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Dear Graduates and Friends of West Point:

In a late July change of command on The Plain—that most memory-laden of ceremonial sites—the colors of the United States Military Academy passed from Willard Scott to me.

It was a special moment. The Superintendency of West Point is not merely another assignment — it is a trust. My foremost emotions were a sense of humbleness at being designated to serve in this capacity and a compelling eagerness to begin. It is good to be back.

Many of you—past superintendents, recent grads, friends of the Academy, old grads—have contacted me to express your best wishes and to tender guidance. Not long after the appointment was announced, one of our very recent graduates offered her congratulations. I asked if she had any advice. Looking me straight in the eye, she said, "Yes sir. Some people are always running down the cadets. I don't know why. You should remember that they are fine young Americans." She is right, and that is sound advice. The depth of feeling for our Alma Mater is heartening to a new supe. Your gracious words are sincerely appreciated, and your thoughts will always be well received, for West Point belongs to every graduate, to every person wearing Army green, to every American who cherishes the enduring values of Duty, Honor, Country. Your prayers, too, will be welcome.

Later letters in this space will serve to update you on programs and events; let me simply share in this first one my strongest initial impression. It is that the Academy has passed through an historic transformation and stands poised to take the course it will follow into the twenty-first century.

That transformation has been profound. This is not the West Point of my cadet days in the '50s. Nor of my instructor time in the '60s. The changes are remarkable. Many are starkly visible, and one sees them at every glance: facilities, the size of the Corps, women. . . . Others are more subtle, but just as significant: attitudes, the curriculum, regulations. . . . Like our country itself, USMA suffered through turbulent years beginning in the late '60s and lasting through the '70s, troubled times that sapped spirit and drained confidence and challenged verities. Fortunately, again in step with the nation, the Academy seems to have emerged in the '80s spirited, proud, and purposeful, with threads of continuity still intact. That it has done so is testimony to the resilience of the institution itself and to the vision and leadership of those dedicated men and women assigned here during that trying period.

At the top of the list of those stalwarts is Lieutenant General Willard Scott. Our 52d Superintendent has earned the lasting gratitude of every member of the Long Gray Line. During his sparkling stewardship, stability reemerged as a measure of affairs at the Academy and a vision of the future again became possible. What's more, a winning tradition returned to the Hudson Highlands! His close rapport with graduates who were cadets under him is unmatched, solid evidence of his positive impact on that entire cohort of our Army's leadership. On behalf of all graduates and friends of USMA, Lu and I wish Scotty and Dusty the very best of everything in their new pursuits, and proclaim earnestly, "well done."

It is much too soon for me to be able to say where the Academy seems headed, although it just makes sense to anticipate that a large measure of continuity is called for. In that regard, immediately at hand is the imperative of sustaining the resounding successes of the past two football seasons. Everyone here is primed to make that happen. It bodes to be an exciting autumn!

Dave R. Palmer
Lieutenant General, U.S. Army
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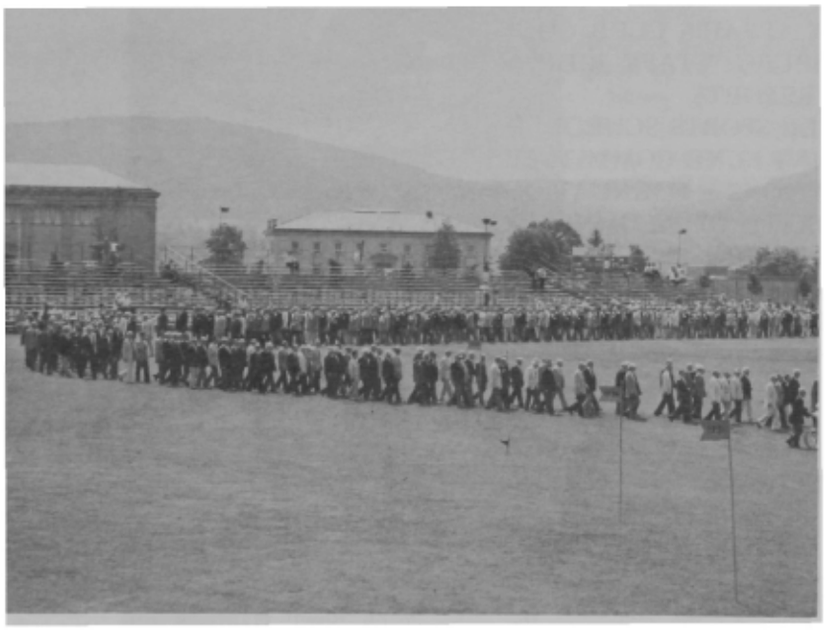
REUNION 1986

ABOUT 600 graduates returned to West Point from 21-24 May for class reunions. The only four classes represented were 1926, 1931, 1936 and 1946. The class of 1946, with almost 400 returnees, had the largest contingent to ever attend a graduation week reunion. The oldest graduate present was LTG Arthur G. Trudeau '24 who led the march across The Plain to the Thayer Monument.



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1931

THE 50 of us who came from far and wide to reunite, acclaim this 55th Anniversary our very best. Our ladies and heirs making the party an even 100 enthusiastically agree. The highlight was the glowing spirit of good fellowship that set the tone for three memorable days. And memories of "way back when" we shared. The nostalgic was balanced by our wonderment at the marvels of such new facilities as the sports complex and Eisenhower Hall. And there was never a fear of running late on a formation or failing to return to quarters at day's end, thanks to the alert, patient guidance provided by our escorts, MAJ Kurt Weiland, MAJ Joyce O'Neal, and CPT Iris Bulls. Yes, changes since yesteryear abound. Voices at pitches we could never have contemplated we now heard blending beautifully in the choir. It is still the same "Alma Mater" and "The Corps" that thrilled us then and that thrill us now.

Benny Krueger

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"ON gathering day at Thayer Inn,
so little future left, we take delight
in the happy past, now half a century gone,
when we were apple-cheeked cadets
waltzing our glamour-femmes across
the glistening floor of Cullum Hall
while history peered down at us
from gold-framed portraits:
Sylvanus Thayer, U. S. Grant, Robert E. Lee.
In touch with history now, we see
a ramrod figure—John J. Pershing, 1886,
General of the Armies, back for *his* 50th
in 1936, handing us our diplomas,
calling each graduate by name.

"Reunion Chairman Ken Dawalt next day
assembles us with martial airs, with vocal harmony—
the Pipes and Drums, the Glee Club of The Corps—
around the Soldier Statue, our legacy (along with '35)
to future members of The Long Gray Line.
Class President Westmoreland honors those who led
and taught us as cadets, reminds us of tradition,
exemplified by classmates gone to join that
'ghostly assemblage, the men of The Corps long dead'—
Westy presents the General of the Armies' grandson,
Jack Pershing, in green beret to wish us well,
make us aware of Army continuity since 1886.
Bruce Palmer's reminiscences, like those
of 'Benny Havens, Oh!' add humor, pathos.
"On third day we rise again
along with gray enchantresses,
close ranks out on The Plain to watch
the men and women of The Corps—
today's Corps—march by, saluting us
and all who have gone before.

"Once more we are young."

Dunn '36

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1936

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1946

THE 40th is marked by the red ruby, the rarest and, when large, the most valuable. USMA '46 once again presented the largest assemblage for a reunion, truly earning the Red Ruby it deserves. We also outdid our roll call for the 35th. Suffice to say we needed the facilities of four motels to take care of our housing needs.

From opening night to closing the events proved enjoyable, nostalgic and decorous. The Memorial Service, held at the dedication of the Cadet Park, a gift from the Class, paid tribute to our deceased classmates and proved the most solemn event of the reunion. We can be proud '46 that we have served our country well in time

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of need, albeit 40 years ago we could not conceive of the stress our country would undergo. We are now retired from military service so enjoy our reminiscences and as the strains of "Army Blue," "Benny Havens" and the "Alma Mater" fade into the distance of 1986, we can look forward to yet another wonderful reunion in 1991.

France

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GRADUATION 1986

"COURAGE NEVER QUITS—'86"

Photos by Mark Cole

THE Class of 1986, 973 strong, graduated 28 May in Michie Stadium with more than 20,000 spectators witnessing the event. The Class consisted of 881 men and 92 women. Eighty of the graduates are Black Americans, 29 Hispanic Americans, 26 Asian Americans, three Native Americans and two foreign cadets (one from the Philippines and one from Costa Rica). Another 17 cadets graduated in June; it is expected that three more will graduate in August, and 14 in December 1986.

The cadet with the highest class standing, Michael R. Pompeo from Santa Ana, CA, won three awards. Cadet Mark W. Thompson had the second highest class standing. The first female cadet to graduate in the class was Linda Fetko, ninth in class standing.

Almost 50% of the graduates will be stationed in the continental United States, Alaska or Hawaii, with about one-third assigned to Europe. More than 80 percent of the total class was assigned to combat arms branches.

Secretary of Defense Caspar W. Weinberger was the graduation speaker and presented diplomas to the distinguished cadets.

Mr. Weinberger is a native Californian, born and raised in San Francisco. Educated at Harvard, he received his A.B. degree, magna cum laude, in 1938 and was a member of Phi Beta Kappa. He graduated from the Harvard Law School in 1941.

During World War II, he enlisted in the US Army and advanced in rank from private to captain. He saw action in the South Pacific with the 41st Infantry Division and later served on the intelligence staff of General Douglas MacArthur.

Following the war, Mr. Weinberger returned to California and entered private law practice. He served three consecutive terms in the California State Assembly, and in 1955 was named the "most able member of the State Legislature" in a poll of California journalists covering the legislature.

In 1969, California Governor Ronald Reagan named him Chairman of the Commission on California State Government Organization and Economy. In 1970 Governor Reagan appointed him to be State Director of Finance.

At the Federal level, Mr. Weinberger has distinguished himself in a number of responsible positions. He has served as Chairman of the Federal Trade Commission (1969-1970); as Deputy Director and, succeeding George Shultz, as Director of the Office of Management and Budget (1970-1972); and as Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare (1973-1975). He assumed his present responsibilities as Secretary of Defense in January 1981.

Mr. Weinberger is married to the former Jane Dalton. They have two children, a son and a daughter.

The highlights of Mr. Weinberger's address included the following remarks:

"I am honored by the opportunity to address this West Point Class of 1986 Graduation. Honored, and perhaps I am a little unnerved as well. There is something about this hallowed place, and this ceremony, that shows one just how far one's reach can sometimes exceed his grasp. Here I find myself longing to impart some new and undiscovered truth. Here I find myself longing to attempt, in Milton's words, 'Things unattempted yet in prose or rhyme.'

"But if West Point inspires such an ambition, it also rebukes it. For West Point is a monument not to *new* truths, but to *abiding* truths; not to things *unattempted*, but to things *already attained*. The solemn oath you will take today to become commissioned officers is a *promise* to serve *those truths* and *preserve those attainments*. In taking that oath, you will enter into a *covenant that stretches across the centuries*: a covenant with the generations who won the freedom that is now our birthright as Americans, and also a cove-

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nant with the generations who will, God willing, someday inherit that freedom from you.

"You will not enter into this covenant alone. All across America, thousands of young men and women are about to enter a new life as soldiers in the Army. In several months you will meet them. I hope you are excited by that prospect. I know I am excited by the talent and dedication of today's young recruits, and by their

BRANCH ASSIGNMENTS
CLASS OF 1986
(May & June graduates only)

*Branch**	*Male*	*Female*	*Total*
Infantry	228	0	228
Field Artillery	179	7	186
Armor	128	1	129
Engineers	95	6	101
Air Defense Artillery	61	7	68
Military Intelligence	32	7	39
Signal Corps	21	8	29
Ordnance	15	10	25
Transportation	7	11	18
Aviation	90	11	101
Quartermaster	10	9	19
Military Police	8	10	18
Chemical	4	5	9
Medical Service	16	2	18
TOTALS	894	94	988

* Branch figures do not include unassigned or foreign cadets or expected August and December graduates.

TOP TEN CADETS TO GRADUATE

Michael Richard Pompeo	Santa Ana, CA
Mark William Thompson	Riverview, MI
Gregory Paul Fitzharris	Gainesville, FL
Thomas Ulrich Brechbuhl	Garden City, NY
Timothy Howard Steele	Fullerton, CA
Jeffrey Alan Hanko	Madison, WI
Paul Christopher Marks	Portland, OR
Timothy Alan Knight	Massillon, OH
Linda L. Fetko	Atlanta, GA
Lawrence Robert Oliver	Merrillville, IN

Class of 1986

GRADUATION EXERCISES

Wednesday, 28 May 1986

10:00 A.M.

Program

Call To Attention	Lieutenant Colonel Lawrence T. Daly *Adjutant General*
The National Anthem	USMA Band
Invocation	The Reverend James J. Tubridy *Catholic Chaplain*
Remarks by the Superintendent and Introduction of Speaker	Lieutenant General Willard W. Scott, Jr.
Graduation Address	Honorable Caspar W. Weinberger *Secretary of Defense*
"The Corps"	Combined Chapel Choirs
Presentation of Diplomas	Honorable Caspar W. Weinberger Lieutenant General Willard W. Scott, Jr. *Superintendent* Brigadier General Roy K. Flint *Dean of the Academic Board* Brigadier General Peter J. Boylan *Commandant of Cadets*
Administration of the Oath of Office	Lieutenant General Willard W. Scott, Jr. *Superintendent*
"Alma Mater"	The Corps of Cadets
Benediction	The Reverend Richard P. Camp, Jr. *Chaplain, USMA*

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pride in a uniform and service to which pride has indeed been restored.

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"Four years ago, you made a similar choice. Today, in taking your oath and becoming officers of the United States Army, you will reaffirm that choice. But today you will do more than just accept authority. Today, you will assume it.

"In the *Old Testament* book of Judges, there is a sentence that for me sums up what it means to assume authority. It comes in the story of Gideon, a leader who won a great victory with just 300 men, a daring plan, and, of course, divine help for a righteous cause. As his army descended upon the camp of the Midianites, Gideon turned to his troops, 'and he said unto them, look on me, and do likewise.'

"*Look on me, and do likewise.* The modern day equivalent of that happens to be the motto of the Infantry school: 'Follow me.' Let us look back through history. The tales of military valor that still capture our imagination are the tales of leaders who performed such extraordinary feats, with such extraordinary courage and character, that those who looked on them could hardly help but do likewise. Horatius stood alone on the bridge over the river Tiber, and rallied the defenders of Rome. General Thomas Jackson, at the battle of Bull Run, stood 'like a stone wall' and rallied the Virginians. Colonel Theodore Roosevelt called out to his frightened soldiers, 'Are you afraid to stand up when I am on horseback?' and they followed him up San Juan Hill.

"Most of you may never face such a test of your authority. Indeed, I hope none of you ever faces the terrible test of war that you will prepare your entire career to meet. And because you and all our military are vastly better prepared, we think the chances that you may be tested by combat are greatly lessened. But all of you will face, and very soon, men and women for whom authority is no longer just a concept. For them, authority will acquire a name, a voice, a character: and it will be your own.

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"I would not presume to offer you some formula for establishing . . . authority over your soldiers even though I have a half-century or so head start on today's graduates. About half of those fifty years have been spent in government service. I have had the opportunity to observe some men and women wield authority with great success, others with little or none. But from this experience, one thing at least I have learned: there are as many styles of leadership as there are men and women before me today. At the heart of true authority—that special alchemy between the leader and the led—is surely trust. And that trust will come only if those under your authority believe you are true, not just to them, but also to yourselves. There is room in this world for leaders of all different temperaments, for leaders of many different talents. Indeed, there is a crying need for leaders of all kinds. But I think there are fundamental qualities of leadership that *transcend* personality. These are qualities in leaders that, taken together, produce authority. These are qualities that cause others to look on them, and do likewise.

"The first quality is commitment to *service*.

"Because we have made 'service' into a synonym for the Armed Forces, the word is in danger of losing its meaning for us. We could instead use the word 'servant.' A servant, by definition, is one who has accepted a master. In our democracy, a public servant is one who has accepted that mighty and noble, fickle and unpredictable master: the people of the United States.

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"You will offer your service, of course, not just to your government, but even more to your soldiers. Remember the great paradox—that those who would be first must be last. For those who would establish authority, you will find that paradox is often true. You will be the last to leave; the last to rest; the last to seek succor. I think of General Sir Harold Alexander, the commander of the British Expeditionary Force in France in 1940. He refused to leave Dunkirk until he had personally driven across the beach, dodging showers of bullets and shouting through a megaphone, 'Is anyone there? Is anyone there?' Hearing no answer, he left at last. No rear guard, to be sacrificed to the enemy, protected him. He thus established a pattern of sacrifice and service that British troops would carry with them for five long years of war. They looked on him, and did likewise.

"A second quality of leadership I will call, for lack of a better word, *self-command*. As General MacArthur said to the Corps of Cadets in his justly famous farewell address here twenty-four years ago, you must 'master yourself before you seek to master others.' It will be your duty as officers to inspire the soldiers under your command to rise above their natural instincts, even the instinct to preserve themselves in the face of danger. If they are to look on you do likewise, you must first have asked this of yourself.

"Here at West Point the ideal of self-command, like the Honor Code that flows from it, finds a ready welcome. But you will find it is not everywhere so generously received. Here *you* have learned to discipline your instincts, to control your emotions, to measure carefully your words and deeds. But today you will once again find yourselves in a world where all of these emotions, and self-indulgence and instant gratification, all too often are given free rein. I hope you can stand by *your* code. It is a better one than most of us ever encounter.

"But remember, too, that just as courage is not the same as fearlessness, so self-command is not the same as bloodless, passionless calm. You can be a devoted servant of the nation, a dedicated master of yourself; but without the third leadership quality of *enthusiasm,* you will still not inspire those who look on you to do likewise.

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". . . I do not mean enthusiasm for war: if anything marks out the professional soldier, it is the hatred of death and destruction, all too intimately known. The people who hate wars most are those who fought in war. But I do mean enthusiasm for service, for soldiering, for the human virtues that reach their pinnacle only when human beings are put to the greatest test—only when, in the words of Teddy Roosevelt, 'the wolf rises in the heart.'

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"Still, to say that the men and women under your authority will look for your commitment to service, for your self-command, for your enthusiasm, is to beg a question. The real question is service to what end, self-command to what purpose, enthusiasm for what cause?

"To these questions West Point offers this answer: Duty, Honor, Country.

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"In your oath as commissioned officers, the word 'faith' appears twice. You swear to bear 'true faith and allegiance' to the constitution of the United States. And you swear that you will 'well and faithfully' discharge your responsibilities as officers of the United States.

"Here at West Point you have been trained, not just to be soldiers, but to be guardians of a faith. Here, duty has found expression in the lives of each of you and the officers who guided you. Here, *honor* has become a name, or many names. And here, *country* has become the sum of the dreams of men and women from every state in the union, bound together by a common vision of what is good.

"And now this quality of faith is *yours* to impart, to thousands of young men and women whom you have never met, and perhaps never will—but whose lives *you* will surely change, for good or for ill. For many of these young soldiers, those *abstract* concepts of Duty, Honor, Country, will find their *concrete* form in you. Your soldiers will look on you, and do likewise."

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This graduation ceremony marked the end of LTG Willard W. Scott, Jr.'s tenure after five years as West Point's Superintendent. At one point in the ceremony, LTG Scott directed the cadets to face their families and provide a round of applause in appreciation of all their support in helping obtain the cadets' success and in shaping their future military careers. "Take care of your soldiers and in return they will take care of you," Scott said in closing words of advice before the class was officially dismissed.

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LIEUTENANT GENERAL DAVE R. PALMER

53rd Superintendent, U. S. Military Academy

In July 1986, Lieutenant General Dave R. Palmer became the 53rd Superintendent of the U.S. Military Academy, West Point.

Born in Ada, Oklahoma, on 31 May 1934, Palmer grew up in New York and Texas. Upon graduation in 1956 from the U.S. Military Academy with a Bachelor of Science degree, he was commissioned in the Armor branch. He also holds a Master's degree in History from Duke University and is a graduate of the Army War College.

Palmer commanded the 1st Armored Division in Germany, an armored brigade at Fort Hood, Texas, and a tank battalion in Germany. He also was Assistant Division Commander of the 8th Infantry Division in Germany, and held a variety of other tactical duties. He twice served in Vietnam.

Pentagon positions included Deputy Director of Political-Military Affairs, Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Chief of the Congressional Activities Team in the Office of the Chief of Staff of the Army.

General Palmer's previous academic assignments included Deputy Commandant of the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, instructor and assistant professor at West Point and adviser to the Vietnamese National Military Academy. He is the author of three books: *Summons of the Trumpet, The Way of the Fox* and *The River and the Rock.*

Among General Palmer's military awards are the Distinguished Service Medal, the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star and the Air Medal.

He is married to the former LuDelia (Lu) Clemmer; they have two children, Allison and Kersten, who live in Texas.

RECENT MAJOR DUTY ASSIGNMENTS

From	To	Assignment
Sep 69	Mar 71	Commander, 2nd Battalion, 33rd Armor, 3rd Armored Division, Europe
Jun 71	May 72	Staff Adviser, Vietnamese National Military Academy, Service Schools Division, Training Directorate, U.S. Military Assistance Command, Vietnam
Aug 72	Jun 73	Student, U.S. Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, PA.
Jul 73	Jun 76	Senior Staff Officer, Office of the Chief of Staff of the Army, Washington, DC
Jul 76	Feb 78	Commander, 1st Brigade, 2nd Armored Division, Fort Hood, TX
Feb 78	Jun 79	Asst. Chief of Staff, G3 and Director of Plans and Training, III Corps and Fort Hood, TX
Jun 79	Jul 81	Asst. Deputy Director and Deputy Director of Political-Military Affairs, Plans and Policy Directorate, J-5, Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Washington, DC
Jul 81	Aug 83	Asst. Division Commander, 8th Infantry Division (Mechanized), Europe
Aug 83	Jun 85	Deputy Commandant, Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, KS
Jun 85	Jul 86	Commanding General, 1st Armored Division, Europe

U.S. DECORATIONS AND AWARDS

Distinguished Service Medal
Defense Superior Service Medal
Legion of Merit (with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters)
Bronze Star Medal (with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters)
Meritorious Service Medal
Air Medal
Army Commendation Medal (with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters)
Combat Infantryman Badge
Parachutist Badge
Ranger Tab
General Staff Identification Badge

MILITARY SCHOOLS ATTENDED

The Armor School, Basic Course
The Field Artillery School, Advanced Course
U.S. Army Command and General Staff College
U.S. Army War College

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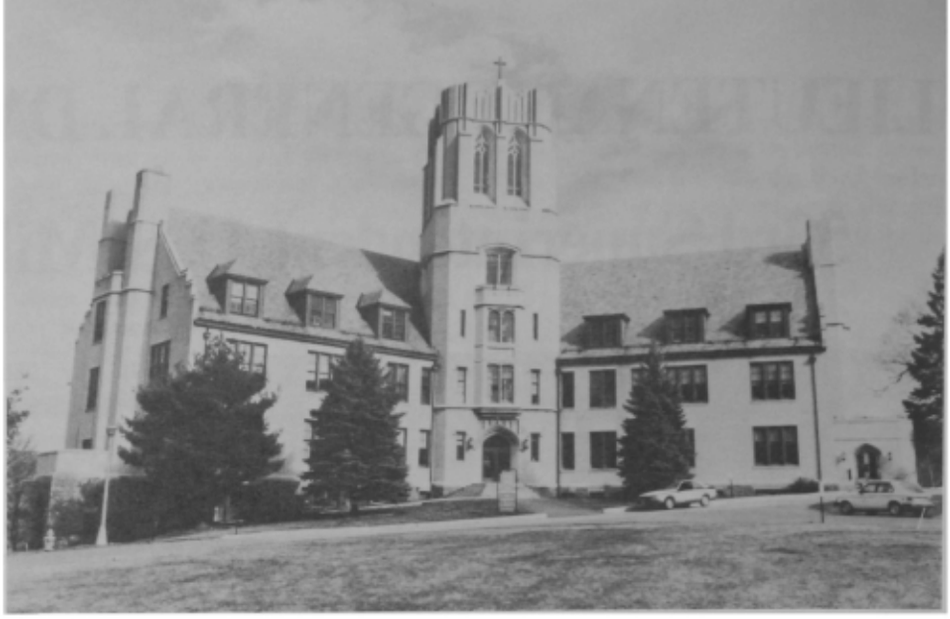
OLMSTED HALL DEDICATION



The Class of '21-'22 at the dedication: Olmsted, McClure, the Johnstons, Cary, the Lawtons and Haas

General and Mrs. Olmsted with the Olmsted Scholars presently on the faculty: MAJ Dewald, MAJ Lovejoy, COL Giordano, CPT Keene, CPT Morgan, and COL Prince

ON 8 May 1986 a ceremony was held at West Point that gave a new name to a major Academy building and at the same time served as the kickoff whistle for the long-awaited project to develop first-class facilities for the West Point Museum on New South Post. "Olmsted Hall" is the name assigned to the future museum, and it was unveiled at a dedication attended by Major General George H. Olmsted '22, USAR (Ret), Mrs. Olmsted, and a number of distinguished visitors.

The name Olmsted Hall was approved by Secretary of the Army John O. Marsh, Jr., on the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Trustees of the Association of Graduates. It recognizes the generous gift made by General Olmsted through the George and Carol Olmsted Foundation, which is being used to create the new museum. Old grads will recall the structure as the most prominent building, with its gothic tower, on the former Ladycliff College campus.

The ceremony was preceded by the playing of "The General Olmsted March" by the U. S. Military Academy Band. The march was written by Ambassador J. William Middendorf, II, formerly Secretary of the Navy and currently serving in Brussels. General Michael S. Davison '39, President of the Association of Graduates, presided and opened his remarks by introducing some distinguished guests. These included five of Olmsted's classmates, Cary '21, Haas '22, Johnston '21, Lawton '22, and McClure '22, and four Olmsted Foundation directors, including Mrs. Carol

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The signal for the unveiling is given

Generals Davison, Olmsted and Scott in front of Olmsted Hall

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PRESIDENT'S NEWSLETTER

ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATES, USMA, WEST POINT, N. Y., SEPT., 1986

MICHAEL S. DAVISON

A Personal Message . . .

From The President

IN my message to you last September, I reported that the Association of Graduates seemed to be on the right course toward our goal of increased graduate support for the Military Academy through our West Point societies. I reported further that we had built on our earlier progress in positioning the Association to serve as a catalyst in creating increased graduates' and friends' support. During the past two years, I have visited and spoken to some 20 West Point societies; I've spoken directly with Association of Graduates Trustees and committee members from all across the country, and I've reviewed the final report of our Association's Societies Activities Committee which has studied the issue of how our graduate body, acting through societies, can provide that increased support.

I am delighted to be able to report to you that we are now considerably further along on our course than we were a year ago. We are in closer communication with our societies. We have sharply increased the frequency and number of our distributions to societies of information about West Point. We have increased the headquarters administrative staff in support of our society initiatives, and we have included funds for our societies program in our 1987-1991 Five Year Program. Perhaps most importantly, with the completion of our Societies Activities Committee study, we now have for evaluation by the Executive Committee and subsequent consideration by the Board of Trustees a set of firm proposals. It is important to note that these proposals contain input from the West Point societies themselves. I expect that the result of the Board's consideration will be the formal adoption of a major new Association program, with staff and budget, which will for the first time bring our societies and, through them, their members, into a partnership with the Association in our support for the Academy. I expect to announce that program in the December 1986 ASSEMBLY.

Whatever the details may be of the societies program as it is approved, its success will depend in a major way upon its acceptance and endorsement by you—our graduates—and by those graduates who hold society offices. The Academy needs our support and I urge each of you to give that support to your local society and to volunteer your service in whatever way you feel best able to help. The Association's societies program will need the active and enthusiastic participation of society members and society leadership. West Point will benefit greatly from this participation.

In this connection, I want to emphasize the importance of active and interested leadership of our societies—leadership which is interested in what is happening at West Point and how graduates can interact with the Association in achieving our goal—leadership which recognizes the importance of our graduates working with and within the Academy's admissions program—leadership which is interested in getting information about West Point and using that information within the society and the local community—leadership which seeks ways through community related activities to reflect West Point and its values in local communities across the country.

As we add to this important new program during the coming year, the problem of adequate operating space for the Association's staff, which I mentioned a year ago, becomes even more critical. Within the past year, of necessity we have converted an old Cullum Hall bath facility to office space; increasingly, the halls are being used for filing cabinets and working space. Our plan of last year to participate with the Academy in a joint project of renovation/rehabilitation of Cullum Hall and the Officer's Club remains our objective; we must recognize, however, that in this period of federal budget reductions, Academy participation in the project may be either postponed or even eliminated, while the Association's need for improved headquarters space only increases. During the coming year, I hope that there may be a resolution of the issues relating to this project so that the project can proceed and I can report next year that it is on track. In the meantime, we have established a building fund and are adding to it as the budget process permits.

We are continuing our well established programs and activities in support of the Military Academy—publications (ASSEMBLY and REGISTER OF GRADUATES), fund raising, Gift Shop, and admissions support, including our West Point Preparatory Scholarship Program. I ask for your continued support of these activities.

As the Association looks ahead to the last years of this century, we can expect our role in relation to the Military Academy to become increasingly important. The years are past when we could look upon ourselves, our classes and our societies solely as fraternal and social organizations, meeting occasionally to remember cadet days and past service. We *will continue* to meet, renew our friendships and remember the past. But, we must also *do* those things that are needed to help the Academy today and in the future. I urge you both directly and through your classes and West Point societies to join in that challenge. West Point needs you.

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Association of Graduates Information Program

The Information Committee of the Association of Graduates spent a busy year giving attention to its two major responsibilities: the Society Information Program and overwatch of the Association's publications.

During the past nine months the Association's Information staff has provided each West Point society with pamphlets, news clippings, periodicals, and other material to bring members current on activities and programs at West Point. Societies have named information coordinators.

There presently are 77 West Point societies; 10 additional societies are being organized. Individuals working to form new West Point societies, or to expand existing societies, have received printouts of graduates in their areas and a pamphlet on how to organize a new society.

Each society received schedules of planned Cadet team/club trips and a listing of cadet activities' OICs. Several societies supported very successful and rewarding cadet activities in their areas, to include visits by cadets to local schools and other youth activities.

During the period November 1985–April 1986 the President of the Association visited and spoke to West Point societies in Austin, San Antonio, Boston, Denver, Oklahoma City, St. Louis, Kansas City, Atlanta, Satellite Beach (FL), Orange County (CA), and Tampa.

We are encouraged and pleased to respond to societies' requests for information and assistance and intend to do all we can to foster closer relationships among the societies and with the Association of Graduates.

The major initiative within the committee's publication responsibilities was the development of a program to modernize ASSEMBLY. The planning and initial implementing steps were conducted by Lewis S. Sorley '56 and Paul W. Child, Jr '52, with Chester V. Clifton '36 providing consultation.

Current production procedures, using hot lead type and requiring activities at a number of dispersed locations throughout the Mid-Hudson Valley, are antiquated and unnecessarily complex. It is difficult to produce four issues a year on time, and it would probably not be possible to increase the number of issues to six as is planned.

A solution to enhancing the quality of the magazine and simplifying the production process appeared to be locating a single jobber with modern facilities and techniques that would provide all of the services required. Byrd Press of Springfield and Richmond, Virginia appears to be such a printing establishment. Byrd specializes in printing high quality periodicals, some 200 quarterlies, monthlies, and weeklies. Further, Byrd has demonstrated a willingness to help the publications staff achieve its goals and guide it through a systematic transition to a more efficient operation. The proposed system envisions that the publications staff will acquire an in-house capability to keystroke electronically much of the text of ASSEMBLY, particularly the class notes and the obituaries.

Byrd initially produced a pilot issue that was shown to members of the Executive Committee and the Board of Trustees. Although the size of the magazine will be changed to accommodate contemporary printing facilities (from 9x12 to 8½ x11), the magazine will be essentially unchanged in content.

Plans for the transition to the new production process for ASSEMBLY are currently on schedule, and the first issue to be printed by Byrd Press will be the December 1986 issue.

The West Point Preparatory Scholarship Program—Update

You will recall that last year I reported to you that, at the request of the Superintendent, the Civilian Preparatory Scholarship Program has been established as a continuing program for the future.

Several steps have been taken to enhance the program. A colorful and informative descriptive brochure has been printed, and will be made available to potential program candidates and other interested individuals. A handsome parchment scroll will be presented to candidates who are awarded scholarships in the program. And finally, the name of the program has been officially changed to The West Point Preparatory Scholarship Program.

During academic year 1985-86, a total of 51 scholarships were awarded to candidates with outstanding potential who were determined to qualify themselves for the Military Academy. Of these 51, thirteen were candidates with special athletic ability. The thirteen athletes all attended preparatory schools for a post-graduate year, and the 38 scholar-candidates all attended four year colleges or military junior colleges.

Sports represented by the recruited athletes include football, hockey, lacrosse, tennis, soccer, wrestling, golf, and gymnastics.

Of the 45 candidates who completed the scholarship year, the Director of Admissions offered admission to 40 candidates.

By the time you receive this letter, the candidates for admission to West Point in July 1987 will have begun their preparatory year at colleges and prep schools around the country. We expect to have about 45 candidates in the Academic Year 1986-87 program. At least 10 athletes, representing football, lacrosse, hockey, and baseball, will be working hard to prepare themselves for the rigorous academic load of plebe year.

I am particularly pleased at the initial response to our appeal for endowed scholarships to make this program self-sufficient. The cost of endowing one scholarship is $25,000.00. The income from an endowment will provide funds to send one candidate to school each year. When I reported on the West Point Preparatory Scholarship Program a year ago, we had six endowed scholarships. We now have 14 in hand and promised, including one endowed by the Class of 1936 as a 50th Reunion gift to West Point. Denis Mullane '52, the Chairman of our Admissions Committee, has done a grand job in getting the endowment program off to a good start. Warren Hayford '52, as head of the Special Giving subcommittee of the West Point Fund Committee, will also be soliciting additional endowments.

The program director continues to be Morris Herbert '50, of the Association's staff. He has been responsible for the conduct of the West Point Preparatory Scholarship Program since its beginning in 1980. As our athletes and scholar-candidates begin their academic year of preparation for West Point, we can all take pride and satisfaction in a program that has provided over 200 scholarships to deserving young men and women during seven years of successful operation.

The Annual Giving Program Some Questions and Answers

The Annual Giving Program is the backbone of our overall Development Program which also encompasses Special Giving and Planned Giving. The Annual Giving Program supports *annual recurring requirements* of the Military Academy in a variety of programs. The donations received assist by providing a margin of excellence to those programs supported for the benefit of the Corps of Cadets and the Military Academy. This article will address some frequently asked questions about the Annual Giving Program and provide you with a greater understanding of the program.

"Thoughtful giving begins with thoughts on giving." (Arthur C. Frantzreb)

1. Why The West Point Fund?—The West Point Fund is the successor to the Superintendent's Fund. It was established in 1972. Our purpose is to raise money for projects and programs which benefit the Corps of Cadets and the Military Academy but for which appropriated funds are not available. The West Point Fund is necessary because appropriated dollars are insufficient to fully support all of those activities which provide the margin of excellence to the cadet experience at West Point.

2. What Is The West Point Fund, The West Point Fund Committee and The Association of Graduates' Development Office?—The West Point Fund, an entity incorporated in the AOG, is the repository of all contributions made to the benefit of West Point. The West Point Fund Committee (WPFC) is a standing committee of the AOG, the mission of which is to coordinate and supervise all fund raising

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activities. The operative element in this activity is the Development Office in the AOG headquarters. The Director of Development serves as permanent secretary of the WPFC.

3. Why Give To The West Point Fund? You will have the satisfaction of supporting important programs about which you are familiar and with which you can identify. Many of these programs rely on private funding for their survival. Annual giving is a way to stay in touch with and feel a part of the West Point scene. Your annual participation reflecting your support is what is most important. The Annual Giving Program extends from April thru March. The annual fund drive is the intense period of solicitation beginning in October of each year.

"It is more blessed to give than to receive." (Acts 20:35)

4. Restricted vs. Unrestricted Giving. An unrestricted gift supports recurring programs which receive an annual grant. The unrestricted gift is preferred because it permits the Superintendent to allocate to the programs of greatest need. Restricted gifts, while ultimately benefitting the Corps of Cadets and the Military Academy, may not permit the gift's use in accordance with the Superintendent's priorities. You may consider a restricted gift in addition to your annual unrestricted gift.

5. What Are Restricted Giving Purposes?—Last year of the $1.65M given to the Annual Program, over $1.1M was for restricted purposes. Giving for class projects is the largest category of restricted giving amounting to $410,000. Other restricted giving purposes include the West Point Preparatory Scholarship Program; a variety of academically related programs; the Intercollegiate Athletics Program, in general or to a particular sport; the activities program, in general or to a particular club; and the AOG Endowment or Building Fund programs.

"Put not your trust in money, put your money in trust." (Oliver Wendell Holmes)

6. How Are Unrestricted Contributions Allocated?—This past year over $700,000 was allocated to a variety of projects and programs supported by unrestricted contributions to the West Point Fund. Annually in June the West Point Fund Advisory Committee, a committee of the United States Military Academy and chaired by the Chief of Staff, meets in several sessions to evaluate the requests from USMA agencies for West Point Fund grant money. This nine member committee recommends to the Superintendent the allocation of West Point Fund unrestricted money for the upcoming academic year. Annual grants are provided to a number of academically related programs, to Cadet Activities, to Intercollegiate Athletics, to Admissions, and to the West Point Preparatory Scholarship Program. In addition, each year a number of special purpose grants are given for facility improvements, furnishings, special functions and to the Library and the Museum. Each project is evaluated and competes for the limited resources available. See our *Support Through Giving* pamphlet distributed with the annual fund drive for additional information.

7. Why Is There An Annual Appeal? Simply stated there is an annual appeal to raise funds for programs which have an annual recurring requirement for support. There is no surplus in the West Point Fund of unrestricted money. Essentially, all donations received prior to June of each year are allocated as described above.

"When asked by a prospective donor how much he should give, the best reply is, 'Give until you are proud.'" (Paul Ireland)

8. What Size Gift Is Appropriate? Our primary goal is to increase PARTICIPATION. Hence, your participation as a reflection of your support for the Military Academy and its program is more important than the size of your gift. Last year 23.4% of all graduates contributed. Given a better understanding of our program a much higher rate should be attainable. The average size of all graduate gifts received last year was $139. Our donor recognition items are one way to judge the appropriate size of your gift. For our fund drive beginning in October 1986 we are offering two items. A Military Academy calendar for 1987 is available for $30. The Class of 1990 *Bugle Notes* is available for $100. Both items are available for $130. Hence, three giving levels are suggested and you should select the one which best fits your situation. Since your PARTICIPATION is our objective any size gift is acceptable. A $10 gift can be a reflection of your support just as a gift of considerably larger value.

9. How Often Will I Be Solicited? Each year in October virtually all graduates are solicited. If you respond to that appeal, you will not be resolicited until the following October. If you do not respond, a follow-up is sent in the November/December time frame and, again, if no response is received, a final follow-up is sent in the February time frame.

10. How May One Get Further Information and How May One Offer Comments and Suggestions on Any Aspect of the Annual Giving Program?—By writing or telephoning: Director of Development, Association of Graduates, West Point, New York 10996 (telephone: 914-446-5773).

"Charity is a virtue of the heart . . . Gifts and alms are the expressions, not the essence, of this virtue." (Joseph Addison)

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. I hope that you understand the West Point Fund a little better and will be able to participate annually in its efforts.

1986 Annual Meeting Of The Association of Graduates

The 117th annual meeting of the members of the Association was held in Washington Hall at West Point on 23 May 1986. The President of the Association of Graduates, Davison '39, called the meeting to order.

In his opening remarks to the membership, Davison noted that a report on the affairs of the Association had been distributed. The report is also included in this issue of ASSEMBLY. He continued, "As your president, I want to express to you my continued sense of challenge and accomplishment I find in my service to West Point through the Association of Graduates. In my speaking visits to West Point societies around the country, in my relationship with the Superintendent and the USMA staff and in my working with our own Association staff, I have become increasingly aware of the contribution which our graduates and our Association can make to West Point and to the security of our country."

Davison next cited General and Mrs. Scott for their extraordinary contributions to West Point, and stated that "they have given new meaning to the term 'husband-wife team.' It is, perhaps, General and Mrs. Scott's personal representation of the concept of Duty to the Corps and to the West Point community which is most noteworthy. Through that representation, those members of the Corps, those graduates and those members of the community who have served here in the past five years have observed their selflessness in relationship to the Academy, their hospitality and generosity in sharing their quarters and their concern for all facets of community life." On behalf of the Association, Davison presented Scott a framed certificate and Mrs. Scott a music box with an engraved expression of appreciation.

Davison introduced General Scott as "a military officer of distinguished service and extraordinary capacity as a leader, a member of the Class of 1948, and the 52nd Superintendent of USMA."

At the conclusion of General Scott's remarks, Davison moved on to the next item on the agenda, the election of the President and Trustees. The Nominating Committee Chairman, McCaffrey '39, presented the report of the Nominating Committee, and the Board of Trustees was unanimously approved by the membership and is pictured following this article. General Davison accepted his renomination as president.

The president then asked the Superintendent to join him for announcement of the class gifts to the Academy, which were presented by the Class of 1936 (Westmoreland), the Class of 1946 (Buckingham), and the Class of 1956 (Anderson). The Superintendent expressed the Academy's gratitude for the generosity of these classes.

Davison then adjourned the meeting.

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AOG ELECTION 1986

MEMBERS OF THE Association of Graduates at the annual meeting at West Point on 23 May 1986 elected a slate of graduates to serve as President, Class Trustees, and Trustees-at-large.

Elected as President of the Association for a fourth term was M. S. Davison '39.

Ten Class Trustees representing the classes of '37, '41, '47, '51, '57, '61, '66, '71, '76 and '81 were elected for a one-year term. Twelve Trustees-at-large were elected to serve three years.

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

PRESIDENT

Michael S. Davison
'39

CLASS TRUSTEES

Ferdinand T. Unger
'37

Alexander F. Muzyk
'41

William L. Webb, Jr.
'47

Charles B. Ewing, Jr.
'51

Veloy J. Varner, Jr.
'57

TRUSTEES AT LARGE

Patrick J. Carroll, Jr.
'61

John A. Dubia
'66

Richard G. deMoya
'71

Volney J. Warner
'76

Mark N. Hogan
'81

John W. Morris
Jun '43

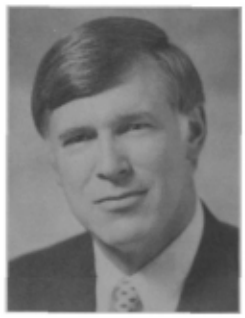
Sam S. Walker
'46

Thomas B. Tyree
'48

Denis F. Mullane
'52

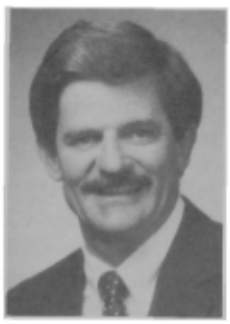
Walter F. Ulmer, Jr.
'52

Lee D. Olvey
'55



Lewis S. Sorley
'56

Gregory J. Kadlec
'59



R. James Nicholson
'61

Dennis R. Coll
'65

Robert B. Ramsay
'66

Joseph P. Tallman
'73

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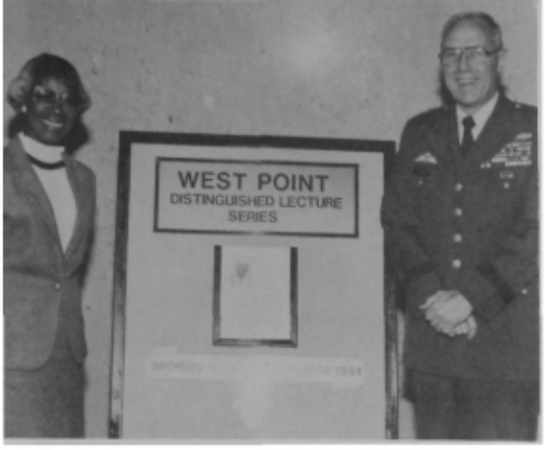

Professor Shirley Chisholm, of Mount Holyoke College, and BG Roy K. Flint, 28 Feb 86, South Auditorium

The West Point DISTINGUISHED LECTURE SERIES . . . The Second Year

by LTC Frederick H. Black

Chief Justice Robert N.C. Nix, Jr., Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, with LTG Willard W. Scott, Jr., 14 Nov 85, South Auditorium

Ambassador Walters and members of the Corps of Cadets, 15 Sep 85

THERE is a hush in the auditorium and the clock reads 1920. From the stage, the gray-clad students sitting erect in their seats seem to number in the thousands. Towards the rear of the auditorium and in the balconies, the gray is replaced by Army green uniforms. Mixed in and around the green is an array of color worn by civilians from West Point and the surrounding community. The air is charged with excitement and the Superintendent of the United States Military Academy ends his introduction by saying, "Ladies and gentlemen, please join with me in welcoming back to West Point the former President of the United States, Gerald R. Ford." Another evening lecture endowed by the Class of 1951 is about to begin.

A former President, the U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, a Nobel Laureate in Physics known for his work linking the four basic forces of nature, a professor of Political Science considered to be *the* authority on Franklin D. Roosevelt, a former Congresswoman from New York who is internationally known for her commitment to human rights, and the renowned behavioral scientist who pioneered the study of operant conditioning—all of these men and women lectured during the 2d year of the West Point Distinguished Lecture Series.

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The logistics for each lecture is coordinated by the West Point Distinguished Lecture Series Executive Council. Representatives of the academic departments sit on the council and plan and coordinate all aspects of the program. The Dean of the Academic Board maintains overall responsibility for the program and is assisted by the chairman of the Humanities and Public Affairs Committee and an executive secretary in the daily management of the series. One or more of the departments sponsor each lecture and select the courses that will attend.

Each lecturer is a guest of the Academy and the Class of 1951 in the presidential suite of the Hotel Thayer. A prelecture reception at Quarters 100 is hosted by the superintendent and his wife, followed by dinner on the "poop deck" of Washington Hall. At each of these events, cadets and members of the faculty have the opportunity to talk informally with the distinguished guest.

After the lecture, another reception is

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Cadet First Captain Tim Knight presenting the gift to President Ford, 30 Apr 86, Eisenhower Hall Theatre

Professor B.F. Skinner, Professor Emeritus of Psychology, Harvard University, 8 May 86, visiting the Dept of BS&L

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—Colonel Pierce A. Rushton, Jr., Director of Admissions

USMA ADMISSIONS... How The Class of 1990 Was Selected

Colonel Rushton

A barrel-chested young man sat rigidly in his seat listening intently to an instructional briefing. His hair was closely cropped, his jeans somewhat worn from frequent use. He wore a dark blue t-shirt enscribed with a purposeful message in large white block letters, "I'm Ready."

For members of the United States Military Academy's newest class, the Class of 1990, the message might prove beneficial as a rallying cry during a day each new cadet will not soon forget.

It was Reception Day at West Point on July 1st and with it came bright, sunny skies, many parents and families, fond farewells and good wishes, along with a schedule that was all too fleeting to remember for the 1,330 new cadets who reported to the Multi-Sports Complex at West Point.

This incoming class is the smallest in 15 years at the Academy, but nonetheless is considered one of the finest in terms of quality. "We intentionally targeted for a smaller class for some very valid reasons," said Colonel Pierce A. Rushton, Jr., Director of Admissions. "The cadet retention rate at the Academy has improved to such an extent that our ranks are full, and so are the dining hall and the classrooms! We must also follow Congressional guidance in filling each class, with special attention on the total authorized strength of the Corps of Cadets."

Although the entering strength of this class is relatively low in comparison to recent classes, it was selected from a pool of 12,995 applicants, the second largest in West Point history. Additionally, there were 5,691 nominated. Nearly half of those, 2,821, were deemed qualified for entrance to the class, the highest number of qualified applicants in history. Consequently, the admissions cycle for the Class of 1990 may have been the most competitive in recent memory.

What is heartening to West Point Admissions staff personnel is the continued interest in the nation's oldest service academy despite population demographics which show the number of college-bound students decreasing dramatically through the year 2,000.

Why does the U.S. Military Academy continue to attract an applicant pool of more than 12,000 each year as it has for the past five years? "We recognized the problems associated with the declining college-bound population, and reacted to it," said Colonel Rushton who has completed his first year as Director of Admissions at West Point. "We geared up to do more comprehensive and personalized work with the multiple publics we deal with, not only the candidates, but the education community, the Congress, and the Department of the Army structure.

"We are also in a very favorable national posture right now with respect to patriotism, support of military service programs and a general good feeling among the population," added Rushton. "We see this every day in our access to the high school communities and in the groundswell of interest in the service academy as a college opportunity."

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—Colonel Rushton

Major Bob Weber, a 1974 West Point graduate who has handled the Southeastern section of the country for the Admissions Office for the past two years, echoes the observations of Colonel Rushton. He has seen the increased interest of candidates during his travels through eight states in the Southeast. This past year Weber dealt with a potential candidate pool numbering 2,000. More than 900 of those applicants received Congressional nominations, and half of those, 450, were declared qualified. Eventually, 250 received appointments to the Class of 1990.

"When I applied to West Point in 1970 students were thinking more of the draft and going to war," said Major Weber. "Today, you can see students are very interested in serving their country in some way, be it in the military, in civil service, the Reserves or the Regular Army. There is a strong feeling of service."

"You can see we are getting more applicants and better applicants," says Colonel Jack Capps, head of the Department of English at the Academy and chairman of the Admissions Committee, the action group that determines qualification and selection of candidates for each incoming class.

"Students who are applying to college talk to each other," says the Admissions

Chart 1—HIGH SCHOOL RANK IN CLASS

USMA CLASS	PERCENT TOP TWO FIFTHS
1980	93
1981	92
1982	93
1983	91
1984	92
1985	92
1986	92
1987	96
1988	95
1989	96
1990	96

Chart 2—MEAN SCHOLASTIC APTITUDE TEST SCORES

USMA CLASS	SAT (V)	SAT (M)
1980	550	640
1981	550	630
1982	560	640
1983	560	630
1984	550	620
1985	550	620
1986	560	630
1987	560	640
1988	570	640
1989	570	640
1990	570	640

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—Colonel Jack L. Capps, Chairman of the Admissions Committee

Colonel Capps

by Joe Dineen
Admissions Media Office

Committee chairman. "If a number apply to a given college, they think there must be something there. They talk it up. They do more for our advertising and publicity than we can do for ourselves. It gathers its own momentum, and I think we are reaping the benefits of that.

"Some of it has to do with the athletic fortunes of the Academy," added Capps, "since it is undoubtedly better to have favorable publicity than bad publicity. The economy has a great deal to do with it as college costs continue to go up. Patriotism is also on the rise again, so people are more inclined to submit to the discipline that goes with military service than they have in the past."

Student interest in our nation's service academies continues to rise despite trends in society for more freedom and less discipline. Here at West Point discipline, physical development, and efficient use of one's time are the keys to success. Here a cadet's schedule is punctuated by classes, training, athletics, and study periods. Plebes look back after completing their first year at the Academy and wonder aloud sometimes how they managed to do it all, and they appear ready to do more.

One reason the Class of 1990 is smaller than recent classes is the increased retention within the Corps of Cadets, a problem that brings a satisfying smile from all West Point officials. Obviously, the lifestyle, workload, and discipline are being accepted.

"I'm not as sympathetic as many with regard to the difficulty of a cadet's lifestyle," admits Colonel Capps. "It's a matter of momentum again. No one has time to do anything but the busy people, and it seems the busiest cadets do the best. They learn efficiency. If we remind them too frequently that they are put upon, and their lives are difficult and stressful, they will believe that, and do less.

"I don't believe the retention rate is better because cadets now have more weekends," added Capps. "Cadets are delighted to get away from West Point and

Chart 3 — 1985 CONGRESSIONAL SURVEY

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

RESULTS:

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

Application cutoff dates:	Senators	Representatives	No.	Pct.
Prior to Nov.	33	80	113	21%
Nov.	31	140	171	32%
Dec.	30	152	182	34%
Jan.	3	18	21	4%
None	3	45	48	9%

Use Screening Board	Senators	Representatives	No.	Pct.
Yes	51	236	287	54%
No	47	180	227	42%
No Reply	2	19	21	4%

Chart 4—ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENT

USMA CLASS	Varsity Lettermen	Varsity Team Captains
1980	1199	562
1981	1219	654
1982	1161	599
1983	1148	629
1984	1226	688
1985	1268	692
1986	1210	690
1987	1237	690
1988	1190	692
1989	1248	810
1990	1158	740

Chart 5—CITIZENSHIP AND ACHIEVEMENT RECOGNITION

USMA CLASS	HONOR SOCIETY SELECTEES
1980	840
1981	866
1982	852
1983	847
1984	825
1985	896
1986	874
1987	899
1988	858
1989	914
1990	858

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"When I applied to West Point in 1970 students were thinking more of the draft and going to war. Today, you can see students are very interested in serving their country in some way, be it in the military, in civil service, the Reserves or the Regular Army."
—Major Bob Weber, Admissions Officer

tell others how hard their life is, and how tough they are in doing it. If you listen to cadets, one exaggerated story is followed by another, and they love it. Discipline enables the cadet through efficiency to learn more, to see more. He doesn't need to worry about mundane things such as what clothes to wear, where to eat and what the hours are. Those routine things are established. That frees his mind to learn, and I don't mean the things just in books. Cadets learn to live, to interact with other people, and do all the good things that are designed for cadets to do."

So just how was this Class of 1990 selected under these most competitive circumstances?

The Precandidate Phase

It started in April of 1985 when many of these 12,995 applicants received a West Point pamphlet documenting some basic information on the opportunities available to them by making West Point a possible college option.

This direct mail effort provides the core of West Point's top candidates. Students who take the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test early in the fall of their junior year, and score well, are likely to receive this mailing. It is called the PSAT Search Mailing and consists of a letter from the Director of Admissions, a brochure and a mailback card requesting additional information on the Academy.

More than 49,000 potential candidates received this mailing in 1985, with 15 percent responding to that initial direct mail contact. That response rate is considered outstanding for most direct mail marketing programs.

Once a student responds, he receives a first step kit which includes a Barron's Profile on the U.S. Military Academy and a Precandidate Questionnaire. Completing the Precandidate Questionnaire initiates the opening of a student's West Point applicant file. More than 8,400 students responded to the 1985 PSAT Search Mailing, providing a base of high quality applicants. Admissions personnel screen that initial applicant pool to determine what candidates have the potential to compete for an appointment. Those who are deemed noncompetitive are so informed, enabling them to pursue other college options. Approximately 10 percent of the applicant files are closed at that juncture while the remaining applicants are scheduled for a physical aptitude test and a medical qualification examination, both required for admission.

"We realize this precandidate screen is one system that imparts bad news," said Colonel Rushton, "but we feel it is a positive approach to bad news. There is no sense in stringing a candidate along if there is no potential for success in continuing the application process."

The Congressional Nomination

Candidates applying for admission to West Point are required to obtain a nomination from a legal authority, namely a member of Congress for the most part, the vice president or the delegate from the District of Columbia. Each of these representatives is entitled to have five cadets attend the U.S. Military Academy at one time. Additionally, the delegates from the Virgin Islands and Guam may have two cadets each; the governor of Puerto Rico, six, and the governor of American Samoa, one. Ten nominations may be made for each vacancy.

Most members of Congress use a competitive method of selection, asking the Military Academy to rank the nominees in order of merit, while the remainder designate a principal nominee, who then needs only to meet USMA's normal qualifying requirements to gain an appointment. Con-

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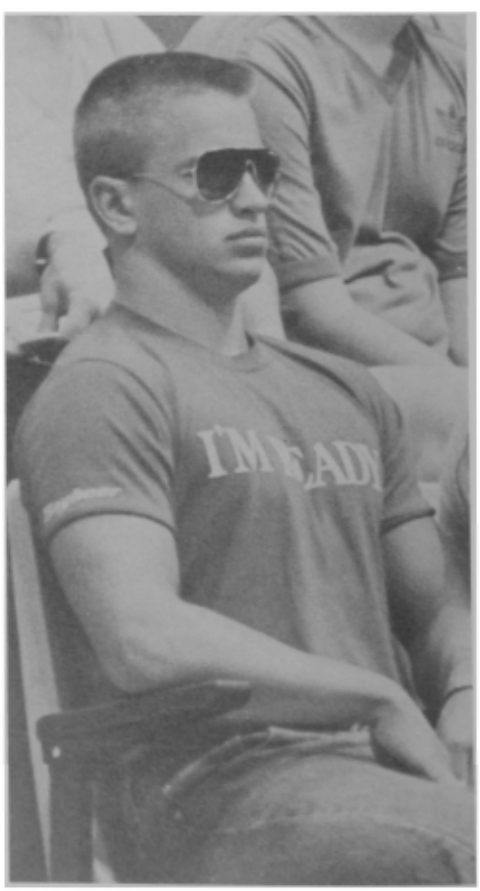
Chart 6 — PROFILE — CLASS OF 1990

	Total	Men	Women
A. Volume of Applicants			
Applicant files started	12,995	11,234	1,761
Nominated and examined	5,691	4,945	745
Qualified (academically, medically & in physical aptitude)	2,822	2,500	321
Admitted	1,330	1,173	157
B. Rank in Class by percent of Class:			
First Fifth	87.7%		
Second Fifth	7.8%		
Third Fifth	3.8%		
Fourth Fifth	0.3%		
Fifth Fifth	0.3%		
C. Academic Honors by number in class:			
Class Valedictorians	132		
Class Salutatorians	72		
National Merit Scholarship Recognition	228		
National Honor Society	858		
D. Activities by number of participants in class:			
Boys/Girls State Delegate	306		
Class or Student Body President	354		
Debating	155		
Dramatics	180		
School Paper Editor or Co-editor	95		
School Paper Staff Member	229		
Yearbook Editor or Co-editor	80		
Yearbook Staff Member	213		
Scouting Participants	643		
Eagle Scout (Men) or Gold Award (Women)	117		
E. Varsity Athletics by number in class:			
Letter Winner	1,158		
Team Captain	740		



A member of the Class of 1990 listens intently during instructional briefing on R Day.

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The Department of Geography and Computer Science Automates Army Topographic Support

by MAJ Todd S. Bacastow '74, CPT Gene Ressler '78, *and* MAJ Peter Guth '75

Army terrain analysis finally entered the computer age with the fielding of MICROFIX Topographic Configuration software in July 1986. Through the efforts of the Department of Geography and Computer Science, terrain analysts in division, corps, and theater engineer terrain detachments can now use computers to calculate line-of-sight profiles, assess placement locations for weapons, radars, or radios, view three dimensional representations of the terrain, estimate cross-country mobility, and perform a host of climate and weather related tasks.

History

Officers and cadets from the Computer Graphics Laboratory (CGL) of the USMA Department of Geography and Computer Science have been involved with the MICROFIX project since its inception in 1982. The US Army Forces Command conceived MICROFIX as a Quick Reaction Capability (QRC) for the XVIII Airborne Corps. The system was designed to improve the productivity of intelligence analysts in the G2 All-Source Production Section, but it has now been adapted to support the commander's need for terrain information. The system was created from off-the-shelf commercial components and was officially designated AN/UYK-71.

The AN/UYK-71 MICROFIX hardware consists of an Apple II+ microcomputer with a number of enhancements. This "green Apple" has twice the computing power and over five times the memory capacity of a standard Apple. Peripherals connected to the processor include a hard disk that stores over twenty million characters (20 MB), both monochrome and color monitors, a dot matrix printer, a video tape recorder, and a laser disk. The video tape recorder provides backup copies of the information on the hard disk and loads digital terrain data from pre-recorded tapes. The laser disk serves as a map library with up to 50,000 map images on a single disk, which the computer can display on the color monitor and overlay with military symbols. All components mount in sturdy OD cases to meet TEMPEST certification and field use specifications.

CGL insights were incorporated in the development of the original system and in two subsequent upgrades to the system. For the past three summers a mobile team of instructors from the CGL has performed New Equipment Training (NET) for versions 1.1, 2.0, and most recently the MICROFIX Topographic Configuration. The team has traveled to Germany, Hawaii, Korea, Panama, and numerous CONUS locations to train field users. As a result of this training, especially contact with the Engineer terrain teams, the CGL developed a keen appreciation for the needs of the Army's field terrain analysts.

In 1984 the Belvoir Research, Develop-

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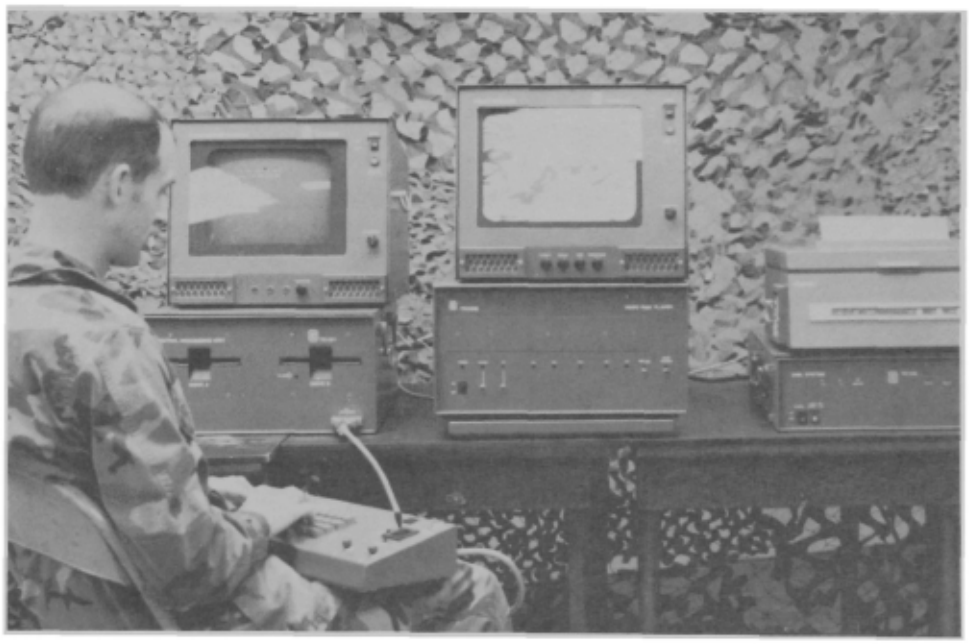
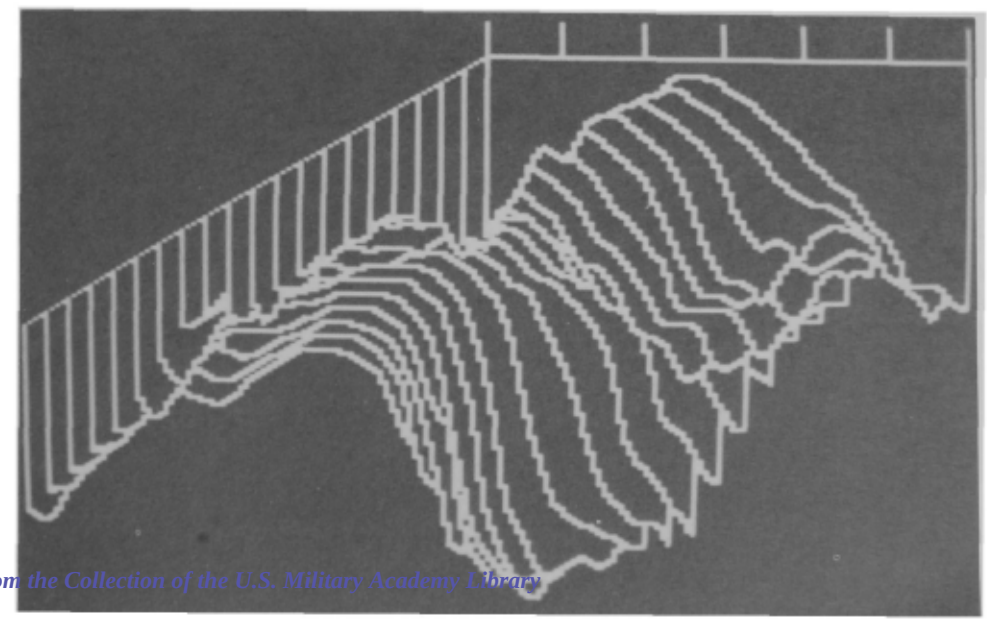
MICROFIX System One, the AN/UYK-71. From left to right the components shown include the monochrome monitor sitting on the CPU, the color monitor sitting on the videodisk player which displays images of maps, and the printer sitting on the hard disk unit. The VCR player, used to back up the hard disk, is not shown.



MICROFIX Topographic Configuration Output oblique view of terrain.



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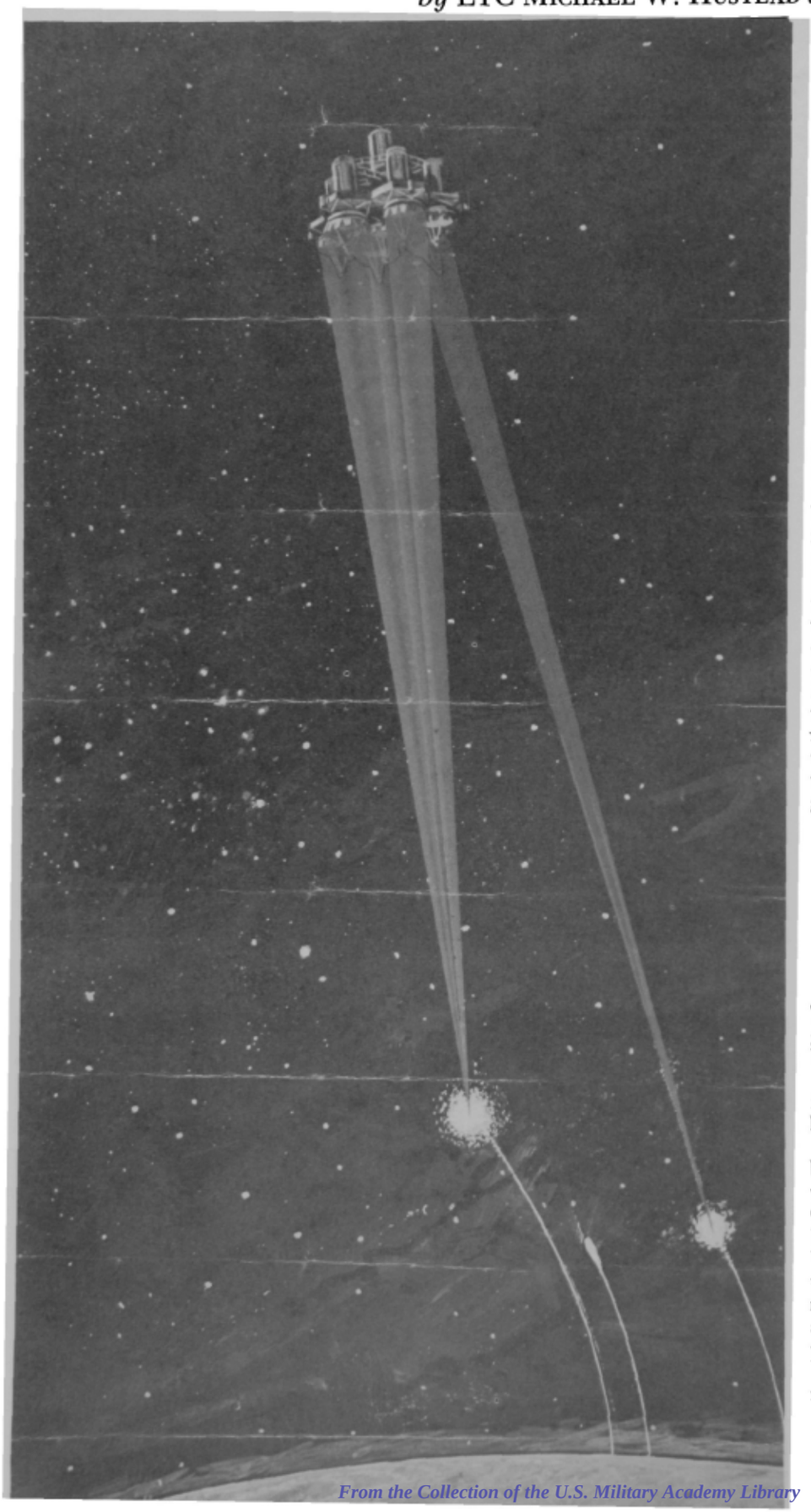
PHYSICS AT WEST POINT

...THE ARMY

...SDI CONNECTION

by LTC Michael W. Hustead *and* COL Wendell A. Childs



IN his 23 March 1983 speech, President Reagan first posed the challenge of his Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI):

"What if free people could live secure in the knowledge that their security did not rest upon the threat of instant U.S. retaliation to deter a Soviet attack, that we could intercept and destroy strategic ballistic missiles before they reached our own soil or that of our allies?"

In the ensuing three years, SDI (dubbed "Star Wars" by its detractors) has received a great deal of national and international attention as well as a significant portion of the national budget. Despite the blitz of media attention, SDI is frequently misunderstood. In the President's words,

"The Strategic Defense Initiative is a program of vigorous research focused on advanced defensive technologies with the aim of finding ways to provide a better basis for deterring aggression, strengthening stability, and increasing the security of the United States and our allies. The SDI research program will provide to a future President and a future Congress the technical knowledge required to support a decision on whether to develop and later deploy advanced defensive systems."

In other words, SDI is a *research* initiative designed to *identify* emerging technologies that just might provide an alternative to the twenty year old policy of "mutually assured destruction." The five program elements of SDI are the following:

1) surveillance, acquisition, tracking and kill assessment;
2) directed energy weapons;
3) kinetic energy weapons;
4) systems analysis and battle management; and
5) survivability, lethality and key support technologies.

The total budget for the entire SDI program in FY86 was $2.8 billion and $4.8 billion is programmed for FY87.

So what does this have to do with physics at West Point? Plenty! But first more history.

The US Army has been in the missile business since the close of World War II when Dr. Wernher Von Braun and other German scientists were brought to the United States along with hundreds of their V-2 rockets. These scientists, working for the US Army, were ultimately responsible for placing the first US satellite in orbit after the failure of the Navy's Vanguard program.

Over the years Department of Defense responsibilities in space have shifted among

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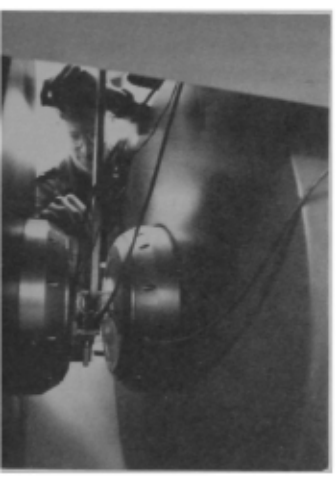
Laser lab

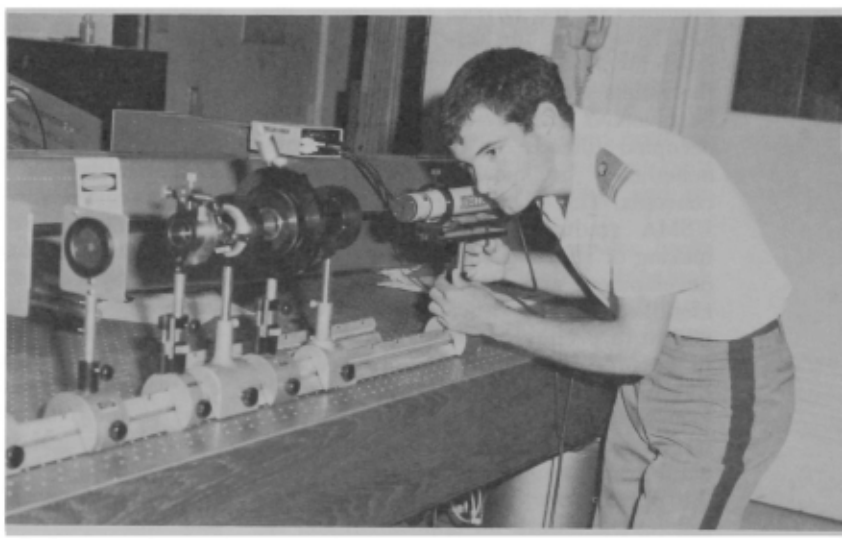
Nuclear reactor lab



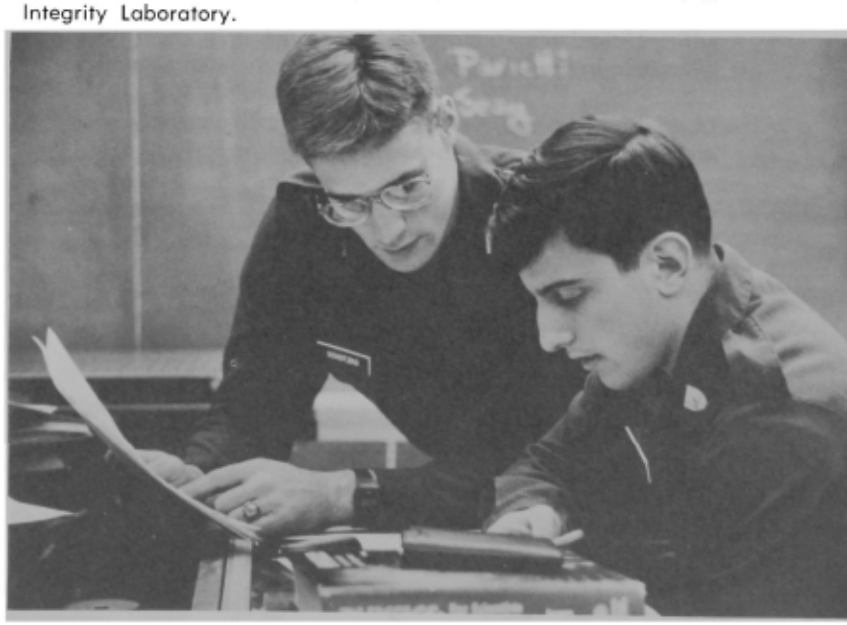
Electron paramagnetic resonance lab

the services with the Army's primary role being that of ballistic missile defense—it developed and fielded an Anti-Ballistic Missile (ABM) defense in the 1970's. The US Army Strategic Defense Command (USASDC) was established just last year and has a participative and consultive role throughout the SDI arena, but its responsibilities are focused on ballistic missile engagement in the latter stages of the trajectory. For these latter stages, the Army conducts systems analysis and provides detailed technical guidance in the area of weapons; sensors; battle management; command, control and communication (C^3); and supporting technologies. Among the technologies being investigated are

1) space- and ground-based lasers;
2) space-based neutral particle beams;
3) nuclear driven directed energy weapons;
4) free electron lasers;
5) kinetic energy weapons such as the hyper-velocity electromagnetic "rail" guns; and
6) sensors—radar, infrared and optical imaging.



Cadet David Hemmert studying the effects of laser beams on material in the Nondestructive Evaluation Branch of the US Army Materials Technology Laboratory's (MTL) Mechanics and Structural Integrity Laboratory.



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COL Wendell A. Childs, Auburn University '55, Professor and Head of the Department of Physics, has a Master's Degree in Physics from Stevens Institute of Technology and a PhD in Nuclear Physics from the University of Virginia. He served in Europe, Korea and the U.S. with the Ordnance Corps before being appointed a Professor, USMA in 1970. He has been the Head of the Department of Physics since 1984.

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Dr. Dion Shea, Executive Director of the Society of Physics Students (SPS), presents the charter for the West Point Chapter to COL Childs. Looking on are Cadet Wade Cook, president of the chapter, and LTC James Stith, faculty advisor.

COL Kenneth Grice discusses the applications of laser research with cadets at the Army Materials Technology Laboratory, Watertown, Massachusetts.

THE PHYSICS – ARMY – SDI CONNECTION

The list of technologies above reads like the schedule of physics colloquiums conducted over the past few years. The basic research into these technologies *IS* physics. Members of the Physics Department faculty have been, are now, or will be very much involved with this research. Many of the cadets we are now teaching will soon be involved. Even those that may not be occupied directly in this research must nonetheless be knowledgeable with the concepts. This is because most, if not all, USMA graduates will in some way be making or affecting decisions in the future development and employment of systems identified by this research initiative. To ensure that these graduates are adequately prepared, the Department of Physics has the direct responsibility to provide the general education component of understanding the basic physical laws of the natural and engineering sciences. Further, the physics curriculum sets the problem-solving framework for application and use of these laws and principles.

Physics is a "building block" science—before one can reach for the stars and the mysteries of space, the student must have a firm foundation upon which to build. Classical physics is a core requirement and covers the basic concepts of the mechanics of motion, electricity and magnetism. Modern physics builds upon the knowledge gained in classical physics in order to explore and understand the explosion of discoveries in physics since the turn of the century. Our Modern Physics course introduces the student to the theory of relativity, conservation laws as related to atomic and nuclear systems, basic concepts in quantum mechanics, statistical physics and solid state physics. Applications to lasers, solid state devices, fission reactors and fusion energy research provide an understanding of the physics principles involved in current and future weapons systems.

Our physics electives offer an opportunity for in-depth study of solid state physics, quantum mechanics, lasers and modern optics, nuclear reactor theory, nuclear physics, intermediate classical mechanics, intermediate electricity and magnetism, statistical physics, applied optics, space and astrophysics, physics of modern weapons systems and radiological, medical and health physics.

For those cadets interested primarily in physics, the Department of Physics offers a field of study and a major in engineering physics. The field of study is designed to support diverse interests through three stems emphasizing optics and lasers, solid state physics and nuclear science. Those field of study "concentrators" must devote ten of their twelve electives to physics and physics related courses. To participate in the engineering physics majors program, a cadet must select his remaining two electives from a list of thirty physics, mathematics, science and engineering courses.

But our study of physics doesn't stop in the classroom—nor the confines of West Point for that matter. Each year officers and cadets from the Department of Physics volunteer a portion of their summers to perform research in many areas directly impacting on the SDI program and many other scientific projects which will have a direct impact on future Army systems. Research areas include advanced laser systems, laser holography, electro-optic blocking filters for protection from flash blindness, nuclear fusion confinement, thermal wave imaging used for materials characterization and flow detection, particle accelerators, and the electromagnetic gun/launcher. These efforts take the cadets and officers to Army and national laboratories such as the US Army Materials Technology Lab, US Army Ballistic Research Lab, US Army Electro-Optics Night Vision Lab, US Army Armament Research and Development Center, Kitt Peak National Observ-

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Dr. Sheldon Glashow, Nobel Prize winner in Physics, and cadet representatives of the Physics courses attending his lecture.

Cadets recently inducted into the West Point Chapter of Sigma Pi Sigma, the National Physics Honor Society.

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ACADEMIC LIMITS

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

I'd like to tell you about one of my favorite places at West Point—the Library.

The USMA Library plays a vital role in the Academy's educational mission, that of providing the books, journals, documents, and other materials required by cadets and faculty.

The library's importance to the academic program was recently emphasized when the local USMA chapter of Phi Kappa Phi installed plaques in a prominent library location to honor the academic achievements of West Point cadets and faculty members. Named on the plaques are the 60 Rhodes Scholars from the Academy, our Marshall and Olmsted scholars, and our Hertz and National Science Foundation Fellows. Graduates and other West Point friends who have generously contributed to USMA academic programs are also recognized in the library's honors' area on the first floor.

The approach to information and knowledge in libraries is changing radically with the use of computers and other technological applications, and USMA librarians are right in the middle of the change. These changes are improving library services while, at the same time, we are maintaining many traditional features and values of the academic library.

The growth and development of the USMA Library in the past 15 years has reflected and supported our academic reforms. The library must now provide support for the 46 disciplinary fields of study and majors, requiring the addition and strengthening of library materials in several new areas. The total number of volumes in the library has doubled to over a half million during this 15-year period. Our staff now includes 22 professional librarians and 38 clerical personnel, many of whom have special experience and qualifications in particular subject areas, such as military and American history, government and political science, and engineering and science. Reading and Study Skills instructors in the library now help cadets who bring poor study habits (too many, I'm afraid) or inadequate reading skills with them to West Point.

Library users must be able to find books and other materials through indexes or catalogs. Traditional manual operations for cataloging have undergone significant changes since we joined the national OCLC bibliographic network in 1975. With an on-line terminal the librarian now has access to a growing bibliographic data base of academic, public and special library holdings. Library of Congress cataloging has come on-line. Now, the cataloger can benefit in a timely and convenient manner from the intellectual work of colleagues across the nation, avoiding duplication of the cataloging already done by others. When a record matches a new book in hand, the library records its holdings on-line, orders catalog cards, and adds to its machine-readable record, which is accessible through the library's Geac computer system. But this is just the beginning of the story of new and improved services to cadets and faculty.

No academic library, however rich or extensive, can possibly acquire and house all books and information needed by researchers in their work. The time-honored tradition of sharing between libraries to the mutual benefit of local patrons has received an immense boost from the national bibliographic network mentioned above, OCLC. Instead of searching out-of-date catalogs for the source of an item urgently needed by a researcher, the library can instantly determine which of over 3,000 network member libraries has the title, and then place a request to the five closest libraries for the item. The impact of this development can only be fully appreciated by talking to researchers who once waited up to months to find out if an item was even available. Now a book or article will often be in the researcher's hands within two weeks of the request, or less.

Closely supporting improved reference services to the USMA researcher is the computer searching service provided by the library. Improved subject, author, and title searches can now be performed through telecommunications access to a wide variety of data bases. These searches are usually more current and complete than manual searches through printed indexes. A total of 201 of these automated searches were performed for cadets and faculty in 1985-86.

A major improvement in services has also been realized through the library's in-house Geac minicomputer system. Books and other materials are bar coded and checked out supermarket style with a light wand, and the customer's bar coded library card. Patrons can more easily and expeditiously search library shelves through the 20 public terminals available; the faculty can do it from their offices or from home! The new on-line system provides more complete information and eliminates the costly maintenance of the manual card catalogs. The expanded computer system will also permit greater access from remote locations, including the barracks, through the new personal computers of the cadets. In the future, libraries will store the content of entire books and journals on computers, and patrons will be able to select relevant parts and print these out for reading and research.

Will technology actually *replace* books and libraries with computers, terminals and information networks in the future? Well, the car replaced the horse and buggy, but the helicopter only supplemented the car, so we expect to have older forms coexisting with new modes. Libraries and information storage and display are rapidly changing, but the printed word in book and journal form still has great utility. With technology, we must apply what is beneficial to the library user, and carefully judge the cost/benefits of applicable technology, selecting what is best of the new. What can replace the educational value of students themselves turning the pages of old volumes, of dealing with true primary sources?

The very use and existence of books and libraries rests on a literate and educated public. The effect of pervasive video communication and entertainment on the reading interest and ability of those who have grown up with television is a good debate topic. Our cadets must be both literate and flexible in order to succeed. The library is by definition a reading center; that is why I have made the Reading and Study Skills Program a high priority for academic support and improvement and placed it in the library, surrounded by librarians and books.

With increasing USMA instruction in computer use, cadets are not normally intimidated by library terminals and com-

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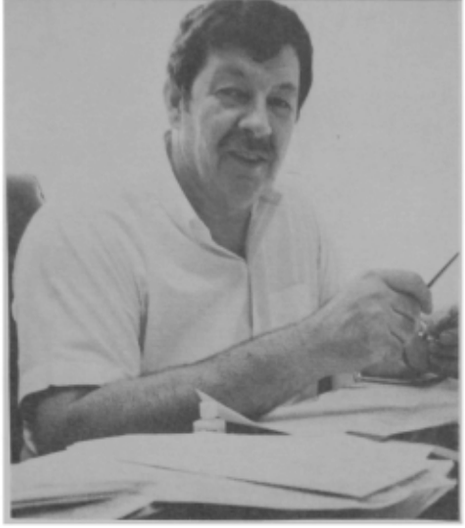

Dr. Melvin Marcus in his office at West Point

A MAN FOR HIGH PLACES: Dr. Melvin G. Marcus VISITING PROFESSOR OF GEOGRAPHY

by MAJ William W. Doe III

IN the everyday world of the college campus, Dr. Melvin G. Marcus stands about six-foot-six and fills the frame of a classroom door with a presence that suggests his bigger than life stature in the world of academe and scientific research. A mountain of a man, he has spent much of his life trekking over and up mountains in the not-so-everyday world above 5,000 feet. It is in this world of high altitudes, where snowcapped peaks, icefields, and glaciers replace the college classroom, that Dr. Marcus has been said by some to stand ten feet tall. From his lofty perspective, the alpine and glacier environments of our planet are another type of classroom, a living microcosm of the physical processes and forces which shape the world we live in.

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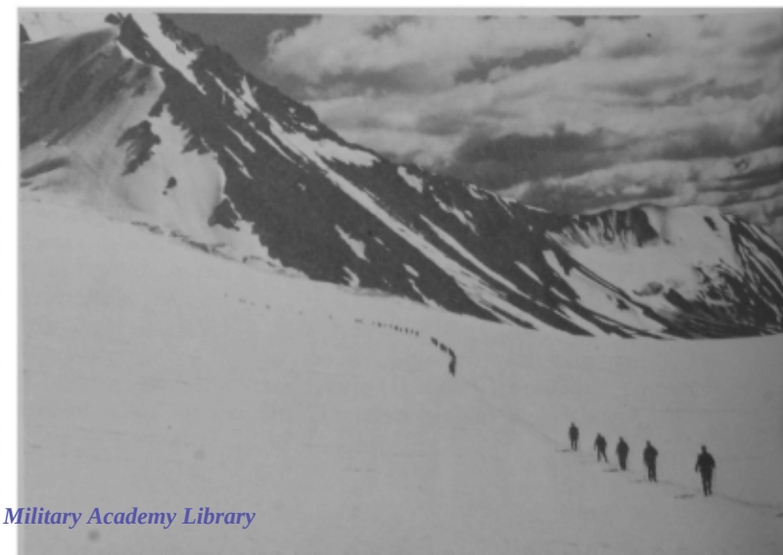
In some 35 years of research and field work above the clouds, Dr. Marcus has explored the essence of nature in places that many of us can only dream of—the Canadian Yukon and St. Elias Mountains, the Alaskan Range, New Zealand, the Andes Mountains of Peru and Bolivia, and the Himalayas. But perhaps his greatest accomplishments have been not as an explorer and researcher but as a teacher and professor of physical geography. Through his enthusiasm for teaching and the worlds he has explored, Dr. Marcus has enthralled many a college classroom with glimpses of how nature has shaped the world we live in. No group has been more fascinated by this than the hundreds of cadets and faculty members who have experienced Dr. Marcus's mountain top world in the classroom of Washington Hall. As the Visiting Professor of Geography in the Department of Geography and Computer Science for the past three academic semesters, Dr. Marcus has added a new dimension in the instruction of physical geography and its related disciplines at West Point.

Dr. Marcus came to West Point under the auspices of the Military Academy's Visiting Professor Program. This program goes back to 1965 when a foreign service officer from the Department of State was assigned annually to the Department of Social Sciences as a civilian member of the academic faculty. The program was expanded in AY 1972-73 by authorization for a Visiting Professor of Military History and in AY 1976-77 by a second visiting professorship in the Department of English. In October 1976, the Academic Board approved a further expansion of the Visiting Professor Program to five positions and in April 1977 to a total of thirteen positions, which provided for approximately a five percent civilian representation on the faculty. These visiting professorships are generally for a 10-12 month term and are managed by the Office of the Dean. In order to reach the goal of thirteen professors, several academic departments may employ more than one visiting professor during a given academic year if other departments are unable to hire one for that year. Dr. Marcus's predecessor as Visiting Professor of Geography was Dr. Harold "Duke" Winters from Michigan State University, who taught in the department during AY 1982-83. The position was vacated until January 1985 when Dr. Marcus arrived from Arizona State University,

Research station and versadome tent where high altitude and environmental physiology studies were performed by Dr. Marcus at 17,600 feet in the St. Elias Mountain Range.

USMA cadets participating in Northern Warfare training on the Gulkana Glacier in the Alaskan Range during the summer of 1985.



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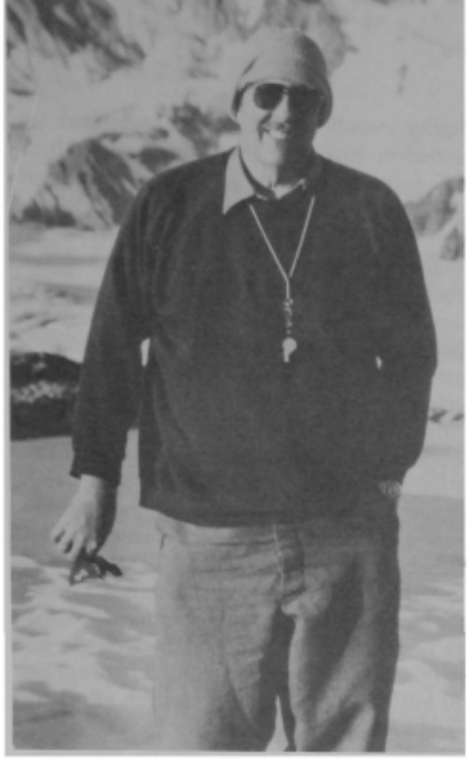

Dr. Marcus on the Gulkana Glacier, Alaskan Range (Summer 1985).

Dr. Marcus digging a snow pit on Mt. Logan, St. Elias Mountain Range at 13,000 feet.

Tempe, Arizona, where he was serving as professor of Geography.

In bringing Dr. Marcus to West Point, the Academy accomplished a coup of unparalleled proportion. Dr. Marcus holds a highly acclaimed reputation in the world of U.S. and international geography. For the past 35 years his research has focused on physical geography and environmental education with an emphasis on glaciology, climatology and snow hydrology. He began his life of field work in 1948 with the American Geographical Society's Juneau, Alaska, Icefield Ranges Research Project as a geology student from Yale University. This initial entrance into the world of snow and ice came to an abrupt halt when he enlisted in the Air Force in 1950 to serve his country during the Korean Conflict. He served as an instrument and multi-engine-rated pilot with assignments in the States, Korea, and Japan until 1955. He fondly recalls his experiences as a propeller jockey and "top gun" during his Air Force stint.

Following his excursions into the wild blue yonder, Dr. Marcus returned to terra firma and his academic pursuits, completing his Bachelor's Degree in Geography at the University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida, in 1956. His quest for learning took him on to the University of Colorado at Boulder, where he obtained his Master's of Science in Geography in 1957, and to the University of Chicago for a Ph.D. in 1963. He then joined the Geography faculty at Rutgers University and returned to the icefields of Alaska in 1964, eventually becoming the field director for the Arctic Institute of North America in the icefields of the St. Elias Mountain Range in the Canadian Yukon and Alaska. Following this research he joined the Geography faculty at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, where he eventually served as department chairman from 1969-71. By this time he had obtained sufficient credentials to be invited to the University of Canterbury in Christchurch, New Zealand, where he served as visiting professor in the Department of Geography from 1971-72. He fondly recalls the scenic wonders of these Southern Hemisphere islands and the variety of physical environments which await the field researcher. He quickly fell in love with the landscapes and people of New Zealand and fulfilled a life dream by returning there in 1981 as visiting professor.

Aside from those few intermittent absences, he has served on the Geography faculty at Arizona State University since 1974, to include a stint as department chairman and acting director of the Laboratory of Climatology. Throughout these varied professional positions, Dr. Marcus has kept himself at the forefront of research in his fields. He has participated as co-investigator and principal investigator for a number of field research expeditions, to include the Mt. Ararat, Turkey, Glaciology Project; the Franz Josef Glacier, New Zealand, Heat Balance Studies; the Peru and Bolivia Glaciological Reconnaissance; and the Nepal, Himalaya, Climatological and Environmental Analysis.

In addition to his teaching and research responsibilities, Dr. Marcus has played an important role in the professional development of geography curriculums and associations in the United States. He has

USMA cadets performing surveying measurements to determine the movement of the Gulkana Glacier as part of the Glacier Studies Program.

The nine cadets and cadre who undertook the 1985 Glacier Studies Program in Alaska.

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served terms as the chairman of the Commission on College Geography and is a past president of the Association of American Geographers. He currently serves as vice-president of the Commission on Environmental Problems of the International Geographical Union and is on the governing boards of the American Geographical Society, the International Mountain Society and the Yosemite Institute. Dr. Marcus is also an esteemed member of the Explorers Club, which is a multi-disciplinary, professional society dedicated to the advancement of field research and scientific exploration. The past honorary presidents of this club include such noted explorers as Admiral Robert E. Peary (of North Pole fame), Major General Adolphus W. Greely (of Ft. Greely, Alaska fame), and Sir Edmund Hillary (of Mt. Everest fame).

While teaching at West Point, Dr. Marcus initiated a series of unique visiting professor courses in the disciplines of physical geography. During the spring of AY 1984-85, he taught a course in Arctic and Alpine Geomorphology and Environments. During the fall term of AY 1985-86, he taught a follow-on course in Snow and Ice Processes, as well as a course in Climatology. In the spring term he then taught a course entitled Arid Lands, which focused on the climatology and geomorphology of arid regions. All of these courses involved rigorous hands-on laboratory exercises designed to give the students a feel for the real flavor and intensity of scientific research. Dr. Marcus also initiated an informal Geography Caucus among the faculty members, which was aimed at sharing and broadening the research experiences of the faculty. Needless to say, Dr. Marcus was also a popular guest lecturer in a number of other geography elective courses, to include Water Resources Management, Geomorphology, and Geography of Latin America. Perhaps his most unique and lasting contribution to the department, however, is the Glacier Studies Program which he designed and implemented during the summer of 1985.

This program was developed to teach and train a small group of cadets in the field on glacier research. The program combined the military skills summer training offered to cadets participating in the Northern Warfare Training Center (NWTC) program at Ft. Greely, Alaska, with the academic and research expertise of Dr. Marcus in alpine and glacier environments. The program was entirely voluntary and was coordinated through the Office of the Commandant. To participate in this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, selected cadets had to volunteer part of their summer leave period following completion of the NWTC training. During the summer of 1985, nine cadets volunteered to spend five days with Dr. Marcus and a cadre from the Northern Warfare School on the Gulkana Glacier in the Alaskan Range. Since the program followed immediately after their training, the cadets were already acclimated to living in the harsh and rugged environment of a glacier at some 6,000 feet above sea level. Dr. Marcus and his team of cadets spent 15 to 16 hours per day in the long Alaskan summer light performing a variety of experiments related to glacier processes.

Since the cadets were unfamiliar with glacier research, Dr. Marcus spent a part of each day instructing them on topics such as snow hydrology, glacier movement, and glacial landforms. Following the instructional periods, the energetic cadets were put to work applying their newly developed skills and knowledge. Snow hydrology studies were performed by digging snow pits and examining pit stratigraphy (density, temperature, crystal structure, hardness, etc.) at three glacier elevations and probing snow accumulation throughout the accumulation zone of the glacier. Glacier movement studies involved the establishment of two baselines on marginal bedrock, placement of measurement stakes along four lateral profiles, and precision surveying using theodolites. The glacial landforms applications were incorporated into all phases of the field work, but were particularly emphasized on the one-day walkout from the base camp on the glacier to the pickup point near the terminal moraine alongside the Richardson Highway. Following their return to Ft. Greely to turn in equipment and take warm showers, the cadets spent a full workday reducing and analyzing the data they had acquired on the glacier into a field technical report.

Upon their return from Alaska and commencement of the academic year, several of the cadets pursued their newly discovered interests by enrolling in Dr. Marcus's visiting professor course on Snow and Ice Processes. The cadets also assembled a slide show and briefing which was formally presented to the Commandant of Cadets and the department faculty. The culmination of their work was an evening presentation by the cadets to members of the Explorers Club at their headquarters in New York City.

Financial and logistical support for the Glacier Studies Program was provided by a number of agencies. The West Point Fund, through the Alumni Affairs Office, provided a $4,000 grant to support expenses for Dr. Marcus and for purchasing special equipment and materials. The Northern Warfare Training Center provided all of the logistical support, to include helicopter transport, rations, and individual gear. It also provided a dedicated mountaineering instructor, Mr. William Strauss, to assist Dr. Marcus in his training of the cadets. The program would obviously not have been possible without the assistance of these agencies.

As a follow-on to the 1985 Glacier Studies Program, a more extensive research effort was organized for the summer of 1986 on the West Gulkana Glacier. Through the leadership of Dr. Marcus and several grants from Army research agencies, to include the Army Science Office and the Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory (CRREL), several faculty members and cadets undertook an extensive research program during June and July. This was a cooperative effort with several faculty and graduate students from Arizona State University (Dr. Marcus's resident institution). The focus of the West Gulkana Research Program was to map and measure the movements of the glacier over the past 30 years. In 1957 a baseline study of the West Gulkana was performed as part of a series of glacier studies conducted in conjunction with the Geophysical Year sponsored by the International Geographical Union. Since that time no further studies on the glacier have been conducted. This year's research included (a) reestablishment of baselines and contour mapping, (b) mass-balance studies of glacier movement, (c) microclimatology of the glacier, and (d) hydrologic investigations. It is hoped that this program will initiate a long-range research effort on the glacier to be pursued by faculty members and cadets during future summers.

All in all, the Glacier Studies Program and the courses offered by Dr. Marcus during his tenure here at West Point have added a unique and exciting dimension to the instruction of physical geography. Dr. Marcus's expertise, guidance and enthusiasm have enraptured cadets and faculty members alike. His good humor and quick smile somehow belie the "real man" image and stature of a mountain conqueror and explorer. Yet there is no doubt in the minds of those who have had the opportunity to learn and experience his alpine world that Dr. Marcus is indeed a true mountain man and stands at least ten feet tall.

Olmsted Hall Dedication

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Olmsted, Ambassador David S. Smith, Mr. Howard Hussing, and Taylor '37. He recounted briefly the high points of Olmsted's career and service to the nation, giving emphasis to the Olmsted Scholarships established in 1959, which have now produced more than 200 scholars. Finally he described the Olmsted grant to the Association of Graduates, which has grown from the pledge of $2.5 million in 1979 to the realized value today of almost $4.5 million, and what it will do for the new museum.

Olmsted was then invited to the podium to view the unveiling. He thanked the Superintendent, the Academy, and the Association of Graduates for their labors on behalf of the museum project, and for their kindness in honoring him, and revealed that he felt a particular attachment to Highland Falls because it was there that his parents first met. It happened, he said, when his father, who was a student at Braden's prep school, was detailed as a punishment for some infraction to guide a visiting young lady to the site of a West Point Hop to which she had been invited.

The Superintendent, LTG Willard W. Scott, Jr. '48 then accepted the gift for

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THE COM REPORTS...

by BG Peter J. Boylan
Commandant of Cadets, USMA

Readers of this column may recall my warning that from time to time I would lapse into historical vignettes of our Alma Mater. If you are so inclined, read on; if not, the jury will disregard this reference.

One cannot stay at West Point for any length of time without noticing just what a place of transition it really is. In the summer, firsties graduate and new cadets enter; staff and faculty members leave for new assignments and others arrive to take their places. Always, there is great anticipation of challenges to be met, excellence to be achieved! For after all, this is West Point—center for excellence for one hundred and eighty-four years.

To long-time observers, it may seem that the new plebes are the same as those fourth classmen of earlier vintage. We know from our experience and from an historical perspective, that times *do* change and naturally, so do cadets who are *of* those times. And so, as it has in the many previous years, it remains the mission of West Point to prepare young people to assume leadership roles in the service of the Army and of the nation. Elsewhere in this issue is an excellent piece on the Class of 1990. We know that they too share the same hopes and fears that we did as we looked forward to earning our places in the Long Gray Line.

As our entering classes are sure to represent change, so does West Point adapt to that change. True, there have been those who have said it is easier to watch a glacier move than it is to see change at West Point. And a Dean of the Academic Board is supposed to have said that it was easier to move a graveyard than it is to change our curriculum. But measured change continues. The Class of 1990 is the first to all have personal computers in their rooms, which they individually buy! On Reception Day, the first class detail wore the "new" India uniform. And in the fall, ties with class shirts return. This is "measured" change, but can you imagine what it was like at West Point in October 1918?

There were only three classes in residence, the Class of June 1918 having graduated after only three years as cadets. In his book *MacArthur Close-Up*, Colonel William Addleman Ganoe (USMA '07) tells of the directive in October 1918 from the Adjutant General to "graduate your upper two classes on November first." Ganoe goes on to say that "the news hit the Post like a flash flood." That seems to be mildly understated. The Academy complied with Washington's directive and for a few days there were only plebes at West Point. They would become the Class of 1920. A new plebe class entered in November that would become the Classes of 1921 and June 13, 1922. Confused yet? It gets better. . . . To make matters worse, the war ended ten days after the two November classes were graduated, and the Army sent the junior of the two classes back to the Academy. They weren't cadets, yet they weren't normal officers of the post either. (Must have been like basic course students.) This group became the Class of 1919. By now you must be thoroughly confused, so like a good Infantryman, I'll put it in a chart format so we can all understand:

Date Entered USMA	Original Class of	Actual Date Grad USMA	Remarks
Jun 1916	1920	Nov 1, 1918	War Emergency Course
Jun 1917	1921	Jun 11, 1919	Originally graduated on Nov 1, 1918; recalled as student officers on Dec 3, 1918.
Jun 1918	*1922/20	Jun 15, 1920	2 year program (Plebe Class A)
Nov 1918	*1922/21	Jun 13, 1921	Under provisions of Act of Congress, 17 cadets elected to graduate at end of 3rd academic year. (Plebe Class B)
Nov 1918	*1922/21	Jun 13, 1922	(also Plebe Class B)
Jun 1919	*1923/22	Jun 14, 1922	Like Jun 13, 1921, 30 cadets elected to graduate at end of their 3rd academic year.
Jun 1919	*1923/22	Jun 12, 1923	Regular 4 year program

*NOTE: When the Classes of '20 and '21 graduated on Nov 1, 1918, the Class of 1922 became the Class of 1920. The class entering in Nov 1918 was originally scheduled to be combined with the plebe class already there ('22), but in June 1919 they were designated by the War Department as the Class of 1921. The class entering in 1919 was designated the Class of 1922. The course of instruction then was three years long and there would be no plebe class!

Needless to say, West Point in those days was experiencing a period of challenge and transition, the likes of which it has not seen since. It is simply a matter of keeping things in perspective when we are confronted by what seems to be a disaster that threatens to "destroy the very fabric of West Point," and quite frankly, it's easy in our day-to-day work to lose that perspective. I recall the story about the cadet who wrote home to his parents and proceeded to tell them that they shouldn't worry if they get a call from his Tac, because the fire damage to the Supe's house as a resut of the rally he organized there, was overestimated. And besides, it was an old house anyway. . . . And they shouldn't get too upset if the Tac mentions the results of his commissioning physical because he can probably get along just fine on one lung and one kidney. After all that rhetoric, the cadet told his parents that everything he had just told them was a joke and that he just wanted to put things into proper perspective because he just got an "F" in Fluid Mechanics!

