Bogey, be thou at peace.

His roommate, Slug

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Arvol Duane Allen

NO. 12815 CLASS OF 1942

Died 18 January 1951 at Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico, aged 33 years.

Interment: Rosecrans National Cemetery, Point Loma, California

ARVOL DUANE ALLEN

ARVOL (AFFECTIONATELY KNOWN as "Sheep" to his friends and classmates) was born 6 August 1917 in Draper, Utah to Earl Serenus and Mabel (Ennis) Allen. Arvol attended Jordan High School in Sandy, Utah from 1932 to 1935. Following high school, he joined the Army. He attended the Army West Point Preparatory School at Fort Scott from 1936 to 1937. In 1937 Arvol was honorably discharged for the purpose of entering West Point. He graduated 29 May 1942.

As a cadet, "Sheep" was very active in sports and though he had the potential of becoming a star man, he chose to devote much of his time to boxing and football. He won three letters in boxing and played two years on the "B" squad football team as an end.

Following graduation, Arvol was married to Emily Wysocki in St. Catherine's Church, Hillside, New Jersey on 30 May 1942. As an Infantry officer, Arvol was detailed to flight training in Corsicanna, Texas along with Ben Hill and Walter Dillon. Arvol shortly washed out and was sent to Ellington Field at Houston for pre-navigation flight training. The next step was Hondo, Texas for navigation flight training where he became a rated navigator in January 1943. Arvol remained at Hondo for about a year when he was assigned to the 72nd Bomb Squadron, 5th Bomb Group, Thirteenth Army Air Force, Southwest Pacific. During this tour of duty, Arvol was awarded the theatre ribbon and the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters.

Following his tour in the Southwest Pacific, Arvol was assigned to the Pentagon in June 1945. He was then briefly assigned to help close down the base at San Marcus, Texas, followed by a short tour at Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio, where he was put to work scanning captured war documents. Arvol applied for and was accepted at an Army sponsored guided missile course at the University of Michigan. He was graduated in the summer of 1947 with a master's degree in aeronautical engineering.

Arvol proceeded to Holloman Air Force Base, the Air Force guided missile range in New Mexico, where he assumed the duties as assistant chief of the data reduction division. While at Holloman, he entered into the social life of the base wholeheartedly. Being an amiable person, Arvol made friends easily and was always ready for a picnic at White Sands or a good party. He became somewhat of a sportsman, taking up hunting and fishing in his off duty time.

In the spring of 1950 Arvol was assigned to the Air Force Tactical School at Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida. He completed the course in the fall and returned to Holloman where he resumed his previous duties. Arvol died at Holloman in January 1951. He is sorely missed by his many friends.

Arvol is survived by his wife, Emily; two daughters, Nancy Laraine and Andrea; one grandson, Peter Michael Yocum, all of New York City; and three brothers, Ronald of Draper, Utah; W. Burton of San Diego, California; and Emery of Monteview, Idaho.

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John Remington Northrop

NO. 13396 CLASS OF JANUARY 1943

Died 4 August 1944 in France, aged 24 years.

Interment: Saint Mère Eglise Cemetery, Saint Mère Eglise, Normandy

JOHN REMINGTON NORTHROP—always known to us as Johnny—had his roots deep in upper New York state. Not only was he born in Watertown, but his aunt and uncle owned and operated a large farm in Sacketts Harbor. Here Johnny spent many summers, right across the street from what used to be called

JOHN REMINGTON NORTHROP

Madison Barracks, a Regular Army Field Artillery post. From those summers he became interested in the Army, and also met a future classmate whose father commanded the base. But Johnny also wanted the good education which West Point represented.

Appointments were tight in that period. None were available when Johnny graduated from high school in 1938. So, to triple his chances he enlisted in Company "A" of the 108th Infantry (National Guard) and moved down to Washington to join many other future classmates at "Beanie" Millard's Prep School. That did the trick, and in 1939 he entered from the National Guard. His only serious problem with academics came with calculus at yearling Christmas. A whole group of the class stayed at West Point for the first half of our first vacation since Beast Barracks. Coached by another classmate, they largely made it through. While mathematics was never his favorite subject, Johnny was never in serious trouble again, although pulling up class rank was not easy.

Athletically, plebe year he was on the gym team and ran cross country. As a yearling he again ran cross country and the 440 in track. Cow year he played for the goat football team. But his real love was skiing. For his whole cadet career he was totally involved with the Ski Club, becoming its president first class year. In those days there were no prepared slopes, no multiple ski lifts and no snow-making equipment. Belonging to the Ski Club meant being urged by Johnny to spend afternoons on the slopes collecting rocks by hand and lugging them off the hill. It is amazing that we were able to field a first rate ski team for intercollegiate competition. Johnny was elected captain of the team for our final year, but flight training and early graduation deprived West Point of his leadership in a sport to which he had contributed so much.