This past May, when I attended the dedication of our new museum, Olmsted Hall, General George Olmsted, the benefactor, told a story of when he was a cadet during the superintendency of General Douglas MacArthur. General Olmsted said that he believed he was the only cadet

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Military Affairs Club Conducts

GETTYSBURG "STAFF RIDE"

MAJ Shortal and group discuss the Union position on Little Round Top.

By Major Richard Rowe

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On April 19th the Cadet Military Affairs Club and the Department of History, USMA, sponsored a "Staff Ride" of Gettysburg battlefield. Approximately 40 cadets from the Military Affairs Club and the Advanced Military History course and six officers from the Department of History participated in the exercise. The purpose of the trip was to help bring alive the study of military history by having cadets actually walk on the ground of a major battlefield that they had recently just read about and studied in class. We found that the best way to achieve our purpose was to conduct the trip as an historical staff ride.

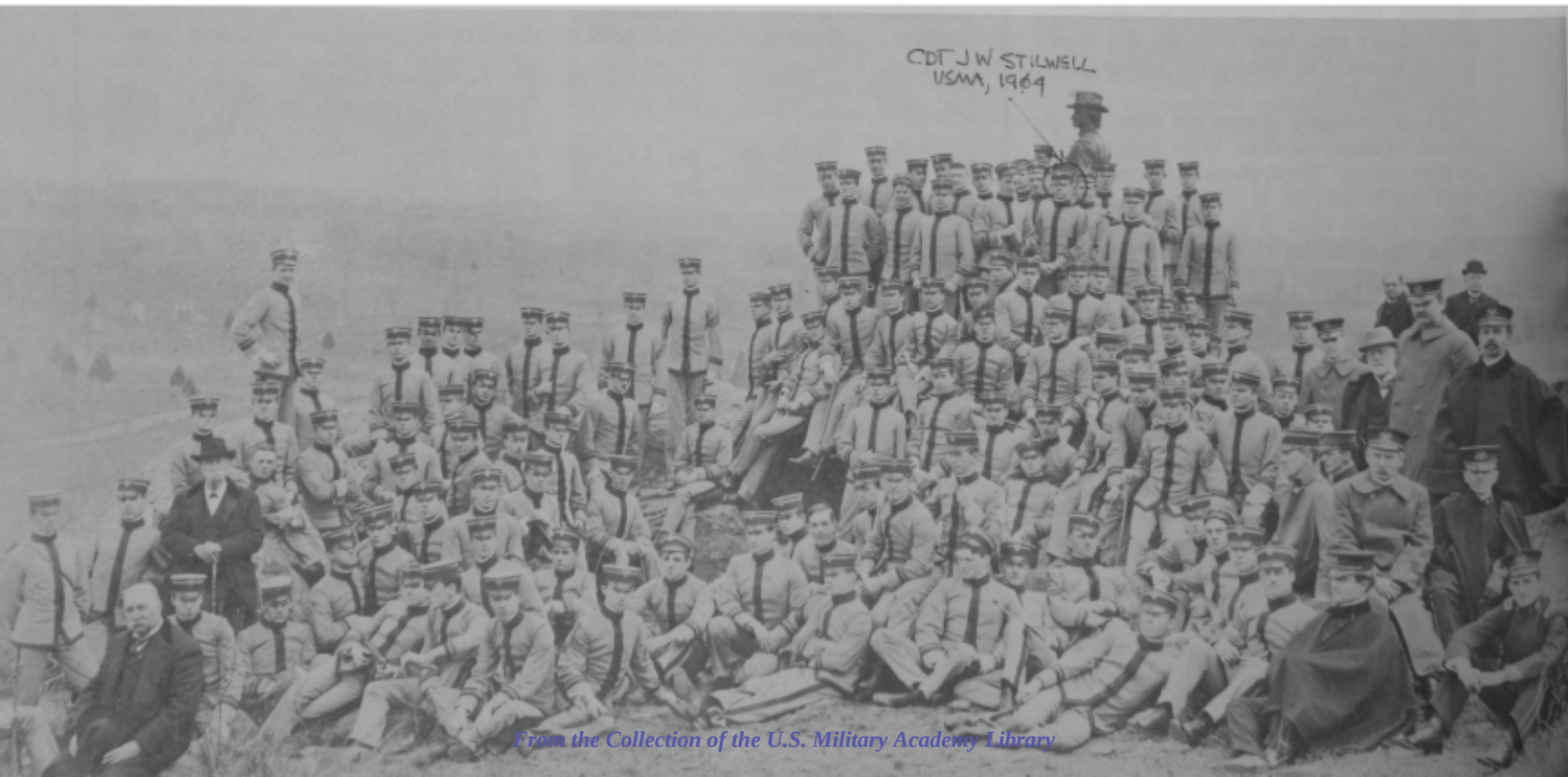
A staff ride is the combination of an historical study of a campaign with a visit to the site of operations for the purpose of professional military education. It involves a preliminary case study of the campaign and battle to encourage the identification of some universal military lessons and then a visit to the site as a means of reinforcing these lessons. An added benefit is an on-site analysis of the terrain, where the campaign transpired, to further understand why a battle or campaign unfolded as it did. Thus the cadets gained an added appreciation for the importance of the principles of war that they have studied so intently in class.

The means of using an historical staff ride as a professional military education technique has recently assumed increasing importance in the Army. The Chief of Staff of the Army has encouraged officers to study major battlefields that may be located near their installations, and units of the 82nd Airborne have parachuted into and conducted staff rides of the battlefield at Gettysburg. The historical staff ride has now returned to the curriculum of the Army War College and the Command and General Staff College, where it played a major role in officer education of the War College from 1909 until 1940.

While conducting some research at the archives at the USMA Library, I found that at the turn of the century the entire first class of the Corps of Cadets used to visit the battlefield at Gettysburg in the spring prior to graduation. Checking the various *Howitzers* available it appears that the trip was conducted in the period from about 1904 until 1915. The first written account is found in the 1904 *Howitzer* under a section entitled "Little Journeys." The trip was scheduled for late April but unfortunately the final manuscript for the *Howitzer* was due in February so that all the editor could do was look forward to the trip about which he stated that

Three days on the Gettysburg battlefield will give the Napoleon Bonapartes a chance to tuck their right hands be-

USMA Class of 1904 on Little Round Top, 30 April 1904



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On Little Round Top, CPT Cannon compares an historical painting of the action to the actual site.

CPT Cannon and cadets discussing the Union position on Little Round Top.

tween the third and fourth buttons of their coats, pull their hats over their eyes, advance the right foot with knee bent, and survey, with silent contempt, the grand errors of those who really fought the mighty struggle.

It is unknown if the trips were conducted as staff rides, or just as battlefield tours, but another quotation in the 1905 *Howitzer* lends support to the idea that the trip was an educational one, and adds a lament about disgruntled "old grads" which probably indicates that the trip was a fairly new addition to the cadet's curriculum.

They [trips such as to Gettysburg] have taught us many things which are not in the books and which some of us never would have learned otherwise, and they will continue to do so for succeeding classes, if those old boys of the alumni will come off their b'aching, just because they didn't know little journeys.

No accounts of the first class trip to Gettysburg occur in the *Howitzer* after 1915 where it appears to have been dropped during the first World War and discontinued as a major trip. Small groups of cadets probably did visit the battlefield on an informal basis after this period; however, there are no longer any accounts in any of the *Howitzers*. In the 1960s and early 1970s the Military Affairs Club revived the visit to Gettysburg, but it was conducted as a battlefield tour, frequently using tour guides, thus losing much of the potential educational value of the site. The battlefield tour was eventually discontinued in the mid-1970s.

In reviving the trip to Gettysburg, the Military Affairs Club and the Department of History decided to use the staff ride technique as the format that would be of most value to the cadet. In keeping with the staff ride concept, battlefield tour guides were specifically not used. Instead, six officers from the Department of History conducted the tour for small groups of 6 or 7 cadets. This enabled the cadets to ask detailed questions, walk over and explore the terrain and see why brigades and batteries were set up on the positions they assumed. The purpose was not to point out to the cadets where Pickett's charge was or the location of Little Round Top, but to relate things that happened in the battle to issues that are still of vital concern to the military, such as the use of terrain, leadership, command and control and application of the principles of war.

The actual conduct of the tour relied heavily on the format used by Dr. Jay Luvass, Professor of Military History at the Army War College. The format he uses for the staff rides he conducts for the Army War College and the History Department's ROTC Workshop was amended by myself and MAJ John Shortal to make it applicable for the cadet's level of military experience and background. As preparation for the staff ride the cadets were required to read Michael Shaara's historical novel of the Battle of Gettysburg, *The Killer Angels*. Detailed maps and accounts of the Gettysburg campaign were issued to the cadets, and by using the maps the cadets gained valuable experience in relat-

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At Devil's Den, CPT Pete Schifferlee and cadets discuss the range and characteristics of Civil War artillery. Little Round Top is in the background.

At McPherson's Ridge, CPT Anastas points out the Confederate approach to the Union position.

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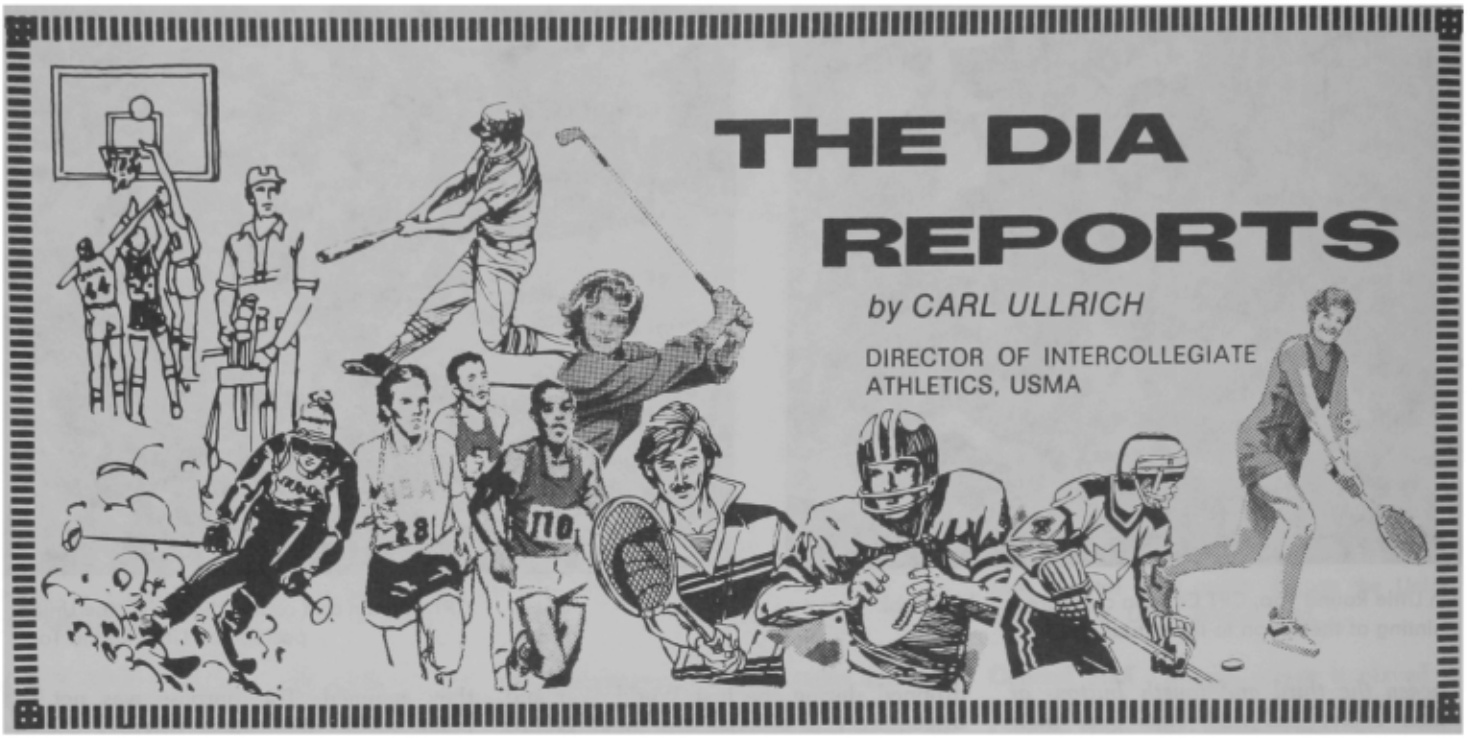


THE DIA REPORTS

by CARL ULLRICH

DIRECTOR OF INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS, USMA

MY last report to you was about midway into our spring season. Although we had some reversals in our progress with our spring sports, for the most part it was a good time for Army athletics.

Baseball wound up with its first winning season in five years and their 23 victories set a season mark for wins, shattering the old record of 21 set in 1981. However, the team could not retain its hold in the upper echelon of the Eastern Intercollegiate Baseball League and finished fifth in the 10-team field, highlighted by a doubleheader sweep of Navy early in the season. This snapped a six-game losing string to the midshipmen.

The cadets batted .311 as a team, averaging better than six runs per game. The pitching staff had an ERA of 3.99. We had a number of individual honors in baseball, including Tom Cascino's winning of the Eastern League batting championship. He and Karl Tappert were named to the Eastern Intercollegiate Baseball League First Team; these are Army's first players to earn First Team honors since 1980. Plebe shortstop Mike Young tied with a player from Harvard for the Second Team berth.

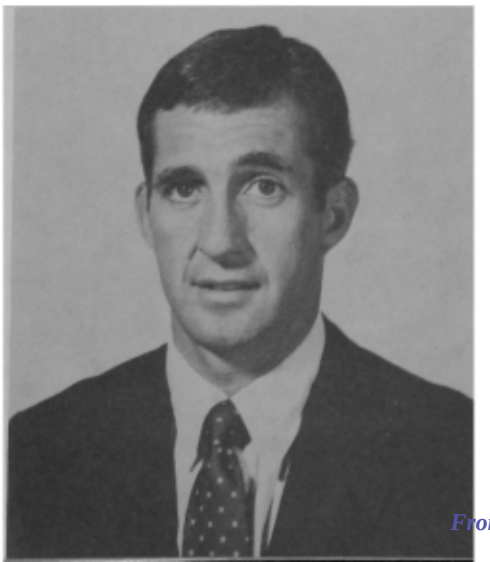
Golf had another outstanding year with an 8 and 0 dual meet record, including a great win over Navy on the Annapolis course. More importantly, the team was selected for competition in the National Collegiate Athletic Association Championships at Wake Forest. This is the first time that an Army team has ever qualified for that honor. Cadets Bill Fuller and Randy Chavez were named to the all-Eastern Intercollegiate Tournament Team as well as the all-District II Team as selected by the NCAA. Cadet Dave Duffy was one of the 39 golfers named to the Third Annual Academic all-America Golf Team selected by the Golf Coaches Association of America.

Women's Softball had an outstanding season—their best ever with a 27 and 7 record. First-year Coach Al Arceo's team set a school record of 27 victories, and at one point in the season were ranked 19th nationally in Division II. Cadet Andee Hidalgo was selected as the Most Valuable Player in the Metro Atlantic Conference Tournament which Army won without a defeat. Joining Hidalgo on the MAAC All-Conference Team were Cadets Jill Schurtz and Terese LaCamera, who shared pitching duties, senior Brandt Kinder at first base, Bernie McLaughlin at catcher, and Laura Slattery, the designated hitter. Schurtz set school marks for strikeouts at 62 consecutive wins and overall record of 14-4 en route to posting an ERA of 0.90.

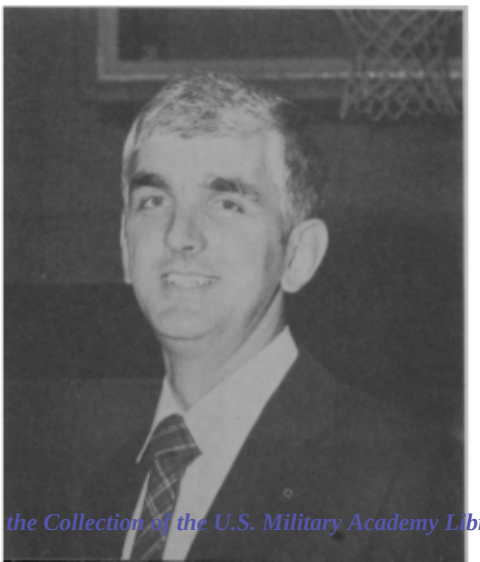
Women's Tennis had a fine 13 and 8 season in Coach Pete Castellano's final year with the team. Pete has done an outstanding job during these last five years, and we wish him well in his new job venture. Army was second in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference Tennis Championships and were third in the fall MAAC Championships. We are in the process of selecting a replacement for Coach Castellano at this time.

Our Men's and Women's Track Teams had little dual meet competition, although a number of individuals had outstanding performances at various invitational meets. Army finished fourth in the Outdoor Heptagonal Games, its best finish since 1981. Senior team captain Wendell Champion was crowned a champion in the long jump and ran the anchor leg on the 4x100-meter relay along with Cadets Rob Peller, Ron

Ed Steers



Harold Johnson



Jack Riley

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Davis, and Clarence Jones. Plebe Tyno Carter won the 3000-meter steeplechase; senior Tom Szoka was second in the 800-meter run; Cadet Karl Harrison was second in the triple jump, and Cadet Mica Comstock was second in the 1500-meter run. Cadet Pam Pearson led the women's team to a second place finish at the Outdoor Heptagonal Championships. She won the long jump, the triple jump, and ran legs on two winning relay teams at 4x100 and 4x400. She was also second in the 200-meter run. This outstanding performance qualified her for the National Collegiate Athletic Association Championships along with Teresa Sobiesk, who had qualified earlier in the 5000-meter run; Marilyn Gibbs won the long jump and ran in the 4x400-meter relay with Cadets Karen Turner, Michelle Collins, and Pam Pearson who also qualified for the NCAA Championship. In the NCAA's Cadet Pearson garnered All-American honors in both the long jump and the triple jump. Pearson has the unique distinction of being a two-time All-American in two sports, track and basketball.

Our perennial national championship participant, Men's Lacrosse, did not have a good season, finishing at 6 and 6, and for the first time since 1981 did not qualify for the championship. Pat Daly was named a Second Team Division I All-American, while defenseman Dan Williams was named Third Team and defenseman Tom Hickman was an Honorable Mention. Daly was also selected to play in the North-South Senior All Star Game. A strong recruiting year and rising underclassmen predict better things for Coach Jack Emmer's team in 1987.

Men's Tennis also had a tough competitive year under new Coach Bob Detrich. Some highlights involved Army's first win over Cornell in four years and a second place finish at the MAAC Championships.

Overall it was a bittersweet year with certainly some bright spots, but with our competition against the Naval Academy causing the most concern. I have appreciated the several responses to my request for suggestions in the last issue of ASSEMBLY. One of you in particular has given our entire staff food for thought about our future competition with our counterparts from Annapolis.

Highlights for this past year include the Football team's win in the most exciting bowl game of the season in Atlanta, and its rank nationally in rushing, punt returns, scoring offense, kickoff returns, and total offense overall. Eighteen cadets were selected for All-American honors while nine others were accorded Honorable Mention in their respective sports. First Classman Don Smith was named to two All-American teams including First Team Kodak All-American honors. Rifle and Pistol had five cadets named as All-Americans; Swimming had three; Wrestling had three, and Women's Basketball had one. Lacrosse had two players, Women's Track and Golf each one selected for All-American recognition in the spring.

Ed Steers, our Wrestling coach, was voted Coach of the Year by the New York State College Coaches Association, and Harold Johnson was selected a College Division I All-American Coach by the American Women's Sports Federation. Jack Riley, as you know, was honored as recipient of the National Hockey League's Lester Patrick Award for his outstanding contribution to hockey. Riley retired this year as the active leader of Army Hockey with 541 coaching victories, which places him second on the list of all-time college coach winners.

The 1986-87 season is right before us

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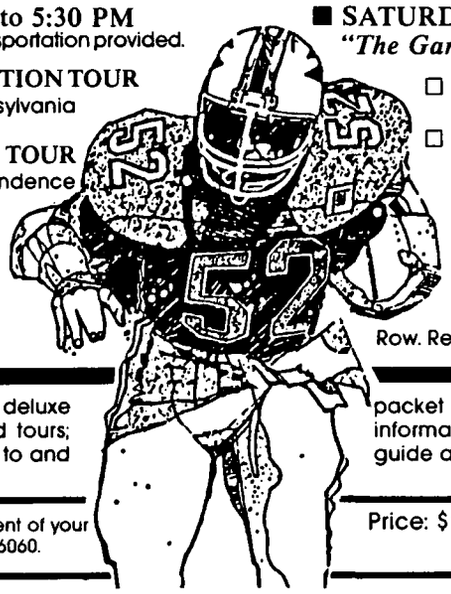

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To obtain further information about the* VIP WEEKEND *call weekdays from 9:00 to 5:00 — (215) 546-4336

To assure reservation, return this form before November 1, 1986 with a $25 per person deposit. Make check payable to ARMY-NAVY VIP WEEKEND and send to: ARMY-NAVY VIP WEEKEND, c/o Chamber of Commerce, Suite 940, 1346 Chestnut St., Phila., PA 19107.

_____ No. of reservations @ $129 TOTAL $_____

Please check your choices:

Dec. 5 ☐ "Philadelphia Firsts" Tour or
☐ Historical Sites Tour

Dec. 6 ☐ Roundtrip Transportation Brunch & Game or
☐ Roundtrip Transportation Game Only

Optional: ☐ Friday Night Dinner Dance

_____ No. of reservations @ $35 TOTAL $_____

☐ Sunday In The Park

_____ No. of reservations @ $15 TOTAL $_____

Name_____

Address_____

City/State/Zip_____

Phone ( )_____

Please check ☐ ARMY ☐ NAVY

Signature:_____

The deposits of $25 per person are non-refundable after Nov. 1, 1986. Payment in full for balance due must be received no later than Nov. 14, 1986. Cancellations after Nov. 14 must be received in writing. A fee of $50 to cover reservation penalties will be charged for each reservation.

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USMA FALL SPORTS SCHEDULE

1986

FOOTBALL

Date		Opponent	Time—PM
Sep	13	Syracuse	2:00
	20	Northwestern (A)	1:30
	27	Wake Forest	2:00
Oct	4	Yale (A)	1:30
	11	Tennessee (A)	TBA
	18	Holy Cross (Homecoming)	1:30
	25	Rutgers (A)	2:00
Nov	1	Boston College	1:30
	8	Air Force	1:30
	15	Lafayette College	1:30
Dec	6	Navy (A)	TBA

150 LB. FOOTBALL

Sep	19	Cornell (A)	7:30
	26	Rutgers	4:00
Oct	4	Cornell (A)	TBA
	11	Pennsylvania University	1:00
	17	Rutgers (A)	7:30
	24	Princeton	4:00
	31	Navy (A)	3:30

SOCCER

Sep	4	Boston University (A)	7:00
	9	Holy Cross	4:00
	13	Rutgers	7:30
	16	Marist	4:00
	20	Wake Forest (A)	4:00
	24	Adelphi	4:00
	27	Colgate	7:30
	30	St. Peter's	4:00
Oct	3	Syracuse (A)	7:30
	7	Fairfield (A)	4:00
	11	Temple	7:30
	17	Manhattan	7:30
	21	La Salle (A)	3:00
	25	Fordham (A)	1:00
	28	Iona (A)	2:30
Nov	1	George Mason (A)	2:00
	8	Navy	7:30

BASEBALL

Sep	4	St. Francis	3:30
	6	Siena (2)	1:00
	9	John Jay	3:30
	10	Concordia	3:30
	14	St. John's (2)	1:00
	16	C. W. Post	3:30
	18	William Paterson	3:30
	20	Rutgers (2)	1:00
	23	Long Island	3:30
	24	Fordham	3:30
	26	Pace	3:30
	28	NY Tech (2)	1:00
	30	Brooklyn College	3:30
Oct	2	St. Rose College	3:30
	4	Ithaca (2)	1:00
	8	Queens College	3:30
	11	Oswego State (2)	1:00

MEN'S TENNIS

Sep	3	RPI	3:30
	5-6	Bloomsburg Invitational (A)	TBA
	10	SUNY/Albany (A)	3:30
	20-21	West Point Invitational	8:30 AM
Oct	2-3	MAAC (A)	TBA
	10-12	ECAC (A)	TBA
	17-19	Maryland Tournament (A)	TBA

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Sep	14	Central Connecticut State	1:00
	16	Iona	3:30
	23	Dowling (A)	3:30
	26	University of Denver (A)	2:00
	27	Air Force (A)	1:00
Oct	2-3	MAAC Tournament (A)	9:00 AM
	8	Fairfield	3:30
	10	Vassar (A)	3:30
	11	Fordham	1:00
	19	Holy Cross	12:30
	28	William Paterson (A)	3:30

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Sep	12-13	Fort Wayne Tournament (A)	6:00
	16	SUNY at Oneonta/New Paltz	4:00
	17	Marist	5:00
	19-20	Central Connecticut Tournament (A)	6:00
	26-27	East Stroudsburg Invitational (A)	6:30
Oct	3-4	West Chester Invitational (A)	6:00
	7	Queens College	5:00
	10-11	Slippery Rock University Tournament (A)	6:30
	14	East Stroudsburg	5:00
	17-18	East Stroudsburg (A)	6:30
	21	C. W. Post	5:30
	24-25	Army Classic	TBA
	28	Pace	5:00
	31	Navy (A)	4:00
Nov	4	Springfield	5:00
	7-8	Wright State University Tournament (A)	6:00
	11	Columbia	5:00
	12	University of New Haven	5:00
	14-15	Army Invitational	5:00

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Sep	12	Iona/Marist	4:30
	19	Syracuse/Cornell/Colgate (Cornell)	3:30
	26	USMAPS	4:30
Oct	3	Metro-Atlantic Championships (Van Cortland Park)	TBA
	11	Paul Short Invitational (Lehigh)	10:00 AM
	25	Navy (A)	11:00 AM
	31	Heps (Van Cortland Park)	TBA
Nov	15	IC4A'S (Lehigh)	TBA

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Sep	12	Fordham/Marist	5:15
	19	Syracuse/Cornell/Colgate (Cornell)	3:30
	26	USMAPS	4:30
Oct	3	Metro Atlantic Championship (Van Cortland Park)	TBA
	31	Heps (Van Cortland Park)	TBA
Nov	8	NCAA Div II Regional Qualification (A)	TBA

GOLF

Sep	12-14	West Point Invitational	8:00 AM
	26-28	Walter McLaughlin Invitational (A)	11:30 AM
Oct	3-6	Toski Invitational (A)	TBA
	8-9	ECAC Qualifying Round (A)	TBA
	18-19	ECAC Championship (A)	TBA

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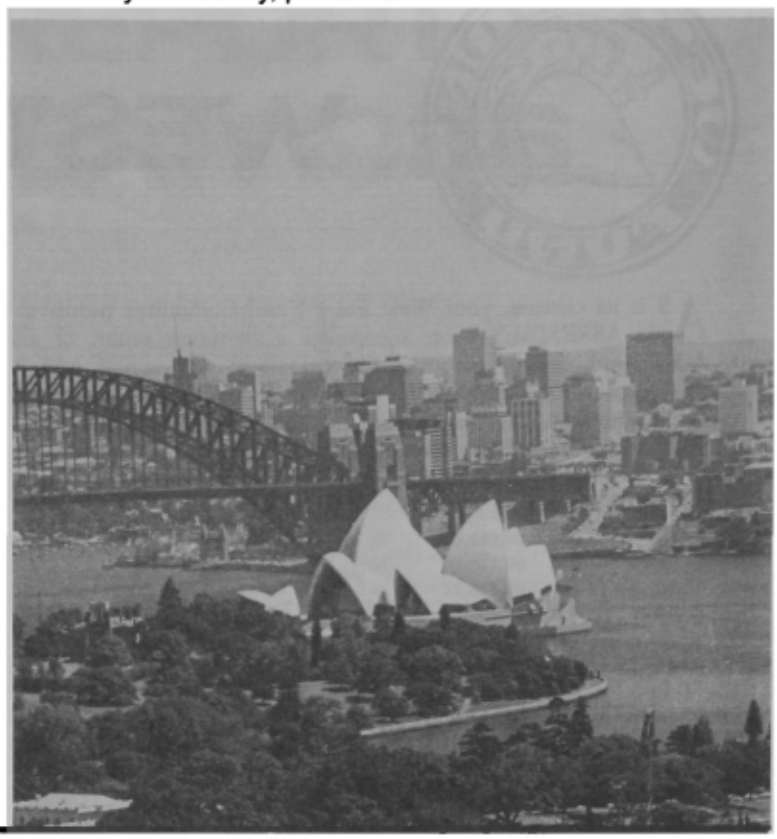
The Association of Graduates, U.S. Military Academy, presents:

SOUTH PACIFIC

January 8-January 24, 1987



Here is the ideal travel experience—lands that are foreign but friendly, where English is not only spoken but is actually the "mother tongue," where sightseeing attractions rank with the world's best, and where visitors from North America are made to feel truly welcome. In Australia you'll visit Green Island, a part of the magnificent Great Barrier Reef near Cairns; the cultural and natural attractions of Melbourne; Sydney with its daring Opera House and spectacular harbor. In New Zealand you'll visit Auckland, almost totally surrounded by beautiful bays, and Christchurch, known as "the most English city outside of England."

FEATURES INCLUDED IN THIS DELUXE TRIP

Scheduled Jet Service

- Fly via QANTAS wide-bodied jet to CAIRNS, AUSTRALIA and return from SYDNEY
- Scheduled service via AIR NEW ZEALAND and QANTAS throughout the South Pacific

***First*, CAIRNS and the GREAT BARRIER REEF, AUSTRALIA**

- THREE NIGHTS at the waterfront PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL HOTEL in Cairns
- "Welcome" PARTY
- Half-day Cairns SIGHTSEEING EXCURSION
- Full-day GREAT BARRIER REEF excursion, with LUNCH included

***Next*, AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND (via Brisbane)**

- Short, scheduled flight to Brisbane
- Afternoon Brisbane SIGHTSEEING EXCURSION, including visit to the *Lone Pine Sanctuary*, home of the Koala
- Scheduled jet, Brisbane to Auckland
- TWO NIGHTS at the lavish REGENT HOTEL
- Morning Auckland SIGHTSEEING EXCURSION

***Then*, CHRISTCHURCH, NEW ZEALAND**

- Scheduled flight, Auckland to Christchurch
- THREE NIGHTS at the deluxe NOAHS HOTEL
- Half-day Christchurch SIGHTSEEING EXCURSION

***Next*, MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA**

- Scheduled flight, Christchurch to Melbourne
- THREE NIGHTS at the impressive REGENT HOTEL
- Morning Melbourne SIGHTSEEING EXCURSION

***Finally*, SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA**

- THREE NIGHTS at the SYDNEY REGENT HOTEL
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- "Farewell" PARTY at the Sydney Regent Hotel

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WEST POINT FUND

AS is its custom, your West Point Fund Committee publishes in ASSEMBLY each September a summary report of all AOG fund raising activities for the fiscal year which ended on the preceding 31 March. A copy of the complete report will be provided on request. Members of the West Point Fund Committee as of 31 March 1986 are listed below.

A comparison of total receipts by the AOG for FY 85 and FY 86 is shown below. Figures in this report do not include interest.

	FY 85		FY 86	
	No. of Gifts	Total Amount	No. of Gifts	Total Amount
a. Direct Contributions (Annual Giving)				
$25,000 and Over	10	$ 364,385	10	$ 357,116
Less Than $25,000 (mainly from Annual Drive)	9,879	$ 985,016	10,643	$1,291,824
TOTAL DIRECT CONTRIBUTIONS	9,889	$1,349,401	10,653	$1,648,940
b. Planned Giving				
Bequests	12	$ 579,480	8	$ 599,158
Life Income Plans	11	$ 242,790	12	$ 380,995
TOTAL PLANNED GIVING	23	$ 822,270	20	$ 980,153
GRAND TOTAL	9,912	$2,171,671	10,673	$2,629,093

Significant features detailed in the Annual Report are:

a. An increase of 21% over FY 85 in total revenue received, attributed primarily to an increase in the number of large gifts in direct contributions and the number and size of planned gifts.

b. A 7.7% increase in the number of donations received to 10,673, and an increase in the percentage of alumni participation to 23.4% from 21.4% in FY 85.

c. A 22% increase in direct contribution receipts. In FY 86 for gifts of $5,000 or higher, there were 40 gifts totalling $686,910 compared with 33 gifts totalling $534,909 in FY 85.

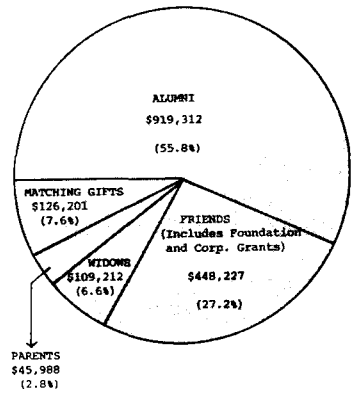
d. A 19% increase in Planned Giving Program receipts. In FY 86, there were 20 gifts totalling $980,153 compared with 23 gifts totalling $822,270 in FY 85.

e. The publication of three fund raising pamphlets detailing significant aspects of our program.

Table I represents both the sources and uses of direct donations (Annual Giving) to the West Point Fund during FY 86. It is significant to note that 55.8% of all donations came from alumni. To some extent this demonstrates the breadth of our program. Of the total of $1.649 million contributed to the annual fund drive, 32.7% was unrestricted. This compares with 32.6% in FY 85. Unrestricted contributions provide the greatest flexibility in their use for programs which support the Military Academy and the Corps of Cadets.

TABLE I

CONTRIBUTORS



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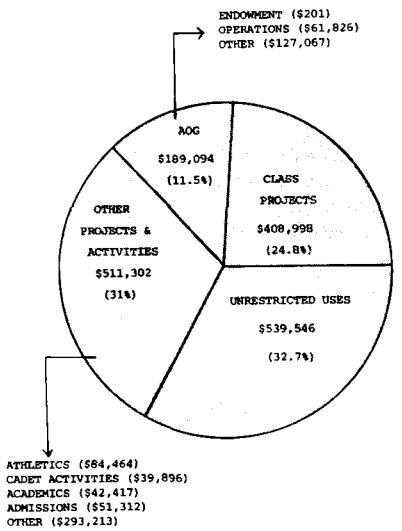

Tables II and III pertain to giving by class. Alumni giving of $919,312 is up from FY 85. The 23.4% response is up 2% from FY 85. Increased alumni participation of the annual fund program in support of the Military Academy remains an ongoing objective of the West Point Fund Committee.

Table IV addresses West Point Fund Programmed Expenditures for programs supported by unrestricted funds. The West Point Advisory Committee of the Superintendent recommends distribution of these unrestricted monies. The requirements are justified by the various Military Academy program managers for financial support which is not available through appropriated funds. Requirements from unrestricted money con-

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COMMITTEE REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 1986

TABLE II

Contributions by Class FY 86 (Bequests & Life Income Trusts not included)

Class	# of Donors	Total Amount of Donations	% of Response	Balance in Class Gift Account On 3/31/86
1910	2	$ 50.00	100%	$ *
1912	2	530.00	50%	*
1913	1	100.00	100%	*
1914	1	100.00	50%	*
1915	2	500.00	100%	*
1916	6	265.00	86%	*
1917 (Apr)	4	335.00	44%	*
1917 (Aug)	1	20.00	6%	*
1918 (Jun)	5	190.00	71%	*
1918 (Nov)	17	1,610.00	41%	*
1919	25	1,765.00	52%	*
1920	23	1,335.00	55%	*
1921	6	710.00	86%	$ 3,405.37**
1922	16	16,438.00	84%	
1923	34	2,880.00	67%	13,159.36
1924	47	8,534.06	59%	20,574.52
1925	26	17,467.50	52%	*
1926	26	2,405.00	55%	5,508.41
1927	36	63,505.00	57%	57,034.59
1928	40	6,833.00	41%	30.00
1929	41	16,144.91	46%	404.09
1930	38	3,040.00	42%	18,882.96
1931	56	5,310.00	41%	20,967.02
1932	57	9,462.00	50%	64,657.31
1933	76	11,295.00	47%	19,229.66
1934	58	16,942.91	46%	3,182.84
1935	57	6,249.00	37%	$ *
1936	86	12,885.00	50%	35,921.51
1937	89	23,336.62	54%	63,111.21***
1938	101	18,225.00	57%	54,294.86
1939	159	12,803.00	51%	58,041.48
1940	151	16,380.00	56%	41,254.46
1941	87	5,737.00	32%	50,115.70
1942	97	6,815.00	39%	1,203.91
1943 (Jan)	101	5,406.25	38%	2,258.89
1943 (Jun)	117	27,057.00	34%	404,280.80
1944	100	13,277.25	29%	15,117.44
1945	159	21,662.50	24%	3,031.90
1946	202	23,403.00	29%	21,772.14
1947	61	9,919.50	25%	14,871.27
1948	69	25,791.01	28%	78,202.68
1949	100	73,679.20	22%	28,817.63***
1950	153	15,936.67	28%	12,677.19
1951	74	31,043.00	18%	415,872.35
1952	89	43,518.75	21%	10,299.22
1953	112	32,827.29	28%	78,212.89***
1954	157	24,984.75	30%	168,066.81***
1955	116	23,206.00	29%	99,629.56
1956	171	37,721.94	42%	22,650.60
1957	82	3,778.00	18%	1,737.15
1958	89	4,670.00	18%	28,941.32
1959	79	7,906.00	20%	4,298.01
1960	132	$ 9,888.88	27%	$ 9,874.13
1961	79	3,526.00	19%	1,349.03
1962	77	5,043.00	16%	3,245.12
1963	61	2,982.00	15%	1,782.48
1964	162	29,375.00	33%	35,239.91
1965	105	7,870.00	21%	2,495.54
1966	89	5,625.00	19%	5,360.38
1967	102	7,386.19	22%	2,170.90
1968	109	5,153.00	19%	1,443.77
1969	134	6,641.69	19%	5,005.02
1970	151	12,088.91	22%	9,836.90
1971	114	5,350.00	17%	8,197.82
1972	123	5,161.00	17%	3,690.06
1973	123	4,859.75	15%	2,090.43
1974	111	5,215.00	15%	6,450.87
1975	127	5,203.00	16%	1,220.35
1976	153	4,982.00	21%	3,916.43
1977	119	3,584.00	20%	3,509.15
1978	143	4,469.78	17%	2,159.54
1979	123	3,622.00	16%	4,352.98
1980	138	4,750.80	18%	780.27
1981	154	5,073.00	19%	13,458.20
1982	146	4,830.00	18%	362.60
1983	120	5,190.00	14%	10.00
1984	102	3,071.00	12%	205.94
1985	101	42,285.98	10%	1,030.00
TOTAL	6,602	$919,312.09	23%	$2,072,800.28

* These classes have already transferred their entire Class Gift Accounts to the West Point Fund Unrestricted Account.
** Class Gift Accounts combined.
*** Includes Securities

tinue to grow, especially for those categories of items listed in Table IV. The major uses of unrestricted money are for support to cadet extracurricular activities, intercollegiate athletics, and academic related programs. These programs all complement cadet development but would have to be curtailed without the generous support of our donors.

In the Planned Giving area, FY 86 produced bequests and irrevocable life income gifts which exceeded the dollar amounts received in any single year since the Planned Giving Program was initiated in 1977.

Inclusion of West Point in one's will is one of the most sincere ways of expressing appreciation to one's alma mater and to support those members of the Long Gray Line who will follow. Four West Point graduates, three widows and one friend benefited West Point by leaving bequests which were received

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TABLE III

The Top Eleven Classes

In Dollars Contributions FY 86		In Donors FY 86		Percent Donors FY 86	
1949	$73,679.20	1946	202	1910	100%
1927	63,505.00	1956	171	1913	100%
1952	43,518.75	1964	162	1915	100%
1985	42,285.98	1939	159	1916	86%
1956	37,721.94	1945	159	1921	86%
1953	32,827.29	1954	157	1922	84%
1951	31,043.00	1981	154	Jun 1918	71%
1964	29,375.00	1950	153	1923	67%
Jun 1943	27,057.00	1976	153	1924	59%
1948	25,791.01	1940	151	1927	57%
1954	24,984.75	1970	151	1938	57%

TABLE IV

West Point Fund Programmed Expenditures FY 86

	Unrestricted	Total
Preparatory School Support	$ 56,500	$ 98,200
Admissions Support	5,240	13,350
Cadet Activities	111,145	165,000
Academics	28,260	92,900
Athletics	140,000	140,000
Museum	300,000	300,000
	$641,145	$809,450

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CORPORATIONS and FOUNDATIONS ASSIST WEST POINT

FROM the summary of the West Point Fund Annual Report contained in this issue of ASSEMBLY, you will note that direct contributions totaled $1,648,940 for the period 1 April 1985–31 March 1986. Corporation and foundation support amounted to over $240,000 or 14.5% of that total (Table 1). Obviously, these donations are important to the ability of the West Point Fund to support a variety of programs which are of benefit to the Military Academy and the Corps of Cadets.

MATCHING GIFTS—Double the value of your individual gift to West Point. That's right! You can double the value of your gift to the West Point Fund if you work for a firm which has a Matching Gift Program. There are over 1,000 such firms in the United States today which will match the gift of an employee to qualifying institutions such as the Military Academy. If you qualify, simply obtain the matching gift form from your employer and send it with your check payable to the "West Point Fund." Unless specified by your employer, gifts may be unrestricted or restricted to a purpose of your choice. Some common restrictions are the athletic program or a particular sport; the extracurricular activities program or a particular cadet club; the academic area, such as Faculty Development and Research, Crossroads Africa, SCUSA, the Senior Conference and the Library; the West Point Preparatory Scholarship Program; and your class fund.

In our recently completed fiscal year, the West Point Fund received $126,201 (a record) in matching gifts from corporations and foundations. There was a total of 582 gifts from 259 separate organizations, and from these statistics you can see that the Matching Gift Program is an important part of our Development effort —a part for which credit is due not only our individual donors but also the organizations which provide the matching gifts. Tables 2 and 3 highlight the organizations providing the greatest number of matching gifts and the highest dollar totals.

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TABLE 1

TOTAL CORPORATION/FOUNDATION SUPPORT

	No. of Gifts	$ Amount
Matching Gifts	582	$126,201
Grants	17	$114,160

TABLE 2

MATCHING GIFT PROGRAM
With Seven or More Gifts

Corporation/Foundation Name	No. of Gifts	$ Amount
Exxon Education Foundation	19	$ 18,540
FMC Corporation	8	1,010
Ford Motor Company	23	1,795
General Electric	11	1,145
GTE	10	3,475
Honeywell	9	605
IBM	36	8,564
ITT Corporation	7	1,160
Martin Marietta	11	4,819
Rockwell International Corp.	8	3,380
United Technologies Corp.	9	960

TABLE 3

MATCHING GIFT PROGRAM
CONTRIBUTIONS OF $1,000 or MORE
(Not listed on Table 2)

Corporation/Foundation Name	No. of Gifts	$ Amount
Air Products & Chemicals, Inc.	2	$ 2,306
Associated Dry Goods Corporation	1	2,000
Atlantic Richfield Foundation	6	1,860
Automation Industries, Inc.	2	1,000
BASF Wyandotte Corporation	2	1,050
CIGNA Corporation	2	1,550
Continental Group, Inc.	4	1,900
Emerson Electric Company	2	1,100
Empire City Subway	2	2,250
Grace Foundation, Inc.	2	1,100
Morrison-Knudsen Com., Inc.	3	1,100
Nalco Chemical Company	2	2,050
New York Life Foundation	1	1,000
Phillips Petroleum Foundation, Inc.	2	6,000
Pitney Bowes	1	4,743
Prudential Insurance Co. of America	3	1,100
Rexnard Foundation, Inc.	2	1,200
Roper Corporation	1	1,000
Sun Company, Inc.	5	4,200
Technical Operations, Inc.	1	1,000
Towers, Perrin, Forster & Crosby	4	1,900
Transco Energy Company	1	1,050

TABLE 4

GRANTS

Contributions of $5,000 or More

Cissy Patterson Trust	$25,000	Library
Marjorie M. Post Foundation	25,000	ODIA—Football
Rockwell International Corporation	13,000	Class of Jun '43/Faculty Development & Research Fund
United Technologies Corporation	10,000	SCUSA/Cadet Education
Elihu Rose Foundation	5,000	Military History
McDonnell Douglas Foundation	5,000	Senior Conference
Boeing Company	5,000	Class of Jun '43
Hughes Aircraft Corporation	5,000	Class of Jun '43
Martin Marietta Corporation	5,000	Class of Jun '43
Northrop Corporation	5,000	Class of Jun '43

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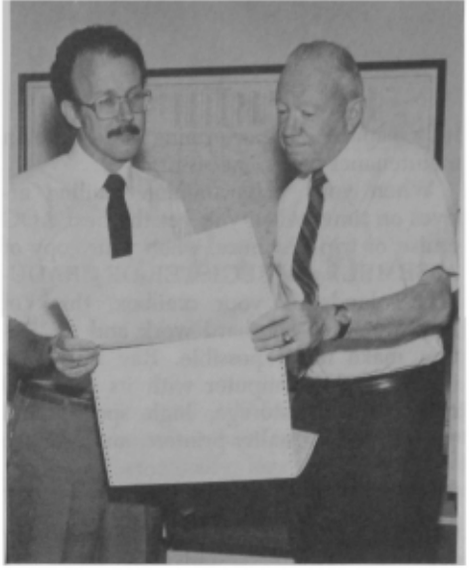
THE DIRECTORATE OF ALUMNI RECORDS AND SERVICES

Association of Graduates

Linda Giacoio, Directorate secretary, takes a call from a West Point Society, reporting their new officers for '86.



Ray McGhee, Assistant Director of Alumni Records, discusses computer print-out with Colonel Herbert.

THE staff of the Directorate of Alumni Records and Services firmly believes that they are absolutely indispensable in the day-to-day activities of the Association of Graduates! As Mrs. Mary "Mickey" Davis, who heads up the Address Department puts it, "Our major task is to maintain current and accurate addresses for all of our living graduates, widows, parents, ex-cadets, and friends of West Point. Everyone on the AOG staff depends on us!"

Mickey has been with the address department for nine years, and she will probably recognize your name (and maybe your class and graduation sequence number!) when you call or write. Right now, Mickey is deeply involved in the process of installing the AOG's new microfilm system. All of the more than 30,000 graduate Cullum Files are being transferred to microfilm and microfiche. "It will save us both time and storage space," Mickey says.

Under the overall supervision of Colonel Morris Herbert '50, the directorate maintains addresses and biographical records of all graduates; it assists West Point societies and classes by providing limited reproduction and mailing services; it furnishes address lists and mailing labels in a variety of formats; and it responds to queries on every subject under the sun that has to do with West Point and its graduates (I lost my ring—where can I get a replacement?? . . . How many West Point graduates have won the Medal of Honor??). Genealogical research on graduates is also performed in response to requests.

Linda Giacoio came to work for the AOG in 1973, and she is now the senior secretary and institutional memory for the directorate. Linda supervises the activities of the three other ladies who work in Alumni Records, and she personally handles the administration of the West Point Preparatory Scholarship Program and the Association's Membership Program. In addition, Linda supervises preparation of the "90 Year Book," the album of photographs and career highlights presented to each graduate on his 90th birthday. Linda is also responsible for scheduling and arrangements for AOG Admissions Committee meetings, and she maintains the up-to-date roster of society and class officers. If you're a new society officer, and you haven't told Linda—please call her! The best part of the job? Linda says it's "the many different and interesting tasks and jobs we do. There's never a dull moment!"

Monica Mahan and Leslie Maher assist Linda and Mickey; both joined the AOG this year. Their work is the typing, clerical, filing, research, and computer key-punching tasks that keep the office going and our graduates happy.

Ray McGhee came to work for the Association in 1964, and as assistant to the director he has primary responsibility over the Wang 2200 MVP mini-computer and all of its peripherals. Ray maintains and operates all of the equipment and office machinery owned by the AOG; and he is

Monica Mahan and Leslie Maher work on key-punching address changes on the Wang computer.

Mickey Davis is smiling—someone remembered to send us a change of address.

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fully capable of performing fifth echelon maintenance when necessary!

When your class reunion mailing arrives on time, when you get the next AOG cruise or trip brochure, when your copy of ASSEMBLY and REGISTER OF GRADUATES lands in your mailbox, think of Ray McGhee. His hard work and dedication make it all possible. Ray says that installing the computer with its over 200 megabytes of storage, high speed band printer, letter quality printers, and a dozen word-processing and data-processing terminals has been a difficult challenge. "The AOG is unique among college alumni organizations," Mr. McGhee said. "Therefore, most of the software programs we use had to be specially tailored and designed for our needs."

How does he like the computer age in the AOG? Ray has mixed emotions. "We have a much expanded capability, so we can respond to many more requests by our classes, societies, and individual grads. So we have a much heavier work load than in the past." But Ray also sees the bright side. "The big advantage is flexibility," Ray says. "We can do many more tasks than in the past. You want a list of all retired general officers who lettered in lacrosse living in Ohio, we can get it for you!"

"We're here to provide service to our members," Linda says. "If you have a question or need help, call us!" The Directorate of Alumni Records and Services can be reached at (914) 446-5860.

Report of the Affairs of The Association of Graduates, USMA: 1985-1986

I. *Membership.* Membership stands at 31,699, including 408 Associate members and 982 members of the Class of 1986, 97.0% of the class strength. Of all living graduates, including those of the Class of 1986, 96.8% are Association members. During the past year 248 members have been dropped from the rolls because of death.

II. *Information Program.* During the year, the Association added a staff executive to the Information Program and increased the dissemination of information concerning USMA and its graduates to West Point societies. Within the publications activity, the total number of subscribers, either to ASSEMBLY magazine, the REGISTER OF GRADUATES, or both, increased from 21,098 to 21,914.

III. *Development Program.* Through its West Point Fund Committee, the Association continued its program of fund raising for the benefit of the Military Academy, the Corps of Cadets and the Association itself. During the year, approximately $2,248,098 was received in all forms of gifts, of which amount $398,750 was for the Endowment Fund; $1,567,346 was for the West Point Fund; $61,826 was for the Operating Fund; and $220,176, for other, small accounts. Over $1,885,000 was expended for projects and activities which are of benefit to the Military Academy and the Corps of Cadets and for which designated contributions are received and/or public funds are not available. During the year, the Association developed or was informed of the creation of 4 new life income gifts with a total value of $90,801 and 8 gift annuities with a total value of $290,194. These figures are not included in the above totals. While the Association's need for undesignated contributions and for additions to the Endowment Fund grows each year, restricted use of gifts remains a very desirable way to contribute to assist in promoting the welfare of the Academy.

IV. *Admissions Support Program.* During the year, the Association continued its support of the USMA Admissions Program and the administration on behalf of USMA of the Civilian Preparatory Scholarship Program. The name of the program was officially changed to the West Point Preparatory Scholarship Program (WPPSP). The Association's Admissions Support Committee increased its emphasis on contacts with Admissions Coordinators of West Point societies. During the 1985-1986 academic year a total of 51 scholarships were awarded under the WPPSP. The cost of the WPPSP for both scholarships and the administration was $106,894.

V. *Societies Program.* During the year the Association continued its progress toward an active, effective program of graduate support for USMA through West Point societies. The President visited the West Point societies, continuing his activity of the previous year. The Society Activities Committee held several meetings in developing its proposals for presentation in May 1986. The Association expects to announce its expanded program in the fall of 1986.

VI. *Gift Shop.* The Association continued its sale of West Point giftware and other items which promote the Military Academy. Net sales for the year ending 31 March 1986 were $258,000, up $15,000 or 6.2% from a year earlier. Net gain after operating expenses for the year was $17,200. The Association continued to seek ways to improve the quality of its Gift Shop service and merchandise and to broaden its selection of gifts.

VII. *Travel Program.* The Association continued its Travel Program for alumni, wives, widows and friends with four trips—an eastern Mediterranean cruise, a Mississippi River cruise, a Dneiper River cruise and a Caribbean/Panama Canal cruise. All four trips were well subscribed, indicating continuing graduate satisfaction with the program.

VIII. *Financial Status.* The formal report of the Treasurer, based on the annual audit to be performed by Main Hurdman, will be published in the December issue of ASSEMBLY magazine. The financial statement for the year ending 31 March 1986 reflects that total assets increased 19.5% during the year, from $16,237,759 to $19,404,816 and that operating funds decreased $35,238. During the year, the acquisition (book) value of the principal of the Endowment Fund increased 16.7%, from $6,282,560 to $7,329,561, the market value increased 25.7% from $7,220,353 to $9,076,044. The value of the West Point Fund increased 24.5%, from $7,850,052 to $9,770,692. The remainder of the assets, $2,302,955, consists of the Operating Fund and other, small restricted use and administrative accounts.

IX. *West Point Classes.* The Association continued to provide maximum practicable assistance to USMA classes, primarily through the management of class administrative and gift funds and in support of reunions. The following classes held reunions at West Point: 1920, 1925, 1930, 1935, 1940, 1945, 1950, 1955, 1960, 1965, 1970, 1975, and 1980.

X. *Oldest Graduate.* The oldest living graduate of the Military Academy is Colonel Guy W. Chipman, Class of 1910. Colonel Chipman will celebrate his 100th birthday on 26 July 1986.

XI. *Sylvanus Thayer Award.* The 1985 Sylvanus Thayer Award was presented to Frank Pace, Jr. on 26 September 1985.

XII. *Records Modernization Program.* During the year the Association conducted a study of its computer requirements and determined that its requirements at least for the next 5-7 years could be best satisfied by adding capacity to the current system. The Association also approved a program for miniaturization of the Cullum Files during FY1987.

XIII. *Summary.* During the year the Association continued the improvement of its fund raising, information and admission support programs and moved actively toward an aggressive program of increased graduates' support of West Point through societies. Through the coordinated effort of all of these programs, the Association expects to continue to improve and expand its promotion of the welfare of the Military Academy.

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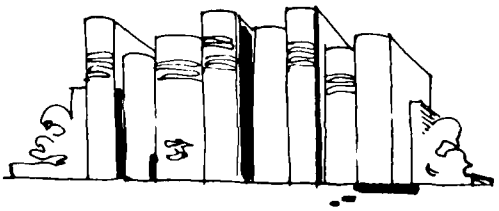
Book  Review

BERNARD ROMANS: FORGOTTEN PATRIOT OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

By Lincoln Diamant, 1985, Harbor Hill Books, Harrison, NY. 160 pp. $15.95.

A biography of Bernard Romans must be regarded as a work that fills a niche in the historiography of fortress West Point. No cadet who has studied the history of West Point during the American Revolution, no "buff" who has walked the fortifications of the "key to the continent," and no historian who has attempted to unravel the strategy of the defenders of the Hudson during the Revolution can have failed to wonder over the shadowy figure of Bernard Romans.

Finally, all the curious can be satisfied, as Lincoln Diamant has exhaustively researched and carefully written *Bernard Romans: Forgotten Patriot of the American Revolution.* Mr. Diamant is an executive in the fields of television and advertising, and a historian by avocation; such a project as *Bernard Romans* could only have been completed by a person who was fascinated by his subject and undaunted by obstacles. For example, no physical description of Romans exists, and almost nothing of his personal life—whether he had a family, his dates of birth and death—are recorded. The difficulties such circumstances pose for the biographer are obvious, and Mr. Diamant has striven valiantly to overcome them.

Bernard Romans was a skilled draftsman and cartographer by the time of the American revolution, although lacking any recorded military experience. He had explored the southeast of what is now the United States and had published an important chart of Florida and the Bahamas. In 1775, Romans led the Connecticut militia to Fort Ticonderoga where his force joined others led by Benedict Arnold and Ethan Allen. Mr. Diamant makes much of the usurpation of the command of Romans by Arnold. Given Romans' inept handling of military affairs later in the war, the fact that he did not command the forces at Ticonderoga seems fortunate, however unjust. At any rate, Romans took the surrender of Fort George without opposition, and received Arnold's praise in the operation.

Bernard Romans' reputation and historical standing rest on his work on the fortification of Martelaer's Rock—later Constitution Island—facing West Point on the Hudson. Romans, never one to hide his light under a bushel or be deterred by lack of experience, managed to finagle himself the job of engineer for the fortification of the critical site. Although theoretically only a member of a fortification committee, he managed to promote his own designs, however inappropriate, over others. First he began construction of a grandiose, misplaced, and inexplicable stone fortress on top of the island where it would be unable to fire directly on any ships below. His absurd yet unquestionable justification for the fort was that it would be able "to defend against mischief from a vessel's top." Although everyone who saw his plans agreed that they were inappropriate, no one managed to stop his work—military projects took on a momentum of their own even in the eighteenth century.

West Point was finally fortified and defended in spite of Romans, not because of him. He was an unattractive character and "at best . . . a difficult man," as even his present biographer admits. He was a product or a victim of the Peter Principle, as his unquestioned expertise in cartography was enough to gain him unwarranted credibility as a military engineer. But nothing can change the fact that he squandered the meager resources of the colonists, not least the resource of time, in building indefensible forts at the most critical location in North America. Had the British moved up the river during Romans' watch, the result could only have been a disaster for the revolution. Mr. Diamant tries to be even-handed in discussing this, but his reluctance to criticize his subject could mislead a reader who did not have a larger perspective on fortress West Point.

The book has excellent reproductions of several of Romans' maps and illustrations; it may be more important and interesting as a book on cartography than as biography. Given the scarcity of material on Bernard Romans, it will probably be the standard reference on the man for a long time.

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PAPER MEDICINE MAN: JOHN GREGORY BOURKE AND HIS AMERICAN WEST

By Joseph C. Porter, 1986, University of Oklahoma Press, Norman, Oklahoma.

If I may be permitted the self-indulgence of opening this piece by describing my feelings . . . I feel like a marathon swimmer who has too long struggled against tide and wind (read professional and family distractions) and fading physical energy (read declining will power and a growing tendency to procrastinate.) As I have been treading water, still miles from my goal of 15 years of off-and-on work, trying to do an adequate book on John Gregory Bourke, USMA 1869, a strong and able swimmer has forged by me, arms moving rhythmically, legs in a steady beat —and has triumphantly made the beach!

Joseph C. Porter's *Paper Medicine Man: John Gregory Bourke and His American West* has made my weary thrashing about no longer necessary. I thankfully grab the life ring, my first feeling one of immense relief, a relief dignified by sincere admiration for Porter's scholarly ability, writing skills, and creative endurance. As a West Pointer I admit to a deep sense of gratitude to this writer who has well and truly made an enduring literary monument to one of our Alma Mater's most extraordinary alumni.

In the long panoply of names on the bronze plaque in Cullum Hall listing USMA graduates awarded the Medal of Honor, all save one is that of a commissioned officer, from general on down. The sole exception is that of John Gregory Bourke, PVT. This must strike the casual observer as unusual: the very presence of a private soldier's name in that proud array of the commissioned epitomizes the extraordinary qualities of the man Bourke himself.

Now, of course, it is easy to say that someone is out of the ordinary, is exceptional. And one is entitled to ask, what makes John Gregory Bourke such a one? First of all there was his performance as a soldier: Medal of Honor, as a private of Union cavalry in the sanguinary four-day Battle of Stones River; after graduation in the USMA Class of 1869, over 15 years of arduous and responsible field service in the Southwest and the Great Plains region against the most formidable of Indian warriors, the Apache, the Northern Cheyenne, and the Sioux. And add this: self-taught ethnologist, anthropologist, linguist, folklorist; a disciplined diarist who, over the years, often under condition of the severest physical stress, filled over a hundred volumes of meticulous notes, sketches, and observations; a writer of seven substantial books, including one best seller; author of well over twenty articles, scientific and popular, published in America's most reputable journals; author of two ground-breaking scholarly books, acclaimed in Europe as well as in his own country; friend and correspondent of leading American and European intellectuals; fellow of a number of first-class scientific societies; and the elected president of the American Folklore Society. Surely in the brief years allotted him (he died short of age 50) Bourke did more, thought more actively and originally, wrote more of significance,

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than men whose spans of life exceeded his by far.

And then too there were personal peculiarities that made him different from the ordinary run of men: early in life (he was yet in his teens) he showed a side of his nature, an uncompromising respect for the truth, an intolerance of the devious, that impelled him to defy his priestly schoolmaster (he was raised a practicing Catholic) and brought about his irrevocable separation from his Jesuit school. This ended his formal education until he entered the Military Academy, some four years later, and only after active enlisted service in the Union cavalry. Throughout his life Bourke's hatred of the dissembler, the faker, the meretricious in whatever guise, the military and bureaucratic placeman, aroused his deepest, and often strongly expressed, scorn. None of this, of course, did anything to advance his career in the Army. (So extreme was his sense of the fitness of things that he twice formally declined brevet promotions offered him by the War Department. He had seen just too many of the mediocre "Washington crowd" of officers given preferment while he did his soldiering the hard way, on the far frontier.)

In his maturer years Bourke's outspoken struggles for justice for the defeated Apaches (against whom he had fought with unremitting vigor while they still bore arms) cost him, (as it had cost his respected chief, General Crook) what little patronage Washington's military and political chiefs were disposed to offer him. Despite his questionable health he was unceremoniously bundled out of Washington and assigned command of a two-company post on Texas' Rio Grande. Here, his routine duties far from his essential research sources, the Smithsonian, the Army Medical Museum and the Library of Congress, effectively and for many months put a stop to his productive scholarly work.

One must conclude that, over the years of his commissioned life, Bourke's passion to speak the truth, to commend the worthy and excoriate the tawdry—be it government policy or Army doctrine—cost him, and his family, very dearly. And though it may seem a bit far-fetched, it is legitimate, I think, to question to what extent Bourke's sometimes embarrassing tendency to speak the truth, as he saw it, has contributed to the meagre recognition thus far accorded him, more than a century since his graduation from West Point, not only for his soldierly behavior in the field but for his unusual contributions, while still a serving officer, to the corpus of scientific and popular literature in our country.

Before I get to the appointed business of this piece, to deal with Porter's book, I cannot refrain from touching upon one more singular facet of Bourke's complex personality. With all his military effectiveness and all his skill and devotion to his chosen fields of scholarship, he yet harbored a lively, acid, and yes, vituperative sense of critical humor, a humor clearly

John Gregory Bourke as a cadet

evident in the privacy of his diary and his personal correspondence, but rarely seen in print, even in bowdlerized form. This bitter humor frequently runs in tandem with the gloves-off criticism that alienated his bureaucratic bosses, be they military or in the several successive federal administrations, the acts or omissions of which were, in his view, detrimental to the Army or the general public welfare. Two samples will suffice: for a brief time in 1894 his cavalry troop was assigned to General Nelson Miles' command in Chicago during the Pullman strike. Bourke was far from impressed by Miles and his entourage. He observed that they evinced little if any interest in the effective quartering, equipping, or sustenance of the troops. To him, the general and his ADC's clattering about the city's streets in their martial finery, were nothing more than "shoulder-strapped blatherskites." Carl Schurz, the diminutive immigrant Secretary of the Interior, in whose company Bourke was thrown for a short period was, in his eyes, "that bandy-legged Mephistopheles." Acid stuff, this; and one cannot use it to bolster the argument as to Bourke's essential "greatness." But it does attest to his very human qualities; and, in my eyes at least, adds greatly to his human, three-dimensional quality.

Having allowed myself this very considerable space to announce my own admiration for John Gregory Bourke, my mission requires that I now address Joseph A. Porter's book on this extraordinary man. *Paper Medicine Man* is a substantial piece of work. In 15 logically conceived and ably executed chapters, the author has an effective framework for setting forth facts of Bourke's career and illuminating the several periods of his protagonist's professional, intellectual, and personal life. Porter brings to his task the proper equipment: he is manifestly well-read in American history; is well versed in the history and ethnology of the American Indian; and quite on top of the military events on the frontier in the years after the Civil War; he is familiar with the intellectual currents and tendencies of Bourke's half century, and of the contributions made by his predecessors and contemporaries in Indian ethnology; and he understands the cultural and political prejudices of America's Gilded Age, including its insatiable appetite to expand westward and bring everything to heel under the White Americans' muscular tutelage. Porter is helpful in showing the degree to which Bourke, for all his independence of mind and spirit at bottom, was a man of his era.

The first fifth of text gives a straightforward account of Bourke's initial seven years of commissioned service, under General George Crook, first in Arizona in campaign against the Apaches, then in Crook's three great military movements against the Northern Plains Indians. The weight of Bourke's diary entries during this whole period is on military matters, and the author does an able job in telling the tale.

In Chapter 4, "The Mote in the Soldier's Eye," and the two which follow, "Education of an Ethnologist" and "The Road to Walpi," the author skillfully deals with the fundamental change manifest in Bourke's view of things, and in the focus of his interests. For me, these some sixty pages are particularly enlightening—although the entire volume is a very "improving" read indeed. Early on, in "The Mote in the Soldier's Eye," Porter writes, "The end of the Sioux war signalled a change in Bourke's relationships with the Indians. . . . His transformation from a brash young officer . . . to serious ethnologist and advocate of Indian rights was tentative at first, but after a winter spent with the Lakotas, the Cheyenne, and the Arapahoes, his conversion was complete." These three cited chapters, totalling some five dozen pages, made clear to me a great deal I have never before fully understood: the debt which post-Civil War American ethnological thinking owed to the 18th Century Enlightenment, especially its Scottish roots. Before reading Porter's lucid exegesis of these matters—although I had several times intently pored through Bourke's diary, his books, and articles—I had not succeeded in formulating a satisfactory explanation for his intellectual pilgrimage, and the bases of his mature philosophy.

In the remaining 8 chapters of *Paper Medicine Man* the author effectively handles a tremendous amount of information. The work fittingly closes with an account of his relatively short tenure as commanding officer of Fort Ringgold, Texas, far from his family, bereft of intellectual colleagues and friends. Chapter 14, "The Old Soldier," comes close to winding up the tale. Bourke, even in his unrewarding sojourn on the Texas-Mexican border, has managed to find new interests in the ethnology, history, and archeology of the region; he writes a pioneer study on the traditional Mexican "Nativity Play." Because of his demonstrated expertise in Spanish history and culture, he is selected by the State Department to head up its major exhibit "La Rabida" at the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago. There

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NEWS FROM THE SOCIETIES

Association of Graduates

With each new issue more societies are getting on the board in this column. Way to go! Most societies also did a good job of reporting new officers as changes of command took place. It's gratifying to send out informational material, or to chase around the Academy tracking down something that will help a society, then to get a note or call of thanks and news for the next *Assembly*. Good things are happening in many societies. Society scribes and all you other warriors, keep on communicating, with each other and with the Association.

The new plebes look good. It's great to have the Corps rounding in from so many different summer activities. Everyone is beginning to think football. Let's support all the Army teams in every way we can this year, but let's especially look toward Philadelphia in December. It's past time to do that particular job and to do it in spades!

New societies are being formed in areas not mentioned in the last *Assembly*. They and older societies are looking for good men who want to renew old ties and to serve the Academy in their own regions. If you live near one of the following areas and would like to be part of forming a new West Point society (or expanding an existing one), here are the individuals to contact:

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— Skip Wensyel '52

WEST POINT SOCIETIES QUESTIONNAIRE

In March 1985, the President of the Association of Graduates appointed an Association committee composed of Trustees of the Association and members of selected West Point societies to determine ways in which West Point societies and the Association of Graduates may work more closely together to become more effective in providing support and assistance of West Point graduates and friends to the Military Academy.

As a part of its study the Committee developed a questionnaire for West Point societies and received responses from 53 of the 77 societies surveyed. The questionnaire was designed to obtain evaluations of suggestions to strengthen the Association of Graduates/West Point Society relationship and to assist West Point societies in their support of the Military Academy. The questionnaire elicited data regarding the size and activity level of responding societies, Association of Graduates' service in support of West Point societies and suggestions on how to strengthen the relationship between the Association and societies. Specific data was sought on West Point society admissions, information and community relations activities.

In its report to the Board of Trustees, the West Point Societies Committee concluded that the responses to the questionnaire support the overall Committee report conclusions and recommendations and that the responses will be useful in developing priorities for the Association's West Point Societies Program.

In specific areas of evaluation the survey provided particular assistance to the Committee's deliberations. For example, the results indicate that the West Point societies recognize the importance of local support for the Military Academy admissions program. The questionnaire responses also showed in most part that the use of a designated admissions representative or West Point societies governing boards would assist coordination between the admissions-related functions of West Point societies and the Military Academy Liaison Officers (MALO) admissions activities. Most West Point societies agree that they should sponsor some type of "Career Night" or "West Point Day" for local top admissions prospects. In addition, many societies indicated that assistance to senators and congressmen and MALO's would be appropriate.

With regard to survey questions concerning West Point society administrative support, results of the questionnaire indicate that the AOG relationship to West Point societies is generally well regarded. However, responses to the administrative support items in the questionnaire demonstrate a broad area of agreement among large and small West Point societies on additional AOG support that would be most favorably received. These responses provide a good indication of where the AOG should place emphasis in assisting societies.

Concerning activities undertaken to strengthen West Point societies, responses to the questionnaire show that conditions in societies vary from apathy and frustration to strength and confidence. Attitudes range from those members who are fixed in their ways and see no need for changes to those who want to look for better ways to support the Military Academy. Throughout the alumni structure, however, there appears to be a broad willingness to improve—to do better—to listen to ideas—to establish better working relationships with the Association of Graduates—to become more productive. Nevertheless, as stated by one respondent about AOG relations with societies, the "movement from benign neglect of West Point societies, as was the case in the past, towards total integration, (should) move at a conservative pace." Or, as stated by another: "The West Point societies are so different in capabilities, strengths, orientations and general composition that approaches other than very general must be tailored . . . a rifle, not a shotgun."

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Following is a list of selected questionnaire respondent observations:

- The larger the society, the more meetings held.
- The societies want the AOG to send updated graduate lists; the smaller WPS (under 100 members), however, do not.
- The societies want the AOG to notify them of USMA activities within their area (e.g., glee club, sports events, etc.).
- The consensus among the societies is that no new publication, beyond *Assembly*, is needed to satisfy information dissemination.
- The majority of the societies are in favor of increased admissions support (e.g., special events), under the guidance of the local Admissions Field Force representative.
- Smaller societies (under 100) do not want to increase membership with "non graduates" or corporations, while larger societies (over 100) are in favor of including those groups.
- The societies are closely divided over increasing membership by including parents of cadets and Field Force representatives.
- The majority of the societies agree that the AOG operates up to the standards that they expect.
- The AOG should make known services that can be provided to societies.
- The AOG should institute a distinguished speaker program, not only to assist society participation, but also USMA admissions. This could be in conjunction with a field visit by the AOG, such as at Founders Day.
- Any press releases concerning local cadets should be sent directly to the hometown newspaper.
- AOG should expand its catalog to include cadet store items.
- The societies are in favor of the sponsoring and conducting of workshops for society personnel at West Point.
- The AOG should officially designate AOG society points of contact within for the various AOG functions.

Based upon the questionnaire results, the Committee's independent evaluation of the Academy's needs and the Association's ongoing programs, the Societies Activities Committee concluded that the Association of Graduates and the West Point societies around the nation should embark now on a long term cooperative effort to enhance graduates' and friends' support of the Military Academy by bringing the Association of Graduates and West Point societies more closely together.

West Point Society of Southern Arizona

The West Point Society of Southern Arizona held its Founders Day banquet at the Hotel Park Tucson on 21 Mar 86 with 112 graduates, wives, and parents of graduates present. It was the largest turnout ever. BG Jack Pollin '44, who retired as head of the USMA Mathematics Department in Jul 85, was the principal speaker. He presented a very informative description of the Academy's academic, athletic and admissions programs and named the members of the Cl of 86 who had already been awarded academic and athletic awards. Abner McGehee '23 was the oldest grad and Rod Smith '85 was the youngest.

Officers and Board Members are President: Perin Mawhinney '54; VP: Vince Gannon '46; Secretary/Treasurer: Jack Grady '46; Board Members: Ed Hobbs '68, Cecil Nist '51, Joe Olvera '57, and Lyle Walter '48.

The society held a luncheon and business meeting in Tucson on 21 June. Guests included Southern Arizona students who have been accepted for admission with the USMA Class of 1990 and their parents. At the conclusion of the general business meeting, the Board met to select new officers for the society and to plan events for the coming year.

The society expresses its thanks to LTG Willard Scott for his distinguished service as Superintendent USMA and extends its best wishes and support to the new Superintendent, LTG Dave Palmer '56.

—Perin Mawhinney '54

West Point Society of the Monterey Peninsula

The West Point Society of the Monterey Peninsula celebrated Founders Day at the Fort Ord Officers Open Mess on Sunday, March 9, with 347 graduates and guests in attendance.

Guest speaker was BG Peter J. Boylan, Jr. '61, Commandant of Cadets. BG Boylan gave a report as to the current emphasis being given to leadership, the expanding academic curriculum, and to physical fitness.

COL Oliver McCleary '11, is the oldest graduate in the area, but he turned his honors over to COL Herbert C. Reuter '20, who gave some fascinating bits of military lore, including how he went from being a plebe to 1st LT in less than three years.

LT Shawn Weideman '85, as the youngest graduate, added a bit of humor and taste of spice to the evening.

Of special note was the attendance of the West Point Women's Tennis team, a great addition.

—Ernest Easterbrook '31

West Point Society of D.C.

The West Point Society of DC has targeted all 3,500 graduates in the greater DC area for membership. At last count, only about half — 1,585 — were paid up members of the society. The annual membership letter was mailed to every graduate on the list provided by the Association of Graduates (AOG). This mailout was made during June-July 1986 and explained the society's objectives in support of USMA. The announcement listed upcoming events, social as well as those that support the USMA Admissions Programs.

Annual dues of $15.00 entitle members to the quarterly newsletter, announcements of special events sponsored by the society, and participation in elections involving the Board of Governors. Society President LTG Harry A. Griffith '49 urges all graduates in the DC area to join the society and share in its activities. BG Michael J.L. Greene '41, Executive Secretary, can be contacted for membership information at (703) 360-6464.

LTG Louis C. Wagner, Jr., USA, '54, was guest speaker at the society's 8 May spring luncheon at Fort Myer, VA. As Deputy Chief of Staff for Research, Development and Acquisition, DA, Gen Wagner presented interesting highlights of the Army's RD&A activities.

"Everything we do in research and acquisition," he told the graduates, "is based on how the Army is organized." In his opening comments, Wagner said: "We must have the necessary equipment to fight outnumbered and win." He told the audience that by the end of 1986 the Army will have fielded 25 battalions of M1 tanks, and more than 20 companies of Blackhawk helicopters. These weapons systems, he noted, give the Army greater effectiveness than ever before.

LTG Wagner took exception with media reports that allege Army unpreparedness. "We have a 40 percent increase in fighting capability today and will realize another 30 percent if we get all the equipment needed," he emphasized. Saying the Army is buying equipment to "fight the battle," Wagner spoke about light infantry as well as the heavy forces, pointing out that a large part of the budget is for the latter. "We are, however," he said, "modernizing our light forces."

A light helicopter is among the Army's highest priorities now, Wagner noted, and he stressed that "we are bringing in aviators during the development process." Summarizing his remarks, the Army RD&A Deputy Chief of Staff told of working very closely with industry. "Today," he said, "we buy *battalions* instead of *pieces* of equipment."

During a short business meeting preceding LTG Wagner's remarks, the society elected LTC Robert D. Wolff, USAR, '65, to fill the vacancy left on the Board of Governors by the death of COL Robert E. Harrington '43. The society president, LTG Harry A. Griffith '49 mentioned plans being discussed to produce a directory of graduates in the DC area, to include the occupation of retirees.

In his concluding comments, Griffith reported on the favorable response being expressed for the society newsletter and highlighted the society's objectives to foster comradeship and assist USMA in every way, including recruiting and fund raising.

—Phil Farris '46

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West Point Society of the Florida West Coast

Founders Day for the Florida West Coast Society was a bit later this year, so that we could accommodate General Mike Davison's schedule. It was a special treat for us to have General Davison, the President of the Association, as our guest speaker, and we were delighted that Mrs. Davison could also join us.

This year's function was on 5 April and our chairman was Bob Strickland '56. On his committee were Emmett Lee '50, Bill Meyerholt '57, Jack Neal '59, John McMillan '65, Tom Powers '65, and Joe House '57, our Society President. Our dinner was attended by a total of 160 grads and ladies, and was held at a rustic Tampa restaurant which was centrally located for our society members. After a well-attended Benny Havens hour, dinner was announced by the playing of "Hellcats Reveille" in lieu of mess call. Before "Take Seats," the colors were posted by a color guard provided by USREDCOM at MacDill AFB. Following the invocation and appropriate toasts, welcome remarks were made by Bob Strickland.

After a full and sufficient meal, our oldest grad, MG John O'Hara '29, gave us a rousing speech on "the way it was in my day." Our youngest grad was Mark House '80, son of Joe House. Mark's speech was on target and most entertaining, but had the appropriate serious note at the end . . . the older grads gave him a standing ovation.

Following the speeches, tears were brought to all eyes by the United Services Automobile Association Choir (Tampa Office), as they sang a number of our favorite Academy songs. Many grads expressed their sincere thanks to the USAA employees who put a great cap on a fun evening.

The Florida West Coast Society is on the move; we plan other functions during the year as well as a great Founders Day in 87.

—Joe House '57

West Point Society of Kansas City

The WPSKC held a quarterly meeting on 17 Apr. MG Bob Hewitt '32, Chairman of the Nominating Committee of Dick Weber '34 and John Olson '39, recommended a three-year term as officers of WPSKC for Ed Winthrop '45 (President), Jack English '38 (VP), Jerry Fogel 'x-59 (Secretary), and John Sutton '49 (Treasurer).

$100 was appropriated for the Kansas City Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund. A New Cadet Reception, to include parents and cadets from the area on leave, was held in early June.

The WPSKC numbers nearly 50 grads in the KC metropolitan area. For further information contact WPSKC Secretary Jerry Fogel at 816-444-3500 or write him at 9140 Ward Parkway, Kansas City, MO 64114.

—Jerry Fogel 'x-59

Space Coast West Point Society (FL)

Our local barbeque King served up a hundred juicy full course dinners to a record turn-out as we joined our Navy friends on 28 June for the annual Spring Soiree at the Patrick Yacht Club. There was much talk about each side's prospects for next year's athletic season, and we were joined by some of the candidates who are on their way to join the Class of '90. Everyone had a chance to put his name on a farewell card to the retiring Supe and Mrs. Scott. We all join in thanks to them for their gracious visits to the Space Coast. We also thank Don & Doris Yates '31 for their gift of an elegant punch bowl set which will grace our get-togethers and be available for loan to our members.

At a short business meeting, President Ray Clark conducted an election for next year's officers to be installed at our September luncheon. They are President—Bill Clarke '54, VP for USMA Support—Howard Peckham '51, VP for Society Affairs—Jack Little '64, and Secretary-Treasurer—Steve Griffin '78.

—Jack Dibble '40

Space Coast WP Society with Navy friends; Patrick AFB Yacht Club.

West Point Society of New Jersey

On 20 June the West Point Society of New Jersey (WPSNJ) hosted a New Cadet Social for all NJ new cadets, parents, and family members of the entering Class of 1990. The social was held at the USMA Preparatory School, Ft Monmouth, NJ under the direction of the WPSNJ Board of Governors, specifically CPT Ken Williams '78, Tac, Co A, USMAPS. Fifty-two invitations were sent out across the state and 29 New Cadets accepted, bringing with them 64 parents, brothers, sisters, and grandparents. They were treated to a slide show of R-day, the film "West Point Summers Are Something Else!", and a question and answer period. Everett Lucas '67, president of the local society, welcomed the group to USMAPS and congratulated the New Cadets on their acceptance into the Academy. The future members of '90 and their families were joined by members of the faculty of USMAPS and the society's Board of Governors in devouring three six-foot hoagies, potato chips, juice and coffee.

In conjunction with the social, the Board of Governors held its monthly meeting and continued planning for the Founders Day Dinner 87. Assisting CPT Williams were CPT "Flip" Brandli '78, Tac, Co C, USMAPS; CPT Jeff Davis '76, Tac, Co B, USMAPS; and Tony Smith '78, Secretary, WPSNJ BOG.

Activities planned by the WPSNJ during the remainder of the year include the following:

Rutgers Game Rally — Meadowlands — 25 October — Chair: Daly '81

Navy Game Rally — Philadelphia — 6 December — Chair: Palmer '57

Christmas/Victory Party — NWS-Earle — 13 December — Chair: Cavise '72

—Tony Smith '78

West Point Society of Richmond and Central Virginia

The society held a very successful Founders Day dinner in Richmond on 14 Mar. Guest speaker was COL P.A. Rushton, Director of Admissions. Approximately 80 grads and guests attended. The program was conducted under the leadership of president Roger Frydrychewski '65 and included speeches by COL Rushton and by the oldest and youngest grads present, and football highlights 1985.

—James H. DeMent '60

West Point Society of Albuquerque

The West Point Society of Albuquerque held its Founders Day dinner at the Kirtland AFB Officers Open Mess on 22 Mar 86. Wives and escorts joined with the graduates to celebrate the 184th year for West Point. Adhering to the established traditions in general format, upon the closing of Benny Havens' Bar, Mess Assembly was sounded. The colors were posted admirably by a highly proud JROTC unit from Central High School in Albuquerque. A taped message from the Superintendent received attentive honors. The narrated pictorial tour of West Point in the 80's was remarkable to most attendees.

Our featured guest speaker was COL Ronan C. Grady '43, noted author of *Ducrot Pepys* among four other novels. Graduating with the first of West Point's 3-year classes in World War II, Colonel Grady served with the 513th Parachute Inf Reg in the ETO. From 1945 to 1948 he returned to West Point and joined the staff of the Dept of Military Art and Engineering. He later served two tours in Vietnam and ret in 1972.

Dan McCormick '80 delivered an address as the youngest graduate in attendance. The oldest graduate present, BG

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Paxson '27 acceded to LTG Donnelly (USAF) '33 for the elder's address.

President Dave Peixotto '67 presented the slate of officers for the coming year's Executive Committee. For continuation of a presidential term—Dave Peixotto. For Vice President, John Hemler '51; Treasurer, Stan Thevenet '48; Secretary, Bob Miller '58. Bill Cates '67 was nominated for a continuing term as Admissions Coordinator, and Kevin Jackson '78 as Chairman of the Leadership Program.

Accolades for most of the planning and final preparations go to the Class of 1951: Jim Barron, Pat Corrigan, and John Hemler. Let it be said, "Well Done!"

The West Point Class of 1990, entering this July, has eight new cadets from New Mexico. Parents and candidates were honored at a luncheon hosted by the society on 13 June. The society thanks its admissions team of Bill Cates '67, Kevin Jackson '78, and LTC Nash Garcia for their outstanding efforts.

Founders Day Dinner 1986; Albuquerque.

Future activities planned by the society include a luncheon in Sep followed by a BEAT NAVY rally in Dec, and continuing efforts to support West Point by finding the best young men and women and encouraging their interest in the Military Academy.

All persons in the greater Albuquerque area interested in association with the West Point Society of Albuquerque may contact Bob Miller '58, 13008 Comanche NE, Albuquerque, NM, 87111 (298-7263), for further information.

—Bob Miller '58

West Point Society of the Tennessee Valley

During the past two and one half years the Tennessee Valley Chapter, which encompasses the greater Huntsville area, has seen a rejuvenation in interest and participation by area graduates. Gus Hergert '50, the president of the society, with the dedicated support of Gene Fox '56, commander of the Strategic Defense Command, instituted a campaign to recapture interest and participation. A well-publicized luncheon was held during which society plans and programs were explained and graduate support solicited. The luncheon speaker was the President of the AOG, Mike Davison '39, who emphasized the key role that West Point societies can play in informing qualified young people about the opportunities that West Point and the military afford.

The society roster has grown to over 150 with 100 dues paying members. The last two Founders Day dinners illustrate progress made. In 1985, 130 graduates and their wives were in attendance to hear BG Peter Boylan '61 speak; 145 came in 86 to hear Carl Ullrich talk. Currently 5 graduates—Ed Hildreth '57, Herb Wagenheim '56, Tommy Thompson '58, Dick Jackson '61 and Pat Graves '64 are actively engaged in assisting candidates in the West Point admissions process. In addition to the grads, Dave Billings a Reservist, is also an admissions team member and provides added depth to the program since his full-time occupation is Dean of the School of Administrative Science at the University of Alabama at Huntsville. In 85 four area candidates were admitted to the Academy while three joined the Class of '90 last July.

Last but certainly not least, the society provides a vocal contingent in support of the Army team when it journeys to the Southeast. We were well represented in Knoxville in 1984 when Army showed the Southeast Conference that they had returned; were at the Peach Bowl in January; and will descend in force on Knoxville again in October. BEAT TENNESSEE!!

—Ed Hildreth '57

West Point Society of Puget Sound

New officers of the West Point Society of Puget Sound (WPSPS), elected in Mar, are President—Charles S. "Stu" MacVeigh Jan '43; VP—Edward M. Lee '37; new Board Members: Joe E. Thompson '49, Kerry C. Lawrence '70, and Sheldon J. Bruce '75.

On 14 Jun, at the Ft Lewis Officers Club, the society hosted a luncheon honoring eight candidates accepted for admission to West Point in Jul 86. Other guests included the candidates' parents; regional USMA Admissions Liaison Officers; the principal speaker, COL David Baratto, Commander of the 1 SF Group at Ft Lewis; the candidates' high school counselors; two Yearling Cadets; the president of the Washington Parents Club; and junior officer escorts. BG (Ret) Vasco "Flip" Fenili Jan '43 did an excellent job as "MC."

In May the "Seattle Picnic," aboard the classic 128' motor yacht "Northwind," was attended by 68 members who had a memorable cruise across Puget Sound and around Bainbridge Island. The magnificently refurbished world class yacht was built in 1930 at Manitowoc, WI, served the British Navy during WWII, and has been used to entertain royalty and leaders of many nations. It now is owned by Camille and Kingston Peters '52. Arrangements, food, refreshments, the amenities of the beautiful yacht, and even the weather, all made for great enjoyment. The WPSPS expresses its thanks to hostess and host, Camille and King Peters.

The Society was well represented at May reunions at WP. Coburn Smith, Charlie Howze, and their ladies proudly represented '31, while Charlie Stewart, Bill Steele, and their ladies ably stood up for '36. All salute General and Mrs. Scott for opening the Supe's quarters during their visit.

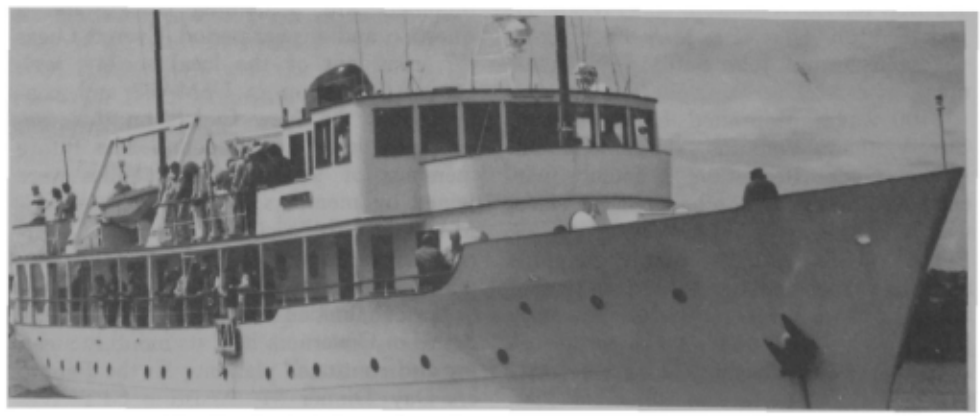
The society plans a picnic at the Ft Lewis OC beach on 24 Aug, followed by an Oct business—oriented luncheon.

BEAT NAVY!

—Win Curley '41

West Point Society of Oregon

The WPSO held its 1986 Founders Day dinner in the Officers Club, Portland AFB, 6 Mar. Over 70 grads and friends attended. The affair was highlighted by the comments of BG Peter Boylan '61, Commandant of Cadets. The oldest grad present (and willing to speak), MG Neil Van Sikle '38, made some interesting recollections of West Point. He was followed by the youngest grad unable to escape, CPT Rick Steinke '78. The oldest grad present was LTG Itschner '24 who deferred to Van Sikle, the youngster from '38. The youngest grad present, 2LT Nate Sassaman '85, has had plenty of opportunities to speak in the recent past and was allowed the night off. MC George Ruggles '65 thanked WPSO president Ed Foehl '65 for the opportunity to excel. O.K. Hill '58 was the keystone of the entire effort,



The **Northwind**; Puget Sound Society's cruise-picnic, 10 May 86.

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pulling together all the admin and log details to make the evening a success.

A special guest of Fritz Goeth '70 was Georgia Powell who, through her father Tom Irwin, has had a long and interesting association with West Point. Tom managed the cadet laundry during the 60s and early 70s and is credited with developing such machinery as the steam-driven sheet shredder, the multi-purpose M1A1 linter, the 4 cylinder horizontally-opposed overhead valve zipper ripper, and the automatic laundry claim reject machine. We hope that next year Mr. Irwin himself can be coaxed into his reminiscences of West Point.

Ed Foehl closed the meeting with a description of the charter of the WPSO as a non-profit organization and presented new officers for 86-87: George Watson '43 (Pres), Neil Van Sickle '38 (Gen VP), Greg Schneider '72 (Gen VP), Ed Foehl '65 (VP, Pub Aff & Rcting), George Ruggles '65 (Sec/Treas).

—George Ruggles '65

West Point Society of the Philippines

The West Point Society of the Philippines (WPSP) recently celebrated the anniversary of its founding, concurrently honoring General Fidel B. Ramos '50, Chief of Staff of the New Armed Forces of the Philippines. The accompanying photo shows many society members on that occasion. Society officers are President—Luis M. Mirasol, Jr. '58; Secretary—Manuel A. Briones '73; and Treasurer—Romeo R. Posadas '75. The WPSP has begun a fund raising effort to support a number of public service programs in the Philippines. Individuals who wish to contact the society should use the following address: West Point Society of the Philippines, P.O. Box 1930 MCPO, Makati Central Post Office, Makati, Metro Manila, Philippines.

Manuel A. Briones '73

Olmsted Hall Dedication

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the Military Academy and thanked its donor, forecasting great benefits for West Point from the new museum when it has been completed. The ceremony was then concluded, and the invited guests returned to the Hotel Thayer for a luncheon in honor of the occasion.

The first phase of the work on Olmsted Hall has already begun, a contract having been let in late April for the rehabilitation of the structure to meet office building standards. As a part of this contract $570,255 of Olmsted Grant funds will be spent for the purpose of installing certain museum-specific utilities which are not eligible for government funding. These include special electrical circuitry, heating, ventilating, and air-conditioning features; and halon fire-suppression systems. Phases 2 and 3 are still in the planning stage; negotiations to engage an architect-engineer for the design of a wing just northwest of the main structure of Olmsted Hall (phase 2) and a designer to plan and fabricate the six galleries (phase 3) are currently in progress.

BG Elliott C. Cutler, Jr.

Distinguished Lecture Series

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held so that a larger group of cadets and faculty members can have the opportunity to greet the guest. If the schedule permits, the next day the lecturer visits classes, tours West Point, and conducts a faculty colloquium.

Each of this year's lecturers spoke on the theme "Responsibility in American Society." Ambassador Vernon A. Walters, U.S. Permanent Representative to the United Nations, captivated his audience with his reflections and anecdotes on how his knowledge of foreign languages had a dominating influence on his career in public service. The Ambassador left his audience with a clear message: "you have a responsibility to master a foreign language; it will broaden your horizons, expand your vision, and open doors that otherwise might be closed."

Chief Justice Robert N. C. Nix, Jr., of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, told his audience that as public servants it is imperative that they understand the role played by the judiciary in American society. It was also important, Nix contended, to understand the many contributions made to our legal system by the state courts in America.

Former Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm, currently a Professor of Sociology at Mount Holyoke College, discussed individual participation in politics. Sensitive to her predominantly military audience, Ms Chisholm emphasized the various means of participation also available to those in uniform. Being familiar with the issues and voting were recommended as the minimum that should be expected from any citizen.

Dr. James MacGregor Burns, a Williams College Professor of Political Science, reflected on the legacy of Franklin Roosevelt. Concentrating on the Yalta Conference, Professor Burns traced the significance of the decisions made at Yalta to today's political situation. Professor Burns told his audience that as future leaders they would always have a responsibility to understand the lessons of history, and they must be able to apply them when necessary.

Professor Sheldon Lee Glashow of Harvard University came to West Point with a reputation for being the scientific community's answer to the "Galloping Gourmet." Professor Glashow's quick wit and keen insights made him an instant success. His lively presentation traced the development of scientific discovery and the responsibility of the scientist to conduct research to discover new knowledge.

Dr. B. F. Skinner, the noted Professor of Psychology and Social Relations, Emeritus, at Harvard University, made his first appearance at West Point this spring. Speaking on individual responsibility as it applied to the military leader, Professor Skinner reviewed some of his controversial thoughts on behaviorism and told his audience that the successful leader must know how to motivate others.

Former President Gerald R. Ford spoke on "The Responsibilities of the United States as a World Leader." During his presentation, he discussed how the War Powers Act can influence the options a president has and how the law can have undesirable consequences.

Without the support of the Class of 1951, it is doubtful that such an ambitious lecture series could be conducted. When the class committed itself to a lecture series, they hoped their gift would make a unique contribution to the Academy's course of instruction. "Unique" not only sums up the gift, it also is a good word to describe the many contributions made by the speakers in this year's West Point Distinguished Lecture Series.

USMA Admissions . . .

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gressional representatives who use the principal nominee method also nominate nine numbered or competitive alternates.

In the most recent survey of the 99th Congress, more than 71 percent of the members of Congress use the competitive method of nomination. Additionally, more than 56 percent use screening boards to determine their nominations. More than 90 percent establish application cutoff dates in the October-December timeframe.

The Secretary of the Army also is allocated more than 200 cadetships in a variety of categories, including 100 presidential for children of career military people; 85 for enlisted members of the Regular Army; 85 for enlisted members of the Army Reserve/National Guard; approximately 20 for sons and daughters of deceased and disabled veterans; 20 for honor military and naval schools, and ROTC; and additonal cadetships for sons and daughters of persons awarded the Medal of Honor.

Appointments to fill these vacancies are awarded to the best qualified candidates competing in each category. In addition,

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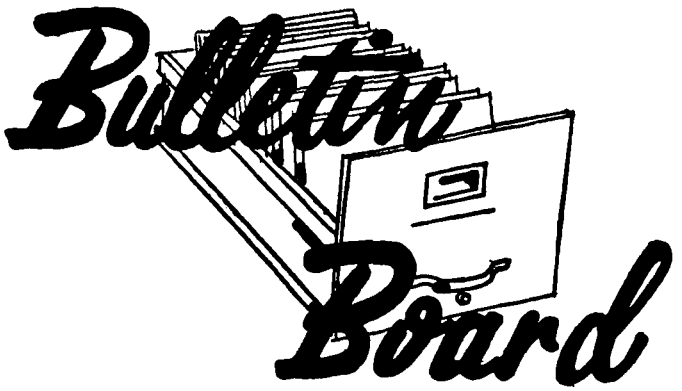

ASSEMBLY to Change Publisher

For many years, ASSEMBLY has been produced by a number of tradesmen in the Mid-Hudson Valley area, namely Trade Composition in Walden, Colian Press in Thornwood, and Whitlock Press in Middletown. More recently, the Geran Mailing House in Valley Cottage has been responsible for distribution of the magazine. The staff of ASSEMBLY recognizes in particular the many years of dedicated service by Mr. Richard Terwilliger, who has coordinated the various operations, and Mr. Thomas Purcell of Trade Composition, who has directed the typesetting for each issue; we want to publically express our deep appreciation for their efforts.

As a result of an AOG Information Committee study of ASSEMBLY production conducted over the past year, the committee made several recommendations to the Executive Committee and to the Board of Trustees, which were subsequently approved. The committee concluded that the production of ASSEMBLY was dependent on too many different establishments, which resulted in an unnecessarily complex production cycle. In addition, the committee believed that ASSEMBLY should avail itself to the advantages of some of the more advanced techniques in the printing industry, most specifically electronic typesetting.

A solution to enhancing the quality of the magazine and simplifying the production process appeared to be locating a single jobber with advanced facilities and techniques that would provide all of the services required—type composition, printing, binding and mailing. Byrd Press of Springfield and Richmond, Virginia appeared to be such a printing establishment. It is a well established publishing house that specializes in printing periodicals, some 200 weeklies, monthlies, and quarterlies. Further, Byrd has demonstrated a willingness to assist the ASSEMBLY staff achieve its goals and guide it through a modernization transition. In this respect, Mr. Kyong Cho and Mr. John H. Phillips (USMA '66), an officer of the firm, have been particularly helpful. The new system will give the publications staff an in-house capability to keystroke electronically much of the text of ASSEMBLY such as the class notes and the obituaries.

The first ASSEMBLY printed by Byrd will be the December 1986 issue. Although the size of the magazine will change (9 x 12 to 8½ x 11) to accommodate the modern presses, the content, both in substance and order, will remain familiar to its readers.

RIDGWAY Apr '17 and BLAIK '20 Awarded Presidential Medal of Freedom

Among the seven individuals awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President Reagan this past May were two USMA graduates: General Matthew Ridgway and Colonel Earl H. (Red) Blaik.

In presenting Ridgway his award, President Reagan stated that "Ridgway helped save D-day. Heroes come when they are needed; great men step forward when courage seems in short supply. World War II was such a time. And there was Ridgway."

Presenting the award to Blaik, the President cited him as "a soldier of the gridiron" who "led the West Point team he coached into the pages of the history book. . . . One of America's great coaches, he brought a winning spirit to his team, honor to his branch of service and pride to his nation."

The other Medal of Freedom winners honored at a White House luncheon ceremony with Ridgway and Blaik were publisher Walter Annenberg, journalist Vermont C. Royster, Dr. Albert Sabin, actress Helen Hayes, and Senator Barry Goldwater.

NEW U.S. STAMP TO FEATURE ARNOLD, '07

General of the Air Force Henry H. "Hap" Arnold '07 will be the subject of a new United States stamp, the U.S. Postal Service announced at a ceremony at Arnold's birthplace, Gladwyne, Pennsylvania on 25 June, the 100th anniversary of his birth. Neither the denomination of the stamp nor the year of issue has yet been determined.

The new stamp will be a definitive and part of the Great Americans series. In format, it will be similar to the Sylvanus Thayer 9¢ stamp issued in 1985.

A pioneer Army aviator, "Hap" Arnold was the holder of U.S. Army pilot's license No. 2. In 1944 he was named General of the Army, and in 1949 he was officially made General of the Air Force. He died in 1950.

"Hap" Arnold will be the 15th West Point graduate to be honored on a U.S. stamp. Others include Thayer; Civil War generals Grant, Lee, Sherman, Sheridan, and Jackson; Jefferson Davis, Goethals, Pershing, Montgomery Blair, MacArthur, Patton, Eisenhower, and Ed White. Two ex-cadets, Whistler and Poe, and one Superintendent, Partridge, have also appeared on U.S. postage stamps.

White House Fellows

Among the 11 selectees for White House Fellows (1986-87) announced by President Reagan on 24 May are the following USMA graduates:

Major William J. Lennox '71, a student at the Army Command and General Staff College, Ft. Leavenworth.

Major Michael R. Reopel '74, an assistant professor of social sciences at USMA.

Major Michael C. Ryan '71, a student at the College of Naval Command and Staff, Newport, RI.

Major William L. Webb '72, an associate professor of social sciences at USMA.

They were initially among 585 applicants nationwide and then among the field of 35 finalists. The White House Fellowships, established in 1964, provide gifted young professionals from both civilian and military life with firsthand experience in governing our nation. Recipients serve 12-month terms as special assistants to the vice president, cabinet members or the president's principal staff.

TEN WPPSP CADETS GRADUATE

Ten members of the 1986 graduating class entered the Military Academy under the auspices of the West Point Preparatory Scholarship Program. This is the second class of WPPSP cadets to earn their diplomas and commissions—nine graduates of the Class of 1985 attended colleges and preparatory schools for a year of post-high school preparation under this joint USMA-AOG program.

The West Point Preparatory Scholarship Program awarded scholarships to 18 candidates in 1981, and 12 were offered admission with the Class of 1986. Eleven candidates accepted and were admitted on 1 July 1982. Two of the eleven resigned as cadets. The ten who graduated and were commissioned (including one turnback from the Class of 1985) are Joseph R. Posusney, Walter J. Kleinfelder, Clark T. Poland, Andreas Wolter, Paul D. Kapsner, Wade R. Jost, Michael T. Scanlin, Jerome C. Goodrich, and Edward H. Cummings.

Mrs. Valentine, W/Nov '18, Honors Husband With Gift

The summer of '86 was an active period for the AOG's Planned Giving Program. Perhaps stirred to action by the upcoming tax overhaul, but definitely by their desire to help West Point, a number of individuals have inquired as to the tax and income benefits of a gift to West Point through the AOG's family of Life Income Plans. One complete case is described below.

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Mrs. Geneva C. Valentine is the widow of Colonel Francis B. Valentine, Nov '18. Having no heirs, she desired to do something for West Point in memory of her husband. After much study she decided to create a Charitable Remainder Annuity Trust with a cash gift of $100,000. By signing the trust agreement Mrs. Valentine is guaranteed an annual income of $6,000 as long as she lives. Because the gift was funded with cash from her savings account, her $6,000 per year will be completely free from Federal income tax. As a further benefit, she may take a tax deduction of $81,633 from her Federal income tax this year. In case this deduction exceeds 50% of her adjusted gross income in 1986, she is permitted to spread the deduction over the next five years according to the "five-year carryover rule."

Most important to Mrs. Valentine and to West Point is the fact that she will honor the memory of her beloved husband by her gift. Colonel Valentine died in 1981. He entered service as a Cavalry 2nd Lieutenant in 1918 and retired after an exciting and productive military career 35 years later in 1953.

Val Valentine stayed only a short time in the Cavalry. In 1920, he joined a small group of Army Aviation pioneers by attending Primary Flying School at March Field, California, followed by Observation School at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, in 1921. In 1922, he took command of the 2nd Aero Squadron at Mitchel Field, New York. Then, in 1924, he joined the Language Department at West Point where he gained proficiency in French. These early skills were honed and polished through his exciting career until he was selected as the Assistant Military Attaché for Air in Paris, and later as the Attaché to France in 1948.

During WWII, he commanded the 43rd Bombardment Group, served as U.S. liaison officer to Canadian Air and Ground Forces in Halifax, Nova Scotia, and taught Air Tactics at the Turkish War College in Ankara.

Having become a pilot and observer in 1921, a celestial navigator in 1929, and a command pilot in 1938, it is no surprise that Colonel Valentine went to work for Fairchild Airplane and Engine Company after his retirement. Then, until 1962, he sold mutual funds for J. P. Clay Investments.

Colonel Valentine was a flyer through and through, a fine leader, and a dedicated Air Officer. West Point is indebted to Mrs. Valentine for honoring his memory in this manner. The remainder interest of the trust, after her passing, will become part of the West Point Fund for projects and programs which will be permanent in nature in honor of Colonel Valentine.

Mrs. Valentine has also bequeathed to West Point one-half of the residue of her remaining very substantial estate after leaving her cottage, jewelry and personal effects to friends, if they survive her. The bequest to West Point shall be for the same purpose as the remainder interest of the trust. The other half of the residue of her estate will go to her Alma Mater, Smith College.

FOUNDERS DAY SPEAKER REQUESTS

In March of each year the Superintendent, Commandant, Dean, and the Director of Intercollegiate Athletics speak at many Founders Day gatherings throughout the United States. The continental United States has been divided into four geographical areas with the four USMA speakers rotating annually among areas so as to cover each area every four years. Unfortunately, USMA does not have sufficient funds to send any other speakers to various parts of the country to attend the gatherings.

Requests for the above four speakers should be received by the Alumni Affairs Directorate during early fall and no later than *15 October*. Itineraries are normally finalized by mid-December. For further information, please call the Alumni Affairs Directorate at West Point, LTC (Ret) Fishburne, (914) 938-3700/3024.

FOOTBALL RALLIES & PARTIES — AWAY GAMES

Away games for the 1986 Army football team are as follows:

20 Sep	**Northwestern**	**Evanston, IL**
4 Oct	**Yale**	**New Haven, CT**
11 Oct	**Tennessee**	**Knoxville, TN**
25 Oct	**Rutgers**	**Giants Stadium, E. Rutherford, NJ**
6 Dec	**NAVY**	**Veterans Stadium, Philadelphia**

If you can attend any or all of these games, please do so! The Rabble needs all our help.

Local West Point societies will be hosting or sharing activities planned at the games for graduates and friends of West Point. If you plan to attend a game, and wish to check with the local West Point society for details of planned activities or other information, here are your points of contact:

WP Society Chicago
Roy (Jack) Faddis '64, 8825 South 84th Avenue
Hickory Hills, IL 60457, (312) 598-3575

WP Society Connecticut
John S. (John) Labella '76, 127 Big Horn Road
Huntington, CT 06484

WP Society East Tennessee
Jay W. (Wally) Kaine '70, 107 Carson Lane
Oak Ridge, TN 37830

WP Society New Jersey
James R. (Jim) Daly '81, 596 South Laurel Avenue
Hazlet, NJ 07730

WP Society Philadelphia
Stephen F. (Steve) Cameron '50, 174 Coldstream Road
Berwyn, PA 19312

or

Nicholas M. (Nick) Kurilko '68, 1291 Knox Drive,
Yardley, PA 19067

REPLACEMENT OF CLASS RINGS

The West Point Society of DC has begun a service of trying to replace lost USMA class rings from a pool of donated rings. The source of extra class rings for the pool is twofold. One is from a graduate who lost his/her ring, ordered a new ring, only to later find his/her original. The second source would be the ring of a deceased classmate. Many rings of deceased graduates are donated by families to West Point. At the present time, however, both the USMA library and the museum have many more rings than are needed for display purposes. The surplus rings are stored away, and unfortunately are no longer recoverable by the donor.

In an effort to make such extra rings available to a graduate who is authorized to wear the class ring and would prefer the original or "vintage" ring, the West Point Society of DC is asking those who are interested to contact the DC Society. The society will act as the agency to coordinate the exchange between the giver and the receiver. These rings would be made available as indicated by the donor and would remain recoverable while still in the replacement pool.

Anyone wishing to participate, or who may have questions about the procedure should write to Colonel (Ret) Allan C. Torgerson, Treasurer, West Point Society of DC, 6200 Oregon Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20015, or call him at (301) 299-5499 or (301) 643-5785.

A History of the USMA Library

The Friends of the West Point Library have sent to all members a copy of the newly published *A History of the United States Military Academy Library* by CPT (USMM-Ret.) Aloysius Norton, USMA Class of 1944. The book, with some fifty pictures, tells the story of the library that was founded at West Point before the Academy and developed into today's complex center for learning and research. A grant to the Association of Graduates from Mrs. Mary Roebling of Trenton, NJ, financed the printing by Avery Publishing Group. Copies are on sale at West Point and may be ordered from the publisher at 89 Baldwin Terrace, Wayne, NJ 07470.

At their annual spring meeting, the Friends were addressed by Colonel (Ret.) William L. Hauser on "West Point and the Military Profession." Hauser's views, based on his writings and work with the "military reform movement," were summarized in the July 1986 *Newsletter* of the Friends.

In the May meeting, COL (Ret.) Roger H. Nye '46 was elected to a 3-year tour as Chairman of the Friends, replacing BG (Ret.) Douglas Kinnard '44. Nye was formerly a USMA Professor in the Department of History and recently author of

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The Challenge of Command: Reading for Military Excellence. He cited the important support that Superintendent Willard W. Scott, Jr. had given the Friends when he approved their initial charter in 1982. On behalf of the Friends, Colonel Nye and Librarian Egon Weiss subsequently presented LTG and Mrs. Scott with a retirement gift copy of John Zukowsky's 1885 *Hudson River Villas.*

The Friends of the West Point Library have scheduled their fall luncheon meeting at West Point for Friday, 24 October 1986.

LIBRARY CONFERENCE AT WEST POINT

On 30 June 1986 approximately 100 members of the Armed Forces Library Section and the Federal Librarians Round Table met at West Point as part of the American Library Association annual conference held in New York City. During the course of their visit they toured the USMA Library and visited the Academy grounds. The luncheon speaker, Dr. Aloysius A. Norton, USMA 1944, Professor Emeritus, U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, addressed the group on West Point's literary tradition.

REINTERMENT OF UNKNOWNS, WEST POINT CEMETERY

With more than 100 burials in the West Point Cemetery each year, existing space will be exhausted within five years according to West Point's Directorate of Logistics, Supply and Services Division, which manages burials in the cemetery.

To create more space for future burials, West Point officials are looking at the possibility of removing about 140 remains from graves marked "unknown" for reinterment in a common grave. The project carries an estimated cost of $81,500.

Burials in the cemetery are currently restricted to graduates of the Military Academy, members of the Armed Forces stationed at West Point at the time of their death or retirement, family members of eligible persons and others having bona fide reservations under the provisions of West Point regulations.

In spite of these restrictions, existing space will be used up within five years. Construction of an annex that would expand the cemetery will be submitted for Congressional approval as part of the 1989 Fiscal Year budget.

The historic cemetery, which sits on a promontory overlooking the Hudson River, was designated a military cemetery in 1817. It is the final resting place for the remains of soldiers who fought in America's wars from the Revolution to Vietnam.

LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT, AOG

Dear General Davison:

Shortly before my 90th year on May 4th I received the handsome Album you sent me from the Association of Graduates with your kindly message of concern for my continued health and happiness.

To say that your birthday present was a delightful surprise would be far from expressing the added pleasure it brought to the celebration of that joyful event.

The charm of your ensemble was clearly evidenced in the words of praise from my guests which were a tribute to your thoughtful regard.

Our small triumphs during those cadet days are inseparable from the memory of the disciplines under which they were effected. Only two cadets sat on three training tables in 1917. I was lucky to be one so chosen, the other being Elmer Oliphant, Army's All American halfback.

As a plebe this was a little bit of heaven since I could relax at mealtimes for most of my first year. My roommate was happy with a gold star on his collar, and I was glad to dine with a silver spoon in my mouth. We were a good combination.

My health is about par for the course after a good recovery from double pneumonia three years ago. Some tolerable arthritis in my hip compels me to use a walker but otherwise I enjoy an active life. A modicum of lanoxin for the heart and dyazide for pressure keeps me on an even keel.

It was my good fortune to be in Pittsburgh on a visit to my stepdaughter in March when the West Point Society held their Founders Day dinner. As the oldest graduate present I was invited to sound off with a few traditional words of wisdom. Brig. Gen. Flint, Dean of the Academic Board, was the guest speaker. His exceptional narrative led us into a deeper appreciation for the resilient spirit that carried West Point through the period of four great wars and two depressions into this new era of nuclear danger.

My brief talk was of a more sentimental nature and based on the feeling that if Sylvanus Thayer had been given a vision of the future, he would have truly seen in West Point today the culmination of his fondest dream.

My remarks were concluded with a poem I wrote in 1979 for our 60th Class Reunion. A copy is enclosed with the hope you may find in its verses some small measure of that enduring warmth that was kindled on the hearthstone of our Highland home so many years ago.

Again my deepest thanks to all who shared in the creation of your perfect gift.

With kindest regards, and every good wish, I am,

Sincerely yours,
John V. Dominey

Alma Mater

Alma Mater may thy fame
Melodies of old proclaim,
In the halls of ancient truth
Mingled with the songs of youth.

When thy sons return to thee
Eager hand and smiling lip,
Greet the friends of yesteryear
In the warmth of fellowship.

Round about the festive table
With our glasses raised on high,
Drink a toast to men of West Point
And the golden days gone by.

Drink a toast in clear remembrance
Of those faces young and gay,
That with fondest recollection
O'er the strings of memory play.

May the years that fly so swiftly
Closer weave the bond we share,
And the gladness in your dwelling
Welcome all who enter there.

May the ties of home and kindred
Be a haven sure and strong,
And the gift of love and laughter
In your heart be like a song.

And may He who guides the swallow
In the swiftness of his flight,
Fill your day with happy hours
And with slumber sweet, the night.

In the years that follow after
May your dreams without alloy,
By the moving of God's spirit
Give you peace and lasting joy.

Let the brightness of our scutcheon
While our slender lines hold fast,
Light our march into the sunset
As is shone upon the past.

Alma Mater, hail to thee
May our hearts still loyal be,
Till the last great trumpet call,
Sounds assembly for us all.

J. V. D.—April, 1986

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HISTORY OF COMPANY E-1

We are currently composing a history of our proud company and we need your help. Any company history would be incomplete without firsthand accounts of humorous anecdotes and important events. Former members of E-1 undoubtedly have insight into such items. In addition, if you have any other information on E-1, could you please write down such stories or events that you feel would contribute to the company history. We can then use these anecdotes in composing the history.

The E-1 Company History will be sent to all alumni, as well as being updated yearly by current members of the company. The history will help create a sense of tradition and camaraderie—but it would be incomplete without the help of past graduates. Please pass this information on to any former E-1 cadets and ask them to contact the undersigned.

Cadet Daniel Pak
Company E-1, USCC
West Point, NY 10996

ARMY MULE RETIRES

Buckshot, one of the four West Point mule mascots, recently retired after 21 years of service to the Army. She will live out her retirement in Elba, Alabama with her old friend Army Reserve LTC Kenneth D. Strong. Strong, mule rider for the U.S. Military Academy Class of 1967, was the first cadet ever to ride Buckshot. "I have always had a special place in my heart for her," Strong said. "My family and I have kept up with her since I graduated," he added.

Buckshot was the oldest and only female member of the Army mascot team. She came to West Point from Colorado Springs, CO in 1964 and was a gift from the Air Force Academy.

A highlight of her retirement ceremony came when LTG Willard Scott, Jr., Superintendent, handed Strong Buckshot's retirement certificate in recognition for the faithful service she gave the Army. "It's time Buckshot be allowed to go out to pasture," Scott told the spectators. Buckshot's blanket and a photograph of Scott riding her were given to the Superintendent.

Strong and Buckshot left West Point on 11 July for Elba where more festivities were planned. "My whole hometown is excited about Buckshot's coming home," Strong said. "There will be a large celebration."

The tradition of mule mascots for the Corps of Cadets dates back to 1899. The mules attend athletic events both at and away from the Academy and provide the spirit of steadfastness and determination to Army teams.

1987 AOG TRAVEL PROGRAM

The Association's 1987 Travel Program is currently in the final stages of development in coordination with group travel organizations. The Board of Trustees has approved four trips for 1987. The trips and tentative months are:

Australia/New Zealand	Fly/Land	January
China Cruise		April
Alaska Cruise/Land		July
Danube River Cruise		September

The program is, of course, subject to changes; however, at press time, planning for the first two trips is firm and, in fact, brochures for the Australia/New Zealand trip have been mailed. Brochures for the other trips will be mailed about 6 months in advance of the trip. Also, ASSEMBLY magazine will carry details of each trip. (See this issue for details on the Australia/New Zealand program).

Association of Graduates' Cruise of the Fjords

The USMA Association of Graduates sponsored a "Cruise of the Fjords" along the Norway Coast to North Cape from 18 June to 2 July. Some 31 graduates, wives and friends made up the West Point group. The cruise was on the MS *Arkona*, which also had as passengers other college alumni groups, including ten from the Navy, and a large group of West Germans.

USMA Admissions . . .

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Congressional alternates and competitive nominees not otherwise appointed may be offered appointments on a competitive basis to bring the entering class up to strength.

The Early Action Program

Established in 1980, the Early Action Program seeks to give an admissions decision in December to the highest quality candidates who select West Point as their first choice. It benefits the overall Admissions Program in two ways. First, it provides an added incentive to those who consider West Point their first choice of a college option. Second, it moves up the admissions cycle for admissible candidates by forcing the Admissions Committee to give this segment of the candidate pool priority attention over the general candidate pool.

During the admissions cycle for the Class of 1990, approximately 990 candidates were qualified under the Early Action Program, more than 700 were offered admission and over 580 accepted that offer.

Minority Recruiting Program.

Minority recruiting represents one of the most challenging marketing programs the Admissions Office staff faces in its effort to enroll the best qualified candidates

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in the nation. Recruiting Black Americans is becoming more and more competitive because this segment of the college bound market has decreased in each of the last four years.

West Point began a major effort to increase the enrollment of Black Americans during the Class of 1973 admissions cycle. Up to that time approximately seven to nine cadets were admitted each year, representing less than one percent of the class. The first year efforts were successful, raising the enrollment level of Black Americans to 45. Today, the enrollment goal of the Admissions Office for Black Americans is between 7-8.5 percent of the class strength.

During the Class of 1990 cycle, 91 Black Americans accepted the offer of admission, falling two-tenths of a percent below the goal of 7 percent. "We work very hard with our minority recruiting program," said Colonel Rushton. "It remains one of our toughest markets, as it is for many of the nation's colleges who have highly selective admissions programs. Despite falling slightly below our class composition goal, the yield rate was still over 70 percent of our applicant offers of admission."

The Project Outreach Program is one of the key recruiting efforts for this marketing segment. Seven minority officers are assigned to Admissions for temporary duty to assist in minority recruiting, visiting high schools and junior high schools to emphasize the importance of a college education and the opportunities for career success that are available to minorities if they make West Point a possible college option. This program has proved successful despite the declining Black American college bound population.

The Admissions Field Force

With more than 12,000 candidates applying for admissions each year, the Admissions Office staff requires a great deal of assistance in order to service this large candidate pool. That assistance comes from a field force that includes more than 450 Military Academy Liaison Officers, representatives of Recruiting Command elements, ROTC detachments and Army installations. In addition, there are many volunteers, called Admissions Participants, who assist in the admissions process by answering candidate questions, interviewing candidates, and by establishing a foundation for future admissions success.

The Admissions Committee

The Admissions Committee consists of a group of senior and junior officers who determine the qualification of a candidate and then make a selection and offer admission. During the Class of 1990 cycle the Admissions Committee reviewed 5,591 applicant files, all of those who received nominations.

One major difficulty for the Admissions Committee was targeting for a smaller class, but Colonel Capps indicates the admissions work went smoothly because everyone understood from the outset that this would be a very competitive admissions cycle.

"Fortunately, we knew from the very outset what the size of the class was to be," said Capps. "We did a lot of work on Early Action because we had a great many excellent candidates, so we wanted to make sure we got the best of those candidates early in the cycle. Among the other sponsor groups that make up the class composition—women, Black Americans, Hispanics, and athletes—we said this is going to be a very competitive year, so you will have to get better people in your categories to compete, and they did. Consequently, even with a smaller class, we hit all of our class composition goals with the exception of one. That came in the area of Black American candidates where we hit 6.8 percent instead of the goal of 7 percent."

The makeup of the Admissions Committee changes each year, but it does not affect the philosophy of the group according to Colonel Capps, who has been associated with the Admissions Committee for the past 17 years. "Although there are changes in the Admissions Committee each year, everyone who sits on the committee is enthusiastic about the task," said Capps. "To do the sort of job we were able to do this year, the members feel a great sense of accomplishment as the class takes form. After all, these [candidates] are the people they are going to work with, so they have a vested interest in the outcome of the decisions they are making.

"Now the Class of 1990 is here," added Colonel Capps. "The composition of the class is what the Department of the Army would have it be, and now the rest is up to the Academy. The people who picked the class are the same people who now must educate it and train it. That is the great advantage of our system. That's why I like to work with it."

Admissions Satisfaction

The task of administering more than 12,000 applicant files each year is monumental in terms of the hours and personnel needed to accomplish the job. Nevertheless, the greatest satisfaction for every member of the Admissions Office staff, the Admissions Committee, and the members of the field force is Reception Day on the first day of July.

"Reception Day is always the high point of an admissions cycle," said Colonel Rushton. "Many candidates you know either personally or through the association of the candidate cycle, having traveled and met with candidate groups or hosted them on overnight visits. The other satisfaction is in viewing the professional work that was done by our Admissions Office staff, the Admissions officers, the Admissions Committee, and the Admissions field force.

"It is also very satisfying to travel around the nation to meet the hard working field force members, and their candidates, to talk to educators, as well as members of Congress," added Rushton. "Yet, there is little time to look back because the Class of 1991 admissions cycle is already six months old, and that class is developing its own personality."

Department of Geography

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ment and Engineering Center (BRDEC) proposed the use of MICROFIX as a tool to define topographic requirements for automation from field experience. Working with the CGL, BRDEC placed MICROFIX systems in one theater, one corps, and one division level terrain unit for test and evaluation. Reports from these evaluations helped to define the unique automation needs of Army topographic units supporting the commander on the battlefield, and led to the concept of a MICROFIX topographic user's package. Development of the topographic package began in the summer of 1985, with the CGL coordinating a cooperative effort of four Department of the Army labs and the US Army Forces Command.

Philosophy

As MICROFIX sets are fielded to all Army terrain teams and the CGL conducts training on the new topographic software, MICROFIX becomes the only Army standard computer system to support the battlefield commander's topographic needs. It is true that MICROFIX is a first generation system with real limitations. However, it has and will continue to perform the invaluable function of identifying key areas for future development, while providing a usable interim system.

This "Use, Learn, Develop" philosophy is at the core of the whole MICROFIX project. Developers provided a working prototype quickly. It was fielded, and users provided immediate feedback. This was incorporated in successive versions, so that each new product more closely matched user needs. CGL researchers are already working on the next logical development, seeking to capitalize on improvements in computer technology that have appeared since MICROFIX was first fielded. Software is ready for an MS-DOS (IBM compatible) system that runs three to four times faster than MICROFIX, with increased storage capability and higher screen resolution. Dubbed TOPOFIX, this system is being field tested as a cooperative effort between the CGL and BRDEC in the 29th Engineer Battalion (Topo) in the Pacific Theater. A VAX/MicroVAX version of topographic software written in Ada is also in development.

Results

The MICROFIX Topographic Configuration contains two parts: a baseline configuration common to all MICROFIX systems, including military intelligence systems, and the topographic package. The baseline software maintains graphic and text data bases that can be overlayed on maps stored on the system's video disk unit. The topographic package consists

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of four programs, and represents a cooperative effort among Army laboratories. The Atmospheric Sciences Laboratory at White Sands, New Mexico provided the Tactical Weather Intelligence system (TWI). The Engineer Topographic Laboratories at Fort Belvoir, Virginia provided the Battlefield Environmental Effects System (BEES). The Waterways Experiment Station provided a mobility evaluation module. The Computer Graphics Laboratory at USMA provided a digital terrain analysis program (TERRANAL) and coordinated the integration of the topographic package.

TWI software on MICROFIX assists the analyst in five types of planning: NBC operations, Mission Oriented Protective Posture (MOPP), smoke operations, use of night vision goggles by aviators, and employment of electro-optical target acquisition devices. The package aims to assist the terrain anaylst and the staff weather officer, but would clearly benefit all tactical planners.

BEES provides six major functions: historical climatologies for several prospective theaters of operations, helicopter density altitude calculations, sun and moon rise almanac determinations, cross-country mobility calculations, combat engineering obstacle planning from FM 5-34, and utility conversion routines. As with TWI, BEES provides computerized planning assistance for many staff functions.

The TERRANAL program provides digital topographic support to MICROFIX. The program uses Digital Terrain Elevation Data (DTED) produced by the Defense Mapping Agency. Characteristics of the data (resolution 60- 120 meters; accuracy 30 m) limit its capability and require careful analysis of results. Despite this limitation, DTED is available for most of the northern hemisphere. Data sets used by the computer cover 30 minutes of latitude by 30 minutes of longitude, which corresponds to 4 standard 1:50,000 maps. The DTED data retains its geographic coordinate base (latitude and longitude) on the MICROFIX, with the computer handling the transformations to and from the UTM coordinates input by the user. The configuration of the MICROFIX hard disk allows up to six data sets to be loaded and accessed simultaneously. The user loads additional data sets from video tape. TERRANAL will produce the following five types of output on the color monitor, which can be reproduced on the system's dot matrix printer: line-of-sight profiles, weapons/sensor masking plots, color tinted elevation maps (air avenues of approach), slope maps (ground avenues of approach), and oblique views. Images generated by these functions can be stored on the hard disk, and then recalled to the screen for briefings or further analysis.

Thus, the work of the Department of Geography and Computer Science has paid off in a new capability for terrain analysts in division, corps, and theater terrain teams to maintain and analyze terrain, weather, and engineering data. The CGL's participation in the MICROFIX project has had the following important benefits to the Army:

(1) Terrain teams receive automation support, the first significant advance in terrain analysis capability since World War II.

(2) Feedback is amassed as input for the developers of more sophisticated systems that will eventually replace MICROFIX.

(3) Soldiers are trained on a relatively simple system. These are the same people who will use or supervise the use of the complex systems on the drawing board today.

We all realize that MICROFIX is not the optimal topographic computer system; it was never meant to be. However, "Use, Learn, Develop" will continue, and the partnership between USMA, Army laboratories, and users will create successively better systems to meet the needs of combined arms commanders in the field Army.

Physics at West Point

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atory and the Los Alamos National Lab.

The volunteer summer research program benefits both the laboratory and the individual. In additon to the obvious benefit to the lab of having another qualified researcher, the officer/cadet is being given the opportunity to work at the forefront of technology and research and also enhance the breadth and depth of knowledge available to be used in support of his teaching responsibility. For the cadet this experience provides an additional motivation for further learning by tieing together the theoretical with practical application. Many of the cadets return to USMA after their summer research and continue with these same projects. Their work normally culminates in a paper and presentation at the Eastern College Science Conference. For the past two years USMA Physics Department cadets have won the best paper competition in the physics category and last year a cadet's physics entry received the award for the best overall paper at the conference.

To further stimulate interest in physics and to make contact with physics students at other universities, chapters of the Society of Physics Students and the National Physics Honor Society ($\Sigma\Pi\Sigma$) were established at West Point within the last year. The chapters provide an opportunity for members to have a more personal and informal association with the Physics faculty. Members present papers and discuss topics of mutual interest before a friendly audience, thus broadening their knowledge and increasing their interest in physics.

In order to provide a daily, continuous liaison with physics programs at other major universities, the Physics Department participates in a visiting professor program. We have been extremely fortunate to have had nationally recognized physics professors for visits of one to two years each. In reverse chronological order, our visiting professors have been

- Dr. D. Rae Carpenter, Virginia Military Institute;
- Dr. Fred Leitner, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute;
- Dr. Clifford Swartz, State University of New York at Stony Brook; and
- Dr. Howard Carr, Auburn University.

Never has physics been more crucial to the preparation of Army officers. Current advances in technology are rapid and the pace is getting faster. Warfare will incorporate new technology as quickly as it is developed, and our graduates must be prepared to take the lead in deployment and effective use of new weapons systems and in the development and procurement of current and future systems.

Although the formal SDI program is only three years old, the Army has been involved in strategic defense technology for three decades. The goal of the Physics Department in support of the Army and SDI is to ensure that all USMA graduates have been introduced to the fundamentals of these technologies and that Physics concentrators/majors are prepared for graduate school and active participation in SDI research and assignments to units such as the US Army Strategic Defense Command.

Academic Limits

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puters. Chances are good that they will have programmed computers and worked with them extensively before. Library computers, personal computers, and research go hand in hand to improve cadet success.

The library is a major center for military history and, of course, for primary source material on the Academy itself. Both Special Collections and the USMA Archives contain unique research material which attracts historians, writers and graduates as well. The photographs and official cadet records in the Archives have helped answer many questions related to West Point history and biographies. The major 4-volume work *Historical Structures Inventory, United States Military Academy, 1984* was completed largely from USMA archival resources. A number of well-known books have relied on materials in Special Collections, including John Jakes' *North and South*. Special Collections librarians Robert Schnare and Marie Capps have been acknowledged for their research help in a number of books, including *"The Best School in the World"*, *The Old Army*, *The Snowblind Moon*, and in biographies of Omar Bradley and Matthew Ridgway.

All great library collections are built with the assistance of alumni and other friends, and I would like to point out a few recent important contributions to Special Collections. A collection of manuscripts, books, letters, tapes and photographs relating to the careers of Robert T. Stevens and Isaac I. Stevens have been

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donated. The Friends of the West Point Library donated an 1852 letter announcing the assignment of Colonel Robert E. Lee to West Point as Superintendent. The Friends also purchased a unique French document detailing the original course of study at the École Polytechnique in Paris, the basis for West Point's earliest curriculum. These and other donations add to the richness of the library's collections.

By the time you read these words, we will have completed the issue of personal computers to each member of the Class of 1990!

You may have read elsewhere that all three service academies adopted the standard Department of Defense microcomputer for sale to their plebe classes this year. That computer is the Zenith 248, an IBM-compatible desk-top system. The USMA configuration includes a monochrome monitor, dual diskette drives, a "windowing" package, word processing software, a Pascal compiler, and a mouse. The cadets purchased the machines by an advance to their pay which they will pay back over a period of 24 months. The cost of the computer and other new items of cadet issue will be absorbed by the cadet's increased entrance deposit and reduced amounts of monthly cash over four years. Believe me, the cadets got a deal. Our contract with Zenith also permits sale to staff and faculty and upperclass cadets at the reduced prices and sales there have been brisk, to say the least. Future classes will also purchase personal computers, but we are free to adopt a different model if, for example, an adequate lap-top model with a pop-up screen should become available to us at a low price.

I am particularly proud of the PC action; we were patient, learning from the mistakes of others while we made the necessary preparations for the individual PC. We have carefully designed computer applications into the curriculum, and the cadets will find dozens more. The energy costs have been computed. Security has been solved. Plans for networking the PCs are in place. We mobilized the faculty to assist in the actual issue and installation of the computers, working closely with the USMA staff and the Office of the Commandant. It was quite a team effort. We did it right.

Beginning with the Class of 1990, USMA graduates will possess levels of computer expertise far beyond their predecessors in the long gray line. The Army environment they will enter as lieutenants will be heavily automated and our graduates will be comfortable in that environment.

I will report to you in the next installment of "Academic Limits" on our first experiences in this really very exciting project. Remember, I will be happy to respond to your letters on matters covered in these pages, too.

Until next time.

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ever to have been First Captain three times! He was a member of the Class of June 13, 1922 which was originally the Class of 1921. He was the First Captain during AY 1920-21 when 17 of his classmates elected to graduate at the end of their third academic year, thereby becoming the Class of 1921. The remainder of the class therefore became the Class of June 13, 1922. At the beginning of this year, Olmsted was again the First Captain until, as his classmates said, "He fell from favor in the eyes of the Tactical Department." Actually, MacArthur had him relieved for an incident at Camp Dix involving some yearlings that had evidently appointed themselves the Academic Board and "ran out of camp" one of their own whom they considered "an inferior cadet." MacArthur's actions were not supported by many to include the Com, Lieutenant Colonel Danford. At Danford's urging, the Supe reinstated Olmsted, making him the First Captain for the third time!

Beast Barracks is going well. Morale is high as evidenced by a lower than usual sick call rate and fewer new cadets dropping out of runs. The Class of 1990 is in the capable hands of the Class of 1987, led by Cadets John Friedland of San Antonio, Texas and Mary O'Brien of Phoenix, Arizona during the first and second details, respectively.

At Camp Buckner, the Class of 1989 is being put through its paces by Cadets John Tien of Cerritos, California and John Dorris of Nashville, Tennessee, both also of the Class of 1987. Other summer leaders were Cadets Jeff Peterson of Fort Bragg, North Carolina and Mark Parrish of Inwood, West Virginia. Jeff commanded Third Class Combined Arms Training (TCCAT) at Fort Knox, and Mark was the Commander of the Summer Garrison Regiment here at West Point.

On the USCC staff, we have three changes: Lieutenant Colonel (P) Seth F. Hudgins, Jr. is the Chief of Staff, Major (P) Bill Addy is the S-1, and Major Walton (Buck) Walker is the S-3. I also have two new personal staff officers: the Executive, Major Bill Pokorny and the Special Assistant for Honor Matters is Captain Greg Stone.

Yes we do change, but West Point is your home and remains resolute in its vision. And, although Robert Frost noted that, "Home is the place where, when you have to go there, they have to take you in;" you don't *have* to come here. But we shall always welcome you and take you in. Homecoming is October 18th. Come on home. Your classmates will be glad to see you. So will we.

Gettysburg "Staff Ride"

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ing the information on the maps to the actual terrain. Using Professor Luvass' technique we read and then discussed several "on-location" after-action reports written by officers who participated in the battle. This enabled us to explore, on the spot where the event actually occurred, such topics as loyalty, discipline, unit cohesion, time and the importance of intelligence or the lack thereof.

The staff ride began at approximately 0900 on Saturday 19 April with a viewing of the battlefield's electric map-board for an overview of the entire battle. The remainder of the morning was then spent at McPherson's Ridge and Oak Hill where the events of the first day of the battle were discussed. Here the cadets gained their first taste of terrain appreciation; why Boland and Reynolds placed their artillery where they did, the importance of the railroad cut, and the dominance of Oak Hill over this part of the battlefield. Personal accounts and a discussion of the role of leadership, using Reynolds as an example, took on special meaning when conducted on the spot where Reynolds was killed by a Confederate sharpshooter. Here also, cadets began to grasp the interrelationship between weapons and terrain.

The afternoon was spent in a study of the second and third day of the battle. It began with an examination of the positions of the Union right flank on Culp's Hill and the engagements at Spangler's Spring. Later, as the cadets traversed the Union position along Cemetery Hill, Cemetery Ridge to Little Round Top, and Devil's Den, they began to appreciate why Little Round Top was the key to the Union position. This part of the staff ride provoked the most questions, as cadets analyzed how they would attempt to hold or take Little Round Top, both then and now. The afternoon continued with a stop at the Peach Orchard and a ride along the Confederate positions. The group again dismounted at the point where Lee and Pickett had observed the Union line. Here, as the cadets followed the actual path of Pickett's charge, the Union lines were surveyed and the Confederate battle plan discussed. After reaching "The Angle" on Cemetery Ridge, the cadets gained a vivid depiction of Pickett's charge by viewing the "High Water Tide of the Confederacy" in the battlefield's cyclorama. This concluded the on-site portion of the staff ride, but not the end of the discussion or questions from the cadets.

The Gettysburg staff ride was received with such enthusiasm by the cadets that the Military Affairs Club decided to continue and expand the program in the coming academic year. With the assistance of the Department of History, the club intends to initiate a program of two staff rides a year, one in the fall to rotate among different battlefields such as Antietam, Bull Run, or Saratoga, followed by a staff ride to Gettysburg each spring. For the academic year 1986-87 the decision was made for the fall staff ride to be conducted on the weekend of 20-21 September to view Fort Ticonderoga and the battlefield at Saratoga. The Gettysburg staff ride will be conducted in April 1987.

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The DIA Reports

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and we look forward to another exciting competitive year with, most especially, a better record against our service academy counterparts.

The football team opens a tough 1986 campaign against Syracuse here in Michie Stadium on 13 September. They then have tough away games at Northwestern, Yale, Tennessee, and the Meadowlands (against Rutgers). This schedule poses a handsome challenge for Jim Young's fourth Army football squad. We believe First Class leadership will again be strong.

Our other coaches feel we had an excellent recruiting year and that in the Class of 1990 will be found future All-Americans and many cadets who will continue to improve the fortunes of Army athletic teams.

Your continued friendship and support are deeply appreciated.

ARMY SPORTS SUMMARY

FALL	G	W	L	T	Pct.	Navy	Captain/s
Women's Cross Country	6	6	0	0	1.000	—	Lorie Fleming
Football	12	9	3	0	.750	Lost	GAME
150-Lb Football	7	5	2	0	.714	Lost	Rock Marcone/ Chris Townley
Women's Volleyball	33	23	10	0	.697	Won	Wilma Larsen
Men's Cross Country	8	5	3	0	.625	Lost	Dave Fleece
Men's Tennis	8	5	3	0	.625	—	Scott Poirier
Women's Tennis	8	4	4	0	.500	—	Kris Powell
Water Polo	27	13	14	0	.481	Lost	Joe Martin/ Eric Wesley
Soccer	18	8	9	1	.472	Lost	John McHugh
Fall Totals	127	78	48	1	.618	(1-5)	

WINTER	G	W	L	T	Pct.	Navy	Captain/s
Women's Track	2	2	0	0	1.000	—	Michelle Collins
Rifle	16	15	1	0	.938	Won	Rhonda Barush
Pistol	9	8	1	0	.889	Lost	Richard Shelton
Wrestling	21	18	3	0	.857	Lost	Dennis Semmel
Gymnastics	12	9	3	0	.750	Lost	Jeff Baum
Women's Swimming	11	8	3	0	.727	Won	Molly Hagan/ Ann MacIntyre
Men's Swimming	13	9	4	0	.692	Lost	John Lazar
Men's Track	3	2	1	0	.667	Lost	Wendell Champion
Women's Basketball	30	19	11	0	.633	Won	Julie DelGiorno
Hockey	30	18	11	1	.617	—	Edward Moran
Squash	18	8	10	0	.444	Lost	Brian Snell
Men's Basketball	27	9	18	0	.333	Lost	Mark Michaelsen/ Michael Ellis
Winter Totals	192	125	66	1	.654	(3-7)	

SPRING	G	W	L	T	Pct.	Navy	Captain/s
Golf	8	8	0	0	1.000	Won	Robb Lott
Women's Softball	34	27	7	0	.794	—	Jill Schurtz
Women's Tennis	13	9	4	0	.692	—	Kristin Powell
Baseball	37	23	13	1	.635	Won	Lawrence Tubbs
Lacrosse	12	6	6	0	.500	Lost	Bill Schiffer
Men's Tennis	19	5	14	0	.263	Lost	Scott Poirier
Men's Track	1	0	1	0	.000	Lost	Tom Szoka
Women's Track	0	0	0	0	.000	—	Marilyn Gibbs
Spring Totals	124	78	45	1	.633	(2-3)	
Overall Totals	443	281	159	3	.638	(6-15)	

Book Review

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he temporarily establishes himself, and there he finds a restorative intellectual refuge in the susbtantial Newberry Library. His next sojourn in Chicago is less happy: this time he is stationed with his troop on strike duty, under the uninspiring command of the ambitious Nelson Miles. It is not long before he entrains with his troopers for Fort Ethan Allen, Vermont. It is the twilight of the Bourke story, and an autumnal sadness pervades his diary. A brief visit to Mexico in hopes of regaining his health comes to an abrupt end when a serious physical ailment brings him down. There remains but a long and agonizing trip homeward, and his death in a hospital, in his native city of Philadelphia. He is forty-nine years old.

Porter's final chapter, "Epilogue: The Land of Hoddentin" (named after a major book on Apacheria that Bourke had long been planning) is a dignified and sympathetic summing up of Bourke's endeavors, his recognized successes, and his less than enduring efforts. In it the author includes this passage:

> Bourke's permanent legacy is his career in the West, his research, and his writing. His life encompassed a chapter in western American history as his generation pushed into the Great Plains and the Southwest after the Civil War. He was at the center of military and administrative, intellectual, and humanitarian issues as cultures clashed on the western frontier. He earned a significant place in American military history, in the history of contact with Indian peoples, and in the cultural and intellectual history of Gilded Age America. His detailed diaries and voluminous correspondence provide a portrait of an intelligent, active, compassionate man in the context of his time. His fieldwork and writing are a permanent contribution to ethnology, folklore, and Western American history, but he is best known for one book, *On the Border With Crook*.

And the quiet irony of the last sentence says a great deal indeed.

Being a lesser scholar and a less felicitous writer than Porter, I cannot close my piece without a sincere tip of the hat to him for the energy with which he has pursued, digested, and gracefully utilized his vast source material, and the scholarly apparatus which he has brought to bear. Figures alone can tell only in part the sort of job he has done, but they are at least indicative: he lists over 300 items in his bibliography; he supports his text with over 800 apposite footnotes. And, interestingly over 400 of these refer to Bourke's voluminous diaries, testimony enough to the rigorous attention he has given in discriminating study of the 126 volumes, more than 8000 pages, and over a million handwritten words of his subject's journals.

In so ably dealing such an immense amount of information Joseph Porter has produced a really fine book which will long stand as the definitive work on—and handsome tribute to—one of West Point's most unusual and most accomplished graduates.

Reviewed by Brigadier General (Retired) Edwin Van Sutherland, Former Head of Department of English, USMA, 1965-1977

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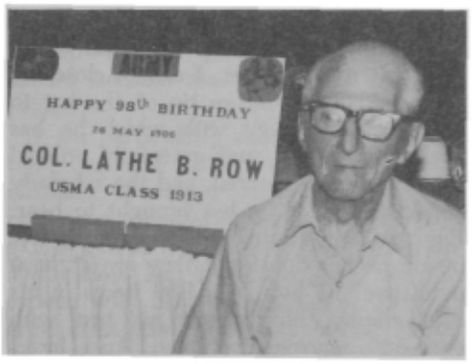
REPORT ... from the classes

'12

Mrs. **Oscar J. Gatchell** died in England on 20 December 1985. Her husband was professor and head of the Dept of Mech at WP for many years.

'13

There were 43 people in attendance at the delightful luncheon at the Grand Inn, Sun City, AZ for the 98th birthday celebration for COL **Lathe B. Row** on 26 May. Twenty of the 43 present were West Pointers. The highlight of the luncheon happened when Lathe Row spoke to the group for about 2 min on his reminiscences of his cadet days, 1909-1913.



1913: COL Lathe B. Row, 98th birthday, 26 May 1986

An excellent letter from former Supe LTG W. W. Scott to Lathe was read aloud to all and then presented to **Connie Row**, Lathe's wife. The letter was a great hit and received a standing ovation.

Dear Colonel Row:

I note with great pleasure that you will be celebrating your 98th birthday on May 26, 1986. On behalf of the United States Military Academy and the Long Gray Line, I extend this note of congratulations on your long and productive career.

Your military service record includes many proud events in the history of the United States Army and our country: Mexican Service; duty in England and France during WW1; and duty at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, on Pearl Harbor Day. After extensive service as a proud infantryman, you added nine years as an Inspector General to your illustrious military career.

As you reach your 98th birthday, you have the distinction of being the third oldest living graduate of the Military Academy.

Congratulations on a job "Well Done."

Sincerely,
(Signed by)
Willard W. Scott, Jr.
Lieutenant General, U.S. Army
Superintendent

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

the Dec issue by — 30 Sep 86

the Mar issue by — 5 Jan 87

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.

'15

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Winnie Bassett Ellis died 30 Mar 86 at a nursing home in Bradenton, FL, age 84. She had been in a nursing home, and/or hosp, over two years, where I visited her twice daily. Under the circumstances her passing was "a blessed relief."

Virginia Skinner-Higgens Van Fleet died on 2 Apr 86 at Winter Haven Hosp, Winter Haven, FL. She was the wife of General **James Alward Van Fleet**, Ret, 5210 Van Fleet Road, Polk City, FL 33868.

Both of the above are buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

Eugene Leone died recently in CA after a long illness. He was the only honorary classmate, having been nominated by Ike Eisenhower at the Class meeting at WP in 1950. His wife **Mary** died a few years ago. I understand they gave 300 acres to WP years ago to round out the Artillery range. For many years they gave wonderful dinners to the Class at our big reunions, and in off years they had all of the Class and children who were at the reunion at their home in Central Valley, NY for dinner!

A Class great-grandson, David George Weart, was born in Frankfurt, Ger, on 19 May 1986.

Please keep sending Class info to me well in advance of the deadline for the '15 notes to reach WP. The next deadline is 30 Sep for the Dec **Assembly**, and every 3 mos thereafter.

Mary Hunt moved to Willow Valley Manor, Apt B-304, 211 Willow Valley Square, Lancaster, PA 17604.

'16

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At the time of Founders Day, March 1986, I received good letters from Betty Johns, daughter-in-law of our **Dwight Johns** and also from **Charlie Haskins**. I wish that our classmates would write more often. And we like to hear from our class widows also.

1916: Helen Woodward, GEN Shugg and GEN Woodward

The Founders Day Dinner at the Presidio of San Francisco was attended by the **Woodwards** and the **Shuggs**. You see a picture here of **Helen** Woodward and **Woodie** with **Roland** Shugg in the middle.

JUN '18

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I regret to report the death of **Breezy Hudson**, a thoroughbred Cavalryman, on 4 Jun in El Paso, TX. He was buried in the Ft Bliss National Cemetery. He is survived by his wife **Lucy**, two daughters, Mrs E. W. Dinwieddie and Mrs. R. M. Reuter, six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Squire Foster and I recently read the book **The Men of Company K** by Leinbaugh and Campbell. That Co K was of the 333rd Inf, 84th Div. Squire was the CO 330th Inf, 83rd Div from St Lo to the Elbe. He had a Co K and eight other rifle companies that had very much the same combat experience. During one period the two divisions were alongside.

Bud Miley, our youngest now, reports that **Fenie** and he are both OK and that very frequently they see their two sons who are over 60 and are grandparents of five which is great for Fenie & Bud.

Norma Axelson, with her daughter-in-law Edith, in late Jun were at WP, where Scip is buried. We had expected to get together but **Steve** was in Keller Army Hosp

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for removal of a small tumor in her colon and could not see visitors. Her chief surgeon was COL Donald Roberts '68 (our 50th Reunion year).

One of my items in the Jun ASSEMBLY rates a 0.0 mark. **Ellie Bethel** is still growing older!

Alice Kramer was in San Antonio in May to inspect the progress on the Army Residence Community. She may decide what to do in a few months. After 40 years in San Mateo, she will hate to leave CA.

NOV '18

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Again I start with the sad news hoping it will improve later. We lost **Helen Holbrook** on 6 Apr 86 and **Bill Blair** on the 13th. As you know, Helen had been ill for several yrs and just seemed to fade away. Services were held for her at St Patrick's Episcopal Church with **Holbrook**, Herr and Patton family members participating. Daughter Joanne Patton gave a very touching eulogy on her mother Helen, which reminded everyone present that both Helen's father and Hunk's father were cavalrymen and both had reached the distinguished position of Chief of Cavalry in their military careers. A delightful reception was held in the great hall of the church following the services. Representatives of the three families involved escorted Helen's ashes to WP for interment. The Supe sent a minibus to La Guardia Airport to pick them all up and bring them to the Point. Hunk says he has never before had such royal treatment. Reservations at the Thayer, flowers and liquid refreshments were all in place and transportation was available at all times. Helen's remains were placed with those of her forebears in the Holbrook-Herr plot. Chaplain De Russey, the new Post Chaplain, presented Hunk with a prayer book dating back to our time as cadets.

Bill Blair died in a nursing home near Evergreen, CO where he had been living for almost 6 mos. **Isobel**, his wife, was planning to move him to a different home in Sterling, CO this summer. He was buried in the family plot in Riverside Cemetery, Sterling, CO. Isobel lives at their mountain home, 4876 Le Master Road, Evergreen, CO 80439.

Regional News

From the South

Bob Schow reports "situation normal" constituents don't communicate.

Only **Art Pulsifer** features in his letter to me. Fighting with "city hall" on account of lawn and shrub damage to his property incident to laying a new storm drain. Art's arthritis improved with a new 8-hr aspirin he has been taking. Indocin, prescribed by his doctor, was ineffective.

Katy Leng (Lenoir) has carried out her threat and moved to MA (new address at end of notes); seems to be quite content with the change.

From the East

First, Jack & Jean **Barnes** escorted **Elmer's** ashes from the West Coast to Arlington to be interred with those of **Dodie.** All friends and classmates, three, **Wanamaker, Holbrook** and **Evans,** assembled at Cemetery Headquarters building for the trip to the grave site. Dodie & Elmer had many friends here who hadn't seen one another since the Barnes left for Salem, OR some yrs ago. Many of you recall that Jack Barnes was "head" master on our bus trip to WP and return for our 65th reunion. He still has a warm spot in his heart for our Class and wrote Wanny a very nice note of appreciation for our participation in the interment. The Class provided a beautiful wreath selected by Hunk Holbrook for the grave site with our November '18 arm band stretched across its front. Very impressive.

Next, Marian **Holbrook, Hunk's** daughter, was married on 7 Jun to Richard Roberson, LTC, USA Ret, in St. Patrick's Episcopal Church just off Foxhall Road. Marne, the bride, was really beautiful as was Joanne Patton, her sister, who acted as maid of honor and reader during the ceremony. Willard III also read as did Richard's best man, Robert Day. A young woman, identified only as Katie Landsdale, on the violin with piano accompanist did a beautiful job with Shubert's **Ave Maria.** A reception in the church's great hall across from the chapel was a great success. Hunk said he had planned for 150 guests but at last count the tally had reached over 200. He hoped there was enough "Chamwein" and food to go around. There was. The wedding party formed a receiving line at the reception where we got a close look at all of them. Nice looking group. Helen would have loved it.

Wanny's granddaughter Suzanne graduated cum laude from Princeton 10 Jun; her father, W.W.W., Jr, is Princeton '46. He had been admitted shortly after Pearl Harbor, left during his freshman yr to enlist in the FA, became a liaison pilot and was an observer pilot with the 3d Div in France in early 45. Returned to the States in 46, left the service a CPT, re-entered Princeton and graduated in 49. Princeton carries him as a 1946 graduate which would have been his class had he not left to go to war. Two "Tigers" in the Wanamaker camp.

Wannie advises that he has been assisting **Gene Valentine** in the preparation of a new will (just now executed and containing a bequest of magnitude to the Point), and also working with COL Gruenther of the AOG in arrangements for a gift by her through a Charitable Trust, all in memory of her husband **Val**, who died in 1981. If all details are completed in time, COL Gruenther will include an article in this issue of ASSEMBLY under the heading "BULLETIN BOARD." Be sure to look for it.

From the Central Region

Corp writes rather good news this quarter. He had almost given up **Mary** for good when we last heard from him, but Mary is now well enough to be at home after 10 days in hosp where Corp, with plenty of medical and household assistance, manages to keep her as comfortable as possible. Daughter Anne (Aiello) who lives here in Reston, flies down to San Antonio quite often, which helps restore papa's morale a bit. Anne brought Corp's twin granddaughters (not Anne's), now 6½ years old (how time flies), leaving her own triplets, identical great-grandsons, now 6 years old, with hubby in Reston.

The San Antonio contingent is in fair (?) health. **Chorpenings, Dunkelbergs, Pilands, Knudsens** and **Fonvielles,** who live in New Braunfels, suffer only the aches and pains associated with the later part of "The Golden Years." The Dunks with Piland and Corp attended the Founders Day dinner where Piland was the oldest grad present. No speeches this yr. **Carolyn Christiansen** and **Peg Smith** should be included in the list of those getting along ok.

The loss of **Bill Blair** reduces mates in Corp's bailiwick to ten. Besides those in San Antonio we include **Chief Brimmer, Mike Odor, Otto Praeger, Jim Styron** and **Sam Walker.** Chief Brimmer, now over 90, is preparing for the fishing season. Mike Odor says he's had multiple sclerosis and has been in hosp and home bedridden since Jan. However, he says extensive cortisone treatments have been effective to some extent, which is good news. Mike's wife, **Marie,** has had open heart surgery from which she recovered very well. They have "live-in" help and two daughters living in Columbia, which eases things a lot.

Bernice Keasler, Corp's faithful correspondent, reports that **Sam & Pansy Walker** are having more than their share of illness and are pretty housebound. Celebrated their 62nd anniv on 1 Apr. Bernice herself seems to be going strong and keeps current on Class affairs. Heard from a friend of **Eunice Hamilton** that Eunice had a stroke two yrs ago but with therapy and much perseverance she is doing well enough to live alone in her house with help of neighbors, but plans to move into an apt soon. (New address at end of these notes.)

I feel like **Corp** when writing these notes; I begin to feel bad myself.

From the West

A note from **Dean Dickey** to Wanny reports his 90th birthday party given by his companion, Ada MacClatchie, at the Stoneridge Country Club at Poway, CA. Twenty-four guests including **Chuck Gildart** were present. Chuck acted as MC offering a toast to the guest of honor whom he termed "first citizen of San Diego County, engineer, legal eagle, golfer and leading exponent of stock market wizardries." Dean says it was a great pleasure and very much a success. Dean also reports his health as "pretty well" having had a cataract removed in Nov and work on his plumbing, successfully completing necessary repairs, all paid for.

Chuck Gildart reports the publication of **George McReynold's** limited edition, 20 copies, 908 pages, double spaced, xeroxed, of his wartime letters to Lucy and his parents from China. The compendium was produced at the insistence and for the benefit of the children and grandchildren of **Mac & Lucy** only, but a copy will be offered the USMA library, by our Class.

Anyone knowing the current address of **Melba Conrad, VJ's** widow, please inform **Chuck Gildart.** Her mail is being returned marked, "No forwarding address on file."

Lucy Bowman from Carmel is gardening again; tomatoes in blossom, parsley in pots and Swiss chard edible and still producing. The rest of the garden is a disaster. Gophers have taken it over, cats have caught 11, but to no avail. Weather wonderful and geraniums always have some blossoms. Lucy will be 86 in a couple of weeks and is looking forward to having her son and grandson with her to help celebrate.

Please correct your directories: Mrs. C. L. Lenoir, #1C 497 Main Street, Greenfield, MA 01301; Mrs. J. C. Hamilton, #140 1923 E. Joyce, Fayetteville, AR 72703.

'19

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From L.A. **Fred Marlow** says that he golfs about 2 days a wk and works about 3 days, "fearing the probable boredom of retirement. . . ." Last summer he & **Lynne** went down the Danube, visiting 7 countries, 6 of them behind the Iron Curtain. This summer Lynne, who has visited 100 countries during

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their marriage, plans to visit Tibet. Recently they had a visit from **Bob & Virginia Hill** of Scottsdale, AZ. Bob was in good health and high spirits and Virginia was a real firecracker, "... very active in the interest of her Alma Mater, USC," said Fred. **Marianne Dodge** lives in Castine, ME in a big house in an area where there is lots of water all around. She has many visiting relatives, including many grandchildren, and never a dull moment, she says. She has given us the address of **Helen Bartlett**, (see below), "... a remarkable person . . . very sharp mentally. . . ."

1919: Margaret Jackson, Stone Sorley and Anne MacRae

In a very cheery letter from Columbus, OH, **Evelyn Brown** tells that it was her birthday (4 May) and that a friend was giving her a party that afternoon. Her daughter Laurie and grandson Robbie live next door and take fine care of her, and her son Jimmie runs a very successful cattle ranch in Ecuador where he has built a veterinary lab and other modern features. From **David McLean** in Belleair, FL: **Katherine Kean** is recovering from a broken knee cap and gets around with a walker. Her daughter and son-in-law live nearby and a companion-nurse lives with Katherine.

Last fall, **Cookie Zimmermann** had 5 heart bypasses performed in one overall operation and has made an excellent recovery. **Lois Shaw** has had a cataract operation and a fractured foot, but is now much better. **Virgil**, however, is not well. From Tucson, AZ **Effe May Isaacs** writes that her large family is pretty well scattered around the world, some in the armed forces and some going to school. She has 11 great-grandchildren, (7 boys and 4 girls), all doing well. She has had 2 lens transplants. Writing from Laguna Hills, CA, **Helen Kanaga** really enjoys life. She and her sister often visit Lawrence Welk's Resort, 80 mi away, for golf, shopping, shows, and are now planning their second cruise to the Caribbean around Christmas. Helen mentioned no complaints and her life certainly looks idyllic.

Word from **Bob & Virginia Hill**, Scottsdale, AZ is that the start of 86 has been exciting for them, including a delightful overnight stay at the home of **Lynne & Fred Marlow** in CA. They are active members of the local military ret gps, "and manage to enjoy and be a part of civic and social gps. . . ." From Clarksville, TN **Phil Lauben** writes that he & **Irma** have lived in the "TN outback" for the last 12 yrs, their children scattered from Puget Sound to TX to NY. He wrote a very modest letter but admits to publishing 6 books in London with some reprints in the US and Norway. His macular degeneration prevents his driving a car or playing golf, but with that exception both he & Irma are in general good health. He still enjoys life, "... as Irma takes unending care of me." **Jack Vance**, nearly touching the Golden Gate. He & **Betty** slowly recovering from bad colds and bronchitis. **Babe & Ruth Ruth** picked up the Vances to drive in to the O Club at the Presidio of San Fran for their monthly luncheon meeting, checking on recent activities of the two families. Another welcome visit from Ibby Sebree Brennan and husband COL Mark Brennan of Carmel. The Brennans keep in fine condition, Ibby riding her horse, Nevada Rose, and Mark playing golf or walking their Australian sheep dog on the beach. "They are a pleasure to be around," says Jack. For health reasons, Jack has had to miss a number of meetings of the Rialto Post, American Legion, so he is resigning from the post of which he is cmdr.

From DC, **Herb Jones** says he believes the '19 widows at Distaff Hall are doing quite well. The monthly luncheons at McNair are going strong, too, with **Chadwick, Flory, Hammond, Jones, Ovenshine** and **Wedemeyer** nearly always present. Chadwick, however, has been having trouble with one of his feet and missed the Apr and Jun meetings. Evans, Holbrook and Wanamaker of Nov '18 and McCaure of '22 have been attending the luncheons regularly, making a welcome addition to the gp. The outgoing mgr of the club was a guest at the Jun luncheon. He has been manager for 23 yrs and has been looking out so attentively for our luncheon gps ever since the luncheons have been held at the club, for about 15 yrs. Al Wedemeyer brought as his guest Keith Eiler '44 from Palo Alto, CA. Eiler is Al's biographer and plans to publish first a book titled "Wedemeyer's Ideas on War and Peace," to be followed later by the larger biography. During WWII Eiler was in the combat engrs and was badly wounded in Europe. He is a fine man, good company and dedicated to Al. In Jan, **Louise MacMillan** moved from Rochester, NY to Nobleton, FL (address below) to be with her daughter, Mrs. Dorothy M. Poe. In Mar, Louise became ill (illness not specified), and since then Dorothy has taken care of her mother and kindly answered scribe's card to Louise. Over the years Louise has done a great deal of traveling: to the Orient, to Europe and to many parts of the US. She has 8 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren. Dorothy writes, "Mother sends her love to the Class and her friends."

1919: Ann & Hei Heiberg

From Atlanta, GA **Inez Jacoby** writes that she had been on a trip to visit her son, then to NY to visit a friend, then to Fair Hills, MD for 2 days of horse races, steeple chase races. Her granddaughter Leslie Starr is a jr at FL State U. Inez still lives in Atlanta but usually spends part of the winter at Deerfield Beach, FL. In May, **Margaret Jackson**, widow of our Corregidor Marine **Charlie**, who actually survived 3 yrs as a POW of the Japanese, visited her sister Anne MacRae in Wynnewood, PA. On scribe's birthday they had lunch with **Stone & Conchita Sorley**, who had known Margaret & Charlie in San Diego. Both Margaret and Anne seemed in fine health and it was a real pleasure to see them. Also in May, the Sorleys' second grandson, Andrew Philip John Sorley, was born to Lewis and Bernadette Sorley in Vancouver, BC. Celebration last Mar of the 50th wedding anniv of **Hei & Ann Heiberg** at the Ft Knox O Club was a great success. Seventy guests, some of whom traveled great distances, took part, and the occasion was definitely super. The original wedding reception was held at this same place. Hei & Ann are now (Jun) en route to FL where they will meet their daughter Heide and her family for a 3-day stay at Disney World and Epcot.

ADDRESSES

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DEATHS

Mrs. **Benjamin R. Farrar (Margaret)** died in Orlando, FL, on 12 Mar 86. We have no further details. Mrs. **Robert G. Gard (Sr) (Whitey)** died in San Ant 31 Oct 85. Though confined to a wheelchair as a result of a broken hip in 1983, she was in excellent general health, and death came as a complete surprise to every one around her. Her mind was "sharp as a tack" says her daughter-in-law, Mrs. W. B. Gard, and she played winning bridge games. But since the death of her husband, **Bobby (Sr)** in 1983, she seemed lonely at times, especially during the football season, despite frequent contacts with friends and relatives and bridge and sports.

COL **Henry E. Sanderson**, after several yrs of illness from Alzheimer's disease, died on 23 Apr 86 in Stockton, CA. At his request no services were conducted for him. During WWII he was DCS of III Corps, active in the Battle of the Bulge and the Remagen Bridge crossing. After his Army retirement, among positions he held in Stockton were chmn of the Port Comm, pres of Rotary Club, pres of the Amer Red Cross Chap. He was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church. He is survived by his son, BG Alfred L. Sanderson '50, 6 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren.

COL **Louis B. Ely** died in Sarasota, FL on 3 May 86, interment at Arlington Natl Cem, 19 May 86. He is survived by his widow, **Gladys P. Ely**; a son, Louis B. Ely, Jr; 3 grandchildren; 2 great-grandsons; a brother, COL John A. Ely, Alexandria, VA; and a sister, Eleanor-Julia Glocker, Jacksonville, FL.

MG Harlan N. Hartness died 13 Jun 86 in Heathville, VA, of pneumonia; interment there on 15 Jun. He is survived by a daughter Betty. We have no further info.

VITAL STATS

Living grads, 45; Missing, 2; Deceased, 237; Widows, 86.

'20

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Alma Goff, Al Fulton, Harry Wisehart and **Denny Denson** have departed from us. We extend our deepest sympathy to their loved ones.

Alma Goff died 23 Apr 86 of a heart attack at her home in Tacoma, WA. She was buried in the New Tacoma Cemetery beside **Jack** who died only 4½ mos before. This news came from COL Fayette L. Worthington '45,

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a classmate of son John Jr who died in 58 from dsbl suffered in time of war. Alma always attended our reunions and added gaiety to their finales with her piano music; she suffered severe angina at our 60th. Surviving are son Scott, 3 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

Al Fulton died 25 Apr 86 of a stroke at the home of his daughter Annette Haslund in Austin, TX where he had moved from his Dallas home when **Katherine** died in 84. He was buried beside Katherine in Restland Memorial Park in Dallas. Al served with distinction in WWII as CO, 544 QM Gp, 9Ar, 44-45 (LM-BSM) and in the Korean War in MAG 52-54(LM). He is survived by daughter Annette and 3 granddaughters.

Harry Wisehart died 6 May 86 in the Davis Community Hosp of Statesville, NC. He had suffered a stroke in 79 which left his entire right side paralyzed. He recovered partial mobility after almost 2 yrs of operations and therapy. In Aug 81, he had a massive operation for stomach cancer from which he was still recovering at his death. According to his wishes, his remains were donated to medical research. Harry's WWII service in the Army Air Corps included activation and construction of the LeMoore Air Base (41-42) and the Pecos AFB (42-43) and air cadet training at each. In 43, he was on loan to the Navy on a secret naval mission in the Pacific. In Mar 45 he was assigned to GEN Kenny's Far East AF until the fall of Japan. Harry's first wife **Gwen** died in 70 and his only son, Harry C. Jr, in 80. Surviving are his widow **Louella**, 1 grandson, 1 stepson and 3 stepgrandsons.

Denny Denson died 1 Jun 86 of heart failure at Walter Reed. He suffered his third heart attack in early May when he & **Margaret** were celebrating his birthday at the Farmington CC, Charlottesville, VA. After 10 days at the U VA Hosp he was recovering in their DC home but a fourth attack in late May left him at Walter Reed. He was buried in Arlington with full military honors. Attending with family members were **Kay Burns, Doll Dillon, Anna Farrell** Moore, **Louise George,** the **Holles, Lemnitzer, Julia Mitchell (JD), Rehm,** the **Routheaus,** the **Samouces** and **Marion Shattuck.** Denny served with distinction in WDGS & Hq ASF, 40-45 (LM) with TDY T-E 44-45 in WWII, and in G3, HQ AF West Pac 45-48 (LM). Surviving are his widow Margaret, son BG Lee A. Jr '56, brother COL Pierre '25 and 2 grandchildren.

Margaret Denson was blessed having son Lee stationed at the Pentagon close by when Denny died. Her grandson Lee A. III graduated from MIT the same day and is returning for an MA degree. Her granddaughter Mary Bruce has finished her 1st yr at U VA. Margaret is moving from her home to DC's Army Distaff Hall where she will be with other '20 widows: **Janet Claterbos, Marshall Downing, Louise George, Mildred Hayden, Marcia Lystad, Helen Ryan, Marion Shattuck, Myra Smith (LS), Madeline Travis** and **Jo Tully.**

The article "The Memorials at Cabanatuan" in the Jun 86 ASSEMBLY by MG Chester L. Johnson '37, Chm of the Memorial Comm, describes the 5-yr effort on the memorial to the 3000 Americans who perished in this infamous POW camp, and the 3 other memorials on the same site. One is the WP Monument and Memorial Gate honoring the 176 American and Filipino graduates, out of 293 engaged, who perished in this single WWII campaign. We have 3 classmates whose names appear on this WP monument—

Czecho Vanture, Kld-POW Ship, 9 Jan 45

Marty Martelino, guerilla leader executed 8 Jan 45

Pinky Ward, Kld on Death March, 11 Apr 42

It took $250,000 in voluntary contributions from survivors' families, Filipino and American friends and the WP "family" to produce this result. MG Johnson, himself an "alumnus" of the Death March and Japanese POW (42-45), says his comm now needs another $250,000 for custodial care and maintenance in perpetuity of these memorials to that brave band of "Horatios-at-the-Bridge" who first met the overwhelming Japanese onslaught.

Pinky Ward's son, John T. Jr (now Sr) was at NM Mil Inst when Pearl Harbor broke. He immediately enlisted and served in T-E as gunner in the Anti-Tank Co of the 357th Regt, 90th Inf Div. After the war he was up for OCS but opted to leave the Army. He is now ret in Asheville, NY after the last 15 yrs with Wyeth Labs. He has recently happily remarried after his first wife died. He has 5 sons, 1 daughter and 3 grandchildren: John T. III (now Jr) is DA of Chautauqua County, NY; Robert was gunner's mate on the **Destroyer USS Blue** in the Vietnam War and now, with his wife, manages a children's nursery in Costa Nostra, CA; Edward manages the Carriage House Restaurant in Jamestown, NY; William is a prof musician there; Betty Jane Hendricksen with 3 children is also there; and Peter is a soph on the dean's list at Fredonia College, NY.

1920: Charles & Anne Holle

A clipping mailed in by Nancy T. Evans, **Rhu Taylor's** daughter, reads in part:". . . and H. Kirk Williams III" ('46, resd 54 USAF—son of our **Williams HK Jr**) . . . "[was] selected to receive the 1986 Distinguished Service Award given by the Fredonia College Foundation. . . . [He] is pres, publisher and editor of the **Evening Observer** in Dunkirk . . . served as dir and member of several Buffalo banks, Dunkirk's Progress Parks and R. S. Development Co. In 1984, Gov Mario Cuomo appointed him to his third 9-yr term on the College Council and his second term as chm."

Charles Holle remains in fair to poor health. **Elton Samouce** is slowly improving from her multiple-fractured pelvis of last Oct 1st; the doctor predicts she may be able to resume normal activities by the end of summer. **Jo Routheau** has about recovered from her fractured pelvis, but **Eddie** still suffers with shingles affecting his right eye. **Chet Hine's** back and arthritis problems continue as does **Inez's** shingles affecting her left eye.

Louise George is happy with her Apr move to DC's Army Distaff Hall. The **Rehms** visited Chicago, **George's** hometown, in early May. The **Lemnitzers** will leave early Jul for their usual summer stay in their Honesdale, PA home in the Poconos.

The usual monthly DC area Class luncheon on 10 Jun at the Westchester was attended only by **Charles Holle, George Rehm** and **Eddie Routheau.** '22 is happily welcomed at these luncheons; Bill Lawton and Mark McClure attended.

In May, **Sid & Gina Hinds** attended the reunion of the 2nd Armd Div at Ft Hood, TX. Sid was made honorary cmdr of the reactivated 41st Inf Regt.

Rosalie Doolittle keeps active as ever. In Apr, she gave a talk in Roswell, NM to a group of 5 garden clubs on flowers, flowering trees and landscaping; then flew to Las Vegas for the District Rose Convention. She continues her weekly TV specials on gardening in the Southwest.

In Apr, **Millard Pierson** hosted the **Singers** and the visiting **Johnstons** (EC) who came to look over the Army Ret Village being built in San Antonio. They had a ball. Millard says Dick Singer is about recovered from his setback of last fall. Millard also had a family gathering for his 88th birthday with son William coming from Austin, TX and daughter Dorothy with grandson from CA.

Herb Reuter misses his usual get-togethers with the **Goffs** when he makes his spring checkup on his tree farm in the Olympic Mts which he has been nursing for decades. He also writes: "I miss my daily rainbow trout lunch because the game dept has closed my mile of Salmon Creek for 7 yrs to study the life habits of a nonexistent rare steelhead run. . . . I will return to my CA home in May unless the Canadian dumping of lumber is curbed by Washington."

Selby Stratton provided a **NY Times** 13 May 86 clipping, "7 Americans Honored with Medal of Freedom." The 7 are Dr. Albert B. Sabin, developer of oral polio vaccine; actress Helen Hayes; Senator Barry Goldwater; GEN Matthew B. Ridgway; **Red Blaik;** journalist Vermont Royster; and ambassador and publisher Walter H. Annenbert. Nice company to be in! The medal, which is the nation's highest civilian award, was presented to them by President Reagan and his wife Nancy after an East Room luncheon. The President's opening remarks included: "You're a group of happy rebels . . . You're all originals . . . You made America better. . . ." He then spoke to each and read off their certificate citation. Red's citation as head coach at Army 41-58 was: "He rallied the Black Knights from a record of devastating defeats and spurred them on to some of their greatest victories, winning the esteem of his cadet players and the admiration of his vanquished rivals."

'21-'22

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The big event of last spring was the **Olmsted** Hall dedication ceremony at the site of the new museum bldg. GEN Davison and LTG Scott did a masterful job of paying a tribute to **George** and thanking him for his generous gift. Details of the museum and the ceremony appear elsewhere in this magazine. I understand the museum will not be completed at the time of our 65th Reunion, but we will pay a visit nevertheless. In addition to George & **Carol,** also present at the ceremony were **Bill & Marge Lawton, Johnny & Amybelle Johnson, Milo Cary, Mark McClure** and yours truly. I enjoyed every minute at the ceremony and touring and sightseeing around the Academy. It was a most enjoyable visit.

There was one mishap. Following the ceremony we had lunch at the Hotel Thayer. When that was over someone called to **Bill Lawton** to get ready to go to Stewart Air Field for the flight back to Wash. As Bill put

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1921-22: Olmsted, McClure, the Johnsons, Cary, the Lawtons, and Haas at the Olmsted Hall dedication ceremony

it, "being a disciplined young (?) man I turned quickly to go to the door little knowing that there was a low bench right in back of me. I hit the corner of the table with my shin bone and there was quite a little blood at my foot." Bill was put in an ambulance and rushed to the hosp where they put 8 stitches in his shin and that stopped the flow of blood. Despite that unfortunate occurrence, the plane was only 45 min late leaving. When Bill returned home he checked in at the Naval Hosp in Bethesda where over the next few days they removed the stitches. Bill is back to normal. No runs, one hit and one error.

More about **Bill**. Last Mar he had a double hernia op done with a local anesthetic. Which reminds me that I had a hernia op in our first class year at the cadet hosp. MAJ Card did the job and it was the first such op he did under a local anesthetic, so he told me. Both Bill's and my op were successful.

Sad News. **Marion Gibson** wrote me that **Shelley** died 19 May. He was buried at the Ft Sam Houston Cemetery. **PD Lynch** also wrote me about Shelley. While PD hadn't seen Shelley for a number of yrs, he remembered Shelley had been ailing in various ways for several years. On behalf of the Class I extend to Marion our sincere heartfelt sympathy.

The Class rosters that I sent to **Jackie Reed, Virginia Thorpe** and **Gyp Wardlaw** were returned marked "Unable to Forward." If anyone has any info about them please write to me.

According to a letter I received from **Kay Vaughn, Alexa Miller** has returned to live in HI. Her new address is 3-3400 Kuhio Hwy Apt B-403 Lihue, Kauai, HI 96766.

In response to the letter that I enclosed with the roster together with other info, 12 classmates have declared their intention to attend our 65th Reunion. Two said NO. I have written to the other 10 requesting that they let us know their intentions. The AOG and the Hotel Thayer want to know how many will attend so that arrangements can be made to accommodate them. Several widows have stated they will not attend. So sorry. Please come and help us celebrate our 65th, we want you.

Bill Lawton and **Mark McClure** attended luncheons in both Apr and Jun with 1920. On both occasions there were only 5 present; no startling news to report.

A couple of errors in the Class roster: **Benny Chidlaw's** widow's name is **Lillian,** not Katherine and Charlotte Stewart's hometown is McComb not McComp. Sorry to have made these errors.

Stimulated by the Texas anthology, **PD Lynch** is working on a series of essays to tell about people and experiences that have shaped his career, each more or less a little story with a moral or lesson. It is not a biography, but the essays are in chronological order. Sounds like a great idea and when it is published—I want a copy.

Lou Spry who is "feeling pretty well" is looking forward to moving into a new apt in Rancho Bernardo scheduled for completion the latter part of next yr.

Myron Leedy's new address is Washington Home, No 137, 3720 Upton St, NW, Wash DC 20016.

Pebble Beach had a lot of rainy weather last winter and spring that had a bad effect on **Wes Yale's** golf. But it finally let up so he could get out in the late afternoon to play a few holes with his short irons, a putter, and get around in a cart on the fairways. Someone with a pedometer found that when you have to leave a cart on the asphalt path and walk to the ball you walk as much as if you had left the cart at the club house. I remember when I played golf about 50 years ago most of the walking I did was trying to find the ball.

My arithmetic was slightly in error about when our 65th would take place. When you read these notes it will be 8 mos. There will not be many more of these every 5-yr reunions, so let's all make them while we can.

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BEAT NAVY!

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'23

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Again we have some news which all of '23 will be glad to hear: **Abner J. McGehee** wrote in to say, "I've been lucky in love for the second time." After losing Ella Verne in early '82, he moved to Green Valley, AZ and met the widow of an old H Co man, Dave Tulley, MG CE, Class of '25 (you no doubt remember him as a boxer and baseball pitcher). **Alice** & he were married in Sedona, AZ on 14 May by a ret Army chaplain, Father John Francis, who was Eisenhower's '15 chaplain at Governors Isl and who buried MacArthur '03. They will stay there for the forseeable future and hope to join you in celebrating 23's 65th reunion at WP. McGehee wrote about his activities: he was OLG again at Southern AZ Founders Day dinner in Tucson last Mar. BG Jack Pollin '44, formerly prof of math, briefed all on the latest info at the Academy. He also wrote on his golfing, saying he had an honest 92 on the local GV 6500 yd course—says he'll be shooting his age when he is 92! Getting back to his marriage, he wrote they went to the "Cruise the Fjords" trip in Jun-Jul 2 with WP families. Thanks for your letter, McGehee. The Class sends to you and your bride best wishes and great luck for the future. Maybe **Buckley** will challenge your 90!

Here is the info on our 65th reunion, which will be held in May 88. The chm for our reunion will be **Joe Smith** with **Ken Sweany** as asst. They did a wonderful job with our 60th reunion! Additional help if something develops unexpectedly will be **W Johnson** and **J H White.** More info will be coming in the future. If any classmate has any ideas, please send them to scribe. Mainly, think of attending our 65th in May 88!

Smith wrote about **Anna Perle's** and his trip to Epcot in early May for 4 days; they had a grand time. The crowds were always large with a queue for every exhibit, but Disney managed to keep the people moving. It was interesting but hard work! Afterwards they visited friends in Orlando for several days. **Smiths** had dinner with **Mary & PD Weikert.** Although both have impaired eyesight, they are "chipper" and in grand shape. Joe sent his car to Orlando by autotrain, so they could drive home via Atlanta where they spent a few days with their son Mike's family. Mike flies for Delta. Thanks, Joe; we are taking care—and had a good time at WP.

Shafer and **Smith** attended the Founders Day dinner at Ft Myer and sat at the head table (they are ageing)! The Supe gave an interesting briefing after first a show of hands of those who were cadet captains - - - not many! However, when he asked all the area birds to stand, a majority rose very proudly. By a process of elimination, he found a grad in a recent class who had 200 hrs to his credit. Of course, his classmates cheered and hollered at their distinction! At our dinner plates was a humorous article by Tom Carter on his experience in kidnapping the Navy goat. Your scribe has a copy—if you want to borrow it, please write to me.

To secure a parking place, **Smith** arrived early and very few were there. He noted a young lady, well groomed, walking up and down the corridor. She settled down nearby, but seemed perturbed. Joe introduced himself and noted on her name tag she graduated

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in '80, the first class admitting women. GEN Van Brundt '25, joined us and gradually several other persons were in attendance. Finally, a young man appeared, evidently a classmate, and they departed together to join the dinner. Finally, when Smith returned home, in reply to the usual question, he allowed that he had a grand time and even picked up a blonde! (NB. See article "West Point Society of DC," pg 24 Jun 86 ASSEMBLY).

1923: Abner & Alice McGehee

Speaking of WP, Mrs T and scribe went to WP, driving up on 25th and back on 28th, attending to Class business and giving our '23 Class Memorial Award, established in 49, a silver tray to the outstanding graduate member of the men's swimming team, to Cadet Matthew D. Cashin. Cashin was also awarded a silver tray as the outstanding co cmdr, Third Regiment. My escort off was CPT David W. Higgins.

After the awards convocation, all donors, recipients and their guests proceeded to Washington Hall for the Donors Luncheon. After that, all attended the Graduation Parade. Congratulations, Cashin, the '23 Class is proud of your efforts—and hopes you'll do well in the Artillery. The scribe also saw Cadet Thomas Hood awarded the outstanding co cmdr, First Rgt silver tray donated by **MG John M. Weikert.**

Here is some more good news. **Dave & Kay Dunne** have a new great-grandson, born 19 May 86 in Frankfort, Ger. He is the son of CPT & Mrs. Jeffrey Weart '80 and the grandson of COL (Ret) & Mrs. Douglas Weart '49 and COL Ret & Mrs. George Stuckhart '49. The baby's name is David George Weart for his great-grandfather and grandfather. Congratulations Dave & Kay—how does it feel to be great-grandparents?

Now we'll go back to news of the Wash group of '23. Their semi-annual luncheon was held at Ft McNair on 9 Apr. In attendance were **Carter & Louella Magruder, Ken & Laura Sweany, Santiago & Carmen Guevara, Joe & Anna Perle Smith, Henry & Esther Shafer, WJ D'Espinosa** and daughter Jane, **Dorothy Kehm, Ruth Singer** and **Marguerite Gruver.** Sweany announced that **Adams,** Class treas for the past 16 yrs, was moving to Norfolk and resigning as treasurer. Ken Sweany immediately has taken over as treas. Ken moved that he be authorized to propose to **Tredennick** that a letter of appreciation be written to Adams and a contribution from the Class fund be sent to WP in his name. The motion was carried unanimously. An excellent letter was written by Ken, sent to Tredennick for signature (**Ken Hertford** was notified and agreed). Sweany sent $300.00 to USMA for Adams and letter was sent to him from Tredennick. The Class thanks Adams for his dedicated work for 16 yrs in taking the class fund. Good work Adams, for doing such an excellent job! Letter from Adams says, "Please thank '23 Cl for the honor bestowed on me by making a contribution to the West Point Fund. I'm scheduled to move early in Jul to First Colonial Inn, Apt 226, 845 First Colonial Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23451."

Adams also added he has been very busy preparing for the packers and deciding what they should move to his "retirement center" and what they should deliver to his nephew's place in Williamsburg, VA.

According to Ken, our Class fund stands at $3576.00 as of 22 May 86.

Dottie Kehm reported to Ken that **Louise Tormey,** widow of **Barney** died at Distaff House. Louise had been in the infirmary for some time. A son, COL James H. Tormey, ret '79, lives in Hampton, VA. The '23 Cl sends condolence to him and family.

By telephone from Carlisle, PA, Richard L. Morton '49 reported his mother, **Martha Morton,** died in Ft Wayne, IN. She was wife of **Lew M. Morton.** Mrs. Morton was interred in Arlington Cemetery on Mon 16 Jun 86. '23 sends condolence to Richard and family.

Ken & Laura spent two wks in VT beginning 29 May, seeing grandchildren and the 2 greats! Laura's vision is no better, and it won't be. That plus Parkinsons' Disease makes her unsteady on her feet when she stands.

The family of Mrs. Price, Denver, CO sent the following card to '23: "The family of **Raymond Chesley McCormick** acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kindness and sympathy." Thank you Mrs. Price from '23.

Gettys is still at Lebanon VA Med Center. He has had four illnesses of pneumonia and has recovered. He still can not talk or read, but continues to take therapy.

Here are figures on our Cl of '23 amount in USMA. On June 10 we had $13,484.36, not including interest.

Clyde Rich reports from San Antonio that what news comes from there now is not likely to be of interest to his classmates. He is the only one left. Some 62 yrs ago he went to TX to learn to fly, first to Brooks Field for 6 mos primary, then to Kelly for another 6 mos where a pair of wings was pinned on. They do like San Antonio now but miss not having any classmates left.

1923: *Joe & Anna Perle Smith at EPCOT*

Dottie Kehm wrote from DC that she is slowly getting over a compound fracture of her right wrist. She verified the death of **Louise Tormey** (see Ken's report) on 31 May, services on Fri, 23 May in the Chapel at ADH and buried at WP. Dottie Kehm and **Dottie Torrence** had a luncheon for **Mary & Ray Pierce** on 1 May at ADH.

Mary Dwyer (Philip R.) sent a letter saying she was glad to write a few lines for the ASSEMBLY because her Roy would like very much if she would keep up the news. (Roy was a dedicated writer for our '23 news.) Mary said that the write-up about Roy in the ASSEMBLY was very nice, and she sent thanks for taking care of her dear Roy. . . . He would like what was written. She'll be proud to show it to her grandchildren when they come to visit. Mary wrote that CPT Stephen Dwyer '80 & Gail '81 with son returned from 3 yrs in Frankfurt, Ger in Jun. They go to Ft Rucker, AL for advanced helicopter training. LT Joseph Dwyer (Temple '85) was married to Monica Diego (Temple '86) in Rota, Spain on 24 May. Mary visited her daughter Mary in Cincinnati, OH for a couple of weeks in Apr. The change was so pleasant living in a beautiful home. In taking over **Dwyer's** reporting area, **W. Johnson** wrote to all classmates in new area, **Wilder, Serig, Manross, Bing** and **White J.H.** He asked them to cooperate in sending news of themselves, their families and things of interest to the Class. Wendell told why he & Ruth are living "downeast" in Camden, ME. They fell in love with the state the summer of '34 when they got over two mos leave and Wendell was a head counselor at a fine girl's camp on Pleason Lake, Casco, ME. In summer of '55, following his ret, they bought a tiny "Cape Cod" cottage in Camden which they occupied in 56 and summers thereafter. Finally in 70, they sold their home in MD and the little Camden house, and bought a new house facing Penobscot Bay, halfway between Camden and Lincolnville Beach. That has been their yr round home except for the time they go away each winter.

In Apr they returned from 7 wks in Tucson, AZ. They visited **Judd (Abner) McGehee** in Green Valley, AZ. They were with him at the Founders Day banquet in Tucson. McGehee is six mos older than **Johnson** so he gave the speech of the oldest grad. **Hoyt** Vandenberg '51 and Cecil Nist Jr '51 with their wives were also at the banquet. Returning eastward they were in Littleton, CO to visit Ruth's sister and niece, with husband Prof Robert Roeder, head of History Dept, U of Denver.

Johnny talked on the phone with **Rosie Wolf,** who had surgery 2 yrs ago but is quite OK again and hopes to go to our 65th at WP and also see a cadet friend graduate. **Cynthia,** his wife, has several horses and rides daily. The Wolfs have several goats (going Navy) that keep the grass chewed short in their many acres. They also have several pets.

Johnson sent postcards to **Jan White, Clare Barroll** and **Caroline Leone** and will sound out several other widows for '23 news. **Frank Wilder** and **JH White** both wrote to Johnson. Frank mostly summarized where he had been since they were last together several yrs before WWII. JH White was in San Francisco Bay area in Apr. He intended to see all classmates, their wives and widows, but actually saw only **Mike Buckley & Eleanor.** He stayed only a few minutes as Mike was having an attack of Minieres disease. Mike was White's roommate at WP. White visited many friends whom he made during the 22 yrs he lived in SF. **Alice** was unable to go with him. Because her sister had a stroke in Feb, Alice remained home to look after her. They are fine and send best regards to all of '23.

The **Johnsons** intended to take **Jan White** to lunch on 10 May but Jan had already readied lunch at her 4 room house, a half mi no of Togus VA Center, near Augusta. She is looking forward to Aug when her stepson Tommy White & wife will be up from Patterson, NJ to stay at the White cottage on Lake Cobbesseecontes.

On 22 May, **Caroline Leone** wrote a letter

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to **Johnson.** She told about her trip to FL in Nov with her two daughters, Carmela and Nancy. They visited Caroline's son Pepe & his wife Barbara in Madeira Beach. They also spent a day with **Carla Harrison,** who still lives on Mandaylay Pt, Clearwater. That is as close as she has come to seeing anyone from '23. Be sure to come to the 65th Reunion in 88.

The **Johnsons** celebrated their 54th wedding anniv at Seaward Inn, Rockport, MA and also visited Mt Auburn Cemetery, Cambridge, MA while they were at Rockport. Ruth's parents, aunts and cousins are buried there. No more reports have come from Johnny's constituents. Johnny says that there is no doubt that the scribe will get good help from **Ray & Mary Pierce** of the West Coast area. Johnny sends his personal greetings and best wishes for a good summer to all of '23.

1923: Joe Smith, 1988 Reunion Chairman

Here's the news from **Ray & Mary Pierce** from the West Coast, and a late summary of the info gathered after their return from a mo on the East Coast. When they called **Mike Buckley,** he reported that he & Eleanor had a good round of golf that afternoon. He misses golf matches with **Harmony** (N.B. better get it with **McGehee**)? Buckley said also that Harmony was in Sharon Heights Convalescent Hosp and probably would not be able to return to the golf course. (N.B. the Class sends best wishes to Jazz and hopes he'll get better).

Trooper Price says he is doing well except for glaucoma which is giving him serious problems, especially difficult when actively engaged in writing manuscripts. His latest has been accepted for publication in 87. **Glen Palmer** reports that he & **Elizabeth** are OK, but he is still not ready to return to the duty of area scribe. (You are going a good job Ray & Mary, please keep it up). Mary talked to **Harriette Pesek** who keeps busy with her house and garden and socializing. The Pierces see **Ruth Johnson (Mrs. FR)** every day. On 2 Jun she was off to an exercise at the Seeing Dog Sch up no of S.F.

The Pierces just completed a trip to the East Coast where they had a good visit with their son Dick (Richard B '56) and family in Annandale, VA. While there they also saw **Virginia Post, Dottie Kehm,** and **Dottie Torrence.** They then went to Winter Park, FL for a fine 3-day visit with **P.D. & Mary Weikert** and saw also Nan Rolfe (Mrs Onslow, Aug '17). Pierces had the privileges of attending a beautiful party in celebration of the Weikerts' 59th anniv.

The Pierces then went to West Palm Beach to start a cruise up the Intra-coastal Waterway to Warren, RI. It was on the American Canadian Line on which they had their beautiful river cruise last Sep. This was a 15-day cruise to get the boat from winter hqs in the Caribbean to summer quarters in Warren. It was most interesting and they enjoyed stops in 12 places on the way. In Annapolis, Dick and Dottie surprised them on Mother's Day and also came to see them in Baltimore, having dinner aboard both times. From Providence, they flew back to VA for a long weekend and a nice luncheon at Distaff Hall with **Dottie Kehm** and **Dottie Torrence.** It was good to see **Lee & Esther Shafer** and **Peg Gruver.** When they reached home on 20 May, they were immediately involved in activities, mainly their big celebration 30 May-1 Jun—the 25th anniv of the opening of the Sequoias, a ret community. There are now 11 others so you see it is a popular place with a long waiting list. Today they are catching up and will try to do better. Thank you for all, Mary & Ray.

Kenner Hertford sends his best wishes to all and follows the activities of the Class. He says think of going to our 65th Reunion in 88.

Ted Osborne died on 24 Jun 86 in Greenwich, CT where he lived with his daughter Elizabeth. In lieu of flowers, Elizabeth has asked that contributions be made to the West Point Fund/Scholarships, The West Point Fund, Association of Graduates, West Point, NY 10996. This program affords worthy young people necessary academic training to enable them to qualify for entrance to USMA. Ted Osborne attended a prep school before being accepted at WP.

GRIP HANDS

'24

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An event happened at WP on 23 May which is a first for the Class of 1924 but probably not the last. The oldest graduate present for the alumni exercises was **Art Trudeau.** It was a signal honor and quite unexpected. Art led the Old Grads onto the field for the Old Grads' review. When it came time for the Corps to pass in review, the Supe turned to Art and told him to give the cmds. Art says it was one of the biggest moments of his life.

Back in 70 the Army War College undertook an oral history research project of compiling the "memoirs" of various senior officers. One of those selected was **Art Trudeau.** He was interviewed in 71 by a student off of the Army War College and his remarks recorded on tape. A manuscript evolved from the 25 to 30 hours of recordings. It has just been published by the Army Chief of Engrs and is being distributed to the service schools and libraries at various posts and stations. Although the supply of copies is limited, applications from individuals may be considered if submitted to the Army Chief of Engrs.

With reference to the article in the Jun issue of ASSEMBLY, and especially to the prominent part played by graduates of our Alma Mater in the Philippine Defense Campaign memorialized at Cabanatuan, we wish to point out that the names of those graduates who died in the campaign, either in combat acion or as prisoners of war, include seven from the Class of 1924. These are **Floyd A. Mitchell, Lester J. Tacy, Albert D. Miller, Lewis S. Kirkpatrick, James E. Macklin, Reed Graves** and **James E. Purcell.**

It should be noted that the incredibly high figure of 176 fatalities is 60.1% of the total 293 WP graduates who were engaged in the Philippine Defense Campaign. If the 60 non-battle deaths are removed from the 176 figure, the resulting 116 combat related deaths are still 39.6% of the 293 total. The next highest rate in all the nation's wars is 9.28% for all the 1131 graduates on both sides in the Civil War. The corresponding figures for other wars are 6.0% for the 6 out of 99 graduates engaged in the War of 1812; 6.72% for the 48 out of 714 graduates in the Mexican War; 89 fatalities total in the Indian conflicts, Spanish American War and Philippine Insurrection out of an unknown number of graduates involved; 1.09% for the 32 out of 2914 in World War I; and 5.43% for the 487 fatalities out of 8962 graduates engaged in World War II overall.

The following classmates were among the several hundred who attended the May meeting of the WP Soc of the District of Columbia in Wash: **Clyde Eddleman, Charlie Palmer, Eddie Hart, Art Trudeau, Bob Dewey, Polly Polsgrove, Otis McCormick** and **John Hincke.** The speaker was LTG Louis C. Wagner, Jr, '54 who holds the important position of DCS of the Army for RD and Acquisition. He gave a brilliant description of what the Army is doing in the development of highly technical (and expensive) items of materiel, all designed to win battles in future ground warfare. He defended the Bradley fighting vehicle in the ongoing controversy concerning its usefulness. He explained the need for keeping abreast of other countries in the technical development of new materiel for ground combat. However, he did not touch on what might happen on some future battlefield if any of this computerized equipment should fail to function. The menu included clam chowder and chicken Kiev.

In the Jun ASSEMBLY we listed various classmates, wives and widows as comprising the Texas Thundering Herd. These included Hazel Eyerly. There is no such person. The name should have been **Hazel Massey.** We offer no excuse.

Susie Smythe reports that her oldest grandson, David M. Smythe, was married in Nashville, TN on 1 Mar to Miss Cynthia Grissim. The wedding dress worn by the bride was the same one that was worn by Susie when she was married to **George** on 12 Aug 1924. It fit Cynthia beautifully. David's father was the late CPT George W. Smythe, Jr '49. His mother is now married to COL William Dobson. Illness prevented Susie from attending the wedding.

Nye Edward reports super technology has superceded surgery and gaining weight, by which he apparently means some sort of physiotherapy has made it unnecessary for him to undergo a surgical op, and he is now getting heavier. **Betty,** however, is losing weight because she mows the lawn and attends a thrice weekly exercise class. Also Nye continues to make use of his inventive genius. With the help of a picture from a Sears Roebuck catalogue, he perfected a Roller Scooter Racer. He illustrates this machine in a photograph with granddaughter in the driver's seat.

Tom Malin has given us a report of the activities of the West Coast Thundering Herd. On Thurs, 8 May, they had their quarterly meeting at the home of Mike & Eleanor Buckley ('23 adopted). Present were **Mae Coombs, Martha Conrad, Marvin & Joan Floom,** guests and honorary members, **Julie Justice, Margaret Kielty, Gwen & Tom Malin, Pat Stebbins, Betty Van Wyk, Kay & George Vaughn**

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and the hosts, the Buckleys. After cocktails in the beautiful rose garden, they had lunch at Mike's golf club. It was a most enjoyable day. Their next meeting will be on 14 Aug. If you are in the area at that time, call Tom and invite yourself.

Marion Pasolli passed away in Ft Worth at 9:00 am on 20 Apr. She had been suffering from heart trouble. Burial was at WP on 25 Apr, attended by **Pat** and several other relatives and friends.

Samuel Henry Fisher died in Santa Barbara, CA on 21 Apr, of an aneurysm of the aorta. Following cremation he also was buried at WP. The Class sent floral tributes to both the above interments.

Zachery Winfield Moores died on 5 Mar in Green Valley, AZ, and **Ralph Parker Eaton** died in Asheville, NC on 16 May. We have no details on either of these.

Dorothy Alderman died in Sewanee, TN in Oct 85 after a brief illness. Burial in the Sewanee Cemetery was beside **Craig.**

Carol I. Lloyd passed away the day after her 85th birthday, on 4 Apr, of natural causes, in Denver, CO. Although she had recovered from a recent double fracture of her hip and elbow, the shock of the injury no doubt contributed to her demise.

'25

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We regret to report that two members of the Class have joined the Long Gray Line: **Williard Wright** on 14 Apr at San Francisco and **David E. Bradford** at San Antonio on 16 May. **Hubert Cole** reported that services for Willard Wright were held at the Ft Myer Chapel at 10 am on 16 Apr. Burial was in Arlington Cemetery with full military honors. In attendance were two brothers of Willard with their wives and two nieces and **Dunford** and **Cole. George Peploe** reported the death of David E. Bradford. Graveside services were held at Ft Sam Houston on 21 May with full military honors. Survivors are wife **Mary Frances,** son David D., and son Cmdr William Evans Bradford, USN, sister Elizabeth DeCola, Hollywood, CA.

1925: Bruce Clarke, Jr, Class godson, with Bruce Clarke

This scribe received a letter from **Alice Tulley (Dave Tulley's** widow) stating that she was married on 14 May 86 to Abner Judson McGehee '23 in Sedona, AZ, at St Andrews Episcopal Church. "Mac" she states was in H Co with Dave, so we have many old friends. This scribe was also in H Co at the same time! Class congratulations to Alice & Mac (1923).

John Haskell writes from France in May that he doubts if he can make the 1990 Reunion, but plans to fly to NY for his granddaughter's 21st birthday party! Time does not fly he says, it rockets on.

A note from **Pat Lynch** in Tacoma WA inclosing dues to **Hopkins** adds that "life in the Far West is still pretty good. A good walk every day and plenty of yard work help keep the old muscles working. Still do a bit of salmon fishing in the summer and a little pheasant and duck hunting in the fall. Used to do quite a bit of 'chukar' hunting, but the mountain sides are getting steeper! I decided to give that up. Health wise I have been very lucky." This scribe adds that Pat was his "best man" on 28 Apr 27 in Atlanta, GA.

Hubert Cole reports from Arlington that Mrs **Donald Dunford (Pat)** died on Sun 1 Jun. Graveside services were held at Arlington on 3 Jun. **Don** and **Hubert** were the only classmates present, but **Jane Galloway** and **Jackie Cabell** were present. Jackie's entire family including her son Chuck, now an AF BG attended. Pat Dunford and Jackie Cabell are sisters and live near each other in Arlington, so the families are very close. Pat had a fine relationship with the **Cabell** children and grandchildren.

Dwight Harvey in a note to **Hopkins** states—"I see from **Assembly** that you are troubled with a little of what I have—INERTIA. However my daughter Doris Ellen & her husband **Wayne Lambert** '59 took me to WP to see grandson **Shane Lambert** graduate. Of course it was a highlight for me, and an additional pleasure was meeting **Charlie Saltzman** at the parade long enough to say 'Hello.'"

Haydon Grubbs sending Class dues to **Hopkins** comments, "Hope that this finds you & your good wife still able to do a bit of vegetable gardening and crab trapping as it does **Sue** & me."

From **Carl Dutton** in Wells, ME with his dues were the following comments: "We trust that you and your family are well. We managed to stay quite active until about two yrs ago. Early last yr I was in the hosp for surgery on two occasions and recovery was slow. Now everything is A-OK again. May God continue to guide, protect and bless you and your family."

'26

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The 60th reunion was a success measured by any standard. The program was planned and carried out in a superior manner by **Leon Johnson.** In his final president's letter, **Vald Heiberg** reports 51% of our living class members attended; counting relatives, guests, and aides, 57 people attended at least one function. Those attending with wives were **Bayer, Corderman, Ennis, Heiberg, Herte, M.D. Jones, Mayo, McDaniels, McFarland, Mills, Plummer, Reeder, Reeves, Sims,** and **Wade.** Stags were **Baird, Black, Carroll, Doud, Forde, Johnson, Murphy, Ringler, Ross,** and **Watson.** Widows who attended were **Marge Brady, Ada Collins, Muffet Johnson, Big Nourse, Marge Roosma, Edwina White.** Eddie Watson was accompanied by Ed Foehl, Jr '65, son of ex-classmate **Ed Foehl.** Many of us shared a tour bus with the Class of '36 from Ft Myer to USMA, Wed 21. The bus had two breakdowns on the way, making us late for the cocktails before the Class dinner. Hence we missed seeing the Reeders, who had to leave before we got there. We had been asked by Leon to make a short talk on

1926: Forming the Alumni Review: Trudeau '24, Mayo, Heiberg and Johnson

what WP means to us at our 60th reunion. Because of the late start, only a few could give their talk. As a result of his stroke last summer, **Hank Ross** could not speak, but a close friend of his, Walter Turney, delivered the talk which Hank wrote. Eddie Watson, who had to have a companion come to the reunion with him to make all arrangements, also gave a talk, as did Parker Reeve, Hal Forde, Bill Bayer, and Admiral Sims. All expressed their gratitude to WP with the same sincerity, but I shall extract a few lines from Sims' talk, which expressed the sentiments of all. He mentioned having a triple exposure to WP as a cadet, as an instructor, and as a trustee of the AOG. That gave him the real meaning of Duty, Honor, and Country. He concluded with these words: "We believe that the West Point Prayer says it all, and we hope that we have tried to live by its tenets. This is our 60th reunion, and it will be the last one for some of us. General MacArthur said, 'Old soldiers never die; we just fade away.' When our time is come, I hope that the last one of us will look St. Peter in the eye and say, 'Goodbye from the family of 1926. We hope we have lived by the tenets of the Cadet Prayer. Please thank the Good Lord for giving us West Point. May it carry on and flourish forever, Amen.'"

Vald presented a congratulatory plaque to graduating Cadet K. Ian Benouis, grandson of **Jim & Jessie Wade.** Cadet Benouis' parents were also present. After the presentation, Ian read Jim's talk on what WP means to him.

Thurs morning we had a cruise on the Hudson, with lunch aboard. That night was the Supe's reception, dinner and dance. Fri morning we assembled on Jefferson Road and marched diagonally across the plain to Thayer Monument. Our Class led the march behind the staff and Art Trudeau '24, the oldest grad present, who laid the wreath on Thayer Monument. From there we went to our assigned places to receive the Corps review. Following the review and picture taking, we had the luncheon and business meeting of the AOG

1926: 60th Reunion: Heiberg, Jones, Trudeau '24 and McDaniel

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in Washington Hall. Then our Class went to the Red Reeder Room for our business meeting. **Red Corderman** was elected pres. **Leon Johnson** and **Sparky Baird** agreed to stay on as vp and treas respectively. **Ben Thurston** was elected scribe in my place. The final Class dinner with the Class of '31, was held at the Off Club. **Marjorie Roosma** presented the **John Roosma** plaque for the most valuable basketball player to Cadet Kevin Huston. We were shepherded throughout the activities by our very efficient aides MAJ Joseph Le Boeuf, CPT Joseph Griner, and CPT Gary Fechter. Leon presented a gift to each of them and their lovely wives as a remembrance of the Class.

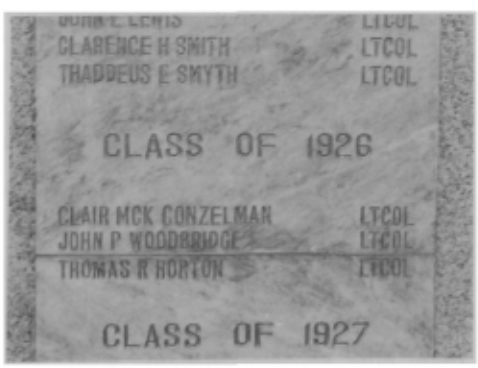
1926: Forming for Alumni Review: Ennis, Baird and Plummer

The bus trip back to Wash was a dismal experience—the driver was ticketed for speeding, the bus spurted oil all over the place, and the alternator went kaput. So we had to get a replacement. We arrived at Ft. Myer at 1:00 am—nine hours later.

You have received **Vald's** final letter as Class pres. He has done a superb job and merits our congratulations and appreciation. It has been a pleasure to work with you, Vald.

NOTES AND SCRAPS. **Jim Wade** says his grandson 2LT Benouis was married in the post chapel at Ft Hamilton, 31 May. His first station will be with helicopters at Ft Rucker after 30 Jun. **Marge Roosma** says that son, BG Bill Roosma '58, asst div cmdr at Ft Ord, has made the two-star list. **Rod & Katherine Smith** did not feel well enough to take in the reunion and stay until Mon to present several awards: the Heiberg Class of '26 Award for highest composite scores in sciences; the Barrett Award for Mrs Barrett for excellence in advanced foreign languages; and the Rodney Smith Award, honoring his son lost in Viet Nam, for highest in civil engr.

SPUD MURPHY'S REPORT. **Dutch Van Syckle** couldn't attend because he developed shingles, and **Anne** needed repairs on her broken hip. **Marge Brady** took off for Paris



1926: '26 section of Cabanatuan Memorial

right after leaving WP in pursuit of her Elderhostel program. Beth McNaughton's art show, titled "My 18th spring" was a grand success, with a variety of paintings, a large crowd, and photo coverage. Spud and Gen enjoyed it very much.

A letter from **Bill Creasy** says he & **Sally** moved into their new condo: 6400 Trinity Drive No. 35, Pine Bluff, AR 71603, Ph: 501-879-5869. Bill says they envy us who made the 60th. He has had brief notes from **Sparky, Ben Thurston,** and **Jimmy Wade.** He says that even the Class baby is getting old.

Had a phone call from **Bill Mills.** He & **Rosie** are going to Denver for a reunion of his WWII engr outfit. He must fly now, as his eyes are very bad, and Rosie does not drive.

REQUIEM. I regret to report the death of **John C.B. Elliott,** Sat 3 May of a heart attack. **Freddy Munson** gave me that report over the phone, but could give me no further info. **Sparky** also has been trying to reach someone in the family, but so far without success. The Class extends its deepest sympathy to **Cecie** and her family.

It is my sad duty to report the death of **Hazel,** beloved wife of **Ben Thurston.** They had recently sold their places in Palm Springs and Seattle and had bought a ret home in Issaquah, WA, when Ben broke into the hosp. They still hoped to go to the reunion, when Hazel became ill with acute leukemia and was immediately put in the hosp. She appeared to respond to treatment but soon worsened and passed away. We extend our most sincere condolence to Ben and his family. In spite of the tragedy which occurred after 23 yrs of wedded life, Ben willingly accepted the office of Class scribe.

This is my last set of Class notes. I have enjoyed the intimate contacts with you and appreciate your cooperation. I wish in particular to thank **Spud Murphy** for his steady CA reports and to **Vald, Freddy, Sparky,** and **Leon** for their help. I now turn this office over to Ben. Send all news and notes to **Col. B.E. Thurston,** Ret., 4202 Providence Point Dr. SE, Issaquah, WA 98027. Phone: 206-392-5507.

'27

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A sad loss this quarter was the death of **Marian Collins,** wife of **James F. Collins,** at their residence in Arlington, VA on 13 Apr of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis. Services were held at Ft Myer Chapel, 16 Apr, with interment in Arlington Natl Cemetery. Marian had enjoyed almost to the end of her life varied activities and interests. She is survived by Jimmy, a daughter Patricia C. Bowman, grandson James C. Bowman, and granddaughter Janice C. Bowman. The condolence of the Class is extended to these survivors.

Ethel Kuter called on the group in San Antonio on 9 Mar to gather for lunch at AF Village on the occasion of **Hal Jordan's** visit. Hal was reported to "look real well." **Chris Nelson** also commented that "the party was really pleasant and was for us a pleasant change"—bringing together a bigger gathering than was normal for the monthly luncheons. The group picture shows a fine crowd.

Ethel also reported that **Jean Burgess** has an apt in Health Care Center of AF Village, "but still manages to get about and attend many activities." She has put four of her framed collection of sterling silver "White House Historical Assoc of Presidential Plates" on the wall of the new apt. She has, however, already donated 33 of these collection items to WP, where they are now on display in Eisenhower Hall—"to be seen when the Class gathers for the 60th reunion."