His other serious field, dovetailing with skiing, was first aid. Here again he anticipated the present West Point program which trains ski patrols for not only the West Point slope but for nearby commercial slopes as well. Our *Howitzer* mentions that the whole Corps benefited from his dedicated drive; actually all West Point has benefited from those early beginnings.

As the war came on, many of us were attracted to the social scene and excitement of New York City. It was there we spent our precious moments of spare time. In

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Johnny's case, during yearling summer, he met and was smitten with Eugénie Tuck of New York. Johnny knew almost at once, and his pursuit showed the same single-minded dedication as his life. Shortly after graduation their engagement was announced. Tucky's father had served as a British officer in World War I, and his sister married a Brit. Her home in England was later a place of quiet for Johnny before crossing to the continent in 1944. Tucky herself graduated from the Chapin School in 1941 and entered the lively New York scene by way of the Tuxedo Autumn Ball that year. After her engagement was announced, the wedding had to await a break in Johnny's flying schedule. Finally, in May of 1943, they were married in Beverly Hills, California. With national travel restrictions in effect, no one from the family could be there. Tucky was given away by that old-time tennis player, Frank Shields; the best man was a fellow pilot, Jack Weinert.

A hectic series of moves followed: Van Nuys and Hermosa Beach, California; and Olympia, Washington. There were many classmates in the 474th Fighter Bomber Group—McD, Rex Dettre, Eddie McGough, Jim Cobb. The wives of those who were married grew close as well. But departure for Europe came only too soon. Tucky and Johnny said their private farewell in Olympia in February of 1944. Tucky returned to New York and an apartment in Gramercy Park. On 23 May, Alexandra Remington Northrop (Sandy) was born. Johnny never saw his daughter, for by then he was in England. The home of Tucky's aunt in Hampshire provides one of the few material generational links. Those British guest books contain (at different occasions) the signatures of Tucky's parents, Johnny, and much later Tucky and Sandy. There are also signatures of other classmates who enjoyed the Hampshire hospitality during 1944.

In late May, about the time of Sandy's birth, Johnny was sent from the 429th Fighter Squadron to join the V Corps Air Support Party for the Normandy landings. Close air support was in its infancy, and it was essential to have skilled pilots with the ground troops for D-Day and beyond. Johnny did land in Normandy fairly early and was wounded by some shell fragments during the fighting. In the confusion of the beachhead expansion no official notice was taken of this, and it was not in Johnny's nature to ask. But all pilots prefer to be in the air, and he moved back to flying in early July with the 393rd Fighter Squadron. As the allied armies prepared for the breakout from Normandy there was plenty of flying action. But for Johnny the fateful flight came on 4 August, when he was killed in action. Johnny's father broke the news to Tucky at the farm at Sacketts Harbor, where she and her baby had moved. They stayed on in Watertown until the fall of 1945 when Tucky entered the University of Vermont.

It would be nice to be able to report that a grateful government had helped Tucky and Sandy. But a VA clerk in New York made an incorrect ruling that deprived Tucky of any support for the 21 years she brought up Johnny's daughter. About ten years ago the Army Mutual Aid Association, learning of the case, found a new law through which a part of the earned assistance was made available.

We have just passed the 40th anniversary of the end of the war in Europe. We need to pause and remember that the end came through the sacrifice of men like John Northrop. The Greeks used to say that only the good die young. The most impressive of Johnny's characteristics was the iron backbone which stood behind that "laid-back" exterior. Johnny's world was made up of blacks and whites in the best sense of those words: there was no room for compromise with principle. What he believed in, he never backed away from. His best qualities were his intense loyalty to family, friends and country, his contagious enthusiasm for life, and his love of people in general. Johnny delivered his best. He thought all people were good, and he expected the best from them. Had he lived, he would have been a tremendous asset to the Air Force, as he was to the Army Air Corps.

Johnny was awarded four Air Medals and the Purple Heart (posthumously), as well as several service medals and the Victory Medal. His wounds from Normandy were never recognized by a second Purple Heart. He lies in peace among his comrades in the beautiful cemetery at Saint Mère Eglise, not far from the scene of his Normandy service. He is survived by Tucky, by Sandy and by a granddaughter, Sean, now a student at Cornell. Of such service was the victory won, but such losses paid the cost.

E.T.B. & Classmates

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James Gregory Monihan, Jr.

NO. 14337 CLASS OF 1944

Died 12 May 1978 in Lake Tahoe, Nevada, aged 55 years.

Interment: Sunset Hills Memorial Park, Bellevue, Washington

JAMES GREGORY MONIHAN, JR.