1927: Chris Nelson and Jean McDonnal; Founders Day 1986, Ft Sam Houston

Another Texan note was from **Chris Nelson,** who wrote that the "nice annual WP dinner at Ft Sam Houston" in early Mar was attended from '27 by **Bob & Natalie Aloe** and Chris and Jean McDonnal. The snapshots show an attractive quartet enjoying the affair.

Ray Bell came through in late Mar with interesting observations. He told of a "pleasant surprise" when Joe Potter ex-27 made contact with him on a trip to Pensacola. Ray also expressed his keen interest in **Gar Davidson's** Class letter on the book for our reunion, and he feels "the publication should be a great success." We can all concur with Ray on that opinion on the memorial for our 60th. From Gar's letter, plus subsequent data on the text, it is indeed a fine reunion project. Ray also added a touch to his letter, telling how he had enjoyed "a copy of some foolishness" he received on his 82d birthday. He also thought "some others may enjoy it, too." In fact, as we all pass, reach, or close in upon that 82d in this year before the reunion, we should all get something from what Ray received. Hence, herewith is a verbatim copy of it:

1927: Aloes; Founders Day 1986, Ft Sam Houston

LIFE BEGINS AT EIGHTY-TWO

I have news for you. The first 80 yrs are the hardest. The second 80, so far as my experience goes, is a succession of birthday parties. Everyone wants to carry your baggage and help you up the stairs.

If you forget anyone's name, forget to keep an appointment, promise to be two or three places at the same time, or even mis-

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1927: AF Village luncheon

spell a few words, all you have to do is say you're 82.

If you spill your soup, or your shoes don't match, or if you carry a letter around in your purse without reading it, you are 82.

You can relax with no misgivings for you have a perfect alibi. No one expects very much from you. If you act a bit silly, it is just that you are in your second childhood—A Wonderful Place To Be!

It's a great deal better to be 82 than 65 or 70. At that time you are expected to ret to a little house in FL and become a discontented, grumbling "has been." But if you survive until 82, everyone is surprised and delighted, that you can talk above a whisper and reveal signs of lucid intervals. At 70, people are cross at you for anything, at 82 they forgive you everything. If you ask ME, life begins at 82.

The WP spring luncheon at Ft Myer, 8 May, was "the usual enjoyable affair." '27 was seated at Table 1, close to the head table; present were **Collins, Trapnell,** and **Miller.** The speaker was LTG Louis C. Wagner, Jr '54, presently DCS for R&D and Acquisition. Mac considered that "he gave a good talk covering his sphere of activity—informative, encouraging, and optimistic."

In the Jun 86 ASSEMBLY some of you doubtless read the large section titled "The Memorials at Cabanatuan and the Tragedy They Record." If you did not, you should do so, and think anew of our classmates who died there in the defense of the Philippines in combat or as captives in that prison camp. Those shown in the Class of 1927 section of the memorial as having so died are listed as: **Maurice F. Daly, Stanley B. Bonner, Harold J. Coyle, Theodore Kalakuka, Joseph Ganahl, Dudley G. Strickler, Montgomery McKee,** and **Martin Moses.** Moe Daly and Dudley Strickler are especially cited in the article for their fine athletic achievements as cadets. This splendid project of the Memorials at Cabanatuan deserves the closest attention and continued support of us all.

Mac & Jean Miller gave their annual party at the Army Distaff Hall, 15 Jun, including from '27 a broad representation from all the locals of the DC area who were able to make it, plus one visiting couple, **Blair & Dot Garland,** down from their summer place in NJ. Mac reported: "They both looked extremely well, and Dot continues to show marked improvement physically from her unfortunate auto accident of several years ago." Others from '27 included: **Jimmy Collins, Ralph Zwicker** with daughter Jean Durant, **Trapnell, Gene Matthews, Evelyn Bixel, Mary Ewing,** and **Bert Pence.**

Mac Miller is still hoping that someone will come up with an accurate address for **David Loughborough.** Mac, unable to reach him at usual addresses, is asking for assistance. Any suggestion to help locate Dave will be appreciated.

Just as these notes for Sep were being readied for mailing, **Chris Nelson** wrote in that on 30 Jul he was departing permanently from San Antonio. He is moving to Oswego, NY in order to be near his family. Effective 1 Aug 86, therefore, his address will be Apt 112, Bldg 100, 500 West 1st St, Oswego, NY 13126.

Farewell for this issue! We still need to hear from many more, many from whom no info has come in a long time. Please dash off a report of your activities, with a picture if you can. Let's keep together!

'28

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Forest Allen reported that **Scud Scudder** (his one-time roommate) died on 9 May. He was cremated and his ashes scattered at sea with appropriate ceremonies. I express here to **Wilda** the most heartfelt sympathies of the Class.

1928: William (Red) Moore; Founders Day 1986, Ft Stewart

Camp King, headquarters location of the 4th TRANSCOM, was named in Sep 1946 in honor of **Charlie King,** who was killed in action on 22 Jun 1944. I have a letter from the commander informing that they plan to hold a memorial service on 6 Aug in honor of Charlie, which will include the unveiling of a memorial stone and plaque as well as a permanent display depicting his life and career.

1928: The Rebers; Founders Day 1986, Carlisle Barracks

My next deadline is 30 Sep. Allow appropriate leadtime.

'29

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Mrs. **Ginny Wright** and **E. E. Kirkpatrick** announced to the Class their marriage on 30 May at Jacksonville, FL. All the best from all of us!

To continue the good news, **Paul Freeman** is now golfing and fishing after 3 operations and 32 mos of PT. Not long after that they had **Bucky & Martha Hail** and **Dutch & Hank Kraus** for dinner.

Stan & Frances Jones' grandson graduated 26 May. After Steve Fuqua '33 presented their class gift he, on behalf of our Class, presented the following letter and gift certificate to 2LT Stanley Bell Olson, who is the son of Hardin L. Olson, Jr. '56 who married Stan & Frances' daughter.

"The classmates of your distinguished grandfather, Stanley Walker Jones, Class of 1929, salute you, congratulate you, and wish you success and happiness as you enter your career in the US Army.

for all of your grandfather's classmates
Paul W. Thompson
President of the Class of 1929."

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In a note of appreciation, LT Olson writes: "My Class ring was made from my grandfather's, so I will carry some of the Class of 1929 tradition into the Army." We hope to continue the custom with other grandchildren as they graduate from service academies.

Pat O'Hara is in pictures as the oldest grad present at the FLWC Founders Day dinner and in the AF Almanac congratulating an ROTC cadet. The **Stephensons** and **McCullas** were there too. Jim & Lois hope to accept Lee Iacocca's invitation to the 4th of July rededication of the Statue of Liberty and then continue on to Providence, RI where their son is an exec of the state govt, and drive on to vacation on Cape Cod.

Unfortunately, the three who were reported as seriously ill in the last issue have died. **Jim Quill** at Hilton Head, SC; **Fred Chaffee** in Wash; and **Margaret Colby** at Ft Lauderdale, FL. Jim's ashes were scattered at sea off Hilton Head. Services for Fred were held at Ft Myer followed by interment at Arlington. **K.D. Nichols, Fenn Sykes, Slim Vittrup** and **Danny Sundt** were pallbearers along with his golfing partners **Andy O'Meara** and Alex Miller, III '30, George Rehm '20 and Jimmy Collins '27. (There were 2 GENs, 1 each LTG, MG & BG and 3 COLs). **McCullas, McKee, Parr, Della Caraway, Alice Nesbitt** and **Ruth Sundt** were also in attendance. Distinguished astronomer, Father George Coyne, a close friend of both Chaffees, Sr & Jr (who is dir of the Multi Mirror Observatory) was in Rome at the time of Freddy's funeral and arranged for a Mass of Christian Burial to be said in the Vatican during the Arlington Cemetery Services. **Margaret Colby** died 14 Apr and was buried at WP—**Paul Thompson** not only represented the Class but as a past pres AOG he was attesting to the many contributions which both she & **Joe** made to the Assoc and WP. Both LTG Scott and Paul praised her outstanding service as a member of the WP Fund Comm. Memorial contributions to AOG for each of them have been appreciated and acknowledged. Also, the one for **Jimmy Hannigan** whose heart gave out after 2½ wks in St Joseph's Hosp just 2 days before he was scheduled to go home. After his death in Bryan, TX 10 May, he was interred in the College Station Cemetery near TXA&M following services at St Andrew's Episcopal Church where he was a vestryman. He had been dean at A&M for 14 yrs (the longest tenure ever), with the enrollment increasing from 5,000 to 18,000 students and presenting many challenging problems in the 60's. He won the respect and admiration of many who served in the Armed Forces, other students, the faculty and the community. Doris and 2 sons, both graduates of WP (who are quite successful in civil life, Jim with Honeywell and Tom with Conoco) survive.

I didn't follow COL Chilton's precept on writing so you aren't misunderstood. COL Randy McDonald (Duke '62) is COL **Tommy McDonald's** brother not **Tommie Dubose's.** Also, how did I get **Swede Pearson** correctly placed in the geographical section (Lakewood, NJ 08701) and in TX in the Classmates section? Just goofed!

The DC contingent had a very pleasant luncheon at Ft Myer's O Club 24 May with 28 present: **Senta Bell, Kitty Bowyer, Red & Marion Calloway** with 2 daughters and 1 granddaughter, **Della Caraway, Mary Jo Conners, Marge Ghormley, Freddie Herndon, Bo Hubbard, Bozo & Gertrude McKee, Ken & Jackie Nichols, Georgie Ostrand, Emma Rasmussen, Jack & Rhoda Stone, Ralph & Bobbie Strauss, Fenn Sykes,** & Ginger Ivory, **Bill &**

1929: Ginny & Kirk wedding breakfast, 30 May 86

Nell Thompson, Jim & Molly Winn (who said no matter what PO and the Roster correction sheet said, they were still in Leesburg). They plan another luncheon shortly after you read this and hope that any who plan to be in the area this fall will make it 23 Oct. Bill Thompson, Fenn or KD are making arrangements so if you can be there let one of them know. They also plan a bash in Dec to bid the McKees God-speed on their departure for the AF Village early next yr. Exact date of the shindig next issue. They hope several of us "outlanders" will be able to join them. Bozo was Class vp our 50th Reunion yr and planned many of our activities at the Point but couldn't attend and had to wave us off as the bus left Distaff Hall.

Had a fine visit with **Pinky Wetzel** while in San Diego. Got to talk to **Isabel Bryan Shinn** but missed **Whit Miller.** He wrote later giving **Dorothy Fadnes'** address (Sunny Hill Convalescent Hosp, Fullerton, CA 92636) and enclosing a contribution to more than cover the additional mailing costs. Unfortunately, Dorothy isn't too well and the same applies to **George Lynch** who is in the Atlanta VA Hosp per **Phil Draper's** daughter **Linda Newton.** Also, to **Trude Lynde** who is now home from the hosp after dental surgery and getting the same fine care from Nelly that **Winifred Chaffee** got from **Freddy & Linda Sykes** from Fenn. **Jim Lynch,** George's brother, has reported (via **Slim Vittrup**) some progress but suggests that any cards to George be sent c/o his daughter Fran, whose Atlanta address is Mrs. James T. Wages, 113 Bramble Oak Drive, Woodstock, GA 30188. She has written that her dad was pleased with greetings from his classmates but that without use of his drinking arm and not walking or talking, he's frustrated and a bit confused. Who wouldn't be? He is making progress in PT program but as usual, the drs won't say much.

1929: Paul Freeman with a good sized Permit

On the upside in San Antonio **Josie Cuno** continues to improve. She and the Army Distaff Foundation thanked us for the memorial contribution (how many knew that **Roy** was a Daedalian?). **Caroline Jark** who is at home convalescing after surgery is improving. **Mac McKenzie** is looking forward to an AK cruise in Aug with his daughter Joan, her husband and grandson. He is busy keeping in touch with both daughters, 7 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren, 6 brothers and sisters. He's offered to be a contact for news items for the "notes" from classmates and widows in the SA area. My deadlines are 30 Sep, 31 Dec, 31 Mar and 30 Jun so a mo before that would give a little cushion. He also advised that TROA is holding its annual convention in SA the middle of Nov. If any 29'ers are attending and will notify Mac at 512-680-8314 or drop him a card, he will try to line up as many as possible for lunch or an afternoon get-together.

Vestals are off to visit relatives in Lake Tahoe and on to Cloudcroft. **Billy Greear** says he spent a mo there on HS ROTC as a 2LT and though it never snowed it rained every day. Water buckets never froze, though it felt like –17°. **Betty Harkins** spent the weekend with Greears to check on her apt in the new Army Ret Center. All were pleased with the way construction was progressing (roof on the 12 story part, bungalows under way, and the nursing facility nearly done). Quite a contrast with the one near Ft Belvoir that got torpedoed. Greears bought in too, so now it should help Billy concentrate on golf and shoot **more** rounds in less than his age. With 280 of 330 apts under contract, occupancy is scheduled for early next yr.

1929: McCullas, O'Haras and Stephensons; Founders Day 1986, FL West Coast

Another plus or 2 **KD** had a cataract removed and lens implant at Johns Hopkins 2 Jun. Looks like it was as successful as mine, for **Bill Thompson** followed suit. This seemed to give **Nell** more zip and she's back in circulation. Also hope the implant helps **Nick** on his project to cut 100,000 words from his first draft of his experiences in the Manhattan Engr District during WWII. Title? but it has been accepted by Morrow for release next winter. Nick is having the same trouble cutting the book I am in shedding pounds. Their son David has been promoted by State Farm Insurance and transferred from Philadelphia to Columbia, MO. Their daughter Jan and her family still occupy "the old house" on the farm quite close by to the **Nichols.**

The '29 Class Fund received a contribution for **Francis H. Lynch** and one for **Roy Cuno. Roy Vincent & Glenna** visited their daughter Katherine and were able to contact several in DC early in Jun. **Paul & Josette Thompson** are off on their annual visit to France. **Slim Vittrup** and **Betty Riley** (who is recuperating from a broken shoulder) caught **Vander Heide** on a good day and had a fine time recalling some interesting and pleasant times such as the one when Van won the

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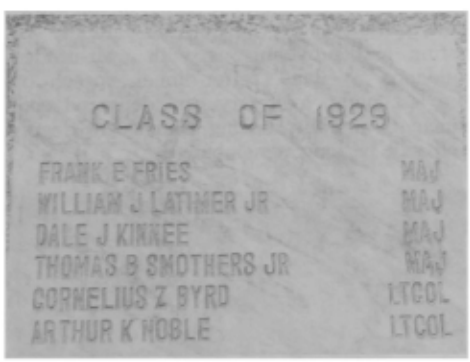
"goose" at Benning and fed it more than enough liquid corn to befuddle it. In a similar vein, **Sam & Betty Silver** took him over to see **Fran Costello** and were reminded of the time in Rome when they discovered **Tony** raising gold fish in the bidet, complete with artistic, aquatic decorations. Fran has had more than her share of "pilakea" but is doing quite well. Slim is now in Ger visiting his daughter. He was glad to get word of his long time orderly, Murdock, from **Connie Booth.**

1929: Marion McDonald, Dot McCulla, DuBoses and McCulla, Orlando, FL

I am sure most of you have read Chet Johnson's '37 article in the Jun **Assembly** on the Cabanatuan POW Memorial which honors about 3,000 Filipino and American POW's including 176 graduates from 28 classes who served in the Philippine Defense Campaign, losing their lives either in combat against the enemy or while his captives or prisoners of war. It is a condensation of the original and had to omit many pertinent items. I recommend that you write Johnson in SA requesting a copy. We have sent a contribution in Memory of **Oiseau Byrd, Frank Fries, Dale Kinnee, Bill Latimer, Maxie Noble** and **Tommy Smothers** to help maintain the memorial. These six were among the 29 our Class recommended (but did not receive approval) for recognition in the '29 Hall in Eisenhower Hall. Does anyone have the address for Mrs. Byrd or Fries?



1929: Classmates memorialized at Cabanatuan

Dottie Oftun, 210 W Gramercy Pl, SA, TX 78212 was pleased to get a roster. Have also sent one to **Olive Hayes** at 4926 E. Chalk Pt Rd, West River, MD 20778; **Val Anderson,** PO Box 1544, Estes Park, CO 80517; **Louise Fellows** (Mrs. Warren Lynn Frankle), Salton Pl So, 500 Osceola Ave, Winter Park, FL 22729; and **Tet Svensson,** 18680 Waputa Circle, Buena Vista, CO 81211; Mrs. **John Kinnee Payne,** 397 Turkey Hill Road, Ithaca, NY 14580. Anyone know where **Eileen Renshaw** or **Virginia Karnes Rivlette** or **Anna Calidonna** or **Connie McAneny** moved to? By the time you read this **Della Caraway** will be well settled in Army Distaff Hall, 6200 Oregon Ave NW, Washington, DC 20015–1545.

We were in Orlando 1 May and were able to get together with **Marion McDonald** and the **DuBoses.** Missed the **Cooks** and **Gavins. Ed Wright & Marge** became grandparents last Oct thanks to Ed III '66. Their other son Jim was in hopes of following his brother's example this May but no report as yet. Marge is pushing her recuperation from surgery in Jan to be ready for the event.

Bozo McKee who, as an ex coast artilleryman in the USAAF & USAF has had a very distinguished career, not only in the services but elsewhere in the govt and in civil life. During WWII he was dep asst C/AS, HqAAF 43-45. He commanded the AF Logistics Cmd with 4 stars before being designated AF Vice CS in '62. Upon his mandatory retirement for age in '64, Pres Johnson said in effect, "Bozo, you have earned every distinction and reward in your AF service except ret from the US govt, I am appointing you asst dir of NASA." After a yr in this position (during which time the moon landing was set up) Pres Johnson appointed Bozo to head the FAA. When he re-retired from govt service in '71 he formed a prestigous consulting firm "Schriever-McKee" of which he is pres, although semi-retired. We wish him well at the AF Village and hope many can attend the Wash salute.

Paul Freeman, our other 4 star writes:

"The recent 'Paramaters,' US Army War College, Vol XVI No 2 summer '86, had a very interesting account by MAJ Scott R. McMichael pertaining to two distinguished members of '29. Titled 'Common Man, Uncommon Leadership'—'Colonel Charles N. Hunter with Galahad in Burma.' Finally the story is out that **Chuck,** (or **Newt**), **Hunter** was the actual combat leader of the greatly abused 5307th composite unit (provisional) code named Galahad, popularly known in history as 'Merrill's Marauders.' **Frank Merrill** who was absent sick most of the campaign got all the credit and fame, while Hunter who trained, led, and persevered and successfully captured his final objective got nothing but the back of GEN Stilwell's hand.

"As the organizer of Galahad, I can vouch for the authenticity of the article."

Best regards—Paul

I have had others in a position to know, express the same opinion—or should I say "conviction?"

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The local area sick list report is as follows: **Bob Wood** is no better, but does show signs at times of partial consciousness. He is really fighting. **Ned Moore** was making good progress in early May. He was somewhere between a stroller and a cane, with great hopes of being able to get out on his own again in the near future.

Herb Mitchell had letter in late Mar from **Pie Nyquist** in Tucson reporting on **Louie Heath's** death. Pie was able to be at the Founders Day dinner in Tucson. However, he was the only '30 man there, at a table with others from '23, '24, and '28.

Received a great letter from **Ster Wright** on 28 Mar. He has heard from **Fred Castle's** sister, Winnie, who is very anxious to keep her connections with our Class. Since her recent move her new address is Mrs John H. Millikin, 36 Winding Way, PO Box 621, Bernardsville, NJ 07924. Interestingly, Ster writes that he and **Ham Howze** are writing each other's obits for ASSEMBLY, just in case. This is a second way to get the job done, and be sure of it. The other is to do it yourself—NOW! Ster adds that he & **Tilly** are hanging in there; she has some heart problems but her morale is still 110%. Our thanks to Ster at Fiddlers Green, near White Stone, VA.

1930: King and Janairo at spring luncheon

In the Mar report I mistakenly advised that **Johnnie & Winnie Kilborn** are living in the Air Force Village in San Antonio. They are still at 231 West Mulberry St, San Antonio 78212.

On 7 Apr Mrs Elizabeth Gill advised **Ray Brisach** and me that her mother **Elizabeth Kumpe,** wife of **Ed Kumpe,** had died on 3 Apr. No details were given. She had been living at 2101 Gustavus St, Laredo, TX 78040. This lovely lady and gracious hostess is well remembered by her many friends.

The DC area Class spring luncheon was held at Ft McNair on 4 Apr at the Off Club. Arrangements and menu were set up by **Pete King** again, in his usual superb manner. The 15 who were smart enough to be there had a great roast beef lunch, with all the trimmings, wine etc. They were **O'Meara, Janairo, Duehring, Carter, Beasley, Wing, Wright, King, O'Keefe, Wooten, Mitchell, Waldrop, Lewis, Brisach,** and **Fitch. Bill Harris** and **Charlie Olin** did not feel well enough to make it. After lunch Pete had each of us tell a "war story," if so inclined. **Max** and **Alva** gave us a graphic picture of how it feels to become a POW, and to try to live as one. Waldrop also had an interesting story about MacArthur and Eisenhower's personality problems. We all look forward with keen anticipation to the next luncheon.

1930: Fitch and O'Meara at spring luncheon

John Murrell wrote from Dallas on 6 May that **Eli Stevens** passed away in Dallas on 28 Apr. John and four other grads were hon-

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orary pallbearers at the services in that city on 30 Apr. Interment was at Hillcrest Memorial Park. Eli was survived by three brothers in Wichita, KS; a daughter, his next of kin, Mrs Myna Stevens Young, 1601 Stanolind St, Midland, TX; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. This man for all seasons, with his happy spirit, will be sorely missed by all who knew him as a cadet, an off, and as an LnO with the State Dept. Our sincere condolences to all his large family.

1930: Carter and Wright at spring luncheon

Pete & Betty King gave a Class party at their lovely home in the Kenwood section of Bethesda on 1 May. Those so fortunate as to be there included the **Wootens**, the **Mitchells**, the **Wings** from Leesburg, the **Waldrops**, the **O'Keefes**, the **Brisachs**, the **Carters**, **Pat Dodge**, **Bob Porter**, **Millard Lewis**, and your scribe. The famous Kenwood cherry blossoms had already peaked, but everything else in their lovely Japanese style garden was either blooming or flourishing in some way. Some of us were fortunate enough to see some of Pete's latest work as a sculptor, which I for one found very interesting. We all hope this kind of a spring party can become an annual event.

On 8 May the WP Soc of DC held its annual spring luncheon at Ft Myer. Martial music was provided by the Army Band, and the Colors were presented by the Old Guard, 3rd Inf. LTG Louis C. Wagner '54 addressed the group on the subject of research in the Army today. There was a lively question period. Our Class was well represented by **O'Meara, Wooten, Carter, Mitchell, Janairo, O'Keefe, Brisach,** and **Beasley.**

1930: Janairo and Beasley; Founders Day 1986, Ft Myer

I learned in mid-May to my great sorrow that our outstanding classmate **Phil Kromer** had passed away at his home in Melrose, FL on 7 May. Local services were held at St Williams Catholic Church; burial was at the Academy. In addition to his lovely wife **Fran**, Phil was survived by a daughter, 3 sons, 17 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren. This loyal, God-fearing man was truly blessed. He lived life the way he played B-Squad football—to the absolute limit of his ability.

Those of you who received the NWC newsletter for May will have noticed therein the glowing tribute to **Charlie Dodge.** He was pres of the alumni assoc of that school from Jun 79 to Jun 81, and is well remembered by all of us for his leadership during that period.

A delightful and very welcome letter arrived 1 Jun from **Buck Folk** in CO Springs. He reports that he does not see many classmates, but that he did talk to **Ammerman** who has been sick for about a mo. However, he hopes to be up and about by now. Buck has enjoyed reasonable health, but his wife **Herron** has been fighting cancer since Oct 83. She is scheduled for another operation in Jul. During this same period the Folks have lost a daughter, Sara, and a son-in-law, Bill Wilson, to cancer.

Buck points out that the Pikes Peak Chap of TROA is now the nation's second largest. This may account for the construction of the large motel ret community now nearly complete in CO Springs, the Aspens. The proximity of the AFA and Ft Carson's new $100 m hosp added to the natural beauty of the area and assure a lively and growing ret group.

I do hope all of you read the very interesting article in the Jun ASSEMBLY by MG Chester L Johnson describing the Cabanatuan Memorials to our comrades lost in the PI during WWII. The memorial comm has done a great job in commendable style, and deserves our thanks. The exec comm includes our own **Alva Fitch.** Please note that this group is now undertaking to set up a trust fund to preserve these memorials in perpetuity. Details are in the last paragraphs of the ref art—contributions are tax deductible.

In late Jun, a welcome letter from **Pie Nyquist**, with the good news that all his family is fine at this time, and enjoying life in Tucson. Pie's illness last Dec was due to a reaction from medication, and not more bladder cancer, which has been in remission for 5 yrs. He & **Bernice** made the No 1 table at Founders day dinner in Tucson this yr—a mixed blessing!

Thad Broom called on 22 Jun to inquire about **Bob Wood's** progress which, unfortunately, is slight at best. Thad missed the 55th Reunion due to surgery, but is back in action now at his home in VA Beach. He recently celebrated his 80th birthday and sounds great. Some more details later—I hope.

There was one response to my last plea for some good news, which I am delighted to quote: "Dear Ben: Per your request for good news, I suggest three items. A) The cadet who wrote to the model whose face was slashed by thugs, and asked her to come to WP for a dinner dance; B) the first part of an article in the **New Yorker** (of all places) exposing the essential falsity of the attacks on Westmoreland; C) my wife **Alice** is taking courses at NYU. The first semester she got all A's, but in the second she encountered two terrible courses, one being statistics. (She is poor in math.) She struggled hard, but told me and my son Phillip it would be a miracle if she passed. Phillip, without saying anything to us, arranged for his church to offer prayers for her success. She passed both courses. So there are still some good things happening. Sincerely, **Bill Whipple.**"

Hope a lot of you out there will follow Bill's example and send me some news; hope it is good, but send it anyway.

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The reunion was a complete success. Such was the consensus of the 50 classmates, 36 wives, 2 widows, and 12 heirs who made our lively party an even 100. Top credit goes to **Clyde McBride** for his astute planning and smooth, capable organization of this 55th memorable occasion. The turnout represents better than a third of those of us living and 16% of our 11 Jun 31 roster. Special mention is of course due to **Deke Roller** and **C² Smith** for their effective supervision of Class VI ops. In tune also with the times were **Dick & Pris Jewett,** whose NC license plates proclaimed for all to see "USMA 31."

1931: Bill Dick at work in the Blue Ridge

You'll recognize our Sweety-Pies pictured nearby as "The Ladies who come up in Jun" as **Pat Harrison, Janie Lou Carter, Martha Herman, Chickie Buck, Charlotte Train, Préot Carter,** Susie Perry, **Betty Chandler,** and **Anne Waters.** The 3 congenial class aides, MAJ Kurt Weiland, MAJ Joyce O'Neal, and CPT Iris Bulls joined easily in the infectious spirit that prevailed while patiently assisting and providing us with ever-needed guidance. Weiland's after-dinner speech on the last night, a literary gem delivered convincingly and with feeling, touched us deeply and will be long remembered.

1931: The Hoovers and Kay Harris

As we leisurely passed Dick's Folly on our Hudson River outing, a question about the bride soon arose, to which, without hesitation and with brevity, rejoined **Wilma Davis** "he was unbridled." Meanwhile, a bit of nostalgia here and there was admixed most interestingly by visits to Eisenhower Hall and the new huge sports complex. They've come

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a long way **Johnny Waters** appreciated since his hockey days behind our old gym.

Rather than risk a terrorist encounter abroad, 7 stateside kin of Madrid's **Jim Pumpelly** met him here for a grand reunion within a reunion. Jim's children lived at WP in early WWII days when he taught Spanish. We were denied the opportunity to meet the delightful **Chely Pumpelly,** who, at almost the last minute, suffered a broken hip. Jim canceled all reservations, but reestablished them when Chely was deemed to be safely in good hands and on the mend. With **Nancy Easterbrook** off again to China, **Ernie** with a new pacemaker for a 77 yr-old heartthrob was with us as a most lively reunion participant. We enjoyed having **Nosebag & Flora Bays'** beautiful yearling granddaughter Jacqueline Bays, join us at the dinner dance at the Off Club. While a sprightly polka was under way, **McBride** received a telephone call from **Ted Walker** sending best wishes to all. On our last day, we were delighted to meet **Milt & Hulit Pressley's** daughter, Mrs. Paul Taylor.

1931: After the 1 April A&NCC luncheon

We missed **Rev Don & Kelley Little,** who had to forego the reunion. Kelley was gravely ill at home where, until her death on 22 Jun, she was in the good hands of visiting people from a local hospice, and was very brave until the end. Don had arranged with Asst Post Chaplain R E Bradley to conduct the Class of '31 memorial services for him at the old cadet chapel. Kelley's ashes were interred in Arlington on 25 Jun. We were also sorry that **Pac & Fay Pachler** had to forego the reunion when he suffered the removal on 18 Mar of a lung where a large tumor had just shown up on an X-ray. Although considered quite successful, the operation was followed by 5 wks of radiation therapy. Reports indicate Pac is now doing just fine. We missed **Ockie & Doris Krueger.** It was the first reunion Ockie has not made. Doris, at home, has been receiving treatment periodically at the pain clinic at WRAMC. **Chet & Virginia Diestel** cancelled reunion reservations, we regretted to hear, since each felt that unwelcome pains here and there would have prevented their participation in the inevitable frivolity. A letter from **Marge King** made a special note to give her love and best wishes to everyone. She had been quite ill, had fallen twice, and referred to herself as a "shut-in senior citizen." **Jerry & Mary Flaherty** planned to attend the reunion until 19 Mar when Mary and her doctor thought it best for her not to travel so far away from their local med facilities. Only 5 days later Mary collapsed into a coma from a heart attack and passed away on 25 Mar. As she would have wished, Jerry joined us at the reunion.

Dick Lawson's remarks as he presented to the **McBrides** and **Hoovers** gift certificates underwritten by the other 48 of us in appreciation of their stellar work in organizing our

1931: The Harrisons, Howzes and Smiths; Founders Day 1986, Seattle

55th, got a bit tangled up and called it our 65th. Regardless of Confucius when he say "prophesy is extremely difficult, particularly concerning the future," Dick's inadvertent forecast suggests we start planning. One thing you can do is save your '31 buttons and caps, since the purchase of new ones is limited to a costly minimum of 72. On my drive back to Wash, I had the pleasure of the company of **C² Smith,** whom I delivered to the McBrides. He joined Clyde on a 4-day sail on the Chesapeake with a final stand at **Klemm Boyd's** on Gibson Isl. Becalmed at times, "the slithy toves did gyre and gimble in the wabe," but the outing with but one grounding was a fun affair. One reunion was hardly enough for the McBrides. On 26-27 Apr, they attended one in Georgetown, SC of the 248th FA Bn which Clyde commanded in the Italian campaign. In combat for 585 days with 2 different field armies, 5 corps, 28 divs, commandos, and special service forces of French, British, New Zealand, South African, Indian, Moroccan, Algerian, and Italian as well as US units, it was awarded 2 French Croix de Guerre. This proud NG bn traces its lineage from Marion's Swamp Foxes of the Revolutionary War.

On **John & Norma Barr's** Double R Barr Ranch near Bandera, TX was celebrated a mini-reunion on 11 Jun, the day of our graduation and incidentally John's 77th birthday. Including the **Hansboroughs** and **Charlie Denford,** who were among us earlier at WP, 9 classmates and 8 of our ladies enjoyed the TX barbecue and ample refreshments around a large gazebo in an area of great oaks, Barr-planted pecan trees, and an adjoining Barr-engineered canoe-navigable lake.

1931: Minireunion: Hansborough, McGee, McVea, Gordon, Densford, Corbin, Carlson, G.W., Cather

While on the subject of reunions, word has it that **Martha Bethune** might attend the 1st Cav Div reunion at Ft Sam in Oct. **Dutch Spangler** added his 60th HS reunion to our 55th, and the mini-reunion both of which his & **Dee's** presence graced. **Dean & Martha Herman** prolonged their stay at WP with Dean Jr '60 & daughter-in-law witnessing the graduation of the Class of 86(!) and their graduation parade.

May Carlson's greetings to **Big Swede's** classmates, their wives and widows adds that she had a nice letter from Erma Bombeck conveying her blessing for the non-fiction book **Oh My Stars** which May has been writing about service wives and the credit they deserve. The tradition set by Big Swede is being carried on by sons Gunnar Jr '61 and Kenneth G '66. May is moving to Indian River Estates which she describes as a beautiful new life care ret community in Vero Beach. She wants you to look her up when in FL.

Ozzie & Allison Tyler saw 2 granddaughters graduate from UAL and UNC, respectively, at the time they intended to celebrate with us at WP. Earlier they had a shipboard view of Halley's comet, Ozzie's first since the brighter, closer and more spectacular time of his 5 yr old observance in 1910. While in Atlanta for the opera staged by the visiting Met, Ozzie talked to **Corny Lichirie.**

1931: The Bucks, Howzes, and Wilsons at Overlook

After 23 enjoyable yrs in Sewanne, TN, **Don & Alice Webber** succumbed to the pleas of their daughter & son-in-law to move near them in Greensboro, NC. Don taught Spanish at the U of the South in Sewanee for 15 yrs, and now they will find themselves in their accustomed academic environment in Greensboro with the campus of Guilford College just across the street.

The turnout for our 1 Apr Wash group luncheon came to 15, while 10 of our ladies met in the next room out of earshot. The next gathering of the Class is scheduled for 16 Sep.

Les Kunish in Manitowoc, WI, finding himself a long way from all but one classmate, likes to hear what everyone else is doing. Others have said the same. So please provide me the raw material and trust that I can fabricate same into our quarterly ASSEMBLY Class notes.

The tragic death of **Harry Candler's Marianne** on 2 Apr in a fire that completely destroyed their condo apt in a semi-ret area some 15 mi from Carmel has stunned us all. Having prepared her lunch, Harry went out to play 9 holes of golf. Upon his return he found the apt an inferno. **Ernie Easterbrook, Ham Peyton,** and **Ruth Fletcher** attended the funeral services on 5 Apr. Marianne will be remembered as one of the loveliest and most beautiful girls at our Sat night cadet hops at Cullum Hall. And on every occasion, I persuaded Harry to let me have at least one dance with her. He is staying in Saratoga, CA with his daughter & her husband, Lewis H. Ham '54 until his home is rebuilt.

A note from **Hotspur Lash** contained the sad news that **Bob Holland** died 4 May in a medical center in Hanover NH following

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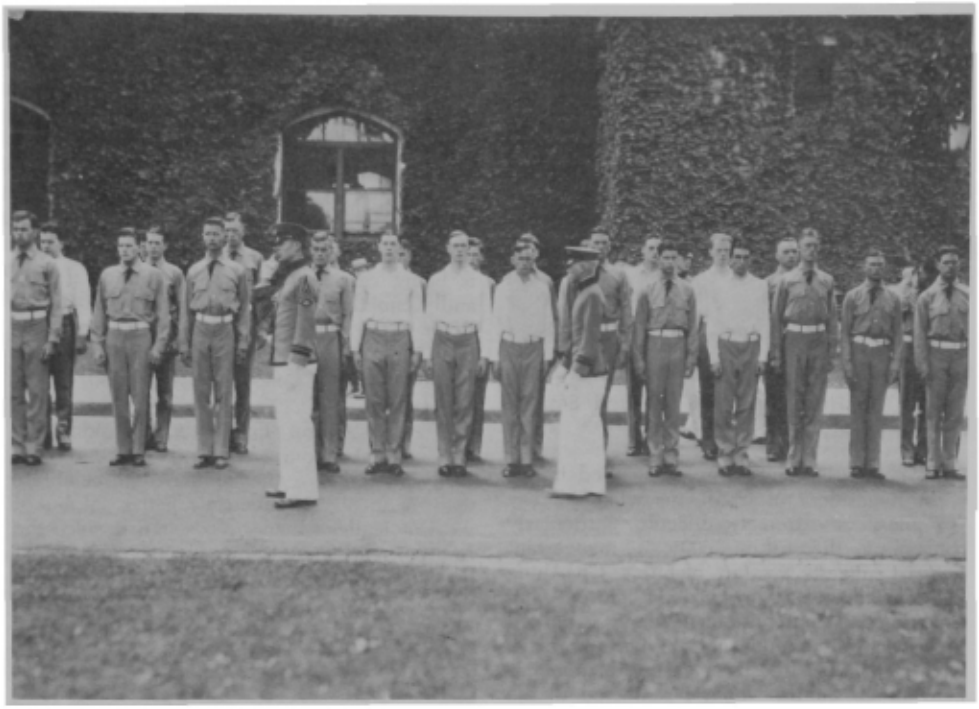

1931: Easily recognizable: Smith, Lichirie, Levenick, Waters, Messenger, Dickson, Bethune, Pressley, Gay, Parker, EM, Morin, Cassevant, Esdorn, Hughes, McClellan, and Beebe

a long illness. He was buried in the Cavendish Center Cemetery. Cavendish, VT on 7 May. He is survived by his wife, **Helen,** a daughter, Barbara H. Stango, and 8 grandchildren.

1931: "To the ladies who come up in June"

Jack Gordon advises that **Mary Peters** died 29 Dec 1982. While preparing our new Class directory distributed to you last spring, I learned that **Nosebag Bays'** widow **Flora Mc Donald Bays** died in Mar 1967 of lung cancer. Her ashes, and previously Nosebag's were spread over TX. The directory mailed to **Peggy Patterson** was returned marked "deceased."

1931: Armstrong, Jewett, Davis, Hoover, Eaton and Lee

Bruiser Bowman's ashes were entombed in Arlington on 13 Jun. **Jake Smart, Bill & Fran Dick, Hoover, McBride,** and I attended the services and honors at the columbarium with Bruiser's son, Timothy of Portland, OR and daughter, Mrs. J W Sparks & her husband and son of Phoenix. Last Mar as he lay dying from leukemia, when asked if he wanted life support, our scrappy Apple-knocker said "Ask my daughter," who responded "Ask him," to which his reply was "Ask Governor Lamm." In 2 days, 8 Mar, he was gone.

Charlie Hoy, who suffered a physically disabling stroke years ago, passed away in Winter Park, FL on 14 Jun and was buried in Arlington on 23 Jun. Graveside services were attended by family and many friends including 6 former members of the 84th Div in ETO, 2 of whom were from Charlie's regt, and by **Jake Smart, Johnny & Wilma Davis, Bill & Fran Dick, Andy & Dee Adams, Fielder Greer, Lucy Troxel, Marian Wertz,** and me. Charlie leaves a daughter, Mrs. Mary Deborah Hall of VA Beach, and 2 grandchildren.

1931: Roller, Buchwalds, Speidels and Lawson

I hope you have all read the article "The Memorials at Cabanatuan and the Tragedy They Record" by Chester L. Johnson '37 that appeared in the last issue of ASSEMBLY beginning on p 14. Because of space limitations, the published text omits the horrible circumstances our men faced in prison and on the "Hell Ships" and the much greater order of magnitude of losses suffered by our graduates during the Philippine Defense Campaign in comparison to those of other conflicts. Johnson and his comm have accomplished a remarkable job in the design and construction of these memorials at the site of the Cabanatuan POW camp in central Luzon where 512 US and Filipino prisoners, many severely disabled, were liberated after years of brutal incarceration on 30 Jan 1945 by a daring and cunningly executed assault and rescue op by Sixth Army's rangers and Alamo Scouts and Filipino guerillas. On one of these memorials, the WP monument honoring graduates who lost their lives in combat against the Japanese or while they were captives or POW's, are inscribed the names of our classmates **Blanning, Fleeger, Humber, Sam Jones, McClellan, Pahl, Raker,** and **Saint.** The remaining task of the comm is the raising of $250,000 for custodial care and maintenance of the memorials in perpetuity. The Wash Group '31, including **Andy Adams,** Sec of The American Battle Monuments Commission, supports the comm in its program. Personal contributions, tax deductible, should be made to the Cabanatuan Memorial Trust Fund, PO Box 13505, Orlando, FL 32859.

1931: Smith, McBride and MacLaughlin

1931: The Hermans, '31 and '60

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Beat NAVY

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'32

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THREE CHEERS FOR THE RED, WHITE AND 32! The **Daily Dunklin Democrat** of Kennett, MO, devoted the first 3 sheets of its weekly and half of the front page on each of 2 dailies with a total of 9 pix to give a detailed account of "General Coutts Day." It told how a resolution was passed by the MO Senate as a tribute to **Lou** and gave a complete account of his career with **Mary** with him all the way. Pic of Lou in harness before his 1st para jump in 1940, another having a medal pinned on him in Korea by Syngman Rhee and the one you see here with Lou in his dress blues. "I surprised Mary and myself by getting into it," said Lou. Kennett gave **Lou & Mary** the fine reception they deserve at the opening of the month-long exhibit of Lou's memorabilia at the Dunklin County Museum. The final cap was put on the occasion when Lou received a warm note signed by President Reagan.

1932: The Halls (on right); Founders Day 1986, Space Coast

NOTES FROM ALL OVER. Cliff Bielefeld sent a letter with 2 pix of **DB Johnson.** One was as a MG on the Advisory Comm of The Aspens, a mil ret home in his CO Springs, and the other with Cliff taken the day before they entered WP with DB wearing a sharp, double-breasted suit and a spangled bow tie. Cliff was on the POINTER staff but had some trouble with math and left us early as did 38% of our Class in those pre-makeup days. He then got a law degree at Northwestern U and was commissioned a 2nd LT upon graduating. Joined the AF, ret as a LTC and subscribes to ASSEMBLY at his home in Kalamazoo, a town which ranks right up with Waxahachie, Nacagdoches, and Punxatawney, PA in my affection for Americana.

Chris Dreyer sent a good letter from Pebble Beach (he doesn't know how to write a bad one) telling of his trip to WP with **Phyllis** to see her grandson, Roy Tomlinson, graduate. Roy's father is Ray '58, now ret and with Computer Science Inc. They visited Wash where Chris attended a CIMA conference and met **Al Clark** from Seattle, the **Darcys,** Essex, CT and the **Gillettes** from nearby Potomac. They also saw **Eleanor McCormack** and had phonecons with the **Lyons** and **Helen Hunt.** Like all of us, the Dreyers are looking forward to our 55th at WP when Jun Wk comes next May.

Helen Chace wrote that because of **Ed's** prolonged illness before he died they had been out of the main stream. An attractive, talented lady (ex prof dancer, protégée of a Warner brother's wife) who has taken up art work and recently won two awards, Helen has taken advantage of her NJ location to

1932: Suarez, right & Bee, left on their 20th

attend top flight theatre. The Paper Mill Playhouse (Candide) Hunderdon Hills and Three Bakers are all within easy reach as is Manhattan's Great White Way which we knew as cadets. Helen participates in and enjoys the theatre trips, dinner dances and card parties that the TROA, her Women's Club and Senior Cits group arrange. Her grandson, Steven Chace, is back from AK working in his dad's engr firm and another grandson made the honor soc at the MATS prep school at Ft Hancock. We look forward to seeing you at WP, Danny.

FINAL FAREWELLS. From CO Springs **Mary Bower** phoned the news about **Herb Thatcher.** After being on an oxygen tube 24 hrs a day for the past two yrs because of his emphysema, Herb went to the hosp to get a respiratory problem cleared up. The next day he died peacefully with **Frankie** at his side.

Archie Lyon phoned from Wash, DC that **Johnny Kambhu** keeled over while shopping with **Noi** during a visit with their daughter Sasiree and her family in Weston, MA.

Oley Hansen had been through several ops and crises during the past several yrs but continued to go from their Arlington home each summer with **Eloise** to spend a few mos in his native WA state with their daughter and her family in Bellingham. This past summer Oley went to Arlington Hosp where he died of congestive heart failure. '32 attended in a group at the services in Arlington where Oley's 4 yr cadet roommate, **Archie Lyon,** gave a moving eulogy.

They were three big guys.

Herb Thatcher was a bomber wing cmdr in WWII, with an early promotion to BG. He was the Chief MAAG Ger, 58-60, later Chief of Staff of the UN Cmd in Korea, and finished his active duty career as a LTG commanding the Air Def Cmd in CO Springs.

1932: The Sundts at the statue

Mary Bower said the chapel was almost full for the services with the organist playing "The Corps," "Alma Mater," and "Army Blue" from Mary's old songbook. Burial was in the AFA Cemetery. After the interment **Cal & Ruth Smith** had all the **Thatcher** family, **Frankie,** son Peter, daughter Elizabeth & her husband Bob Refloski and two attractive young granddaughters at their house for a quiet dinner.

Mary was a real giant for us too; member of the Altar Guild which prepared and cleaned up afterward, arranged for flowers from '32 and told me that **Roland Bower's** Class ring which **Herb** has worn for the past 5 yrs is now available for someone else who has lost his.

Johnny Kambhu served in the Royal Thai Army and the OSS during WW II and later joined his country's diplomatic service holding important posts in NYC and Wash. His last job was as the board chm of the Jalaprathan Cement Co in Thailand. He & **Noi** were WP all the way. When we were stationed in Wash 35 yrs ago he gave me a case of fine Siamese whiskey which I thought best to serve from our room in the Hotel Ben Franklin in Philadelphia after we won an Army-Navy football game. The mob was all there and the merry cries of "make mine a **Kambhu** and soda," rang far into the night.

Johnny's entire family, grandchildren and all, were scheduled to be in Bangkok in Jul for the 100th day commemoration of his death in accordance with Buddhist tradition. **Noi** has signed up for our 55th Reunion at WP in May and will be there with a couple members of her family.

Oley Hansen served with the First US Army in WW II, including the Normandy invasion and ops through France, Belgium and Ger. Later he served in the Philippines and Venezuela before attending the National War College. He attained the rank of MG and in 1979 was inducted into the Ordnance Hall of Fame.

1932: Kambhu

I've got an expression for times like this; I can take it, but I don't have to like it. To the three ladies, "Our Girls," **Jackie, Noi** and **Eloise,** our sincerest sympathies. When you have time to level off and get adjusted, think of the final memorial article devoted entirely to your man which will appear in ASSEMBLY. There is no hurry, but inasmuch as it will probably be the last commemoration of him to appear, it should be done right. Select someone who knew your husband and you quite well over the yrs and ask him to prepare it. Give him all the info that you want to be in it and when he shows you the final draft, adjust it any way you wish. The final article must have your approval, but I think it much better for someone else to write and sign it than for the widow to do so.

THE FAMILY SEQUOIA. Pat & I received an invitation to go to Las Cruces, NM for the unveiling of the statue of Gen Hugh M Milton, former Under Secy of the Army who served as pres of NM State U in Las Cruces from 1938-47. We couldn't attend but **Danny & Bobbi Sundt** did and gave us the report.

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The statue is larger than life, done by their son Duke, placed in front of Milton Hall which houses the NM State U Dept of Journalism and the TV and radio stations. Since then, some people from Roswell want Duke to do a sculpture of Robert H. Goddard, the Father of Rocketry, who demonstrated its practicality in 1926. Goddard was born and raised in Roswell, NM.

I've said this before and I'll repeat; Duke Sundt is really in the league with any of the great sculptors. I've seen a wide variety of his work, from the huge oversize longhorn at U Tex to a group of little table size figures and they're all good. And I like his attitude. "Basically, I just do it for myself, but it's sure nice when it sells."

Believe me, they sell.

WELCOME, VISITORS. From Las Cruces, **Danny & Bobbi** came to San Antonio for the graduation of their granddaughter from Trinity U. I met them for a pleasant visit over cocktails during which they gave an account of a fun '32 roundup in El Paso. **Dick & Helen Hunt** went there next from San Antonio and joined **Carol Power, Ann Brucker,** and **Steve Mellnick** at a dinner party given by Fred & Dottie Ammerman '30. After that the whole mob went to Las Cruces for the unveiling.

1932: The Dreyers with grandson grad

The **Hunts,** Wash DC area, had just been here in San Antonio spending a wk with daughter Helen & husband Ed Valence '56. (The same Class as Skidmore, Bob Hewitt, Head, Liwski, Abell, Childs, Class Godson Terry (Stewart) Creighton and maybe other '32 jrs I have missed.) En route they visited **Roscoe & Birdie Huggins** up the road a piece in their Kerrville home for an afternoon. Roscoe is not very mobile these days but visits like that of the Hunts are thoroughly appreciated and enjoyed by all.

By coincidence, **Bob & Betty Hewitt** of Kansas City, MO came to town at the same time on their annual visit to Bob's sister, attractive Kay Anderson, a military O's widow, for her birthday. **Pat** & I had the **Hunts** and Hewitts with Kay, and **Ed & Mary Rowan, Ralph & Maureen Davey** and Ed & Helen Hunt Valence for a long private luncheon at Crystal Baking at which the BS sounded like the first day after our return from yearling furlough.

We heard of the **Hewitts'** last trip to Morocco and the upcoming one to Italy and West Ger. As they always do on their annual circuit, the next stop on this trip was Denver to visit **Helen Street,** widow of Bob's WP roomie, **John.** Everything's up to date in Kansas City and they are the ones who keep it that way.

Betty Wheeler Besson came to San Ant with her son Bim (Earl G, Jr) Wheeler & his wife Judy to see Betty's grandson #1, Bill, graduate from the AF OCS and be commissioned a 2nd LT at Randolph AFB. Bill

1932: Bielefeld and DB Johnson. 1928

& his wife Laura left the next morning for that wonderful first station, wherever it may be, as an off and his lady.

Before flying back to Wash late in the afternoon, **Betty,** Bim and Judy had **Pat** & me for a leisurely lunch at La Mansion del Norte, one of the better beaneries in town. A wonderful, relaxed opportunity to get caught up on everything that's happened during the past yr.

AT RANDOM IN QUONDAM. No one in the cmd of George A. Custer, Jun 61 anchor man, escaped from Little Big Horn but his bugle did. **Fran Graham** presented it to the WP Museum as a '32 contribution. No further info but I presume she got it from her father, GEN Jakie Devers '09, a big man at WP and in the WW II ETO.

Thanks to **Bob Moore** for turning up the address of **Bill Coit's** widow **Virginia;** 4330 Harness Tract Rd, Camino, CA 95709.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY. A letter from my ex WP roomie **Ed Suarez** written aboard his cruise ship in Puerto Bolivar, Ecuador was a real heart warmer, written on the 20th anniv of his wedding to **Bee.** Each had been happily married before only to have their spouses die tragically young. Bee's husband, John R Kelly '36, commanded a bomber gp in the ETO in WW II and continued doing fine work until he died at Maxwell AFB at age 40.

Ed married pretty little **Delphine Rennie** of San Antonio shortly after completing flying sch here in '33. I was spending the night with them in Izmir when Delphine looking as attractive as ever, gave me the shocking news that her number was up—cancer. She knew there was no way out for her and simply wanted to give me one of her striking paintings to take home to Paris so **Pat** and I would have something to remember her by. It's now hanging where we see it every day.

1932: Sawicki dishing it out at Founders Day, Ft Sill

I knew **Ed** was hit hard when she died a few mos later and that it would not be easy for him to adjust. When he ret and moved to FL and met **Bee,** friends there told us how fine she was. When **Pat** & I eventually spent a few days with them in their home we saw how right our friends were. It reminded me of the old truism that when two people who have previously had happy marriages marry each other, it is almost certain that their marriage together will be happy.

Ed & Bee had a fine time on their latest cruise to ports in South America. Met a congenial couple, Gayle and Harmon (Jack) Lampley '39, who live right here in San Antonio. Jack was chief of the US Air Mission to Mexico for 4 yrs which helped with the lingua franca, or to be more precise, "la lenguaje hispanica" if there is such an expression.

Ed closed with the news of his area. **Mary Rees** lovely as ever & **Click** working out each day with good results. **Ruth Sutherland** had a heart problem on a paddle wheel cruise up the Mississippi with Marion McDonald (widow of Tom '29) and upon her return had open heart surgery. The operation was a complete, unqualified success.

Don Hardy sees his medico regularly and is doing OK.

1932: GEN Coutts Day in Kennett, MO

WHY I WRITE THIS COLUMN. A friend in '31 read about my cure from Paget's (moth holes in the marrow) in the last issue and asked for help with his. I sent him a complete account of my cure—pills, shots, the letter signed by classmates and ladies, to show to his medico.

A '34 grad whom I knew when we were cadets on an athletic training table and again on maneuvers in LA c. 1942 but haven't seen since, wrote 2 single spaced typed pgs telling me he was chief of staff to Harry Storke when he commanded I Corps in Korea. He thought Harry was one of the greatest guys who ever lived (as do I) and said of my ASSEMBLY article about Harry, "It was outstanding." Thank you, Sandy.

Another ASSEMBLY scribe wrote that my article on **Frank Besson** "is one of the best things I have ever read anywhere by anybody."

An old friend in another WP Class (withheld to protect the guilty), whom I hadn't heard from in yrs wrote quite simply after the last issue, "You are the greatest scribe."

Honest, fellers, ladies, I didn't make this up but sometimes when I'm all alone I put my head under the pillow and admit to myself that I like to hear it.

Most importantly, I get plenty of notes from our own Class; **John & Ruth McCawley, Benny Webster,** et al saying that they like it. When I close each issue with "next deadline for news to me is one wk after you read this," nice guys and gals send me letters and pix within the deadline so that I have 48 hrs to bleed while writing it up in a form to send to the Ed.

Keep it coming.

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Only those who have done likewise will know what it cost your scribe & his patient, indomitable wife to achieve their changed address (above). To dismantle one's home of 17 yrs, to shed half of one's cherished possessions, to compress the remainder from the liebensraum of 10 rooms into the confines of 3—aye, there's many rubs . . . But the deed's done, and Ma Bell willing, you can now get the same cheerful voices at the new number.

Three items of general interest:

—Some 40 of us took part in the hotly contested Class of 1933 Annual International Golf Tournament held worldwide during the last wk of May. **Gabe Disoway,** who with **Dot** was in Brazil during the time of play, offered a pungent comment on the results: **"The same ones who used to be young crooks are now old crooks!"** For the scarcely credible results and the ditto remarks of some of our **other** old crooks, see end of these notes.

—It being two years since publication of our last '33 Roster, our tireless Pres **Abe,** assisted by **Bob Turner** and the AOG, is preparing a new one for pub in Aug. In this demanding task Abe wrote some 115 of our widows to ask whether they wish to remain on and continue to receive the roster. The strong affirmative response (86 to date) brought many of the messages cited below.

—Of particular interest to widows and families of classmates lost as a result of the (1941-42) Philippine Def Campaign is the recently completed action of the Cabanatuan Memorial Comm, chaired by MG Chester L. (Johnny) Johnson '37. An impressive article submitted by the comm appeared in somewhat curtailed form in the Jun ASSEMBLY. In addition Johnny sent to the Class presidents and scribes a copy of the complete text, together with pics taken of and at the memorial, to include the names of casualties (11 from '33) in that bitter campaign. Contributions (tax-deductible) for custodial care and maintenance should be sent to Cabanatuan Memorial Trust Fund PO Box 13505, Orlando FL 32859. Anyone wishing to borrow the material write **Lincoln** or **Sparrow.**

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With sadness we report '33's most recent casualties: three classmates and one of our widows.

—On 5 Apr **Frank Rothwell** died in La Jolla, CA. He was buried at WP 16 Jun. He is survived by his widow, **Nellie G ("Mickey")** and (we believe) a daughter, Teresa ("Terry").

—On 24 Apr we lost **Eddie Hale,** who died of heart attack in San Antonio. Following cremation his ashes were entombed in the Urn Garden in Mission Park North, near San Antonio. He is survived by his widow **Isabelle,** son Edward J. Hale, daughter Billie Ann Hale, and two grandsons.

—On 12 May **Ray Sellers** died at Concord, CA following a long and gallant battle with cancer. He was buried there. He is survived by his widow **Olive,** 4 children and 11 grandchildren (From our FYB).

—On 20 Jun **Jane Alspaugh** died in San Ant, of a stroke (she had been under treatment for cancer). She was buried in the Ft Sam Houston National Cemetery beside her husband **Ralph.** Survivors include their son, Ralph Jr; and daughter Virginia, a US Army off married to Joseph Regan, also a US Army off; both are reported now stationed at Ft Bragg, NC.

1933: Walters, Wallace, Elder, Thompson, Kaiser, Hurlbut, Carver, Quinn, Lincoln, Polk, Meyer, R.D.

We all shall miss our departed friends, and we extend heartfelt sympathy to their families. To the widows, especially, we say, "Please stay in touch with '33."

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"It was I who introduced **Jane** (Alspaugh) to **Ralph** in the hectic period of our 1932 VA trip, at Ft Monroe," writes **Johnny Cleveland.** "I had a date for a dance, and she asked me to get her friend Jane a blind date. Who better than your roommate? They fell in love and were together ever since. It seems long ago. . . ."

Congratulations to **Lyle Bernard,** Eastern Regional VP of the Soc of the 3d Inf Div, for his lucid, hard-hitting article, "A Special Place for War Memorials," published as the lead letter in the **Washington Post** Outlook Section, 25 May 86. Lyle had been and is a leader in the drive to establish a memorial for the 3d Inf Div here in Wash.

A note from **Bob Blanchard:** "Not much news here. **Blackie Myer,** taking over from **Billie Harris,** set up our annual River Boat Dinner for May. **Ann** & I took the island cruise in HI on the **Constitution**—we recommend it!"

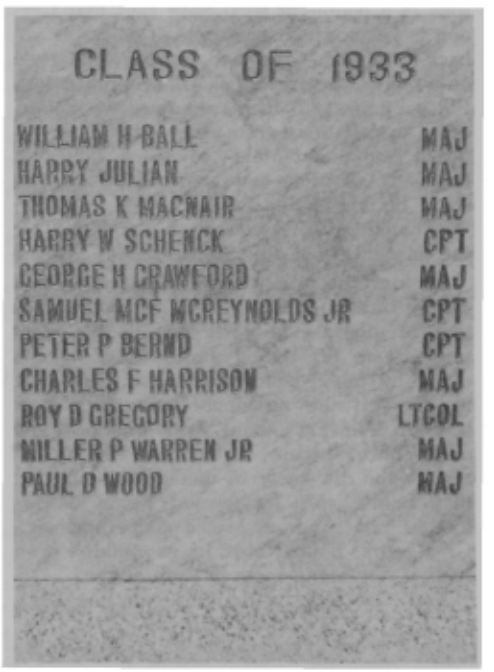
In a recent telecon (just completed) **Bill Blandford** reports that his wife **Angie** completed a successful and uneventful trip to visit relatives in Greece; and that all is well with his children. Bill, who has had a prolonged bout with the effects of a stroke, sounded the best he's been in many mos.

Nancy Breit, in behalf of herself and 5 other San Ant widows cited in our Jun Notes, sent a check to AOG, adding their names to **Billy Harris'** page in the WP Memory Book (at the Library).

"How heartwarming it is," writes **Ruth Burkhalter,** "to be included in all '33 affairs! I surely want to remain under the 'Lucky Star!' A delightful surprise in Jan—**Polly & Hurly Hurlbut** unexpectedly appeared at my front door. We tried to cram all the intervening yrs into one morning—it was great!"

On 28 May **Doug & Lil Cairns'** grandson Todd Brooks, USAFA '86, received his Class of '33 ice bucket, duly inscribed, at the hands of **Tommy Moorman,** who reports, "Doug & Lil were there, as were the parents, COL & Mrs David M. Brooks '61 and the other grandparents, as well as children and other family members. (We had 14 people to dinner.) Young Todd, the first '33 grandson to grad from USAFA, I believe, is headed for navigator training in CA."

"**Ruthie Carroll** spent last night with us," writes **Fritz Hartel** (3 May). "We really enjoyed a good 'catch-up' news session, and the three of us had an invigorating swim this morning before breakfast."



1933: Cabanatuan Memorial: '33's losses

"Next" (continues **Fritz**) "**Ted Conway** received a Doctorate degree from Duke, after 8 yrs of HARD work. Ted is so modest that he would never mention it" (Ed: that's right . . . altho **Eleanor** has been heard to murmur about it, in a low key . . .) "but we believe he should receive recognition in our Class notes. At our time frame in life, such an accomplishment is really noteworthy." In behalf of the Class, Congratulations, Doctor Conway!—and our compliments to Eleanor: "Behind every successful man. . . ."

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1933: Bob & Ann Blanchard, Chet & Tommy Dahlen

"The pic of our SA golf group," sez **Chet Dahlen,** "was taken before starting play—note our clean shoes. It would have been more realistic taken before a fairway puddle. . . ." "'Had to move out of Rossmoor 'Leisure World,'" postcardulates **Rosamond Davis,** "because of continuing to teach piano and working in music. Chose **not** to ret."

"I'll be leaving 4 Jun for 3 wks in Puerto Rico," says **Dora Due,** "where our 2 eldest daughters Dorita (Dr Dora Due Logue of Baltimore) & Dixie, married to BG Tommie Smith (Ret) will join me until the 15th. I mourn **Billy Harris, Ed Hale,** and now **Ray Sellers.**"

Ltr from daughter Diane Fairchild Gray informs that her mother, **Nancy Fairchild** suffered a stroke in Mar and is temp in Health Care Ctr at Trinity Terrace; she hopes to ret to her apt in a few mos.

"We're investigating a ret facility going up in CO Springs," writes **Bill Fletter,** "and another near Seattle. . . . We'll see the **Larsons** in a couple of wks. **Shirl** says that **Gordon** is keeping up some golf. . . . **Zieraths** are back from AZ. "We had a marvelous time on our trip" (to Australia/NZ, see Jun notes). Bill continues, "to incl learning re the Southern Constellations from the astronomer on board, and about Mela-, Micro- & Polynesia from an Australian newsman and writer, who spent his life in those areas."

"Thanks, Abe," writes Ruth Franklin, "for the nice little notes on your letters."

"Before anyone undergoes surgery," warns **Bobby Gabel,** "it is vital that all family history re allergies be presented to the doctor. . . . Two yrs ago I almost died on the operating table. Unfortunately, since most of my family were no longer living, I had no way of knowing (about their allergies). At all events, I became a first for FL, for although the drs knew of methemoglobinemia, they hadn't seen its results. Being allergic to . . . I now wear a Medic Alert bracelet." Great work, Bobby! Most of us couldn't even spell it, let alone recover from it.

Ned Gee tells us that his grandson Donald B. Smith III (son of daughter Jane & COL (dec) Donald B. Smith, Jr. '56) completed his 2d yr on the dean's list at The Citadel and has been named 1st Sgt of his co for his next (jr) yr. Returning in Jul after studying French in Paris, he is to attend jump training at Ft Benning (ROTC). Donald is also grandson of BG DB Smith '28 (dec). Another grandson Clarke Bowers is in waterski school and will enter the water show at Calloway Gardens, GA.

1933: Ned Gee & grandson Donald Smith

"I guess you know," sez **Dave Gibbs,** "that **Hurly & Polly Hurlbut** honored us with a visit. I showed 'em the sights and we had a couple of meals together, which did much for my morale. Unfortunately we had to miss the party the **Schulls** gave for the occasion and so missed meeting **RJ Meyer's** bride; however, we met her later at the Ft Huachuca golf course. We and all our friends are very well impressed.

1933: WP's ret mule Hannibal Jack II & his opposite number, Dave Gibbs

"My recent checkup at Wm Beaumont (Bliss) gave us a chance . . . to reminisce. **Betty** & I lived with **Puddy & Gordon Bartlett** when we first arrived in 33. We were reminded of **Darby, Powers, Brindley, LaDue & Dan Parker,** who lived in the 82d FA Bn (horse) area . . . also in the vic were **Polk, Bastion, Whipple, Kleitz** and **Markle** (7 Cav) as well as **Webster, Hawkins, Adamson,** and **Turner** (8 Cav). Last Feb in FL we saw Puddy Bartlett in Winter Park." By later letter **Dave** informs us of their planned trip to Peking. "I've always wanted to see 10,000 ceramic soldiers guarding their deceased Emperor. . . . But mostly we want to see where **Betty's** dad in 1901, then 1st Sgt, Co M, 14th Inf at the gates of Peking, was pulled back, commissioned 2d LT, 9th Inf (Manchus), and detailed to guard the Dowager Empress' Palace. He was one of the few awarded the Order of the Double Dragon by the Emperor. . . ." Dave also enclosed a pic showing him and another ret mule, WP's Hannibal Jack II. During the ceremony Dave made some effusive remarks about his co-star, without notable response.

"Aloha to you, dear Abe, for the tedious Roster work," writes **Tom Hall's** widow, **Verna.** "But my name is Mrs. George Lazarnick, not Lazernack. . . ."

In context of our Class lunch with Navy '33, **Leo Heintz** says, "My memories go back to meeting some of them at a party after the 32 game in Phila. A very dear friend of mine gave it for a group of us cadets and midshipmen. She & her husband live in Ocean City. I last saw them when we visited the **Miles.**"

"I flew out to Seattle from FL this winter," writes **Lillian Lewis,** "for **Jack's** oldest grandson's wedding. Peter graduated from Princeton last Jun. Jennifer is a lovely woman. I remain here where I have the support of family and friends."

1933: Charlie Leydecker & his bride Mim

Charlie Leydecker sends a pic of himself with his new bride, **Mim** (for Mildred). "And I remember, Bert, the day in summer camp when you were suffering from hay fever, and I put eyedrops in your nose, and nosedrops in your eyes! I never saw anyone scoot so fast down the Company Street, looking for water. . . ."

From **Effie Lonning,** word that she & **Stan** spent a delightful mo in Europe—"10 days in London, then the Swiss Lakes."

We have a card from **Earl Machery's** son, informing us that Earl had a severe stroke in Apr and is still (end Jun) under intensive care. The son: Mr. Douglas E Machery, 6709 Harvard Pl, Springfield VA 22152, tel (703) 569-1840.

"Our daughter Pamela is in (FL) Gov Graham's off," writes **Marie Matson;** "however, he'll be leaving off this yr." "I'm trying to adjust to a lonely life," says **Pete Miles,** adding, "Time doesn't seem to do those things people say it will. . . . But '33 is such a **special** class."

From **Billie Olson** we have letters of thanks to **Steve Fuqua** and **Abe Lincoln** and a generous check to our Class Fund, in appreciation for '33's gift to her & **Oley's** grandson Stanley B Olson '86, on his grad. "Weather was perfect for grad," writes Steve. Present were grandmother Billie, parents MG & Mrs Hardin L. Olson, Jr '57; Stanley's maternal grandfather was MG (dec) Stanley W. Jones '29; Paul Thompson, pres of '29, arranged through Steve to present an AOG gift cert from '29. "I know that Stan's grandfathers, Stanley Jones and my dad, would have been as proud as the rest of us were," wrote Oley Jr. "In fact, they were there symbolically, since his ring was made from a composite of theirs. . . . The HL Olsons are off to Korea, where I will be the dep cmdr and chief of staff for the Eighth Army, and the chief of staff for US Forces, Korea."

Recent activities of a very busy **Ivan Parr** have included a visit with the Sojourners and the Heroes of '76 in Houston, and a forma-

1933: Kaesser, Gee, Hurlbut, White, Barnes ('34)

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tion of some 3000 retirees at Six Flags Mall (Your scribe hopes he got it right, Ivan!)

By note to Hurley, **Jennie Pittman** reports that her granddaughter Carol Elizabeth Anderson is Class of 87, Co H-4. Carol is the daughter of MAJ (dec) Frederick D. Anderson '59. So she will be the second '33 granddaughter (after **Bob Cyr's** Patricia '85) to graduate.

"I'm still grateful to you, Abe, and the other classmates," writes **Hester Richardson,** "for services at **Hadley's** burial."

1933: Stanley B. Olson '86 receives Class gift from Steve Fuqua

"You may be interested to know that I, **Dick Risden,** am the first member of the Class to reach the age of 80 (2 Jan 86)," says Dick. This is not the only milestone Dick has achieved. At age 52, he was the first American to graduate (1957) from the Chinese Parachute School in Taiwan. Other than a bad back caused by a parachute jump with the Army of the Republic of China, he feels great. . . . "On a more personal note, I married **Elma Hancon** of Cornwall, NY at graduation. We were blessed with two wonderful children, Richard and Catherine Louise, and had more than 44 yrs of happiness together until Elma died in her sleep (1977). In 79 I met **Lorene Winkler,** a family friend who had been happily married for more than 42 yrs. We were married at Mount Dora, FL in May 80. . . . God has been good to us."

"I've lost nearly 15 pounds which I don't grieve for," writes **Leora Rudolph,** "but I'm having problems finding people to repair the house." (No connection, we believe?) Leora wrote **Abe** to ask how arrangements could be made for gravesite flowers on Memorial Day. The answer: Graber the Florist, Main Street, Highland Falls, NY (tel (914) 446-2955).

1933: Dodie & Mac McClelland, Ann Blanchard at YO Ranch

"I always read and enjoy the communiques," says **Ruth Scott,** "let me know when and how I can contribute to the expense involved." Thanks, Ruth! For answer, see end of these notes.

"I'm so glad," writes **Olive Sellers,** "that **Ray** was able to make the MiR in SA. Despite his illness and the fact that he could participate in so little, he had a good time and loved seeing his old friends again. I grieve for **Billy Harris,** who helped make our visit possible. . . . He seemed always doing what he could to make things easier for others."

"I'm fine," says **Lisa Shinberger,** as are all **Shinny's** children and grandchildren." **Irene Signer** writes, "I'm just back from a 5-wk trip to Tahiti, Australia, NZ, and Fiji. **Earl** & I had planned it, but he died 6 mos before we'd planned to go." "I'm not working any more on a regular basis," reports **Milica Skinner,** "only as a consultant occasionally at the American Museum of Natural History." "I left home the day after Easter and drove alone down to Naples," writes **Carol Speiser.** "A restful mo, with beautiful weather. Suzy & her husband and 2 daughters were down for a wk of fun. I've just heard that Bill Haneke '36 has been in the hosp with a heart attack. Marion said he's doing well, but they'll have to miss their 50th, a big disappointment to them both."

Fred & Martha Thorlin report recently attending the Atlanta Classics at the Atlanta (GA) Golf Club, where they had prime accommodations. "Drop by," says **Tere Versace,** author of **The Flying Nun.** "The coffee pot's always on!" "Thanks for remembering me," writes **Sally Vidal.** "I love you all!"

1933: Puddy Bartlett, Dave & Betty Gibbs

Our inimitable **Soapy Watters** has done it again! Your scribe has had access to a handsomely engraved Proclamation, which readeth as follows:

A PROCLAMATION from the
RANDOLPH MA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Addressed to Colonel John E. Watters, Ret

"For all the contributions made by you to the education of so many Randolph High students, and for making History come alive to so many young people, Randolph High School proudly proclaims Friday May 16th 1986 (his 75th birthday) as COLONEL JOHN E. WATTERS DAY, in recognition of those services."

/s/ Philip M. Saba, Principal

And no less significant, we hear that on 16 Jun **Soapy & Bernie** celebrated their 49th in Brielle, with both of their daughters and 3 of 4 grandchildren in attendance.

GENERAL MATTERS

Luncheon with USNA '33. 15 of us made it to join a slightly larger group of our opposite numbers, who are proving to be good friends.

At WP (1) We salute COL Jack Oakes '56 upon his ret from active duty. Since 79 Jack has been dir of Alumni Affairs and chief of the Gifts Program, and of great help to '33 in both capacities. (2) The USMA Class of 1990 has entered. **Starbird & Lincoln** will both have grandchildren in that Class. With luck, they should attain our status in 2043. Godspeed!

USMA Annual Intl Golf Tournament, last wk in May 1986.

—**Intl Flight,** with groups playing in 11 states, incl the Wash group: top 10 using gross scores adjusted to course ratings: **Senter, Ely, Van Way, Smith, Elder, Whipple, Blanchard, Meals, Bastion.**

—**Wash group** (11 members) winners: **Elder, Lincoln, Walters.**

—**Husband & Wife Flight** (gross scores) winners: **Elys, Dahlens, Whipples, Walters, Blanchards.**

—**Wives & Widows Flight** (gross scores) winners: **Lelia Summerfelt, Helen Ely, Tommy Dahlen, Betty Walters, Ann Blanchard, Polly Hurlbut, Peggy Whipple, Svava Chapman.**

Players' Comments indicated all had a great time, despite some bad weather, sore backs/shoulders and vision problems.

—**Art Tyson** reported hitting a mushroom, instead of his ball;

—**Cal Smith:** "Maybe with a net 60 I might beat **Phil Pope** for once."

—**Phil Pope:** "Don't you believe it!"

—**Bill Ely:** "**Peggy Whipple** and **Helen** rode in the same cart and were talking when they should have been thinking."

—**Bob Leslie:** "**Bob Meals** and **George Van Way** played on the up and up—no mulligans, only minor cheating, much complaining. . . ."

—**Doleman:** "How about a dirty dollar contest?"

—**White:** "Our course was in good shape when I started—all torn up now. . . . Why not raise the tab to two dirty dollars in future?"

President's Lincorner. Moneys in the two funds which are available for current Class expenses (phone calls, mailings, rosters, flowers and donations at times of death) are not going to be sufficient to see us through (to the last man). Donations are needed now, while there are still enough of us around to make them. Please send what you feel you can, either to **Phil Pope's** 1933 West Point Soc Fund (preferred), or if tax deduction is important to you, to the 1933 Administrative Fund of the AOG.

(Scribenote: It would be a shame for the last of us to stagger off to Benny Havens-O sans a remembrance from the Class, to which they will by then have contributed so generously!)

Next Deadline: Ten days after you read these notes, please!

'34

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Dud Wilmeth has taken another tanker. Perhaps you recall we were worried about him in the last issue, but it was needless. From his 69 yr old fishing shack on Lake Worth he could see tankers taking off from 44 yr old Carswell AFB so he hopped a ride to AK. **Frankie** couldn't go since this tanker stopped at old Ft Crook (SAC Hq in Omaha). He says AK is America's last Big Splendor. He advises all members of the '34 Travel Club to GO—no terrorist, only glacial calm. In Nome it was 83°F, bikini weather—people were jumping in bays with icebergs to beat the heat. He is annoyed that they think AK is bigger than TX. He searched out **Willie May & Bunky Reeves** but they had gone to CO Springs to cool off and see their oldest who is a COL in AF and stationed there. The Scribe Emeritus is still on the job. Let's try the tanker to Honolulu next, you did such a good job the last time!

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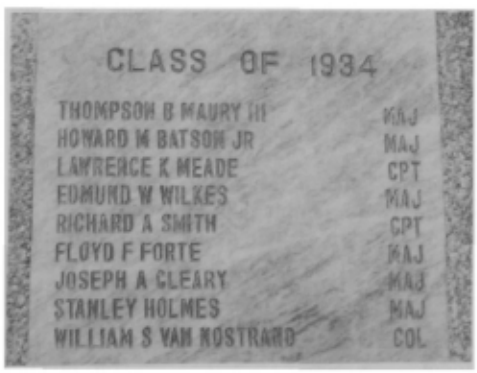
1934: An old scribe and femme enjoying Evelyn & Pete Ward's hospitality

Dale Smith filed a great report from Reno. **Virginia** & he had a visit from **Jane & Beanie Johnson.** They brought along their son Dr James Johnson, MD who has a practice in a town near Reno. Dale says Jane & Beanie are holding up well but doubts he could take off now as he used to in the Yale Bowl. Why not? **Stacy Gooch** who opened up the holes is winning ski trophies in Taos!

Peggy & Bill Craig turned west as mentioned in last issue and, let me tell you, they really turned west! They filed a real 3.0 report. They flew from FL to SA, drove to Killeen, TX in a rented car and spent 4 days with **Mary & Frank Norvell,** made the mistake of giving Frank strokes, and ended up at **Virgie & Jabo Jablonsky's** traditional Derby Day party. Of course the julips didn't phase an ole TN boy like Will Craig. They rented another car in CA, drove to Pebble Beach and visited Mary Hobson, daughter of COL Bunny Hobson '12, classmate and duck hunting companion of our father-in-law, Bill Nalle '12. From there they drove to St Helene to visit **Helen & Bud Buehler** and their winery, stopping on the way for lunch with **Dottie & Johnny Franklin.** They have a lovely place in Hillsborough that did not wash away in the floods, and Dottie seems to know how to wield a skillet. Bud must have quite a winery out there according to Will. He has 200 acres in Napa Valley where he grows the grapes, bottles the wine and ships out about 18000 cases to 23 states. Best of all he has his family grouped around him to do all the work. One vintage, 1984, made a White House menu.

Si Gilman sent in a very interesting report. He & **Frances** were on an extensive tour of So America and on board a flight to Rio. He happened to glance across the aisle and noted a fellow sitting over there, and told Frances that the fellow over there looks just like a classmate of mine, Jim Snee. Guess what! It was **Jim Snee. Louise & Jim** were on a Rio tour and planning to stay at the same hotel in Rio as Frances & Si. The odds that two classmates from two different regions of the country would be on the same flight from Miami to Rio and staying at the same hotel in Rio are infinitesimally small but it happened. One of the highlights of the trip was a visit with **Francie & Johnny Stevens** in DC.



1934: A memorial to classmates who fought and died in Bataan

1934: Golfers Frank Norvell, Jabo Jablonsky and Bill Craig at 19th hole

Jabo Jablonsky reported in to corroborate that **Bill Craig** visited Killeen, gave **Frank Norvell** a stroke a hole, and drank julips at the Derby Party. Flush with this kind of 1st tee business they challenge any three classmates to a round of golf. Um!! Let's go back to the 1st tee, Jabo! He also reports that he and **Virgie,** maintaining their status as charter members of the '34 Travel Club, have just returned from a delightful visit to Fiji, Australia, New Zealand and Tahiti. In 38 days they saw the countryside travelling from Sydney to Melbourne by bus about 700 mi and from Aukland to Rotorua, Wellington, Christ Church, Dunedin, Te Anau, Mildord Sound, Queenstown, Franz Josef and Greymouth another 1900 mi, and lots of night stands. On safari they saw Halley's comet on several nights. The finale will be a family reunion at home with 5 children with spouses and 8 grandchildren. We agree, it will not be dull!

1934: Bud Buehler, the Franklins, Peggy Craig, Helen Buehler and Bill Craig at Bud's winery in CA

Helen & Pop Womack celebrated their 50th anniv last 12 Dec. They didn't tell us until just the other day of the auspicious occasion. Daughter Deedee who lives in SF laid on a lovely party and included all their local friends from all around. All four of their girls were present, together for the first time in over 24 yrs. They came from as far away as CA and NE. They must think a lot of the young couple who brought them into the world. Pop says he & Helen are hanging in there. He walks their Irish Wolfhound, Irish Setter and miniature Schnauzer 3 or 4 mi every day, and when they got in a dog fight with another tribe, he ended up with a fractured sternum. Sounds like he is getting proper exercise! He is a little surprised that **Stacy Gooch** won the downhill ski race for the over 75's. Our Stac is a tiger, Pop! We speak for the brotherhood when we wish you as much happiness in the next 50 as you have had in the last.

1934: Burt Bruce, Muff Blair, Ginger Bruce, Cille Brown, Francie Stevens and Rev PS Brown at Class luncheon

1934: Fran Spivey, Pete Ward, Cille Brown, Hal Edson at Class luncheon in DC

BJ Richardson, a charter member of the '34 Travel Club and Cruiser only 1st Class, surprised us with a report he filed on cruising. It says your world at sea has 7 or 8 decks peopled by flocks who wish to eat, dance, relax, tour, play, sleep, read and escape. While the world careens, your only concern is what to wear for Pink Night. It says further you leave your brain at the gateway and the resultant sea daze is identified by preoccupation with mints on your pillow at night, forgetting the name of the ship, losing your landing tag or a horror you might miss a midnight buffet. A rather keen observer, our BJ! He & **Farley** took their grandson to WP for the admissions off tour.

1934: Evelyn & Pete Ward with daughter at Langley party

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1934: Helen & Pop Womack at 50th anniv

He hopes to enter in '87. Maybe we will get an engr this time around.

Cy Betts forwarded to us material on the Cabanatuan Memorial Project in the PI about 80 mi outside Manila. Johnny Johnson '37, project chm, also sent us material. A fine summary appears in ASSEMBLY, Jun '86 on p 14. The Memorial has been completed. No govt funds were used. The comm has a requirement for funds to establish a trust, to support custodial care to be administered by Battle Monuments Commission. We have 8 classmates memorialized here listed in the accompanying photo. If anyone can help, including custodians of Class Funds, get in touch with MG Chester Johnson, Box 13505 Orlando FL.

1934: Virginia Smith, Jan Johnson, Dale Smith, Dr. Johnson and Beanie Johnson in Reno

Jerry Blair filed a report on the '34 Class luncheon in DC on last 23 May. He & **Muff** drove up from Tidewater to cover it. They had a good turnout. **Fran & Bert Spivey** came over from Annapolis. **Hope & Bob Corrigan** do a great job in pulling together these Class affairs in the DC area.

1934: The Lynns; Founders Day 1986, Ft Sill

Evelyn & Pete Ward had their annual gathering at Langley AFB Club. It was a beaut. **Jerry & Muffie Blair** were there. **Janet & Johnny Diefendorf** couldn't make it. Johnny is having trouble with his legs and can't get about too well these days. They sold their lovely home in Wms'burg and bought a place in Kings Mill, a first class ret dev on the James River.

We lost three of our gals recently. **Charlotte Winkle** died in SA on 11 Feb and was buried in the Ft Sam Houston Cemetery. Two weeks later **Janice Cunin** died also in SA but wanted to go back to her home in MN for burial. We know we speak for all the Class in extending our deep sympathy to **Rip Winkle** and **Kenny Cunin** at this sad time. **Elinor O'Hara** died recently in DC and was buried beside **Jim** in Arlington. It was quite sad. Several friends had lunch with her downtown the preceeding day. She lived alone in their home on Reservoir Rd. She fell down the stairs and was not found for some time. She died in Georgetown Hosp 3 days later. A dear pair, Jim & Elinor. We know they are together somewhere out there in the Great Blue Yonder.

This is our swan song. **Jerry Blair,** one of the more articulate breed, is taking over this desk here in the Off of the Chief Scribe. Don't forget to mail your reports to him before 20 Sep 86. He lives at 3316 Mapleton Crescent, Chesapeake VA 23321. We have enjoyed talking to you guys for the last two yrs and appreciate all your help. See you at the 55th.

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The 50th Anniversary Book was received here on 23 Jun and distribution started immediately. We strongly urge you to order a copy if you haven't done so. Our special thanks to **Carmon Rogers** and his comm for their work.

1935: The editor and Taylor review work on BOOK with publisher's staff

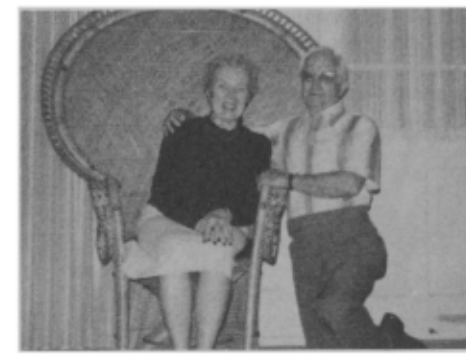
Bunny Wilby reports that early in Mar the WP Glee Club was in Houston for a benefit performance. Two first classmen stayed with the Wilbys and Bunny took them sailing on Galveston Bay. He adds that the latchstring is out to any of us who may be in or near Houston.

There were 10 at a stag luncheon at McNair on 1 May: **Rumsey, Rogers, Wheeler, Taylor, Simpson, Anderson, Schlanser, Bowyer, Waterman, Robbins.** We turned out 35 for a picnic at McNair on 11 Jun: **Kay St. John, Edna Hill, Esther Agnew,** Taylors, Rumseys, **Pickards,** Rogerses, Watermans, Bowyers, Andersons, **Chapmans, Fiores,** Schlansers, **Keatings, Everetts,** Robbinses, **Boyles, Murdochs, Peekes.** Bernie Waterman,

1935: Sherdens, Maroun and Johnsons; Founders Day 1986, Ft Ord

our arranger of luncheons for many years, retired on 3 Jun from the staff of the Industrial College.

You may recall that in the Philippines in WWII we lost **Paul M. Jones** and **John Nieger.** I have received from Johnson '37 a copy of the full text of the story on the Cabanatuan Memorial (June '86 ASSEMBLY) with pictures. If you are interested in reading the entire article, drop me a line.



1935: The Springs' first anniversary

Birgit Buck, Jim Buck's widow, was married in Arlington on 14 Jun to Ed Furlow, LTC USAR, Ret. **Taylors Rogerses, Schlansers, Bowyers, Wheelers, Rumseys, Robbinses** and **Kay St. John** attended the ceremony and reception.

Al Foreman reports that as a former CO of the 504th AIR at Bragg (56-57) he was invited to attend the dedication of Tucker Hall, named in honor of **Reuben Tucker** who commanded the 504th during 6 campaigns in WWII. The regiment is now titled the 504th Parachute Inf Regt and replaces Hq 1st Bde, 82d Abn Div. Al also reports that he went to WP with **Bob & Marian Murrin** to see **42nd Street** at Eisenhower Hall. While touring around they ran into **Joe & Jean Wiechmann.**

Bill & Eulalie Proctor went to Pullman,

1935: The Proctors and Pecks

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1935: Tucker Hall, Ft Bragg

WA in May to celebrate (a yr late) her 50th anniv of graduating from WA State. While there they unexpectedly met up with Al & Lee Peck. Al started with us and graduated in '36. Lee Peck was attending her 50th from State. Bill reports that he last saw Peck at Benning in '40.

Jim Worthington says that he & **Kay** moved from Longboat Key to Sarasota last Sep. They are in a condo where he is on the assoc's Board of Dir. He keeps busy with tennis activities—playing, officiating and organizing. He also wants F Co classmates to know that after an operation his right leg is straight and the nickname of "Bandy" no longer applies.

1935: Peekes at picnic

John Growdon is a permanent resident of the AF Village Health Care Facility. **Moon Ferris** reports that John is able to care for himself to a degree. Moon adds that **Bert Wildes** does regular work at the Health Center. **Sailor Hawkins** is in a nursing home and his condition is best described as comatose—he does not recognize anyone. **Isabel Bidgood** suffered a slight stroke on 22 May and returned home on 20 Jun. She is able to walk with help. Her new address is 8536 Gates Head Road, Alexandria, VA 22309, c/o COL and Mrs. James Best.

Sid & Jackie Spring went to San Ant to check on the Army Ret Community where they expect to move when it opens in 87. They spent a pleasant evening with the **Ferrises.**

Bud & Fran Russ recently returned from a 3-wk visit to Vienna where they stayed with their daughter Lynne and son-in-law William Jamison, a FSO with the embassy. Fran's mother, Mrs. Stanton, accompanied them.

1935: Boyle and Murdoch at picnic

1935: Helen & Stu Fries; Founders Day 1986, Redstone Arsenal

George & Meg Eckhardt spent 3 wks in the Far East. They visited with their son-in-law, COL John Britten, who is in the J-5 Section, US Forces, Korea. The Eckhardts also went to Mainland China, Hong Kong and Macao. George & Meg recommend that those who are eligible take advantage of the "Korea Reunion" program. Meg is recovering nicely from her second cataract implant operation.

1935: Edwards, Gillis and Proctor, Mar 86

1935: Marie & Ed Ferris, 50th anniversary

In early Apr the **Ferrises** observed their 50th wedding anniv in San Ant. Their 4 sons and 3 daughters-in-law planned and carried out a 3-day celebration which brought the entire family together, including 10 grandchildren and a granddaughter-in-law. Highlights of the celebration included a "mixer" for 20 out-of-town family and friends, a barge dinner on the river, renewal of marriage vows at St Pius X Catholic Church followed by a reception at the Ft Sam Off Club for a guest list of 110 including classmates, Class widows and friends. Dan Ferris '71, a MAJ, was recently transferred to Korea where he cmds D Troop, 7th Cav, a helicopter unit.

1935: Haines being initiated by Court of King Neptune, crossing of Arctic Circle along coast of Norway, AOG cruise, June 86.

With regret we report the following and extend our sympathy to the families of our classmates. **Jim Alger** died in Honolulu on 19 May 86 and was buried wih full honors in the National Memorial Cemetery on 27 May. **Tommy & Rosemary Clarkin** represented our Class, with Tommy delivering a short but moving eulogy. **Frank McGoldrick** died in FL on 1 Jun 86 and was buried with full honors in Arlington on 5 Jun. Honorary pallbearers were **Schlanser, Twitchell, Wheeler, Waterman.** Also present were **Taylor, Everett, Bowyer, Rogers, Al & Jean Robbins. Juanita Growdon** died in San Ant on 29 Sep 85 and was buried in the Ft Sam National Cemetery.

'36

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Too much and too many of the Class centered around WP 21-24 May for this column to report much else—and with pleasure! 111 Classmates, 22 surrogates (mostly widows), 95 spouses (we are happy to say that to our venerable Class this means **women**) and 34 others (mainly children) were there. In fact, a good ol' southe'n boy might opine, "'Twern't nobody t'was anybody t'warnt thar!" Yet, lest we forget there were far from a few who tried but did not make it. To these we send our strongest greetings and affection. Among them was our truly, truly great **Russ Grohs** who has attended every conceivable type of reunion that we can remember. This wonderful man, father, and Classmate succumbed to cancer 29 May. Another was dear **Peggy Laurion** who has fought the good fight in her tragedy-ridden family (Larry with a perennially sick heart and the loss of two children) for many years. She passed on 5 Jun. Others who are or became travel-deterred because of illness could be listed as **Bill Covington, Frank Gillespie, Margaret Grubbs, Bill Haneke, Ruth King, Grace Layne, Rose Marie McCarty,** and **Bob Trout.** There were some too who failed to appear for other than health reasons. But in measuring true effort and sacrifice we must honor those who DID appear at our reunion despite their handicaps. There were stalwarts like **Louie Chappelear, Lyn Hosmer, Johnny Heintges,** and **Bill Kimball.** And finally—and because Chester Johnson '37 has worked so long and hard to memorialize certain heroes of Caba-

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1936: Soiree at 50th: Fr Gage, some (?) relative of Breaks, and Torreys

natuan in the Philippines (Jun ASSEMBLY, p 14)—we salute and missed **Carl Baehr, Larry Prichard, Bill Priestly, Karol Bauer,** and **John Goldtrap.**

Unquestionably body turnout spelled success for our 50th. However nothing like the perfection we enjoyed could have transpired without the tremendous effort of a few. May we extend the Class' highest approbation to financier **Bob Breaks** who handled beaucoup bucks, assisted in corralling classmates to attend our 50th convention, and who occasionally was seen a bit more hirsute than he is normally remembered. To the Class' premier algorithmist and stochasticist for unlimited effort—even while suffering from pneumonia—we owe gratitude cum laude. This is **Dave Chaffin.** Naturally goat **Gage** is awed by these engrs. And another one was **"Kerk" Kerkering** who engaged a super sized bus to transport upward of 73 passengers in most de lux fashion to and fro—DC to WP. The opportunity to visit and converse with long separated friends—a distinct disadvantage for the majority of the Class who had but two schedule-crammed days—was more than adequately available during the 25 hr bus trip! (I believe investigation might reveal that covered wagon journeys of a century ago posted a faster road mileage.) Kerk we thank you for the possibility to do a lot of good reminiscing with a few old friends. We are grateful too for the fine reproduction of our 1st class picture on old Washington Hall's steps which **Bob Fergusson** supplied. **Peggy Joyce's** VCR and **Bob Partridge's** video were appreciated by many. Another who performed quietly but impressively, and partly in a physically critical condition, was **Dave Hiester,** ably assisted by **Doris.** How much they helped the Class in detail will probably never be known. And then there were the Class aides topped by LTC & Betsy Reed, both of whom served us diligently—as they had on our 40th. Helping them, were CPTs Bruce Porter and Craig Gaetzke. **Ken Dawalt** and **Bob Safford** gave a supervising and coordinating assistance for many mos. We thank them and the unsurpassed writer and public relation genius **Ted Clifton.** It is he who designed our attractive black, gold, and gray "Statue" program, who obtained highly endorsed "The Way We Were" which old-time cadet girl Narda Reeder composed, and who chose, ordered, and delivered from Bailey Banks the esteemed silver picture frame, adored by all the ladies.

1936: Wash lunch with one of the outstanding men of Class—Ben Davis

1936: "Birds of a Feather—" scribe '36 with Class baby, Sibert, scribe '58

To many of us, 1936 seems to represent an uniqueness among all other classes and therefore it was quite natural that we held our own private memorial beside our own **Billingslea** statue. It was indeed appropriate that **Westy** contrived to honor our achievements and membership through the kami, or the manes, or the numen of that greatest of American soldiers, GEN of the Armies John J. Pershing, USMA 1886. And the final and most fitting remarks concerning us were delivered by the one and only **Bruce Palmer** whose notes in full follow herewith—

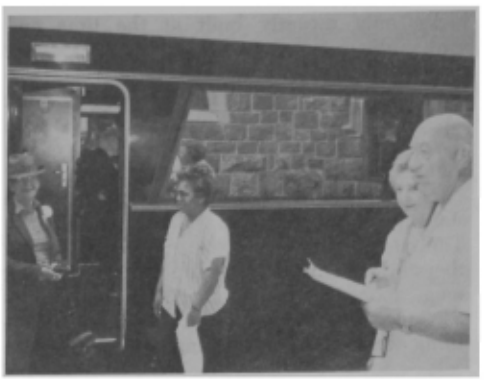
"Reminiscent Thoughts About The Class."
50th Reunion, USMA 1936

When Ken Dewalt and Ted Clifton asked me to make some remarks about the Class in retrospect, I pondered over an approach to the subject and concluded that the beginning was a good place to start.

1936: Proud Dave with granddaughter LT Deirdre Painter '84

We were born on the eve of World War I and grew up in the period of the 1920s and 1930s between the two world wars when the United States was preoccupied with its own affairs and largely innocent about the world. In many ways we were the products of the Great Depression that seemed to cast a dark shadow across our future. We were older than the normal cadet class at entrance and in numbers, we were smaller. But we were grateful for the opportunity to attend West Point and reported to Beast Barracks blissfully unaware of the blessings we were about to receive.

In terms of birthplace, we came from every state of the union—only 48 in number then—plus the District of Columbia, Hawaii, Alaska, the Philippines, England, Canada, Germany, and the Canal Zone in Panama. We came from every walk of life—from the country, from small towns, and from the big cities. Some of us were Army "brats" and as mother used to say, didn't know anything but the Army! Most of us arrived on 1 July 1932 and graduated in four years, although some liked it so much that they took five years to graduate and a couple of us, six years. In any event our sojourn on the Hudson seemed like an eternity, although looking back, few of us, if any, would turn down the chance to do it all over again.



1936: Trip boss Kerkering whose trek just missed being dubbed "40 years in the wilderness"

Each of us was assigned to a lettered company (A through M) in the Corps of Cadets that was to be our home for four years. Assignment was according to height, the tallest being sent to the 1st Batt (battalion) (Companies A, B, C, and D) and to the 3d Batt (I, K. L, M), and the shortest to the 2d Batt (E,F, G, and H). On parade this put the flankers—the 1st and 3d Batts on the two flanks, and the 2d Batt in the center. (Thus A and M Cos had the tallest cadets and F and G Cos, the shortest, the real runts. However, since many of us grew several inches during the four years, the so-called runt companies had numerous cadets who ended up six feet or more tall.) Runts weren't always sure of the reception they would get in the 1st Batt living in Central Barracks because they were often greeted with a wild cry, "Runt in the area!", bellowed by someone like Bill Shuler. And so we runts preferred to visit the "Lost Batt," the 3d, housed in North Barracks and enjoyed life in relative security far from the lair of the Commandant of Cadets, Batt Boards, and "Tacs" operating out of Central Barracks. Thus happy characters like Gordy Austin and Cecil Combs could be found in North Barracks enjoying the good life without a care in the world. (Most of the 2d Batt, incidentally, lived in South Bar-

1936: "Birds of Panama"—at 50th: Twaddell, Jones, Gapen, McCorkle, Monteith

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racks, only recently built at the time and sometimes referred to as "the hotel," but located close by to Central Barracks.)

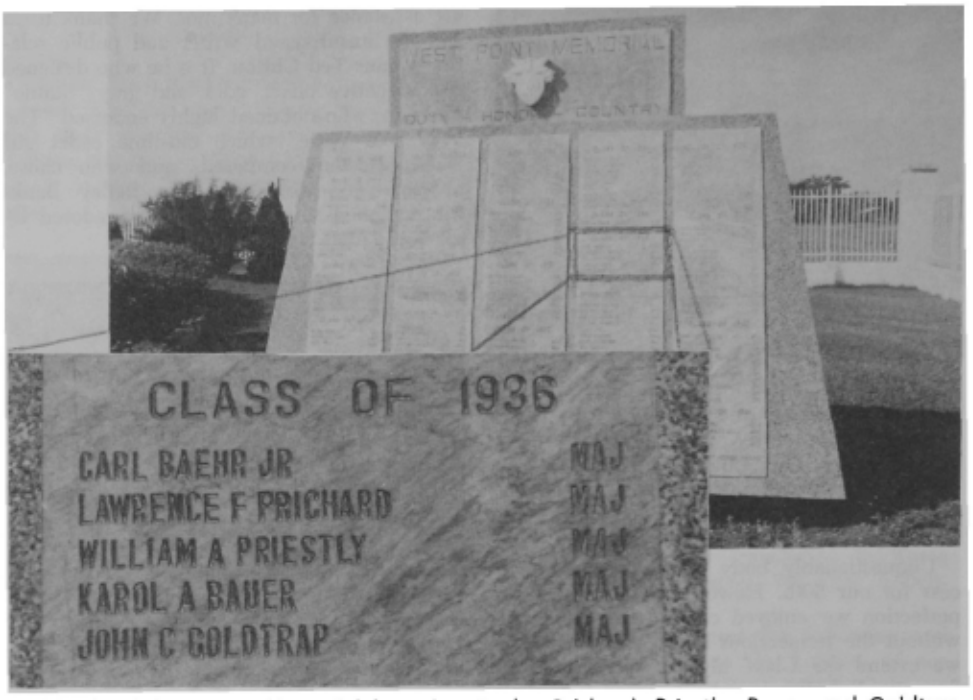
Plebe Christmas, Yearling Furlo, and First Class Summer were highlights, but I suppose the biggest thing was to become a 1st Classman and taste the joys of a weekend in New York, that is with the exception of those stalwarts who preferred walking the area in Central Barracks. We read ESQUIRE and thought of ourselves as sophisticated young men about town. Hotel Astor and Times Square were our oysters, and we blew everything we had on an evening at the 21 Club.

1936: Ellert, long-time absent from Point has Class's youngest son, Charles (15).

Our world at West Point was tiny, however, revolving around life in our own company and our roommates. Relentless studies, countless parades, three square meals a day in our gigantic mess hall, and frequent skirmishes with our "Tacs," which we always lost,—this was our steady diet. Although our Red Comforter squads flourished throughout the Corps, we did pretty well in both major and minor sports. Our unofficial heroes were the Goats who annually had to beat the Engineers in football if we were to prevail over Navy. "Tiger" Janof, Captain of the Goats, did just that our first class year. But our greatest heroes were our varsity football gladiators who battled it out with such worthies as Notre Dame and Pittsburgh. How can we ever forget gallant warriors the likes of Bill Shuler, Jock Clifford, Casey Vincent, Clint True, Whitey Grove, Russ Grohs, and Joe Nazzaro? And how sweet it was to beat Navy!!

1936: Shepard, first return to H/H in 50 yrs and looks like Class of '46

But something happened to us during those four years—we became members of a select band of men who had shared something special, something that comes only once in a lifetime and defies description. That special something put a little iron in our souls. We became not only members of the CORPS, but also a permanent part of that body—the CLASS OF 1936. Such things are "ne'er forgot," no matter what the future has wrought.



1936: The Cabanatuan Memorial honoring Baehr, Prichard, Priestly, Bauer and Goldtrap

When we reported to our first station, we joined another select brotherhood—a larger one—the brotherhood of arms that belongs mostly to professional soldiers but that will accept anyone who can live up to its code on the field of battle. We were also fortunate in other ways: we had a taste of the OLD ARMY, a small, tightly knit band that had survived despite public neglect and nonrecognition, whose older officers and NCOs taught us a lot about what being a professional soldier was all about. Our country was not at war, not yet, and so we had a chance to learn and mature a little before we were tested; we were spared the ordeal of going to war as brand new 2d lieutenants, a testing by fire that more than one West Point class has endured.

Most of us were not particularly surprised when Pearl Harbor occurred because we had been warned by none other than Colonel Herman Beukema, our professor of Economics, History, and Government. He repeatedly told us that war with Japan was inevitable and that it would break out sooner than later.

Before we went to war for the first time, a few of our less fortunate classmates had already left the ranks of the living, the victims of air crashes, accidents, and illness. Because of the luck of assignment, some of us were in Hawaii and the Philippines when the war began. Those in Hawaii managed to survive Pearl Harbor but most of those who survived the fighting in the Philippines were forced to surrender and many never made it back home. There was also that gallant band of '36 aviators in the Pacific—Cecil Combs, Dick Carmichael, and Clint True—who flew the first combat air missions of the war and fought their way back to the Dutch East Indies and New Guinea.

Before it was over, our classmates had served on every continent and all the seven seas. We were in the United Kingdom and Iceland; North Africa, Sicily and Italy; and in the Middle East. We were on Omaha Beach, in the hedgerows of Normandy, and in the Huertgen Forest; at the Siegfried Line and on the Rhine; in the Bulge; and when hostilities ended in Europe, on the Elbe and on the Danube. In the Pacific, we were in New Guinea, Leyte, Mindanao, and Luzon; Guadalcanal, New Caledonia, and Okinawa; and we were ready to invade the Japanese Home Islands when the first mushroom cloud appeared over Hiroshima. We fought in Burma, flew the Hump, and fought in the unfriendly skies of China. We also served in Panama and the Antilles, and in South America, as well as in Alaska and the Aleutians. But the toll was high. Some of us did not make it: killed in ground or air actions in North Africa, Europe, Asia or the Pacific. Other less fortunate classmates were POWs in Asia and Europe, living in "durance vile," some never to return home. Other '36ers were badly wounded or became seriously ill, succumbing before their time as a result of the war.

World War II, however, was not the last war or skirmish for the Class of 1936. We fought in Korea and one of us became a POW in China during the Korean War. We survived numerous Berlin crises and served in countless other trouble spots from the Caribbean to Greece, and from Laos to the offshore islands in the Taiwan Straits.

Some of us oldtimers also managed to serve during the Vietnam War at various times from the early advisory years to the bitter end. But in Vietnam, our sons, the flower of our nation's youth, bore the brunt of the fighting—some were killed in action, others bady wounded, and some fortunate enough to survive intact. Julie and Abe Abrams had two sons serving in combat units in Vietnam at the same time, while their youngest boy was living with his father at Ton Son Nhut airbase near Saigon.

Our Class godson, George Sibert, fought in Vietnam twice as a combat engineer and aviator. George from the Class of 1958 is the fourth generation of Sibert West Pointers. Two years ago his great grandfather's Class of 1884 held its Centennial Reunion at West Point—it was quite a gathering of kin. Another Class son, Roy W. Cole, III, Class of 1962, who also served in Vietnam twice, later became an ordained Episcopalian priest. Young Roy held our class memorial service at the Old Cadet Chapel during our October 1980 reunion when we dedicated this magnificent Soldier's Statue to West Point. Those of us who were there will not forget young Roy's soul-stirring words. Still another Class

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son, Brad Hosmer, stood number one in the first class to graduate from the Air Force Academy. And today you have already heard from Father Philip Gage, the son of our Class scribe and creator of the famous "BOOK," a pictorial documentary about our Class now permanently located at the West Point Library. Truly all of us here have much to be proud of.

Perhaps our Class will be best remembered for the lasting memorials we have given to West Point and our sister institution, the Air Force Academy. Both gifts are creative works that reflect the imagination, vision, talent and energy that abound within our ranks. This simple but moving Soldier's Statue is said to be the most visited monument at West Point; certainly there is no more meaningful memorial here. Another Class gift is the beautiful marble drinking fountain presented to the Air Force Academy in June 1972 as "a symbol of the common heritage of the two academies." I cannot mention all our classmates who made these memorials possible but some names lead all the rest—Chuck Billingslea whose creative mind conceived the Soldier's Statue, Howell Estes who energized our efforts, and Ollie Haywood our financier, not to mention Ted Clifton and Ken Dawalt.

1936: Normans, Grohs, Heintges, and Clarks at CO Springs. This is believed to be Russ Grohs' last picture

I know that this is neither the time nor place to boast about our Class, but I cannot help mention in passing that not many classes have provided three academy superintendents —Westy Westmoreland and Jim Lampert at West Point, and Bub Clark at Colorado Springs. Nor have many classes produced two wartime theater commanders who later became Army Chiefs of Staff—Westmoreland and Abrams. True we didn't produce a president, but we did have "our man" at the White House during President John F. Kennedy's time. In any event, our classmates were there to be counted when our country called and never shrank from their duty. If he were with us today, I know that our first class president, Bill Connor, would be very proud indeed of our Class.

We had no control of the times we lived in—an era of tumult and change unprecedented in the history of our nation. But we should be ever grateful for the fates that made us members of the Class of 1936, not for any high honors or great accomplishments, but for what we have and hold as brothers in a special group—our Class at the United States Military Academy.

And so let us dedicate this reunion to the memory of our departed classmates and other dearly loved ones we have lost, especially our young sons who were lost in battle. To all these souls let us say:

"You have fought the good fight;
You have kept the faith;
You will be in our hearts forever."

Finally let me read a poem written for this occasion by our class poet laureate, Jimmy Hughes, who put up with me as his roommate for four years. The poem is called "L'Envoi," a French expression meaning a sendoff—a kind of French aloha. Here is Jim's poem—

"These fifty years, how swiftly they have sped,
And of our classmates here may it be said—
The Men of Thirty-Six, alive and dead;
Have followed to the end where Duty led,
Defended Honor and for Country bled.
Pass in review here now before the Corps,
Renew the vow that long ago we swore,
Close ranks and to our Alma Mater dear,
West Point whose name we'll ever bear,
The Class of Thirty-Six salutes once more:
Report 'All present and accounted for.'"

Bruce Palmer, Jr. Co. E, USCC

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'37

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Shortly after I mailed the last column, **Bob Van Volkenburgh** called to tell me the sad news that **Whitey Mauldin** died 2 Apr. Services were private and I have no further info. **Finn** wrote to **Matilda** to express condolences of the Class. Whitey was entered on the Last Roll Call in the Jun **Assembly** together with **Tank Hardaway** and **Wes Calverley** on whom we finally got definite info from a lawyer handling his father's estate.

More sad news on the distaff side. On Sun 27 Apr **Dottie Martin** died after a long battle with cancer. She was buried at WP on 30 Apr beside their son Thomas, who had died at age 10 while they were stationed at WP in '48. **Lee** and his family attended the service and were grateful for the floral arrangement from the Class. A memorial mass was held the following Fri at St Ann's RC Church in Arlington which was attended by many classmates, wives and friends. Lunch was served afterwards at the Martin home.

Ida (Cissy) Agee, reported seriously ill in the Jun **Assembly,** died in the Univ hosp, Charlottesville, 24 May. Services were held in the historic Emmanuel Church with interment in the church cemetery. **Finn & Bayly Unger** returned to Charlottesville for the services.

I received a warm note of appreciation from **Bettsy Hardaway** in which she asked me to thank the Class for the beautiful flowers sent by the Class and for our support during

1937: The Taylors aboard "Spirit of Charleston"

1937: Van Volkenburghs and Eubanks aboard the "Spirit of Charleston"

the long yr of **Tank's** illness. I have been asked to help write Tank's obituary and would appreciate input from the many classmates and wives who knew and loved him so dearly.

I received a nice note from **Ruby & Tom Compton** asking me to express their thanks to the Class for the "beautiful wine cooler which was so warmly inscribed . . . we will display it proudly." An after action report from **Randy Hines** accounted for the funds received and expended in connection with the Charleston caper and for which congrats are in order. It was filed with our treas, Gus Prentiss. Notes from the hosts and hostesses asked me to thank the attendees for gifts, WP crested cocktail glasses, mailed to them in appreciation for their efforts on our behalf. **Stu O'Malley** sent some photos, too late to include in the last notes, but some will appear herein. In this regard, the excellent photos provided by Randy thru the efforts of his friends, the Hoods '43, were the best I have ever received but their reproduction in the **Assembly** was disappointing. I also received a commendatory (loved the Charleston Mini) and exultatory (continue them annually) letter from Houston booster **McDowell.** He hopes that the Wash gp "does not encourage such trite, truncated and treacherous thoughts," ie, discontinue minis after the 50th. I've heard nothing of the sort. If the West Coast doesn't come thru for the 51st, he will promote Houston. While in Charleston, he & **Rae** enjoyed a visit with the Westmorelands and afterwards Westy came up to the hospitality room to pay his respects to '37.

1937: The Tolsons and Connors at Hot Springs Rotorua, New Zealand

Because of the contrary weather, the cherry blossoms were a non-event this yr, but we were compensated by a visit to Wash of **Ann & Pop Metz** who were guests of the **Maliszewskis.** They graced our luncheon the next day with their presence. A large and convivial gp of 41 included the **Lemmons** and their guests, LTG & Mrs Gilles Turcot, Canadian Army Ret, the **Hobbses, Cains, Drums, Gildarts, Green, Halls, Hoskas, Lu-**

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1937: Ken Wade and Geo Maliszewski between the Teeters at Charleston

teses, Maliszewskis, **Mercados, Odens, Prentisses, Shives, Taylors, Teeters, Wilhoyts, Trixie Zehner, Jo Walker** and **Whittemore.**

The following evening the **Maliszewskis** entertained the Class at home. On Sun a small group accompanied the **Metzes** to the Latin Mass at St Matthews Cathedral and lunch at the Jefferson Hotel. In the evening **Eddie Besson** had a group in for a cocktail buffet to meet her guests, **Bob & Katrina (Maybach) Aldrich** of Saunderstown, RI, and her daughter Kathy Maybach and husband ret Navy CPT Todd Earle.

In the latter part of May the **Mercados** attended the wedding of their granddaughter Andrea to Stefan Amann in Munich, Ger. Stefan is an electrical engr with Siemens. The ceremony was performed by the bride's great uncle, Father Franz. Before returning home, the Mercados treated themselves to a leisurely cruise down the Rhine from Basel to Rotterdam.

On 30 May the **Clarkes** had a delightful party featuring smoked turkey expertly prepared by Fred. During the party I was able to draw out of **Kelley Lemmon** what he's been up to. He had recently helped assemble and train a team of 40 men and 30 women, ages 25 and up, for the Natl Masters Competition in Ft Pierce, FL. They won first place! **Hank Byroade,** who has been somewhat under the weather since his visit to the PI last Jan, has recovered and appears to be his old self again. **Marty Green's** wrist appears to be back to normal after he shattered it in a fall last Jan.

Vic Mansfield reported that **Cecil Himes** did the Great Wall of China in Apr and got a good look at the Chinese Army. Vic had also been in touch with **Donna Lyons** who reported that **Carl** had recovered from his opn and was up and about.

I received a note from **Hallock's** daughter-in-law concerning a family reunion at Lake Bomoseen, VT which turned into a belated surprise 70th birthday party for **Houghton** during which his family honored him "with a gift in his name to the WP Fund, to be used by the tennis team program and Cadet Chapel activities, two areas Houghton participated in as a cadet." Congrats Houghton! You are possibly the last to join our distinguished 70 Plus Club.

1937: Randy Hines and Swede Ohman, Charleston

Jim Peale was in hot Sedalia, MO recently to welcome into the world a grandson, his first, courtesy of daughter Lisa. Previously he had been on vacation in Vancouver with son Ken.

1937: The Hipps, Johnsons, and Ohmans aboard "Spirit of Charleston"

I received a late report from **Bill Amos,** with photos of a reception for **Tom & Ruby Compton** given by his son and brother-in-law upon their triumphant return to CA. **Hope Amos** missed out on the festivities by having to attend a conf of Episcopal Church Women.

1937: Ruby & Tom Compton at home

Another successful luncheon in Jun with 21 attending even without some regulars on vacation (the **Frasers** and **Odens** with **Mette Parker** on the AOG cruise to North Cape, Norway). The comm consisting of **Hoska, Maliszewski** and **Mercado** did a wonderful job getting out the fit as well as the lame and lazy. **Bob Seedlock** brought **Jack Schermerhorn,** recently out of Walter Reed intensive care and now in Fairfax Nursing Home. He is much healthier than when seen several wks ago. He had been moved by ambulance (respiration too bad for air evac) from Homer, MI with two breakdowns on the way. He's trying to decide whether to move here where his two daughters live, both married to grads. We met one of them, Dawn Glass, '61, a very lovely and personable young lady. The other daughter Kathy is married to Laughlin '68. **Lee Martin** wobbled in on cane, a balance problem. **Fred Diercks** was back from a visit to Brasilia where he attended a meeting of the Cartography Comm of the Pan American Inst of Geo & Hist. He is secy of the institute's US national sect. **Wilhoyt** gave a progress report on the 50th. By now you should have the first bulletin with all details. **Jack Polk** came minus brother Jim who had to cancel out. Jack is working on an obituary

1937: Buck Forney, Don Richards and Frank Harrison at the Comptons

for **Doug Quandt.** Also **Trapper Drum** is doing same for **Bud Underwood** and **Poopy Connor.** They deserve your support in this noble effort. Send them your input on these famous classmates. Among other things, **Finn** discussed our contribution to the WP Fund. It has come a long way since the 35th Reunion when Finn was called to the head table in the Mess Hall to make '37s contribution to WP (what contribution?). With his customary aplomb, on his way to the podium he slipped a personal blank check in an envelope and went through the motions. Later, treasurer **Gus Prentiss** made an honest man out of him, thereby sustaining the reputation of the Class. All were happy to see **Jimmy Duncan** who finally got to the luncheon. **Lemmon, Robbins, Teeter, Taylor** and **Whittemore** completed the roster of attendees.

Gus Prentiss is handling the finances for the 50th Yr Book. **Scott Hall** is digging out a lot of very interesting data on classmates and deserves the support of all of us whether "fur or agin it." **Betty Spengler** and **Jerry Stumpf** have mailed out in Jun a special 50th Reunion invitation to all widows of the Class that we have been able to track down. Any widow who has not received a copy contact Betty, Jerry or me.

If you missed the excellent article on the Cabanatuan Memorial by **Chester Johnson** in the Jun **Assembly** you should pull it out and read it. Unfortunately space limitations required deletion of over 50% of the original. Anyone interested in the deleted material can contact me. Either Chester or I will oblige. In the deleted material he set the record straight on **Colin Kelly:**

1937: Ingmires; Founders Day 1986, Ft Sill

". . . Kelly, having completed a flight to Northern Luzon, was approaching his home base, Clark Field. As required he was observing 'radio silence' and thus did not know that Clark Field was under attack. Just as his plane broke out of the overcast . . . , two Japanese fighter-bombers . . . spotted Kelly's B-17 and emptied their ordnance into it. With his tail gunner killed, two crewman severely

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wounded and his plane afire, Kelly ordered his crew to bail out and struggled to maintain his crippled plane at an altitude which would permit those who could do so to parachute successfully. This act of utter disregard for his own safety which saved the lives of more than half of his crew but cost him his own constituted an act of heroism which far transcended that for which he was cited."

On 24 Jun the **Drums** had an elegant cocktail buffet in their luxurious Shoreham West apt. In addition to many members of our Class there were well-known members of other classes and the military community. **Dottie Preston** was sporting a fancifully decorated cane to help with a depth perception problem.

Ann & Pop Metz returned from Russia with many interesting tales. Their scheduled visit to Kiev was changed to Yalta which they found very interesting. They also kept crossing paths with **Bill & Nedra Snouffer** who were with another tour group. The **Unger's** new address is 7217 Valon Ct, Alexandria, VA 22209. I erroneously reported previously that the Ft Bliss Airfield was named after **Bud Underwood.** It was the Golf Course where he spent so many pleasant hours during ret. I am often asked how many of us in the Wash area. There are 36 classmates, 29 wives and 16 widows. Eight mos and a butt until the 50th!

1938: Co B: Sternbergs, Mary Kelley, Moormans, Wallaces, Works, Artmans; SA Mini Reunion Nov 85

'38

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On 11 Mar **Bob McBride** died of cancer at a clinic in Paris, France. For many yrs he was the Paris rep of a US investment firm and was in ret from that second career. On behalf of '38 **Stilwell** wrote condolences to the widow, **Denise McBride.** Extracts from her reply follow, "We left Paris 4 yrs ago exactly to settle in a little Provencal village where there is a lot of blue sky in sight and the air is pure. His passion and activity was turned towards our garden. Unfortunately his heart deteriorated rapidly and he could not do as much as he would have wished. I shall live in this house and watch the results of his efforts to make plants grow and flower. Bob was a good man, we loved each other, he made me happy and I miss him terribly."

On 11 May **Warren Williams** died of heart failure at Duke Medical Ctr. Until recently he appeared in good health, but had a heart attack on 5 Apr and quadruple bypass surgery on 14 Apr. He then contracted pneumonia and did not survive the continuing complications. Many classmates, their wives, widows, relatives and other friends assembled at Arlington Cemetery on 16 May. We met his widow, **Sara,** and other relatives at the admin bldg prior to impressive graveside ceremonies. Sara commented that she & Warren were scheduled to attend the reactivation ceremonies for the 504th Abn Regt, his WWII outfit, and later were going on an overseas tour. They enjoyed our SA mini reunion. Warren was an accomplished pilot of fixed wing and helicopters. He was respected and admired as a pioneer leader in abn ops. **Hank & Fay Crouch** came to the funeral from their home in Raleigh, NC. Other relatives attending the graveside ceremonies included their daughter, Mrs James Vanderweide of Durham and 3 grandchildren; 3 brothers, Dr Keenan, Bucky & Robert; a sister, Mrs Ray Leonard plus other family members. We mourn the passing of these two classmates and sympathize deeply with their families. The Crouches returned to Raleigh immediately following the funeral services. Hank told us that he had obtained a master's degree in math at Duke U. Then he taught at NC State U for about 14 yrs. He is now ret and keeps busy with yard work, golf and other activities.

1938: Harrington, Mrazeks, Millers, Brown; Stilwell party

4 Apr note to **Bill Smith** from **CH Anderson,** who lives in West Ger, "I wrote this check about a mo ago, but forgot to mail it. Sorry about that. This is a negative report: have not seen anyone. Have not heard from anyone. Have not taken any cruises, etc. Am living with the slide of the dollar into the basement again." Andy enclosed a column by Herb Caen in the **San Francisco Chronicle** dated 21 Jan 86. In that column **Clint & Fran Harvey** were reported to have given an elaborate dinner party for Josephine Harvey, their 3-yr old Yorkshire Terrier, and her guests, 2 poodles. Andy noted that the "little doggy in question had the front page of their last Christmas card." Obviously Andy does maintain an interest from afar in activities of classmates and other friends in the USA.

25 Apr Ft McNair luncheon was attended with wives by **Beverley, Bixby, Brown, Conell, Harrington, Lewis, Lotz, Miller, Missal, Mrazek, Art Smith, Stilwell** and **Blackburn;** alone by **Chavasse, Nim Collins, Dupuy, Bill Smith,** and **Walson. Paul Davis** attended with his guest, Joyce Rivera. He has moved to the following address: 811 526th Place, Arlington, VA 22202; Tel: 703-684-4017. He now has more opportunities to garden, jog, and other outside activities. Stilwell informed us that **Muriel Amick** had left WRAMC hosp to return home in Cornwall. **Mary Kelley** had sold her residence in HI. After a visit with her son in Boston she will return to San Diego. Ultimately she plans to move to the SA Army Ret Community, when the unit she has reserved is ready for occupancy. Dick talked to **Gene Kelsey** about the FL mini reunion next Jan—a 4-day cruise from Cape Canaveral. Gene & **Paul Cornwall** are arranging for this cruise with a local FL travel agency. More comments about this appear later in this column. Bob Brown is still busy with income tax matters but is on a more leisurely schedule since 15 Apr has passed. Some other subjects discussed at this luncheon are reported below with notes on the 21 May luncheon.

1938: Stilwells—Bill, Diane, Alice & Dick

Bob Demitz telephoned your scribe on 2 May giving me an update on his activities. He has arthritis badly and has invented a scooter to get around without walking. He uses it everywhere in the house and carries it with him in his car for use when needed. Fellow arthritis sufferers may contact him direct for more details. He has his own ultralight aircraft, which is serviced and maintained at about a 60 mi trip from his home. He had intended to keep it in FL at **Bob Kuhn's** airport, but this airport is more conveniently located. He gave a very graphic description of his first solo flight in an ultra-

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1938: Mearns, Schmidt, Harrington at picnic, SA mini

light, which was made after minimal instruction. Most of us would want more guidance in preparation to drive an automobile for the first time. He no longer teaches at the U, but keeps active with the many and varied activities described in previous columns. Bob communicates frequently with Kuhn and **Mrazek** about ultralights. He also keeps me informed about his activities.

17 May was **Bill Smith's** 70th birthday. His three daughters, their husbands, his grandchildren, and other relatives assembled at the home of daughter Elizabeth Jean Juhnke where the three daughters displayed remarkable teamwork, ingenuity, and efficiency in surprising Bill with a birthday party. Some of the guests were fellow church members and neighbors; some were Bill's coworkers at Fairfax County Planning Off, including Levi Brown USMA '46 (brother of **Desloge Brown.**) George Smith (Bill's cousin) & wife attended from Bethlehem, PA. **Bob & Ann Brown, Jim & Miriam Lewis,** and **Nick Chavasse** were among the many friends and family who enjoyed the cocktail-buffet and watched Bill open presents, assisted by his grandchildren. The three sisters surprised Bill completely and the birthday celebration was well-planned and enjoyed by everyone. The love, respect, and devotion displayed for Bill by family members and others on this occasion were impressive.

1938: Patsy Eaton, Harrison, Huglin, SA mini

21 May Ft McNair luncheon was attended with wives by **Beverley, Bixby, Bob Brown, Harrington, Lewis, Miller, Mrazek, Sussmann, Voegtly,** and **Bromiley;** also by **April Adams, Chavasse, Nim Collins, Jane Hulse, Johnson, Schmidt, Bill Smith** and **Walson. Paul Davis** also attended with his guest, Joyce Rivera. The **Missals** were moving to their new address: 203 Yoakum Parkway, No. 1226, Bldg No. 1, Alexandria, VA. 22304. Tel: (703) 461-8027. The **Conells** both had hosp appts that conflicted with this event. **Tess Kopcsak** was playing golf. She went to Camp Le Jeune recently and visited Pete Kopcsak and family. She is playing golf regularly. **Chun Cha Ryan** had to meet a guest arriving at the airport at the time of the luncheon. **Shirley Lotz** was in Holland with their daughter, who had a second son (7th grandson) on 17 May. **Junie** was en route from Capon Springs, WV to their Alexandria home. The **Bromileys** were visiting their daughter Joan, who lives in the area. They had been to Scott AFB and to So ILU to see their grandson commissioned 2LT in USAF. Their other daughter, Lynn, is married to BG Paul Harvey USAF, and they are celebrating their 25th wedding anniv. Dick & Edith are considering the Army Ret Community in San Antonio. He plays golf in FL regularly with **Harvey Barnard,** but commented that '38 classmates and families in the Sarasota area are thinning.

1938: Sights, Cornwall, Harmon, SA mini

Bill Sussmann replaced all interior doors in their home with solid core pine doors. That involved six ops per door for 12 doors, and countless man-hours. Their daughter with her husband and their 4 grandsons visited the previous week, plus their other daughter who lives in the DC area. Bill supervised the grandsons while **Mona** and their daughters went shopping. He was unable to find a target range, but entertained them with some shooting with airguns under close supervision. **Kent Schmidt** plays golf regularly at the local Poolesville course and will soon have his 70th birthday—more details about that later. The **Beverley's** son, LTC Hank Beverley, Arty, enters the regular course at AWC in Jul. Son Col Frank Miller, Jr. & wife Joan, visited **Frank & Peggy** recently en route to Ft Bragg. Frank & Peggy will attend change of cmd ceremonies at Ft Bragg on 28 May when Frank Jr assumes cmd of the 20th Engr Bde. **Nick Chavasse** attended a conference at Cocoa Beach with about 400 weathermen. On such occasions some unusual weather (floods, hurricanes, tornadoes, etc) usually occurs. The weather was perfect but the jinx held when the weathermen observed the rocket failure for the weather satellite. Nick concluded that the launch should have been postponed until after the weathermen had departed! During his FL visit Nick found **Harvey Barnard** was looking good, but **Peg** was hospitalized for surgery. Nick spent the night with the **Colemans** and they did some boating together. The Colemans are also interested in the SA Ret Community.

On 9 May **Jim & Thelma Mrazek** went to Guatemala and Honduras where they visited ancient Indian ruins. In some areas they were accompanied by armored vehicles and armed escorts. Jim was much impressed by the ruins of Antigua, built by the Spaniards in the jungles to European standards with limited resources of craftsmen and materials. They both agreed that there was too much of interest to see in 10 days.

Jane Hulse said that her health was much

1938: Co A: Hendersons, Kay Broberg, Howell, Izenours, Lipscombs, Johnson, Macombers, Chavasse, Baileys; SA mini

improved. She had visited her son and his family in Atlanta recently. **Lloyd Johnson** returned to his Lake Barcroft home in early May from Marathon, FL. He has already completed his golf round for the '38 Challenge Match. Last wk he attended the 50th reunion of **Kitty's** class at a Philadelphia private sch and also made an endowment in her memory. **Bob Brown** announced that the next monthly luncheon would be 10 Sep. Those present gave him & **Anne** resounding applause in appreciation for the fine arrangements he makes for these luncheons. The **Weinnig's** address in our roster should be changed to 184 Fairfield Drive, Warrenton, VA 22186; Tel: (703)-347-1535. **Rosalie Folda,** widow of **Jaroslav Folda,** had planned to attend the luncheon on 28 May but had to change her plans to have surgery at John Hopkins Hosp in Baltimore soon thereafter. We hope to see her at future Class activities and her address is **Mrs. R. G. Valentine,** 210-D Timber Trail, Bel Air, MD 21014.

27 May letter from **Bill Strand,** San Antonio, "**Tug & Lynn Hallinger** have postponed their planned yr in Ger so they can be present for the arrival of a new grandchild in the fall. **Hugh & Jan Wallace** are immersed in plans for the Jun wedding of their daughter Margaret to Mr. Wayne Collins. Bill & **Dotsy** Strand started on an extended trip with their trailer on 1 Jun. They are going to WI to visit his mother then on to Banff and Lake Louise, Canada; Portland, OR to visit **Neil & Marge Van Sickle** and then to Sacramento to visit their daughter Kristin & family. **Bayers, Wallaces, Coiras, Singers, Wrights, Knoxes, Macombers,** and **Evelyn Hartman** were among the guests at a lovely party **George & Debbie Artman** had in May at their beautiful TX heritage home in Seguin."

1938: Smith at 70th birthday party with daughters Bee Jee and Shirley

9 Jun, additional SA note from **Polhamus,** "In May 86 **Lo & Doug Polhamus** visited their two sons and their families in Europe. Their son who is stationed at Wiesbaden will

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be transferred to Wilford Hall Hosp in Sep 86. Their son who is stationed at an RAF base in Salisbury, England is completing one yr of his tour and will probably be reassigned to the US in 87." 9 Jun telecon with **Frank Miller**—the ceremony at Ft Bragg when Frank Jr assumed cmd of the 20th Engr Bde "went beautifully." Frank wore his uniform and said that it was a great sight to be with all those troops again. The parachute club made a spectacular precision jump. **Peggy's** two brothers-in-law, BG Francics J. Roberts, '42, and Col Lee Cage, '42, attended this ceremony. 10 Jun from **McHaney**, Ft Walton Bch, FL, a few extracts about the Golf Challenge Match, "Hopefully everyone has heard about the F Co Challenge Match. Its objective is to prove once and for all that, when it comes to golf, we runts are hard to beat.—If, after posting your official score, you are not already convinced of the above truism, send your score card and your handicap to your Co team Cpt." **Demitz** and **Sussmann** sent checks, but will not play. **Breitweiser, Johnson, Lynch,** and **Howell** are A Co team members. **Nev Howell** stated there may be others and adds, "If my wife **Lenore** wants to get into this great match, I will gladly spring for the additional fee. On a good day and with her handicap, fame and fortune may fall easier on that great co which in the good old days heard many echoes of "best appearance at parade today—Co A!" Other than Co A, other cos have had difficulties in obtaining 4 team members to compete. L Co will be represented by **Ed & Doris Machen, Tom Sibley,** and **Jim Lewis. Milt Barchdorf** responded, "Sorry I must bug out on participating in Mac's challenge golf match although I concur that it is a great idea. It has been some time now since I played golf; however **Emily** & I make it a point to walk the course quite regularly to prevent the old frame from completely collapsing. We seem to have too many irons in the fire taking precedence over golf—at least for the time being. We finally made it to an Army-Navy game last Dec after a lapse of several yrs. Enjoyed seeing **Wallace, Self** and **Smith, W.W.** for the first time in some 45 yrs—had anticipated a much greater turnout of our classmates since the 85 team was one of the best in many yrs. I am still involved in matters concerning the inland waterways and related port and terminal development which I enjoy doing very much along with occasional pleasure trips with Emily although that has become a little scary with the increasing threat of terrorism around the world."

1938: Harringtons, Schmidt, Bromileys; Ft McNair luncheon

Jack English has arthritis and gave his golf clubs to his son. Others in L Co did not play golf, or did not respond to the challenge. 26 Jun **Bill Smith** had received entry fees for 17 classmates and others are expected

1938: Madge & Don Williams

soon. Results of this match will appear in the Dec **Assembly** col.

13 Jun the **Stilwells** entertained the regular attendees of our monthly luncheons at a delightful cocktail buffet party in their home. **Lloyd Johnson** was in Seattle visiting his daughter and her family. **Bill Smith** was in Harrison, ME visiting his daughter Shirley, and her family. **Dupuy** was accompanied by Egyptian General Taha L. Magdoub, former ambassador to Poland and staff off during Egyptian / Israeli peace negotiations. **Junie Lotz** surveyed our group to determine how many would go to the next mini-reunion, a FL cruise on 26 Jan. He concluded that more than half of those present plan to go, with some undecided, and a few with other commitments. There was much discussion of plans for the summer. **Nim Collins** was leaving on 14 Jun for a visit with her son and his family in Boston. The Stilwell's daughter **Barbara** was arriving with two grandchildren next wk. Their son, **Bill Stilwell,** attended the party from Seattle. Their daughter, CPT Diane Stilwell, has just completed active duty in recruiting and will start a new asgmt soon in mil procurement. Bill and Diane mingled with our group and we enjoyed getting acquainted with them. This was a very pleasant summer evening in the Stilwell's lovely home and everyone welcomed the opportunity to visit with old friends.

1938: Elmores and Offers; Founders Day 1986, Ft Sill

Dupuy has published a new edition of the **Encyclopedia of Military History** and a completely new book, **Dictionary of Military Terms.** Later this yr he expects to publish another new book, **Understanding War. Bill Smith** ret from engr duties with Fairfax County Planning Off on 6 Jun and should be available weekdays for a full schedule of leisure activities. 21 through 25 Jun your scribe & Miriam enjoyed a **Lewis** family reunion in OK. The five surviving siblings & spouses had a great visit together. 16 Jun from **Gene Kelsey** about the responses to his letters announcing the cruise, "We have received as of this date 46 responses with 24 positive and 22 negative. I will let you know later what the final score is when all replies have been received. We assume that you have all received an information letter about the Class mini aboard a cruise ship out of Port Canaveral, FL departing on 26 Jan 1987. If anyone has not received the info and is interested, get in touch with Gene Kelsey at 305-783-4247. It promises to be a fun trip at a very significant discount on a good ship. It will give you Yankees a chance to thaw out in mid-winter. Make your reservations as early as possible and plan to attend."

We appreciate the contributions of info from many sources and request that everyone use **Assembly** columns to keep the Class informed about significant activities. Let's all assemble for the cruise!

'39

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Just returned from a 6-wk RV tour of the Southwestern US. Had a good time: saw the natural wonders of the region, visited a few classmates and got some pics.

Our first stop was Dallas, TX where we visited daughter Susan and family. Called **Sammy Kail** who reported he & **Mary Margaret** in good health. Sammy is in local politics as precinct chm and election judge. He is active in military orgs for the ret and spends a lot of time keeping up his yard and swimming pool. MM is currently attending art classes. He asked us over, but our limited time in Dallas was spent with family.

1939: Art & Mary Allen, Adelaide Cleverly

Leaving there, we headed for Amarillo to camp on the floor of Palo Duro canyon. And then to Prescott, AZ for a visit with **Don & Rene Miller.** He met us on the edge of town and led us to the Point of Rocks RV Park. What Don told in his letter, last spring, about his Shangri-La in Prescott was not much exaggerated. We met Rene at the house which is sited on two and a half beautiful acres of natural desert landscape, improved by plantings and garden structures they have

1939: Trahan and Richardson

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1939: Linc & Roz Simon

put in. The house was designed by Rene to her liking and is very attractive. Rene does some writing. Don teaches history two days a week and plays golf three. We arrived at a very festive time: Prescott was celebrating its Sixth Annual Territorial Days. After observing the celebration, and some sightseeing, we ret to the house for a steak barbeque.

1939: Per Diem and PJ Long, Evelyn Price

Then on to Tucson for a visit with two more classmates & their wives. **Elder James** met us early one morning at the RV park and took us on a Cook's tour of U/A where he was dir of student counselling for 19 yrs after ret from the AF. We visited Old Main, a natl hist landmark, where he had his offs. In the basement was Army and AF ROTC. And we spent some time at the AZ Historical Museum. That evening we met **Erna** at the house for cocktails and then went out to dinner. Elder has made a good recovery from an accident a few years ago when a large tree limb fell on him at a picnic. For the last 8 yrs he has been fully ret except for his bee-keeping hobby. As a parting gift, he gave us a honeycomb and a jar of his honey—which was very good.

A few days later, we met **Dick & Gerry Reeves** for a delightful Mexican lunch, traded stories and learned of their upcoming 47th wedding anniv on the morrow. They are in their 5th home since ret from the Arty: Sierra Vista, AZ twice; Carmel, CA and FL. Gerry also does some writing. Dick is fully ret. We visited their church yard, took some pics and departed for Green Valley 20 mi to the south.

Green Valley is a ret community of about 14,000 pop containing four golf courses, about a dozen swimming pools and tennis courts, and three large social and recreation centers with facilities for arts and crafts, plays, square dancing, cards and what not. It is here **John B & Nancy Maxwell** live. We had an appointment but, a few days before John had an unfortunate accident. While riding in his golf cart, a dump truck hit him. He was thrown clear of the wreck suffering three broken ribs, severe cuts and lacerations. Fortunately, his hip which had just been replaced at the Veterans Hosp 6 wks before was not injured. We talked by phone. John was pretty sore but in good spirits. We hope to see him when we return to Green Valley in the fall.

1939: Adelaide Cleverly and the Dawleys

1939: Hamilton and the Mancusos

While in so AZ, I visited Ft Huachuca where I had served for 3 yrs with **McFerren, Kail, Geo Coleman, Ken Collins, St Clair** and **ER Ford.** Then we went no to the Grand Canyon, Painted Desert and Petrified Forest. Next stop was Albuquerque where we visited Addington '40, with whom I had served most of the 10 yrs from '42 to '52 at Huachuca, in the Pacific, and in Greece. All in all, it was a good trip.

1939: Elder James and Kepple; Tucson, AZ

And I returned to find some letters and a couple of pictures in the mail bag. **John Dickerson** wrote from Vienna about the **Dziubans'** short visit. He said, "As I don't want to invade Stan's right to tell his story in his own way, I will say only that he called about 1600, 29 May (on their way back to Italy from a visit of some days in Poland) to say they were already in Vienna. They came to the apt, parking their motor home in a street nearby. We three sat around and chatted 'til late, when I finally remembered the camera. I was following **Tom Dolvin's** dictum, when he was here, that whenever at least two classmates were together, we were obliged to send a photo report to the class scribe." (The scribe says that's a good dictum!) John said that he tried to persuade

1939: Dick & Gerry Reeves; Tucson, AZ

Stan & Betty Ann to stay the night with him, but they had all their clothes in the motor home and opted to stay there. John was scheduled to fly to the US shortly for about a 4-wk stay, returning to Vienna in mid-Jul. Later I learned more about Stan's European trip from **Lou Kunzig** who talked to Dziuban at the Jun Class luncheon in the Pentagon. Stan had used the motor home of an Italian colonel to visit relatives in Poland and was expecting the colonel to come to CA to borrow Stan's rig for a US tour.

1939: Price and the Gallaghers; summer picnic

Clyde Sutton reports that the city court of Atlanta pulled out all the stops 25 Apr in observing Clyde's 70th birthday, including a luncheon at the downtown Marriot complete with an award and commendation. Clyde says the entire affair was unnecessary and uncalled for—but he enjoyed every min of it! **George Winton** wrote Clyde that he & **Lucille** were to begin a 3-wk tour of Europe in Jun accompanied by their 12 and 14 yr old granddaughters. George said they were doing quite well and so was **St. Clair** whom he had recently seen.

Jack Fling from El Paso, TX and **Len Kaplan** from Coral Gables, FL each wrote of losing their Class rings during WW II. Jack, while on maneuvers near Camp Hulen, TX in 42; and Len, while swimming in the ocean at Oro Bay, New Guinea. Each would like to

1939: Don & Rene Miller on their back porch

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1939: Dziubans with Dickerson in Vienna

get another, but shy at the high cost and rather uncooperative attitude of Tiffany. (One would think at the prices that have been quoted they would be anxious to cooperate, but maybe Tiff's different). Jack said, "I wouldn't think any widow would want to part with something of that intrinsic value." True, but then maybe something could be worked out. Fling said **Willie Barnett** and **Levin Lee** are in the El Paso area and that he sees one or the other frequently at the WP Soc luncheons at Ft Bliss every second Tues. "The last luncheon was quite interesting. The Soc had 10 Jun declared WP day by the mayor. The guests included the new WP candidates and their families and, in addition, all present cadets from this area."

1939: Lasches and Atwells; Founders Day 1986, Ft Rucker

The summer picnic of the Wash group was held in Jun. **Lou Kunzig** wrote me about it. (I was on tour.) "Dinner was on the patio and fine back yard of **Steve & Ann Mancuso** in McLean, Sat 7 Jun. Weather was fine. **Harry Kinnard** enjoyed pointing out the special brand of scotch at the bar—'Kinnard' It was better than our usual. The grilled steaks and fixings were excellent, as was the wine which flowed and flowed. We all enjoyed ourselves and went home at a reasonable hour—as befits OLD grads." Lou sent along several excellent pics. Everyone was glad to see **Art & Mary Allen** who haven't been out for awhile. Lou added more info about Dziuban's European tour. Said it lasted two mos! Highlight was when Stan could remember enough Polish to converse with his cousins, who speak no English. Lou & **Bettye** flew to FL for wedding of his niece's son in Ft Lauderdale. Bridegroom is grandson of Lou's late brother Bing '30 who was Phil P when we were cadets. Lou said, "We spent a delightful night and day with **Joe & Dempsie McChristian** in their lovely turn-of-the-century home on Jupiter Isl. Both are in fine fettle. After the wedding, we drove across and up the Gulf coast to spend 3 days with **John & Dean McDavid** in Bradenton. We saw the sights of the Ringling museum and the beaches and had a fine time. John is recovering well from his op. **Bart & Dorcas Lane** came to see us off at the airport. They had just returned from a trip to Europe, but we had no time to get details."

And that's it 'til the winter edition. Hope you all have a nice fall. Don't forget to send on your news and your pics. What may seem commonplace to you is interesting to us, because it tells us about you and that's important.

'40

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Just before I put these notes to bed in late Jun, I called **Don Baumer** to ask how his planning was going for this fall's mini reunion at Innisbrook, near Tarpon Springs, FL. Don said that **Sandy** & he had just returned from a 3 wk vacation and only then had finished opening their mail. At that time, he had received 171 responses from our 306 living classmates. Of these, 80 classmates, most with wives, are definitely coming and another 31 are in the maybe category, asking to be kept informed. That is obviously a good turnout and, by the time you read this, we hope that many more will have signed up.

Administrative arrangements are about complete for '40's second visit to Innisbrook. Don clearly expects the resort to be on the ball when the Greatest Class comes in. Don reminded me gently that I goofed in my notes in the Jun ASSEMBLY; I quoted the schedule at Innisbrook as starting on Tue, 28 Oct. Actually, his reunion program begins Wed, 29 Oct and runs through Sat, 1 Nov. Still, Don and the Innisbrook mgt have accommodated those few who decided to report on Tue (incidentally, that's not the same thing as arriving a day early to begin Beast Barracks).

Now, if, despite all the mailings and advertisements, you haven't heard anything about this reunion, just give a call to Don Baumer at 813-938-5605 and see what he can do to help find you accommodations so you can join the growing group.

1940: The Hazeltines in Mexico

By now you should long since have had a letter from **Woodie Vaughan** on the subject of our 50 yr bk. You recall that Woodie wrote us last Dec, asking our opinions (on a self-addressed postcard) on the desirability of such a book. His latest letter gives the results of the survey: some 275 of the Class responded and, of that group, about 190—well over two-thirds—were in favor of some kind of a 50 yr bk. Unfavorable comments by the respondents seemed to focus on the projected cost of $100 to $125 per copy, which had been based on a hard-cover, HOWITZER-appearing glossy publication with color photos. In view of the strong reaction to the cost, Woodie asked **Harry Miley**, as the potential managing ed, to go back to the drawing board. They've come up with a proposal for a 50 yr book in the price range of $30 to $35 that will still include art work and photos, but in black and white. The centerpiece of the book would still be the individual articles by members of the Class: 500 to 1,000 words on almost any subject—serious, humorous, or both—with limited editing.

In his latest letter, **Woodie** asked that each of us start preparing his article (Woodie calls this a "vignette") and also that we each start collecting photos that would be useful to the publication. The articles and photos are due at the end of the yr—that's 31 Dec 86!—so that, if you didn't get his letter or happened to set it aside, it's time to dig it out and get your submission under way.

1940: Peter Goodwin, Sam Goodwin, and Hazeltine at Crossed Sabers Ranch

Dave & Betty Parker visited the DC area late in Apr while Dave gave an erudite lecture to sundry grad students at U MD about how to manage large engr projects. I called Dave in Jun to inquire if he'd been offered a chair in engr at any of the leading institutions. I found, instead, that the Parkers had just returned to Belvedere after a tour to the northwest to see Expo in Victoria, BC. Dave allowed that I'd found one of his favorite subjects: he thought Expo was top notch and that I ought to go, too. "I've been looking around," Dave said, "and there's a great deal going on out here that you may not know about. We left Belvedere about 3 wks ago and spent a night in Eureka, CA with **Bill & Ann Shanahan**, who invited **Tom & Arly Monroe** to dinner while we were there. We continued our drive north toward Expo, visiting campsites and fishing areas through OR. On our way back south we spent some time with the **Hank Daniels**, who have a very nice place on Puget Sound just outside of Olympia. We played golf a couple of times and particularly enjoyed a party that they had for us where the guest list included the **Frank Mandells, Harry & Zee**

1940: Ginna Strong, Hazeltine, and Bob Strong in Tucson

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Stella, Hal & Terry Brown, the **Roy Nelsons,** and **Dick Shagrin.** They all seemed to be getting on well—the area obviously agrees with them. We made our way back here to the Bay area in CA; I've determined that the golf course is still right where I left it. Now we're getting ready for another trip back east in Sep or Oct."

You remember, of course, that I offered to send an extra copy of the 1985 address book for '40 to each classmate who contributed to the Class admin fund. For a while it was an easy chore, there weren't too many and I could keep up. All of a sudden, though, our treas, **John McLean,** came up with a long list of contributors, so that I've fallen way behind. With your forbearance and patience, though, I'll get caught up and get these books in the mail.

1940: Barnard and Walters at Redstone Arsenal

Those of us in the DC area got the word, "11 Jun has to go down in the annals of WP history as one of its greatest days, for, as everyone knows, it was on that date in 1940 that 449 of its finest Second Johns sallied forth, most of them with their sabers on correctly, to take charge of the Army, including the Air Corps, and to eliminate the Axis powers. Forty-six yrs later to the day might be a good time to swap some yarns about those auspicious beginnings; so come on out and join your classies at a stag luncheon to celebrate the occasion." About 24 of the locals, ranging from **Dick Abbey** and **Mike Ahmajan** to **Fred White** and **Fred Yeager,** gathered to swap war stories and to agree that the Class of '40 was the ace in the hole for the free world.

1940: Peggy & Ford Fuller; Founders Day 1986, Ft Stewart

Jim & Barbara Maedler wrote to say that they were the only '40 reps at the Founders Day dinner at WP on 22 Mar. Jim enclosed a copy of the talk given by the principal speaker, Pete Dawkins '59, with some comments about one of our classmates. The speech opened with a reference to Ben Schemmer's slighting comments in the **Armed Forces Journal** about WP and took issue with

1940: Alexanders and Lewises; Founders Day 1986, Carlisle Barracks

Schemmer's conclusion that WP isn't needed because not enough WP graduates become generals. Then he illustrated, "I remember **Chuck Oglesby.** Born in MO, third in a family of 9 children, he fought and won a Silver Star on Luzon in WWII. Years later, our paths crossed when, during my cadet days, he was the cmdr of the Second Bde; and he & his wife **Ginny** frequently offered to serve as hosts to my weekend dates.

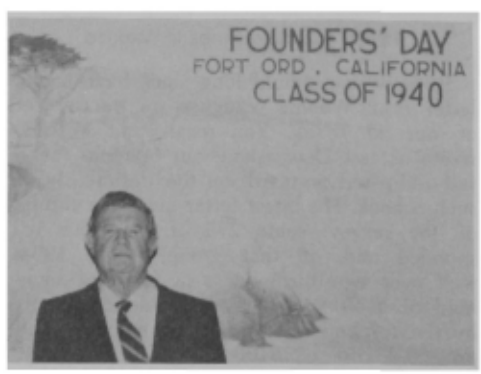
"They got me in terrible trouble during Graduation Wk of my second class year when I had **two** dates—the more understanding of them is with me tonight—and the complexity of neither knowing that she wasn't the only Jun Wk guest. Success rested on a delicate mid-week transition: a quick change of linen in the guest room, precision timing (Linda out on the 1100 bus; Judi in on the 1230), and care by all not to mix up the names.

"As you might have predicted, within 10 mins of Linda's arrival, she had been called 'Judi' three times by the Oglesbys and the jig was up. Only after a long and painful weekend did I realize that this was my hosts' way of registering a vote of 'no confidence' in my not-so-stellar plan.

"But that episode is not the reason I bring up COL Chuck Oglesby. The reason is that, although he was never promoted to general off, Chuck Oglesby contributed to our Army in so many ways.

"After serving as regtl cmdr at WP, Chuck, who had failed French at the Academy, learned Polish in just under a yr and went out to serve with true distinction as our attache in Warsaw. Not many yrs later he was off once again, this time to New Delhi, where he represented our country proudly and well. Even after ret, when Chuck & Ginny moved to New England, he served several terms as pres of the Assoc for Preservation of Cape Cod.

"Good deeds by a man of courage and character and pride. Our Army was enriched by his service and he was forged by this



1940: Eben Swift; Founders Day 1986, Ft Ord

place. What price-tag, Mr. Schemmer, are we to put on all of that?"

I'm sorry to report an item of bad news. We have word from his widow **Vivian** that **Robbie Robinson** died at the Bayfront Med Center in St Petersburg, FL on 7 Feb after a long illness. Our sympathy goes to Vivian, who can be reached at 1308 54th Ave NE, St Petersburg, FL 33703.

Hazy & Becky Hazeltine wrote about the 3-mo, 11,000 mi tour they started right after New Year's Day this yr in their 27-ft motorhome. They also found a way to reduce driver fatigue. Harry explained, "At El Paso we joined a caravan of 10 other motorhomes and trailers for a 31-day trip through the NW corner of Mexico and the Baja. Our motorhome, securely lashed to a flatcar, became our pullman for a thrilling ride over the Sierra Madre Mts, crossing the continental divide several times and arriving at Puerto Vallarta. After shopping, dining, and dancing, we took the ferry to the tip of the Baja and camped and fished our way to San Diego."

Hazy continued, "By early Mar, we had arrived on **Bob & Ginna Strong's** doorstep in Tucson, where we did a lot of reminiscing at a fine restaurant overlooking the city. We wandered on through NM, arriving at **Sam & Kiki Goodwin's** Crossed Sabers Ranch in Cerrillos just as their son Peter returned from China, where he's been engaged in oil exploration. It turns out that our last visit, in 1983, coincided with Peter's return from Saudi Arabia. We drove eastward through the southern tier of states, stopping at Arab, AL to see **Barney & Glennie Barnard.** The next day we drove to Huntsville, where **Jim Walters** joined us for lunch. Home again to Arlington without incident."

We look forward to seeing you all at Innisbrook. On to Tarpon Springs!

'41

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Sentimental journeys are not a bad way to go at our age. And **Kay** & I have just returned from a series that recharged the batteries and replenished the memory data bank. Our first stop was Las Vegas (on our nifty Eastern Passport); there, we helped celebrate the AF Assoc's 30th birthday. The "Gathering of Eagles" took place from 26 Apr to 1 May, and it turned out to be a **screaming** success!

Reporting in to salute the occasion and to enjoy "Old Airmen's" reminiscences were **KO & Nan Dessert, Pooge & Doris Curtis, Bert Rosenbaum, Fox Rhynard, Johnny Brooks, Dick Travis** (all the way from Mexico), **Al Hayduk, Jasper Vaughn, Kay** & myself. We were disappointed that more wives could not make it and that several who planned to be there had to CX: **Arnie Phillips, Rod O'Connor, Bud Thompson, Lew Elder** and **Ham Avery** who has a son living in Vegas. **Hilda** was there and phoned in greetings.

The highlight was undoubtedly the Confederate AF's fantastic show—flying the grand old WWII birds we love so well—and representing an era that may be recorded as America's high water mark—the war which we were **permitted** to win—after the count of nine! We told bunches of war stories, sang a few bawdy songs, and toasted the great '41 airmen who unselfishly paid the full price.

But we also thrilled at the sight of the present day AF—the Thunderbirds performing

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their impeccable demonstration and a tactical firepower demonstration that could only be described as awesome! And we noted that such names as **Rhynard, Stalnaker, Gauvreau, deJonckheere, Trimble, McDaniel** and **O'Connor** are **still on the USAF's active roles!** Chuck Yeager, Jimmy Doolittle, Jimmy Stewart, and Tennessee Ernie Ford plus some appropriately unadorned dollies from the follies put the icing on the cake and sent everyone home having shouted, "Well Done!"

1941: FL West: Cochrans, Snyders, McIntyers, Uptons and Molesky

Next stop the 86 invasion of beautiful New England. First impression: Pristine! Cruising down Rte US 87 from Montreal the reason for the comfortable feeling of beauty was soon apparent—NO BILLBOARDS! And the arrival at what, for a long time, was called Plattsburgh Barracks, was equally impressive: the huge brick quarters on one side of the parade ground with the barracks on the other; Post Hq at the upper end and the Off Club at the lower. You can imagine the adrenaline shot as I drove around the parade ground and recalled that my Dad took his initial military training here in 1917 to become a "Ninety Day Wonder." And to add to the special setting is the fact that PAFB is the home base of the 380th Bomb Wing flying FB-111s—the aircraft that taught Mr. Qaddafi a lesson!

Can't recall any of our airmen classmates being stationed at Plattsburgh AFB, and because the post was inactivated for a while, probably none of you Army types were stationed there, but the military history fairly oozes—a monument on the parade ground marking the center of the line in the Battle of Plattsburgh, 6-11 Sep 1814, and back of the Off Club (which serves an elegant cuisine) was another, marking "Ft Scott—the Right Flank" named for a gent, later to be known as "Old Fuss And Feathers!" Etchings can be seen of the Battle of Plattsburgh Bay, at about the same time, featuring the brilliance of CPT Thomas Macdonough who suckered the Britts into the bay he had

1941: VonScriltzes; Founders Day 1986, West Point

grown up on. The superior British fleet could not maneuver and were soundly trounced.

John Henschke, who was occupying the same apt in Waldbriettelbrunn as we had 3 yrs ago (teaching for USC) had urged me to try Plattsburgh and the outfit that he cmded in the Pacific. It was the best USC asgmt I have thus far had. Kay joined me toward the end, and we visited not only the key points of Old Plattsburgh but the unique and fabulous museum of Shelburn, just so of Burlington—a must for you who venture that way. We tried all three ferries on Lake Champlain and fell in love with that beautiful waterway.

To set up a tour for my class, I visited the nuclear power plant, Yankee Vernon, and then headed for the second leg of the sentimental journey—Lake Winnipesaukee where **Paul Larson, Arnie Phillips** and I spent the last wk of Furlough escorting three smashing damsels. **Tom & Alice Fisher** invited me to spend the night, and next day I had a chance to see Tom's very interesting prefab homebuilding op, "Post & Beam." He can put up a two-story four-bedroom home in days—bolting four, flatbed-carried, sections together. Daughter Margy and son Tom Jr are partners who will some day take over. After **Kay** arrived and I mailed my grades in we crossed the lake again heading for Mt. Sunapee and chez (au été—the Quebec influence) **Chapman.** These part-time Coloradans have a super cabin on the beautiful lake which they hope will remain a best kept secret.

1941: Campbells with the tree stump and annotated rings Potter made for this project, at the Abenaki Tower

Next day we journeyed to Melvin Village and "White Gate" the fabulous home of **Betty & Potter Campbell.** They spoiled us with elegance—the grandest country club we have ever seen, delightful friends, and last but not least a chance to learn that Potter is pres of AT&T! Don't sell your stock! In this case the acronym stands for Abenaki Tower and Trail Assoc. It is a tower constructed on high ground overlooking Lake Winnipesaukee's grandeur, and as the picture shows, Potter is very active in its preservation. Daughter Nancy has just received a commendation for her outstanding work in the Dept of Transportation, and daughter Bea & husband, COL Kempster, are settling into the second largest set of quarters in the Army at Aberdeen Proving Ground!

After we bussed them goodbye and headed for Logan Intl at Boston we again savored the billboardless freeways, the healthy looking trees and the beauty that is New England. And we started planning our next sentimental journey.

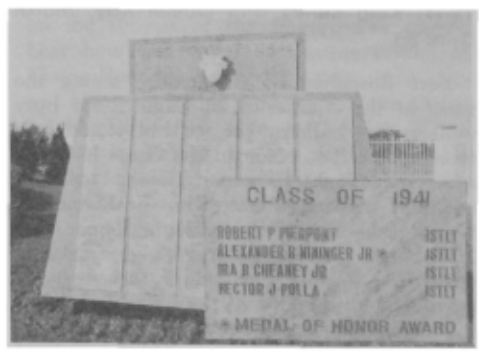
FLASH—A '41 FIRST!! **Riley King** sent in the pix with his mother, Mrs. Sarah C. King, and the 5 lb Redfish she caught on her **100th** birthday, 18 Mar 86. Riley managed to get it mounted in time to make ASSEMBLY He assured me that she is well and happy. He also reported that his ring has been stolen recently and that he called **Betty Clark** to learn that she had already given **Howdy's** to a classmate. Riley wonders if anyone knows the location of Mary Ann **Eaton, Danny's** sister who reportedly has Danny's and might want a classmate to have it. Riley's mother lives with him: 1911 E. DeSoto St; Pensacola, FL 32501; she'd love a belated birthday card!

1941: King with his mother Mrs. Sarah King with the fish she caught on her 100th birthday!

The BIG 45 FOR BLACK '41 will surely be a winner and over 200 reservations are in. By the time you read this it will have been another wonderful sentimental journey. And let's get behind the Army team for another goal-bound season.

We'll have special guests from the UK at the Big 45th. Dr. Henry Goodall, son of **Henry Blanchard,** and his wife, Wendy. Dr. Goodall has written the very interesting account of his childhood, his activities in flying and cricket, and his completion of medical training. Wendy is a nurse, and they were on a visit to the US 5 yrs ago that included a trip to WP at the time of our 40th. This super coincidence resulted in their meeting several members of the Class; now they plan to participate fully in the Big 45th.

You probably saw the excellent article in the Jun ASSEMBLY on the Memorials at Cabanatuan by MG Chester L. Johnson. After a long and difficult effort, the dedication ceremonies took place on 4 May this yr. Because of the constraint of space in ASSEMBLY the entire article could not be published, but for any of you who would like the full account, I'll be happy to send a copy. It is a very worthy project and one of which we can all be proud.



1941: The WP Memorial at Cabanatuan with insert showing names of our classmates

Another project being structured is the Class Memorial to be presented at the 50th. **Bob Keagy** chairs the comm assisted by **Harry Harvey** and **Hugh Foster;** they have received several suggestions and will consider any

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others. Let's make this project fitting; it could be our last HURRAH!!

And another important order of Class bus will be the dedication, during the Big 45th of the Bataan and Corregidor Collection (of the Nininger Papers). These vitally interesting documents have been assembled by Sandy's nephew, John Alexander Patterson, and he has donated them to the Academy Library for the use of the Corps of Cadets and interested researchers.

The production of ASSEMBLY is being modernized and will come out on a slightly smaller format with the new publisher. They plan to fully computerize in the near future and are considering 6 rather than 4 issues per yr. Having been associated with several ASSEMBLY editors over the years, I would certainly rate Paul Child at the top. Hopefully more '41ers will subscribe.

It is my very sad duty to report the loss of one of the most beloved ladies of our class—the following message dated 28 May was in my mail upon return: "Dear Friends, Our gallant loving wife and mother, **Doris Ann,** lost her battle with cancer on 24 May 1986. In accordance with her wishes, her ashes were distributed on the beautiful Columbia River. We are grateful that her long suffering has come to an end and that she is at peace." Signed **Wally Lauterbach** & family.

"HAS THE MAIL?"—Yes, bunches!

Walt Mather: "Son Walter Jr finished tour as cmdr 1st Bn, 36th Inf, 3rd Arm Div and is taking the '86 course of the AWC. We plan a family reunion—19 people—what fun! **Midge** & I went to Carlisle to arrange housing and were successful thanks to **Bill & Marie Clifford**—both looking fine. Last weekend at Southern Shores NC **Brad & Ruth Smith** hosted a 50+ person bash to celebrate their 45th! **Ann Coakley, Danny & Joe Danforth** joined us. The bride and groom looked great as did the Danforths, each of whom had recent surgery."

1941: King Kelley and Queen Kay, Mardi Gras 86

Bert Rosenbaum: "A pleasure seeing the gang at the 'Gathering of Eagles;' am busy with an apt building project, but would love to see you if you come to the Great NW this summer." **Tuck Brown:** "Thanks to your needle, I got out 30 letters on the Memorials Comm job—stop here en route home from Plattsburgh. Our daughter Pam gets married again in May and the end of the mo we'll have a family reunion at the Lake."

Horace Brown: "Found the enclosed article from **The Ivy Leaves** (Official Pub of the 4th Inf Div Assoc) reporting **Bill Linton's** funeral. **Betty Clark** is doing much better and sounded upbeat despite her frailties. **Ted deSaussure** plans to go to the 45th, and **Wendy & Jean Knowles** have purchased a house with acreage at Fairfield Mountain, 40 mi E of here. As for travelers—they are nomads!" **Ralph Upton:** "The weekend after your visit

1941: Harry Ellis; Founders Day 1986, Ft Rucker

we had **Mal & Alma Troup.** We went to Ft Myer and saw the **McIntyres, Seamans** and **Brookses.** Incidentally Brooks has a MI home 20 mi from us. We plan to have the Troups and the McIntyres en route to the 45th—how about joining us?"

Mike Greene: "Monthly luncheon, 17 Jun—Present: **Bodson, Canella, Deane, Elsberry, Green JO, Greene MJL, Gurfein, Hays, Lanigan, O'Connor, Stern & Tanous.** Bus: Why don't more DCers attend? Many kudos to **Herb Stern** and comm for the 45th poop; some queries about the ballot and the agenda; but generally a good time. The pix is of our youngest daughter, Kate Green Gray with Michael Knowles, **Wendy's** son. Earlier this yr, during Kate's visit to Bangkok, they met at Pataya, and Kate says he is doing a fabulous job working with refugees from Vietnam. Effective 1 Jul we'll have two sons-in-law, Mike Fellows '68 and Stan Gray '72 teaching at USMA. Mike, recent PhD from MIT, in the Engr Dept, and Stan, just back from 18 mo in Hong Kong, teaching Chinese. Both engrs—I never could make it, but daughters brought them in! On 27 Jun I ret from the Army Distaff Foundation—big celebration planned! Next day **Eileen** and I escape to our mountain retreat at Bryce Mountain; then on 3 Jul we're off to WP for a family reunion and my birthday—4 Jul."

Brad Smith: "On 20 May we received a letter from **Jeanne Matheson** telling us that **Chuck (Sandy)** had died aboard their boat in Punta Gorda, 14 Apr. It was a heart attack. She goes on to say, 'I still can hardly believe it. We had sailed across the Okeechobee and canal system to the W Coast and had been at this marina for a day and a half. We had played tennis that morning with friends . . . Chuck seemed fine and we won both sets. . . .' After lunch Jeanne went to the pool alone and returned to find that it had happened.

"Although we were close friends beginning at Stanton cram school and Sandy was best man in our wedding, we lost touch until the

1941: Chapmans, Spillers and Andrus; Founders Day 1986, Ft Carson

early 70s. Last winter on our way to FL we stayed the night with them, but talked more about the present and future than the past. So I need help with his obituary which Jeanne asked me to write. His roommate, **Francis Troy** was KIA in WWII, and he was still married to Hilda when he ret. So flash the word to the USAF types for details—he cmded the 394th Ftr Sq (SS-DFC-16AM) so he had quite a war record—send to PO Bx 244 Kitty Hawk NC 27949—any leads will be greatly appreciated. Our love to the high zip code classmates out there."

Fox Rhynard: "Here's my best effort on **Mickey Moore's** obit—we were very close for 40 yrs, even though we were only stationed together during flying school and the first 9 mos thereafter plus 1 yr in DC in late '50s. He was my best man in Charlotte and I was his in Sarasota. I have talked with **Mary Ann** and she is pleased but will want to "chop" the final copy before it goes to the AOG. We leave for the MT Ranch on 30 Jun." **Curt Chapman:** "The enclosed pix is of **Roy Kelley** who was King of the Mardi Gras for his krew (club)—a real honor! He is with his real queen, **Kay.** It was the second time we have attended the gala function. Just returned from a 3 wk trip in our gipsy trailer—highlites visiting **Rhynards** in Corvallis, **Briers** in Cheyenne, and a very sad stop in Brewster during **Doris Lauterbach's** final days. Son Mike was there from AK. Next stop Sunapee."

1941: Old, bold eagles: Curtis, Travis, Hayduk, Rosenbaum, Brooks, Dessert, Andrus and Vaughn

Dottie Henschke—from Waldbriettelbrunn—"John is now in Berlin for his third teaching trip and thinks it's a wonderful city. It's my turn this weekend; we have a border pass and have scraped the USA off our rear window. We're enjoying the castles and museums you told us about, and things are quiet and normal here, but the bases are still diligent—many MPs and German police. But the radiation must be gone. John hasn't been glowing in the dark lately!" **Jack Christensen** sent a copy of his recommendation to Keagy Memorial Comm—an innovative idea. He wrote to Bob, "**Bill Gurnee** and I discussed this idea years ago and on several occasions. We believed, and I recommend: "A Class of 1941 Fund, held, invested, and administered by the treas, USMA for short term loans to cadets at no interest as a living memorial of real service."

POTPOURRI: Another '41 First: The first class grandchild to report to an Academy! The young man's name is Ian Bates Winfree Bryan, grandson of **Ike Winfree.** He is scheduled to report in, along with the rest of the Doolies, on 1 Jul. We'll keep an eye on him and report his progress.

News clip reports—**Ambassador Rowny** to receive the Brent Award for Distinguished Service to Fellowman at the A-N Country Club on 20 May. "It recognizes individuals

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who, by personal example in their professional lives, have made significant contributions to Christian service." **Jerry McCabe** broke into print as honcho for Liberty State Park in Jersey City. Since he ret from the USAF (200 combat missions in WWII) Jerry has been active in FAA projects for the state and now is working on a 1½ mile Liberty Walk, a promenade that will stretch from one end of the park to the other—cost about $38 million. Announcements: **Al Hayduk's** son Scott will wed Wendy Sue Wagner on 28 Jun in Grand Junction, CO. **Skip Brown** announced that Weston Brown Howland was born to daughter Sue on 27 Jan. Grandma says he's a "keeper" and looks exactly like **George Scratchly Brown** at the same age. And **Mary Gauvreau** got a special birthday (26 Jun) gift: a granddaughter, Claire Elise Gauvreau, second child of Maya & Jim, whom you will recall were married on the Great Wall of China. The 8 # baby girl and mother are doing fine. **Jonat Atkinson** reports a new summer add: Rt 2 Bx 461 A, Highlands, NC 28741 ph: 704-526-4232. The Moffett Field Chapter Luncheon took place on 11 Jun—45 years after our hat toss—present: **Christensen, Borman, Carlson, Tuttle, Elder, Mullane, Thompson AG,** and **Lee LC.** During the scenic tour of Lake Sunapee, **Curt Chapman** swung his boat so we could see a small building on shore marked OODYC. We didn't come close to guessing what the acronym meant: Our Own Damn Yacht Club! A sharp-eyed reader of the latest ASSEMBLY noted that Capt Avdelas, skipper of the **Royal Viking** with a most distinguished white beard, appeared in pix under seven different class columns—a Guinness record? **Joe Reed** sent a note saying that for two years his mailings to **Bill Petre** at 21 Elliott Rd, Warren, PA 16365 had been returned with a directive from the Moguls of Mail not to reuse the envelope and that the forwarding order had expired. The Christmas Letter address above is wrong and I say, "No Excuse, Sir," but Warren only boasts 12,000 folks—and it would obviously be asking too much for the postman to deliver the mail to the correct address: See the Register—301 Quaker Hill Rd same zip. Incidentally the phone number in the Christmas Letter is correct.

1941: Michael Knowles and Kate Greene Gray, Pattaya, Thailand

Tail Feathers left over from the Gathering of Eagles: **Doris Curtis** is to be commended for not only surviving all the war stories and bawdy ballads, but for leaving everyone present with the positive feeling that she is our kind of gal, and we love her! **Jasper Vaughn** temporarily living in Vegas, was not only a tower of strength, taxiing us to various events, but he wore a powder blue dress suit and matching cowboy hat and boots to the banquet that turned the head of more than one lady present. You'll remember that he became an honorary member of the Class at the 25th Reunion while married to **Kay Dienelt** and having been in our flight school class. He's a winner! And sadly a note from him reported that **Ruth Freese's** son Brian, Jasper's step-son, died in VA in Jun. A PS from the **Henschke's** on a card said, "E Ger and E Berlin were an adventure!" **Tom & Jean Corbin,** who have been in the Carolinas caring for Tom's sister Sue, will return to COSp on 1 Jul. **Bob & Jo Kramer** were here for a short visit—stayed at **Mary Gauvreau's** and were royally entertained at her CC. Their card said, "We washed the clothes, repacked and flew to JFK on Fri after leaving CO. Spent 2 nights at Stewart Field and were at WP all day Sat with lunch at the Thayer. Nostalgic!" **Ham Avery** wrote that **Hilda** was home, that he had recovered from the bug that kept him from Vegas, and that he had represented the Class at **Sandy Matheson's** funeral. **Frank & Martha Gerig** sent a pix for the Memory Book and said they could not make the 45th. "But knowing I will get a book of pictures makes it much better."

1941: Cliffords and Meyers; Founders Day 1986, Carlisle Barracks

Upon our return the other day, Kay & I couldn't help appreciating again the freeways of New England—**free** of billboards. We were on I-25, a main artery in CO, and we felt a little ill.

At the wonderful mini at Hilton Head in Mar hosted by **Biss & Penny Moore,** your old **Will Vaughan** couldn't resist the opportunity to give me a barb with his incomparable wit. At a lull in the otherwise busy conversation, said Will, "By the way, have you all heard of 'The Gathering of Buzzards' that Burt & Kay are going to?" By whatever name, it was a great experience, and at our stage in life, there is nothing like melding in a healthy shot of pride to go with the nostalgia! YEA REUNION!!!

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At long last, a chauvinistic dream come true! The Class now has its very own Madam!! I refer, of course, to Madam Ambassador **Pat Gates** Lynch, appointed by the President in early May to be his rep to the Republic of Madagascar. I have no details as to the consequent perks, but can't you just see her & **Bill** in the midst of liveried servants, chauffeured limousines and all the other trappings that we've all aspired to and never attained?!?! **Crit Crittenberger** sent a copy of the Congressional Record of 12 May which noted that the Senate hearings would be held the next day, and added that Pat will also be the Ambassador Extraordinary (what else!) and Plenipotentiary of the USA to the Federal and Islamic Republic of the Comoros—without additional compensation! And as a follow-up, came a clipping from the **Sunday Tennessean**—from an unidentified source, but surely **Dopey Stephens**—gushing over the first party given by Gwen Cafritz in 6 yrs, attended by "our newest feminine Ambassador" & Bill. Heartiest congratulations to them both—and maybe **George Allin** can get us group rates to go see what life in Madagascar is all about.

Getting back down to earth, **Joe Cannon** just missed the last issue with word that he and a guest had joined **Jack & Lee Colladay, Jack Crowley, John Finney** and **Skip & Grace Young** at the Presidio of SF for Founders Day. **Bull Moose Spilman** (his call sign in Vn, honest!) made the bash at Ft Rucker, as evidenced herewith.

The last day of Mar was a gloomy one for us because we were out running errands just ½ hr too long, and as a consequence we missed a visit with **Lee & Ginger Cage.** They were on their way to the Keys after a happy time in Tampa with daughter Peggy & family, which included a new grandson! Their response to **Barbara's** letter of censure for not having alerted us reported a detailed tour of FL and some serious condo looking in the Daytona area. It seems that Lee has the bug, but the family ties are holding Ginger back.

1942: Our sr aviator appropriately pictured at Ft Rucker

A note from **John Baker** came just one day after my last deadline. He was advising of the death of **Jean's** father, BG E. C. Gillette, Jr, known to many of us as the longtime prof of Chemistry. A memorial service a Ft Myer on 25 Mar was well attended by the Class. The timing was such that John and son Matt (2nd Cl, USNA) were able to join the gang at the monthly luncheon. And on the subject of the Bakers, I'm eager to hear how their mini at Castine turned out. **Claire Horridge** wrote that they were signed up, along with the **Andersons, Jake Cooperhouse, Ec Cutler, Howie Fender, Charlie Fergusson, Pete Flor Cruz, Duke Grimshaw, Hank Harmeling, Sam Koster, John Mattina, Annabelle Ray, Rube Rubenstein, Pete Russell** and the **Ulsakers.** Since some of the names weren't in the plural, I don't know about spouses, although I can't imagine that many wives letting those guys go unattended! Could it be that they don't worry any more?!?! In any event, that's a great response for such a spur-of-the-moment enterprise, and I hope it was a smash.

Jeff Davis advised that **Charlie & Peggy Fergusson** were in town at cherry blossom time, occasioning a splendid soiree by **Bill & Helen Kraft** at the ANCC. A card from **Ray & Elaine Murphy,** b-aching their ab-

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1942: Rienzi, Rita Blair, Palfreys surround Palfreys' daughter Kits & husband

sence from FL on the good winter weather in CO. Off to England in early Apr to visit Elaine's daughter and thence a trip on the Orient Express. Elaine was much taken with its luxuriousness, deciding that it's the only way to go. So Murph picked a card which showed the facility in their room (Well, almost!).

Charlie Mizell finally gave up honest employment with the intention of improving his golf and tennis. Should we who have gone that route break the news to him gently, or should we let the truth slowly dawn? With a pass from **Lee**, he was about to join his brother in Montgomery for a couple of wks of tearing up the FL golf courses.

Tom Rienzi checked in with the news that they'd had an afternoon visit with **Doowillie & Sis Divers**, there for a boat trip around the Isls. **Tom & Clare** are planning to descend on TX this fall and then wend their way East to see Army do it to somebody. And isn't it nice to have some assurance that that's the way the game will turn out these days?!?!

Bunny Bonasso checked in to make sure that the circuits were open. Says he's working too hard and too long at his time-share bus—and that he'll probably stay at it as long as his health (and **Eleanor**) permits!

Having introduced our granddaughter to Disney World some yrs ago, we thought it only fittin' that we do the same for our grandson in late Apr. We realized our mistake when those 4½ yr-old legs not only outdid grandma & grandpa but also ma & pa! Part of the problem may have been that on our way up, we caught **Dick & Diana Reinbold** off guard, sneaked through the gate, drank some of the Gen's booze and were treated to a superb dinner!

1942: Hancel & Bob contemplate their escape

Fred Rosell sent a report on his trip down under. They had marvelous viewings of Halley's Comet, with outstanding ones from the Carter Observatory in Wellington and a special viewing site in the Southern Alps. Fred highly recommends New Zealand for its beauty and friendly people. He particularly enjoyed spending a night with two different farm families. Sheep outnumber the people there by about 20 to 1, cattle by 6 to 1! One farm had a herd of 600 deer, the venison being marketed to W Ger. CD's for 3-6 mos pay 21.5%, passbook accounts only 16-17%—but I spose you can't take the money out of the country.

1942: Ryders, Reinbolds, Plotts, and Murphys ready to roll

Bette Lou Plott obliged with news of the latest golf gaggle at Point Clear, AL, honchoed by **Fran & Polly Roberts. Charbonneaus, Horridges, Johnsons, Kosters, Markses, McAdams, Michels, John Murphys, O'Neals, Plotts, Rehkopfs, Reinbolds, Ryders, Shedds, Slatons, Vivians, Wymans** and **Rip Youngs** comprised the rest of the motley crew. **Don & Margaret Bolton** had to scratch when she couldn't face that crew in a weakened condition. The Plotts stopped for lunch with **Bob & Hancel Evans**—finding their dream home truly that—who led the way to Point Clear, spent one night in the Boltons' quarters and then wisely moved on! Liz Charbonneau took **Don's** place in the men's play. **Cheri Koster** was the winner among the

1942: Ray, Howie, Ted & Claire shine on the 19th hole

ladies on the 1st day. **Plott** and **Ryder** thought they had the men's competiion in hand that day until a certain AF 3-star laid a 67 on them! Don't worry, **John;** I never mention names! The males broke up a subsequent golf clinic by the local pro when they protested that he was spending all his time watching **Sue** O'Neal's waggle (a golf term, for any initiates!). The Army-AF competition was finally won by the Army—the AF wasn't allowed any recruits to put them over the top again! COL Plott had the dining room buzzing when he showed up for dinner one night in his plus fours and a spectacular jacket. However, I doubt that he was too pleased with the resulting inquiries from

1942: Polly & Fran bemusedly surveying their charges

other patrons, such as "Who's the man in the funny pants—Is he the Class clown—was he a general, the Class goat, etc." A surprise birthday cake for **Polly Roberts** prompted many toasts, good wishes and condolences. When the festivities ended, the Plotts and O'Neals followed the Shedds to a nearby Club, to which the Shedds belong, for just one more round, with Sue almost beating the bloomer boys. Thanks to **Joan Michel** for the photo coverage.

Thanks to Ken Zitzman, my '32 counterpart, I was invited to attend a CAUSA seminar in DC. Whatever the controversy over the org, it provided a superb education on the ways and the wiles of communism, as well as a gathering of ret military pers from the four corners. Among them were **Tom Rienzi,** who was subsequently to receive an award from the Armed Forces Communication Assoc before heading on for a visit with their son and to USMA. **Jack Barnes** made it a '42 threesome.

Pete Beeson sent a clipping regarding Dr. **Edward Martell's** research on radon. Ed's theory is that radon gas becomes a major cancer cause when combined with inhaled cigarette smoke and that the chemicals in cigarette smoke are not a major hazard until combined with radon.

Former E Co types should look in the Bulletin Board section in this issue for a request regarding historical input.

John Ely called to say that **Ed Aielo** had joined the Long Gray Line after a lengthy and courageous battle. A circulatory problem was the apparent cause, but I suspect that Ed was just totally worn out. Many of the Class attended the services on 3 Jun, with **Pete Flor Cruz** delivering the eulogy, and the **Moreys** plus the Bakers' son Matt representing out-of-towners. John also reported that **Crit Crittenberger** was in the hosp for a hip replacement. Too early for a progress report, but we'll count on a speedy and full recovery. Having said that, I'd like to

1942: Like the old days—the 2nd Batt is surrounded by flankers!

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chew you out a bit, Crit, for not having informed me of your forthcoming op when you wrote. Let's face it—aches and pains are of concern to all of us, and we can't be pulling for each other if we don't get the word.

1942: A San Antone fiesta with the Michels and Offleys

Don't think I reported that **John Ely** is the leader of the band this yr, with **Al Hunter** as his exec and the rest of the offs resignedly accepting their chores for still another yr! Fly has touched base with the AOG to make sure that the DC group is notified of any classmates' deaths and has promised to reciprocate when appropriate. Al apparently had quite a siege with a lingering infection following a hernia op but seemingly feels capable of coping with the DC Contingent, even in his weakened condition! Fly told me that **Corky Corcoran** had appeared at a recent luncheon, accompanied by a friend with a son aspiring to plebedom. **Carl Ulsaker** was able to give the lad the benefit of son Jonathan's recent experience. And back to Al who has an MD neighbor who is the son of our old coach, Bill Wood. Coach is in a nursing home in Easton, and if Al concurs, I'd suspect that a visit from any old jocks would be great for his morale.

Dopey & Jackie Stephens had a recent visit with **Hank & Charlotte Ivey.** Word from another source reports them touring in Portugal. Hank had received the Outstanding Citizen Award from the Fulton-S. Fulton Chamber of Commerce for civic contributions throughout the yrs. The list of his accomplishments testified that the award was well earned. Congrats, Hank.

1942: We can get it for you wholesale in Kapaa!

Returning to **Claire Horridge's** letter—the house and orchard are on the market, but the well-heeled, energetic buyer has yet to appear. Son-in-law Bob Seger was again privileged to be the Beastmaster this yr. One of his and Nicki's sons is in OCS at Benning; the other is a soph at the State U of NY. One of Joanie's sons just graduated from HS; the other is a jr at the U of MD. Following the golf gaggle, the Horridges spent a couple of nights with **Bob & Hancel Evans,** enjoying both their home in Montgomery and their houses at the lake, where they can sleep—and have done so—22! And you and I can remember when the Evanses didn't sleep any!!

In early Jun, **Barbara** & I traded our timeshare on nearby Marco Isl for one on Kauai, and as it slept 4, we invited **Butch & Bobbie Offley** to join us. They'd been back from Spain for at least a mo so were ready and eager! A very beautiful place, if sometimes damp, and we enjoyed immensely, including dinner one night at coochie-coochie Charo's restaurant! We did have one very restful night—after Butch took his 1½ hr wind-surfing lesson with the other young folks! Thence to Yuba City for a few days chez Offley, visiting with Bobbie's ma, Gerry Boyd, and bridging, boozing and basking in the sun, of which there's more than a sufficiency in those parts! Tried to call **Eric & Pat Orme** before they boated North, but too late.

1942: Sartorially splendid Sam, Ed, Larry and grand champion Phil

1942: Jeff, Jim, Bobo and Chuck made it to the 18th green

And, last gasp, **Phil Wyman** arranged another '42 golf tournament in DC. The group picture wouldn't reproduce, but I'm told that the participants were **Bortell, Bobo Clagett, Cockrell, Davis, Farrington, Ford, Gustaves, Hesselbacher, Koster, Mizell, Reid, Robinson, Sheffey, Slaton, Snow, Ulsaker, Vogel** and **Wyman.** Phil beat Robby in the championship (?) flt (after all, it was his tournament!), Sheffey bested Slaton in the consolation. Farrington won over Vogel in the 1st flt. Gus socked it to Charlie in the cons. Ford emerged victorious over Hesselbacher in the 2nd flt, with Davis putting it to Clagett in the cons. The low handicappers prevailed throughout except for Ed, proving something, no doubt. Like maybe we have a bunch of honest golfers! In truth, everyone won something, including the urge to do it again this fall.

Two thoughts in closing. Please remember that **your** deadline is a wk before mine, minimum! Think in terms of mid-Sep for the next issue, and do send in your summer news! Secondly, 1 out of 3 of the Class does **not** subscribe to ASSEMBLY, including some that I've written about in this column. Any ideas on how to recover the lost sheep—other than my writing 95 letters!!!

JAN '43

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We may not have turned the town upside down, but we sure had a great time at our mini-reunion here in the Wash, DC area, 9-11 May 86. According to **Charlie Heltzel** (our Class treas and official "head counter"), there were some 93 classmates (plus wives, friends and family members) "present and accounted for" during the course of this 3-day celebration, which included

- Cocktails and dinner at the Ft McNair Off Club on 9 May;
- A Class wreath-laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington Natl Cemetery on the morning of 10 May;
- A boat trip and luncheon aboard the cruise ship **Dandy** down the Potomac, or golf and tennis at the Army-Navy Country Club (ANCC) for those who desired to play, on the afternoon on 10 May;
- A dinner dance with musical entertainment (and even an informal bus meeting) at the Andrews AFB Off Club in MD on the evening of 10 May; and
- A farewell brunch at the Quality Inn in "Pentagon City" (Rosslyn, VA) on the morning of 11 May.

Certainly, the most poignant occasion during this mini-reunion was the ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery, where some 22 members of our Class are interred. All of the arrangements, plus an introduction to the Old Guard and the wreath-laying ceremony, were made to perfection by our former Cmdr of the Old Guard, **Joe Conmy,** with Chaplain **Bob Kurtz,** providing the invocation, prayers and benediction. The actual placing of the Class wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier was performed by **Johnnie Baer** (Class Pres) and **Bob Kurtz** with the able assistance of the Old Guard.

For the sports-oriented "mini-reunioneers," **Ed & Dot Bennett** arranged for both men's and women's golfing at the ANCC, while **Dee Armstrong** and **Peggy Knowlton** made comparable arrangements at the ANCC for tennis.

Jan '43: In memoriam: "Tony" Antonioli 9 Apr 20–7 May 86 and "Buck" Taliaferro 9 Mar 18–22 May 86

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Jan '43: The 43rd Jun-in-Jan reunion of San Antonio clan

The men golfers included **Ardery, Barger, Benson, Burlin, Butcher, JJ Cobb, Dover, Fiss, Frankosky, Hackler, Lowry, Lundberg, McDermott, "Hoppo" May, Pavick, Schofield, Shaw, Bob Smith, Starnes, Sykes** and **"Tote" Talbott.** The lady golfers were **Barbara Barger, Dot Bennett, Jean Cobb, Barbara Fiss, Jo Hackler, Ginny Harrington, Mary D. Starnes** and **Kay Sykes.** The tennis players (with the exception of **Ted & Marge Seith**) are identified in the snapshot that accompanies this column—thanks to Dee Armstrong.

Jan '43: McDermott wishes the best to Sykes at his ret

Meanwhile, some 75 other classmates, wives and members of their families enjoyed an afternoon of sparkling clear weather and good food while cruising down the Potomac on the good ship **Dandy**—all of which was most efficiently arranged by **Bob Baden.** That evening at the Andrews AFB Off Club, we gave a standing ovation to the Army Choral Group's rendition of a number of rousing old-time and Broadway musical songs. During the brief, informal bus meeting that followed the Army Choral Group, **Joe Benson** and **Bill Knowlton** discussed plans for our 45th and 50th reunions, respectively, at USMA, and **Pete Grimm** followed them with a description of his initial planning for our big "half-a-century" anniv yearbook. Then **Bud Hood** took the floor to invite us all to Charleston, SC for our next mini-reunion in the spring of 87. Subsequently, Bud advised me that

- The mini-reunion is now scheduled for 26-28 Mar;
- He will send each of us an info bulletin on this "mini" by 1 Sep; and
- He will follow up with an "are-you-coming letter" by 1 Nov.

Suffice to say that the informal response to Bud's invitation was and is continuing to be enthusiastic—what better place is there to "do the Charleston" than in Charleston?

It is interesting to note that, of the 93 classmates who attended our DC mini-reunion, some 49 were "out-of-towners" (ie, out of the immediate DC, VA, MD area), which included **Jim & Marjorie Aleveras, Dave & Barbara Barger, Bob & Marilyn Beightler, Vic Cherbak, Bob & Shirl Fishel** and **Bob & Bobette Watson** from CA; **Buck & Ann Buckner, Rex & Betty Dettre, Bob & Alice McDermott, Pete & Ann Pavick, Bill & Mary D. Starnes, Bill & Marilyn Stewart** and **George & Kay Sykes** from TX; **Bob & Libby Bullard, Jim J. & Jean Cobb, Jack & Jerry Dulaney** and **Les & Pat Harding** from GA; **Chet & Harriet Butcher, Pappy & Jane Doyle, Kirby Gean, Brad & Millie Lundberg, John & Emily Raaen, Jack Upchurch, Joe & Nan Dover** and **Hank Wyline Saylor** from FL; **Bill & June Dannacher,** and **Buck Stahle** from PA; **Jim & Jo Hackler, Ralph & Sally Hofmann** and **Bud & Marcia Hood** from SC; **Bob & Kay Burlin** from MA; **Ed & Ginny Faust** from LA; **Tut & Frances Frakes** from AL; **Hank & Mary Greenberg** from OK; **Bob & Marjorie Lawrence** and **Bill Smith** from NY; **Art & Mary Sebesta** from NJ; **John & Nan Linton** from NC; **Dave & Maryellen Lowe** from TN; **Bill & Dolly Neale** and **Ray & Hannah Ruyffelaere** from CO; **Hoppo & Lucy May** from MO; **Russ & Dottie Smith** from AZ; **Bob Smith** from OH; **Hal & Mary Walker** from CT; **Pappy & Rosemary Wilkes** from NH; **Wray & Nina Page** from "downstate" VA; **Fred & Helen King** and **Bob Wood** from nearby MD; and **Ben & Jane Anne Edwards,** who have just returned after a number of yrs in Saudi Arabia and may "repossess" their former home in Alexandria, VA. We enjoyed seeing all of you "out-of-towners" and only regret that there was not more time to sit down and chat a bit about what's been going on in your lives these past few yrs and, in some cases, decades.

Jan '43: M Co "flankers" at mini reunion in DC

Fortunately, there were a number of "shutterbugs" among us (eg **Bill Stewart, Russ Smith, Bob Baden, Bud Hood, Jim J. Cobb, George Rebh, Bob Bullard** and **Dee Armstrong**) so, thanks to their thoughtfulness and generosity, I have received more than 100 snapshots that should include almost everyone who attended the reunion. Some of these snapshots appear in these Class Notes and some will appear later as space permits. Incidentally, the classmates who appear in the snapshots entitled "M Co flankers" and B Co files" may be identified as follows:

- M Co (standing, left to right) **Seith, Hofmann, Starnes, Watson, Gean, Stewart, Conmy** and **Roach**; (kneeling) **Lundberg** and **Minckler.**
- B Co (front row, left to right) **Edwards, Jack Armstrong, Dempsey, Pavick** and **Page**; (rear row, left to right) **King, Baden, Lowe** and **Wilkes.**

Jan '43: B Co "files" at the DC mini

May was also a mo of sad tidings because we lost **"Tony" Antonioli** in Northport, AL on 7 May; **"Buck" Taliaferro** in Rancho Palos Verdes (LA), CA on 22 May; and **Jim Huntley's** wife **(Bunny)** in Falls Church, VA on 4 May. Some of the details are as follows:

- According to **Verlie Antonioli,** Tony was buried in Memory Hill Gardens with an honor guard from Ft McClellan performing the military honors, including a 21-gun salute and the playing of Taps. After Tony ret from the Army in 72, he led a very quiet, relaxed life—devoting his time and energies to gardening, fishing, writing short stories (mostly about his experiences during the Korean War) and his children (Valerie, Virginia and Vincent) and grandson, David. To paraphrase the words that Tony's roommate wrote about him in our Jan '43 edition of the HOWITZER, Tony was a "romanticist who readily adapted himself to the realistic ways of USMA and the Army" — an infantryman through and through, yet one who scribbled the following touching lines on an old brown paper bag that Verlie found in one of his drawers after he died;

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Jan '43: The mini-reunion tennis contingent: Armstrong, Grimm, Kate Armstrong, Beightler, Peggy Knowlton, Stewart, Marilyn Beightler and Marilyn Stewart

"Who is that man on the mountain? Follow me and you will see. He is ageless and fearless and is a wonder to behold. He stands on his mountain watching our dwellings--particularly our places of worship, nestled along valleys, rivers and streams. He listens to all of our prayers from all faiths and religions. He is beside us in the spring, summer, autumn and winter. He is with us in sorrow, pain, tears and joy. He knows all wonders of the world--the Pyramids, the glaciers and the highest mountains all over the world. Who is that man on the mountain? Yes, He is truly our GOD."

Jan '43: Russ & Dottie Smith at the DC mini

- **Buck Taliaferro** was interred at WP, but at the memorial services for him in CA, his chaplain reminded those present that "Buck was a big man with a big smile--a man of firm convictions. He read a lot of science fiction and was good with anything mechanical--he could fix things. Buck was also a good cook and had a collection of diets, but he never tried them for more than a few days. Some folks called him Dick; his classmates remember him as 'Uncle T' (the T standing for TX), but I just called him Buck--a man that you could always count upon."

Jan '43: Hal & Mary Walker wih Heltzel at mini

- As you may recall from our Class notes in the Dec 85 issue of the ASSEMBLY, the **Huntleys** had a very serious fire in their home in Falls Church on the evening of 11 Sep 85. Jim and his son beat down the flames to rescue Jim's wife, **Bunny** (who has been partially paralyzed for a number of yrs) and her mother (who had been living with them). As a result of smoke inhalation and the trauma associated with this narrow escape, Bunny spent quite a period of time recovering in the WRAMC, but she retured to their renovated home early this yr. Then, on the night of 4 May, she quietly slipped away in her sleep. Bunny was interred at Arlington National Cemetery on 7 May.

Jan '43: The 1942 Natl rifle champions 44 yrs later: Beightler, Baer and Wehrle

We join together in extending our deepest sympathies to **Verlie Antonioli, Helen Taliaferro, Jim Huntley** and also to **Fred Spann,** whose father (COL, USA, Ret) died at the age of 96 and was interred in Arlington National Cemetery. **Jim Frankosky** advised me that our ex-classmate **Rex Crockett** (who was **Darrie Richard's/Hoppo May's** roommate at USMA, served with the 1st Marine Raider Bn during WWII, and became a COL in the USMCR) died of a heart attack in Tulsa, OK on 1 Dec 85. We have no other details.

Jan '43: On the dance floor at Andrews AFB with Jean Cobb and Bob Smith

Thanks to the Ed O'Donnells '44, we learned that the **Dimitri Kelloggs** are now located at 5-1 Estate Nazareth on St Thomas, Virgin Isl 00802, and will be visiting South America via a tramp steamer this fall. Please amend your 1 Apr 86 "Roster of Classmates and Their Wives" accordingly and, at the same time, change **Joy Bixby's** address to 901 Brookside Drive, Eugene, OR 97405. We still need new/validated addresses for **John Healy, Jeb Stuart** and **Bill Talbott.**

Finally, we offer our congratulations to:

- **Bob McDermott,** who was featured in a series of articles on USAA in the **San Antonio Express-News,** 27-29 Apr;
- **Buck Stahle,** who was Chm of the Gettysburg Bicentennial Comm commemorating the founding of Gettysburg in 1786;
- **Joe & Nancy Benson,** who are the proud grandparents of Joseph Samuel Benson (their third grandchild) born on 17 Apr 86; and
- **Bill Brady** on the occasion of his ret from McDonnell Douglas.

So remember, it's down to Charleston, SC for our next mini-reunion from 26-28 Mar 1987!

JUN '43

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MOMENTOUS THINGS have been and are taking place, the staccato drumbeat echoes in the hills and the pace quickens. By now almost all of you are aware that our plans for the Thayer Memorial Gate have been accepted by USMA, the funding is adequate but should be augmented to insure infallability, and a time schedule for the construction and ultimate presentation has been established. As **Lee Hogan** said in an earlier letter to a project supporter, "No previous class has undertaken a more imaginative or impressive tribute to the Academy." Then **Will Cover** proffered a key resume of what has transpired that puts the Class in the excellent posture it's in: "Dedicate in '88! On 22 May 86 a Class Gift Comm team composed of **Ed O'Connor, Bill Glasgow** and **Howie Wickert,** along with architect Frank Eliseo, made a highly successful formal presentation of final design and a report on financial status to the Supe LTG Scott and about 25 of the post staff at USMA. Approval was verified. And plans are on track in close coordination with the post development scheme for 'New South Post'." Urgent prior bus commitment kept chm **Headcastle Morris** from being present; however, much of the comm success was due to Jack's earlier liaison work with LTG Scott. Inasmuch as time is being encapsulated, the plan is for the gate dedication to take place at our 45th Reunion in the fall of 88, specifically the Northwestern football weekend of 23-25 Sep.

OFTEN GREAT MINDS run along the same pathways, and so it was with **Ken Smith** who wrote last Mar with the idea of making our 45th Reunion a real whoop-de-do. His feelings were that the longer we wait the fewer can gather at the bar--now I'm not sure that the comm heard him or felt his presence but all he had to do was ask and WOW! you get results. **Bill Calnan** returned from the hosp on D-Day last, neck-braced and on the mend at home. It seems that a wk earlier while visiting **Wickert's** Chesapeake chalet Farniente-on-the-Bay he was pushed or fell through a deck railing landing on his head. Ouch! Another recovery-ite is **Lynn Jones** (wife of **Alan**) who recently duplicated Alan's earlier heart by-pass surgery all done by the same skilled surgical team that operated so well on Alan (now hale and hearty).

PASS IN REVIEW: Unfortunately for the last time--**Fred Proctor** whose ret physical some 13 yrs ago uncovered leukemia, died of that ailment on 5 Jun in NH. Although he had been in remission for several yrs, his condition worsened of late and he had been in and out of the hosp. After military ret he worked for the Educ Testing Svc of

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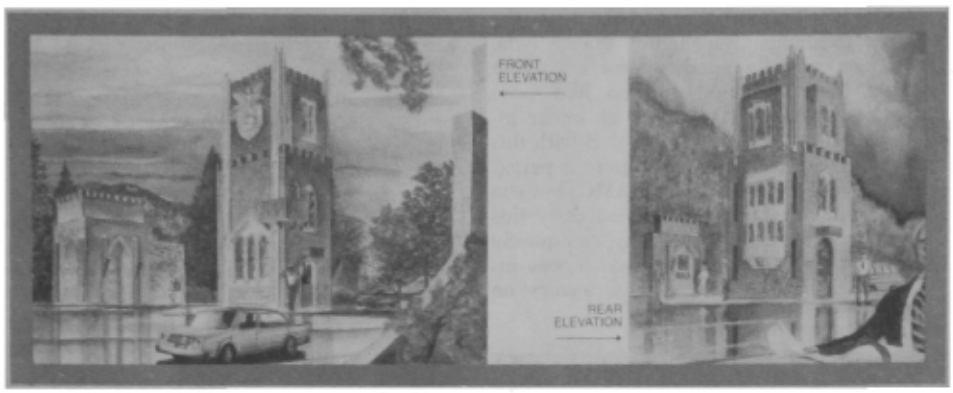

Jun '43: Thayer Memorial Gate

Princeton until 83 when he & Mary ret to Bedford, NH. Fred had been instrumental in the dev and building of our first Class gift, the mini-park and fountain opposite Smith Rink (no more). Of late he had been the NE rep for the Mem Gate fund raising. Thanks to Will, **Bill Roos** and **Jake Brier** for keeping us posted. Another friend of other wars and days, **Pinky Winfield,** passed away 12 Feb in his sleep of natural causes. He had been watching TV when **Phoebe** went to bed; she found him there the next morning. **Les Hardy** who was in Scottsdale, AZ came for the funeral and according to Phoebe even shovelled snow from the sidewalks, something he told her he would only do for Pinky. Burial was in the Natl Cemetery in Springfield, MO. A Class donation to the USMA Fund was made in his name for which Phoebe is most appreciative. Pinky and I enjoyed each other's company in Occupied Japan and Nha Trang, SVN; if ever anything brought us to life it was Pinky's gravelly cackle. Alas, we'll hear it no more. God Rest, these your servants, and bring peace and compassion to those who loved them.

MEMORIES, AH MEMORIES: A note from the Old Perfessor himself, **Rog Hilsman,** who is still mounting the podium at Columbia. Not to diminish his lights, Rog has been of late a Fulbright Distinguished Lecturer to India in 85 wherein he spent some mos in 15 different cities which brought him in contact with high govt offs and military leaders. He expects to keep teaching at Columbia until forced ret in about 3 yrs. And then he & **Eleanor** plan a publishing bus and in all probability one of its first efforts will be a Chinese cookbook by Rog-Hil-Mon (who else?). His academic return to USMA control was to determine the non-de-chevalle of a particular colonel whose well-known pronouncement vis-a-vis horses and their posteriors shook a lot of saddle-borne types. The name supplied was Finkelstein. Meanwhile Rog honestly does have an advance from Doubleday for an autobiography, and I shall hound the bookstalls until it is released just to see how the horsehide came out. Will sent me a caricature of a mid-19th century felon in stocks (purported to be Will but more like Bob Crachit) in the sleepy little village of Stow-on-the-Wold whose constable is reputed to be hard on jaywalkers. Ye editor and I believed the resultant "penny-dreadful" picture to be most out of character for ASSEMBLY. Suffice to say it was dark, dreary and without much poise except for an expectant leer on the felon's face.

Jun '43: Cantlays, Roos, Cassidays and Romaneks

Jun '43: Silvester, McGregor, McAdam, and Roos

Bill Roos who is given to appearing worldwide when least expected is at it again. After a recent visit to the Philippines (to see Corry?) he dropped anchor in HI and spent a quarter or two in the phone booth to raise **Hank & Betsy Romanek** and it all resulted in one of those father/daughter pictures (old guys, young girls) of **Billie Cantlay** and Gordon, Sue and Ben (the dancer) **Cassiday** and the Roms. Included was a second photo of the recently formed J-43 Chowder & Marching Soc who gather for lunch and war-sea-and-air stories ea Freitag in the Old Guard Rm, Ft Myer. The news is out—free lunch for first time new members so come early and stay late. The founders are **Silvester, Jack McGregor, McAdam** and **Roos.** Since this in part covers Founders Day doings we have a Ft Rucker vision of the **Pucketts** and **Bill Milmore.** The cute Mrs Puckett is **Betty. Ed O'Connor** reports a temporary absence from the lower 48 while he looks in on the wedding of son Mike, the last of his brood to take the step way up thar in AK.

Jun '43: Pucketts and Milmore; Founders Day 1986, Ft Rucker

Jun '43: The Kecks; Founders Day 1986, Omaha

DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOUR CLASSMATES ARE? We have a number of our Class who for various reasons have not kept current with the AOG and therefore are in limbo with respect to Class activities and future events. You don't have to join the AOG, but for historical and family purposes everyone should keep the AOG posted as to currency of data, status and where you can be reached even if you don't answer your mail! So roommates, co-mates speck the fol list—these are classmates, mostly just out of touch but some perhaps reclusive for unk reasons. If you know them well, check their last listed address in the **Register** and take it from there—city directories, phone books, hometowns, whatever—don't let us lose someone who wore the gray along with us.

Brady, John S.
Burnette, Walter N.
Eastman, Phillips
Hanna, Robert
Jenkins, Samuel
Kilpatrick, Wm. J., Jr
Lockwood, Hansford
Mazur, Harry
McCord, Richard
Newman, Robert W.
Richmond, Clarence W.
Roe, Walter L.
Rose, Hal. T.

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Scott, Ralph, M.
Whitaker, Ranald O.
Winn, Jack C.
York, Ivan W.

Just so you won't forget
We speak of yearling days when life was new
Of running boodle into Summer Camp
We haven't yet forgot the heavy damp
That haunts a full-dress coat. We did pursue
Elusive tenths, got skinned for belts askew
And every foot of area bears the stamp
Of us who walked. We burned the lamp
Of youth within these walls. We knew the pain
Which comes of loving her who soon forgets;
We learned to drop our files without regrets
We knew the smell of canvas under rain
Our dust will crumble, but this will remain
We grew up on this soil, we were cadets!

Anon. Extracted from the **Pointer** 11 Apr 41

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The 27th Annual Table Fashions Tea Show at Government House was the anchor social event of the spring season on the isl of Guam, as it has been for over a quarter century. You guessed it, **Dottie Moore** was a co-chairperson; it raised $4000 for the elderly of the isl. Dottie planned to be at college graduations in MD and Tacoma in Jun; **Johnnie** has to stay and mind the store during summer staff rotations at St. John's School in Agana. What a microcosm of intl culture on our western-most American territory, and you can find the Moores in the middle of all of it, stirring the pot, enriching the many lives they touch. (The Guam Council of Women's Clubs newsletter informed that the upcoming menu of the Palau Men's Club dinner offers "mangrove lobster, clams, sashemi and fruit bat" for $10 a plate!)

Ollie Patton's request for expressions of interest in another **Encore '44** and $25 remains on the table. Here's a real chance to straighten out the record on our careers with a 500 word bio or update from the last book. I cannot understand how **Pappas, Connell** and **Patton** have the guts to take this project on, again; but my hat's off to them!

There may be a couple of you who have not read the flyer about the 5-8 Oct reunion in Solvang, CA 'cause you lost your eyeglasses or were with the grandchildren all spring. If you can still get a hotel reservation, or have promise of a bunk with a classmate, and if a paper plate is left over, perhaps you may still be included. Call **Carleys, Mitchells, Roddens** or **Wallises.** We're trying to round up a goodly number from the East to taste a few days of the heady ambrosia of life out yonder where the West almost ends.

And as for reunions, Antigua was great fun! Just ask anyone there. Thirty of us got together with **Nick Fuller** at his Callaloo Beach Hotel for the wk of 3-11 May 86. **Audrey** & I arrived Tue night to find the gang all heady about their sail that day on a 94-ft ketch which featured a luxury luncheon aboard in a quiet cove. **Jean Ellis** and **Jerry Hall** had already departed, Jean somewhat disappointed at Antigua's scuba diving challenges. Making up the roster were: **Carl Anderson,** away from oil drilling in OK; **Pete & Kathy Almquist** from ret in San Antonio; **Bill & Ginnie Bingham** from the spa at Saratoga Springs, NY and looking great; **Connell, Bob & Gail Ginsburgh, Don & Brigitta Gruenther, Alex & Betty Maish, Dave & Joyce Ott, Ollie & Ann Patton** from our DC gang; **Johnny (C.S.) & Frances Johnson** from Bay State; **Bob Reagan** from FL; **Dot & Bob Royem**—our remaining active (scheduled airline) pilot—from SC; **Dan & Emily Wallis** from Pebble Beach, CA.

It was tough duty! Dawn dips in the quiet swells, which lull to sleep and wake one, soughing on the sand; barefoot trek along the beach to breakfast, tennis before the sun stews the brains in 98% humidity. A dip, a beer(?), lunch, a nap in a lounge chair in the lanai, the pro tennis tourney at next hotel, or a few hours' sail on the **Ginsburghs'** yacht **Windrose,** brought into the bay for those who like their sailing sunny, short and dry. With the sun Westering below the yard arm and after sundown swims, the bright dresses and the dictator shirts collect around the bar. Out come snapshots of grandchildren (diapered to diplomaed), tall rum glasses, graceful piña coladas and other exotic tropical re-hydrators. Ere long, the decibels ease upward; so does the color in sunburned cheeks, which keep a trace of sunshine after sun-drown. The tables seat drifting coalitions of diners; coffee and rum in the lanai among the books, puzzles and chats, while out at the patio rail twos and threes carry on while some of us read star charts and sit in the darkness trying for a last shot at Halley's Comet. Not to mention the trip to Nelson's dockyard, whence he sailed the Caribbean Squadron for Trafalgar, which shows how people built to suit the climate in days before we could shut it outside.

1944: Nick, our Antigua host

To wrap up, the Antigua reunion was much fun. The setting was great, but as mom said of dinner parties: "who's at the table is more important than what's on it!" BIG thanks to **Nick Fuller** for first class, laid-back, low key hospitality! Also to **Gail Ginsburgh** for wining the group handsomely, and with Bob, for making **Windrose** available for day sails from Callaloo, to **Dave Ott** for organization efforts and **Don Gruenther** for his admin support to rostering and mailings. **Dan & Emily Wallis,** co-hosts of the upcoming gathering in October, were at Callaloo and can warn the others!

On Sat, four of us said "A bientot!" after dinner and sailed from Antigua on **Windrose** near midnight. We arrived at St. Barth's—**Ginsburgh, Ott, Patton** and **Smith**—some 90 mi NW next day, the **Windrose** well-washed and its crew and their cookies well-tossed. **Gail, Joyce, Ann and Audrey,** flying ahead to meet us, wondered why we were so green? After a couple of days of overeating, we continued our raids on Caribbean bars and tables: St. Maarten, the British Virgins, and St. Thomas. The ladies brought sun and gentle breezes day sailing between shopping raids. They left overnight sails and rain storms to four old wet guys, while they over-flew our 5 kt race downwind!