JAMES GREGORY MONIHAN, Jr. was born in the Philippine Islands on 19 August 1922. The son of an Infantry officer, Jim accompanied his parents to the various stations that Infantry officers enjoyed during the years between the two World Wars, attended preparatory school in 1940–41, and entered the Academy from California in July 1941.

As a cadet, he was a member of a war-shortened class, spending only three years before being commissioned in the Air Corps. During those three years he was a member of Army's lacrosse team, playing goalie and earning class numerals, the monogram, and an "A" for his efforts. He began flight training at the end of yearling year and was graduated wearing his pilot's wings. Until the end of the war, Jim flew the four-engined B-24 Heavy Bomber and B-29 Very Heavy Bomber in various training assignments in the United States. In early 1946, with a host of his classmates, he went to the Pacific for a several year sojourn in the Philippines during which time he was transferred to the US Air Force when it was established in 1947. A stateside assignment to Barksdale Air Force Base was followed by his attending the Air Force Institute of Technology at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio. The Korean conflict erupted and in 1952 Jim was assigned to Randolph Air Force Base at San Antonio, Texas for a refresher course in the B-29 in preparation for another tour in the Pacific. Tragically, he contracted polio, and was retired as a major in 1954. Jim was able to get around on crutches from then on, sorely missing the flying and the golf that he loved so much.

Following graduation from USMA, Jim and Jeanne Reese, of Coleman, Texas, were married in the Catholic Chapel at Coleman. Over the years their children James G. III, Judy, Jody, Rita, and Michael were born, went to school, married, and had Jim and Jeanne's 7 grandchildren. He probably enjoyed both his children and their offspring more than do most people because of his inability to get around easily. He was often home with them and got his pleasure in watching them grow and do the things Jim could no longer do himself. After retirement he went to work in the aerospace industry, first, with the General Electric Company in Evendale, Ohio, and later in Seattle, Washington, with the Boeing Company. He was on a business trip for Boeing when stricken with a fatal heart attack.

Jim Monihan became an extremely skilled military systems analyst, enjoying an industry-wide reputation as one who was without peer at his specialty. The following was written by one of his industry associates: "During James G. Monihan's career in the aerospace industry, which covered the period from 1955 until his untimely death, he earned a reputation as one of the best informed and most articulate analysts in the field of military aircraft and propulsion systems. His views and opinions concerning future trends in military aircraft requirements were sought by industry planners and managers responsible for new aircraft design and development. Mr. Monihan's experience as an Air Force pilot combined with his broad background in industry, including his wide circle of professional contacts, served to uniquely qualify him as a foremost expert in projecting the future of military aviation. He will be sorely missed by his many friends and associates in the aerospace industry."

Notwithstanding this professional expertise, the thing that Jim's family and friends will remember most about him is that he was a happy person. A classmate wrote, among other things: "I don't know if there is anything in this note that you can use—but somewhere in your write-up you should, I think, mention Jim's personality. It might be trite to call it 'sunny' but it was, nevertheless, 'a bright personality the lad had'—and he was always able to make things a little less grim for those of us who knew him—however briefly."

Jim had a co-pilot on his B-24 crew who wrote: "Jim was always a forthright, honest, pleasant individual who commanded our re-

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spect and esteem. His confidence in me had much to do with shaping my Air Force career in later years. In summary, Jim was one of those rare individuals who made a lasting contribution to his associates."

A week after Jim died, a Seattle media commentator said this of him in his broadcast: "Last week a friend of mine died. His name was Jim Monihan; a West Pointer who became a bomber pilot in the Second World War, and spent the last thirty years of his life on crutches; not from injuries, but polio. He had a lot in common with both Jon Voight's paraplegic veteran, and Bruce Dern's gung ho Marine in COMING HOME. But Jim would have hated this movie; not for its anti-war stand—as I remember he thought Vietnam was a senseless waste of lives—but because the film has blatant Dr. Jekyl and Mr. Hyde stereotypes—the angelic veteran, and the unfeeling professional soldier—and passes them off as real people. Jim Monihan was a real handicapped veteran, and at heart a real professional soldier, but there's nothing of him here, or the thousands like him who went to war and came back to live solid, decent lives.

"But COMING HOME is most maddening in its treatment of Voight. The character refuses to be pitied, but the film demands that we pity him. He's shown overcoming his handicap by having an affair with a married woman and driving a fast car. My friend Jim Monihan overcame his handicap by being a good father to a large, happy family, and holding a responsible job. He also wasn't perfect, and that made him a lot more interesting than Voight. I suppose people should see COMING HOME, not for the pat answers it gives, but the valid questions it asks. But I wish more people could have met Jim Monihan too before he left town."

I do, too.

—His Classmate, EWG, II

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Gordon David Carpenter

NO. 18668 CLASS OF 1952

Died 2 October 1984 in Phoenix, Arizona, aged 55 years.

Interment: Arizona Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Phoenix, Arizona

GORDON DAVID CARPENTER, Lieutenant Colonel, US Army (Retired), born 30 November 1928, passed away at his home in Phoenix, Arizona on 2 October 1984.

Lieutenant Colonel Carpenter entered the Academy as a qualified competitor in 1948 after service in Marburg, Germany as an enlisted man. He graduated with the Sesquicentennial Class in June 1952 as Cadet Brigade Commander.

His military career spanned twenty-four years from 1946 until 1970, the year of his retirement. As a company grade officer, Colonel Carpenter served both in the Federal Republic of Germany and in Korea before being accepted for flight training. He was aviation staff officer, Seventh US Army in Germany (1965–66) and later served as plans, operations and training officer, 15th Aviation Group, US Army, Europe.

In the Republic of Viet Nam, "Gordo" served as operations officer of the 13th Aviation Battalion and later as commander of the 18th Aviation Company. He flew both fixed wing and rotary wing craft.

Lieutenant Colonel Carpenter was a grad-

GORDON DAVID CARPENTER

uate of the Command and General Staff College and later served as an instructor there.

Survivors include his wife Barbara of Phoenix and a brother Richard of Alpine, Arizona.

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Anthony Joseph Borrego

NO. 25766 CLASS OF 1965

Died 5 July 1967 in the Republic of South Vietnam, aged 25 years.

Interment: Holy Sepulcher Catholic Cemetery, Totowa, New Jersey

ANTHONY JOSEPH BORREGO

STEEPED IN RICH Italian heritage, Anthony Joseph Borrego died as he lived—a Catholic soldier in the service of others. Only son of Dominic and Maria, Tony fulfilled their dreams as he completed high school and college preparation, entered the Corps of Cadets, and took his oath as a lieutenant of Infantry.

In rapid succession Tony completed Fort Benning training, was posted to the Panama Canal Zone, joined his comrades in Vietnam a year later, and offered the ultimate sacrifice as he was killed in action while advising a Vietnamese Army unit—exactly six years from the day of his first pride-filled march to Trophy Point.

First Lieutenant Borrego is buried in the Holy Sepulcher Catholic Cemetery near West Paterson, New Jersey where he was born and raised. His parents, dying later, were laid to rest in the same plot. Before his death, Dominic Borrego participated in a bitter sweet ceremony naming West Paterson's Borrego Drive in honor of his son.

Tony's life, like his stature, was short and overflowing with capacious pride and joyful warmth. As a cadet his unconcealed pride in his heritage, his country, and West Point was evident in every endeavor from athletics to music. Tony, a good student, freely gave his time to assist others in their academic challenges. Accomplished in judo, he advanced to brown belt degree. He also sang in the Cadet Glee Club and the Catholic Chapel Choirs.

In describing his pervasive enthusiasm for life, a classmate recounted how "Tony's effervescent personality and indefatigable sense of humor made him the most loved runt in the Corps and a friend who would not be easily forgotten." Not forgotten are the enduring snapshots of shared hardships, victories, and accomplishments; of class rings and graduation farewells; of discoveries, new responsibilities, and compressed joy. Above all, not forgotten is a close friend who chose to live and give his life in the service of his country.

"Short days ago we lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow, loved and were loved. . . ." From "In Flanders Fields" by John McCrea.

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John Hulsey Hays

NO. 25858 CLASS OF 1965

Died 8 November 1968 near An Loc, South Vietnam, aged 25 years.

Interment: Lakeside Memorial Park, Winter Haven, Florida

"AS FOR DEATH, while it is inevitable it is not final. . . . I believe in God, the Father Almighty, and in Jesus Christ, His Son, our Lord. . . ."

Penning these words with characteristic maturity, John Hulsey Hays prepared a most fitting memorial only months before his untimely death. In word and in deed, in life and continuing in death, John exerted a profound influence on others. Life expected much of Johnny; he gave the ultimate.

John's leadership manifested itself through his unqualified concern for others and the gift of humility that he displayed early in life. At Winter Haven High School, which grants an annual scholarship in his honor, Johnny was elected both Student Council president and Florida State student governor. Also remembered are the times he returned to express thanks for the opportunities received and to assist others in their aspirations.

Cadet life was focused on preparing for a career in the Armor. Airborne and Ranger Schools were quickly followed with command of a troop in Germany (where he was recognized as the youngest, and most junior, tank commander in the Cavalry) and marriage to his college sweetheart Leslie.

Johnny's military career spiraled as he deployed to Vietnam, commanded a troop in the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment under Colonel George S. Patton, became recognized as one of the finest troop commanders in the regiment, and was many times decorated for heroism—including the Silver Star and

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John Hulsey Hays

the Purple Heart. One month before stateside reassignment and reunion with his wife and the daughter he had not yet seen, John accepted an urgent call to duty and rejoined his troops engaged in combat outside An Loc.