1944: Lunch afloat, Antigua

We are happy to learn that two of our number have placed houses on the National Register of Historic Places: **Jim & Helen Young's** home in Londonderry, NH was built in 1802 by Jim's great-great-grandfather, who had fought at Bunker Hill as a 19-yr old private. It is known as the Gen Mason J. Young House, named for Jim's father '15, who won the Silver Star on 6 June 44 in cmd of the VII Corps Engrs on Utah Beach. Jim & Helen are there from mid-May to end-Sep, an hour north of Boston on I-93. With luck to find them there and a little notice, a plotting classmate might get Jim's 3-star steak and cherries jubilee—or some of Helen's 4-star cooking. Down the road a piece in Ruston, LA, **John & Jane Calhoun** are restoring their National Historic Registry House, a "folk Victorian" built by Johnny's great-grandparents for his paternal grandfather and wife. When the work is finished, Johnny & Jane will pass the word so classmates can stop in to visit the Calhouns.

Meanwhile **John,** our LA cattleman, is fully recovered from 4 major operations in 4 yrs and "back on flight status." But he has a MESSAGE for all of us: 1) Don't take your health for granted. 2) prepare yourself & **spouse** to learn how to handle medical claims—no more Mr. Nice Guy Army or USAF hospitals after 65th birthday—it's Medicare **and** private insurance **or** your pocket. 3) Get private insurance to cover what your Medicare or CHAMPUS doesn't. (How does $900 a day for a country hosp grab you, before the physician sends **his** bill!)?? 4) Know your claims off; get forms ahead of time and study them.

After a recent periodic humiliation on the tennis courts by **Charlie Daniel,** I was told that the beautiful **Dorothy** is in NH with her moher, Mrs. Stamps, and for the fishing; Dorothy is an accomplished fly-caster. Often see **Ken Cooper,** who plays early on Sat, at the courts.

The other day driving through Arlington, I saw **Ernie Graves** taking instruction on the lawn from **Nancy,** apparently on gardening. He seemed to be receiving guidance calmly. **Betty Wear's** sister tells me that Betty has delegated all gardening to **George** in their Glenwood Springs, CO estancia. Down the street, **Alex & Betty Maish** were packing to go back to HI for the summer. It's good of

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1944: St. Barth's; the eight ate!

Alex to volunteer, particularly since their daughter lives in the Isls.

Bill Henderson has moved to 22330-4 Vermont Ave, Torrance, CA 90502 and **Chan & Marie Gilson** have moved from their lovely Hacienda Feliz in the Hollywood Hills to 1430 Wicks Road, Pasadena, CA 91103 (818) 577-7257. Happy house warmings!

We regret to report here the death on 21 May 86 of **Simon S. Marks** in Jackson MS, where he was buried on 23 May. We extend on behalf of the Class sincere sympathy to **Rose** and her family. All of us enjoyed being with them at the 40th reunion, where they made a strikingly handsome couple.

Andy DeGraff wrote that **Jack B. Brady** died of cancer on 1 Apr 86. Andy, **Phil Grant,** and **Jim Young** attended services at the Little Creek Chapel, USMC Amphibious Base, VA. Interment was at Princess Anne Memorial Park, Virginia Beach, VA. Jack is survived by his wife **Maria,** two sons and a daughter, all of Virginia Beach, to whom we send heartfelt condolences for the Class.

We came to the Kennedy Center in late Apr to say a wistful goodbye as the Philadelphia Orchestra ended over a score of years' concert series in Wash. Strolling on the patio, we encountered **Bill & Mazzie Steger,** long-time subscribers, in the Capital for a few days en route Europe and a rendezvous with the **Mahoneys,** who are test-hopping a new yacht built in Holland. Their joint canal journeys over the yrs stimulated us to try the French canal boating two yrs ago. I recommend it, especially for slowed-down fighter pilots.

1944: Johnny Calhoun, the cattleman

On an upbeat note, in Vero Beach, FL **Pat Courtney, Sylvia Clayton** and a couple of WP roommates they live with rounded up an all-state cast from Ft Lauderdale to Stewart to St Pete for a party over an Apr weekend: **Doc Boutwell, Jean Ellis, Spike & Patty Geltz, Les & Martha Hendrickson, Dan Lee, Bob & Sally Martin, Mac & Lynn McKeever, Jerry & Ann Mickle, Bill & Marge Marks, Bob Reagan, Pete Tisdale, John & Jean Williams.** A fine time was had by all, even those stranded on the Indian River when Bill Courtney cut the gasoline with water, instead of punch. Don't those old B-36 pilots have some leftover checklist forms?

To remind: our 45th Reunion will be at WP in Sep or Oct 1989. Some of us would like to charter a small cruise ship to tour the Hudson Valley foliage, tie up at South Dock and use the vessel as a Class headquarters and floating hotel Thurs-Sat of the Reunion weekend. The costs are going to be quite competitive with the alternatives. So keep this option in mind; it'll be fun! We will need commitments by about Autumn 1987, since the vessel's schedule is made out a yr at a time if it is one worthy of our consideration. A flyer will come out this coming winter.

1944: The Gen Mason J. Young House, Londonderry, NH

One more for the platter: It's my belief that among the experiences of all of us, even the survivors, are true experiences that would make a rousing anthology, well worth publication, even if only for the interest of us and our children. I am willing to put substantial spare time work into the project if I could get about a hundred drafts of 500-1000 words. It could be a worthy complement to our series of Encore '44. Thoughts, or just opinions, anyone?

Last night was that rarity: the summer solstice with a full moon. We were denied the right by the British police to dance around Stonehenge in the altogether, but we nonetheless suitably celebrated our defiance of the life insurance actuaries once again. In a few days we will celebrate Miss Liberty's 100th Birthday, our enthusiasm unburnished by the irony of the Great State of NJ allowing nobody without a union card to do a lick of work on her restoration. Sweet Land of Liberty! For Thee we fought, of Thee we sing! GSOYP,A!

'45

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Great News! We're going to have a mini-reunion of our Class 5-7 May 87 at the Union Plaza Hotel/Casino in Las Vegas, NV. **Don Mc Cance** has agreed to oversee preparations on site. More on this soon—perhaps before you read this column.

Larry Jones, outgoing Class pres, made the mini-reunion announcement at the annual Class meeting which was held at **Bob Ives'** home in Alexandria on 24 May. (Thanks, Larry for an outstanding job as Class pres) **Keith Nusbaum,** treas, presented the financial statement as of 31 Dec 1985. Our fund has $25,360 of cash on hand and there are $22,644 in outstanding loans. The new offs are **Dick West,** pres; **Jim Holcomb,** vp; and **Bob Ives** to succeed **Tom Curtis** as member, bd of gov. **Ernie Davis** and **Bill Zook** were reelected to another term on the bd. **George Burger, Barney Broughton,** and **Dick Williams** each have another yr to serve on their 2-yr terms.

Rocky Barber wrote me that his wife, **Georgeanne,** died on 23 May. Georgeanne was born at WP. Her father and brother are grads, and she was buried at WP. The chaplain at Ft Monroe closed the service for Georgeanne by saying that "she had gone on to a new assignment." We all extend our sympathy to Rocky and to the family. **Jim Elkey** called to report the death of **Ginny MacWherter** on 28 May from cancer. **John** remains at home in Edina, MN. Our sympathy is with him.

How much do people earn on the job? To satisfy that curiosity several magazines run articles on this subject. According to the 2 Jun issue of **Forbes, Jack Bowen,** CEO of Transco had a salary and bonus of $678,000 plus stock gains of $801,000 for a total of $1,480,000 in 85. **U. S. News** in its 23 Jun issue said that the chmn of JCS received $68,699 for 85. (But that didn't include rations and quarters.) **Forbes** said that Jack was 95th among CEO's in compensation for 85.

1945: Art Fridle with Patrick and Colleen Tabin

Ray Griffith sent me a picture taken at Arch Arnold's winter home in Tuboc, AZ. At the Southern AZ Founders Day in Tucson, '45 was represented by **Jack Coulahan, Leon Dombrowski, Don Henderson,** and **Leonard Stein.** Also attending were Pat Crane, Ronnie Catron, and Sally Froede. Other classmates living in the area but AWOL were **John Chickering, Ralph Croal, Ed Eneboe, John Lish,** and **John Nacy.**

A letter from **Beep Holway** said that he & **Betty** spent the month of Mar traveling around CA from San Diego to about 50 mi no of SF. Their son, Bill, USAFA '78 is stationed at George AFB. After visiting there they stayed a night with **Fred & Mimi Hartwig** in Rolling Hills. Later in their wanderings they stopped at the small town of Point Reyes Station and ate at the Station Cafe. Another couple sat down at an adjacent table. The gal noticed Betty's ring and it turned out to

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1945: Audrey and Les Ayers in Brasilia

be **Gene & Laurel Love** who had been out hiking and whale watching. Gene is fully ret while Laurel is a super weaver. Although they had never known each other before, they had a great time reminiscing. What a small world!

Art Fridl's daughter, Tori Tabin, wrote that her parents visited with them in Ger during the Christmas holidays. The picture of Art, his grandchildren, and a seditious sign was taken at Garmisch. According to Tori, after 41 yrs of dedication, the last A-N football game was too much for him to handle and he temporarily lost his senses. The grandchildren, Patrick and Colleen, are not easily swayed, however, as their father, Gerald is USMA, '79 and Tori says she's always been an Army fan, so Beat Navy!

The May issue of **ARMY** has a most favorable review of **Bart Kerr's** book, **Surrender and Survival: The Experience of American POW's in the Pacific, 1941-1945.** Good job, Bart!

Les Ayers sent me a copy of his second report from Guatemala, and followed that with a letter dated 17 Jun. **Audrey** & he took an "R & R," travelling first to Panama then Paraguay and Brazil. Les says Ft Gulick and other installations in Panama are beginning to look like movie sets with tropical decay. The roofs are falling in, parade fields unkempt, and there is a general lack of care. They were in Asunción for 2 days, then visited the water falls at Iguassu which has several times the volume of water in Niagara and of course is in a tropical setting. Leaving Paraguay they flew to Florianopolis, Brazil, rented a VW for a wk and drove up the coast via the beautiful beach resorts. When they arrived at Rio they stayed with friends Art & Jo Moura in their 10th floor apt overlooking Copacabana Beach. (Tough duty, wasn't it?) Back in Guatemala, their projects are coming along well. Sixty-six Class members have sent gifts. A Patterson-Barlay grant of $1600 is being used for the roof job for the second-grade classroom. Class of '45 money buys only critical items which the locals can't provide such as a reinforcing bar for the concrete portion of the jr high building. Audrey has plans to have Colgate-Palmolive-Peet put on one of their "dental health days" in their town. One of these days the kids will learn about toothbrushes. **Jim Elkey** wrote me that if you would like to contribute to these worthwhile projects you may send a tax-deductible contribution to Peace Corps Partnership Program/Attn: Collections Officer, Room P203/806 Connecticut Ave NW, Washington, DC 20526. BE SURE to mark on the check: "For projects of Les & Audrey Ayers in Guatemala."

1945: Truscott, Arnold, Munson and Griffith at Arnold's in Tuboc, AZ

Dick Haley is ret from US Civil Service on 2 Jun. **Bob Mackinnon** ret as pres of Aerospatiale on 30 Jun. **Tom McNiel** wrote that Bob will serve as dir of several corps, consult with aircraft mfgrs on foreign markets, and continue to live in Ft Worth. I ret from TN State Govt on 31 Mar. Time marches on.

1945: Trustins; Founders Day 1986, Omaha

Mary Jane & I flew to Seattle-Tacoma the end of May for a wk's visit with our son Jeff and his family at Ft Lewis. While we were there **Fay & Yole Worthington** asked the whole mob of us to visit for an evening. They have a beautiful home about 20 mins from Ft Lewis. The back yard looks on to a golf course, and they're only a couple of mi from Puget Sound. Fay has a private navy—three different boats. His main occupation these days is restoration and refinishing furniture. He has a wonderfully equipped shop to do beautiful woodworking. Needless to say, we had a wonderful dinner, lots of conversation about our travels and asgmts during active duty—just an outstanding evening in every respect. The two grandchildren went to sleep after supper while we adults kept on talking. Fay & Yole both look great. A picture we took unfortunately didn't come out.

Here's to a great football season when we BEAT NAVY!

'46

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(159) I think I said it all in the feature article with photos. Again I want to thank **Buck Buckingham** and his entire crew (far too many names to list them all here, so I hope you'll understand) for the fantastic job they did. I believe we will all remember this reunion—it truly ranks with our best. I was informed the unofficial count was 750!

As with any gathering of classmates I always end up with some news. Not all of it is happy, as you will see. On the other hand there is news of a happier note too. So read along. However there are still a few items I would like to comment on regarding the reunion. As we began to wind up our dinner

1946: Ft Myer OC, 22 Dec 85: Shattuck, Storm, O'Connor, Schneider, Watson, and O'Neill

Fri night we were provided with "entertainment." If you were there you'll never forget the variations of Peter Piper et al by **Max Fiebelman.** I don't know how he retains it all, and I'd swear he never repeated any paragraph. Max was followed by the Popolopen Quartet, whose names I failed to record; please accept my apologies, and aside from a few of their own songs they did an excellent job in leading us all in Benny Havens, Army Blue and the Alma Mater as we concluded the official segments of "The 40th of 46."

There are three items that bear special mention. I believe everyone was especially pleased with the name tags presented upon registration. The names were big enough to read; our eyes just aren't what they used to be, and the photo taken from the **Howitzer** was a pleasant surprise. Another item concerns the glass tumblers presented to each of us. They are a memento that will last a lifetime. Lastly, our thanks to our Class aides: classmate son MAJ Rolland A. Dessert (Dep Soc Sci) & his wife Karen; CPT Robert & Joan Sinclair; CPT Brian Ostendorf and Dr. Thomas & Suzy Horne. They were a real help during the many activities involving so many people.

1946: Atlanta, 16 Nov 85: Moores, Posvars, Reeds, Elliotts and Campbells

I have several letters that merit inclusion in part, or in whole, and all concern the reunion. From Buckingham: our Class offs for next two yrs: pres—**C.R. Bob Myer;** VP—**Bill Yancey;** sec—**Milt Hamilton;** at large—**Walt Frankland** and **Ben Evans.** Remaining as treas—**Merl Hutto** and yours truly as Class historian and scribe. Buck wishes to thank all those attending and those that helped with the many chores that had to be performed to do the job. As he said: "It was a real team effort." He would especially like to thank those wives and widows who pitched in to assist in registration.

Buckingham, as Class pres, wrote to GEN Maxwell D. Taylor on 21 May 86 as follows:

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1946: Sterlings, Cunningham and Anderssons; Founders Day 1986, Ft Carson

"As the Class of 1946 gathers to celebrate our 40th Reunion, we would like to send our greetings and best wishes to 'the Supe' at the time of our graduation. Your guidance and counsel while we were cadets and your leadership and wisdom in subsequent positions of national responsibility have always been a great inspiration to each of us in the four decades that have passed. Our active duty service has now ended, but many still pursue second or even third careers. While the term 'role model' was not in vogue at the time, you certainly personified to us the ideals of Duty, Honor and Country to which all could aspire. You will be in our thoughts as we enjoy the pleasures and reminiscences of reunion. Thank you and all of the best for the future."

GEN Taylor wrote a hand written reply on 30 May as follows: "Dear General Buckingham; I am indeed moved by your recent letter in which, speaking for the Class of 1946, you have expressed an excessive good word for your Supe. I am proud indeed and thank the Class for brightening the declining days of an old West Pointer. I have always regarded as 'my cadets' those who graduated while I was Supe. To the extent possible, I have followed their careers and have been made happy by their achievements. The Class of 1946 has proved such a class—one that I can claim as mine. With proud regards, Sincerely, Maxwell D. Taylor"

1946: The Blyths; Founders Day 1986, Carlisle Barracks

Finally, **Bob Lamb** sent me a copy of a letter written to him by LTC Bill & Judy Hagen who joined us in spirit and sent their best wishes as we celebrate our reunion. Hagen recalled that few duties during his Army career have been as rewarding as that of serving as principal aide to us at our 35th Reunion.

As predicted, the Jun **Assembly** arrived after reunion. It carried with it, in the "Last Roll Call", the sad and unhappy news of the loss of 5 classmates. I knew about **Pres Davis** (see my column in same issue) and learned about **Marty Zorn's** and **Hal deMoya's** deaths at reunion or just prior thereto. But unfortunately I did not know that **Dan Leininger** and **Lou Roberts** had passed away. On behalf of the Class I wish to express our deep sympathy and understanding to their remaining loved ones.

I have some details regarding **Hal deMoya.** He has been interred at WP and his wife **Shirley** (address in **Register**) wrote thereafter to thank the Class for the lovely floral arrangement sent to the grave site. Shirley expressed the thought that it means so much to her to realize that Hal had that bond with his classmates and that they offer her support today. She wants to thank the Class for their friendship. The deMoya's son Dick is '71.

I also received info from **Stan Love** regarding **Marty Zorn.** It was cancer which was not discovered until much too late for any help. On 1 Mar 86 Marty was able to escort a daughter down the aisle. The wedding had originally been planned for this fall, but their doctor kept suggesting to move it up and they did twice. He died 10 Mar and was buried 14 Mar and those attending the funeral included **Dan & Jeanne Mahony,** Stan, **Mrs Ralph Ellis, Marvin & Mae Weinstein.** Jeanne sent an address for anyone wishing to contribute to the Martin F. Zorn Foundation c/o Albert M. Baer, Imperial Schrade Corp, 1776 Broadway, NY, NY 10019. Our prayers are with both Shirley and Penny.

On a happier note, **Stan** reported to me that his son William K. graduated from Wesleyan and has received a Japanese govt Fellowship to live in Japan for one yr right after graduation to teach HS teachers English and American customs in Fukui. Bill also holds the 880 track record for Wesleyan.

1946: Founders Day 1986, Ft Sill

On 29 Nov 85, **PJ O'Connor** married **Bess Wydra** in Oakbrook, IL. They had a second wedding reception on 22 Dec 85 at the Ft Myer Off Club. In attendance at the reception were **Blan & Carol Shattuck, Bob & Mary Storm, Bill & Patti Schneider, Don Watson** and **Pat & Rosanne O'Neill.** PJ wrote to say that Bess had been his OAO from sometime after they first met (Dec 1941) until sometime early into his cadet days. But he lost out to a Navy type. Recently, quite unexpectedly, they were brought back together again by the dear mutual family friend who had arranged their first meeting over 40 yrs ago. We certainly wish them well as they travel the road ahead.

If you still have your Mar 86 issue of **Assembly** you should review the last item regarding class rings. **Al Torgerson** reports the response has been encouraging. One classmate has already been made happy but there are three more on a waiting list. Torg reports that the DC WP Soc runs a similar program for all classes and that there are almost 10 men wanting a ring for each ring that becomes available. It is important for everyone to realize, esp the family or widow of a deceased classmate, that WP has all the rings

1946: Colladay and Fullers; Founders Day 1986, Omaha

they need and rings donated will not be displayed and are not returnable to the donor. Our effort here is to inform those families that there is an internal classmate need. The word, Torg says, is that a graduate would much rather wear a vintage original than a shiny new one. They are honored by being able to wear the ring of a classmate. Each ring donated to the pool is on a personal basis in so far as arrangements are concerned, even to the extent of lending with return to the donor under appropriate circumstances.

Prior to the reunion I received a note from **Charles House Morgan** up in Canada. He had hoped to be down in May but circumstances changed. He would like to say hello to all of us and he hopes we enjoyed the 40th.

Bill & Phyllis Yancey mailed a clipping from **Richmond Times-Dispatch** 13 Apr 86 stating that **Al Memetz** will be inducted into the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame in Portsmouth on 25 Apr 86. Al had gone to Hopewell High in Richmond. The article stated that Al recalled: "Being named All-American meant you were one of the best 11 players in the country." Al was so named in 1945.

A mini-reunion of the Class took place on 16 Nov 85 in Atlanta. The occasion was the engagement party for Marina Posvar, daughter of **Wes & Mildred Posvar.** Those attending included **Bill & Pat Moore,** the Posvars, **Spider & Phoebe Reed, Sewell & Mary Elliott,** and **Tom & Dorothy Campbell.**

'47

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As I start to write this column, I note that there is now less than a year before our big 40th Reunion at WP in late May 87. I know I have received a number of calls and letters re reunion. Unfortunately, I have no news or info to give you at this time. By the time you read this (o/a 15 Sep 86), we should all have received the poop or planning letters. **Tom Flattery,** 439 Via de la Paz, Pacific Palisades, CA 90272 (TP home: 213-454-3768 and off: 393-6464) is project off in charge of the 40th!!

It seems that many of you write to me right after you receive the ASSEMBLY, which means that I receive those letters o/a 25th of the mo, just about the time that I am posting the next column for publication. It would be nice and timely to get letters to me at least early in Mar, Jun, Sep and Dec.

Barb Boerger reports that daughter, Heidi (RN in mother-baby care at a community hosp in Santa Rosa) will marry Michael Rodriquez on 2 Aug using the Class garter, of course. In the meantime, Barb & **Frank**

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1947: Unk

took a business/pleasure trip in Apr to Copenhagen and Rotterdam. I don't know whether they ate any Haagen-Daz ice cream from the home factory.

Mini-minis were held with **Delistratys** when **Nelda & Jim Fraser** visited the West Coast, and with the **Culins** and **Perrys** when **Betty & Pete Boerger** went west to help celebrate their 39th wedding anniv.

The WP Soc of Chicago thought they had a problem this Founders Day. The night before they still had no "oldest graduate" to speak. A venerable member of the Class was assigned the momentous task late the night before. **Bob Rosen,** the youngest "oldest grad" ever to give that hallowed address, presented a humorous and inspiring talk in, of course, an exemplary manner. James Nalepa '78, exec VP of the WP Soc of Chicago, was extremely pleased as, I'm sure, was everyone present. Bob also sent me another good picture taken at the wonderful wedding in San Antonio in Jan.

1947: Bob Rosen, "oldest grad" at Founders Day, Chicago

Jane & John Mastin returned to Lubbock in Apr for a lovely visit with us and another gem and mineral show where John's gems are gaining national renown. Son Wayne has achieved his MS and is off to USMA to

1947: Jane Mastin showing Geracis John's handiwork!

teach this summer while Mastins spend most of the summer touring the NW part of the country. They saw my "draft" segments of the 40th YB, and I believe that they "approve."

Mary Lou & Jim Edington reported in with travel news: they were on the way to spending a whole mo in the San Diego area with side trips to north CA. I'm sure there were plenty of opportunities for minis. Mary Lou states she had to leave HI to get relief from the constant stream of visitors. The **Dexters** permanently moved from HI to 703 NW 51st St, Lawton, OK 73505. Tel: (405) 357-9808. I trust that this move was not forced by an over-influx of visitors.

1947: Mastins at Geracis

Roger Bate presumably is extremely busy at TI (Texas Instruments), splitting his time between Austin and Plano. In Austin, his address is 9617 Great Hills Trail, #413, 78759. Tel: (512) 343-2285.

The ice on the Tanana River in AK has always gone out, disappearing between 20 Apr and 20 May. A contest began 69 yrs ago by workers building the AK RR to guess the exact time of the ice going out. This yr's contest mgr, Bob Coghill Jr, Nenana, AK (believed to be **Bill Coghill's** brother or nephew) presented the winner with $114,000.00! Bill, the Class ought to be able to guess the right time (signalling the arrival of spring in interior AK). Long ago, COL Nicholas, Head of the Dept of Math, was able to guess the number of pennies in a bowl in Newburgh, exercising basic engr principles from afar with a transit. I'm reading a novel, an epic saga of AK, THE GREAT ALONE by Janet Dailey, Poseidon Press, NY 1986. To catch the flavor (I'm not sure that it is the right flavor) of AK prior to our mini in 1989/90, all of you should perhaps read it. . . .

The **Honolulu Advertiser,** 17 Apr 86, states that a Los Angeles artist, **Margaret Holland Sargent,** is painting the official porrait of Gov George Ariyoshi that will hang alongside the other gubernatorial paintings at the Gov's suite at the State Capitol.

Willie Munroe has called several times and written a couple of letters recently. He is thinking of that gorgeous land of his up in ME and now is doing a lot of writing. . . . **Bernie Abrams** sent me a note and a newspaper clipping from Luthersville, GA, which announced the untimely death of Howard A. Gould of Atlanta, a pilot for UPS, who died in a single-engine plane crash. Howard was the son of **Mimi & Al Gould.** He was 33 yrs old. The Class sends their heartfelt condolences to the Goulds and their family. Bernie had enclosed a personal gift of $100.00 to the Class Fund in Howard's honor. I passed letter and check on to **Wayne Hauck**

1947: Jacobsons, Geracis, Schoenbergs '48, Rosens and Burtons

for official depositing and recording. . . . **Pauline & Wally Veaudry** checked in recently. **Dick Sforzini** who lives in Auburn, AL and Wally have been talking on the phone re the 40th Reunion and about mutual photos taken at the last Founders Day. Veaudry's daughter Paula was married on 3 May to Mike Dansereall at Ft Benning chapel. Patti and family have been reassigned to Ft Ord from Ft Rucker. Wally says CA is a long way from Columbus when one is used to seeing your granddaughter often. Veaudrys saw **Pat & Arnold Tucker** when they came to Ft Benning to see their son graduate from AIT. **Haskins** have seen the **Icklers** in San Diego when they had to babysit for Tom & Kim, who went on a Hallmark trip to FL. Watch out, **Ruth Clark;** Pat is playing in the El Paso City golf tourney which presumes that she is playing a lot of golf, and getting much better.

1947: Wildricks and Edingtons host Meg Sargent in HI

1947: Betty Evans 1943 (before Schuder)

I had a long talk with **Bill Reckmeyer** and **Buck Fernandez** in May after the DC contingent had a big meeting and brunch in which the **Burners, Maloneys (Mike), Bensons** and **Marion Steininger** happened to attend, among many others. The **Burners** were on their May trip to the East Coast where they

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saw many of the DC area classmates; they later visited June's mother in Boston and Leslie in CT. Like many other classmates who were going to visit us this fall, the Burners cancelled out when it was mentioned that work on the 40th YB would need to be accomplished. There may have been other excuses.

1947: Haskins in HI

The Class congratulates **Willy Webb,** who completed his tour at WP this summer, for being selected a White House Fellow. Some kids seem to beat the pants off their old man. I have placed a picture in this time that I have labeled "Unk." Does anyone know who this person is? The Assoc says it is **Don Litt,** but I don't think so. I thought perhaps it might be **Ted Biel;** but he says not. **Boergers (Pete)** have moved again to 171 Wood Wedge Way, Carolina Trace, Sanford, NC 27330. The **Haskins, Dells** and **Betty Schuder** pictures are "coming attractions" for 40th YB. I had to put Betty's picture in because today outside the temperature is over 100°!!

1947: The Dells

And now the continuing topic of the status of the 40th YB. It continues on schedule despite . . . ! ! The cutoff, of course, was 15 Dec 85, but I am still getting letters and phone calls, some at midnight, with input. Right now, it looks like 190 paying customers and around 500-800 pgs of "philosophical pictorial reflections" for the composition of the book. I should warn you that the price of the book will now be somewhat more plus postage and handling costs. "You could have had a V-8," that is, an all-color book at roughly the same price if everyone had responded on a timely basis. Perhaps we can keep the YB updated every 2½ yrs with color addendum pgs.

Our daughter, Martha & husband CPT Greg Hampton returned to CONUS Ft Rucker from Ger on 1 Jul. Son Allen & wife Karen remain in Stuttgart area where Allen is XO, 26th Sig Bn and Karen works in Patch Barracks. Son Stephen continues in Las

1947: Sailor Tom Flattery and Skipper Bob Braun '49

Vegas, NV working for the State on the superhighway system around Las Vegas. A 43 million dollar, 3-mi segment was recently completed ahead of schedule.

Have a good fall!

Postscript: **Tom Flattery** did make the deadline just before mailing. He says that the 40th Reunion Bulletin will be mailed out o/a 1 Jul. They undoubtedly will require additional volunteers. Read Bulletin carefully and volunteer where you can help the most. Tom and Bob Braun '49 represented WP in the 1986 Ensenada Intl Yacht Race which started at noon 26 Apr from Newport Beach Harbor, CA and ended in Ensenada, Baja, Mexico (125 mi), sailing a 42′ sloop. A good race was had by all!

'48

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Pierce Gaver's son Stan married Barbara Lynn Haub on 26 Apr. Stan's twin Rich was best man, and sister Liz, a bridesmaid. After a trip to HI they now live in the area. Pierce's hopes to become a grandfather have risen measurably.

Don & Frankie Swenholt's son Don was married to Kristina Harper in St John's Episcopal Church, Georgetown on 3 May. His brother Helmer Calloway Swenholt was best man. After a trip to St Lucia, they reside in Wash. Don is pres of Donald Swenholt & Assoc, a pers dev consulting firm, and Kristina manages the Animal Disease Control Div for the DC govt.

Bob & Dolly Petersen's son Bob, Jr was married to Charlotte Priestley in Austin, TX on 19 Apr. Brother Ken was best man. Ken is still a vet in Albuquerque; his wife Lisa, Luke (3½) and Michelle (1) came with him. **Punk Hartnell** was in attendance, since he was visiting his sister in Austin. Bob & Dolly were off to France and planned to meet the **Egberts** in Paris for the French Open. The pic of proud parents, happy couple and Punk was taken in front of the Barr Mansion (1898) in Austin, scene of wedding.

1948: Petersen, Charlotte & Bob Petersen, Jr, Dolly, and Punk Hartnell

Bob Whitfield reports a new address: 1021 Whetstone Way, Louisville KY 40223. **Bob Kirwan** has returned from Europe, where he was with the Vinnell Corp, and can be reached c/o Mike Stankiewiscz, 4623 Luxberry Dr, Fairfax, VA 22032. **Bill Travis** has been here at Walter Reed undergoing treatment for a prostate problem. A speedy recovery, Bill.

Scotty & Dusty Scott's daughter Ann Marie was married on 1 Jun in the Catholic Chapel to Francis Xavier Kilkelly. Qtrs 100's garden was the scene of a fine reception.

Alice Cockerham writes to report the grievous loss of her miniature and wedding rings through a burglary. She would appreciate advice from anyone who has successfully replaced such rings and place(s) from which they were ordered.

Bill Bandeen reports Joan has been under the weather—major surgery on 28 May at Sibley, followed by unexpected complications on 11 Jun requiring her to be rushed to Montgomery General. He expected her imminent release when he wrote. Joan's widowed sister died last Dec, and her son Paul (15) has joined the Bandeen household.

Robbie Robertson sent along an article about the successful conclusion to a suit brought by **Tom Jones** and three fellow employees of the Federal Reserve Board. The Board had held that ret military were subject to the Dual Compensation Act, and withheld part of their ret pay. However, both the US Court of Appeals and the US Claims Court held otherwise, and Tom will get what was rightfully due him.

Elly & I appreciated your expressions of sympathy. Through what the doctors call a miracle, Brian's right eye has returned to normal, even though they were certain it never would, even with surgery. You have to have faith.

'49

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A sad note to begin this column; **Hugh Kinney** after a tough yr and a half battle with a rare type of cancer was finally overcome on 11 Jun 86. A yr of chemotherapy apparently kept the disease in submission but once his body reached the point of being unable to handle more chemo, the disease progressed rapidly. His body was cremated and interred at WP on 2 Jul. Hugh was probably the first in our Class to carve out a career in data processing, leaving the AF in 57 to join RCA, then Litton from where he went on to become Exec VP of Auerbach Inc; was a VP with Burroughs, then returned to Fed Service with GSA and the Dept of Justice from where he ret in 81. He then formed his own firm Kinney Assoc which he maintained until his death. He published several texts on the subject of data processing for attorneys in litigation support. He & **Lilo** found a ret home in Edgewater, FL just below Daytona Beach where they have lived for the past 4 yrs. Besides Lilo, Hugh was survived by a son Kirk, a dentist in Springfield, VA and one grandchild. Lilo can be reached at 1810 Pinedale Road, Edgewater,

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FL 32032. The accompanying photo was taken at EPCOT in 83. Our thanks to **Jerry & Ann Lauer** who were kind enough to offer to help out in this situation and visited Hugh just before his death.

Ted Swett reports that **Ray "Bulldog" Drummond** now living in New Braunfels, TX is having a rough time with cancer of the pancreas; we wish him well—Ray ret from the CIA a number of yrs ago.

Jim Rawers has better news; after undergoing several cancer ops last year which kept him incapacitated for a while; he's now on the mend. He's back on the golf course again and shooting in the 70's which a lot of us are unable to accomplish without physical problems.

John Costa sent along word that there was only one Class son graduated this yr, Steve **Whitmarsh;** John took care of presenting a Class gift. Steve sent along a thank you note from which I would like to quote. "... As the son of a 49er, I can only hope that my class will have the same strength and solidarity that '49 exhibits. Your class has certainly been a good role model for the Class of 1986 to follow." As of this time, there are no sons or daughters of '49 at WP. Next along will be our grandchildren I guess, unless **Ann & Harry Griffith** have young Joe enter the fold. Harry ran into **Jim Hartinger** at **Charlie Gabriels'** ret as C/S USAF—said Jim looked great and is staying busy in CO Springs. Had a note from **Bo Callaway** out in that area—he addressed the Founders Day dinner of the Denver Chapter in Mar. Reports that he & **Beth** have added their 13th grandchild to a still growing family (can anyone top that? It's the most that I'm aware of). Bo is still chm of the CO Republican party as well as chm of the Western States Republican Chairmen. To top that, Bo was elected pres of the World Business Council, a group of some 1000 presidents and CEO's of cos from the US and around the world. **Bo** didn't mention the matter but I assume **Jack Forrest** is still a Republican candidate for the House of Reps from the CO Springs area—if so, we should hear a lot of that campaign this fall.

1949: St. Clairs and Gibsons; Founders Day 1986, Redstone Arsenal

Bruce Peters sent along a Martin Marietta PR release which described him as the owner of Intl Sociotechnical Systems, a consultant on human resource dev and the mgt of science, technology and innovation. Bruce spoke to their inventor's forum in Oak Ridge, TN in late Mar.

John Costa sent along another note describing a visit from **Ted Marley.** Ted was at WP for the first time in 27 yrs on a dual mission representing the Ft Sill Bank and to watch the A/N lacrosse game. The game was a loser but Ted loaned lots of money to the Class of '87 for the purchase of cars. The younger Marleys appears to be all seeking their fortunes in TX according to Ted.

John Costa did a Founders Day speaking tour in MI and OH. At the Orchard Lake Country Club in MI, he saw **Ogden & Jeanie Jones, Carver & Nancy Wood, Joe & Betty Yeats** and **Bob & Pauline Noce.** In Dayton, OH **Bill Dirkes** was in charge of arrangements.

1949: Betty Hinchion and the Kinneys

Chuck & Pat Wason wrote from AZ in early Apr before undertaking the trip to NH for the summer. Saw a lot of **Joe & Stella Schmazel** in AZ where they stay busy, Stella with bilingual speech classes and Joe with his sculpturing. Finally ran into **Bev & George Chamberlain** at a Founders Day dinner—they were on their way to Las Vegas to meet up with **Mike & Avis McNamee** at a convention for "broken down navigators" (Chuck's words). Chuck and Joe have discovered a joint interest in AZ history—Joe's grandfather was an early miner and rancher, and they visited his old ranch in Patagonia. A relative of Chuck's, John by name, was the first surveyor general of the AZ territory appointed by Pres U. S. Grant in the 1860's. One of the mt peaks there is named for him and the Wasons and Schmazels made a trip to the top on Good Friday.

The AOG sent along a photo taken at the Ft Leonard Wood Founders Day asking for identification, turned out to be **Norb Schmidt** and **Bob Barton** with one wife. I'm not going to make the mistake of saying which wife is pictured, that way maybe I can get one of them to write, haven't heard from either in yrs.

Bob Braun tells me that he and **Dan McGurk** are tied together in a real estate investment group and that **Don Swanke** was with them at a Founders Day dinner in LA. Bob was looking for **Bill Gustafson's** address when he called.

Joan Weart writes that a Class grandson has been born in Frankfurt, Ger. Son Jeff Weart '80 & wife Carol (Stukhart), had a son, David George born 19 May 86. Joan doesn't say but as I remember Carol, I'll bet young David has red hair. First grandchild for **George & Maggie Stukhart** and the 5th for Joan & **Doug** Weart.

Jim Poore now living in Sullivans Isl, SC was intrigued to find out so many classmates were over 60; he still has a couple of yrs to bask at a more tender age. Jim is the coordinator for the Charleston County Substance Abuse Program—good to hear from you Jim.

Joe St. Clair also toiling for our firm Raytheon in Huntsville, AL spent a few days in our Wash off in May and gave me the photo of **Penny** & him along with **Joe & Dee Gibson.**

Hill Dickinson passed on a couple of items; there is a new ret community for offs in the CO Springs area called the Aspens, and one of the prominent advisors to the dev group is **Jack Forrest.** Hill also ran across an article by Berl Brechner entitled "Chase" which outlines the lives of the pilots engaged in chase flying in the test programs at Edwards AFB, CA. One of the featured pilots was **Joe Guthrie** now working for Flight Systems Inc based at Mojave Apt in Antelope Valley about 15 mi west of Edwards. Some of Joe's recent projects were some small propeller driven drones built by foreign govts for use in surveillance work—he also was chasing the new MDAC MD-80 airliner. Hey Joe, when did you get too old for that kind of life? Hill also had a clipping from the **Belleville, IL Journal** on some historical work being done by **Cleo Ford, E.P.'s** widow, who volunteers hours per wk to the archive on local and state history. Cleo restores, preserves and catalogues historical documents and records donated to the St. Clair County Historical Soc.

1949: Schmidt and Barton; Founders Day 1986, Ft Leonard Wood

In Wash area, **John & Marge Maurer** hosted a spring social at the Rosecroft Raceway with good 49er attendance: **Mal & Marion Agnew, Jean & Jack Albert, Bob & Anne Black, Dave & Mary Lee Bolte, Jack & Jean Cronin, Joe & JoAnn Eagers, Al & Audrey English, Al & Doreen Fagg, Phil & Mary Feir, Frank & Bette Hinchion, Ed Hindman, Don & Erika Keith, Art & Barbara Kingdom, Joe & Julia Kingston, Kirby & Anne Lamar, Gene & Margaret Marder, Gene & Ann Mechling, Wayne & Elaine Norby, Bob & Alice Nulsen, Bob & Sue Pfieffer, George & Carolyn Pollin, Jim & Jane Rawers, Orton & Gwen Spencer, Dick & Margo Stauffer, George & Sachiko Summers, Lee & Trudy Surut, Ted & Cay Swett** and **Ed & Jan Townsley.**

Bob Swantz with GE in the Charlottesville, VA area recently moved into a new home in that city close to the U of VA.

Last but far from least, note my new address at the top of the column. **Bette** & I sold our home in Potomac in Jul and moved to Ocean Pines—I'll be officially ret from Raytheon on 1 Oct just about the time you read this column.

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'50

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Since **Bruce** is still in Saudi Arabia, once again I am filling in for him with the column. The next time he should be back in position so that I can turn the reins over to him.

Linc & Ginnie Faurer and their family had quite a time in Apr. With the SecDef and DCI in the Oval Off together with a few members of Linc's family, President Reagan presented Linc with the Natl Security Medal for his service. Last year the two houses of Congress jointly had commended Linc and had recommended to the President that the award be made. Congratulations both on a job well done and the recognition of that job. After a few mos of getting things sorted out, Linc has taken on a new challenge as pres of the corp for Open Systems. He is finding it great fun, but he certainly is busy in that new role.

1950: Glosecloses and Fahses on cruise

In Jun **Ben Lewis** matched Linc and was also a guest of the President, the SecDef and the DCI to receive the Natl Security Medal. Ben too filled the Oval Off with some family. In addition to **Malvene,** Debbie & her husband managed to fly back from their posts in HI for the event. It is great to see Ben recognized for all his hard work and imagination over more than 40 yrs of service. Congratulations to you, too, Ben.

Had a nice talk with **Charlie Bell** in Raleigh, NC. He is pres of Orion Air, a firm that provides crews and maintenance for the aircraft used by the big package express firms. His outfit is currently operating about 50 aircraft ranging from 747s to DC-9s.

A note from **Bud & Jean Blank** caught me up on their youngsters. Daughter Carol is married to an AF pilot at Minot, so the Blanks are often out there to visit them and the grandchildren. Both other girls are still in school: Julie getting her PhD in Russian history at Berkeley and Amy attending UVA at Charlottesville.

Joan Scandling got a quick note from **Harry Dodge** in Apr. The Dodges live in Tubac, AZ. Harry says that he & **Mary** are thriving on life in the great Southwest.

Those of us in the DC and surrounding areas had a real treat in May when **Ann & John Wickham** invited us all to Qtrs 1 at Ft Myer to honor **Dotty & Charlie Gabriel** on his coming ret in Jun. The place was really rocking with more than 200 people there, coming from as far away as Sewickley, PA (**Gloria & Bob McBride**), VA Beach (**Phyl & Hank Singleton**), and NJ (**Jane & John Fox** and **Doris & Andy Byers**). It was a lovely spring evening, so we could enjoy both the graciousness of the quarters and the charm of the gardens overlooking Wash.

1950: Ramoses and Roushes; Founders Day 1986, Manila

Jim Thompson stays busy out in Santa Barbara. Besides being a water commissioner, currently he is working on a study for Strategy Corp, so **Ken Moll** reports. Ken talks to Jim regularly in the course of bus.

For the twelfth time in 13 yrs '50 has had at least one son or daughter among the graduating class. This yr there are two: Erin O'Brien, daughter of **John & Kathy O'Brien,** and Tom Sharp, Jr, son of **Tom, Sr & Bonnie. Dave & Caroline Cameron** again hosted the presentation of the plates with **Stan & Sally Reinhart** and **Morris & Faith Herbert** lending more Class presence.

Tom was not the only one of **Bonnie & Tom Sharp's** children graduating. Son Toby finished up at El Modena HS in Jun, climaxed by his performance as Tevye in **Fiddler on the Roof.** Tom & Bonnie spent much of the yr flying off to Army games to see Tom, Jr play. They joined **Joe Shankle** for the chilly Army-AF game in CO and flew East for the Army-Navy game in Dec.

John O'Brien, by the way, sent a note saying that the '50 group at the Ft Monmouth Founders Day had a great time and extending an invitation to all to join the tailgate group at any of the WP home games this fall. Five to 10 classmates meet early on Sat morning and stake out a party place, usually on Howse Field, where the refreshments, snacks, conversation and camaraderie are in great abundance.

Everyone appreciates what **Dick Cody** has done in taking on the first '50 mini-reunion—and we are looking forward to more. Not wanting to kill a good idea with overuse, the Class Board of Governors suggests maybe about one mini-reunion a yr would be good for starters. Only about 2-3 openings are left before the "Big 40" at WP in 1990! The Board is discussing with **Les Holcomb & Ben Lewis** sponsorship of a mini-reunion in Australia, perhaps late next yr. (The Jan '87 America's Cup races seem too soon, are already overbooked and are in Perth, 3000 mi from Les' home in Sydney.)

The reunion downunder is up in the air, however, for on 5 Apr Les married **Alenka,** a lovely ret radiologist from Czechoslovakia. The two of them are visiting Les' brother in ME this summer and may relocate to the States. Whichever way things turn out, Les, here's to the happy couple.

1950: Newtons, McGills, Lees and Clements; Founders Day 1986, FL West Coast

Other possibilities for mini-reunions are HI, Caribbean, So CA, Mexico and The Homestead, VA resort. All are being explored (no names yet; we don't want to discourage more inquiries). Anyone interested in helping as a sponsor at these places or elsewhere, please contact **Ken Moll:** 3815 Cameron Mills Rd, Alexandria, VA, 22305, tel: (703) 548-3386.

We all remember **Tom Lobe's** prowess in athletics at the Academy (I particularly remember him in the Goat-Engr game of '49), but he has recently been named to the St. Ignatius HS Athletic Hall of Fame in Cleveland, where he earned 8 varsity letters and gathered class honors for 4 straight yrs. Congratulations on the recognition, Tom. And I

1950: Founders Day 1986, Ft Monmouth, NJ

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hope that you are enjoying your new life in Millboro Springs, VA. It is from there that Tom has been talking with Ken about a possible reunion at The Homestead.

Joe Love and **Robin** carry on a correspondence over genealogy matters rather regularly, but occasionally he gets in a little news of interest to the rest of us. The latest was very important for it carried the news of the Loves' first grandchild: John Young Reily Ewald, born in NYC on 9 May this yr to daughter Robin & her husband Hill. **Mary Pharr** didn't wait long to head up that way to help out with the new arrival.

Blackie & Mary Bolduc visited **Paul & Ruth Gorman** at their new place in Afton, VA in Jun. Robin & I were fortunate enough to join the **Singers & Win Skelton** on the long drive down there from DC. **Phil & Helene Barger** came over from Waynesboro and **Dick & Jackie Trefrey** down from their farm at Clifton. The **Loves** just happened to be nearby for the christening of the grandson mentioned above, so they, too, showed up. Paul & Ruth have a lovely spot on a hilltop looking out to the Blue Ridge. Their home is a century old farmhouse, and they are working hard to make it larger and more convenient. Paul looks the part of the farmer as he shows off his many acres of wine grapes.

Peg & Ray Singer have been making the rounds. Last Oct they were out in CA to see their real estate holdings. They had lunch with **Art McGee,** who is with SRI Palo Alto, in San Jose. They also managed to catch up with **Bunty & Andy McFarland, Muriel & Leo Wegner,** and **Kay Rutherford.** In addition, the Singers report that **Joe Gappa** teaches in the bus school at SF State while his wife **Judy** is the dean of the faculty there.

1950: Founders Day 1986, DC

Gwyn Groseclose sent a nice note to Bruce with some news from FL. A visit by **Martha & Bob Morrison** in Jan was a good reason to get **Yoshika & Francois Therrien** and **Gloriane & Jack Fahs** over for dinner. Then in Apr, Gwyn & **Bob** were off on a cruise to the Bahamas, a cruise she won by being tops in sales for Rachel Cosmetics. Gwyn reports that the trip was "fabulous."

Bruce also got a note from **Bill Clement,** saying he & **Ann** are about 95% settled into the Haines City area of FL after ret last Jul. His "interests" in (sort of) priority are grandchildren (he didn't say how many), golf (no scores), and raising citrus (another farmer in the Class).

From Manila comes a letter from **Denny Roush,** who is the Asia mgr for DMJM. He, wife **Ruth,** 10-yr old son Paul, and 8-yr old daughter Marie have been there two yrs. Denny was in China during the revolution, but he couldn't say enough good things about **Eddie & Ming** and the role the **Ramoses** played in the liberation. Denny sees Eddie as "the key" to the events motivated by

1950: Classmates at Jacobson wedding

patriotism and duty. Denny and Eddie have formalized for the first time a West Point Soc of the Philippines. Now all they have to do is raise some funds.

Speaking of Eddie, **Matt Hendrickson** sent me an extract of a recent book called **The Quartet of the Tiger Moon,** which detailed the role Eddie (& Ming) played in the recent events. It was fascinating to get so much insight into the affair.

In Apr the third of **Ann & Jake Jacobson's** children, Gretchen, was married to John Zeltner. Officiating was Jake's brother, a Lutheran minister, who flew in for the ceremony. The reception was held at the Ramada Renaissance near Dulles, a hotel so new that Ann & Jake had to don hard hats when they looked the place over.

Bill & Sue Davis are in the traveling mood these days. They just recently got back from a visit to Bermuda and are now on their way to a family get-together on Cape Cod. They must have to grit their teeth to put up with such spots.

Marilyn & Leo Romaneski also are getting about. For Christmas they were with son Peter and his family in CA. Next it was a trip to Ft Knox to visit Mark and his family. Tomorrow the two of them are off to CO for 10 days to meet with the OCSC board to discuss the Romaneski's next mission work in Ger. In between all this they both manage to get in a good deal of school work, too.

Frank King wrote to tell of his daughter's promotion to MAJ in the AF. Are there any

1950: The Wilsons; Founders Day 1986, Ft Sill

others out there whose offspring have reached field grade? I find it hard to believe we are already at that point. Frank also wanted to thank all those who helped him write the obituary for **Dick Baxter.** Guess this is a good time to give everyone a reminder that **Lou Genuario** needs volunteers for other obituaries.

On his completion of a yr as a member of the Board of Trustees for the AOG, **Jack Wheatley** wrote to me and the Class, primarily urging greater participation by the Class in the workings of the West Point Fund. Only 28% of our Class has made any form of a donation to the Fund, and the total of our giving is less than $16,000. The Board of Governors will consider his specific recommendations, but you are all urged to send in contributions, either to the Fund as a whole or in support of the '50 project. In any event our thanks to Jack for his able representation of us this past yr and for the way he has worked with the BOG.

On a sad note I must report the death of **Barbara Vanderslius** on 11 May. She died of heart failure in a hosp near her home in Alexandria, VA. I know the rest of the Class joins me in sending our sympathies to **Howard** and the rest of his family on their loss.

'51

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Eff 1 Aug 86, **Jim Rockwell,** at NATO, is the sole member of '51 remaining on active duty. **Tom McMullen, Ed Peters** and **Bill Richardson** all ret in impressive ceremonies on 30 Jun—Tom at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ed at Ft Sheridan, and Bill at Ft Monroe. Later on 31 Jul, **Elmer Pendleton** retired at the post closest to his heart, Ft Bragg. Since submission date for this column precedes there ceremonies, we hope to have additional details and pictures with the next issue. While **Jim Boatner** ret almost unnoticed at the end of May, his first order of bus after the ceremony was to take **Kay** for a much deserved holiday—a week in the Bahamas. Immediately upon returning to the Wash DC area, he assumed his new responsibilities

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as pres, Robinson Terminal Warehouse Corp, Alexandria, VA, a subsidiary of the **Wash Post.** Needless to say, the **Boatners** are both looking forward to ret with enthusiasm. Also ret in Jun was **Don McGann,** MG, USAF Res; Don's ceremony was hosted by GEN Cassidy, MAC, on 20 Jun at Scott AFB and a much deserved tribute for his outstanding contributions as a pilot, instructor, staff off, and cmdr in the Res; his accomplishments have been a constant example for those who have known him throughout the years. Incidentally, in Apr 86, **Bill Richardson** received the highest award that can be presented to a three or four star general by the Fed Rep of Ger, the Knight Commander's Cross of the Order of Merit. Awarded due to his efforts in strengthening relations with the German Army, Bill was the first TRADOC cmdr to receive this decoration.

VERY SAD NOTE. **John Tatum,** one of '51s most beloved classmates, passed away on 27 May 86. While walking with his wife, **Mary,** through his tree farm in Bamberg, SC, John suffered his fourth and final heart attack. West Point was represented by classmates **Dick Breakiron, Pete & Pat Clay, Joe Fant, Fred Irving, Bill & Audrey Malouche, Andy & Greg Mansinne** (Assoc Member), **Ed Matney, George Meighen, Ed & Fran Partain, John & Peggy Samotis, Pete Thorsen, Russ Walthour, Ed & Joan Willis,** and Joe Love '50. Military in attendance were designated honorary pallbearers.

'51 Activities. Once again spring was a busy period for the Class: a mini reunion at Southern Pines; preparation and distribution of the 35th Reunion schedule by **Gary Sanderson** and his principal cohorts, **Gerry Hendricks** and **Chuck Ewing;** finance comm actions by **Joe Fant, Don Zurawski,** and Chuck Ewing (report will be made at the 35th); retirements; and social activities. The mini reunion at Southern Pines, NC, 8-11 May, hosted by **Ed & Herma Matney** was relaxed, fun-filled and thoroughly enjoyed by all. Attendees came from as far no as NH (**Horgan**) and as far so as Atlanta (**Russell**); they included **Sandy & Nancy Cortner, Paul & Sarah Coughlin, Jim & Kay Boatner, Brad Holle, Ken Holle, Tom & Inge Horgan, Red & Jean Leffler, Ed & Herma Matney, Ernie & Libby Peixotto, Ron & Scotty Roberge, Walt & Nancy Russell, John & Peggy Samotis,** and **Howie & Dotsy Steele.** Enough credit cannot be given to the hosts for these affairs; each always seems better than the preceding yr and only because of the painstaking efforts and planning time contributed by the host and hostess to insure success. Activities included cocktails at the Matneys, golf, tennis, dinner at the Mid-Pines and Elks Clubs, shopping tours, and attendance

1951: The Pendletons celebrate their last Founders Day in Turkey

at a dinner theater featuring an excellent production of the show "Promises, Promises."

On 28 Jun **Ernie & Libby Peixotto** initiated and hosted a '51 "Welcome Summer" party at the Distaff Hall, Wash DC. Proceeds ($10/person) were donated to the Army Distaff Foundation for the care and support of Hall residents. Each couple provided cocktail hors d'oeuvres for 12; a tour of Distaff Hall and facilities was provided by the staff. The get-together was particularly well accepted by the wives in supporting a cause close to their hearts. Monthly '51 luncheons in the Wash DC area, organized and coordinated by **Reb Barber** continue to get good attendance. The central location of the A/N Club has gained wide acceptance; in addition, there have been no parking or traffic problems which appeals to all. Schedule of future luncheons: 18 Sep, 16 Oct, 20 Nov (tentative), and 18 Dec. Questions? Call **Reb or Claudette Barber,** 703-941-4789 or Reb's off, 703-644-3910.

1951: Kay & Dave Betts in Heidelberg

35th Reunion. Gary Sanderson, ably assisted by **Gerry Hendricks,** has provided the Cl of '51 with the schedule, plans, events, and support necessary for another outstanding reunion. Highlights include: 25 Sep—Wine tasting, informal activities; 26 Sep—Dedication of the Class sponsored "1851" Room, Memorial Services, Class picnic, and an evening boat ride; 27 Sep—Class meeting, Corps Review, football game, buffet at the Thayer followed by cash bar, music and dancing; 28 Sep—Informal activities.

REGIONAL SPOTLIGHT. Northeast (New England—**Pete Foss;** NY and Canada—**Al Lichtenberg;** PA—**Ron Roberge;** NJ—**Tom Odderstol**) and MD & DE (**Earl Keesling**). Pete Foss reports that although **Frank Winfield** is listed as living in CT, his home address is San Diego. Pete did get info from Frank who states "All goes well with the Winfields; two of my sons are jet types—they love the service, even though it is the wrong team. Got together with **Al & Jeanne Esser** over the weekend of 25 May to celebrate 35 years later. Also will try to make the 35th this fall!!!" Pete stated that Founders Day activities were hosted by the WP Soc of NE at the Nashawtuc Club in Concord, MA on 21 Mar; guest speaker was retiring hockey coach Jack Riley. '51ers attending were **Bruce & Dolly Bailey, Tom Horgan,** and **Pete & Marie Foss.** Eldest Bailey son who had been on the faculty at WP was transferred to the Pentagon, so we may get to see Bruce in the Wash area in the future. **John & Eda Moroney** are in Torrington, CT. He has been with the Torrington Co for 30 yrs and is now the sec chief for the Needle Bearing Div. Eda teaches third grade; and of their six children, three are married and only one is still at home. John's interests still include Am Rev War Hist and genealogy, but have been expanded to add "grandchildren watching" (they have three). The Moroneys plan to attend the 35th. A report was also received from **Cy Merritt** (ex-'51); he & wife **Barbara** live in Granby, MA while Cy is the Air Science instr for the AFJROTC Unit at the Technical HS in Springfield. **Ted & Betty Griesinger** are in Needham, MA; Ted is chm and CEO, Intl Tng & Ed Co (ITECO), "which continues to do exceptionally well, but the most exciting aspect . . . has been the growth of our diversification plans and ops. In 1982 we began Tiger Prop Ltd . . . dedicated to real estate investment and development. This has grown to a portfolio of real estate assets of $150 mil. In 1985 we purchased a major interest in Finger Lakes Wine Cellars Inc; it is now the fourth largest winery in the Northeast." Son Paul works with Ted as VP of Tiger Prop. The Griesingers enjoy summers on Cape Cod, cruising and fishing in their 36′ Hatteras: they also have a condo in Pompano Beach, FL adjacent to **Ed & Inge Hartnett.** In Feb while in FL on vacation with the **Elmblads,** Bruce and Ted played in a Pro-Am golf tournament with Billy Casper; later Ed Hartnett joined them and they went marlin fishing in Bimini. Ted reported "Didn't win the golf tournament! Didn't get a marlin—but enjoyed it!!" The Griesingers will be at the 35th.

The **Chuck Canhams** are in Newport RI where he continues to enjoy sailing, travel, woodworking, and managing his investments. **William & Cynthia Scheuman** are in East Longmeadow, MA; he is a mech design engr at the U of MA in Amherst. They have five children, the youngest is 22; also now have two grandchildren.

1951: A candlelight dinner for '51 in Southern Pines

With the graduation of their son Bob in the Cl of '86, the **Max Scheiders** are fully aware of the meaning of empty nest; he & **Joyce** continue to live in Framingham, MA while Max is a construction mgr at the Stamford, CT Trans Center with DeLeuw, Cather-Parsons Engr—he's been with them 5 yrs. Son Dave was ordained in Jun (married with a daughter); son Jerry (married, 2 sons) is a proj mgr with Battelle Corp in Columbus, OH; daughter Marcy (married, 2 daughters) is a major in the Army Nurse Corps. In addition, Max & Joyce expect one more grandchild in the near future. **Marv & Jackie Krupinsky** reported to Pete by phone from Litchfield, ME that Woodbury Press is putting out a sequel to Jackie's popular children's books on Loons—"Henry the Hesitant Heron" about a ME heron that is afraid to fly. Marv, a prof in math and computer science, commutes to Lyndon St College, VT

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where he teaches. The entire Krupinsky family gathered in San Francisco last year for daughter Lisa's wedding to British citizen, Andrew J. Paul. Son Steven plays in the rock band, the Erratics, in Marblehead, MA. **Tom Horgan** is still in the electronics area with Computer Devices Inc. Son Bernie, a pharmacologist in Mesa, AZ is married to Mindy Crawford, daughter of Al Crawford '50; son Erich is a marine biologist in Woodside, MA; while daughter Jean is an economist with Bankers Trust in NYC. Tom went to the Spring-Fling in Southern Pines and says, "Try it, you'll like it!" Tom also intends to be at the 35th. The **Fosses** continue living in Rockport, MA where Pete teaches journalism at the Community College. **Marie** is the asst dir for Employee Activities with John Hancock in Boston, where daughter Mary (married, one son) is also a system analyst. Son Peter is in nearby Gloucester, while daughter Deborah (married, one daughter) is an engr with Corning in Canton, NY. The Fosses are proud grandparents and a picture is included to show it.

1951: Walt Russell and friends

From NY: **Al Lichtenberg** informed us that **Ed Hartnett** is still very active as the head of two travel services, M I Stevedores Inc, and the Ledoux Crane Corp—Gabby says he is trying hard to retire. Although the father of five, as yet none of the four sons or daughter Kathleen is married. Ed says, "**Inge** & I live in Sands Point in the summer and fall, and in Pompano Beach, FL in the winter. We have an apt in Manhattan for "overnighters." The Hartnetts travel quite a bit and see **Ted & Betty Griesinger** and **Bruno & Susan Giordano** often. Also the Hartnetts have seen the **Depews** and **Bangerters** in LA, the **Browns** and **Denmans** in Washington, the **Galligans** in FL, and the **Elmblads** in Turkey. Because the Hartnetts will be in Washington thru Nov 86, they will be unable to make the 35th Reunion. Incidentally, Gabby says, "I've resigned as navigator on **Griesinger's** yacht since his son Paul has learned to operate the LORAN. We boated up from VA last wk, and I hopped off at Sands Pt and Paul directed Ted home to Cape Cod. I know Ted has not read one manual that came with his Hatteras—he has no respect for the Navy!!" **Chuck & Elaine Satuloff** live in Harrison, NY where he is chm of Channel Group, Inc, a computer systems and equip marketing co. The father of two daughters and three grandchildren, Chuck says, "Naturally, they are all brilliant and beautiful." Although the **Satuloffs** have no ret plans at present, they do have an apt in Palm Beach where they escape the cold, or use it just to escape. In Jun, **George & Marty Reid** attended their son's wedding in Ft Lauderdale and continued on to Jamaica for an extended vacation. Bill,

1951: Wives relaxed too!!

their recently married son, is a civil engr in Boca Raton; son David is a civil engr in Kissimmee, FL; Brian, an economist in Manhattan, NY; and daughter Nancy a special ed teacher, Astor Home, Rhinebeck, NY who is engaged to be married next yr. George is with IBM in Poughkeepsie, NY (pers admin); he plans to ret within two to three yrs. **Charlie & Julia Witmer** recently celebrated their 32nd anniv in Rochester where he is the dir, coating and drying div, applied technology org and worldwide dir, coating line of technology, Eastman Kodak. Son Charles is a member of the music faculty, Nazareth College; son William just completed his 2d year at Vanderbilt Sch of Med. Charlie included a picture of a salmon he caught in Lake Ontario in order that old fishing friend **Howie Peckham** would appreciate the values of NY's outdoor life. **George & Eleanor Scheuerlein** are the proud grandparents of two girls and two boys. Oldest son Paul, married father of 4 yr old daughter, a lawyer in Chicago; Robert, in AF in NH with wife Marie, father of 7 mo daughter; daughter Leanne, Northport, NY with husband and two sons, 6 and 1: youngest, William, married, Northport, NY. George's current position is bus mgr, Grumman Corp Research Center in Bethpage, NY and the Scheuerleins have no immediate ret plans—their life in a condominium permits them to pursue their interests and travel extensively, and they intend to continue their thoroughly enjoyable lifestyle. **Charlie Gildart** also reports all is fine in Huntington, NY where he is mgr, Monopulse Program, Eaton Corp, AIL Div in Deer Lake. While **Al Lichtenberg** continues as CEO, S. Lichtenberg & Co Inc, he would like to go into semi-ret next yr. Under those conditions he & **Elaine** will have a better opportunity to visit their children, their families and 7 grandchildren ranging from 8 yrs to 3 mos.

Tom Odderstol reports that **Ray & Pat Knight** have two new grandchildren to report: son Michael & wife Barbara have their first;

1951: Brown shows Hartnett the Black Knight Ranch

while daughter Katherine & husband introduced little Amy to older siblings, Jeremiah and Joshua. Pat is collecting antiques with a gleam in her eye about starting a dealership while Ray continues his "KGB"-type efforts with the NJ taxation crowd. It doesn't appear that **Bob Anderson** has yet scheduled time to sleep; he's started a new marketing co in geosynthetic materials (**Buck Farrington,** please note). **Joan** plans to stop her dance instruction prog and put more time into the Anderson real estate ventures. Daugher Kirsten will graduate from Kean Col in early 87; also son Robert in grad mgt studies. Incidentally, Buck Farrington is now VP, Converse Consultants, Pasadena, CA. As principal engr he is responsible for large complex geotechnical projects; he also will act as principal supervising engr on environmental projects that emphasize the cleanup of hazardous waste sites. The fashion world continues to benefit from **Camilla Kuhn's** efforts, and she is pleased to report that son Mark is now an MD with internship at Temple U in obstetrics, that Lucy is research mgr for **Cosmopolitan** magazine and Emma is in NYC in sales for Burlington Industries.

1951: The Krupinsky wedding in San Francisco

The Great Wall of China is very steep and its people are fascinating, hard-working, and making progress—all according to **Derek & Diana Samuelson** who made the trek there in 85. Derek continues with ITT acquisitions and divestitures, doing a lot of travel. Son David is an aviation instructor while Deidre wraps up her jr yr at U of DE. **Stuart Miller,** a really young man has gone West—where he's just competed in a biathlon! After selling his realty co in NJ, he started the same bus in Drake, CO where most of his 8 children live; grandchild count is 5.5. "The good life" is how they picture it at the **George & Joan Filchak** residence. Daughter Karen has a son and daughter; George Jr added a son; as did daughter Susan. Andrew got married in Lexington, KY on 6/7/86 and Sandra is still with mom and dad. Just out of the hosp and back to work is **Dr Charlie McIntosh**—after a long bout with a heart situation. He's still tending the medical problems of Teaneck whenever he & **Peggy** are not at their Vero Beach, FL vacation home. Charlie Jr is planning college in animal husbandry; Karen is an RN and Pamela is into social work. **Tom Odderstol** is still dir of marketing and engr for FCP Inc, while **Barbara** is eyeing a second master's degree from Rutgers. Regretfully, they didn't see a familiar soul during Army's great soaking wet victory over IL last Dec. Daughter Karen still with one daughter and in a sideline secretarial service bus of her own; Chris '77 now is civil engr with Mobil

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Oil; Berit a jr marketing mgr with a NY consulting engr firm and LT Eric, USN, out of subs and into Navy civil engr.

Ron Roberge reports that life in the rolling hills of PA seems to be going well for the Cl of '51 who have taken up residence there. He and **Sandy Cortner** enjoy each other's company on the USAWC golf course most Sat am's. . . . They along with wives **Scotty** and **Nancy** represented the PA contingent at the Spring Fling in Southern Pines, NC. Host **Ed Matney** was most gracious on the golf course and donated a few dollars to the cause of worthy Pennsylvanians. Ron works for Ketron, Inc, doing operational analysis and gaming for mostly Army clients. He travels quite a bit and recently supported **Ed Peter's** Fourth Army on a mobilization project. **Lee Duke** and Ron recently visited **Matt Collins** at the VA Hospice in Wilkes Barre, PA. Matt was significantly improved over an earlier visit by Ron & Scotty. As Ron reports, "Matt has since decided that he isn't ready to give into what has been diagnosed as terminal cancer of the throat and moved into an apt. My latest communication from him was a note on TRW Property Investments letterhead identifying Matt as Exec and chief operating off of the real estate div."

1951: The Fosses with their grandchildren

After a recent visit with Matt, **Sandy Cortner** reported that Matt was involved in a deal which could change his life style significantly. In any event, Matt appears to be holding his own and has been deeply touched by his renewed contacts with '51. **Lee Duke** is still serving as township supervisor for Silver Springs, PA. Having grown wise in the ways of local govt, apparently he has decided not to seek reelection, although it is said that Lee can entertain for hours with amusing tales based on his experiences. **Dan Barnes** continues as mgr of Systems Engr with General Electric; son David has been accepted for grad studies at U of Chicago; daughter Melissa for grad studies at Brown; and daughter Caroline is working as a banker with Guarantee Trust. **Frank Fischl** is completing his second yr of a 7-yr term with the PA Public Utilities Comm which requires his commuting from Allentown to Harrisburg. However, life has become routine for Frank, **Nancy** and family in the Allentown area. **Charlie & Joan Crowe** returned to their Carlisle home in Jun moving from their home in Potomac, MD. Charlie recently assumed duties as an emergency planning consultant in Harrisburg. Daughter Allison is now in Greece; son Charles is a mortgage banker in the Wash DC area; and Leigh Ann & her husband Paul, with the Crowes' two grandchildren are in Syracuse, NY.

Earl Keesling reports that **Bill & Margie Allen** are located in Clinton, MD. Bill ret

1951: "Eat Your Heart Out Howie Peckham"

from Engr Topo Labs in 1984, after 37 yrs with various DOD agencies. Bill now serves as a volunteer counselor at the Adelphi Nursing Home providing a sympathetic ear and helping patients retain an active mind. Older son Pete and family live in Columbia, MD, while younger son Dave and his wife are in Harrisburg, PA. **Gorman & Mary Smith** are living in the Cabin John area of MD since their return from Houston. Gorman serves as the exec dir of the World Energy Congress. Last yr he & Mary visited Sofia, Vienna, Paris and Cannes in conjunction with the annual meeting of the WEC Intl Exec Council. After their visit which was of two-wk duration, Gorman is convinced "everyone should spend a week in an Iron Curtain country—it really makes you appreciate the USA." Gorman's son Glen is an accountant with Development Co, Houston, TX; daughter Sharon is married and lives in Blacksburg, VA. Sharon a violinist, & husband Jon, a composer, staged a recital in May in NYC concert hall. **John Hinton** is in his 12th yr with Cannon Faulkner Inc, Architects, Engrs, and Planners. As comptroller, he has seen the firm significantly move from a three-man partnership to a relatively large corp. Children are grown and doing well: Stacy, married and living in Zurich, owns and operates a dance studio while her husband practices law; John III, CPT, USA and an Abn lawyer at Bragg won his master wings in Grenada; daughter Laurie is married to a Peruvian diplomat and lives in Montgomery County, MD; youngest, Steve, lives at home with John while attending U of MD. John plans to remain in the Bethesda area and then "move for a last PCS to the Eastern Shore." He wants to settle near the hunting and fishing areas rather than commute to them.

1951: Joyce claims her fifth trophy

Howie Steele replaced Bruce Palmer '36 as governor of the DC Soc of the Founders & Patriots of America. This unique group was organized in 1896 to preserve and perpetuate American ideals. The soc is one of the most difficult to join because of its rigorous membership requirements. Members must be directly descended in the male from a founder ancestor who settled in the Colonies prior to 1657, and from a patriot ancestor who served in the Revolution. Incidentally, daughter Sue was filmed by CBS "60 Minutes" as she walked across the stage, with the aid of electronic orthotics and a walker, to graduate from Wright St U in Jun. Son Chips was promoted to asst to the VP, Asian Div, Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co in Akron, OH.

At a recent Class luncheon **Pat Lynch** recommended that a mini reunion be held in UT to take advantage of the wonderful skiing—he was quickly seconded by **John Byers** and **Phil Cuny. Pat & Lois** visited Snowbird, UT and the **Milburns** with their daughter Shannon in Mar. **Joyce Milburn** packed a champagne lunch en route to a day of skiing at Brighton—the next day the Milburns were the guests of the Lynches at Snowbird and so went the wk. The day that Pat & Lois left Phil and Irene Cuny arrived to spend a wk as guests of the Milburns. At the time of the Cuny departure Rocky's son Pete had to take them to the airport because Joyce was then defending her giant slalom championship. The big news is that Joyce captured the Cohe Cup for the 5th straight yr for senior women (50+) for the state of UT. Photo enclosed is Joyce holding and Rocky admiring the 1986 Cohe Cup!! Rocky says, "Put that in the ASSEMBLY so the young people can see that while life begins at forty, it doesn't end at fifty!!!" Joyce says that when she hits sixty and enters the bottom of that age group she'll win the Nationals. Rocky says, "Once I was somebody—but now I have become Joyce's husband on the slopes."

During the next edition the Regional Spotlight will be postponed in order to highlight 35th Reunion activities.

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I am writing this article on Sat, 21 Jun. In this morning's mail, I received a letter from **Paul Malone,** as follows: "I was disappointed that the info I provided in Apr wasn't included in the Cl of '52 entry in the Jun 86 ASSEMBLY. Would appreciate your including some of it in your next entry. A brochure on 'my baby' is enclosed. All well here. The DC contingent will be having a picnic this Sat. A few classmates (**Paul Brown, Ralph Cline, Jack Burkheimer, Paul Malone**) will be going on the 2nd Horney Holidays trip to Acapulco 1-8 Jul. Will send you a photo or two."

This gives me an opportunity to remind all of you that the deadline for my article to be at WP is **two** months prior to the date of the issue (Jun articles must be at WP before 1 Apr, Sep articles before 1 Jul, Dec articles before 1 Oct, and Mar articles before 5 Jan). Consequently, to be in my article, I must have the material one or two wks prior to my deadline (depending on dates of the weekend—I set aside a Sat at least a wk before my deadline to write). The info Paul sent in Apr was, Paul Malone reports that his "book on leadership for everyone," **Love 'Em and Lead 'Em,** comes out in May. Paul finished the book last yr but had problems finding a pub-

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1952: Beiser and Koestner

lisher. Undaunted, he paid Fairfax County, VA $5 for a commercial license and became a publisher himself. His basement will soon be packed with 3500 copies of his "creation." As his classmate Jack Burkheimer, kindly noted, "Paul, you may never sell a single book, but you've got Christmas gifts for the rest of your life." Most books on leadership are complex, theoretical and BORING. Paul has attempted to develop an approach which is both practical and FUN to read. If you liked his cartoons when you were a cadet, you may enjoy **Love 'Em and Lead 'Em. Walt Ulmer** gave the book good marks for practicality and style. If you're interested, contact Paul's "baby," Synergy Press, 3420 Holly Road, Annandale, VA 22003 for a brochure. Paul's still teaching in the bus sch at GW U in DC. He says, "All well here. Our daughter, Marylee Maloney (that 'y' on the end of her name cost us a big wedding) just had her first daughter. Paul IV (Class of '78) cmds a rifle co in the 82nd Abn Div. Our younger son, Pat, enters the Army in May." Paul always has demonstrated a great gift in his sense of humor so I am sure his book is something to enjoy.

1952: Wheeler, Nicky & Bill Reilly

I received a flyer for the Class picnic Paul mentioned. It was at the Marriott Hotel at Dulles Intl Apt from 1600-2000. Inasmuch as it is going on as I am writing this, there won't be time to get any kind of a report on it till next issue. But, it sounds like fun. Other coming events are 6 Sep—Cocktail Buffet at **Bill & Chase Raiford's**, Rockville, MD (BYOL); and Dec/Jan (upon completion of remodeling)—Cocktails and Dinner at Army-Navy Club, DC.

Ray Koestner writes, "Took a short vacation to the Bahamas (Freeport) and gave **Geo & Barbara Beiser** a call. Hadn't seen him since graduation, so we got all caught up on 30 odd yrs of news—took us to his very nice club for lunch. Also just got back from a very nice trip to Argentina with the **Niblacks. Nib** was stationed there so he was most helpful on where to go and what to see. Wound up 40 mi from Bariloche; fantastic fishing. First hook-up was 10# rainbow trout followed by numerous 6# brookies and browns. You wouldn't believe the beef; a 3 lb steak with all the trimmings for $3. All is great in SC. Have built a guest house for any and all classmates going up or down I-95."

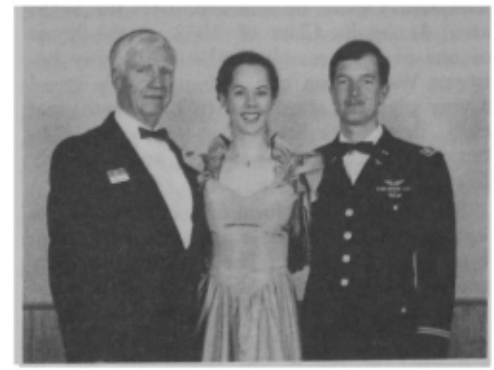
Sad news from **Don Ross! Marilyn** passed away on 12 Apr, following a bout with cancer that went on for over two yrs. Don expressed his gratitude to the Class for flowers which were sent. **John & Rosemary Smith** attended services in Cincinnati together with a large turnout from the Cincinnati WP Soc, and he received calls from the **Rehms, Claybrooks** and **Perritts. Marilyn** was buried in Pittsburg, KS, their mutual birthplace.

1952: Mary & Bob Carlone, Hettinger, Liz & Loyd Rhiddlehoover

My pleas for input hit home again. **Deryle Whipple** has now responded as follows: "I have been in pediatric practice since 64 in the Cherry Hill, NJ area—plan to continue 5-10 more yrs but at a reduced pace. **Jane** & I are happily enjoying 8 children with assorted spouses and kids, all very much in touch. Most of the kids are in their twenties (thank heaven). My health is still good and I began golf seriously last yr—play 4-5 times a wk and have trips to Hilton Head, Kiawah, and Tides in VA for golf this yr. Our course is pvt and less than a mile away. We love visitors and all classmates are welcome (609-596-2240). **Birt & Rita Kidwell** will join us for AF game at WP 8 Nov. Jane is one of 10 kids from NE so we get to the midwest some. My Perry, GA relatives and Atlanta Emery Med Sch take us south. We ski in VT once or twice each winter (not experts)."

1952: Ralph & Anita Leonard with Charlotte & Ralph Garver

On 26 Apr my son Randy was married in Montgomery, AL to Jean (Chi Chi) Harper, daughter of Jean & Phil Harper '50. At the reception following the wedding, I had a chance to chat with **Jim Walter.** He looks well, but with all that was going on, I don't remember what we talked about. (Incidentally, as I tell friends about the wedding, I've thought it rather amusing that after they had their honeymoon, Chi Chi & Randy went to HI.) Right after returning from the wedding,



1952: Arthur Deverill and CPT & Mrs. Shane Deverill; Founders Day 1986, Ft Hood, TX

Charlotte & I received a call from **Anita & Ralph Leonard**, and we met them for dinner a day or so later in St. Augustine. It was great to see them again. They're both looking fabulous and we had a great time catching up on old times. We hope to make this an annual event (if not more often) since they like to take their vacations in Daytona Bch.

Also in my mail this morning (and it should have been in yours too) was a flyer describing the latest Class project; the Astronaut Commemorative Project. I won't repeat what was in the package since you all have it but I do remind you all to respond with your contribution. We can all be very proud of the contributions of **Ed White** and **Mike Collins.** This portrait will reflect that pride in our classmates for all the world to see.

1952: Robinsons, Hulleys and Rileys; Founders Day 1986, Ft Sill

I've received one really late Christmas card, from **Mary & Bob Carlone.** In addition to their work on "The Aspens"—CO's Retd Off Community, which I mentioned last issue, they reported on Melanie and Lisa. Melanie completed her two yr tour with the Peace Corps (with Bob visiting her early last yr in Zaire, Africa), spent 8 mos traveling Europe and is now heading back to graduate study. Lisa is now social secy for the exclusive Metropolitan Club in Denver. Mary & Bob celebrated their 2nd anniv on 17 Dec with a cruise to the FL Keys and Mexico.

A welcome letter from **John Kenney:**

25 Jun 86

"Dear Ralph,

Greetings and best wishes from all of us in the Wash, DC, area.

We've had a quiet few months, but a couple of great class get-togethers have really kept things bright for us.

The first of these was a Sunday Brunch at the Bethesda Naval Officers Club on 6 Apr. This is the brunch which was advertised by the flyer you mentioned in the most recent ASSEMBLY.

As you know, for the past two or three years we have been invited to watch the

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Army-Navy game on television with the Wash area Annapolis Class of 1952 at the home of one of their members about half way between Washington and Annapolis. We spend a very pleasant afternoon stuffing down great chili, drinking a little beer (and other libations), exchanging "war stories," and generally having a great time.

So, in April, as a form of reciprocation, we invited the USNA Class of '52 to join us for brunch at Bethesda. The turnout was very good. Twenty-eight Annapolis grads and wives had brunch with forty-two of our classmates and wives, and everyone had an opportunity to renew old friendships and to make some new acquaintances. We'll probably do it again before too long.

Our classmates and wives who were there were: **George & Kay Bartel, Paul & Pat Brown,** the **Burkheimers** (up from SC), **Ralph & Carrol Cline, Bob & Alice Craig, Art Deverill, Dick & Donna Larkin, John & Catherine Keeley, Hank & Marsha Lowder, Paul & Ann Malone, Mac McKnight, Otis & Emilia Moran, Joe & Kay Paluh, Harvey & Mabel Lee Perritt, Frank & Pat Pimentel, Scotty & Rosalie Shipe, Bert & Gerry Stubblebine, John & Loretta Sullivan, Don & Betty Swygert, Herb & Barbara Vogel,** and **Dick & Ginny Wiles.**

Last Sat, 21 Jun, a group of us gathered in the best of summertime tradition and had a catered picnic at the Marriott Picnic Pavillion, Dulles International Airport. In case you did not receive one, I have enclosed the flyer announcing the picnic. We had hot dogs and hamburgers and beans and all the good things you think of when you hear the word "picnic." We even had a The First Annual Runt-Flanker Horseshoe Match in which the Flankers (**John Sullivan** and **Ralph Cline**) triumphed over the Runts (**Frank Pimentel** and **Dick Wiles**) 21-19 after a close match which featured at least a dozen ties along the way.

The people who attended the picnic were: **Paul & Pat Brown, Jack & Jane Claybrook, Ralph & Carrol Cline, Phil & Johanne Coleman, John & Marie Kenney, Dick & Donna Larkin, Paul & Ann Malone, Steve & Caroline Nichols,** their son Don (just graduated from U of OR) and grandson Austin Moon, **Joe & Kay Paluh, Frank Pimentel, Bill & Chase Raiford, Tom & Mary Rehm, John & Loretta Sullivan, Dick & Ginny Wiles,** and **Chuck & Inez Youree.**

The members of the Class should be receiving in the mail soon a lettter describing the Class Astronaut Portrait which the Exec Comm has designated as the Class of 1952 gift to be presented to USMA at our 35th Reunion in the fall of 1987. The letter includes a request for donations from the Class to support the project.

That's about it for now, Ralph. I'll be writing again soon (i.e., some time in Sep). 'Til then, all the best from all of us.

Sincerely,
JOHN KENNEY"

That's all the material I have accumulated for this issue. I could surely use some correspondence from each of you So, until the next time, please keep those cards and letters coming!

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Dick Benz forwarded a picture of his younger son Mark and **Jim Pfautz** taken during the Duke U AFROTC spring black tie dinner at which Jim was the guest speaker. Mark will receive his degree in electrical engr and a commission in the USAF in May. In late fall he will report to Williams AFB to start flight tng.

During the last wk of Apr, **Ed & Marelyn O'Hair** had a weekend visit in Honolulu with **Jim & Judeyn Loedding.** The fun part of their weekend was worked in around the wedding of their daughter Karen, the flight surgeon for the F-16 squadron stationed in Korea, to MAJ Bill E. Fox (USAFA '73). Now all that Karen has to do is hope that the AF reassigns her to McDill AB in FL where her husband is assigned. The two O'Hair sons, John (USAFA '83) and Mark (USAFA '81), were present for the wedding, having traveled from Eglin AB where they are both currently stationed and where Karen had been scheduled to go after Korea.

1953: Joe & Pat Wilson, San Antonio

As mentioned a couple of issues earlier, Ed now lives in Lubbock, TX where he is on the electrical engr faculty of Texas Tech U. As additional duties, he is associate dean for Graduate Studies and Research of the College of Engineering, dir of the Center for Energy Research, dir of the Center for Applied Research and Engr, and dir of a special Solar Power Project. With the titles come three separate offs and four secys. His goal for next yr is to increase his teaching time and to rid himself of half the titles—two offs—and three secys. Congratulations on the wedding and good luck in achieving your future goals.

Bert & Molly Fuller relived old memories in late Apr when they returned to Ft Benning—specifically the Harmony Church area—to celebrate the graduation of their son William Scott from Ranger School. Following Ranger School, he was scheduled for Pathfinder School and then to Korea for an asgmt with the 2d Inf Div. It doesn't seem possible that 33 yrs ago Bert and almost all the other Inf files were following the same tng schedule—how time flies.

Si & Anne Nerone, along with their daughter Charmaine, are on their way to Manila, the Philippines. Anne was made "an offer she couldn't refuse" with a major import firm, Magellan Assoc, Inc, and will be involved in importing giftwares and housewares from the Asia Pacific region while working out of Manila. Before leaving, Si had tried to ascertain the whereabouts of **Greg Vigilar** but the last known address was dated 1961. Si will be trying to make contact when they arrive, and hopefully he'll provide us an update for a later edition.

Received a notice that **Bob & Carol Bartlett** will be relocating to the Wash area in the near future. Bob has been selected as the new pres of the National Stone Assoc from a field of over 200 applicants. The notice contained a list of Bob's accomplishments including pres, Pennsylvania Highway Info Assoc; past pres, American Road and Transportation Builders Assoc; Bethlehem's Outstanding Young Man of the Year in 1962; secy of Highways for the Commonwealth of PA; chm of PA's State Highway Commission from 67-70 and a host of other positions. Bob & Carol are planning to reside in North Bethesda when a new town house they are having built is finished. We all look forward to their joining the Washington "scene" and wish them luck in the new position.

1953: Delbridge, Goetz, and the Stuarts, '53 picnic

Rocky & Joan Ventrella reported on running into **Joan Speir** while attending a wedding in NC. Appears that **Monty Speir** was not in attendance but Joan said they were both doing fine.

Claire & I spent four days with **Joe & Pat Wilson** during early Jun. Joe is now a successful broker with Merrill Lynch and having seen his off, I am now really considering having him act as my financial advisor. Joe said he had received a call from **John Smythe** who is still living in Baltimore, MD but who has changed jobs and is now doing a bit of traveling.

1953: Harris, Benz and son Mark; '53 picnic

Al & Pam Lindholm hosted the annual Class Wash area picnic on 31 May at their farm. Fishing, softball, volleyball, eating and some little imbibing was on the agenda. Classmates in attendance included **Dick & Judy Benz** with their son Mark, **Bob & Nola Breckenridge, Norm & Margi Delbridge, Bert & Molly Fuller, Jerry & Ann Goetz, Russ & Barbara Groshans, Bill & Pat Harris, Cliff & Mary Lou Neilson, Max & Priscilla Noah, Betsy Roderick, Bob & Margaret Schroeder, Don & Sara Shaw, Fred & Pat Seibert, Pauli**

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1953: Mark Benz and Jim Pfautz; Duke U AFROTC spring dinner

Smith, Bud & Florence Tardiff, Jim & Susan Stuart, who traveled up from the Richmond area, **Weemo & Marie Wuebbena** and **Sam & Nadine Thomas** who were in town from Cincinnati and had a couple of hrs between airplanes.

The Jun luncheon was held at the Secy of the Army Mess in the Pentagon on 27 Jun. Classmates in attendance were **Bob Barton, Bob Breckenridge, Art Brown, Don Davis, Larry Davis, Bert Fuller, Jerry Goetz, Clay Jackson, Bill Jolin, Bob Kaplan, Cliff Landry, Al Lindholm, Jim Linka, Chuck Lowman, Rob Roy McGregor, Don McNutt, Cliff Neilson, Don Shaw, Bill Sutton, Rocky Ventrella, Jim Wade, Jack Yale** and a visiting **Jack Johnson.**

1953: McKenna and Ann Dwyer; Founders Day 1986, Ft Carson

Jack mentioned that on 7 Jun he had attended the wedding of **Buck Kotowski's** youngest son which was held in Lancaster, PA. Buck appeared to be in fine spirits as well he should be.

Due to the proximity to the 35th Reunion, the members present voted to continue the current slate of Class off in their current positions for another yr. The returning off holders are

Pres: Bob Breckenridge
VP: Al Lindholm
Treas: Bob Blastos
Secy: Russ Groshans
Historian: Don Davis

Other items of bus included approval of the date for the 25th Reunion. We are now scheduled for the big event to take place 28-30 Oct 1988. The date coincides with the Boston College football game. In addition, it was announced that current contributions for the Class gift, which we plan on making to the Academy during the reunion, amounts to approximately $35,000. Thus, we are still in search of an additional $15,000 in individual contributions which with **John Haskell's** matching contribution will allow us to reach our goal of $100,000. Therefore, please review your current pledges or if you haven't made a contribution or a pledge to date please rethink the matter and write out a check now. The only requirement is that you mark any contribution—Class of 1953.

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In a well-intentioned effort to keep our classmates informed about each other, we are planning a type of census by mail. Each of you with an address on file will receive a questionnaire that is to be completed with your family and returned by mail. Instructions are included with the form. A family photo is also requested. The forms will be reproduced and fastened into a class biographical directory. Anyone wanting a copy will order it prepaid at cost, about $5 to $10, depending on quantity published and postage. Anticipate form mailout by Sep, and return by Dec. Then allow about 6 mos for preparation and printing. Please participate, or go have a tooth extracted.

Lee & Fran Thackwray announce Lee's ret on 30 May from the US Govt after 36 yrs of service. His present position is with the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Admin in Suitland, MD, where he is in charge of the Satellite Control Center. Lee's service includes 4 yrs as a cadet, 13 in the USAF, and 19 with NOAA. Lee has accepted a position as Sr Computer Scientist with Computer Science Corp at Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, MD. Lee & Fran will continue to live in Ft Washington, MD. Family and friends attended the ret luncheon at Andrews AFB Off Club on 29 May. The Class adds its congratulations.

Yale Weatherby informs us that **Joe Palastra** was promoted to GEN and cmd of USA Forces Cmd, Ft McPherson, GA. The Class sends its best wishes to Joe & **Anne.** Yale is pres of Federal Marketing Services Corp in Falls Church, VA, and wife **Phil** is the classified document librarian at TRW nearby. Yale & Phil live in Falls Church.

Battling **Bob Hunt** checks in from Birmingham with an article from **The Christian Science Monitor** about **Jack Galvin** and the US Southern Cmd in Panama that Jack leads. That strategic area from Guatemala to the southern tip of So America is Jack's area of responsibility. Jack, Bob and I were at Columbia U together. One night, **Monica** & I had Bob over for a home cooked dinner of stuffed cabbage and sausage. He never came back.

Another newsmaker is **Bill Odom,** NSA Dir, whose name appeared in **The Washington Times, TIME,** and **The Washington Post** in stories of their handling of security info. **Jack Ballantyne,** MDW CG, is seen in local news photos, usually escorting President Reagan or other dignitaries in formal capital ceremonies. Jack was recently nominated for promotion to LTG and asgmt as Chm, Inter-American Def Board, Ft McNair. Best wishes to Jack & **Anne.**

From Tom McNeil, '45, AOG Trustee Emeritus, from the WP Soc of North TX comes the news that **Jan LeCroy,** Chancellor of the Dallas County Community College District, was elected to be chm of the Board of Dir of the American Assoc of Community and Junior Colleges, a natl post. The Wash-based assoc represents 1,219 community, technical and junior colleges in the US. Jan is completing a term as vice chm of the assoc's board. Congratulations, Jan, and many of 'em.

John Bard, chm of the Class Gift Comm, informs us that, with **Jim Hays'** prof guidance, our Supe's reviewing stand has been approved for construction, which may even now be under way. Dedication is possible this fall in connection with a home football game parade. Funding appears to be completed, but let's keep our eyes crossed.

I must sadly report the death of **Al White** in Panama City, FL on 26 May. Alvin was an L-2 flanker and served in the AF. The Class mourns his untimely passing and offers its condolences to his wife, **Deborah,** and their family. May God's mercy console them, and may Al's soul rest in peace.

The column is shorter than usual. Someone said that there's a bunch of guys and dolls out there with interesting tidbits of info that should be published. I invite your comments. Alors and allez oop.

1954: Founders Day 1986, Ft Carson

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Once again, 55-er's, I must begin with a note of deep sadness. On 3 Jul, our classmate **Frank O'Brien,** who had ret in 76 and for the past several yrs had been teaching at Montgomery County Col in MD, died very suddenly from a severe heart attack. His wife **Joan** was with him at his passing. Frank left six lovely youngsters; Daniel, Kathleen, Anne, Sarah, Mary Anne and Joan Patricia. A memorial service and mass were held on 8 Jul in Damascus, MD, and Frank was laid to rest at WP on 10 Jul. Representing our Class were **Don Hilbert, Dick Masson, Bill Welter, Ed Rumsey, Paul Lenio,** and **Bill Wix** who were F-2 co-mates, and **Cliff Fralen, Bob Strati** and I. Frank was a gentle, warm friend and comrade whom we will miss deeply. Our sympathies go out to Joan and the children. Well done, Obo, be thou at peace.

Hearkening back to the days when those blessed weekends once in a while came our way, 7 of our classmates and ladies who live in the NYC area gathered together for a micro-reunion early in May at Mr Sam's restaurant in the city. Mr. Sam's is owned in part by **Kelly Lichtenberg,** who acted as host for the group. Also attending were Kelly's wife **Trudy; Dan & Loretta Dienst,** down from East Hartford, CT; **Walt Landers; Jim Murphy; Vern & Peggy Pace; Dave & Marcy Young;** and **Bob & Pat Strati,** who were down from the Academy. Bob Strati reports that a lot of good memories were wrung out that evening.

In a separate letter, **Walt Landers** advised that he recently joined the John C Palmer Assoc in Pennington, NJ with its consulting gp. Walt has amassed extensive exp in the pharmaceuticals and health care bus over the yrs. Congrats, Walt.

Happy news and congratulations: **George Monahan,** who has been serving as the Dir Dev and Production, in the USAF R&D Hq Staff, has been selected for promotion to LTG and reassigned as VC of the USAF Systems Cmd at Andrews AFB. Super news, George & **Mary.**

In other notes from around WP, **Bob Strati** reports that a great tradition was carried forward this grad week at USMA when graduating sons and daughters of the Class of '86 were presented their napkin rings in a ceremony attended by parents and cadets alike. **Donne Olvey** presented the rings on our behalf, bringing to 36 the number of sons and daughters of '55 who have graduated from USMA over the yrs. Those receiving their napkin rings were Doug **Black,** son of **Woody & Vi,** who were up from Woody's farming and real estate businesses in Salado, TX; Linda **Fetko,** daughter of **Paul & Eleanore,** who attended from their home in Atlanta; David **Fralen,** whose parents, **Cliff & Jean,** were down from MA, where Cliff is dir of the physical plant at Northeastern U (Cliff & Jean now have sons who are grads of both USMA and USNA)—I suspect there are others; finally John **Olvey,** who joins brother Patrick '84 and precedes brother Anthony, who is in '88 (**Donne & Kathleen** are rightfully proud of their three sons, as are we). In '88 they will join **Leo & Pauline Hergenroeder** as parents of three grads; Leo's three lads were in the classes of '78, '79 and '80.

Bob also reports that **Howie Stone** spent a few days in early Jun at USMA attending an admission spt conf; Howie plans to be active in supporting the adm prog in his home area in Olympia, WA. Howie's son Charlie had just finished plebe yr and is looking forward to Buckner.

John Gamble dropped a nice note from Huntsville, AL where he and other '55-ers are kept busy in and around Redstone Arsenal. The pic taken at Founders Day this yr is with John's wife **Mary** and **Jack & Beverly Farrington.** Jack and John and **Howie Whittaker** are all employed by Teledyne Brown Engr, and **John Funkhouser,** also in Huntsville, is with NASA.

1955: '55 at Huntsville: Gambles and Farringtons

The mail also brought a note from **Eugene & LaVerne Richey,** from here in Annandale, VA. Gene is an X'55-er, now ret, who is married to **Paul Bazilwich's** sister; their young son Randal Scot '84 was recently married to Heather Sell, before heading out to duty in Wurtzburg, FRG.

On the 7th of May this spring, the Wash DC area '55-ers sponsored a luncheon on the Potomac shore to swap some stories, greet new arrivals and keep the trap lines active. We are happy to see some new faces there, including **Jim Drummond,** who is now the Chief of the Army's Opnl Test & Eval Agency here. Jim is kept very busy these days, not only with the Army's very active program of testing, but with a battery of self-styled experts who seem constitutionally bent on challenging every piece of equipment the govt wants to buy. Also at lunch was **John Pickitt,** who is dir of the Def Nuclear Agency and also a truly busy man. Others attending were **Ed Anderson,** who has recently relocated with the ANSER Corp here; **Norm Blahuta,** who is very active in commercial and investment real estate; **Bob Carpenter; Tom Herren; Dan Malone; Dick Masson,** who is now located with the Intl Planning Anal Ctr in DC; **Bob Newton; Ed Nidever; Bob Russell; Jim Ryan; Don Smith; Dan Troyan** and our veep, **Dick Wargowsky.** During lunch I had the chance to chat with Jim Drummond, who advises that **George Kennebeck** has now taken a position with an S&L firm in Austin as exec off; also that **Stan & Carla Sydenham's** second son was recently married in Phoenix, and that **Woody Black** is fully recovered after some corrective surgery to a hand injured in an accident on his farm in TX. Happy to hear that good news, Woody.

On the day this article is due to the Assoc of Grads, I will have watched our classmate **Don Hilbert** take cmd of the Mil Dist of Wash in ceremonies at Ft McNair. **Don & Chickie** are fresh back from Paris and will be quartered at Ft McNair. I hope to see some other classmates there.

Got a nice note from **Jack & Marlowe Viney** from CA which included a short clipping about Marlowe's mother, Mrs. L. Patricia Delphey, a very remarkable and accomplished lady who passed away recently in Pasadena. Jack recounted how he & Marlowe met just after Pearl Harbor in 1942, started a big crush that is still very much alive.

Joe Franklin was in town recently from Madrid, and we took the opportunity to accomplish a little Class bus over lunch at Ft Myer. Those attending were **Bob Newton, Dick Wargowsky, Dick Baker, Fred Knieriem** and myself. Fred was in town for the day from Atlanta, where he is dir of intl mktg with Lockheed; he was here to get a visa to travel to New Delhi, where he is hoping to do some bus. Joe spent some time discussing a proposal for the Class to participate in a relatively new but very important West Point Preparatory Scholarship Program. This program will involve '55 sponsoring a $25,000 scholarship to be used as is explained in an article elsewhere in this edition of ASSEMBLY. The investment from the Class Fund will be $5000 each yr over the next 5 yrs. In a collateral vein, Joe announced that our annual Class gift to the Dept of Athletics was $10,000 his yr and will be focused on the sport of hockey.

Also at the luncheon, fresh back from Korea from a business trip and celebrating his recent elevation to Corp VP with Scientific Application Intl Corp was **Jack Goldstein.** Jack has been doing quite a bit of research recently on the idea of a mini-reunion, proposed for sometime in 88, and will have some more definitive news for us in the near future through a separate mailing. In the meantime, the plans for the 35th Reunion have moved out smartly. We are now scheduled to hold this reunion on the 10 Nov 1990 weekend—that's Army vs AF at WP. Put a marker in your long-term calendar for that date.

1955: Browns and Dinwiddies; Founders Day 1986, Ft Hood

Finally, let me take a moment to energize an effort to locate some of our Class who have, for one reason or another, figuratively dropped out of sight or contact in the yrs since graduation. In general, our rolls are very much up to date, and we have the enjoyment of meeting classmates and their families frequently. The news seems to get around about old friends, but there are 19 of our number who have become a virtual "lost platoon." If you have any knowledge of these folks, please drop me a line, or if you're in contact with them, ask them to drop a note to re-establish contact. The "platoon" includes **Gil Batchman, Karl Brunstein, Ron Cairns, Jerry Denman, Bob Doerr, Neil Dorward, Lee Floyd, Jerry Gilpin, John Hardy, Don Isbell, Warren Jones, John Leventis, Bruce Macdonald, Bill Norvell, Lew Olive, George Straus, Ed Vulgas, Leo Warner,** and

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Lloyd Wolfe. We would value hearing any news you may have on these gents.

So much for now; keep the cards and letters pouring in and take the hint from the last issue of ASSEMBLY: write me a postcard with 3 things that have happened to you and yours this past yr. Take care.

'56

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By the time most of you will be reading this, we will be assembling once again to see for ourselves just how much "the Corps has" and also congratulate **Dave & Lu Palmer.** I'm certain they well understand the significance of their new responsibilities, and we are all extremely proud that they were chosen. There are many other reasons for us to be proud, and I'm going to attempt to list here just a few. First, we all can be very proud and pleased with the thorough and great job performed by our very hard working and talented 30th Reunion Comm. All of our classmates anywhere near WP have pitched in to make certain this one will be the best ever. I hope all of you who will enjoy this event will also take the time to extend a special thanks and "well done" to **Jim Anderson, Jack Conklin, Jim McNulty, Hawley Oakes, Ted Ogren, Farrell Patrick, Gerry Richardson,** and **Luciano Salamone** (as well as Dave Palmer). **Maury Cralle, Stan Diez, Dick Dowell, Al Renshaw, Bob Sorley** and **Pete Verfurth** are also most deserving of our special recognition and thanks for the excellent job they are doing to give us a 30 Yr Book. In this regard, Dave Palmer has written a feature article for the book analyzing us from the view of a historian. **Perry Smith** will also prepare a special article for the book describing the many contributions of our Class to the AFA.

1956: Dents, Lissa Young, Ellen Young, Chuck Young, and Laura Young

We have several other reasons to be proud. For example, both **Fred Brown** and **Norm Schwarzkopf** have been nominated recently to pin on a 3d star. Fred will be CG of the Fourth USA at Ft Sheridan, IL. Norm will lead the I Corps at Ft Lewis. They along with all the other 56ers who have earned the highest ranks in our armed forces have been superior in every way and a credit to our Academy. There are many other of our classmates whose lives were cut short in combat or otherwise just performing their duty—these I know also have a very special place in our hearts and memories. Perhaps **Don Holleder** typifies this classmate more than any other that comes to mind at this moment. Quoting from a feature article in

1956: Scott Smith and Palmers; Founders Day 1986, Heidelberg

the **Honolulu Star Bulletin** authored by Jerry Izenberg, this, in part, was what was said about Don:

"There, on 17 Oct 1967, in the most controversial war in this nation's history, Don Holleder died at age 33. He died trying to save the lives of men whose names he didn't even know. Caught in a searing crossfire and with no way open but the rear, the American unit staggered desperately toward its base camp, carrying as many wounded as it could. Among them was a medic named Hinger. He reeled out of the bush and headed across an open marshy plain toward the base some 200 meters away. Coming in the opposite direction toward the battle and on a clear collision course was Don Holleder, the bde ops off. 'Come on, Doc,' Holleder shouted at the medic. 'We've still got wounded up there. I need you.' Later, when they interviewed Hinger to flesh out Holleder's posthumous Silver Star citation, he wrote his own epitaph for a man he had never seen until that single moment of pure hell. 'I was exhausted,' he would recall. 'I had never seen him before but I have never seen such a person in my life. He was a leader. I ran after him without even thinking about it, but by then he was well ahead of me. He was moving toward our wounded when a burst of fire from out of the trees tore through him. I only knew him for three minutes of my life. I will never forget him.' " All of us owe many thanks to MAJ Phil Drumheiser '72 who was thoughtful enough to send me a copy of this article so that it could be shared with all of you.

Other classmates who are deservedly in the news are **Gene Dewey** and **John Wall.** Gene has recently been named by the Dept of State as Deputy UN High Commissioner for Refugees. Gene's address is 154 Rue de Lausanne, CH-1202, Geneva 10, Switzerland. As previously reported in this column, John Wall is CG of the Army Strategic

1956: Palmers; Founders Day 1986, Ansbach, Ger

Space Cmd. As such, he is the Army's single point of contact for the Strategic Def Initiative and its many related programs. John is now frequently quoted and widely interviewed by many publications around the world and I'm certain is in great demand as a speaker on this most important subject.

Pete Verfurth, in addition to his 30 Yr Book responsibilities mentioned above, is also Class coordinator for the Wash DC area. He asked me to alert you that they have scheduled quarterly luncheons on the 3rd Wed of Jan, Apr, Jul, and Oct. Anyone interested can call Pete at (703) 525-5300. Pete says they usually have around 30-35 attendees at each get-together, and always a good time. ***Carleton Coulter*** *sent a welcome letter from* his Palm Beach, FL address announcing that he is editor of the **Contractor Marketing Report,** a monthly newsletter. He has also published "Profitable Estimating for Construction Firms." He & **Jill** were planning another 5 wks at their villa on Lago Maggiore, Italy, and seeing European clients.