Captain Hays' valor (recounted in his Distinguished Service Cross citation and on his Fort Knox Memorial) included leading his platoons through enemy barrages of small arms, automatic weapons, and antitank rocket fire and being mortally wounded as he manned a machine gun against an attacking force. Johnny's leadership was characterized by concern for his men. A fellow soldier inspired this tribute: quiet, gentle, mature, compassionate of the men he led, he had a genuine understanding that makes the difference between a great leader and a merely efficient one.

"Regardless of what miracles you believe, regardless of what prayers you say, . . . Jesus is the force which guides you over the threshold of immortality."

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Boyd McCanna Harris

NO. 26524 CLASS OF 1966

Died 13 October 1983 in Denver, Colorado, aged 39 years.

Interment: Pontiac, Illinois

Life is never long enough. Death inevitably comes to us all, its timing dictated by forces beyond our understanding or control. And so, driven by the sense of our own human frailty, we not only exist but strive. Each in our own way seeks a unique legacy to mark our journey through life. Death is always tragic, but it is most tragic when it signals the end of a wasted or misspent life. In a sense, the only lasting victory comes from a life well-led, however long it may be in years.

Lieutenant Colonel Boyd M. Harris understood all this, and as a result lived each day with confidence, enthusiasm and joy. His death from cancer on 13 October 1983 deeply shocked and saddened us all. His life of 39 years was, by any measure, far too short. Taken from us was a devoted husband and father, a trusted and loyal classmate, a dear and cherished friend, a gifted and truly professional soldier.

But while we still grieve over his death, we also rejoice in his life. For in the relatively few years he had, Mac Harris did create a legacy, one that transcends his own life and will survive us all. His perceptive concepts of positive and caring leadership are now the official doctrine of the United States Army. His teachings have helped us recover from the shattering impact of Vietnam and are now shaping the Army that will protect America's freedom into the 21st century.

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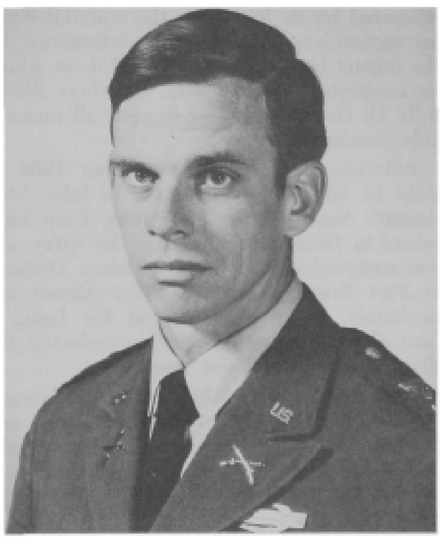
Born in Philadelphia on 20 September 1944 and raised in Pontiac, Illinois, Mac was the oldest son of Boyd T. and Jane Harris, each of whom he respected and loved profoundly. He entered the United States Military Academy on 2 July 1962 and graduated on 8 June 1966 as an Infantry second lieutenant. Those of us who shared those cadet years with Mac remember the unique traits that, fully developed, were later to serve him and the Army so well. The 1966 *Howitzer* alluded to a "devil-may-care attitude and love of adventure" and, at the same time, noted "gentle characteristics that we all respect." Strong and vigorous, yet understanding and compassionate—that was Mac Harris. He embraced the positive and rejected the negative within cadet life. His motivation was not hope for personal gain, but a desire to learn and ultimately to serve. He led not through coercion but by example.



Boyd McCanna Harris

Looking back with the wisdom of hindsight, I see that even then Mac, as a cadet, was teaching to us, his classmates, that an effective leader must first be a compassionate and honorable human being. During his 17 years of subsequent active duty, he continued to both lead and teach leadership—activities that he saw as inextricably linked and mutually reinforcing.

Following graduation and Ranger training, Mac Harris went to Vietnam, serving with distinction as a rifle platoon leader with the 9th Infantry Division in the Central Highlands. Thereafter, he rotated to Germany for a one-year assignment as Headquarters company commander, Central Army Group, NATO. Then, after Airborne School, it was back again to Vietnam in 1969 for duty as a company commander and subsequently as S1/S3 within the 11th Infantry Brigade of the 23rd Infantry Division (Americal). Awards of the Silver Star, Bronze Star (with two Oak Leaf Clusters), Purple Heart, ARCOM, and Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry stand as witness to his confidence and dedication.

Tempered and tested in the crucible of combat, Mac's leadership skills were then put to work at Fort Benning. After the Infantry Advanced Course, he stayed with the faculty as a leadership instructor, teaching in the Infantry School and attending the Center for Creative Leadership (Greensboro, North Carolina). From there and as preparation for assignment to West Point, Mac studied at the University of North Carolina, earning a master's in psychology and completing work towards a Ph.D.

While at graduate school, the most important event of his life (as he so often happily remarked) occurred—his marriage to Anne, his beloved wife, on 26 January 1974. No two people could have shared, as husband and wife, more than did they. Partners in the fullest sense, Mac and Anne truly enriched the Academy community during the 1975-78 period, when he served first as a tactical officer and then on the faculty of the Department of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership.

From West Point, Mac Harris went on to the 101st Airmobile Division (Fort Campbell) for assignments as the division inspector general and subsequently as operations officer and executive officer of the 501st Infantry Battalion. There, daughter Kathryn was born, a living testament to her parents' love. Next followed a posting in 1980 to Fort Leavenworth and the C&GSC, first as a student and then as one of the original faculty of the Center for Leadership and Ethics (now the Center for Army Leadership). It was in the latter capacity that Mac Harris was entrusted with authorship of Field Manual 22-100, *Military Leadership*—an assignment which proved to be a continuous test of both his professional perseverance and moral courage. It was that task, recognized by a Legion of Merit, which consumed his last two years of life. But, it was also that task which, now completed, lets his experience and knowledge live on as a beacon for those who follow.

As embodied in FM 22-100, the leadership philosophy of Mac Harris—like all great truths—is simple in its brilliance. As he saw it, the unchanging constant in battle is the human dimension: "Confidence, morale, courage, will to fight, the leadership required to inspire these qualities of the human spirit." As a result, success as a commander demands a thorough understanding both of self and those one seeks to lead. The ultimate objective is mastery of certain things that a competent leader must be, must know and must do. Knowledge of self and of human nature must be complemented by knowledge of one's job and unit. Actions must be shaped so as to provide direction, to implement and to motivate. Above all, a leader must be a model for his followers, one whose beliefs and values reflect and inspire integrity, candor and commitment.

Mac Harris truly embodied that which he taught. He was insatiable in efforts to improve his understanding of human behavior, and to enhance his personal counseling skills. He struggled to show that disciplined, cohesive military units are built by positive motivation, trust and mutual respect. He never lost sight of the fact that it is followers that make a leader. He epitomized, in all he did, his core belief that "honorable character is the moral fiber . . . something the troops sense . . . the most important part of leadership." Above all, he was dedicated to selfless service, putting his own needs secondary to those of the

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Army and his soldiers. In essence, he lived, reflecting his own postulate that as a leader, "You are not given authority, status and position as a personal reward. . . . You are given them so that you may be of greater service to your subordinates, your unit and your country."

The unpretentious man he was, Mac Harris would not have chosen, as did the legendary Alexander, a short but glorious life. In fact, he would have been embarrassed by such intimations of personal reward. Imbued with a lust for living, he would have chosen instead a long life as husband to Anne and father to Katy, and a career of selfless service. But, the choice was not his. Instead, to this honest and forthright man fell the task of articulating the leadership philosophy and doctrine for our future Army. Men are mortal and die; noble ideals and ideas are immortal. Mac Harris was a man of such ideals and ideas, and that is his legacy.

The legacy lives in each of us who learned from Mac in years past. It will be commemorated each May when, in the name of Boyd M. Harris, an award is given to the graduating West Point cadet who has most excelled in the study of military leadership. That legacy will also endure as thousands of soldiers in future years read FM 22-100, following Mac Harris so that they might lead others.

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More than two years have now passed since the death of Mac Harris. Time has now begun to temper our pain and grief. But, time will never diminish our pride in having known him, nor will it fill the emptiness that persists.

Mac, my friend: Rest, knowing that we miss you. Rest, knowing that our Army is better because of you. Rest, knowing that we who remain will carry on. Rest in peace, with our love.

Jim Gardner '66
LTC, USAR

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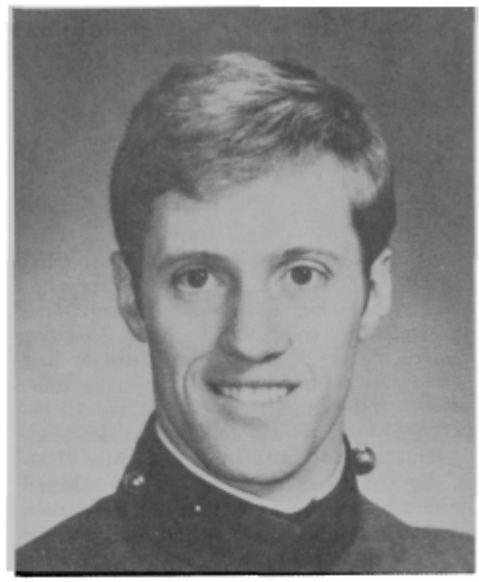
Billy Dean Hubbard, Jr.