1956: Ralls; Founders Day 1986, Ft Rucker

1956: Conrads, Frenchs, Bahnsens, Holts; Founders Day 1986, Ft Hood

Speaking of pride of another kind, **Chuck & Ellen Young** couldn't have been prouder of their daughter Lissa '86. Lissa is the first woman to have achieved the rank of dep bde cmdr. Chuck, Ellen and their other daughter, Laura (27) flew from FL home for the graduation ceremonies. **Fred & Marion Dent** were also able to join them for this joyous time. Incidentally, Marion was very instrumental in Lissa's applying to WP, so this was a very special event for the Dents also. Chuck has a very successful oral and maxillofacial surgery practice in partnership with two others. They have offs in Sarasota, Venice and Englewood, FL.

It was great to hear again from **Jesse Blackwell.** He is now at HQ US Army Western Cmd at Ft Shafter, HI. He saw **Chuck Bagnal,** CG Westcom, at the Founders Day festivities at Schofield. He also saw **Arv West** who, more recently, has been assigned as asst

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div cmdr-support in the 25th Inf Div, Light. **Ace Bowman** dropped me a nice line from his almond ranch in Merced County, CA (near Atwater). Ace & his wife, **Mary** (since 81), are also making their plans to join us for the 30th. I received a welcome photo of **Fred & Cindy Rall,** taken at the Fort Rucker Founders Day event.

1956: LeHardys and Bartletts; Founders Day 1986, Ft Carson

Thanks to **Jerry Skatvold** and **Art Evens,** a survey is now being conducted of all classmates in the LA area to determine what they would like to do and how often they would like to get together. Jerry also reports that **Dave Palmer** has already committed to be our featured guest and speaker at the 1987 WP Soc of LA Founders Day gathering. If that doesn't get us all in one place at the same time, nothing will.

It's time to meet the ASSEMBLY deadline and also get my reservations in for the 30th. I'm certainly looking forward to it, and hope to dredge up a lot more info(??) for this column at that time, so have your brag sheets and photos ready. Hope to see most of you then.

'57

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Greetings from your almost ret Class scribe. Actually I'm on ret leave (sounds better than terminal leave), having signed out at 0600 on 16 Jun, and have been working since 0800 on the 16th as an SDI program mgr for the Analytic Sciences Corp (TASC) in Rosslyn, VA. Nothing like two hrs of ret to break up the routine. Lots of other momentous things are happening in the **Kovel** household this summer and I'll mention a few. Daughters Rebecca and Ruth will be leaving in Aug to spend a yr in Israel, having just driven cross-country from CA in Jun. My deepest appreciation to those of you who were kind enough to put them up as they passed through—and those who would have if they needed help. Rebecca will be a jr at Hebrew U in Jerusalem, and Ruth will be on a 6-mo school/6-mo work program designed to help her decide if she wants to live there permanently. Daughter Rachel graduated from George Mason U in May and has a job with a political fund raising firm. She's also dating a young sailor who's now in South Africa. Long commute and expensive phone bills. Son Jacob took cmd of an engr co in Bamberg, FRG on 20 Jun and was due to go to Hohenfelds for training. We haven't heard from him since; I guess that means that co cmd is as time consuming as ever. Daughter Sarah participated in her first Triathlon which included a 1 mi swim in a river (dirty one at that), 26 mi bike ride and 6.2 mi run. She actually enjoyed it and finished 30 min faster than she expected. Strange kid. We will move into our new house on 15 Aug (we hope), and probably spend the rest of the summer recovering. Please note the new address on the column. I made a mistake last time.

Now for the rest of the Class. Congratulations are in order for **Bernie Loeffke** and **Dick Stephenson,** both of whom were on the last Army MG list; Bernie was number one and Dick was number 6. Bernie also gets some extra congrats because he just got married to **Francesca.** I understand she's a former Miss North Carolina (very recent), and he's keeping her in shape with some running and jumping and a full schedule. I even heard rumors that the troops at Bragg are making book on how long she'll survive. You could have avoided these revelations, Bernie, if you'd sent me some info. A four star congratultions is due **Carl Vuono,** who has been selected as the new TRADOC cmdr. As far as I know he was our only three star and that grade is void of '57 now that he's a four star. I wonder if he'll be able to get everyone in the Army to start running now that he's responsible for doctrine and training.

The Class had a great party during Jun at **Dick Kenyan's** house. We probably had the largest turnout in the last few yrs, and it was a lot of fun. **Ed Hickey** is taking over from **Ole Olson** as the local Class leader, and Ole & **Betty** are going to Korea to get away. Actually, Ole will be the C/S of the US Army in Korea. One of the things we talked about at the party was the Class reunion and the Class gift (what else?), and, in particular, the amount of money we still need. A lot! Only about 20% of the Class has contributed thus far, and so I'd like each of you who's been putting it off to sit down right now, as you read this, and write a check. After that, mail it. Interestingly enough, when I got home and checked the list of contributors I found that about 70 of the 111 classmates in the DC area have **not** yet contributed. We may hire a collection agency. We also talked about hotel reservations and scheduled events for the reunion, and you should have received a mailing from **Bob Comeau** with all the details by the time you get this. If you haven't, let me know ASAP and I'll see that you're added to the mailing list. It's going to be a biggie.

1957: Gale, Farris, and Martin

This column is going to be cut a bit short because I've been late getting it written. You'll have to forgive me, what with all the trauma I'm going through because of my ret (great excuse!). Got some info about **Sid & Jerre Britt** from **Esther Smith.** Their son

1957: Farris bestowing upon Boylan '61 honorary title of Admiral in the NE Navy; WP Soc of Omaha

Will is a JAG LT and just married another JAG LT, Evelyn Hottois. He's assigned to the 82d and she's at XVIII Abn Corps. Sid is ret, has got an MBA and has a co in Columbia. Esther's new publication, **Washington Technology,** is really doing well and she got a very nice write-up in the **Washingtonian. Bill Cudmore** wrote with his second annual post-Founders Day report from Orange County, CA Black '57 Crowd. That's a mouthful, and it had lots of news. **Jim & Mary Lou Russell** live in Redlands, about 60 mi from L.A., and Jim is working for TRW BMD on the Peacekeeper and Midgetman missiles at Norton AFB. I used to visit there regularly when I was at DNA. It was only the second Founders Day dinner that Jim had ever attended, and the first for Mary Lou. Their son Craig is studying girls, psychology and computer science at UC Irvine. I wonder why he's bothering with the last two subjects. Son Ryan is taking bus science at UC Riverside. **Ed & Barbara Olivares** were at the dinner, as usual, and Ed is still working for Hughs. However, he's now working on the Army's Battlefield Mgt System, which will take him to Ft Leavenworth. He was planning on seeing **Len Wishart** there, but Len's been selected to cmd the div at Ft Riley, I think. I know he's got a div, but I'm not sure which one. How about some info, Len? Ed's son, CPT Ed Jr, is a bn S-4 in the 9th Inf at Ft Lewis, and daughter Ann Marie is a control systems engr at Hughs. Seems to me Ed wrote about her marriage last Jun. Son David is a sr draftsman at Western Gear and a student at CA State, Fullerton. **Dick Bone's** check was deposited. **Jon & Sid Bokovoy** were also at the dinner, having recently moved to Laguna Hills. Jon ret last Sep and is a mgt consultant with the Kappa Group. Daughter Stacy is at Orange Coast College, daughter Cristen works for Xerox, and Jon Jr is a frosh at U of UT, studying fun and skiing. Somehow I get the feeling I must have studied the wrong courses. Bill added some family notes about the Cudmores; after all, it was his letter. Son Erik graduated from UCLA with a Master's in architecture, and is getting married in Sep to Wendy Poor, a fellow student. The wedding will be in Marblehead, MA, and maybe then Bill & **Margaret** will be able to visit classmates in the DC area. They had a 5 wk trip to Europe last Aug/Sep, their first since his only service overseas tour was in Korea. They visited Ger, Austria, Italy, Ireland, and England, and Bill was so spoiled by the good German beer that he's now brewing his own. Is that legal? While visiting Blarney Castle (home of the stone?) in Ireland they met

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some women from Baton Rouge, who told them a story about **Charlie Coates.** Seems that Charlie, who is a "P" at LSU, had visited one of the women to try and persuade her to persuade her son to stay on at LSU as a teacher. Charlie, can you confirm this or is it attributed to the location Bill was visiting? Bill's job also changed while he was in Europe. When he left he was the scheduling supervisor for the Sgt York program. When he returned he had become the scheduling mgr for the termination of the Sgt York, courtesy of the US Congress. Since it was a billion dollar program, the termination will probably take more than a yr. Thanks for the letter Bill, and I hope to see you at the 30th.

1957: Clarence Wittman; Founders Day 1986, Ft Sill

Jack & Sue Block were at the Class party and promised to send me some info about his new job, which he did. He's the pres of the Natl American Wholesale Grocer's Assoc (NAWGA), hq in Falls Church, VA. They have 350 members and represent wholesalers and distributors of food in the US, Canada and a few countries abroad. Jack's job is to represent NAWGA to the govt and to provide educational seminars and meetings for the members. Now he can get paid for giving the speeches he used to give for free, and he can't be held responsible for the federal policies he recommends. His son is running the farm in IL, and the price of hogs is up. Thanks for the note, Jack, and good luck. **Jerry Patterson** sent a very brief note and his check from Knoxville, TN. Other than the address, there's no info. Thanks for the check, but write again, Jerry. Another short note, this one from **Charlie & Priscilla Quinn,** and it also had a check. It also said they plan to be at the 30th. Thanks, Priscilla. Also received checks from **Jack Solomon** and **Ed Soyster,** which are greatly appreciated. Ed may owe me a dinner for not meeting the deadline he set, but I can't remember. Oh well, at least I got the check. He also mentioned that **Steve Glick** has settled into his new home in NJ and is working for a Finnish sporting equip co. The job will include a safari to Africa. That sounds pretty sporting. On that, I'll end this column and use **Jack Solomon's** letter as my guarantee of something to write about next time. Send money. I received a call from **Ray Dixon** saying he's going to challenge you to match his next donation. Read all about it in the next column.

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BEAT NAVY!

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'58

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40th Column. 4 July! How would you celebrate the 4th, which also happens to be the day after your 27th anniv? By writing the Class column, that's how. Just think—only 32 yrs ago we were celebrating Independence Day in anticipation of our loss of independence the next day at WP. Beast Barracks, 5 Jul 54. "Where have all the flowers gone?..the young girls gone?..the young men gone?..gone to soldiers, every one."

Too many letters, too much poop, too many pictures—an unusual problem for a scribe.

Army two star list: Andy Andreson, Bob Bunker, Will Roosma, and **Tom Sands** are on the list released on or about 30 May. Your scribe isn't impartial in these matters. Let's see, Andy was in my flight school class, is a long-time aviation RDTE type, and most deserving. Bob was in my EOBC class at Ft Belvoir, is the guy who blessed me with scribe duties exactly 10 yrs ago, and is most deserving. Will was my roommate for 3 yrs, got me through PE, even volunteered to ret me at Ft Myer in Mar 85, and is most deserving. **Tom** is another EOBC type, a rare bird as an engr-aviator, was my asgmt officer for much of my 11 yrs in the Corps before my going Inf and joining the Army, and is most deserving. Quite obviously your biased scribe's only question is why it took the Army so long to select them? Beats me. Congratulations!

1958: Graveses, Bonses, Tomlinsons

Got to see **Jay & Andy Andreson** here in DC on 7 Jun. They were marking the occasion of the two-star selection with icing on the wedding cake. The wedding was their daughter Laurel Lynn's marriage to William Ernest Kitzerow at the Ft Myer Post Chapel. 7 Jun was the parents' 28th anniv also. The Andreson wedding and reception served as a good excuse for a G-1 reunion. In addition to Andy, father of the bride, the following files from G-1 were present for duty: **Brockwell, Cibosky, Miller, Ordway,** and **Trainor.** Another reunion was that of the Brown Hats, Class 59-12 from flight school at Camp Gary, TX: Andy, **Nun, Roosma, Sibert,** and **Tallgren.**

The reception was a great party. Fun to see **Tallgren** en route to his new position with HB Jovanovich, Inc (a piece of Harcourt Brace) in Orlando. Nice to meet his wife **Elizabeth Anne.** Welcome to '58! A new twist, there was a bachelor shower for the father of the bride. **Brad Johnson, Munge Moore, Jerry Mitchell, Butch Ordway** and **Mark Sigurski** joined by Bill Cody '56 helped Andy prepare Fri night for the Sat wedding and reception. All seemed to recover except Mark, who in his words, "extinguished himself" at the reception.

Another wedding to report is that of **Nancy Katherine Bradford & Roderic Edward Ordway** on 21 Jun. Great to welcome Nancy officially to the Class. Congratulations, Butch!

A third wedding was that of **Dodie & Dale Hruby's** daughter on 28 Jun. Unfortunately, cannot find my notes from **Lawton** and can't call him 'cause he's at the beach; therefore, the details of this event are missing. Congratulations to the parents of the bride!

1958: Ackerman (50!) & Maude

On to the letters, Biblical order, the last received shall be first. **Peter Penczer** wrote that he & **Lynne** had weekend visitors from MO: **Kay & Mel Farrar.** Mel is an ordained minister with a church near St Louis. Must point out the EOBC-connection with Pete and Mel also. Other big news is that Lynne got her PhD from Yale in anthropology. Her dissertation was based on studying the Portugese immigrant community in Bridgeport, CT. Congratulations, Dr Penczer. Peter still intends to make a DC luncheon while visiting his son Peter who lives in the area.

Next in the mail bag isn't a letter, but a check for $100 payable to me from **Bill Shepard.** I graciously endorsed it to the West Point Fund for the 1958 Memorial Fund. Thanks for the check, Bill, but what happened to your news? And, for too many of the rest of you out there, what happened to your checks? The 30th is getting closer and closer, but the total collected is woefully short of our goal of $50,000.

Jim Ramsden sent news and pictures. The pictures are of classmates and sons in the Class of '86 taken during Graduation Week. The new graduates are **Tom Graves,** son of **Bev & Dick; Vincent Bons,** son of **Elaine & Paul;** and **Roy Tomlinson,** son of **Kay Lou & Ray.** Not pictured was **Parker King,** son of **Judy & Bill Buchly.** Congratulations to all four sons of '58 and their parents. Jim wrote that **Dick Graves** is en route to DC. After the privilege of cmdng the 3d Armd Div he gets to do pennance as ADCOPS in Pentagon. Dick & **Bev** have arrived here, at least **George Lawton** reported seeing their name in front of quarters at Ft Myer.

1958: Youngs and Kullavanijaya

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More from **Jim:** the **Tomlinsons** are still in Huntsville, AL where Ray is a mogul in the computer industry. That's right, that's Ray Tomlinson of Inf now into high tech. Miracles never cease. The **Bons** are in Salt Lake City where Paul has a key position with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. **John George** is still active in his ministry in WP and vicinity.

A call from **Bill Buchly** before Graduation Week said that he'd seen **Ed Adair, Bill Clary,** and **Fred Stritzinger** at Founders Day in Atlanta. No details or update on their activities. Bill is still working with future leaders of GA and the nation in his position as Com of ?? Military Academy. It was here that he met and married **Judy** and then pointed his stepson Parker King toward Beast Barracks '82 and graduation '86.

Phil Ackerman wrote following a surprise 50th birthday orchestrated by **Maude.** The birthday was on 8 Jun. Phil sent news of **B-2 files** in attendance. "**John Manos** is alive and well in NC, still peddling consumer electronics. **Clark Bailey** is still asst to the pres at Clarkson U in Potsdam, NY. **Jerry Hoblit** is living in Lancaster, CA, working for an un-nameable aerospace firm. **Wayne Wyatt** is doing his consulting thing in Katy, TX."

1958: Bunker, Connell, Devens, Groh, Palladino, Robertson, Rodenberg and Sands; Engrs in May 85

Phil continued with some **Ackerman** news. They are still in Smithtown, LI after 23 yrs. He & **Maude** operate Entech Computer Systems, providing training, hardware and software for local businesses. Their daughter Linda (27) is an asst VP for Bay Bank in Boston; she is getting married on 14 Sep. Son Kurt (25) is an MD and PhD candidate at U of Rochester. He's getting married next May. Youngest son Joel attends Wilbraham & Monson Acad in MA. Great letter. Great party. The latter I can report firsthand because **Brintnall** and I called Phil on the 8th while at the DC area picnic.

Phil's 50th gives me the opportunity to confess that my plan to list all in the column on the occasion of their celebrating the **Big Five Oh** ran into a glich. There are too many classmates with birthdates in 1935 and 1936. Started listing them after working my way through the 1932, 1933, and 1934 contingents . . . the list was too long. So, for all of 1958 types who entered the scene in 1935 and 1936, congratulations on achieving the milestone of 50 last yr and this yr!

Max Young sent a photo taken when he & **Pat** visited **Pete Kullavanijaya** in Bangkok. Seems Pete had just returned from an audience with the King. Max wrote that he was impressed with Pete's relaxed manner in spite of his hectic schedule. Max is an account exec with Dean Witter in Alexandria.

Pete Kusek sent a note observing on the nature of the small world. Seems his niece

1958: Bons, Graves, Ramsden, George and Tomlinson at Graduation Wk 86

was graduated from U of IL this spring. She was at a job interview in Pittsburgh with **Denny Rupprecht.** Denny picked up on the name Kusek and the connection was made. Scribe wound up with Denny's card. He's gen mgr—Product Sales for Natl Steel Corp. Pete Kusek is with the Center for Naval Analyses. Some years ago when **Phil Pryor** was at the Naval War College your scribe spelled it intentionally with an "e" along with a snide remark. The editor "corrected" my spelling and the remark lost its point. I'd try it again now that Pete is into navel analysis, but it probably won't work.

Van Fleet sent a clipping from the Congressional Record concerning the announcement by Mr Hillis, US Congressman from IN, that the VA has awarded the contract for construction of the **Adam Benjamin, Jr** VA Outpatient Clinic. Mr Hillis' remarks concluded as follows: "We can honor our veterans no better nor pay a more sincere tribute to the memory of Adam Benjamin, Jr, than to see that this clinic is built with care, on time, and staffed with the best medical pers available." Thanks, Van.

Letter from **Bill Serchak** in Bern where he is def attache was filled with news and pictures. Some of the pictures will appear next time. The **Hugh, Ann & Pete Trumbull** visit to Bern which was reported in the last column, is confirmed in this one, and the pictures of the event may appear in the next one. Can be accused of many things, but timely news and photos isn't one of them. **Vince DeBoeser** dropped in on the Serchaks while in Europe for a follow-up investigation of the Pershing accident last yr.

1958: Laurelei & Waddell, Wade & Miyuki, Richard and Takako; Peach Bowl, Dec 85

Bill sent clippings concerning a number of classmates. One had **Butch Saint** being interviewed in **Newsweek,** another reported that **Bob Durkin** is now in DIA (fall-out of his selection/promotion to MG in USAF), and the third reported that **Pete or "Peaches" Kullavanijaya** was not selected for CofS of Thai Army, at least not this time. Bill saw **Dick Graves** at Wiesbaden AF Med Ctr where both were doing stress tests. No doubt Dick's was required because of heartache involved in giving up the 3rd Armd Div for the Pentagon. **Serchak** also reports that our attache ranks have thinned with the rotation to CONUS of **Neil Mathis** and **Phil DiMauro** and the unfortunate death of **Stan Maxson** in Oslo last yr. Guess that means that **Pete Brintnall,** who is the rater of all attaches, has only Bill Serchak in his clutches.

Roger Waddell wrote a newsy letter, but omitted the news we all wanted. Did he or did he not wear his ceremonial shoes at the Peach Bowl? He sent a picture "not for publication, but for the 'dead phot' file." The picture may make the **Assembly,** but it is not conclusive with respect to shoes worn. **Roger & Lauralei** left on 4 Jun (why should that date seem familiar?) for a vacation west to CO for a niece's wedding, then on to Florence, OR to see **John & D'Ann Stone.** Roger and John were roommates for 3½ years, but haven't gotten together since 78 or so. Waddells haven't seen D'Ann since 64 at Ft Still. Roger reported that he and Lauralei haven't found the place "to spend our 'Golden Years.'" They are looking at the Pacific NW for the possible paradise. At the AAAA convention in Atlanta they saw **Ron & Barb Bellows** and **Chuck & Patsy Densford.**

1958: Ethel & Clyde Brown; Founders Day 1986, Ft Sill

"Hello from Chicago after a long silence," begins the letter from **Mike Mahler,** our newest author. His book, **Ringed in Steel,** is about armd cav in Vietnam 67-68. Mike says, "It is not nearly as cav oriented as the hype would have you believe, and I hope it will be well received by our classmates. I set out to chronicle a typical tour from the perspective of a prof who had the background we all had when we went to Vietnam, which is something that I don't think has been done. It got pruned down from that a bit, but it still tells what a yr was like." The book will be available in Nov 86, "$16.95, ISBN: 0-89141-264-6, cloth, 6x9, 2 maps, 240 pp" is the info from the promotional flyer.

Mike continued that he & **Ellie** "got to the Notre Dame game and found no classmates. Maybe we will do better at the Northwestern game this fall." Scribe hopes so, and looks forward to a letter with details of the victory celebration by '58 types after the game. According to Mike, **Norm Gustitis** is close, but they have been unsuccessful at getting together except by phone. Thanks for your letter and congratulations, author!

John Devens wrote 10 Apr that he is to ret 1 Jun and work for Metro in DC. "**Carol** finally gets to pick her lot, house design, wallpaper, etc for our new home being built in Lakeridge—south of Ft Belvoir. We should be moved in by Oct 86—time to landscape a new yard again!" They're looking forward to

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1958: Carlson and daughter Margaret; Founders Day 1986, Presidio of San Francisco

settling down and trying to keep up with "comings and goings" of 4 sons and 5 grandchildren. Son John & wife Susan are in Atlanta selling Fords and real estate and raising three of the grandchildren. Son Christopher is a VMI '82 grad, aviation CPT cmdng a Blackhawk Plt in 82d Abn. He & wife Teresa have provided two grandsons, "both with provisional appointments to VMI sometime past the turn of the century!" Michael graduated from VMI in '83 and is 1LT(P), S4 of 565th Engr Bn in Karlsruhe. He'll be returning to Belvoir for Adv Crse in Nov 86. Youngest, Ted will be a senior at VMI, majoring in civil engrg. "Needless to say, with three VMI sons, our Alma Mater gets referred to as the VMI of the North." Where did you go wrong, John? Don't get mad, get even, get the grandsons to go USMA rather than the imitation WP of VA.

Joan Collins wrote that **Sam** loves working as dep div engr for **Don Palladino.** And, Joan loves her new job as Opth tech working with 5 doctors. "Wait till you hear this—Sam rides his Kawasaki motorcycle to work and I ride my Honda Elite 150 Scooter to work (Bright Red!)—love it! Sure saves on parking fees." Son Ken (25) is a computer engr in R&D in Santa Clara. Daughter Pattie (22) is majoring in computer sci at Roanoke College. Joan did try again in the picture dept after sending me some last yr which I lost. She sent a number from Founders Day at the Presidio.

Misc notes, phone calls, etc. **Terry Connell** called in May. Their news is about an upcoming wedding of son Evin to Karen Shea in Portland on 13 Sep. Karen is a nurse in a hosp in Portland. Terry reports that he sees other Portland classmates, **OK Hill, George Robertson,** and **Paul Vanture.** No details.

1958: Henrette & Gordon; Founders Day 1986, Presidio

George Robertson called in Apr while at OCE Cmdrs Conf. He and **Don Palladino** were to have a joint North and South Pacific Cmdrs Conf in SF on 29 Apr. Among other features it would see a reunion of roommates George, **Dan Carter** and **John Devens.** Dan is in Newport Beach, CA (near LA) and was coming north to see George and John. On 31 Aug the Robertsons will be at the Cadet Chapel for the marriage of their son Russell '82 to Susan Reinhard, daughter of Don Reinhard '59. Don Reinhard's son Karl is a USMA classmate of Russell's. Russell is now a CPT who recently transferred from AD to Engrs. Meanwhile he's still assigned to an AD Bn (what brass is he wearing? how much brass does he have?) but will soon go 10th Engr Bn near Kitzingen. And, saving the best till last, Susan is class of '84 and her sister Elaine was graduated in '86! Some of our male chauvinistic classmates may stop reading this column if this news continues. Might make those chauvinists happier to know that Susan is marathoner whose training involves some 350 sit-ups a day.

George reports that **Al Johnston** is DEH at Ft Richardson, AK. Al bought an airplane with floats which he & **Charlene** use for fishing trips. Take note, **Bob Huskinson** and **Bob Miller,** two of our classmates who are guilty of fishing in AK frequently. George said that **Paul Vanture** is into ultra-marathoning. Paul recently did 176 mi from Anchorage to Fairbanks, 11 mi barefooted due to blisters. Tough.

1958: Jones & Ann, Jill & Roosma; Founders Day 1986, Heidelberg

A report without attribution. **Pete Groh** is ret in Cincinnati. **Don Palladino** is ret in Jul; no details on next location for Don & **Marty.** Rumor that Class pres **Jack Bradshaw** is ret also.

Good news from **George Lawton.** He said that **Lee Miller's** son Mark was graduated from USNA '86. The really good news portion of this is that Mark was a stellar football player for Canoe U. VMI is one thing as in **John Devens** above, but playing football for the real enemy is worse yet. Have you anything to submit in extenuation and mitigation, Lee? George reports that **Bob & Norma Lingquist** are ending their stay at VPI this summer. Bob is ret and they're moving to GA.

Another story from **George** involves a classmate who lost his Class ring yrs ago at McCord AFB and had it turn up via Miami police who found it in a pawnshop. All we need is the classmate's name, dates, etc. Perhaps this will prompt the classmate to get in touch, hope so. On the subject of lost class rings, the West Point Soc of DC is maintaining a "replacement pool" of rings. Some are from grads who lose a ring, buy a new one, and then find the original ring. Another source is from families of deceased grads. Many send rings to WP, but the Library and Museum displays are full. So, consider sending or offering such a ring to another classmate through the DC Soc.

1958: Founders Day 1986, Carlisle Barracks

The spring luncheon of the DC Soc found five of us there: **Brintnall, Gillette, Lawton, Mac Williams** and I. We got to hear my former boss, LTG Lou Wagner '54, DCSRDA tell us about how the Army is getting what it needs to fight the deep battle along with continuing saga of name changes for the front lines, FLOT, FEBA, etc. The problems being addressed are the mundane ones associated with not being able to kill the enemy when found, not being able to find him, and not being able to use the intelligence quickly enough. Made me nostalgic. News is that Mac Williams is ret in Jul.

30th Reunion. 18-22 May 88. Plan ahead. The following classmates have already sent $100 reservation deposits to **Roosma: Bahnsen, Lawton, McGrew, Ordway, Peck, Pryor, Rhodes, Sharon, Sigurski, Stanton,** and **Trumbull.** Their deposits made it possible for Garry to make the Class deposit at the Americana Great Gorge Hotel in McAfee, NJ without hitting the Class treasury. Any interest he earns on the dough will help Garry defray the cost of free drinks your scribe has promised to winners of Class trivia contests. Now is the time to plan to attend 18-22 May 88. Now is also the time to send your 1958 Memorial Fund checks to WP (or to me). Now is the time to get in touch with **Dale Hruby** with your ideas for our Class gift to WP. Now is the time to get in touch with Garry to volunteer your services to work on the reunion. If you don't take the time to do these things now, don't be overheard in May 88 complaining about the reunion, the Class gift, etc. Sandbaggers not welcome.

1958: Collinses, Howard

8 Jun Class Picnic. Good news. Great party with too many attendees for me to attempt to list. Sad news. **Patsy & Chuck Densford** are moving to Daytona Beach, FL. Charlie is going back to school on the VA at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical U. Who will host the 87 picnic? Chuck put the finger on **Mimi & John Nun** and **Georgia & Nels Conner.** Do hope that public exposure of Chuck's classmating them will have the desired results. Actually, **Mimi** owes it to us because she facilitated the Densford defection by selling

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their house. The sign advertising that fact was visible to all at the picnic.

Must mention that **Helen & Bill Morrison** came to the picnic all the way from Montgomery, AL. Their daughter Kathy came along for the ride. Our CA commuter, **Cibosky,** was also there. Actually, Bill will soon be working in DC and commuting home to CA for the weekends. M-2 had the best delegation at the picnic with **Brintnall, Carpenter, Hruby, Tallgren,** and **Van Fleet.** The outcome of the basketball game was better this yr than last, Celtics basketball, that is. **Toftoy** regaled us all with details of his triathalons.

That's all for the 40th column. Forty is a Biblical number which is meant to represent a big number or a long time. Scribe will attest to the bigness of the number and the longness of the time. Grab your pen, write checks to Memorial Fund and **Garry Roosma** for 30th Reunion, write letter to scribe for sharing with the Class, or grab your phone and "reach out and touch someone" via AT&T, MCI, Sprint, or whatever. You certainly can no longer complain about the long distance rates. Along with our column's inexorable movement toward the front of the Class notes section of **Assembly,** the news of rets, weddings of children, and arrivals of grandchildren mark our continued "maturation" as a Class. On 27 Jul **Judy & I** will deliver son David to the Ft Dix reception station en route to USMAPS and we join the "empty nest" crowd. Next deadline is 30 Sep. Scribe plans to upset the **Assembly** editorial staff by making that deadline. First time for everything, even your letter to scribe.

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Our section marcher, **Jim Abrahamson,** is ret at the end of Sep after an admirable Army career of over 27 yrs. He & **Marigold** are leaving Carlisle Barracks (USAWC) for Buies Creek, NC 27506, where Jim will be chm of the Dept of Govt and Hist at Campbell U. Their new home address in Buies Creek will be 89 Keith Hills Road, PO Box 1086, and we wish them all the best.

Bill Barry, who evolved from fighter pilot to cosmetic surgeon during a distinguished 21-yr USAF career, came through with his love of flying intact: he now owns two planes, one for acrobatics! He & **Brita** make their home in Athens, GA, where Bill has a practice in facial plastic surgery for cancer, hair transplantation, dermabrasion procedures for extensive scarring, and the new laser techniques, which he says are terrific.

Bill has just served as pres of the local Crawford W Long Med Soc (named for the Georgian who invented ether anesthesia), and has had contact with the state atty gen (a WP grad) and numerous state officials. He is impressed, he says, with the number of good people making contributions in their respective fields at the state and local level, which is where the issues that most affect his current (med) profession are debated: malpractice and tort insurance reform, "excessive" awards for pain and suffering, the role of the private sector in replacing federal bloc grants, compensating for Gramm-Rudman cuts, etc. He says he had the idea as a White House Fellow in the early 70's that everything exciting happened at the federal level. But not so.

The **Barrys** have two children, a son in the Class of '89 at WP and a two-yr-old (!) daughter. Bill flies up to WP about once a mo and, among other things, stays in touch with the Class contingent there. He says he thinks the Alma Mater is in good hands.

Ray & Carol Baugh are easing into civ life in So CA (which eases the easing) after Ray's final 4 yrs in uniform with SHAPE. They travelled extensively in Europe (over 30,000 mi a yr) before Ray's ret last yr; and they shared time in Brussels with **Nick Krawciw** (GEN Rogers' right hand man), who was inprocessing as Ray was outprocessing; **George Williams,** who had a first grader in Carol's class and whose popcorn-making abilities were much in demand among the kiddies; **John & Norwood Grinalds,** whom the Baughs saw often but not enough; and **Pat & Regina Passarella,** with whom the Baughs had been neighbors on several previous happy occasions.

1959: Presentation of mugs to Class children of '86: Manzos, Eckelbargers, Reinhards, and Lamberts.

The **Baughs** now live in Irvine, and Ray is with Hughes Aircraft Co in Fullerton. In the same group at Hughes is **Don Markham,** who along with **Kay** was among the several familiar faces the Baughs found in the area. Others are **Ellie & John Simpson,** who had the Baughs to dinner on the occasion of a visit down from Oakland by **Bill Schwartz.** John is with Fluor Corp, and, according to Ray, serves up an impressive Chinese dinner. **Paul & Nancie Webber** (he's with TRW) joined the Baughs and the Simpsons at the local Founders Day dinner this spring, and there was much reminiscing about serving in Ger during the 60s.

Ray says that **Carol** is once again teaching first grade, this time in a school 6 mi from home. Of the children, Brett attended Dartmouth for a year and a half and is now pursuing his musical aspirations with the electric guitar in Wash, DC. Daughter Becky graduated from Williams and works for J. Walter Thompson, also in DC.

Sandy & Carol Beach live in Houston, where Sandy is pres of Houston Engrs, Inc, which makes, sells, and rents drilling and "fishing" tools for the worldwide oil industry; and Wilson Downhole Services, which provides "fishing" and directional drilling services for oil cos in the US. Both cos were profitable last yr, says Sandy, but continuing troubles in the oil industry are making 86 more difficult. He is on the board of a related Scottish co and gets to the UK at least once a yr.

Sandy is a res 06 and has done his service with the War Plans Div, DCSOPS, for the past 16 yrs. He provides the institutional memory and would be dep chief of the div in the event of mobilization. **Pete Dawkins** wrote his OER several yrs back.

The **Beaches** have 3 children: 1LT Dwight, III (25) '84, who is with the 2/28 FA Bn in Ansbach and skis expertly in the Alps; John (22), a sr at U of TX on the lacrosse team who sometimes skis with his brother in Ger; and Dawn Michelle (15), a cheerleader in HS.

Of other classmates in the Houston area, Sandy writes that **Tom White** runs his own restaurant in River Oaks; **Bill Marshall** is with Texaco; **Dick Sundt** is with AVCO; and **Jay Weisler** is a lawyer in Brenham.

Jim Adams considers his wife, **Lucy,** to be one of the truly exceptional HS guidance counselors in the country, and says that her work with young people and their problems is an inspiration. The Adamses live in Spokane, where Jim has his own consulting firm. He also serves as exec dir for the Gonzaga U Center for Conflict Mgt and Reconciliation, which involves building a new org around a new academic discipline within a very old academic tradition and inst.

There are three Adams children: Lucy LeVon (26) is a stock broker asst and off ops mgr for Paine Webber in Bellevue; Robert (24) & his wife are in trucking in the Miami area; and Glen (18), who is in the US Army Res and is enrolled in ROTC, has finished his freshman yr at Wash State.

Mart Lidy's report from the programs comm includes that the Supe has thanked us for this year's $500 contribution to Op Crossroads Africa, and that the 86 Class scholarship award of $1,500 goes to **Joe Shea's** daughter, Amy, who is an elementary education major in the Class of '87 at Miami U (Ohio). She will teach at an Indian reservation during next spring's semester and has the long-range goal of teaching in American schools overseas. The Class extends its congratulations and best wishes to you, Amy. This year's selection panel was comprised of **Bob Croteau,** chm, and **Frank Campbell, Art Griffin, George Kleb,** and **Darel Johnson.**

The recipient of our first Class scholarship back in 1982 was **Jack Ravan's** daughter, Valerie. She is now J. Valerie Ravan Andrews, MD, and has written us a nice follow-up letter. She married Thomas Charles Andrews in the summer of 83, and they both received MD degrees from Vanderbilt this past May. They are both on USAF postgrad scholarships and will serve on active duty as physicians for at least 3 yrs upon completion of their studies.

1959: Holmans and Williamses at Ranger graduation, Ft Benning, Apr 86

Valerie was elected to the Alpha Omega Alpha med honor soc during her 3rd yr at med school, an honor given only the top 4 students in the class. In Jun she began her residency in general surgery at Brigham and Women's Hosp, one of the major teaching and research hospitals for Harvard Med School. She says she wants again to express her deep gratitude for the $1500 that we invested in her future, and she hopes that we feel that it was well spent. We do indeed, Valerie. Godspeed.

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Al Rushton reports from WP that there were four Class children in the recently graduated Class of 86: Robert Eckelbarger, Shane Lambert, Fred Manzo, and Elaine Reinhard. We wish them well. Each received a 1959 Class mug at a party at **Charlie Johnson's** quarters during Graduation Wk. **Tex Turner** made the presentations and **Ed Temple** took the photo.

Dorsey Baker is a trial lawyer with the Chicago firm of Haight, Hofeldt, Davis & Jambor, and says that most of his courtroom challenges result from the speeding tickets he attracts from life in the fast lane on his BMW motorcycle. Don't let the smoke get in your eyes, though. This clipping from the 15 Feb issue of the **Los Angeles Times** notes that Dorsey, as one of two trial lawyers for Hughes Tool Co in a patent infringement action against Smith Intl, Inc, drew an award of over $200 million, believed to be the most ever awarded in that type of case. Dorsey litigated a similar case against Dresser Industries in 1976 in which the award was $121.5 million. Both Dorsey and Hughes believe the Smith award to be too small considering the actual damages sustained, so look for news of an appeal.

Dorsey & his wife, **Charlyne** (who, like Dorsey, is from Floyd County, TX) have two daughters, Stacey (17) and Kari (16), both of whom attend Wheaton Christian HS. Stacey moves on to Wheaton College this fall, where she hopes to make the tennis team. Both girls spent last summer playing tournaments in England with the Newcomb Touring Team. Isn't this an interesting column?

1959: Burba, Luthers, and Dr James E. Martin

Bill Luther, who had been PMS at Auburn U, ret last Nov in a ceremony in Pres Jim Martin's off and was presented the Legion of Merit by **Ed Burba,** now CG at Benning. Bill & his wife, **Devon,** have decided to stay near Auburn, which feels like home to them after two tours, and Bill is now Asst Dir of Research at the U. Their home address is 3804 Heritage Place, Opelika, Al 36801.

The Luthers attended the Founders Day dinner at Benning, where **Ed & Trish Burba** hosted a pre-dinner party for 59ers in the CG's quarters. Bill remembers that among those present were **Elizabeth & Mike Gabel, Imgard & Dave Luedtke, Ruth & Ron Salter,** and **Doug Campbell** (down from Atlanta).

Clay Abrams, who lists his job as RAM engr, Dir of Combat Dev, USAFAS, Ft Sill, writes that **Gerry Stadler** recently assumed cmd of III Corps Arty at Sill and has been nominated for a second star. **Tony Pokorny** started a consulting bus in Lawton and is doing very well. **Tom Soli** has settled in OK City, but Chris Perkins (nee Soli) remains in Lawton, and Jan Stratton (formerly Soli) is an anchorperson on the local TV news. Clay adds that **Bill Benagh** drops in from Cherry Hill, NJ periodically to honcho a software development contract for the Adv FA Tac Data System.

Hank & Joye Adamson are enjoying life in Leavenworth, KS, and son Hank IV (19) is a soph at Baker U in Baldwin City. Hank hears about twice a yr from the **Passarellas** (who pop up in Brussels elsewhere in this piece) who own the house across the street and plan to return to Leavenworth one day. Hank says he is a regular listener to **Jerry Fogel's** radio talk show on weekday afternoons over KCMO in Kansas City, MO. "I drive and he talks," says Hank. "He keeps me awake after lunch and I probably owe him my life."

Your scribe, incidentally, had the pleasure of having dinner with **Barbara & Jerry Fogel** here in DC last May after Jerry finished a broadcast of his show from the USA Today hq in which he interviewed the editor of **The Washington Times.** At the restaurant we ran into super talk show host Larry King, and he and Jerry had old home week. The Fogels are busy and happy, and it was great to see them.

Jack & Nancy Neal moved from Dallas to Tampa in Jun of last yr and "feel as if they've died and gone to heaven." They left their two sons in TX, they hope temporarily. Son John is an engr with E-Systems, and Chuck is a jr at Texas Tech in Lubbock, where **Maddy & Don Davis** can keep an eye on him.

In Tampa, the **Neals** are now taking mail at 13717 Chestersall Dr (33624). **Jack** is with GTE Data Systems, Inc, the primary computer arm of GTE, where he is responsible for strategic planning and acquisitions. His particular div is new to GTE and the job promises exciting challenges. Recently, while Jack was walking through his research area, he noticed a familiar name on the cover of a book the staff was using as a reference. The name was that of our **Bill Cohen,** and the book is entitled **Winning on the Marketing Front: The Corporate Manager's Game Plan** (New York: John Wiley & Sons). The dust cover note lists several other texts by Bill and calls him "one of the country's leading authorities on marketing and business mgt." Bill advises mgrs, says another blurb, "to plan their marketing strategy the way a general plans a battle," and Jack Neal had highlighted that quotation for me.

The **Neals** attended their local Founders Day dinner and reacquainted themselves with **Lou & Judy Sullenberger.** Lou is ops mgr for Western Fuels Co and is involved with the movement of petroleum products through the Port of Tampa. Other classmates in the area, says Jack, are **Paul Sper,** pres of Trend Mgt, Inc, of Clearwater; and **Dick Hotchkiss,** who is at Manatee Jr College in Bradenton.

Bob & Julie DeMont are back in Springfield, VA 22152 after an extended tour at Ft Knox. Address your mail to 6610 Sandover Ct. Does anyone have a current mailing address for **Al Baldwin** or **Tom Ballenger?**

Mike Gillette turned up two lost classmates who contacted him while passing through DC. The first, **Tory Harle,** is a lawyer in Billings, MT 59114, and serves as general counsel for KOA, Inc, the campground co. His PO Box is 30558, and his tel no is 406-248-7444.

The second, **Gil Dorland,** whose eventful career has been reported here before, has turned to writing as a profession. A fire at his apt in Key West last Dec destroyed the manuscript of a novel Gil had worked on for 3 yrs, and that has set him back a bit. The fire also claimed his address book, which Gil says contained the name of every person

1959: Sullenbergers and Neals

he knew in the world. He hopes his friends will reestablish contact with him at his new address: 16 E 78th St, New York, NY 10021.

Micki Williams writes from Naples that **Bruce** got to Ft Benning last 24 Apr for son Christian's graduation from Ranger School. He ran into **Bob Holman** there, whose son, a SGT in the 82nd Abn Div, was also getting his Ranger tab. Christian '85 is in Bamberg with the 2/78 FA. Micki says that daughter Carla graduated magna cum laude from Dickinson College in May, was awarded the DAR gold medal for excellence in history, and has since earned her abn wings at Ft Bragg. A gathering of the clan in Naples was planned for the 4 Jul weekend.

Micki & Bruce were surprised to see **Ann & Peter Stromberg** at Dover AFB early in the summer. The **Williamses** were going home to Naples, and the Strombergs were bound for Vienna to begin a European vacation. **Polly Coreth,** who knows whereof she speaks, reports that young Amy Stromberg, an ace reporter with **The Washington Times,** was recently the recipient of an award for metro spot news reporting by Sigma Delta Chi, the respected natl journalism fraternity.

Bill Burleson was ADC of the 2d Armd Div at Ft Hood in Jun and had been nominated for a second star, according to a news release. He & **Marlene** have two sons, John and Willard, III.

I am sorry to report that **Joe Williams** died in Munich of a heart attack on 12 Mar. The sincere sympathy of the Class is extended to his wife, **Gisela,** and daughters Martina (21) and Michele (17). The address is Foechingerstr. 18A, 8150 Holzkirchen, W Germany.

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Well, we have now gotten all the 25th Reunion material published, and it's on to the next 25 yrs. First though, vital stats dept:

On 6 May in Santa Fe, NM, **John E. Young** was married to **Beverly Joe.** Although Houston is still home, Beverly & he have spent a good deal of time in Santa Fe. John says: "What a place to have clients!" Many classmates met Beverly at the reunion last fall. We wish John & Beverly all the best.

We received a picture from "Old Ironsides Founder's Day/Ansbach" requesting identification of a couple in attendance there. The young lady in the photo looks like Mrs. Otstott but who the elderly gentleman in the O-7 uniform is, is a mystery. Doesn't look anything like a former swimmer from Highland Park High School in Dallas.

Hank & Sharon Drewfs sent along some nice pictures and lots of news, including some on mules who weren't in '60. The Drewfs promise to write at least once every 10 yrs.

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1960: Drewfs, Hannibal Jack II, Harnagel

Hank & Sharon married their daughter Helena Marie to 2d LT David Thomas Gerard '85 on 28 Dec 85 (in beautiful southern AZ sunshine—Ft Huachuca). Helena had just graduated the wk before from Baylor U in Waco, TX. Attending to harass, help and take notes were **Jim & Connie Ramos** and **Butch & Helga Nobles.** Jim is now working for Litton Co in CA and has hip pocket orders for Ft Huachuca. (What are "hip pocket" orders, I wonder?) Butch is getting ready to take over 2d Armored Div Arty at Ft Hood after 5 yrs at Ft Sill. **Bill & Julie Harnagel** loaned their qtrs for the weekend—they were at a tennis match with son Bill. Hank is chief of staff for USA Intelligence Center and School at Ft Huachuca and new son-in-law Dave is a platoon leader at Ft Polk. (He was on Ranger Sch break for the wedding.)

1960: Ramoses, Drewfses, Gerards '85 and Nobleses

Hank Drewfs and **Bill Harnagel** attended the 34th birthday party for Hannibal Jack II in Apr 86. Hannibal was at WP from 1964 to 1981. Bill cmds the Electronic Proving Grounds at Ft Huachuca and this summer will become chief of staff of Information Systems Cmd and Garrison Cmdr, Ft Huachuca.

1960: The Otstotts; Founders Day 1986, Ansbach

Jerry Lewis sent along a photo of sons of '60 graduating this yr. As you all may know, the Class decided several yrs ago that each son and daughter of the Class should receive a sabre upon graduation from WP. This year, as last year, the privilege to present them was Jerry Lewis'. He did so on behalf of the Class at Thayer Monument, following their graduation parade.

Picking up on a theme of the Supe at their parade, he told them that, not only do they continue the tradition of MacArthur, Eisenhower, Patton and other such greats, but they carry on after their fathers and their classmates. He told them that it is a heavy and solemn but happy burden, and suggested that they gaze upon the sabres their fathers would give them from their Class and remember their heritage. Then, on behalf of the Class, each of the fathers presented his son a sabre with some words of fatherly advice.

I think once again we've produced a fine result for the country, the Class and the Academy. Congratulations to all—parents, offspring and the Class!

Having just returned from London, Budapest and Paris, I should have all kinds of news from abroad, but, unfortunately, didn't catch up with anyone. Tried **Mark Lowrey** in London, but missed, and couldn't find **John Shelby** in the Paris phone book. As to anyone in Budapest they're undoubtedly in "deep cover."

1960: Jim Johnson and son Jim, Jerry Witherspoon and Michael, Darrel Houston and David, Roger Seymour and David

Bud & Nancy Griffis throwing a big bash for 3 July and the Class should have some news from that. No, the Reagans weren't invited, pure coincidence that Ron and Nancy will also be on Governor's Isl.

Hot flash from **Jim Pearl** who reports that on 9 May 86 he was married to **Kay,** the lady he has been dating for 13 yrs. Bachelorhood was not easily shed, but adjustment to marriage has been very pleasant. They will continue to live in San Antonio. As a matter of interest, his partner, Solomon Casseb, Jr. was the trial judge of the Pennzoil v. Texaco case in Houston; he is a fine lawyer, and has been his primary tutor in the practice of law. He is now the sr active atty and will probably be there from now on.

Jane & I are off tomorrow with **Dean & Marg Herman** for nine days of sailing in the British Virgin Isls. Anyone down there to look up?

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The scribe requests that you note the new mailing address and off phone no for all future communications. Please include a phone no so that any details can be expedited with a call.

1961: Party at Hilliers'—the ladies

Bob Chelberg & Pat have PCS'd from Ft Jackson, SC where he was DCG, to Naples, where Bob will become DCS Plans and Policy, Allied Forces, So European Cmd. Bob was recently named Outstanding Alumni for Lake Superior State College, where he attended prior to entering WP. Congratulations!

Jack Dewar, Dir of Evaluation and Standardization for the Special Warfare Center, (the moral equivalent of a WP hockey scholarship) writes to let us know that '61 still holds forth at Ft Bragg. **Earl Horan** was welcomed back from his tour as Cmdr, USMSE, Grenada, by LTG Lindsay, XVIII Abn Corps Cmdr, and the 82d Abn Div band. Earl was awarded the DMSM by Admiral Baggett, CINCLANT, for his work in Grenada. Congratulations, Earl on a delicate and demanding job well done! '61 salutes your achievement. Earl's homecoming speech was carried on TV; rumor has it that his banjo solo afterward is being saved for a future career.

1961: Party at Hilliers'—the men

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1961: Jim Nicholson, developer

1961: The Hilliers

Mike Underwood ret from active duty at Ft Ord in May. Thanks for the invitation, Mike—tell us your plans in the next letter. **Stan Clough** writes (on **orange** stationery—showing his true colors) that having finished his NATO tour in Brussels, he has returned to Ft Monmouth as the PM for PLRS/TIDS, which we hope is non-communicable, since it is unintelligible. Stan gets to work with all

1961: Newlyweds Scott & Pauli Dillard

the services on this one, insuring stable, long-term employment. Stan left **Chip Smith** (PM, JSTARS) in charge of '61 affairs in Brussels.

Jim Nicholson has been elected the Republican Natl Committeeman for CO. Congratulations to both Jim and the Party! Jim is a banker and real esate dev in the Rocky Mt State. **Suzanne** and the children, RJ, Jr (16), Nick (15), and Katie (8) are active in school activities and community affairs. Other '61ers in the area include **Paul Vader,** a stock broker with Dean, Witter (stocks and socks?) now a firm vp. **Jim Scott** is also a broker, firm unknown. **Ed Jones** and **Charley Haas** work for the same real estate dev co. **Jim Goldstine** is a well-known CPA who has developed a highly regarded software package for mgt applications. **Dick Skaggs** has moved to CO and is in the home building bus. Continued success for all of the CO gang.

From the ever-faithful pen of **Marty Ganderson** at the War College comes word of **Tom Sherburne's** ret. Tom & **Nan** are going into a private business venture based in Carlisle. **Bob & Bridget Oliver** have moved to an engr district in KY after a tour on the

1961: Hannon '89 and Hannon '61

1961: Ambassador Kaiser Bazan presents his credentials

War College faculty. **Bob Herrick** is en route to a post in SOUTHCOM, **Henmar Gabriel** has his computer software firm in AZ, and **Paul DeVries** is Mr. Inf at the Engr School at Ft Belvoir.

In an impressive promotion ceremony in the Pentagon, **George Joulwan** received his

1961: Sherburne retires: Oliver, Ganderson, Sherburne, Stone and Herrick

1961: Russell and Boylan; Founders Day 1986, Intermountain Region

second star. GEN Wickham sent a note of congratulations, and GEN Vessey's stars were used for the ceremony. Many of George's former bosses, including Gens Stilwell and Gorman, were present. **Karen** and their three daughters assisted in the ceremony. The Joulwans will be leaving for Heidelberg, where George will be the DCSOPS for USAEUR.

Finally, the scribe modestly announces that he has founded **Tedrick,** Barker, & Price Financial Group, dealing in financial investments and real estate.

Keep those cards and letters coming, folks—pictures, too.

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Dale Means sent a picture of himself and **Pat Stevens.** Dale is dist engr for the Memphis Dist and Pat is the Dist Engr for the Vicksburg Dist. Saw an article in the local paper about Rev **Colin Kelly.** He has been selected to be the new priest to serve at

1963: Founders Day 1986, Ansbach, Ger

the Trinity on the Hill Episcopal Church. He was selected after a search comm reviewed more than 150 resumes. As many as 75% of the adult church members work at the Los Alamos National Lab, which dedicates the lion's share of its budget to nuclear weapons research.

1963: Joneses and Gothreaus

Allen Clark is running for County Judge for Travis County. Election date is 4 Nov 86 and in Sep 86 his book entitled **"Oh, God, I'm Dead," A Journey Back** detailing his cadet yrs, wounding in Vietnam, his rehabilitation, religious faith, public service and govt service at the VA will be covered. Anyone who would like a copy of the book send a contribution of $25 or more to: The Allen Clark Comm, 6701 Silvermine Dr, #110, Austin, TX 78736. Al will greatly appreciate any and all contributions.

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1963: Ehrenbergs and Swishers; Founders Day 1986, Heidelberg

Received a letter from **Helen & Bob Coulson** who recently moved from sunny FL to snowy CO. Bob is a sr staff engr for Martin Marietta Aerospace. Helen works part-

1963: Means and Stevens

time with the Alicia Patterson Foundation of Washington, DC. **Andy Gothreau** is going to CACDA at Ft Leavenworth, KS this summer. **Al Jones** is heading to Ft Rucker, AL to be a dir at the Safety Center. **Jerry Harrison** is on his way to the Artillery School at Ft Sill,

1963: Gideons, Weyrauchs, Steinings and Keaveneys; Founders Day 1986, Ft Sill

1963: Wyrwases, Cadet Wyrwas and Pattens; Founders Day 1986, Michigan

OK. The **LaFonds** are on their way to Ger where Dewey will be dep cmdr of an engr bde.

1963: Wilsons; Founders Day 1986, Ft Campbell

Your DC group of classmates recently got together at the **Ischingers'** house for a delicious barbeque catered by **Carol** Ischinger and **Maureen Anderson** who are setting up a catering business. They did a great job catering to 56 classmates, wives, and guests. **Bill & Carol Coomer** sold their home in VA and

1963: Ellersons, and Mocks; Founders Day 1986, Ft Stewart

are moving to MI where Bill is the program mgr for the Bradley Fighting Vehicle. **Larry Medlin** is a new arrival in the area. We have 78 classmates in the DC area. If you come to DC please let me or **Mike Summers** (H: 960-6112 W: 785-7466) know so we can add you to the DC roster.

1963: Halls and Thompsons; Founders Day 1986, West Point

If you have a desire to put something in this column please drop me a line shortly after you receive your copy of the ASSEMBLY. Normally my deadline for the next article is about 3 wks after you read this article.

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'64

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This is my mid-summer's effort. Still slim pickin's at mail call. The ASSEMBLY is going to increase its yearly output and you all are going to have to undertake a corresponding increase in correspondence or this column is going to become embarrassingly short.

1964: Ameses, Walk and McMakin; Founders Day 1986, Ft Sill

The big Class happening in Wash during the quarter was the swearing in of **Gene Sullivan** as a judge on the US Court of Military Appeals. Assorted classmates were present to insure that everything was done just right: **Roy Jones, Joe Zengerly, Dave Binney, Art Kelly, Norm Grunstead** and your respectful correspondent. Gene gave a nice little speech and alluded to his WP background

1964: The O'Blocks

and the fact that he is the first Academy grad to serve on the court. I have counseled Gene on the proper judicial demeanor so he should do a good job!

Rich Stanko sent in a photo of the football reunion at last year's Army-ND game of

1964: Johnson, Boyd, Anderschat, Crissman, Bramlette, and Cecchine

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1964: Johnsons, Anderschats, Boyds, Crissmans, Cecchines, and Bramlettes

which I wrote in the last column. Stanks added a key bit of info that each attendee (**Kerns, Kempinski, Nowak, Paske** and **Louis**) had a lady you could still strike a match on. I never expected anything less out of this group. The photo is testimony to the fact!

Dennis O'Block, upon discovering that at this stage of the game new babies were a news item, finally wrote the scribe. Stephanie arrived on 16 Feb. Dennis, who when we last heard from him was flying for Continental, has undergone a career change and is now in the computer consulting business. The photo shows the new chip off the old O'Block with **Barbara** and the brothers aged 3 and 18.

1964: Kempinski, Kerns, Stanko, Nowak, Louis, Paske and family

Marti Crissman, a loyal correspondent, covered a mini reunion held recently in Hagerstown, MD attended by **Cris** & Marti, **Gary & Peg Cecchine, Max & Polly Johnson** from DC, and **Larry & Kathy Bramlette, Hugh & Sandy Boyd** and **Rick & Marcy Anderschat** (Class associates from WP teaching days) from Carlisle Barracks. The Hagerstown address was selected as a convenient midpoint. The Crissmans (Doug), Boyds (Hugh IV), Johnsons (Mike), and **Dexters** (Ellen), who had to cancel out, all have offspring in the Class of '88.

I did get a letter from a first time correspondent—something I had almost given up hope on ever receiving again. **Ken Kvam** is alive and well with 1 wife, 1 daughter (11), 1 son (10), and no pets, in the Netherlands where he has been for the last 4 yrs helping the AF to bed down the cruise missile. After 6 straight yrs overseas (2 in Korea), the Kvams are returning to the US and the Def Nuclear Agency in Albuquerque, NM. Ken, in an effort to assist his poor scribe in drumming up bus, has suggested that folks use this space to tout personal accomplishments of their non-military, non-prof lives. This is not a new suggestion—I have long maintained that almost anything is appropriate for this column. Try me; I'm easy! Anyway, Ken has some accomplishments worthy of note and challenges you guys to dispute his claim to the fastest '64 marathon (Boston—2:40), and to the only classmate who has successfully negotiated the Nijmegan Death March. I did climb Japan's Mt Fuji, but I can't remember my time, so it would be inappropriate for me to claim any sort of record.

1964: Louises, Hartles and Reynolds; Founders Day 1986, West Point

That's it for this edition. Keep those cards and letters pouring in. The Gift Selection Subcommittee of **Norm Anderson, Jack Bergan, Bob McCoy, Nick Nichols, Jim Stapleton** and myself are holding our "organizational" meeting at WP on the 2d of Jul. We will report to you all in the fall on how we intend to approach this monumental task.

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Greetings once again from Chicago! Before we get into the news of the Class, please note my new mailing address effective 15 Jul 86. Thanks to the new phone system, we probably won't know our new phone no until after we move in, so if you need to call me, use the number shown above and I'm hopeful that the phone co will refer you to the correct number. If not, call info.

Good news from the printer! After a delay of several mos due to the illness of our sales rep, I'm happy to report that the Reunion Year Book should be in the mail by the end of Jul. If you ordered one and have not received it by the time of this article, please drop me a line or call me or my secretary, Colleen Finley, and let us know. We also will have about 30 extra copies which we will sell on a first come, first served basis. If you're interested, please send a check for $35 to me at the above address, payable to the Class of 1965 Reunion Fund, along with your return mailing address. Also, **please, please** send me your change of address cards so that we can keep our master file up to date.

1965: Kramer and the Powerses; Founders Day 1986, FL West Coast

We are also sending complimentary copies to the following friends of the Class: LTG & Mrs. Scott; LTG & Mrs. Palmer; BG & Mrs. Boylan; USMA Library; AOG; parents of our deceased classmates; GEN & Mrs Westmoreland; Chap Ford; and Joe Palone. If you know of anyone else that should receive a complimentary copy, please drop me a line and we'd be happy to forward one on to them, subject to availability.

And, last of all, some more good news, and that is that we were able to contribute the excess funds to our Class Fund. At the time of this writing, I do not have an exact amount, but I would suspect it's going to be close to a couple thousand dollars. This is due

1965: Phil Wherry

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1965: '65 Carlisle Barracks

in great part to **Rolly Stichweh** and his advertising campaign crew who raised the extra money from advertisements. Our thanks go out to everyone.

And now to news of our Class. I had a nice chat with **Tommy Carll** who is still down in College Station, TX. As I recall, Tommy is in the fitness club bus and reports that that bus is not so good. He is near TX A&M but doesn't see many of our classmates. He was asking the whereabouts of **Chris Dorney,** and I reported that our last known address was in Shrewsbury, NJ.

I received an update from **Joe DeFrancisco** on the group at Carlisle: **Frank Reller** will be coming here to Chicago at Ft Sheridan where he will be the post engr; **Jack Lyons** is leaving his job as protocol off and will be ret and going to Belgium as a HS principal (perhaps winning the award of most unusual job after ret); **Duncan Brown** will be going to Huntington, WV as the district engr; **Fred Scruggs** will be going to Ft Bragg in the special warfare center; **Jay Vaughn** will be going to Ft Huachuca to practice his spook trade; **Rick Charles** will be going to the DC area as will Joe & **Lynn** DeFrancisco. Joe will be in the war plan section of DCSOPS. **Bob Cato** will also be going to DC and will be working in the Chief's off; **Bob Guy** will be the Div G3 at Ft Polk and **Steve Kempf** will be going to Leavenworth; **Leo Kennedy** will be going to DC in DCSRDA and **Wes Taylor** will stay at Carlisle for a yr as a research fellow before taking over the Ranger Bde at Ft Benning. Our former classmate (now '66) Ted Sendak will be going to NATO HQS Europe. Joe also reported that **Kim Olmstead** has ret in the Carlisle area and is involved with a local bank there.

Over the last several yrs here in Chicago, I've had the chance to renew an old relationship with a former classmate of ours, Phil Wherry. As some of you may recall, Phil was with us through yearling year and originally hails from Pekin, IL. After leaving USMA, he attended Northwestern U and then the U of Miami. He originally wanted to be an MD but instead got married and then went to Kent Law School here in Chicago. After graduation from law school, he went with the law firm of Winston & Strawn and is now in private practice. He was also the sr law clerk to Judge Julius J. Hoffman of the "Chicago Conspiracy 7" trial fame. He & his wife live on the north side of Chicago and are both very active in several civic and charitable organizations. I've encouraged Phil to join the AOG.

1965: Guy, Harmon and Taylor; Carlisle Barracks

I also received a copy of the FY 87 O-6 Cmd Selectees which I will list below along with their unit: **Mike Connor** (OCLL); **Jim Hennessee** (OCSA); **Wes Taylor; Bruce Clarke** (Arms CON Disarm Agency); **Jim Steele** (MILGRPELSAL); **John Pickler** (III Corp Arty); **Dick Sinnreich** (USACGSC); **Don Nowland** and **Sig Roebuck** (ODCSOPS); **Bob Brown** (USAWC); **Stan Genega** (ODCSOPS); **Clair Gill** (PA&E); **Tad Ono** (HQ,USARJ&IX Corp); **Steve Bliss** (ODCSLOG); **John McGurk** (OASO, IL). I hope we haven't omitted anyone, but that's the latest list that I have. Congratulations to all of you that have a cmd and let's all work hard to keep our country safe.

As you may have read, we had a little parade here in Chicago last Jun. The parade organizers anticipated about 50,000 Vietnam Vets marching and about 200,000 spectators. We were all pleasantly surprised on the morning of the parade to find about 200,000 marchers and over 500,000 spectators. There was a good contingent from Chicago represented by the **Coll** family and **Maria Cooley** (**Jack** was AWOL). It was a very special parade for all of us and was something that I don't think anybody will forget the rest of their lives. After the parade, **Judy** & I and the children were resting in Grant Park when up walks a combat veteran, dressed completely in jungle fatigues, who was none other than **Roger Frydrychowski,** looking like he was ready to re-up for another tour of duty. Roger was born in Chicago and his parents live in northern IN. He indicated he "just had to come back for this parade." That same sentiment was echoed by a lot of people that day. Roger is a successful atty in Richmond, VA with a large law firm there. It was really good seeing him again at the parade.

I was contacted by another former classmate of ours, **Dr. Eddie Dye,** who is a dentist in Memphis near the U of TN. Eddie was at USMA for two years and got out and moved to TN. He & his wife have three children and live in Cordova, TN. Eddie was in Co F-2 and was also in 6th Co in Beast. He was **Gennoni's** roommate, a fact that I'm not sure I would spread around.

As you can see by the picture, **Guy, Taylor** and **Harmon** were at USAWC where Steve was visiting from the ICAF. **Russ Campbell** wrote from NY where he is with Chase Manhattan Bank.

In addition to the list of names at the War College, **Joe DeFrancisco** sent the two pictures of the "old-timers." They include **Taylors, Eileen Cato, Sharon Vaughn, Lynne DeFrancisco, Sandi Scruggs, Donna & Frank Reller, Jay Vaughn, Fred Scruggs, Leo Kennedy, Bob Cato, Steve Kempf, Carolyn & Duncan Brown, Barbara Kempf** and Joe. The other picture has some new faces to include: **Jodi Guy, Kim & Sherri Olmstead, Marti Andressen, Steve Kempf** (with original Chinese bandit hat) and others.

As I was reading the **Sunday Chicago Tribune** on 12 Jun 86, I happened to read an article entitled "Chardonnay Shoot-Out." This was sponsored by the **Chicago Tribune** and apparently is a very prestigious contest. I was delighted to see a bronze medal for the medium priced Chardonnay for **Chuck Shaw's** 1984 vintage.

1965: Maria Cooley and the Coll family

Just before the deadline for this article, your friendly scribe, in desperate need of poop for the article, started calling around to see what was happening. As luck would have it, I caught **Dan & Susan Christman** walking into their house just after vacation in New England and received the following info. **Stan Genega** took over Dan's job as the district engr in Savanna in Jan. **Clair Gill** will be taking over cmd of the 7th Engr Bde in Stuttgart next Jun. **John Herrington** is with the JCS staff and is just back from a fact finding trip to Europe on conventional defenses. Our old Chicago buddy, **Lloyd Briggs,** is now the pres & CEO for Christiania General Insurance Corp located in Terrytown, NY. They are a subsidiary of a Norwegian reinsurance co. Prior to this, Lloyd

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1965: '65 Carlisle Barracks

was in Iran working for **Ross Perot** during the fall of the Shah and apparently just got out by the skin of his teeth. After that, he went with Intl Paper in NY. Susan Christman also ran into **Carolyn Bucha** who reported that **Buddy** is still working on that large residential dev on the Hudson River. **Dave Bodde** apparently has left the Congressional Budget Office and is now running an offshoot of the National Science Foundation, doing research in the DC area. **Frank Hennessee** will be taking cmd of the Old Guard shortly.

Tom Fergusson also called and is leaving to cmd the 532nd MI Bn in Seoul in Jun 86 and will be there for 2 yrs with his family. (APO SF 96301-0055)

Well folks, that's about it. The last two articles have been much shorter than usual. It seems that we had a tremendous letdown after the reunion. Please write and send pictures so that the scribe doesn't have to use all local pictures. Remember how much enjoyment we all got out of the previous articles when they were very long and very newsy. There's only so many people that I can track down every three mos, and so, I need all of your help. Best regards from Chicago! Beat Northwestern! Best Navy!

'66

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We were saddened by the news that Chris Manlove, son of **Dick & Carolyn Manlove** was killed in an automobile accident in late Jun in northern VA. We join Dick, Carolyn, and daughter Marion in this tragic loss.

Also, we were equally saddened to hear **Paul Mlakar's** son Dennis was killed in an automobile accident on Christmas Eve 85. Likewise, we pray for the Mlakar's in their loss. Paul is working for Jaycor, a govt contractor and his wife **Kathy** is a mgr for the YMCA. Their other son, Paul is 14 and will be a soph. The Mlakars live at 107 Timberlane Drive, Vicksburg, MS 39180.

On a happier note, the Reunion Comm reports a fantastic response for our 20th Reunion. If you have not provided a family photo and a short bio, please do so and send it to Mrs Justine Monken, 520A S. Moore Loop, West Point, NY 10996. Mrs Monken is the admin asst to the comm and according to **Art Mulligan** is rendering an invaluable service to our Class.

From the mailbag, which thanks to you is fuller this time, I have some news to report from some long lost classmates. **Bill Sevilla** writes from Coral Gables, FL where he was recently promoted to asst vp of the Coral Gables Federal SL. He & wife **Louise** have lived there with their 4 children since 75. Bill, Jr is on scholarship to Tulane U. Daughter Christine (16) and sons Alex (13) and Robert (8) are doing well in their schools. Bill reports he is working on a second Master's (MBA) and Louise is considering a graduate degree to complement her counseling and teaching skills. The Sevillas are coming to the reunion.

Before I continue with the mailbag, I must eagerly report our Class has three of our children in the Class of 1989: **Ford, Hammond,** and **Traubel.** Also, the Class of 1990 is scheduled to have 9 young men and 1 young woman from parents of the Class.

Mike Mewhinney sent a letter describing the "Zoo's" get-together in Dallas for the Final Four (basketball) in Mar. The letter didn't make the last issue so I'll quote the best of it. "Ten members of the 'Zoo' got together at my house for a fantastic 4-day weekend of events. Naturally, there was basketball—spectator style, and the electricity associated with an event of this hype exceeded all of our expectations. This was the NCAA equivalent of the 'Thumper.' Besides the basketball, we made a number of awards over the course of the weekend.

"**Bob Coats** won the bull riding event at Billy Bob's Texas hands down. **Jack Zehren** won the jet set award for leaving Sun night to go to NYC to make a presentation to the gold card people and returning to Big D in time to catch the Zoomobile to reunion area for the finals Mon night. **Steve Singer** and **Bob Kesmodel** proved to be invincible on the croquet lawn, while **Bill Stalker's** spiking ability carried his team to championship status. A teammate, **Mike Brennan,** won the Golden Retriever award for getting the volleyball out of the pool the most times. I parlayed the home court to my advantage; however, **Deme Clainos** did whip the ball machine consistently. The Art Carney, Ed Norton Man-of-the-Year award goes to **John Pappas** for figuring out how to rework the sewer sump pump in his Coach House Restaurant from a distance of nearly 2000 mi. Last, but certainly not least, **Tom Miller** won the hot tub competition, outlasting all other entrants by a wide margin."

Mike reported **Tom Carhart** also showed up as the witness to these events. Thanks Mike for filling in the Class on your activities, and we're looking forward to seeing the "Zoo" at the reunion.

Brian Ashbaugh forwarded a page from **The Military Engineer** which named two classmates, **Fred Meurer** and **Bob Lowry,** as the FORSCOM and TRADOC engrs of the yr. The award was made by the Soc of American Military Engrs (SAME). I am certain no other USMA Class can boast of this accomplishment, capturing both cmd distinctions in the same yr. Congratulations to Fred and Bob and their families.

Withers '62 sent a letter hoping to locate West Pointers in the Greater Orlando/Central FL areas. Anyone living in the area can contact him at 123 Valencia Loop, Altamonte Springs, FL 32714 (305) 788-3308.

Art & Ginny Mulligan reported daughter Kellie is now a jr at Marymount and is taking the ROTC Nursing program. Daughter Judy is a frosh at Marymount and Katie is soph. I must say Art has been invaluable to the Class and to me personally in providing info about the reunion and of Class bus in general. Thanks Art!

Roger Grugle is now the PMS at Kent State, **Larry Donnithorne** has finished his schooling and is returning to his permanent slot in the Dean's off. **Ed Case** is in Wash.

1966: The Hoymans

I did my annual active duty tour in the Under Secy of Army off in Jun so Oct would be open for the reunion. All of the **Cecils** are planning to attend. While there, I saw several classmates and thanks to **John Dubia,** found out about several other ones. **Hilty Dunn** is Cdr of the Mobile District. Hilty and his family live at 6700 Cottage Hill Rd, Box 62, Mobile, AL 36609 (205) 633-2229. **Bill Stone** is on the Air Staff. **Jim Peake** is now a COL in the MC as is **Leigh Wheeler. Ed Wright** is in DCSLOG. **Bob Hicks** is going to the War College from his recent asgmt in Ger. **Jim Turbish** has left OPS for the 1AD where he is comptroller. **Jon Blades** is at MILPERCEN and his book **Leadership** was recently published. Thanks Jon for the copy you sent me. **John Buczacki** is at AMC. John Zierdt is leaving OPS for the War College. **Bill Hoyman** is returning to Wash after a yr at Newport.

Rick St. John wrote a newsy description of the classmates who were pictured in the last issue. **Bill Harvey** is going to MILPER-

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CEN, **McFarrens** are on their way to Bragg (XVIII Corps). **Sendaks** are going to the US Mission in NATO. **Andrews** is staying at Carlisle for a DISCOM cmd. **Potters** are going to TRADOC and the **Rudermans** are going to VII Corps, **St. Johns** are going to Chief of Staff, 1ID Forward and the **Loftheims** are going to DA.

John Boyd wrote that his son Philip is entering USMA 1990, and John is now the vp of the San Gabriel Valley WP Parent's Club. John had asked for a list of '66 children at USMA now which I mentioned earlier in the column, but will publish the list of '90 children following admissions and the completion of Beast Barracks.

Ron Carpenter had called some time ago to report he is at the Aviation Research Lab at Ft Eustis. He has reached his mid-life crisis and to celebrate traded in a 15 yr old station wagon for a sports car—a red convertible! Hope to see this new car at the reunion.

While in Wash I gathered some tidbits on other classmates. **Art Grant** is leaving the Chief's off for the National War College, **Chaun McKearn** and **Don Rose** have ret. **Pete Cecere** was reportedly to ret also. **Mike Fellenz** is now in J5. **Tim Fields** is now a neighbor of Don & **Billie** Rose who moved after ret. **Rich Tarpley** is PMS at U of DE. **Bob & Diana Scales** are going to Europe from Ft Sill. Bob is going to the Chief of Staff for Corps Arty. I also saw **Rick Callahan, Jim White, Buck Coates** (is ret), **Tom Carhart,** and **Mike Baily. Bill Whelihan** is working for FMC in Crystal City.

Lastly, **Art Mulligan** reports that plans for the 20th Reunion are shaping up beautifully. Everyone at WP is excited about the details. Be sure to send in your money and requests for favors, football ticket applications, and meal request forms. See you in Oct.

Your scribe is grateful for all the news of the Class and begs you not to give up since I have a 30 Sep deadline for the next issue, which will be just before the reunion. The new scribe will have a real "honeymoon" for the issue following the reunion, but please don't forsake the old scribe for his final issue!

'67

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It has become painfully obvious to me that a lot of you out there are not real, real smart. At least, you all went horrifically D during the cow yr metaphysical engr course on "telling time." The concept of time zones was apparently way over the heads of a lot of you. I first discovered this three or four years ago when **Mike Mullane** used to call me up at 4 am to chat. You'd think a veteran astronaut would have understood that when the sun is shining in TX, it isn't in AK. Several of you were moved by my gripe in the last issue about no reader response to this never ending wasteland of show and tell, and tried to beat the rap by phoning me. That's doesn't work, kids. If you want to get entered into my computer as a participating, responsive member of the Old Grads Gaggle, you must write to me. You must invest your time, mental energy, and a stamp. Above all, you must never, ever, call me between 2300-0700. You see, I do understand time zones, and I will pay you back. Just ask **Barb Mackerer.** I can only assume that being given the opportunity to speak to all of my children and my cat at 0330 (her time) must have been for Barb a poignantly evocative event.

On the other hand, some of you were so moved by my plight you were galvanized into action and sent long, lyrical letters chock full of vital info. (This included **Randy Pais,** whose letter has been sent to the finest cryptologist in the TRADOC intelligence community for deciphering. You may get a read-out in Dec.) You kind people will be temporarily removed from the candidate list for lifetime Welsh Rarebit Award winners. I may even include some of your info in these notes.

Let's get the high rollers out of the way first. The '86 Senior Service College asgmts send **Mike Andrews, Bob Griffin, Walt Mather, Jeff Mills, Tony Nida, Jim Siket, Dick Waterman,** and **Doc Wentzel** to the Army War College at Carlisle, PA. **Ed Bryla** will be going to the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, I guess so he can learn how to be a big cheese in the military-industrial complex. In addition to these worthies, a number of guys have been selected for War College Fellowships. **Steve Frankiewicz, Paul Kern, Monty Meigs, Bud Shumate** and **Jim Vance** will go off and study various and sundry cosmic theories of great import, after which they will probably get assigned as Readiness Region S4s. Such is life.

1967: Jeff Madsen, new VP of Hamilton Industries

Tom Parr is concerned. He is bothered by the fact that our Class column is moving closer and closer to the front of this book. That makes him feel old. He wants me to petition the editor to move '67 to the back of the book. This is not an idea I feel comfortable with, as that would put us next to the obituaries, which would make me feel old. Besides, all Tom really needs to do is take a look at **Roger Arango,** and he will know that he will never be that old. Tom is still at Ft Lewis where he's the dir of Intern Training at Madigan Army Hosp. In fact, Lewis seems to be a favorite spot for Class doctors. **Brian Hayes** is on his way from Ft Bragg to join the staff at Madigan, and **Mike Casey** is the I Corps surgeon at Lewis. **Steve Sears** is a highly successful orthopod in Spokane. Another guy who used to be at Lewis is **Reggie Moore;** he is about to assume cmd of Darnell Army Hosp at Ft Hood. None of this news makes me feel real good about the fate of Army medicine. After all, I know these people, and what goes on in their tiny little heads. Ask yourself—would you want any of these guys doing a procto exam on you?

A couple of mos ago I was back at Ft Benning getting my quarterly dose of inspiration when I ran into **Chuck Gantner.**

1967: Strongs, McColgins and Cains; Founders Day 1986, Ft Rucker

Chuck's a DA civ working with the Light Inf TF in the Inf Sch. He's been at Benning for a number of yrs now—at least since the early 70's. He's also still quite a swimmer. In fact, this summer he's off to Tokyo as a member of the Georgia Masters Swimming Team to compete in the world masters swimming championships. He will be competing in the 50m butterfly, 50m backstroke, 200m backstroke, 50m freestyle, and 100m backstroke. He will be accompanied by his new bride, **Lisa Williams,** who also doubles as the team physician.

Jeff Madsen is gnawing his way inexorably to the top of the corporate ladder. In Apr he was promoted to VP of manufacturing at Hamilton Industries, a co that manufactures wood and steel lab and prof furniture. Their major product lines include lab casework (they are currently building casework for one of WP's labs) drafting and engr furniture and medical examination suite furniture. Jeff's wife **Sandi** is a soph at Silver Lake College, a local liberal arts college, and their son Jeffrey just completed his frosh yr at the U of WI. Their daughter Tina will be a HS soph this fall. The Madsens live in Manitowoc, WI (408 Cleveland Ave), about 1½ hrs north of Milwaukee. Most of you probably didn't know that Jeff is our Class treas. I keep hearing these rumors about his flashy cars and vacations on the Riviera. Why do we only have $6.12 in our Class fund? Who's going to pay for the free booze at the reunion?

1967: Marty & Kay Harmless at 85 Army-Notre Dame game

Jeff ran into **Tom & Nancy Swett** at the Milwaukee Founders Day dinner. Tom is a plant engr at one of the Miller Beer breweries in Milwaukee. What a great job! The Swetts have 2 daughters—Stacy, 17 and Kelly, 15. Jeff also saw **Buzz Altshuler** about a yr ago, while on vacation in San Francisco. Buzz is a VP and branch mgr of an investment mgt firm in SF.

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1967: Hands, Baker, Winkel and Burnses; Founders Day 1986, West Point

Don Nelson, who's still working for Merrill Lynch in IN, blew the whistle on a number of souls. **Marty Harmless** is now the asst dean at the U of IN, which should tell you all you need to know about the state of higher education in that state. Marty was last seen leading a rocket at the Army-Notre Dame game last yr. **Tom Petrie** continues to be a powerful voice in the oil industry as an oil analyst for the First Boston Corp. He is reportedly spending a leisurely summer on his isl off the coast of ME, after a hectic first half of the yr. Life can be soooo hard. **Ed Sullivan** has finished his TDY with the Chrysler Marketing Dept and is on his way to DC to market the US Army. **Bruce Baccei** is still doing a roaring bus designing and consulting on solar, high efficiency homes. In fact, Don's home is a Bruce Baccei product. (Don hopes to have all the repair work done soon). Bruce's firm is Sunrise Solar Design and Assistance, Denver, CO. And in the Golden Arches Dept, **Ray Jones** now owns 2 McDonalds in AR—one in Fayetteville and one in Bentonville.

Here's as much of **Randy Pais's** letter as I could translate. He and **Tony Toneatto** have been selected as res offs to attend the Army War College Correspondence Program. In Mar, he went to a CGSC refresher course at Leavenworth, where he ran into **Larry Izzo** (who recently completed a War College Fellowship at the school of adv mil studies), **John Goodnow, Dick Waterman,** and **Doc Wentzel** (who were instructors in the college), and **Bill Haines,** who is on his way to Ft Sam Houston. Also in Randy's class was **Everrett Lucas,** who's in the NJ NG. Recently, **Mike Hood** had a big party at his beach house in Galveston, to which a good chunk of the Houston clan went—**Paises, Portneys, Murrells, Mullanes,** even **Marty Harmless** showed up. A good time was had by all. In addition to partying and soldiering, Randy continues to be a reasonably competent atty for EXXON. He recently wrote an article for the Sherman Act Comm of the ABA which will be published this summer. I would tell you what it is about, but after 6 hrs of trying to read his letter and figure it out, I have given up.

1967: Chaplain Barry Lonergin (guest) and the March Perrys

Very nice letter from **Barry Nickerson.** Very nice for several reasons, not the least of which is the fact that it was typed. It was also full of happy news and good vibes. Barry's life has been enriched immeasurably the past 8 yrs since he became a truly dedicated born again Christian. Barry & **Pam** and their 4 children still live in the Dallas/Ft Worth area at 816 Mayfair Hill Ct, Bedford, TX. Barry, Jr, just graduated from HS and will be going to Abilene Christian College this fall. Daughter Ashley, 14, is heavily into swim teams, piano lessons, and softball. Jonathan is 6, and the youngest, Jennifer, is 3. Jonathan is a very special gift, for he has overcome the trauma of a broken neck, and is now healed. Barry left the Army in 71 and has been with XEROX ever since. For the past 3 yrs he's been heading up the marketing dept of XEROX for its info systems products; ie, personal computers, word processors, and micro-based local area networks. He's run into a few classmates in his travels; he was in a meeting in DC recently with the XEROX Coastal Op Gp and found himself sitting next to **Dave Rivers.** He reports that Dave has not changed one bit—in appearance or behavior—in 19 yrs. Dave is the region systems marketing mgr for the XEROX southeastern region in Atlanta. His daughter Stephanie is going to the U of GA. Another guy Barry has seen is **Eddie Beck.** He ran into Eddie on a flight to NY, sitting there looking very tan and casual. He asked Eddie what he was doing now, to which Eddie replied he is in ret and was on his way to meet his brother at the docks on the Hudson River to take a sailboat upstream for a while. Life is soooooo hard. By the time I am in ret, the Hudson will be clean enough to drink out of again. Barry also saw **John & Suzi Montanaro** at their home in Santa Monica not long ago. The Montanaros are high on my hit list. They were co-conspirators with **Barb Mackerer** when she called me last wk. They will get theirs.

1967: Founders Day 1986, Ansbach, Ger. Who are these people?

I have word of another Class son who entered WP this summer. Brennan Marion, son of **Eddie Marion,** entered with the Cl of '90. I learned this from Adrienne, Ed's ex-wife. Brennan is a nationally ranked javelin pitcher and hopes to do great things with the Army track team. Adrienne, by the way is **Bill Freccia's** cousin. That's 2 Class kids I know of in the Cl of '90. Any others?

Ed Dewey was back in town last week for his ex-bosses' ret, so **Suzi** & I decided to have a low-brow evening and had him over for supper. It's always fun to watch an artilleryman try to figure out how to use a knife and fork. Forget about napkins. Ed, incredibly as it may seem, assumed cmd of an artillery bn at Ft Ord on 2 Jul.

1967: Founders Day 1986, Heidelberg: Who are these people?

Short bursts resd on the wall of the local singles bar: **Jim Pryor** is now cmdng the hosp at Ft Leavenworth; **Mike Kush** is en route to Ft Knox to cmd a training bn; **Bob Shadburn** is on the bn cmd list; **Mike Lancaster** is the XO to LTG Riscassi, the new Army DCSOPS; **Mike Newman** is a minor or major functionary at the M1 tank plant near Detroit; **Paul Kern** and **Jim Vance** are going to Ft Ben Harrison; **Paul Haseman,** wife **Vivian,** kids Lynn, Janelle, and Mark, live in Laguna Niguel, CA, where Paul works for Hughes Aircraft; **Kent Kraus** is the resource mgt off at Ft Irwin, CA; **Dave Peixotto** is with the district engr off in Albuquerque, NM; and **Rich Estes** is at Picatinny Arsenal. Finally, a highly impeachable source recently told me he ran into **Bill & Carol Foley** flying 1st class to HI for a golf holiday. Bill is rumored to be the pres and CEO of a Title Ins Co in Scottsdale, AZ.

OK, kids, reach for your wallets. I have recently learned there is a '67 Class ring for sale in a jewelry store in Seaside, CA. I have talked to the owner of the store, and he has graciously agreed to hold on to the ring until I (we) get together the money to buy it. He will sell it to the Class for his cost of $200. I checked with the AOG to see if we had any unrestricted money in our Class fund; unfortunately we don't. My primary concern is to get the ring out of circulation before some CA free spirit with bean dip for brains decides to buy it as a nose ornament. We could give it to the AOG or the museum or some other worthy institution as a Class gift. It might even belong to someone. According to the shop owner, it has no name in it, and is fairly small—about a man's size 7 or 8. If anybody has any good ideas or wants to cough up a few bucks to buy the ring for the Class, please let me know.

In 2 wks **Suzi** is going on another of her increasingly frequent vacations. This time she is going to HI. The kids and I are going back to grandmommy and granddaddy's house. Granddaddy has already started sandbagging the place. Imagine their surprise when I drop the kids off and say Gee, sorry, but I've just got to go TDY to Bermuda. Watch this space for a full report.

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OK, boys and girls, that's all my inspiration for this episode. By the time you get this, the Syracuse game will be history. The tone of the Dec notes will be a reflection of the outcome of that game. Keep the faith—God loves you. BEAT NAVY.

'68

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Sir (and ma'am)! There are less than 8 issues of the ASSEMBLY left until our 20th Reunion. Info and help are required to make that special time really magic. The present ad hoc reunion comm consists of whoever is living at and around WP at the time. Class vp **Fred Johnson** (272-B Bowman Loop) reports that PAP **Andy** & wife **Dull** have just reported in to lend a hand. **Mike Fellows** is also back as an engr P, and **Dan & Paulette Limbaugh** left **Mike Romash's** hot tub in HI so Dan could take over WP Dep JAG duties. **John Throckmorton** is returning with **Janie** to be the USMA treas, and to occupy an off just around the corner from his old firstie room in the 1st Div. The bet is that **Billy Schutsky** has never seen his new off before since it's with the Off of the Dean. WP also saw **Steve & Ellen Williams** depart for Ft Knox where Steve will become the chief of ORSA Branch for the AR Sch's Dir of Cmbt Dev. Steve plans to pass all the problems he can back to WP for special engr projects, which appears to be yet another example that "the Corps has." As I remember, we had all the problems we needed and didn't have to import any.

1968: Onasch, Dallens, Johnsons, Rolfes and Dodson; Founders Day 1986, West Point

The Class offs and reunion comm need your help and input as to what you'd like to see and do for our 20th—10k run, water fight on the Plain, wet T-shirt contests, spouse mud wrestling, impeach the scribe, re-elect Class offs, etc. To give a hint as to how much help our reunion comm needs, the WP Founders Day picture is in this issue because it was forwarded to me to provide names of attendees.

The major Class task is to locate all classmates. We don't want to have to start printing classmate "all right" card pictures on milk cartons, grocery bags and gas station posters, so please lend a hand. We should concentrate on classmates whose birthdays are this quarter such as **Paul Crist** (D-1), **Dan Gooding** (C4), **Charlie Myers** (A4), **Joaquin Perez** (G3), and **Charles Williams** (H3). A3 files need to really link up to locate **Jim Adams, Steve Murphy,** and **Werner Stolp.** As most of you know, what really makes our reunion special is the number of classmates and families who attend.

Another Founders Day photo to float my way included one from "mother" Rucker which gives the Class our first picture of **Joe Fowler's** bride, **Barbara.** The other faces in the Rucker photo whose uniforms don't meet '68 specs are Mike and Ann Andrews (British Avn LN) and Marie and Gerard Mollet (French Avn LN), who were adopted by Joe and **Jim Orahood** because they can party in '68 fashion.

1968: McNaughen, Witherspoon and Merriott at Mayer's

Note the scribe's new title and lack of bus/AV phone numbers. That's right, as you read this, **Gerard's** a civ who didn't attend his ret ceremony because the only part of my green uniform that fits is the tie. I'd like to give a special thanks to lots of classmates who have tried to ease me into this new life—even though, as of this writing, no one has rushed forward to offer me a job I can't refuse. **Henry Riser** dropped in the other day so I could take him to lunch and he could image me into his life with Arinc Corp. He told me that he and **Bobby Carleton** did the Chesapeake Bay Bridge run last spring while **Stott** and Henry's wife had breakfast and discussed how dumb their spouses were. **Henry** also asked as to the whereabouts of **Les Wright**, and we both concluded that no one knows anything about him since his accident with the End of the Earth Repelling Club. Nordson Finishing Equip Div VP and Gen Mgr (and poop-school classmate) **Don McLane** said he'd help and gave some great advice for my transition. Class Secy and advertising partner of Halterman Edelman Inc, **Mark Edelman** provided a candid and comprehensive resume critique which will surely help in my job search. Other resume critiquers were First Chicago Bank asst VP **Lamar Ratcliffe** and **Chris Ohlinger,** who is with Kroeger's marketing opns and is CEO of SIRS, his own mktng research firm, and his own commercial real estate firm. As confirmed bachelors, Rats and Chris have also offered to judge who was our first classmate to go through mid-life crisis. To be eligible, you must have shed your spouse and family, become a vegetarian, and enter every 10k and marathon w/i 500 miles of your home. No partial credit is given here. Additional credit is given for early primary and alternate cmd and SSC selection.

Chuck Vehlow was a prime recommendation as a successful and credible classmate in the def contract area by both **Bill Bachman** and **Bill McCrone.** Bill Bachman said he would have written sooner; however, he was away from his Nutter, McClennen & Fish law exec dir duties to train with his Cav sqdn at Ft Drum. **Bill McCrone,** a sole practitioner in Monterey with expertise in real estate, bus ad securities law, broke his 18 yr silence to report that he & **Carol** have a 3½ yr old daughter, Trudy, and are expecting a second child in Nov. Other classmates in Bill's neck of CA are **Chuck Olvis,** another atty working with the DA; **Brick Sweet,** who is now ch of urology at Ft Ord and will ret in the Salinas area; Dr **Art Sands,** who is already in private practice on the peninsula; and **Jim Baird,** who is cmdg a bn at Ord. Per Bill McCrone's and **Mark Edelman's** request, I'll try to tone down the military acronyms for what is now most of the Class. Other thanks go to **Rick Adam,** data proc VP of Baxter Travenol; **Mark Barnett,** pres of New Britain Tool Co; **Mike Bresler,** asst pres of Southware Co; **Bob Casey** with P&G; **Stan Burwell** and **Bill Craig** with TI; **Bill Clark** with GE; **Dave Clappier,** VP and partner with Albritton Dev Co; **Dave Clemm,** CEO of GS Black Corp; **Joe Durkan; Jon Gardner,** VP of Am Trans Comm; VPs **Norm Kulpa** and **Mike Laing; Rick McCleland** with Ford; **John Nerdahl** with 3M; **Chuck Petruska** with Helms Express; **Bill Reffett** with Grand Union; **Lou Schlipper,** a VP with BDM; **Dan Winter** with Honeywell; **Jim Worthen;** and **Rich Wiedenbeck** with Disey. Next weekend, I'll beg to the other half of the civ side of the Class. **Skip Greeby** and **Tom Kurkjian** have performed a regular exec search for me in Chicago, SF, and St Louis, while IBM's and our **Dutch Hoster** has also kept his ear to the ground. Other sage advice has come from ind engr **Dave Carl** who says spit-shining wing tips is not required, and **Tony Cerne** who advised not to comply with the "wet floor" signs in public.

1968: Leatham and Lees; Founders Day 1986, Ansbach, Ger

Among the non-classmates to help morale during this period of transition include **Dick Scaglione's** parents, John and Eleanor, who have sent their thanks for the article, and **Pete Wallace's** mother, Jane, who dropped a line to keep us up to date on Pete's & Betsy's summer. Pete "summered" in Tokyo for his law firm, while Betsy and son Steven left for Australia, New Guinea, Manila and Tokyo in late Jun. Daughter Gwen caught up with the family after 4 Jul. And you just thought the Army was full of fun, travel, and adventure.

In case you were wondering why Gerard ret so early, a simple way to put it, as so many of you know, is that I was working quite hard at climbing a ladder of success and found out it was leaning against the wrong wall. Yet, for any of you who have been with soldiers know, they will climb with you and do anything for you—run up a hill, or jump out of a plane or over a cliff. So,

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1968: Woessners, Johnstons and Witherspoons at Spoon's

if you ask them to do these serious jobs, make sure the objectives and ends are worth it because you're dealing with a precious resource. And if you feel that you are not influencing the action to the degree you feel you should, start climbing another ladder—you're a West Pointer and you deserve to make a difference!

Ray Puffer called to say hello and to chew on a branchmate. But prior to doing so, he said that he's given up being the chief reliability, availability and maintainability analyst for the cannon arty wpns systems proj mgr to be the dep cmdr of Watervleet Ars. Pop it up Ray and keep the security up.

Another caller is a classmate that the Pres has chosen to trust completely but to keep under cover. **Jack Munson** calls, laughs, and talks bus, but never says where he's calling from or what bus he's doing. There's no doubt that he blindfolds himself prior to driving to work each morning.

BD Dodson also checked in to say he enjoyed his 6 mo visit to the five-sided random policy generator prior to being called up from the "B squad bench" to cmd 3/1 Inf at Ft Lewis, WA 98433 (AV 357-5703). He said that he's seen other classmate cmdrs **Greg Camp, Jim Cima, Bill Kunzman, Mike Simonich,** and brought the good news that **Steve Bowman** gave up his bridesmaid status to cmd a bn in **Tripod's** bde. It took the **FA Journal** to update me on **Al Sleder** cmdg the 1/27 FA. Now, cmdrs—and past cmdrs—how about some change of cmd photos?

1968: Lorenzen and Nicholson at Mayer's

While on the bn cmd subject, congratulations to new designees infantryman **Charlie Beckwith,** red legs **Keith Merritt** and **Dick Witherspoon,** and communicator **Frank Lynch.** The same golden list brought the good news that **Chuck Giasson** will be the product mgr for micro/mini computers.

Speaking of military journals, I hope you all caught **Bill Marriott's** article on "Force Integration's Next Big Challenge" in the **Military Review.** Bill is with the Tac Div, Organizational Integration Dir, Ofc of the Asst Ch of Staff for Info Mgt. Other recent celebrities include **Jack Reed,** who appeared again in Apr's **Money** mag, and **Tom McNaugher,** who was on the **Today** Show in Mar to explain why you never see **Jerry Cobb,** John Riggins and Muammar el-Qaddafi at the same parties. Tom is also about to start research on the Army's materiel acquisition process to describe how an unmanned aerial vehicle has become so expensive it now requires a fighter escort every time it flies.

1968: Andrews, Orahoods, Mollets and Fowlers; Founders Day 1986, Ft Rucker

1968: The Fowler kids

Jack Mayer's lean-to in Fairfax Station was the location of this spring's DC area Class wine and cheese party, at which I must have come in a distant second from the looks of my notes and my total loss of memory. Among the 16 or so families to attend included the new DC area POC, **John Keane** (7839 Attleboro Dr, Springfield, VA 22153), who is finally taking some of the classmate meet/greet/organize load off from **Jack.** As I've mentioned before, **John** and author **Bill Marriott** are both with ACSIM and on the leading edge of how the Army of the 90s and beyond will process info. **Jim Carman** is out of the Army but still works in the communications area for DoD. **John Walsh** has just moved out from CA and still attends res meetings there. **Bill Gardepe** has moved with an old boss to do star wars stuff, as is **Mike Toole,** who is trying to get acclimated to Wash traffic and prices with his wife **Sue.** Other author, **Tom McNaugher,** tried to explain to us less gifted and more polluted attendees why Iran will soon attack itself just so Iraq can't claim all the victories. **Gary & Cookie Roberson** seem to be enjoying the culture and movement of the area after their stay in mid-MO. **Bub Younts** is still looking for good people to go to WP. **Dick & Pat Witherspoon** have gotten into family retreats just in time for the VCSA to see him as credible for them to move to OK. **Norm &**

1968: Thusses and Jamie Mahan; Founders Day 1986, Ft Hood

Linda (his first wife) **O'Meara** report that their son has recovered beautifully from injuries sustained in an auto accident in FRG, and that the Army owns all of Norm after all of the schooling he has gone through. **Dick Steiner** is still advertising for another consenting adult, and reported that **Dick Flynn** is teaching writing skills at Ft Huachuca since he earned his MA in English. Dick also recommended that I request **Renata Price** write me to tell the story to our Class that she wants told. **Ed Lorenzen** noted that **Kim** (White Body) **Henningsen,** the guy who would never allow the sun to peek at his body at Tar Beach, is now the def attache to Zimbabwe, and that **Gil Reilly** sprouted a muscle. **Ken Nicholson** was interested and impressed when he heard how well **Andy Shaffer** was doing with El Paso Natural Gas and with his cat smuggling venture with some taco vendors across the border. Sorry I missed wives' names at this party—by the end of it, I had forgotten my own.

Another fun event in the DC area happened when **Dick & Pat Witherspoon** invited us over the other night to visit with **Johnny & Camille Johnston** and **Carl & Sherry Woessner.** They all look great—especially Pat, Camille and Sherry—but then again **Barbara** didn't go with me. Carl was in town for a tool convention and it was good seeing them. The Woessners have three boys and were interested in the exploits of other jocks of our day like **Hank Toczylowski.** The only couple I could almost get right was **Charlie & Janet Lieb,** who live in Green Bay where Charlie is with FMC doing Bradley Fighting Vehicle stuff. Johnny & Camille are leaving soon for FRG, where Johnny will cmd a tank bn and get to fire 3 or 4 rounds at gunnery for the next 2 yrs. Spoon will leave within the next yr to cmd a bn at Ft Sill.

1968: Fishers and Weavers '69; Founders Day 1986, Omaha

Come on, Rabble! I know you're out there because I see you in halls, read about you in journals, see your names on papers, and

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hear generals complain about you. So why not write to tell me your side? Why not call to tell on someone else? Do you know how out of news I am? Do you know what I could write about you? It's time to get our editor mad at me again by publishing changes of addresses in time for Christmas. So send me your new addresses, your kids' "What I Did This Summer" essays, your job offers, and your gossip to be part of history in the new improved **ASSEMBLY** to be published in Dec. Apologies to **Sue & Ross Nagy** (HQ, 1/8 FA Bn, APO NY 09178), who expected to see their input and **Pete Bonasso's** (1309 Shallow Ford Rd, Herndon, VA 22070) address in last Mar's article. FRG mail seems to be about a mo late for deadlines. Article deadlines are the end of the mo the ASSEMBLY is published. Therefore, the Dec issue deadline is the end of Sep—so hurry and write. Beat Navy and take care of yourselves —you're all we've got.
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This col is being written on 30 Jun, covering news received since 31 Mar. Deadline for the Dec issue is 30 Sep.

Plans for the 23 Aug summer gathering are firming up as I write this col, and we will have coverage in the Dec issue. The next get-together opportunity will be at Army-Navy on 6 Dec. Tickets in the Class section can be obtained through 10 Oct from AAA, and we will announce at the game what our plans will be for the evening.

1969: Diane & Joe Schatz on their wedding day

On the mil side of the Class, promotions to LTC were finally beginning to pick up pace. **Marianne Ivany** had a nice party for **Bob's** promotion, at which we saw **Harry Dolton** (DCSOPS), **Pat & H Lobdell** (en route

1969: Jay Haney, Sr VP, Citizens & So Georgia Corp

1969: Mullens and Browers; Founders Day 1986, West Point

to cmd at Ft Hood), and **Pat & Mike Speltz** (JCS). Bob is now in cmd of a cav sqdn at Ft Bliss, in the same regt as **Skip Bacevich.**

The recent bn cmd list included as primary selectees: IN—**Carlson, Casey, Gavitt, May, Scull, St Onge, Tesdahl, & Zais;** AR—**Blackburn, Bubb, Cox, Leister, & Wallace;** FA—**Coan, Glacel, Bill Jones, Morelock, Bill Rice, Robyn, Tighe, & Doug Williams;** AV—**Tom Hayes;** EN—**Gonser, Stobbs, & Woodbury;** Signal—**Eisentrout & Kulbacki;** Supply—**Kyle;** Msl Maint—**Rich Carter;** Fwd Spt—**Homann & Ireland;** and Prod Mgr—**Glenn Porter.**

Joe Cornelison in Panama sent the first ltr from those in the svc. Joe is a very hard worker, but I do want to note for the record that his golf score is steadily improving, so life in the isthmus must be treating him well. Joe had seen **Mike Nardotti** (JAG, 1st Cav, Ft Hood) and **Howard Curtis** (JAG, Presidio of SF) at a FORSCOM SJA conf in Atlanta. **Pete Heesch** wrote from the Ger Genl Staff Col in Hamburg, from which he graduates in Sep. He helped lead his class on DC tour in May. **Charlie Adkins** also wrote from Ger to announce that **Eileen** gave birth to their 5th child, Mary Jane, on 11 Apr 86 in Heidelberg. The attending physician was **Tinsley Rucker.** Charlie returns stateside this summer for a PMS tour at UNH.

1969: Tom Piazzes; Founders Day 1986, Ft Ord

Phil Weaver (AF JAG) has recently moved to Bolling AFB here in DC as a mil judge, working for the Chief Judge of the AF. **Chris Sautter** called from Penn St to say he is returning to WP for a second tour with the Mech Dept, where **Kip Nygren** and **Tom Kiehne** are perm assoc profs. **Jim Johnson** is also slated for a PAP position in summer 87 with History Dept. Also PAP's are **Tom Fagan** and **Bob Baldwin** (Soc Sci), **Rick Kolb** (Math), **Casey Brower** (History), and **Steve Hammond** (Leadership, in 87). A good core gp for the 20th Reunion (please take this remark as a warning order!).

On the civ side of the Class, **Chris & Dave Hayes** announced the birth of their 3d child and first daughter, Elizabeth Howe, on 6 Jun. Here in DC, **Leslie & Dave Hill** have begun their move to Tokyo with Dave's law firm, and **Mark Dillon** is now working with the Fed Sys Div of IBM.

Mike Krzyzewski sent a nice note from Duke, noting that **Mike McGovern** had joined **Mickie** & Mike during the ACC tournament. In Atlanta, **Jay Haney** was promoted to sr VP in charge of fin mgt sys for Citizens and Southern Georgia Corp. **Gina** & Jay live in Marietta with their 3 children.

1969: Doug Aykroyds; Founders Day 1986, Ansbach, Ger

Don Parmeter visited in my off in Apr from his home in northern MN. Don had been in touch with **Steve Lindell,** who was then in Ger, and **Walt Mischler** in CA. Also in CA are newlyweds **Diane Swanson & Joe Schatz,** married 9 May in San Francisco. Joe just formed a new law firm, Bea & Schatz, in SF.

1969: Matthews, Nardottis, Loves and Feuges; Founders Day 1986, Ft Hood

Before leaving for Ft Bliss, **Bob Ivany** hosted **Bill Taylor** (F-3) (who is with the Natl Def U at Ft McNair), **Bill Burke** (in LA with a def contractor), and me to lunch at the White House Mess. **Bill Burke** was in town for his annual reserve tour.