NO. 38497 CLASS OF 1981

Died 23 July 1984 in the mountains near Dahlonega, Georgia, aged 27 years.

Interment: Shiloh National Cemetery, Shiloh, Tennessee



BILLY DEAN HUBBARD, JR.

THE QUALITY OF a man's life cannot be measured by its length or the material items he accumulates; rather, it is determined by the impact he has on the lives of those whom he encounters. In that vein, the short life of Billy D. Hubbard, Jr. far exceeds all measurable standards.

Bill was born on 14 November 1956 to Billy D. and Shirley Hubbard in Iuka, Mississippi. Shortly after graduating from high school in 1974, Bill enlisted in the Army and was assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Almost immediately, he was recognized for being a "cut above the rest," as he was selected the division's Soldier of the Year.

As a result of his early success, Bill learned of the opportunity to attend West Point and become an officer. Always one ready to take on the next challenge, Bill applied and was accepted to the United States Military Academy Preparatory School. Successfully completing the prep school, Bill received an appointment to attend the Academy as a member of the Class of 1981.

Bill nearly left West Point during his yearling year when a family crisis arose. As usual, Bill put the welfare of his family and friends before his own interests, and so, he felt it his responsibility to return home and provide for his family. Finally, though, officials at the Academy and friends were able to convince him that he could do himself and his family the most good by staying at West Point.

Not only did Bill remain at the Academy, but he quickly emerged as one of the finest leaders of his class. Bill's common sense attitude and good ol' boy personality attracted others to him. Officers, classmates, and underclassmen alike were taken by his charm and the personal warmth that pervaded him. It was because of these qualities that Bill was selected to head the first Camp Buckner detail of the summer and then the 3rd Regiment during the academic year.

When it came time for branch selection, Bill chose Aviation with Armor as his "carrier" branch. It was while he was at the Armor Basic Course that Bill met his wife-to-be, Debbie, who lived in Corinth, Mississippi, just a few miles from Bill's hometown of Iuka. Bill once said that he had traveled many places looking for the right woman, and ironically, he had found her just a few miles from home. They were married on 29 May 1982 as Bill was en route to flight school. Since Bill was headed for the 101st Airborne (Air Assualt) Division, he chose to fly OH-58s and be a cavalry scout. While at Fort Campbell, he quickly established himself as one of the finest pilots in the division. His experience and levelheadedness made others want to fly with him, because of their admiration and respect for his ability.

In July 1984, Bill was sent to Georgia on a routine training mission. It was there that the Class of 1981 lost one of its finest members.

Bill will always be remembered for his big grin and long, loping strides, but even more for his love of life and willingness to give to others. These qualities enamored him with all whom he came in contact with and greatly enriched our lives.

The Class of 1886

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but also for disposing of over 200,000 surplus animals after the war. Another classmate, Thomas Mott, who was Pershing's beast barracks roommate and his adjutant first class year, was Pershing's personal representative to Marshal Foch's headquarters.

Even though all members of the Class of 1886 cannot be mentioned here, all made significant contributions. Some, such as Seward Mott who was killed in 1887 during the Indian War, did not have the opportunity for long and distinguished careers. Others, many of whom are mentioned in this article, formed the backbone of the American forces during World War I, and the teamwork, camaraderie, professionalism, and dedication to duty that were spawned on the Plain at West Point over 100 years ago were instrumental in carrying the day on the fields of Europe.

Class of 1886, "We salute you."

Book Review

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increasing the tensions between organizational imperatives and higher ethical principles, between personal integrity and the demands of duty? This is perhaps the most insightful observation of the contemporary professional scene in the entire book. It will be the subject of considerable discussion among those who read this guide to becoming a professional officer.

Despite the omission of a separate chapter on the commander as leader and the reliance on several hard-to-find works, COL Nye has given us a path by which to pursue becoming a professional while helping others along the way. Every battalion and brigade commander should have a copy and should use it regularly. The book should be well stocked in bookstores at service schools and on PX newsstands throughout the Army. It belongs in every professional's kit bag. When asked "What should I read?," would-be mentors could find no better answer than "Start with this" as they hand over their own well-worn, dog-eared and carefully highlighted copies of *The Challenge of Command*.

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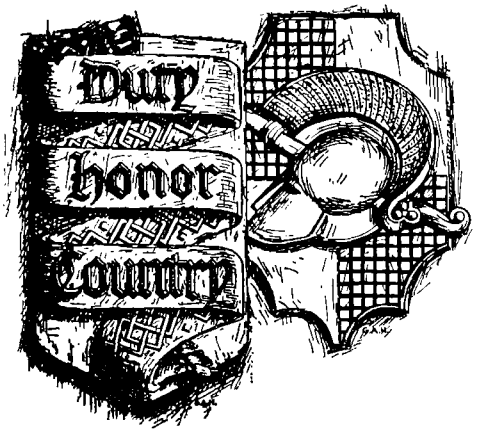

Last Roll Call

Reports of deaths of graduates and former cadets received since the publication of March 1986 ASSEMBLY.

Name	*Class*	*Date of Death*	*Place of Death*
Percival B. Banister	Nov-1918	14 May 1985	Prescott, Arizona
William P. Blair	Nov-1918	13 April 1986	Morrison, Colorado
Frederick B. Dodge, Jr.	1919	13 December 1984	Castine, Maine
Orville W. Martin	1919	17 March 1986	Madison, Wisconsin
Maurice W. Daniel	1920	8 February 1986	Sarasota, Florida
Edward C. Gillette	1920	14 March 1986	Nashville, Tennessee
John G. Howard	1920	29 January 1986	Monterey, California
Edward G. Farrand	1927	2 March 1986	Fort Hood, Texas
William H. Hunter	1927	2 March 1986	Hampton, Virginia
Truman H. Landon	1928	27 January 1986	San Antonio, Texas
Carroll H. Prunty	1928	23 January 1986	Colorado Springs, Colorado
Frederick H. Chaffee	1929	7 April 1986	Washington, DC
Roy G. Cuno	1929	19 March 1986	San Antonio, Texas
Roy E. Hattan	1929	25 February 1986	San Antonio, Texas
James B. Quill	1929	27 March 1986	Hilton Head Island, South Carolina
Norman R. Burnett	1930	8 June 1985	Wichita Falls, Texas
Louis T. Heath	1930	19 March 1986	Sierra Vista, Arizona
Wendell W. Bowman	1931	8 March 1986	Colorado Springs, Colorado
Joseph E. Gill	1932	31 January 1986	Falls Church, Virginia
M. L. Chuan Chuen Kambhu	1932	21 April 1986	Weston, Massachusetts
William G. Fritz	1933	31 January 1986	Orlando, Florida
William A. Harris	1933	5 March 1986	San Antonio, Texas
Harold L. Richey	1933	22 March 1986	Victoria, British Columbia, Canada
Franklin G. Rothwell	1933	5 April 1986	La Jolla, California
Jonathan O. Seaman	1934	18 February 1986	Charleston, South Carolina
Thomas A. O'Neil	1934	26 February 1986	San Francisco, California
John L. Throckmorton	1935	13 February 1986	Washington, DC
Wallace C. Barrett	1936	10 March 1986	Tallahassee, Florida
Wesley S. Calverley	1937	1 March 1975	Chipley, Florida
Eads G. Hardaway	1937	27 March 1986	Columbia, South Carolina
Whiteford C. Mauldin	1937	2 April 1986	Asheville, North Carolina
Melvin C. Brown	1938	19 March 1986	Clemson, South Carolina
Robert C. McBride	1938	11 March 1986	Paris, France
Eugene O. McDonald	1940	17 February 1986	Boynton Beach, Florida
Maurice E. Parker	1940	21 February 1986	Hilton Head Island, South Carolina
Howard W. Clark	1941	22 February 1986	Asheville, North Carolina
Charles F. Matheson	1941	14 April 1986	Punta Gorda, Florida
Charles E. Hardy	Jan-1943	1 February 1986	Palo Alto, California
Thomas A. Mesereau	Jan-1943	16 March 1986	Irvine, California
George T. Prior	Jan-1943	14 June 1980	Sacramento, California
Richard M. Winfield, Jr.	Jun-1943	12 February 1986	Springfield, Missouri
John B. Brady	1944	1 April 1986	Portsmouth, Virginia
Lindley C. Ellis	1944	3 April 1986	Stuart, Florida
Robert O. Harper	1944	14 February 1986	Spring Hill, Florida
Charles B. Rupert	1945	23 September 1985	Hillsborough, California
Samuel P. Davis, III	1946	18 March 1986	Little Rock, Arkansas
Harold G. deMoya	1946	1 April 1986	Columbia, South Carolina
Daniel M. Leininger	1946	9 August 1985	Jacksonville, Florida
Louis N. Roberts	1946	13 January 1986	Hollywood, Florida
Martin F. Zorn	1946	12 March 1986	New York, New York
Robert W. Short	1947	17 January 1986	San Jose, California
Robert P. Pfeil	1952	11 November 1985	Rochester, Minnesota
Leo C. Morton	1953	6 August 1985	Richmond, Virginia
William E. Murphy, III	1957	21 February 1986	Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania
Christian C. Thudium, Jr.	1959	4 April 1986	Helsinki, Finland
Joe E. Williams	1959	12 March 1986	Munich, Germany
Joseph J. Bobula	1960	11 November 1985	Derry, Pennsylvania
William J. Skinner	1960	27 January 1986	Cane Valley, West Virginia

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