I have been corresponding recently with Chip Collins, who runs the Ripcord Assoc (PO Box 1834, Wise, VA 24293), "an organization of friends and survivors of Firebase Ripcord, RVN, 1970." Our classmate and my rugby scrummate **Bill Pahissa** was killed there on 22 Jul 70, our first combat fatality. Chip undertook to honor Bill at the 101st Abn Div Reunion at Ft Campbell this summer.

You will note that col length has been decreasing somewhat lately. Since length is directly related to news received, I would ask that each of you consider a brief note, even postcard, from time to time to keep the Class apprised of your activities.

Holly and the children are all doing well. They join me in wishing you and yours a beautiful fall. Please do write if you find a moment.

God bless to all in '69.

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Starting out this quarter's epistle, in the Help Wanted Dep, I have the following request for all you budding detectives just waiting to excel in missing persons cases. The whereabouts of the following named individuals are, at this time, unknown by the AOG. If you have a current address or phone no, please let me know. Here goes: **Alden, Barre, W.C. Bennett, Biddle, Brace, Brandtner, Bronder, W.D. Brown, M.R. Burns, Carman, J.L. Carter, Chandler, Connolly, Cooper, Costantino, Cox, Dawson, DeCastro, Diesto, Edmonston, Fenili, Floria, Fogg, Forbes, Franke, Franklin, Fredrick, Gibbons, Gilbert, Glawe, D.J. Greene, Gyovai, Hahney, Hall, Hartman, J.W. Henderson, Howell, Ingwerson, M.B. Kelly, Kuehne, Kupec, McBeth, McClellan, T.E. Miller, Minor, Norris, O'Hara, O'Malley, Pohl, Pressler, Rabaut, Roland, Rorick, Santangelo, Schaf, Sculley, Stainback, Terranova, Wessels, Whitlock,** and **R.C. Williams.** While you're at it, when you send me the addresses, throw in some good gossip, and then next quarter's column could be even better than this one.

1970: The Crawfords

In the Public Service Announcement Dept, the AOG will soon be starting up its fall fund drive and is now the trustee of our Class account. Remember, you can designate your contribution to the "Class of 1970 Gift Account," and your contribution will be set aside to work toward the funds needed for our Class gift to WP. And we certainly want the guys listed above to have the opportunity to participate, too.

1970: Debbie & Bob Heaton

I have a new neighbor. I recently discovered that **Pete Jones** has moved to Carmel, IN which is my backyard. So naturally, I gave Pete a call, esp since it's a local call. Pete just got a new job as a plant mgr for Frito-Lay in Frankfort, IN. His daughter Melissa (15), unhappy with her previous neighborhood in rural AL, insisted upon a home in a metro area of a half million bodies or more. The opportunities were limited to Chicago or Indianapolis—so they elected Indy on the basis of a more reasonable commute to work. What power these offspring wield. **Betsey** expects to find work as an exec secy, and the kids Melissa, Elliot (13), Andrew (9), and Katrina (6) can look forward to good schools in Carmel.

1970: Founders Day 1986, Ft Carson

I spoke recently with **Chip & Barbara Leonard.** Chip has moved from the 13 Engr Bn to become XO of the 9 Regt, all within the 7 Inf Div at Ft Ord. The work there is challenging as they develop doctrine in the first of the new "light" inf divs. Barbara does volunteer work in the local elementary school as a teacher's aide, and also does some family support stuff for the 9 Regt. The children, Charles (6), Thomas (3), and Alden (1), are adding to the activity at their house. To get away from it all, Chip tries his hand (and feet) at mountain climbing. Barbara, scant seconds from the ocean and Monterey and in the middle of all that sun and warmth, claims that Ft Ord is a wasteland—but try as she might, she will never convince me of that. In spite of it all, Chip expects to be there for another year or so, and then, since he's an alternate on the bn cmdr list, that a cmd will be coming up.

1970: Cary & Barbara Garner, Reunion 85

Other folks at Ft Ord include **John & Cindy Norton** and their full house of Jennifer, Mark, Matthew, Christy, and Daniel. John is now XO of the 5/21 Inf Bn of the 2 Bde, 7 Inf Div. **Mike & Dotty Mahan** are also in the 7 Inf Div, Mike serving as G3 Tng. **Jim Henderson** is nearby at Fresno State as a PMS, and by virtue of the position, is a frocked LTC.

Chip reports on a few other classmates with whom he's had contact. **John & Brenda Reese,** along with the kids Kirsten (11) and Alaina (4), had been at Ft Ord, but moved out to Ft Leonard Wood. John is joining the staff of the engr school there. **Jim Brink** is at Ft Lewis as the ops off, I Corps CE off. **John Van Vliet** should be at the French Army School at St Cyr as an exchange instructor.

1970: Lou & Susan DeScioli, Reunion 85

Mike Jones is currently in the vicinity of Stuttgart, Ger in the VII Corps G3 shop.

Fred Lough moved out of the DC area about a yr ago and is now working as the chief of thoracic surgery at Letterman AH, San Francisco, CA. He reports that **Dean Nickles, Mike Ryan, Rob Heinan** and he all made it to the local Founders Day celebration. Unfortunately, other than reporting on the general state of health ("No surgery called for here. Everyone is well."), Fred had no other news. Another entry from the West Coast came from **Dennis Fadden.** He left Atlanta, GA a few mos back so he could: 1. Appreciate civ life as he pulled his two wks res duty, and 2. Appreciate the sunny south as he visited Ft Lewis for that duty. After complaining about the Army, which I understand is habitual with Dennis, he continued to say that he & **Libby** are both doing fine.

Other news from CA came in a note from **Bob & Debbie Heaton.** Bob, who went zoomie at graduation, is still in the USAF. He is now at Norton AFB where he deals with acquisition logistics supporting the Peacekeeper. Among other things, he prepares the semi-annual logistics program assessment review for the Sec AF and sorts out the staff actions for his three superior Hqs, the Logistics Cmd, the Systems Cmd, and the Acquisition Logistics Center. He is also contract monitor for about 7 logistics support contracts. Meanwhile, Debbie is NCOIC for the Dental Lab at Norton. The real reason Bob wrote, however, is to brag about the Heaton achievements in the running dept. Debbie is the first woman in the military to qualify for and run in the olympic trials for the marathon. She races for the USAF and has been on several of the intl teams that the military sponsors. She's won several medals in intl competition, including an individual and a team silver. Bob's thinking about adding a room on the house to hold all the trophies, medals and prizes. Meanwhile, Bob turns 4000 mi a yr on his Nikes, has logged 20000 mi since 1 Jan 81, and tries real hard to keep up, and then catch up, with his wife. Somewhere nearby is a photo of them taken after

1970: Jim & Carolyn Young, Reunion 85

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the Long Beach Marathon. Debbie won all the prizes—a 2d place women overall, a 1st place woman's age group, and a 1st place in The Athletic Congress (TAC) competition. The photographer let Bob get in the picture, too.

A press release from Corning Glass Works reveals that they are proud to announce the appointment of **Jim Vernon** as business dev mgr of Specialty Products in their Telecommunications Products Div. Now, I'm not at all sure what that means for Corning, but for me, it's dealing with crystal balls through the looking glass. At any rate, Jim has been with Corning since 1977, and starting in 1983, has been production supe at the Canton, NY plant. Well done, Jim.

1970: Terry & Christie Treat, Reunion 85

Recent consultation with the official US Army Book of Lists has revealed that **Jim Mowery** is slated for an Advanced Operational Studies fellowship at Ft Leavenworth during academic year 86/87. **Pete Nell** is due at C&GSC, and **Corky Bruce** is scheduled to attend the Armed Forces Staff College. **Mike Boies**, by now, should be at the US Naval College of Cmd and Staff.

There was lots of movement to, from, and in Ger. **Mike Heffelfinger** has become the dep SJA for the 1 Armd Div. **Steve Wesbrook** checkd in as the bn cmdr of the 1/16 Inf Bn. **Julian Burns** left the DC area to join up with the 2/68 Armor. **Fred Carroll** also left DC to go to be the cmd judge advocate for the 7 Med Cmd. Contrary to previous reports, **Boone Bartholomees** has checked in to the 3 Inf Div in Ger. **Ron Rold** gave up his position in the ivory tower of the U of AL in Tuscaloosa to work in Schweinfurt. **Joe Boswell** left Ft Leavenworth to work at the Hqs, USAMC-Eur.

1970: Founders Day 1986, Ansbach, Ger

While those guys were just showing up, getting accustomed to the fluctuating exchange rates, another group was stashing cuckoo clocks and beer steins into their hold baggage. **Mark Quimby** left 1/2 ACR for Norfolk, VA. **Larry Henly** left Berlin and is now basking in the Stone Mountain, GA sun. **Dom Crea** left VII Corps to go to the 10 SF Gp in Ft Devens, MA. **John Reitz** left the quiet of the 2/29 Arty for the noise of the Pentagon. **Mike Hoen** left the 90 Med Det also for the DC area, but managed to settle down north of the Potomac in Silver Spring, MD. **Mike Mitchell** left the 2/2 ADA for Albuquerque, NM, a place which, even if you spell it correctly, looks wrong.

One more move out of Ger deserves special attention. **Pete De La Garza** left to join up with the USMILGP in San Salvador, El Salvador. It must be a real culture shock to go from attempting to speak German with a Spanish accent to attempting to speak Spanish with an American accent. Fortunately for Pete, he speaks Spanish in his sleep, which he practiced quite often as section driver of advanced Spanish back in Thayer Hall. Anyhow, now maybe Pete can help out down there against those nasty Nicaraguans who won't let **Max Kelly** go home.

Some folks just got tired of visiting the same schloss and gasthaus. So they got other jobs in country. For instance, **Bob Driscoll** left the 9 Engr Bn to go to HQs, USAREUR. **Gary Thomas** recently picked up a new asgmt with the 12 Engr Bn. **Ed Murphy** left G3 Plans of the 1 Armd Div to join up with the 2/59 ADA Bn, a Chapparal/Vulcan outfit. **Marty Knorr** gave up cmd of Wildflecken to work in the 8 Inf Div.

1970: Founders Day 1986, Ft Ord

Saudi Arabia must have a desire to maintain a stable American population. **John Fishback** left the European scene to work there, and at approximately the same time **Gene Helmich**, working for Westinghouse, left there for Pittsburgh. Actually, the moves were purely coincidental, but it makes a nice story.

For some reason, VA is a good place to be. Maybe it's the DC metro area, which extends darn near to Richmond. Maybe it's the lure of the sea and air around Norfolk/Newport News. Maybe it's OPD that doesn't have holes anywhere else in CONUS. Anyway, VA can now claim another batch of guys from our Class. The capital city of Richmond is now home to **Tom Armeli** who showed up from Colorado Springs and to **Mark Goodell** who blew in all the way from Portland, OR. **Tom Boyce** showed up in Dumfries, having arrived from WV. **Paul Fardink** left Ft Rucker and can now be located in Williamsburg. **Bob Wallis** came in from Birmingham, AL to pick up a new job in Lynchburg. **Tom Lampley** flew all the way in from the Pacific theater to land at Langley AFB, outside of Newport News. The VA/DC area sucked up another couple unsuspecting souls as **Mark Olson** showed up in Fairfax after Ft Bliss, and **Randy Rutler** joined the group in Burke following a NJ job.

Once again, I have dusted off the Frazer Foto Files with snaps from Reunion 85 to fill the picture holes the editor of this fine mag has allotted to me. The column, however, is supposed to be news, not history, so Unca Don wants YOU! to send in your pictures of recent vintage.

1970: Johnsons and Ryans; Founders Day 1986, West Point

Rapid fire, found in markings on the mens room wall at the rest stop off the interstate: TX has claimed a couple of additions as **Tom Steidel** showed up in Richardson, and **Dave Varnell** in Plano, both no of Dallas. While **Dave Brown** moved across the state from San Antonio to Dallas, **Bill Roedy** moved across the country from the Big Apple to equivalent big city nonsense in Santa Monica, CA. **John Beasley** got transferred out of the SF at Ft Devens and is now shivering at Ft Richardson, AK. Meanwhile, **Fred Conrad** left AK and has moved to the mountains in Colorado Springs. The musical chairs continue as **Don Blakeslee** saddled up from CO to move to Bellevue, WA, just across the lake from Seattle. **Pete Cramblet** is also in WA, at Ft Lewis, having completed his tour at Ft Leavenworth. **Larry Kimmel** becomes a new member of the DC lunch bunch after moving into the District from Fayetteville—just trading one war zone for another. Big city life in Chicago was given up by **Scott Knight** as he relocated to Edmond, OK.

1970: Reeses; Founders Day 1986, Ft Leonard Wood

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 then—may all your news be good.

Beat NAVY

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It occurs to me that I continue to flagrantly whine about this column. This is understandable when you consider that my fourth anh fifth "answers" have always been "why should I?" and "what's in it for me?" Today is one of those historic moments. It is 3:30 am as I bat out these notes in my room in a seedy downtown Seoul hotel. Fighting jet lag on this, my 10th hr in this lovely country, I remind myself that it can only get better.

No one in CGSC 86 was better than **Bill Lennox.** This stallion is on a proverbial roll. Bill was honored by his old boss and graduation speaker, GEN Livsey, as the distinguished graduate at the Jun ceremony. This accolade follows his earlier selection to LTC and acceptance as a White House Fellow for 86-87. Close behind were honor graduates **Bob Elliott, Doug Jorrey, Jack Klevecz, Carl Leininger,** and **Lloyd Sherfey.** Doug also found the time and energy to complete a Master's degree in Military Art and Science. The following locations are the beneficiaries of recent Leavenworth grads: DC—**Forest, Godwin, Klevecz;** Ft Bragg— **Aaron, Drummond;** Korea—**Schnabel;** Japan— **Elliott;** Ft Carson— **Marshman, Suermann;** San Antonio— **Hitchcock;** Ft Monmouth— **Rhyne (Bill);** Ft Lee— **Rini;** and NATO— **Leja. Lloyd Sherfey** was selected to stay at CGSC for the School of Advanced Military Studies.

1971: F-3 at Beliveau wedding

1971: Steve Wood

Congratulations and a tip of the tarbucket to **Al Fox, Tom Metz,** and **Tim Wray,** recent bn cmd selectees. **Chris Shoemaker,** as you remember, now cmds in Ger.

Mari & I had a terrific dinner in May with **Dan & Carol Turner** at the **Godwins.** After the usual exchange of trash and lies, Dan presented me with a copy of a Nov 85 article from the Jefferson City, MO **News and Tribune** which recalled the life, times, and political future of one Rep **Travis Morrison.**

1971: Founders Day 1986, Ansbach, Ger

It seems that young Travis, now in his third term in the MO House of Reps, is running for election as the state auditor, a position once held by two previous MO governors. In part, the review comments that **Morrison** is ". . . the kind of young, bright, dignified, honest politician MO Democrats say they need. . . ." I think that we can also add the Class endorsement.

Novelist **Steve Wood** recently emerged as the newly appointed natl sales mgr of Industrial Insulations, Inc which manufactures a complete line of high temperature ceramic refractory fiber products. Woody will no doubt make corporate history from his off in City of Industry, CA. **Ben Smith** called awhile back and chatted about his new adventures in NM after finishing dental school. It's never too late to start! Also heard from **Don Smith,** who offered a testimonial on '71 camaraderie, but admitted that he had lost touch with many of his buds in B-3. Not an uncommon problem, I replied. Not to worry, for I have a master address file. In the meantime, friends may write Don at 52660 Bamford Drive, South Bend, IN 46616. Since his departure from the Army in 76, Don has successfully, in succession, worked for Michelin Tire in Boston, Merrill Lynch in La Jolla, CA, and several brokerage firms in L.A. Returning to the womb in IN in 83 for a short respite, Don married, graduated with honors from the MBA program at Notre Dame, and now works as a bank trust off.

The continuing skating saga of the family

1971: The Pawlickis; Founders Day 1986, Ft Hood

Worthington climaxed in Apr when Pat and the kids all finished first in their events at the I.S.I.A. competition in Fairfax, VA. What do you think of a guy (to remain anon), who attempts to sell his past **Register** at a Ft Leavenworth yard sale? Sylvanus, you will be relieved to know that there were no takers. Guess the culprit did not need the books in Japan. Time to go out and protect my country from subversives attempting to sabotage the Army pers system. Hope to see **Dan Ferris** some calm morning in his new job as an avn troop cmdr out in the boonies here.

I look forward to seeing you all at the reunion. As our Class trustee to the AOG for 86-87, I solicit any comments and/or suggestions on concerns with the direction of Academy policies. Support the Rabble!

'72

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Looks like a relatively short column this quarter as the notes and news arrived at a slow trickle. Please pass on any info (fit for publication) as we all enjoy reading about everybody else. Co newsletters as well as individual notes are the main source of news, so I encourage participation in this way.

The semiannual (every 9 mos) newsletter of I-1 happenings is rather extensive this time. Exercising editorial discretion, I have pared it down to the following pertinent news. First, **Dave & Linda Lueneburg** increased their family size in Aug. The newest addition (gender unknown at writing time) has been anxiously anticipated by Ron 14, Lisa 3, and David 2. Dave is enjoying his work with Hughes and is investigating a cabin building project somewhere in the mountains. **Woodie Collins, Jim McLean,** and **Mark Faith** are all well into their Ger tour. Woodie is G1, VII Corp in Stuttgart working off asgmts. He bumped into the McLeans while sightseeing in Rothenburg. Jim is/was bnS-3 with a move to Div Arty staff imminent/completed. **Nancy** completed her MA in history since last report. Faith spends most of his time running around Ger with 1st AD. As G5 he puts his German to good use trying to explain tank

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tracks among the sugarbeets. **Denise** is a part-time Red Cross case worker, so she gets as many calls in the middle of the night as Mark. Daughters Dorinda and Leona fare very well for themselves, especially along their 40 min school bus route to and from school.

1972: Schrader, VP Parsons Brinckerhoff Engr

Ken Brockman covers the Southeastern US for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission as a reactor (licensing) engr. He's been with NRC since 84. Before that, he was a nuclear plant supervisor for Westinghouse and a training supervisor at the Fermi Nuclear Power Plant for Detroit Edison. Before he got out in 79, Ken married **Judy** at Ft Knox, and they are settled in Marietta, GA along with daughters Tina (16) and Lynn (12). Cindy Martin, daughter of **Ken & Karen Martin**, graduated from HS this yr and worked at Busch Gardens during the summer. Ken stays busy at Ft Monroe and Karen enjoys her job as a secy at a local church. **Joe Scaniffe** recently completed his internship at Letterman (Presidio). He started residency at Letterman on 1 Jul unless the Army pressed him into service at Walter Reed; can't say which yet. Wife **Sherry** has been working with a plastic surgeon during Joe's internship.

One of the few known PCS moves to Japan was had by **Bob McLaughlin** in Jul. His address is HQS CPS, HHC CP Zama, APO SF 96343. **Pat Flachs** is well into his civ legal practice. He's traveled to TX on several occasions for bus with Superfund. It didn't take him long to get his first indictment and subsequent press coverage in a Houston newspaper! **Tom Nelson** rocked the bus world in Jun when he left Booz Allen and trucked off to Purdue to pursue a PhD in civil engr. He'll be a part-time consultant and research asst. While on a trip in Seattle, Nelson saw **Bill Wilson**, who's headed for Belvoir, Hood, or Campbell. Tom also had dinner wih **Gerry Zmolek** while there. I-1 newsletter editor, **Dennis Gray**, is now an exec traveler with Eastern Airlines! His biggest complaint is the frequency of trips to FL. Tough duty, Dennis. He is presently pursuing C&GS by correspondence as a reserve MAJ. Wife **Nancy** has become a prof singer and recently was selected for membership in an elite musician's group in DC—"The Friday Morning Music Club." Thanks for the update, Dennis.

Included in **Gray's** correspondence was a "quickie" express communications of some others. This included: **Randy Bolding** in the Austin, TX area; **Mike Fankell**—lawyer in LA; **Ray Ritacco** with Hughes in LA; **Hop Howlett** and **Jeff DuFault** in Pocatello, ID with GE; **George McFetridge**—lawyer in San Diego (and newlywed); **Dennis Wagner**—Pentagon rep for FMC; **Gary McDonald** in Detroit with FMC; **Chuck Ebel** in VT with IBM; and **Bill Schriver** in Denver.

A news release found its way to the writer's desk on the appoint of **Rick Schrader** to vp for corp finance of Parsons Brinckerhoff Engr. Rick's responsibilities will include financial and accounting services firmuride and data processing and related computer services. He served as asst to the pres of Parsons Brinckerhoff, Inc for the last 3 yrs. Before joining the co, Rick was a "P" at WP and got his Master's in both business admin from Long Island U. and advanced intl studies at Johns Hopkins.

Brad & Lynn Holtz are at Ft Rucker where he's cmdng C Co 9th Avn Bn, Avn Trng Bde. A birth announcement arrived from the **Bert Crocker's** on the occasion of Sean Robert's delivery. He was born 4 Apr 86, and checked in at 9 lbs 9½ oz. Bert & Kathy are still in Plano, TX. The **Bruce Ritter** family dropped a personal note along my way which included news of a pending household move (local) in the Cincinnati area. He doesn't know how long Proctor & Gamble will be keeping him

1972: Founders Day 1986, Ft Hood

there, but they're making the move anyway. Bruce & **Maurine** had a scare when daughter Ellen was hospitalized for rheumatoid arthritis. Long term testing and diagnosis seems to have contradicted that, however and she is doing well.

1972: Founders Day 1986, Panama

The 15th Reunion will be at WP, 16-18 Oct 87. There will be a general mailing in late fall with details. Make sure your address is good with the AOG. The most recent printout has some 80 "lost" classmates: **Augustenborg, Batchelder, Bellino, Benner, Bolding, Bonin, Broussard, Bob Brown, Randy Brown, Cahill, Carpenter, Coale, Coonan, Dedmond, Chae Do Sun, Doyle, Durham, Effertz, Dillon, Ergonis, Fitzpatrick, Gallagher, Gates, Gibson, Leland Hall, Harrell, Harlow, Harvey, Hatton, Herdrich, Hicks, Joris Hogan, Hunt, Irvin, Jeska, Randy Jones, Kaczynski, Kievet, Kiger, Tommy Kirk, Kruger, Lawson, Linnemeier, Luczak, Lysfjord, Levin, Martin, Mattox, McCauley, McMurry, Clarence Miller, Roger Miller, Dave Mitchell, Mohney, Morgan, Parsons, Plunkett, Rauk, Reeder, Rooker, Rust, Sanchez, Seifried, Sela, Shaklee, Shulits, Skeggs, Skillicorn, Smalley, Stein, Vaccaro, Walborn, Waldbeuser, Welch, Westphal, Whitaker, Wittman, Zimmerman, and Zurian.** If anyone has "found" these guys tell them to get right with AOG.

Also, anyone who gives to the West Point Fund should specify on their check "Class of 1972 Fund." Our Class fund is up to about $3,000. There will be more about the Class Fund in the Reunion mailing.

Farewell to summer and a pleasant autumn for 72'ers everywhere. Get those vacation pix in! Thanks.

1972: Founders Day 1986, Ansbach, Ger

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Greetings from fortress Frankfurt. Actually, life is not that different as a result of increased security. Of course you have to train yourself to overlook a few of the oddities such as GI playground monitors in

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FD flackjackets under arms at the elementary school. Oh yes, there is the minor inconvenience of showing my ID four times, having my briefcase physically searched at the gate, x-rayed at the door, and passing through a metal detector before I can get to my off. But those are minor irritants compared to the ordeal of driving onto post where hairy gorillas field-strip your car at the gate, and display the fruits of their anti-terrorist training by asking such probing questions as, "What-cha got in that tool box, sir?" Take it from someone who knows, these guys check their sense of humor at the door. Never, but never, reply to the seemingly ridiculous "tool box" question with a flip answer like, "a bomb!." The potential usefulness of such "trick questions" must be linked to the assumption that all terrorists abide by some kind of honor code. Well, that's it for this edition of the "Baker travelogue."

Turning to sports, the score is now, after two boys and two girls, mom and dad four—IRS zero. Megan Elizabeth was born 19 Apr. She weighed 7 lbs, 3½ oz. and has "red" hair! You're wrong! I haven't been to the field in yrs; her grandmother has red hair, too! So far the larger family presents no financial burden. Still, I suppose the kids will eventually tire of govt surplus peanut butter and cheese. I am planning for their education though; I bought matching sailor outfits and sent $10 to the Coast Guard Academy sports fund (I'm keeping the receipt to call in future favors).

That's it for this episode of "as the Bakers' World Turns," or maybe that's "General Hosp Delivery Room." At any rate, I am forced now to write on a subject about which I know very little—the Class. Because my mail also has to be x-rayed until it glows, I have not yet received the June ASSEMBLY. But as I recall, I congratulated the Class for the post-Christmas mail. You must have injuried your writing hands patting yourselves on the back for that one-time effort. Hey guys, COL Gruhn Jun '18, whose class I had the privilege of escorting on their 65th Reunion, has been doing this four times a year for 68 yrs! He gets more letters than I do and his Class is smaller than my co. "Gimme" a break! All "atta-boys" are rescinded. Please, those of you who did write, be not offended, your blessings are as numerous as the hairs on your head (receding hairlines may substitute "fish of the sea" for hairs on your head). So let the beautification announcements begin.

1973: Williamsons, Hamms, Fords, Carters; Founders Day 1986, Memphis, TN

Paul Hamm wrote from the Memphis area, not a small accomplishment for a guy who works for an engr firm. He didn't even use a computer letter with my name smudged in with crayon. Paul is now the WP Soc pres of the Mid-South. He & **Carol** were blessed with their second child on 26 Mar 86, son Andrew. More importantly, daughter Ashley says it's okay to have a brother.

Paul also sent a photo from Founders Day, and I see **Richard Carter** joined the crowd. This is the first time I have published a photo of Richard. His beautiful, charming wife **Shari** will be relieved to know that a picture of cadet debauchery in the Mar ASSEMBLY was of Richard's illegitimate twin brother, "Rich the blade," known for giving classmates illicit haircuts.

The next two letters I received were from Leavenworth CGSC and Montgomery, AL, the Air Cmd and Staff College. Two great addresses, either of which I would love to put as my by-line for this article. Yet, I'm glad for your letters, and am always reflecting on how much character I'm building on my weekend CGSC "coffee table" course; and, **hey,** I have the photos, maybe I can use the magic of my darkroom to appear in next year's CGSC Founders Day pictures. Only joking guys! I've read the letters and seen your ugly faces at Leavenworth for a yr now and the system works. The classes of '72 and '74 have some problems, but we're okay, except of course for **"Jasper" De Broux** who sent me that letter from AL. Feeling guilty for having helped elect me to this thankless job, Jasper brought us up to date on our Air College classmates. Jasper was the only green-suiter in his class but graduated with three of our blue-suit buddies, **Steve Bull, Mike Naum,** and **Randy Peixotto.** Mike is headed for the 23 TFS 52d TFW in Ger where he'll be flying F-4G's. Randy's off to the Space Cmd in CO Springs where he'll be working on space def plans or a new Luke Skywalker decoder ring, I forget which. MAJ(P) Steve is working at Hq, AF RDQB, not sure what that means but it must be good. Jasper also saw two other classmates while in AL. **Jack Whalen** came out from Ft Benning, and LTC (AF) **John Zielinski** visited from the Air Staff in DC. LTC—Wow! And I was just contemplating how MAJ(Ret) is going to look at the head of this column in a few yrs.

1973: Smith, Debbie Bodenner, Simonsens, Berlins; Founders Day 1986, Ft Hood

I would be remiss if I forgot to tell you that old **Jasper** made the distinguished graduate list. Knowing "F=MA" **DeBroux** as I do, I can only conclude that the AF goes light on writing asgmts. All of his nuc physics will come in handy at his cmd with 59th Ord Bde in Werl, Ger, a city which appears on no maps larger than 1:1000.

From Leavenworth, **Chuck Hendrick** sent my only other letter. He and **Jasper** both sent a list of the CGSC class asgmts. I cannot list all of those new asgmts here. The editors frown on laundry lists of addresses, but **please** drop me a postcard and I will send the list to all interested classmates. My files are growing slowly, and I'm always more than willing to help you track down addresses, but we can't do that here because of space limitations.

Chuck also reports on two classmates from D-2 in the DC area. After getting out of green in 84, **Bill Lane** is now a doctor in AF blue at Andrews AFB. He, **June,** and their three daughters live near Mt Vernon. **Tom & Terry Fitzsimmons** are in CT. He's a market analyst with MARS and Co. While visiting Ft Carson Chuck saw **Greg Pepin** who's an FA XO soon to attend the AFSC. **Tom Stanford** is the S3 in Greg's bn and will be headed to CGSC. Also in CO are **Bill Pierce** (Ft Carson), and **Randy Schwab** (Space Cmd). Chuck also reports that **Steve**

1973: Founders Day 1986; Ft Leavenworth

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Bogosian is an orthopedic surgeon practicing in the Boston area.

I'd like to end on a personal note, and I hope that my future articles contain less **Baker** history. I joke with you in my articles because humor was the main ingredient that allowed most of us to make it to graduation with our sanity intact. As your letters come in I am amazed at how few of you I knew well as cadets. Yet each letter is like hearing from a dear friend, one who laughed, cried, and worried with me through some of the most turbulent times of my life. Thanks to all of you for the support you're giving me in this job. Hope my twisted humor doesn't offend anyone. If it does, please write me. I won't change, but I'll have more material for my next article and you'll make yourself feel better.

As of 19 Mar 86 the Class stats were as follows: Army-382, Af-34, USMC-1, ret-9, civil life-499, deceased-9, foreign-10.

Until the holidays,

God Bless.

1974: Founders Day 1986, West Point

'74

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Greetings! One time as a LT I had to write this column in the field and during cease fires. But this time is close to topping that, the eve of packing for PCS, and now a family to move too. The new address is unknown; we selected quarters by mail and it's a well-kept secret until I sign in. I received a picture from the Founders Day at Rucker with no mention of wives, girlfriends, names in the picture. Sorry.

Don deLeon writes from Garmisch, GER where he's spent an eventful 2 yrs at the US Army Russian Inst. He's now got an MA in Russ Area Studies from Georgetown U and visited the East Bloc and Soviet Union. Wife **Beverly** has certainly enjoyed the shopping and traveling while sons Stephan (10) and Philip (6) are real terrors on the ski slopes, both winning medals in downhill and x-country. Don and family PCS'd to Berlin in May where Don will serve his Soviet FAO tour as a LnO with the US Mil Ln Mil Mission to the CIC, Group of Sov Forces, Ger at Potsdam, E Ger.

1974: Founders Day 1986, Ft Rucker

Good to hear from my old Ft Dix bud and possessor of more plebe poop than anyone else, **Steve Hashem.** Hash left the active svc in Dec 84 and joined the res—the 358th Civil Affairs Bde. The unit was involved in the Grenada Op because their mission is the Caribbean and the islands. Listen to this: they also do their 2 wks annual tng there too! Probably in Feb, eh Hash? Steve is the asst Bde Plans and Ops Off and says **Bob Kocher** is a co cmdr in the same outfit. Hash has mainly been a student for 1½ yrs, now has an MA in intl relations from U of PA and an MBA in corp policy and strategic planning from the Wharton Sch. He took a job with the Aerospace Group of GE in King of Prussia, PA. He & **Christina** have a home in Havertown; Christina works, and they plan to stay a few yrs. They are easily within range of the Vet and any Army-Navy encounters there and invite any and all to stop by.

Lot of news from **John Martin** in the CA desert. He sends a picture of Founders Day at Edwards AFB. In the picture the 2 test pilots John and **Fred Stellar** with dates flank **Renard Rozzoni** and **Joe Gonzalez,** both Mobil Oil tycoons; Joe & **Olga** live in Palmdale while Renard & **Joan** live in Saugus. John and Fred are busy test flying at Edwards, even mentoring each other. John's first duty as a Huey instructor was to give Fred a check-out; a year later Fred gave John a check-out on the OH-58. Fred is now busy flying the AHIP while John is on a Huey project with a Cobra project on deck. Fred skis while roadrunner John, after his 12th marathon, says "I think I'm getting too old for this."

They note that **Rich Clifford** was in USN Test Pilot Sch, our 4th grad from there after John, Fred and **Rick Vincent.** All 4 were nominated to be astronauts along with **Eric Vonderscheer,** but the program was put on hold after the Challenger tragedy. Rich is to be stationed in Houston after finishing sch. Other D-1 Duck news—**Jim Sharp,** USN, is an instructor in Portsmouth, RI. Says he'll probably make O-5 before anyone else since the Navy's prime requirement for promotion to cmdr is that you be breathing. **Tom Froneberger** is still in Ger, #2 child should have arrived by now. **Bill Albrecht** is still in oil in San Antonio, considering a sabbatical for an MBA. **Blaine Hyten,** USAF, is PCS'ing from Pope AFB, NC, to attend the CGSC at Leavenworth. **Gary & Linda Rodvelt** are now proud parents of Patrick Andrew, 24 Mar 86; they're at Ft Lewis. Also John had seen **Kent Hendricks** at Ft Irwin recently. Thanks for the poop John; you aviators get around.

The **Tom Webers** are on the move to TX. On 1 Mar Tom left Proc and Gamble in Cincy for the Pepsi Co in Conroe, TX, ph: (409) 756-6606. **Chris** waited till sch was out, then she and the 3 boys, David (8), Michael (5), and Mark (2), joined Tom at their new home at 27 Quiet Oak Circle, The Woodlands, TX 77381. Those soft drink co stocks have been hot stuff lately—what do ya say to that, **Ashby Foote?** Where's our broker?

Moving right along, literally, the movers are at the door. **John & Laraine McCoy** and family have moved from Denver to Bakersfield, CA. John works for Frito-Lay and has been tapped to help start up a new traffic center in CA. Says the co assigns a lot like the military; having taken John's preferences to be sent to the East, South or the Midwest, they proceeded to send him to the Far West. He'll not turn down the promotion though and will continue to be a loyal Bronco's fan no matter the location.

1974: Peterson, Pierces and Chabots; Founders Day 1986, Ansbach, Ger

I really appreciate the wives sending letters to me, seeing how some guys always have their arm in a sling. One such is from **Jean Mahar** who tells of family happenings since **Tim** left active duty on 1 Jan to join General Dynamics as a design specialist in the L.A. area. He was last in the Scenarios and War Gaming Directorate at Leavenworth along with **Jay Byrne.** Jay went on to CGSC this past yr and left this summer for Ger taking along **Peggy** and 2 sons. Also at Leavenworth they saw **Chuck Herrick** who flew in for conferences; he & **Priscilla** live in AL. Tim has since seen **Jim Wimberley** at Red-

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stone Arsenal where Jim represented Gen Dy. Tim continues in the reserves as a general's aide, while the family is active: Tara (11) an honors student, pianist and swimmer; Timmy (2) is 'energized' (like all 2 yr olds) and loves sports; Jean is busy as mom and with church activities. The Mahar's sport a new home at 15111 Marte Cir, Moreno Valley, CA 92388, 40 mins to Disneyland, lots of room for guests and Hooters! The call goes out: Where's **Harvey Jones?**

The Sun Belt grabs another as **Mark & Val Andreotta** have moved to Kingwood, TX, from CT. That had to be an experience in moving with 6 kids; and I thought one was bad. Mark is still with Mobil, now the western regional sales mgr, natural gas, based in Houston.

Remember the infamous 10-yr Reunion T-shirt marketed by **Dave Rodarte?** Well, it still lives and if you're interested or want one (or another) reach him at 1450 Pathfinder Lane, McLean, VA 22101, (703) 893-5031. Dave is a sr planning assoc for Mobil for US marketing and has tabs on '74 souls with Mobil. Besides **Rozzoni, Gonzalez** and **Andreotta** already mentioned, **Keith Saddler** is the asst chief engr of the marine div in NYC. **Tom Barker** left Mobil a couple yrs ago for Gen Elec in upstate NY. Also **Sam Hughes** and **Dave Roemer** had worked for Mobil but are elsewhere now—let's hear it, where? Another B-ler, **Joe Frankie,** is still at the U of AR, Fayetteville and is finishing his 2nd Masters, this one in Spanish. This last fact about Joe's academic wizardry must be truly ironic, because **Rodarte** was Joe's roommate at Woops and was totally amazed when told of it. You trained him well, Dave.

Dean Russell called from DC with considerable info, and it's no wonder after learning that he works on the off distribution plans at MILPO. He even knows why we all can't get stationed in HI. He noted that **Lou Gelling** was just changed from Leavenworth to the Marine C&GSC at Quantico; now for a master's in PT Lou. **Mike Deeter** is off to Korea from WP after a short course at Ft Lee. **Jack McDonald** is off to Sill from WP. **Al Landry** had a break in svc but works in the Pentagon now. **Jim Coggin** is also still there after 3 yrs. **Tom Turner** is still with the Ranger Regt at Benning. **Bob Nealson** has been with the Special Forces in Panama and other Latin Amer countries like El Salvador; he's back stateside for the Leavenworth Sch. Two more guys in the Pentagon: **Steve Speakes** and **Skip Scott** (USAF). **Dan O'Brien** is an EN asgmt off at MILPO; he & wife had a baby girl 14 Jun, Libby. Also **Carter Thomas** is at MILPERCEN, working in the plans and op side of the house, OSUT planning. He came to WP and gave a good briefing on how computers solve Army problems. . . .

1974: Bonnets and Ortizes; Founders Day 1986, Ft Hood

This could get a little ragged now—Cathy wants me to pack the suitcases and start the car. **Jim & Julie Grunseth** have been with the Family Ministry of Campus Crusade for some time now, but will be on special asgmt for the next 2 yrs in northern IL where Jim will attend Trinity Evangelical Divinity Sch. He's to get a Master's in art and religion with emphasis on pastoral counseling. They with foursome moved from Little Rock to IL this summer.

John & Ann Nations are still doing well in Ger; he's an op off with the 1st Supt Bn. **Dave Fastabend** and **Ralph Graves** co-authored "Maneuver, Synchronization and Obstacle Operations" which appeared in the Feb 86 **Military Review.** Dave is the mil asst to the resident engr at Ft McPherson, Savannah District. Ralph teaches engineering at WP. Be glad to tell about the article, but those two generated more vocabulary than this grunt could compute. **Don Zacherl** hosted a '74 party at Leavenworth in Apr and most everyone assigned came by, even an off-poster: **Chuck Kuklenski** drove up from KC.

Some WP news. Kudos to **Mike Reopel** in the Soc Sci Dept as he was recently selected to be a White House Fellow for 86-87, starting this summer. Mike & **Gloria** with foursome are in the DC area now. **Bob Humphreys** went from WP to the Pentagon where he's comptroller for the Reserves. **Conrad Crane** will PCS to Bliss instead of Ger as reported. **Joe Leboeuf's** wife **Maureen** joined DPE this summer and will be a swimming instructor while Joe continues to educate plebes on psychology. **Brad Flora** traveled to WP in Jun for an admissions seminar; he's part of the field force in MI where he works for Whirlpool. **Ken & Jeanne Popielis** along with Katie are doing 6 mos at the AFSC in Norfolk; next summer he's to take cmd of the port facility at Cape Canaveral; understand it's one of the few O-4 type cmds. **Phil Garito** was enjoying the beauty of the Hudson Highlands while on summer duty at Camp Natural Bridge as XO of the 1/502 Inf supporting the training of yearlings.

Some babies! To **Dave & Elena Flyer** in Temple City, CA, a daughter Raquel on 19 May; joins sister Alexis (2). To **Bob & Yong Sim Beecher** at WP, a son, Michael Timothy on 10 Mar. To **Dave & Rose Ann Stevens** in DC, a daughter Brittany Michelle on 18 Feb; Dave is with the CAA in Bethesda but was selected for PhD schooling in computers at GA Tech, starting this fall.

Noted some guys leaving Leavenworth on orders; if these are not right then drop me a line. **Rudy Veit** is off to Ger; **Steve Otteson** to Ft Riley; **John Troxell** to Ft Sam Houston; **Don Zacherl** and **John Batiste** both to Benning. **Jim Mitcham** is off to Campbell. From the Air C&SC, **Marty Robbins** to Hood and **Bruce Grant** to Bragg.

Marv Searle sends out a "last call" for those wanting 10-Yr Reunion Books. Contact him in D/Admissions or **Steve Shambach** in D/BS&L for info. Also this fall you will receive a special letter from the Class comm ref the '74 Class Gift plans. I could really use some letters from you long lost types. A couple long-winded phone calls is all that saved me this time. My deadline is 30 Sep. Ghost from the Old Corps: the India uniform returns to the Corps this summer. Can bracing be far away? I'm off to the Midwest. Go Rabble!

1974: Founders Day 1986, West Point

'76

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Greetings again and I hope this finds all doing well. My well-worn file envelope for letters is well-filled, so many things to say. Before that, must remind all that we expect all to be at the reunion. Should be a good time. Everyone should have received orientation letters about it. If you haven't, I'd suggest contacting **Jim Warner** in Soc Sci at WP. Jim sent a note with some poop in it. The balance of our Class gift account is $3,791.43, not a tremendous sum so if you'd like to send in a few bucks, it goes to a good cause. Jim sent a list of folks now at WP which is too long to print but contains some 81 names. As a last note, if you need someone's address, don't ask me for a few mos—my computer blew up and somewhere in it are all my addresses—I'm hoping they're salvageable but not right now. On to the news. . . .

Ed Colchado sent the picture of his graduation garb. He received a MS from Polytech-

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1976: The Grottes

nic U in telecommunications mgt on 2 Jun (coincidence?). His class was the first in the country to be awarded that degree. **Emmett McDonough** is also in the same program and will graduate next Jun. Ed's note was written hastily as he was rewarding himself with a vacation in Martinique at Club Med right after graduation.

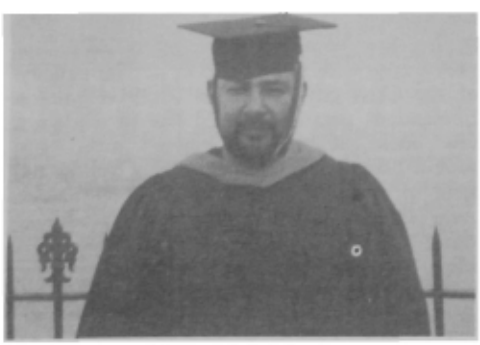
The picture of the crew giving a toast was sent by **Doug Rogers** at the occasion of **Bill Wolfe's** bachelor party. USMA grads in the picture include Doug, **Steve Wunder** '77, **Eddie Markiewicz, Geoff Schmid** and the **Wolf.** The party was otherwise know as Wolf's last stand.

1976: Founders Day 1986, Pittsburgh

Got a brief note from **Joe Riojas**—he's at Bowling Green, OH and sounds like he'll be able to come to the 10th. **Ed & Mary Cardenas** passed through San Antonio, and we all had a terrific time having a picnic and a trip to the zoo—our kids and theirs. They're up at Ft Sill and doing well.

Wonderful card from **Teresa & Bob Dalton**—they're still in Berlin and sent word of the birth of David Lewis on 13 May weighing in at 7lb 14oz. Congrats!

An official news release form sent news that **Dick & Carol Koffinke** are now in Ger—we'll expect the rest of the news later. . . . A similar form says that **John Cal** is also in Ger—again, that's the only thing the form says. A



1976: Ed Colchado

much more juicy-news-release came about **Gary Wingo,** who has just joined the Wash off of the MAC Group as an associate. It sounds interesting as the firm is an "intl mgt consulting firm concentrating on the process and analytics involved in implementing strategic change." Sounds great!

A recent note from **Al Speight** finds him finishing up his tour in Panama and heading to Boston where he'll enroll at MIT. He'll be working in transportation studies (CE Dept). In the last 5 yrs since news from **Al,** he's married (**Margie**) and they now have three children (Jeremy, Eric, and Erin) and a golden retriever (Duke).

1976: The Wolf's last stand

The Pittsburgh Founders Day brings a picture of the 76ers present and a note from **Lynne & Jim McGinnis.** Also present were **Gerald & Susan Lambert.** Jim and Gerald had the distinction of co-sharing youngest grad notoriety. (You know, it's getting less frequent for us to have that distinction. . . .)

1976: Founders Day 1986, Ansbach, Ger

A great note from **Brian & Diane Shellum** finds them moving from Bonn, where Brian was attached to the Embassy as a FAO, to Heidelberg. They had their first child, Kristin, in 85 and are doing well. While Brian was at DLI last yr, he ran into **Earl Madison** who was at the Naval Post Graduate School. **Sonny Busa** was also at DLI and should now be at Ft Benning. While Brian was on leave before going to Ger, he talked to **Joe Fernandez** who was in Puerto Rico on leave before moving to Peru to be an exchange FA instructor. Joe is now married and has a little girl. **Scott Stephenson** is still at Syracuse U and **Rose** & he have a 2-yr-old named Jennifer. **Dave McSween** has moved from Syracuse to Ft Bragg where he is comptroller for the JFK Special Warfare Center. **Steve Rawlick** and **Ray Odierno** are at NC State in ORSA and nuke physics, respectively. Ray will be going to Livermore Labs in Aug. **Pete Tuebner** is in Chicago in USAREC and will be getting married in Jul in FL. **Frank Collins** is out of the Army and is an exec VP of a firm in the Chicago area. **Jim Moerkerke** is still single and working as an in-

1976: Frugolis, Baggots, Zophys, Gabels; Founders Day 1986, Ft Hood

vestment exec in Missoula, MT. What a great note! Everyone take note. . . .

Nice note from **Mark & Marsha Grotte.** Marsha still flies as a flight attendant with Northwest Airlines. Their daughter Marisa, now 1½, is "already just about as intelligent as an Army CPT and far more intelligent than the average field grade off." Mark's in his 3d yr as a stockbroker with Edward D. Jones with only one ringknocker as a client and, sadly, he's Class of '75. Mark's still not convinced of the virtues of MN. "The winters are pure misery, the mosquitos are as large as F-14's, and the politics are left of Fidel Castro." Fortunately though they're enjoying themselves, are close to the families and own a very nice home on a large wooded lot. Mark's talked with **John Taylor** (JT) who is still in tropical NJ, **Bruce Lieurance** who's still with Texas Instruments in CO Springs, and **Mark Nelson** who's an aide at Ft Belvoir. Mark says that he heard from **Bruce Gamsby** who's doing well in northern NH. Mark reminds us of the reunion philosophy BE THERE!

1976: Al Stuhmiller, youngest grad; Founders Day 1986, Omaha

Bob McClure's note arrived one day after I sent the last copy off. Oh well. Bob finished up his Olmsted studies last Jun and wound up in Berlin. Other classmates he found there were **Ron Russell,** the CG's aide, **Dave Morin,** CO of one of the inf cos, and, as mentioned, **Bruce Hoover** and **Bob Dalton.** Bob went down to Vilsech in Dec and bumped into **Audi & Cindy Zimmerman.** They fed them a super dinner and Audi "ran me into the dirt on several occasions." Audi is on the Bradley transition team.

As a final note, a group of us here at BAMC are formulating the bylaws for the WP Physician's Assoc, composed of docs who are grads. All you guys who are, please write so I can send you a copy.

Make your plans early to attend the reunion. Airfares are relatively cheap with some notice. Do your best—should be a good time. Till then, be good.—Ian

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'77

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As I write these notes, I have some mixed feelings. This will be the shortest column that I have submitted, as you can probably see. The reason is rather obvious, and I ask you spend the time to write and or call with news prior to the next deadline, 15 Sep. On the other hand, I have been rather busy at work because the CWA has been on strike against AT&T since 1 Jun.

1977: Founders Day 1986, Ft Rucker

1977: Founders Day 1986, Ansbach, Ger

Much has changed since I last wrote you. **Susan** & I had fully expected to be in NJ by now, but that was not to be. In Apr, I was offered a promotion to district mgr here in AZ. I am now responsible for network ops in AZ, NM, UT, ID & MT. It is a very challenging job and it keeps me quite busy. My biggest adjustment has been to manage remotely. It is hard to touch and feel when you are a thousand mi away from your people. Our staying here in AZ came as a shock, and frankly, a disappointment. The opportunity is excellent but we had set our sights on going back East. It appears now that we will be here a couple of more yrs before we finally get back there. In the interim we will make the most of it.

1977: Kelly & John Curry (front row); Founders Day 1986, Penn State

1977: Founders Day 1986, Heidelberg

Mark, Janice, Melissa (4) and Jennifer (2½) **Preston** really love the Rochester, NY area and have decided to stick around. After declining several moves with Mobil over the past yr, Mark decided to consider local opportunities. In Feb he accepted the position of quality mgr with the JOB-Sentry Safe Co in Rochester and is very excited with the opportunities and benefits that it offers. In other news, **Frank Saul** has recently relocated to Buffalo, NY and is working for AT&T now. The Sauls and the Prestons have been good friends ever since MIOBC at Ft Huachuca, when they jointly rented a U-Haul to move to Ft Hood. That was an exercise which tested their friendship, but now they can endure any future obstacles. Frank, **Nancy,** Frank III (6), Matthew (3) and Kelly (2) have a lovely home and pool in suburban Williamsville, NY. The Rochester Founders Day was a memorable night as Frank was the youngest grad and his father, Frank Sr Jun '43, was the oldest grad!

I spoke to **Andy Chmar** in Jun. He and **Brian Smith** are moving right along with plans for the reunion; we should all be getting letters with info soon. Andy & **Gail** were enjoying a "peaceful WP" now that the cadets had left. Their next mo or so would be devoted to training/instructing the new cadre of "P"s arriving for the next school yr. In other news from WP, **Dave & Sally Brooks** had their second child, Zachary, in late May. **Mike Hughes** escaped what could have been a fatal accident with little harm. Apparently, he was en route to NYC to pick up **Kelley & Janice Ferrell** when a drunk driver going northbound on a southbound lane hit him head on in the Palisades Pkwy. Luckily, Mike was discharged that same evening from the hosp. The person who hit him was hospitalized but should recover.

I got call from **Vic Tise** in early Apr. He was getting a degree in Latin American

1977: Founders Day 1986, Ft Hood

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1977: Sauls and Prestons; Founders Day 1986, Rochester, NY

1977: Founders Day 1986, Ft Carson

studies at UCLA and expected an asgmt to the School of the Americas at Ft Benning. Vic, **Barbara,** Stephanie (7) and Marci (5) had been at Ft Huachuca previously where he had finished a cmd. Vic was fortunate to put to work his knowledge of Latin America and speak some Spanish in El Salvador where he conducted some training. In short, Vic is thrilled with the prospect of putting his degree to work in short order at Benning.

1977: Founders Day 1986, Ft Ord

Here is some info from news releases: **George Samuelson** is a deputy camp cmdr with the 19th Support Cmd in So Korea. He had just participated in Team Spirit '86, a Republic of Korea/US Combined Forces Cmd sponsored exercise. **Duncan Cameron** arrived for duty in Japan where he is a plans off.

Until next time, be happy and write—Keesy

'78

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Hope everyone had a great summer. We're all looking forward to another wonderful fall and hopefully a winning season for Army football. Got lots of notes from people, thanks for helping keep my job easy.

Rich Van Orsdale dropped me a line from CA. He enclosed a picture of Jennifer and son, Andrew, one yr in July. Rich still works for FMC as an engr on Large Caliber Armaments. Rich received a commission as MAJ in the State Reserve as the S-3(AIR) for an infantry bde. Rich says **Mark Milia** was working on the Bradley and still on active duty.

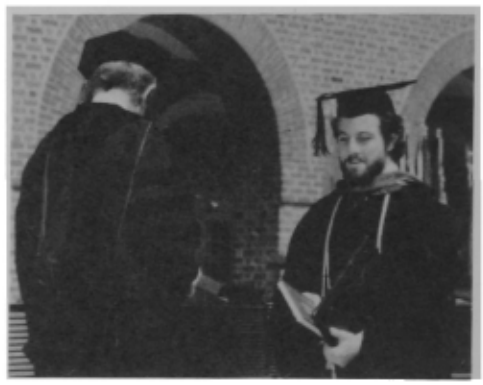
John & Lynn Depiazza have left SC for home in CA. John will work in project mgt and marketing for a Sacramento construction co. **Tom McWhorter** called from GA where he is pursuing a Master's in phys ed. He will return to Woops to teach in May or Jun. He and Gail have a 2 year old son, Matt. **Bill Baker** finally was thrown out of Korea. He spent 3½ yrs there, last serving as aide for the CG, 2ID. He is at Bliss on the staff at the ADA School along with **Harry McIntosh. Knute Hankins** wrote from Penn State. I think he is attending grad school there wih **Eric Hughes** and **Russ Quirici.**

1978: The Van Orsdales

Jim & Denise Budney are in St Peters, MO where Jim works for AVSCOM. Jim finished Avn Adv Course in Jan. Denise has her hands full with 3 little ones, Jennifer, Jimmy and Jonathan. They want **Ken Peterson** to contact them if possible. I got a hometown news release saying that **Phil Hyland** has a cmd at the Army Info Sys Cmd at Vint Hills Farms Station here in VA. **Herman & Iris Bulls** are still holding the fort up at WP. Joining him this summer in the Soc Dept are **Dan Arczyski, Jim Bannantine, Craig College, Steve Daffron** and **Kevin Sheehan. Jeff Long** and **Dale Hawley** will join them shortly.

1978: Al Black and Orlando "Weech" Rodriguez in Tikal, Guatemala

1978: The Budneys



1978: Steve Meek receiving Master's

Although he really enjoys teaching the cadets, Sat classes are still no fun.

Paul Crandall sent a note after many yrs. He reminded me that most of us hit big 30 this yr. Yug! Paul & **Gabrielle** have one little crumb snatcher, Christopher, born in Mar 85 and another due in Nov. Paul works at the Div Off at Hydra-Matic Div of GM. He supervises an engr section that reports on field performance of automatic transmissions. He spends quite a bit of time on the road. Paul said he misses the camaraderie of the Army but one quick visit to a local res unit reminded him of why **he** got out.

1978: The Bullses

Dave Rich is holding forth at NPG. He has two more quarters and then will go to DLI for Korean Language Training. Dave has had more free time at NPG than 7 previous yrs in the Army. He uses his free time to race his Porsche. **Toni** is, of course, his biggest fan but Dave admits that the driver, not the car, is the weak link. Toni is still working as a counsellor with planned parenthood in Salinas and was recently promoted to dir of clinical services. Dave & Toni still have a storybook romance. They just celebrated their 8th anniv and feel like dating teenagers rather than regular married folk! Dave said that **Jack Faires** just left as did **Rick Ehni** with an EE degree. **Jim Lewis** moved out recently along with his five kids.

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Whew, somebody has been working overtime! **Mark O'Neill** just graduated and split to China. **Steve & Nancy McHale** are down in Houston and expecting soon.

Mike & Roseanne Mamer are still in Ger. Mike recently took part in the REFORGER and Crested CAP exercises. He is assigned to the 39th Trans Bn. **Curt Downs** called from Houston. He has done well with EXXON, in spite of the problems with the oil industry. Curt is in charge of automation of service stations around the country. He has two children, one 5 yr old son and a young daughter.

Glen Murray is currently up in northern Jersey. He left the Army in 83 to work as a sales engr for Armco. He really didn't enjoy sales all that much and left to work for EXXON. He will move to Houston very shortly. Glen & wife Jamie were married in 80. No kids yet. Glen would like to hear from **Dan Ford, J.T.,** and **Warren Salzmann,** at 201-274-2364.

1978: "The Slasher"

Bobby Olds, Billy Sumner were in town for an MCI conference. Both are working in quality, Bobby in Denver and Bill in Dallas. Sumner has two little ones and is benching about 360 lbs; he's a moose. **Trons** is still in Chicago with MCI and **Joe Basile** is handling construction with them in Atlanta. **Jack Cronin** has gone to work with Raytheon up in MA. He will work as a marketing mgr with the Sidewinder Missile which is a great position.

1978: Mobley, Blake and Harris in Nassau

1978: Dave Rich, speed demon

1978: Founders Day 1986, Ft Hood

The Slasher has found heaven. He has a four wheel drive (with shotgun rack), skydiving and Lone Star from longneck bottles. He says women fit in but only if they're more fun than the above three. Slash is going to spend the fall hunting and would like to hear from **Jim Sullivan.**

Steve Meek just received his Master's in biblical studies from CBN, U, graduating Magna Cum Laude. No word on where he will go. **Curtis Harris** wrote from Wall Street. He enclosed a picture from the Bahamas. What he fails to mention is how he, **Jim** and **Daryl** paid for those young ladies to pose for that picture.

Bruce Wilhelm and **Roland Smith** are both down in Austin. They are trying to give me a run for my money, but I haven't any heat yet. **Jack Alexander** called from FL. He is currently a member of the Wesley-Jessen Sales Elite Club with Schering-Plough. Hard to believe such a wild man is now a member of the corporate establishment. **Ski** and **Orlando** are rooming together down in Atlanta. Sounds like they never run into each other with all their traveling, but both are enjoying bachelorhood. Ski is still working import/export and Orlando is with Mobile in sales. **Tom Dolan** called this morning. He now has a little daughter, Kristen, born Fri 13 Jun.

That's it for this time, have a great fall!

'79

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Greetings,

Although my address has changed, the purpose of this column remains the same—To Support the "TOP OF THE LINE." I am presently at the CAS3 course in beautiful Ft Leavenworth, KS. It is fun to see so many familiar faces again after being stuck away in grad school for 2 yrs. The number of classmates here are too numerous to mention. However, **Tim Gibson** did send the following notes. He finished his co cmd at Ft Lewis in Oct 84 and then worked in the Div G-3 shop until he PCSed in Apr 85. Tim is presently at CACDA in Ft Leavenworth where he has finished CAS3 and is working on his Master's in history at U of KS. On the personal side, Tim's wife has now finished law school and is also a CPT. While at Leavenworth, Tim hopes to hear from many classmates for his number is in the phone book. He has already seen **John Scudder, Gordy Wells,** and **Paul Harwig.** John was an S-3 for a tank bn at Ft Carson, Gordy was en route to an engr district in Japan, and Paul was off to OH State then to ES&GS at WP. Tim would like to hear from **J. J. Kardas;** Tim's address is 204 Oak Hill, Lansing, KS 66043. Thanks Tim.

1979: Curtis & Roberta Hill

Meanwhile at Ft Bragg, **Curtis B. Hill & Roberta** Bayliss were married on 5 Apr 86. Roberta is a CPT who is assigned to the Ft Lee Log Center and is involved with computer scenario evaluations used for long-term force structures. Wedding attendees included **Greg Jordan,** who is presently working on his MBA at Georgetown. Mrs. Emelie Thomas, mother of **Mike Thomas,** also attended. Mike is cmdr of A Co 9th Sig Bn 9th ID, a job he has had since Jan 86. Curt & Roberta last saw Mike at Bragg in 84 at SF Qual Course. Curt has been with 2d ID in Korea, with 7th SF Gp from 81-83 and 83-84 with the Army Abn Board. Since Nov 84 Curt has been cmdr of B/407th S&S Bn, 82d Abn Div, but he is now on orders to Ft Lee. Thanks go to Roberta, for she wrote the letter and enclosed the picture.

Bruce Fink writes from Ft Carson that the normal springtime atmosphere abounds—it's snowing. At Founders Day the only engr, Bruce, was nominated to write. **Clarence Tay-**

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lor was there and he is still Cmdr HHC 4/40 AR and will soon take over as Hq Commandant 4th ID. **John Scudder** relinquished cmd of D Co 1/77 AR in May to become the Bn S-3. John turned down the opportunity to go to the Math Dept to instead go to Ger and check out the M1. It has been reported that John has been having a pretty good time at Ft Leavenworth's CAS3 but that is unconfirmed. **Rolf & Lenke Mann** were at the celebration. Rolf is Cmdr of C Co 4/40 AR. **Chuck & Ingrid Phillips** were there and Chuck has B Co 3/29 FA. Chuck had assumed cmd from **Jim Vaughn** who now has the EA job in Div G-3 shop. **Lynn Collier** is the cmdr of 50th Ord Co and was present with his future wife Christine Gayagas '84, for 12 Apr is the scheduled date of the wedding in Honolulu. Bruce has also heard from several old roommates from D-4. **Tim Gannon** has a trans terminal co at Ft Campbell and has been in cmd for over a yr. Also at Campbell, **Cole & Carole Hedden** have given up flying Blackhawks and Cobras for the civ life. As for Bruce himself, he is waiting to find out about grad school or an engr district for his upcoming PCS. He has been the Cmdr A Co 4th Engr Bn and has had several trips to NTC and other scenic locations. I hope someone else has been appointed as the note taker for next yr's Founders Day.

1979: Founders Day 1986, DMZ

1979: Founders Day 1986, Penn State

As for another Founders Day, the enclosed picture comes from Penn State. The following faces are identified: first row—Kelly Curry, Knute Hankins '78, John Curry '77; second row—**Sue & James Molnar**, Eric Hughes '78, **Sherry & Phil Macklin**; third row—Russel Quirici '78; in the back—Fred & Jane Sautter '69. For you see, Founders Day can be held almost anywhere.

To accent that point, I have received a letter that comes from a Founders Day celebration from a first time writer **Alan Cates**. Alan is with the 1/23 Inf and recently completed a 10-wk stint along the DMZ. Since Founders Day fell during this time, the bn cmdr, LTC Bob Harper '69 thought it would be fitting to celebrate north of the

1979: Founders Day 1986, Ft Hood

Imjin River. Since Alan was the S-1 the affair fell into his lap. If anyone needs to do this in the future it is good to know that the AOG was able to furnish them with literature, musical tapes and even 35mm slides. The event was scheduled and held on 1 Apr 86 and from all accounts, "went swimmingly." Those in the picture include first row—**Alan Cate** '79 and William Quinn '84; standing—Mike Hogan '81, Dan Brackel '81, COL Mike Ekman '61 and cmdr 2d Bde, Steve Croskrey '82, LTC Harper '69 and Cmdr 1/23, and COL Dennis Leach '63 and cmdr 3rd Bde. With this combat power present we can all rest assured that all is well in the Land of the Morning Calm. Thanks Alan.

Tom Allmon writes from Kitzingen, Ger that he is cmdr of A Co 3/63 AR and this summer is scheduled to take HHC for his extension has gone through. **Sheree** and daughter Allison Leigh (13 mos) are now scheduled to leave Ger in Jul 87 with Tom. **Jeff Duncan** is at WA State and says that he was at **Jay Watai's** wedding at the post chapel back at school. **Kevin & Maggie Butler** and daughter Julie are also in 3/63 AR. Kevin is cmdr of C Co. **Ed & Kathy Dowling** left 3/63 after Ed's cmd, and he now is cmdr of HHC 3 ID in Wurzburg. Tom has several events to keep him occupied this spring and summer including tank gunnery at Graf and changing from one cmd to another. Tom regrets to have lost contact with **Larry Deleon.** If Larry reads this please drop Tom a note at 3/63 AR, APO NY 09031. Thanks for the poop

1979: Founders Day 1986, Ansbach, Ger

Tom and remember you can never be a first time writer again!

I also received a news release saying that **Jules G. Petit** son of Marren J. Petit of New Orleans has received an AAM in Ger where Jules is a cmdr with the 64th AR. Congratulations.

1979: Founders Day 1986, Panama

Personally, I am looking forward to returning to WP this summer and beginning my tour with the Math Dept. Anyone visiting can drop by for I'm always available to receive more info. GO ARMY—BEAT NAVY.

'80

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Please note that I have a new address: I left active duty on 1 May and am now coping with corporate conditions in the Peach State, working for a real estate investment firm which represents the largest private pension fund in the Netherlands. **Nancy** & I live in southwest Marietta with our daughters (Keeley, 3; Katie, 2) and we would be happy to have anyone going through Atlanta come by to see us.

My brother Pat '84, was married recently, and at the wedding I saw **Jim Stone** (Pat's CO). Jim is taking his cmd, D Co of the 39th Engr Bn, Ft Dix, out to the NTC at Ft Irwin for some combat engr work. (Jim was generous enough to allow Pat 2 wks of leave for a honeymoon, before taking him to Irwin for

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1980: Minadeos, Anne Fields, Littletons; Founders Day 1986, Ft Rucker

a mo to ponder the joys of married life in the Army.) I also saw **George Johnson,** who is happily settled in NJ as a field engr with Exxon.

Keith Emberton has just returned to the States after 21 mos in Korea. He finished his Chaparral/Stinger battery cmd and is off to UMD at College Park preparing to teach in the Dept of BS&L. (Why did the dept leave itself wide open for jokes by choosing that acronym?) Keith says he stays in touch with **Scott Reid** at Ft Carson.

1980: On freedom's frontier in Korea: Warmerdam '85, Emberton, and Fredette '83

Hometown News Service announcements: **Steve Combs** is an adjutant with the 6th Ord Bn in Korea, and **Bob Morris** has taken cmd of a co in the 78th Engr Bn in Ger.

Audy Snodgrass wrote a long letter during a break from studying English literature at the U of Rochester in upstate NY. Plebes will get their chance to excel under Audy's guidance starting in 87. Audy's news: **Bob Faille** recently completed the Def Language Course in Arabic and is starting grad school at Georgetown in intl studies. **Kevin Kelleher** analyzes photos with other mysterious MI types somewhere in the DC area—and loves it. **Erin (O'Connor) Misner** is at RPI preparing to return to the Math Dept in 87; her husband Jeff Misner '79 will join her this fall at RPI and start in the Math Dept in 88.

Marene (Nyberg) Allison graduated from the FBI School in Quantico and will join her husband and son in CA. **Rick McCaughey** is back at Benning after a Korea tour and is considering a branch transfer to MP. **Gene Maran** is at the U of Chicago getting an MBA prior to launching a civ bus career.

Audy adds that he, his wife, and son are enjoying the graduate school environment, but that he really misses the Army. Thanks for the news, Audy, and make those plebes sweat over every arcane nuance of grammar and syntax!

1980: The good life: the Siburgs celebrate their 3d anniv

1980: Snodgrasses, Kellehers and Failles

Congratulations to **Jeff & Carol Weart,** proud new parents of David George Weart. The baby was born 19 May 86 in Frankfurt, where Jeff is a cav trp cmdr. I hope the doctors weren't startled to find the boy wearing boots and BDU's at birth: the Weartian military lineage goes way back, and undoubtedly Jeff is already arranging for David's nomination to the Class of 2007.

Borg Siburg, ex-Glee Club comrade, wrote from Tucson, AZ where he is getting a tan and a Master's in systems engr while sponging off his wife Ann's income as a chem engr. Borg likes civ life, although having to work hard in grad school (but he does claim that he would be a starman now if they had such a thing at the U of AZ). Borg also serves as a teaching asst in FORTRAN and ORSA. He has heard from **Bill & Gloria Serrao,** who live in Brooklyn, NY where Bill works as a systems engr.

1980: All in the family: House holds godchild Dealyn Ruggero; Renee, Ed and Colin complete the picture

Army Hometown News announcement: **Mike Mudd** has received an MSM for service as a plt ldr with the 205th Avn Co in USAREUR.

A flood of letters has arrived right before the deadline: **Ed Ruggero** is at UNC-Chapel Hill studying literature and raising a family with **Renee.** They now have two children, Colin, 4; and Dealyn, 1 yr old this month.

1980: Three generations of Lesters: Kent, Matthew, and COL LR Lester

Ed will soon return to WP as the terror of EN101 and had lots of news: **Bret Dalton** is also at UNC (with wife **Laurie**), studying the BS part of BS&L. **Al Nelwan** took over Ed's co in the 25th Div in HI. **Mark House** now works in Tampa for a large developer. **Gary & Leslie Cheek** were married last fall and are now in Ger. **Jeff Tumm** works in TX for a high-tech something-or-other (Ed is somewhat lacking in tech jargon.) **Todd Loudenslager** is cmdg in the 1/2 ACR, watching Russians across the border watching him. Todd & **Maggie** had a daughter Katie, born last fall. **Tom Fencl** is cmdng a co at Ft Carson.

1980: Founders Day 1986, Ft Carson

Ed continues: **Scott Snook** is majoring in golf at Harvard, where he & **Kathy (Gerard)** were visited by **Walt & Denise Thomas,** now stationed at Ft Devens on a flying asgmt. **Dave Brown** is here in Atlanta at Georgia Tech getting a Master's in CE. **Dave Price** is studying literature at American U (I am willing to bet that he is the only human capable of analyzing James Joyce in one breath, terrifying plebes the next, and exalting the Talking Heads throughout). **John Stoner** is in Austria on an Olmsted Fellowship where he and **Karen (Kelly)** had a daughter last yr. Thanks for all the news, Ed. I'll try to get that dimly lit picture you sent printed, if you are sure you want everyone to see you with your collar turned up like some kind of yuppie literature student.

Maria Farrell wrote that **T.J.** is cmdng a Hawk battery at Ft Lewis. Also at Lewis are **Bryan Norman** and **Robin Friedman,** both with inf cmds. **Joe Perovich** is married to **Angela** and works for Texas Instruments. **Steve & Laurie Cole** are proud parents of a girl, Jessica Lyn. Steve cmds a co at Ft Riley. **"Big Al" Dornstauder** married **Maryanne** last Nov, and they now live in HI, where Al is in one of the engr bns.

Kent Lester's wife, **Abbe,** writes to say that she & Kent are in Charleston, SC (my hometown and a great place to live) on an ROTC asgmt at the Citadel. Kent finished a cmd

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1980: Founders Day 1986, Ansbach, Ger

at Ft Stewart, went to QMOAC, and is getting his Master's at Webster in addition to his ROTC duties (Abbe says that ROTC, contrary to rumor, is not an easy asgmt!) She adds more news: **Mary (Rosinski) Whitley** married CPT **Roy Whitley** last yr in Ger and is soon to return stateside. Mary picked up a Porsche and a Master's degree while in Europe, in addition to a husband and a transportation co cmd. (I hope that is not listed in order of preference . . .) **Keith & Judy Vore** are at Ft Leavenworth with sons Jeremie and Joshua. Thay have bought a house and are enjoying the asgmt. **Glen & Bonnie Carroll** live in NH, where he works for Raytheon Corp. Their son Andrew reportedly loves the snow, which is good because he'll see lots of it.

Ron Collins finished QMOAC, is newly married (sorry—no name provided for his wife, but welcome to the Class!). **Mark & Liz Irons** recently moved from Houston to Austin, TX and are enjoying their new location. **Daryl & Yadeira Dennis** live in DC with their son, Daryl Jr. Daryl Sr. is an investment consultant now, but has kept his reserve commission.

Mike Trusty is now an applications engr with the Tee Co in Westbrook, CT. He lives in Deep River, CT and would like to hear from **Matt Tavrides.** Mike mentioned that **Brady Casey** is working for Citibank in Denver.

When it rains, it pours: after a dearth of news, I got all these letters on the final day before the deadline. Thanks for writing, though. Remember—I have to do some minor editing to give room for everybody, and we are asked to avoid mentioning pregnancies, engagements, and other future plans in case anything turns out wrong.

A final note: in several mos of employment research, I learned a great deal about the right and wrong ways to look for a job in the civil sector. I have written an essay that explains an effective method of job searching for a USMA grad preparing to move to civ life. Please realize that I do not necessarily encourage leaving active duty—only you can make that decision. I offer the info only to explain what I learned in undertaking an extensive job search, and I offer it to anyone who is interested in benefitting from that knowledge.

Thanks to those who sent letters for this issue. Remember—the deadline for the Dec issue is the end of Sep, so if you write immediately your news might make it. Until next time, best wishes and God bless you all!

1980: Founders Day 1986, Ft Hood

'81

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As the deadline for the column draws near I must take out time from my PCS leave to collect class notes. Currently I am MAC'ing out of Cairo sipping Kaopectate and reflecting on three yrs of German weather. A scene from "Out of Africa" no doubt.

To begin, it is my unpleasant duty to update the Class on the tragic death of two of our classmates. Last 12 Dec 85 **Brian Haller** was killed in an airplane crash in Newfoundland along with 247 other soldiers from the 101st Airmobile Div. He was buried 3 Jan 86 at Arlington National Cemetery. It must be noted that **Dave Meade, Mark Armstrong, Dan York** and their wives provided support spiritually and physically to Brian's wife **Madeline** during this trying time.

1981: Taylor, Freeman, Peterson, Schaefer, and Hackenburg

The second classmate is **Scott Owen.** After serving with US Forces Korea and the 101st Airmobile Div, Ft Rucker, AL, Scott was medically discharged from the Army in Aug of 84. At the VA Medical Center in Seattle Scott fought with his cancer, but passed away 18 May 86. **Heidi (Mark) Grumer** relates that she and **Becky (Halstead) Heart** attended the memorial service in Ft Lewis as did many other classmates who came to pay their respects. The Owen family has requested that all honorariums be sent to the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, 1124 Columbia St, Seattle, WA 98104. Heidi has also volunteered to collect donations from the Class and forward them collectively. Write Heidi at 8516 Homestead Ave NE, Olympia, WA 98506. At WP it was my privilege to know both Brian and Scott. They were both first class offs and will surely be missed.

Class pres **Mark Hogan** reminds us in his Class newsletter to prepare for the upcoming 5th yr reunion. **Bill Dauer** has been appointed reunion comm chm and sent out bulletins

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with details in Aug. Highlights are that the reunion is scheduled Homecoming Weekend 17-19 Oct 86 and check in tentatively set for Fri 17 Oct at Cullum Hall. If you do not have the bulletin write Bill at 10894 Adare Dr, Fairfax, VA 22032. There will undoubtedly be many who will not be able to attend due to field problems and other committments, but I hope to see the majority of you there.

1981: Doll, Garity and (Halter) Caudle; Founders Day 1986, Ft Leavenworth

Class Secy **Steve Callan** wrote that he is now a Cobra plt ldr in D Trp 4/7 Cav, Korea. He is enjoying his Avn slot but plans to DEROS in Jan 87 to attend the Armor Adv Course at Ft Knox. Also in 2ID Korea is **Dan Allyn** and **John Taylor** who keep each other busy at G-3. **KK Chin** works for G-1. **Pete Hash** is at Camp Stanley and **Steve Johnson** was the S-2 for 4/7 Cav but he DEROS'd in Apr. **Tom Halinski** was at Camp Casey and **Tony Thomas** is in an Inf unit, possibly the 1/17 Buffaloes "First to Die—Last to Know."

1981: Herholtz, Wilhelm, Verfurth (son of '56), Bowen and Pehanik '82

Jack Bowen reported that he is spending his last days in Wiesbaden this past Jun. Jack & **Mary** had spent 4 yrs in Ger where Jack flew Blackhawks and Mary taught first graders at Mainz elementary. Jack also found time to get a Master's from the USC overseas, and now plans to get out of the Army to apply for a job in an American industrial firm. Other contacts include **Ron Horn** & his new wife **Karen** who are at Ft Eustis, VA for Avn maint off course en route to Ft Carson. The couple was married at WP 27 Apr 86 and **George Baker** and **Archie Davis** were able to attend. **Matt Herholtz** is now the cmdr of B Co 8th Attack Helicopter Bn and is doing great. Civ **Rich LaPerch** is a sales engr mgr for the ROLM Corp. He is also doing excellent setting records for the co. He calls HI and FL "going to the field." Rich & wife **Betsy** have a son, Richard C. LaPerch, Jr born 4 Aug 85; they

1981: Founders Day 1986, Ft Rucker

now live in Fairfax, VA. At Ft Stewart is **Gerry O'Keefe** and **Curt Alexander.** Gerry is currently the CO of an engr co. **Bill Wilhelm** is the CO of HHC 8th Sig Bn in Bad Kreuznach. Lastly the Bowens ask **Burt Brown,** wherever he is, to drop a line to 1 Kevin Court, Bullville, NY 10915.

Yvonne Doll has the news on the ladies of '81. She is the cmdr of A, USDB Ft Leavenworth, KS. **Sue (Halter) Caudle** is a chem off in Baumholder, Ger. Her husband Bob is in an Inf unit there. **Mary (Drenner) White** gave birth to a baby girl on 18 Apr 86. **Adele Beck** is a QM off at Ft Campbell, KY and recently graduated from CAS3.

From Ft Stewart writes **David Knecht.** He arrived last Mar with a little help from **Bill Riker** his sponsor. Now Dave and Bill work together in the S-3 shop of 2nd Bde, 24th Inf Div. Dave says both he and Bill have been "fruitful and multiplying." Dave's wife had her 3d baby girl on 14 Feb and Bill's wife Kay is expecting a third—the first two were boys. Also at Stewart is **Bill Belknap** fresh out of AOAC at Knox and S-1 of 4/64 Armor. **Bob Newman** is currently CO of B, 2/21 Inf and is living in **Paul Hilton's** condo. Paul PCS'd to Korea and couldn't sell it! Dave has also seen **Dave Ling** and **Bruce Ahlbrand** on post and believes they work for G-3. Attending **Ray Woolridge's** wedding, Dave Knecht saw **Dave Mead, Todd Foreman** and **Mark Hogan.** Dave Mead is cmdr of a transportation co at Ft Campbell and was detailed at WP last summer. Ray is now at Ft Carson along with **Garon Reeves.** Todd is the CO of an Inf OSUT unit somewhere. Unfortunately Dave Knecht will be at the NTC during the reunion time frame but wishes the best to all.

Several of the doctors have now been out of med school one yr and are finishing up general surgery internships at Fitzsimmons AMC, Denver, CO. Included in this are **Ian Freeman, Dean Taylor, Rich Schaefer, Todd Heckenburg** and **Darryl Peterson.**

1981: Founders Day 1986, Ft Hood

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All but Ian plan to go into orthopedics, and he has chosen urology. Asgmts are Darryl to Knox, Ian to Carson, Dean to Riley, Todd to Benning and Rich to Ord. All are single except for Ian who married wife **Judy** in Christmas of 81. The couple have no kids yet because Judy is still in med school but will graduate soon.

1981: Founders Day 1986, Ansbach, Ger

Just before I PCS'd from Ger, **Russ Berkoff** called me from Bad Kissigen. He is a cmdr in the 2nd Sqdn, 11 ACR. He & wife **Johanne** were married in Nov 85 and now have a girl named Brittney. Russ has been in touch with **Dan Zajac** who is still single and **Dana Pittard** who has been married a yr now. Dana is the S4 waiting for a cmd and has an article that will be published by **Military Review.** Russ thinks it's great that the trp he cmds is nicknamed "The Hogs" just as his old cadet co H-4.

Lastly I have the Hometown News Releases that have some great one-liners. **Gary Orton** participated in Team Spirit '86 in Korea where he is the S2 for the 37th FA. **Steve Carter** participated in Hell on Wheels I exercise at Ft Hood where he is a co cmdr in the 2nd Armd Div. **Tom Comodeca** earned the Air Assault Badge recently and is an Avn off with the 123rd Avn Bn. New arrivals include **Kevin Thompson** at the 17th FA, Korea, and **Louis Dimarco** at the 2nd Armd Div, Hood where he is in the S3 shop. **Greg Fritz** completed the German language course at DLI, Monterey and this should enable him to order snitzels and beer more effectively.

As I myself am going to be in AOAC this fall I don't know absolutely if I will be able to attend the reunion yet. God willing I'll put it off and hope to see as many of you there as possible.

'82

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Hello, Select Few. I hope this issue catches up with many of you as you PCS around the world between first and second assignments, adv courses, etc. There's a small group of our classmates who have recently gone through another graduation. Our med school attendees are now bonafide doctors. Among the new docs who sent a letter (actually the public affairs offs sent notifications) are **Matt Duban** and **Rodney Hollifield.** Matt was recognized for having served on the student honors comm and student peer review comm while at Southern IL U Med Sch. He graduated on 31 May and was en route to Brooke Army Med Ctr, Ft Sam Houston, TX. Rodney graduated from Hahnemann U Sch of Med in Phila, PA. He garnered honors as well, graduating with academic distinction in surgery. He's headed to a transitional residency at Wm Beaumont Army Med Ctr in El Paso. Congrats, Dr. Duban and Dr. Hollifield.

1982: Dave & Mary Ellen on their Caribbean honeymoon

In a few years we'll be reading about Dr. **Joe Kolb** as well. Joe has been at WP these past few yrs. He recently finished his assignment with 1/1 Inf Bn as the HHC cmdr. He & his wife **Barbara Jean** are currently at Reston, VA where Joe is attending Uniformed Svcs U Sch of Med. And if you drag out a Jul copy of **McCall's** magazine, you'll see Barbara Jean modeling. The Kolbs had some old buddies by on Memorial Day. **Gene Collett** and **Steve Kocher** stopped by for the holiday. Gene has recently extended with the 82d Abn and Steve was at Aberdeen Prov Gnd on a 3 mo TDY trip.

1982: Founders Day 1986, Ft Rucker

Rafael Ortiz is also at USMA. He's in the Admissions Dept. Rafael, **Dave Wilkins,** and **Archie Wilmer** all recently finished a 9 mo tour serving with Proj Outreach, filling the Class of 1990 with cadets who will try to be as good as the old Class of 1982. Rafael is headed to Ft Sill next, Arch is off to Korea, and Dave is headed to EOAC. **Steve Jarrard** was up at USMA for Founders Day. He was bound for IOAC at Ft Benning.

1982: Founders Day 1986, Ft Hood

Meanwhile at Ft Knox at AOAC, **Dave & Mary Ellen Palamar** are catching up on some lost time. They were married in Apr 83, but because of the Army and FORSCOM training scheduling, they never got to take a honeymoon. So in May 86 they took a Caribbean cruise through Nassau, St Martin, and St Thomas. They had a great time and recommend it to anyone who wants to just get away from the green suited rat race. Dave has many '82 classmates nearby and has seen **Craig Langhauser, Dave Todd, Ben Bergfelt,** and **Eric Sexton,** to name a few.

1982: Joe & Barbara Kolb; Founders Day 1986, West Point

Mike Woodgerd and **Tony Wickham** also checked into Knox for their adv courses. Mike was getting reacquainted with summertime sunshine after having spent the last 3 yrs in Ger. Tony went to Eur and found a wife. They'll be getting married in Nov in Dublin, Ireland, her home.

Pinkie Vanderburg is still in Korea. As many of you know, he got there in Mar 83 and has had cmd of a rifle co since Aug 85. After a 1 Oct chg of cmd, he'll finally come back to the USA. IOAC awaits Pinkie. He says he has loved every minute of his 3 plus yrs in the Land of the Morning Calm. A recent Founders Day in country was attended by Pinkie, **Mark & Stephanie Swanson, Jim Lasche,** and **Dave Green.** Mark came back stateside in Aug to attend the avn adv crs (in the same class as your class historian) and Jim and Dave came back in Apr.

We've got more cmdrs to report about. Although I have few details, it's reported that **Sue Sowers** has been in cmd of the 260 Trans Det in Ger. **Ron Welch** is now in cmd of HHC, 3 Bn, Eng Sch Bde, Ft Belvoir. **Jim Hogle** has been around these past few yrs. Now the cmdr of the 19 Repl Det at Bragg, Jim recently branch transferred to AG. He's been to Grenada and Hokkaido, Japan and will be looking at the AG adv crs at Ft Ben Harrison in a yr or so. He & his wife **Wynne** have an 18 mo old son, Chase.

We've got some new parents, too. **Scott & Kristi Hampton** became proud parents of a baby girl, Maria Maija on 29 Apr. Maria weighed 4lb 4oz at birth. Scott is currently at Benning attending IOAC.

Bob O'Connor gave an '82 A-3 report. Here goes. **Mark Tillman** got married to Miss **Sally Judith Young** at Bragg in Apr. **Steve Hawly** got bit by the marriage bug also and was wed to **Valerie Elian Coan** in AL in Apr. **Kurt Woods** is at EOAC at Belvoir. **Pat Cassidy** is working in DEH at Ft Sill. And **Bob & Lou Ann O'Connor** are at Toole Army Depot in Toole, UT. Lou Ann is expecting, so look for the baby photo soon.

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1982: Founders Day 1986, Ansbach, Ger

I'll be at Ft Rucker when this article hits the press. Avn adv crs and then back here to Ft Campbell. My writing address won't change since I'll be coming back here. Stability—I love it. Have a happy and safe fall. Talk to you in three mos.

'83

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Well here I am rushing around again to meet the deadline, but now that my computer is squared away I will hopefully be more organized by the next issue. For those of you who have asked, yes I did complete flight school and I now fly the Scout helicopter. After being excess for 18 mos and playing XO, I now have a real job as a sct plt ldr in 1/9 Cav.

I have received a number of Army and AF Hometown News Service Bulletins, so I'll hit the highlights, but they do not include dates.

Anthony F. Fulco "has graduated from the Off Rotary Wing Aviator Course and received the silver wings of an Army Aviator," and his wife **Yvonne** supported him through the course.

Soong B. Ahn is an XO in 2AD and "has participated in 'Hell on Wheels I,' (HOW I) field training exercise at Ft Hood, TX." His wife **Janet** didn't get to see him for 30 days.

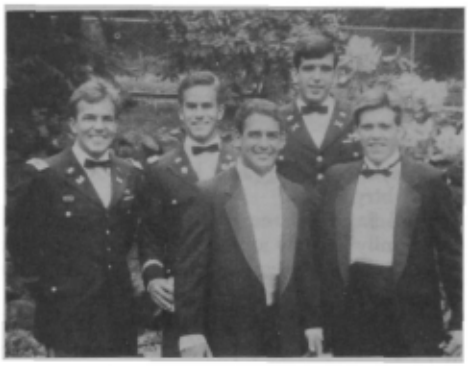
Steven C. Phelps, a plt ldr in 16th Inf, and **James P. Orchard**, a heavy missile FA off in the 56th FA Cmd have "been decorated with the Army Commendation Medal in West Ger."

The following have been awarded Army Achievement Medals: **Mark A. Davis**, XO in 1st Inf Div, Ft Riley; **Michael M. Mills**, XO in 23rd FA Det, Netherlands; and **Lori L. Sussman**, S-1 for 32nd Sig Bn, West Ger. This bulletin also does not print what the individual did to distinguish himself.

1983: Founders Day 1986, Ansbach, Ger

Scott McConnell is now the tng off for 4/7 Cav and a Cobra Jock in Korea, while his wife **Kathy** and his son Andrew are living in Palmdale, CA. He tells me we've got a few classmates, **Gerry Overstreet** and **Kelly Haines**, who are furthering their education with graduate school. "**Mike & Martha Stehlik** are at Bliss and are great hosts for anyone passing through El Paso." **Bob Moore**, sct plt ldr, is reported to still be living "The Life" at NTC, Planet Irwin. **Jim Chew** is still in Korea (over 2 yrs) as the aide to BG Getz.

Doug Quinlan is the Avn Det XO at Cooke Barracks, Goeppingen. "Several classmates are down the hill with the Grunt Bn: **Rex Adams, Steve Phelps,** and **Tim Loucks.**" Tim is now the HHC XO—a break from his old sct plt ldr job. "Had a great time at Founders Day in Heidelberg. Many Hampsters were in attendance: **Rich Smith, Si Holzman, Paul Cino, Bill Brietenbach, Tim Trainor** and **Tom Barth.**" While **Mary** enjoys Ger with the two babies, Doug slaves away at grad school through Boston U.



1983: Hyslop, Toth, Drago, Pieringer, North before Drago's wedding

1983: Cino's wedding, March 1985

Gary Pieringer, after being an XO and FDO in 1/84 FA, is now the plt ldr in the new MLRS btry and **Jim Drago** is the XO. "It is great to be working with him. Jim, myself, and **Nick Hyslop** were housemates in a huge house overlooking Puget Sound. But those guys have moved out; Nick has been reassigned to Turkey with the CE. Jim got married on 24 May to **Laure** from Tacoma, WA. **Jim North** (a btry XO in 1/67 FA at Ft Lewis) was his best man and Nick Hyslop, myself, and **Audi Toth**, who flew in from Ft Benning were sabre bearers. Coincidentally, Jim North and Jim Drago both met their future wives at the same party in Seattle in Oct 84; fortunately or unfortunately, I was in the field at Yakima firing center, our mini NTC in eastern WA.

"I love it here in the Northwest. I have gone skiing and sailing on the same weekend. McChord AFB is nearby and I took advantage of MAC by flying to Guam for scuba

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1983: Founders Day 1986, Ft Hood

diving last Apr. I saw **Scot Sager** while I was laying over in HI; he is an XO in an M198 btry.

Well **Jay & Grace Walsh** are working on a full family as they announce the birth of their second child, Bridget Marie, 8 lb 8 oz, born 22 May 86. Mathew was two in Aug.

Doug & Mary Quinlan also have their second child, Meghan Teresa, born 9 Aug 85. Patricia was two in Jul.

Thanks for all the letters, but there are some of you hiding out there that I still haven't heard from. So those of you who have written to me help to prod the rest into keeping in touch. See you next time.

'84

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Greetings, Best of the Corps! Another Army football season is upon us, and I'm sure all of our thoughts echo those of the team . . . BEAT NAVY! A fair amount of news has reached me for this issue so I'll jump right in.

It seems that each of my columns is starting with an obituary. I sincerely wish that this one could be different. The AOG notified me that **Ricky Stephenson** has died. I do not know any of the details. If anyone has any info regarding the incident, please let me know. Ricky was a friend and treasured classmate to all of us. I know that all of you join me in sending condolences to Ricky's family. We will miss him.

1984: Sparks, Nagel and Murphy at a hail & farewell

On to more pleasant news. **Brian Wepking's** wife **Cynthia** wrote from Ft Riley where Brian is with the 4/37 Armd. He has recently returned from participation in REFORGER. His trip was not all bus as he got to enjoy some of the German countryside and, of course, the beer. While there, he ran across **Greg Whalley** who is serving with the 2/3 Cav. Upon his return, Brian became the sct plt ldr—we wish him luck in that new job!

1984: Jason & Kwang Cha Lynch

Everyone thinks that life in CA is all fun and games and **Jim Nagel** sent pictorial evidence that this is true. Jim, **Bob Sparks,** and **Randy Murphy** are all serving with the Inf at Ft Ord and their bn functions look like more fun than the ones I attend! All three have recently moved into new jobs with Randy being a TOW plt ldr, Jim a spt plt ldr, and Bob a mortar plt ldr. Our congratulations go out to Bob who was married on 17 May!

Dennis Cahill dropped a line from ROK with a lot of news. Dennis ran into **Mark Triplett** the day he arrived in Seoul. Mark went to the 2nd S&T Bn while Dennis is serving in an MLRS btry. They shared the experience of going through the 2nd ID replacement center, alias the "turtle farm." Dennis claims that the name was earned since it takes a full yr to get from the in-processing building to the out-processing building which are only 20 ft apart!

Dennis wrote from **Craig Billman's** BOQ room where he was helping Craig pack to leave ROK for Ft Ord. These guys spent a few occasions together including the wedding of **Jason & Kwang Cha Lynch.** The happy couple were married on 1 Dec 85, and we wish them a lifetime of happiness together. Jason and his new bride are now heading for Ft Lewis. Many other classmates are preparing to leave the ROK. **Scott Rathbun** is heading for Ft Lewis after serving with 4/7 Cav. **Dave Edwards** is departing after a tour with 1/72 Armd, and **Jimmy Ricks** is finishing his time with the 2/17 FA. Dennis also ran across **Chris Brower,** who has extended to become XO of his FA btry, and **Greg Kane** who was last seen defending democracy on the DMZ.

1984: Luis & Brenda Parada

Founders Day in Korea was held after Team Spirit '86, and 8 classmates joined **Dennis** there. **Bill Arbaugh** finally finished "shamming" in grad school and joined the big green machine in ROK. **Karla Holden** extended to become a general's aide. **Brian Patton** recently arrived and is flying choppers around Seoul. **Randy Smith,** alias "Smitty," has also extended to continue his expert maintenance work with the 702nd. **Mitch Strickland** is flying for 2nd DivArty out of Camp Stanley. **John Quigg** was in the process of leaving for FRG and should be there by now. Also attending were **Mike Lewis** and **Paul Logan.** By the way, Dennis extended for 2 mos to write this letter, but he should have escaped the ROK by the time this is printed. Thanks for the info, Dennis!

1984: Parada getting resupplied during op in El Salvador

Dennis mentioned Team Spirit in his letter. Well, the Army and AF News Service sent word that a great number of classmates participated in that exercise. They include **John Spiszer, Jeff Bazemore, Mike Broski,** and **Doug Friedly.**

My good friend **Luis Parada** wrote from his home country of El Salvador. I mentioned last time that Luis had gotten married. Well, he sent a photograph to remove all doubts! Luis got away to Panama (where his wife, Brenda Amster '85, is stationed) for Founders

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1984: Andrews, Curry, and Becker leaving the NTC

day where he ran across **Cesar Candenado, Troy Foote,** and **Michelle Hernandez.** Luis also says that the training and new equipment being supplied to his country from the US is really making a difference. Good luck, Luis, and keep your head down!

1984: Landsburg and son Drew

Scott Richey's mom notified me that Scott was married in May. He & his wife **Heather** are living in Wurtzburg, FRG after honeymooning in Italy. Congratulations Scott & Heather! We all wish you the very best!

News from the eastern borders of democcracy came through **Greg Cook.** Greg is currently the XO of the 3rd Sqdrn's tank co in the 2nd Armd Cav. **Greg Whalley** is also an XO while **Cory Flemings** is serving as a cav plt ldr. **Mark Prusieski** is the sqdrn's chem off but will soon become the S3 (air). Besides the regular patrols of the Czech border, these guys also participated in Winter Reforger. Here, Greg ran across **Scott Huffman,** who was a plt evaluator, and **Dave Bruehen** who was with 1/1 Armd Cav.

1984: Lynn & Chrissy (Gayagas) Collyar

Speaking of FRG, the good old Army and AF News Service sent word that a few other classmates had arrived for duty. **Larry Zaenker** has joined the 16th Inf Regt and **Joe Molinaro** is serving with the 3rd Inf Div. Also in the news was **Mike Ferry** who participated in Reforger.

Pete Curry dropped a note from Ft Hood. He has recently experienced a rotation to the NTC along with **John Andrews** and **Brad Becker.** For anyone who hadn't heard, Brad was hit by a drunk driver prior to graduating. From the looks of the pic, he has made an outstanding recovery! John participated recently in Hell on Wheels I with the 2nd Armd Div. Pete has been accepted to the 75th Inf (Rangers) and will be joining them shortly! Congrats, Pete! In other news out of Ft Hood, **Matt Johnson** has arrived for duty. He will be serving with the 2nd Armd Div.

1984: Patty Aceves, Chrissy (Gayagas) Collyar, and Pam (Prentiss) Johnson

The prize for most interesting asgmt location goes to **Stan Mickens** who wrote from Okinawa, Japan. He is a co XO with the 1st Special Forces Gp. His job has taken him to every country in Asia except Laos, Cambodia, and Vietnam. Despite his interesting work, he is looking forward to being reassigned to my favorite place, Ft Bragg, this winter.

After spending a yr with the 101st Abn Div, **Paul & Angela McCloud** have moved to Ft Benning. Paul is an FSO for B Co, 3rd Bn (Rangers). Also in B Co is **Vince Alonso** who is a plt ldr. Paul says to look him up when you're in the area!

Some friends from EOBC also wrote from Ft Benning with fantastic news! **Karl & Pam Landsburg** were thrilled with the birth of their first child, Drew. Drew tipped the scales at 8.5 lbs when he was born, and Pam says that with the way he's growing, he'll be

1984: Founders Day 1986, Ft Rucker

trying out for the Army team soon! Karl has been travelling quite a bit. He got over to FRG for a CPX where he saw **Tom Schmutz** and **Dom & Karen Caracillo.** Congratulations and good luck with the little guy!

Congratulations also go out to **Lynn '79 & Chrissy (Gayagas) Collyar.** They were married this past Apr in HI. Grads from all recent classes were in attendance. Those from '84 were **Patty Aceves** and **Pam (Prentiss) Johnson,** who were bridesmaids, and **Brent Johnson, Chet Char, Matt Mullarkey, Carl Grunow,** and **Mike Broski,** who were saber bearers. Other grads included Steve Tullia, Chris Holden, and Lincoln Gayagas, all in '83. Chrissy & Lynn are preparing to leave Ft Carson for FRG. Good luck in the move and your life together!

Chrissy also sent along some news of others at Ft Carson. Kelly **(Harriman) Ziccarello** is preparing to depart for a "hardship" tour in HI. **Keith & Donna Baker** are doing well and have their hands full with their one yr old daughter, **Joelle.** Others that Chrissy has seen are **Paul Angresano, Jim Brown** (both just arrived from flight school), and **Joyce Schossau. Patty Aceves** has convoyed to Carson from El Paso, TX quite often. She is enjoying the life of a bachelorette!

Congrats go out to another married couple who are here in scenic Fayetteville, NC. **Scott & Katherine Eighmy's** wedding was witnessed by **Tony Orsini, Pete Weis, Mike Paretti,** and **Dan Hogan** who were all saber bearers. Best of luck in your life together! Give me a call, Scott, I'm local!

1984: Founders Day 1986, Ansbach, Ger

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1984: Founders Day 1986, Ft Hood

A great number of the "Best of the Corps" have received awards for their efforts throughout the Army. The AAM has been awarded to **Lloyd Stepenson, Stan Heath, Pete Weis, Mike Miklos, Jay Johnson, Paul Hogan, Conrad Holbert,** and **Alison Grey.** Receiving an ARCOM was **Shamus Hanlon** and the EIB was awarded to **George Sabochick.** Congratulations to all for a super job!

Aviators continue to report in for duty. **Scott Wakeland** and **Greg Kokoskie** are both serving in FRG. **Dave Arterburn** is joining the force in ROK while **Jim Muskopf** is staying stateside at Ft Campbell. Others that have received the coveted pilot wings are **Meg Gordon** and **Ron Reusch.** A new arrival who is not an aviator is **John Meyers** who is now assigned as a tng off at the FA Ctr at Ft Sill.

1984: Founders Day 1986, Panama

Before I close I'd like to apologize to **Scott Hamilton** who is here at Ft Bragg, attended Founders Day, and was left off of the list in last issue! Scott is currently in the 618th Engr Co here. I also ran across **Andy Lawrisuk** the other day. He is the asst S4 for the 4th Psyops Gp. As for me, I just moved up to the S3 shop to become const off. I work with a couple of old grads, Joe Homa '83 and John Pulliam '82 in what we affectionately call the "sweat shop." Not that we do a lot of work in the off, it just has no air conditioning and no windows!

Well. I guess that's it. As always, my sincerest thanks to those who took the time to write. Unfortunately, I don't have the time to answer the letters except in the column, but I love reading every one! Until the Christmas issue, BE SAFE! And, of course, BEAT NAVY!!!

'85

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Hello again from sunny CA, land of the head rush (or was that the gold rush?)! Ask yourself "am I striving for excellence?" I'll tell you, the bond that our Class feels has truly come out of the woodwork over the past two mos with all the letters and phone calls I've received concerning the welfare of classmate **Keith Landry.** As many of you know by now, Keith was involved in a very serious accident at Ranger School. The last official word I have is that he is recovering in a hosp at Ft Gordon, GA. We certainly will pray for his speedy and safe recovery and for his family whom I'm sure have spent many late nights by his side over the past few wks. Keith is a strong individual and will bounce back I'm sure.

1985: Phillips marries Joyce Vortherms

I've heard from many of you since my last article, and it is certainly great to find out what is going on with all of you throughout the world. Congratulations are in order for **Harvey & Glenis Augustine** who were married last Jul and are expecting their first baby in Sep. Glenis will be joining Harvey in Ger soon after the baby is born.

Another member of the 2% club, **John "Pops" Malobicky** married his HS sweetheart **Lisa** in Jun. Soon after "Pops" stole a horse and carriage from Central Park, he rushed to the Point to be married. John & Lisa now reside at Ft Hood, TX.

Deep from the land of the "Swamp Rats," **Bill Rudnicke** and **Rick Sands** are having a remarkable time at Ft Polk. Bill decided he didn't break his arm well enough at Ft Belvoir, so he let a soldier do it to him again during a football game. With their eyes set on obtaining a MacArthur image and taking advantage of local terrain features, Rick and Bill were last seen practicing beach landings in RB-15s, smoking corncob pipes. Just a rumor though!

1985: "The few, the proud, the Carmel clan"

Also in the south, **Peter Everett** wrote to me from Ft Hood. He has been tracking "BBY" license plates during his spare time to keep up with his surveillance techniques from MIOBC. He also informed me that he recently joined the swinging singles club and is looking for takers! Best of luck, Pete!

1985: Mrs. Matt Peretin anxiously awaiting the touch of a saber!

Congratulations are in order for **Jennifer Moeringer** and **Neal Lovell.** Jennifer recently got selected to be a member of the ALL Army Basketball team. She is located at Ft Campbell, KY. Neal was recently decorated with the Army Achievement Medal. He is working with the 12th Engr Bn in Ger.

Ernie Benner, having been recognized as honor grad at IOBC (in a sober state he adds) is on his way to Ger, taking hold of the Inf with a firm grip. Ernie's loving the Army, not uncommon for most of us (don't ya know). Besides having an interesting outlook on women, the fact he hasn't received his **Howitzer** yet, and being an "Abn Reindeer leading the Sleigh," Ernie's loving every min of it. By the way, he's wondering if **Alec Alessandra** can print up all the 'Phers addresses on the 'ole computer and send them out? What you say Alec?

Rod MacBride has arrived in Ger with 27th FA and has seen **John Heison, Tom Krapp-**

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1985: Founders Day 1986, Ft Rucker

1985: Post-Ranger party at the Levens' place

stadt, Scott Husing, Pete Jones, and **Ed Giles.** Heard from **Randy Bentz;** he just returned from **Matt Peretin's** wedding. Also in attendance were **Steve Bruch, Chris Smith, Curt Hunter,** and **Doug Sena.** Randy will be at flight school for awhile. **Mike McMahon,** my hero, is headed to Ft Campbell as a scout pilot in Aug.

1985: John, Virginia and Theresa Anne Todd

Several of our classmates have arrived in Mannheim, FRG. **Jeff & Vanessa (Villanova-Merritt) Swisher** are there along with **Pedro Berreda, Nick Mastrovito, Tony Emmi, Mark & Dorothy Johnson, John Forrester** and **Jackie Marshall.**

Speaking of potential, how about **Jeff Pike** writing to me from the field sanitation course (Jeff, buddy, "I believe Kelly secretly enrolled you in that class for a purpose, you think?") Jeff & **Kelly** are enjoying life in HI (can't imagine why-sun, beach, girls, guys-sounds scary!). They have run into **Brett Sortor, Tom Price, John Montgomery, Bob Freehill, Gene Lezinski, Bill Gore,** and **Rick Bowyer.**

From the land of the morning calm, **Patti Carman** wrote having just arrived to ROK in Apr. She made it to Founders Day to see **Kathy Ryan** as the youngest grad speaker. She has also run into or heard that the following people are now in Korea: **Doug Hersh, John Shaw, Vinnie Toscano, Judy Wong, Alec Alessandra, Kevin Faulkner, Sue Miller, Lisa Knight,** and **Rhonda King.** My question to you all—"are monkey brains really a delicacy item at restaurants or what?"

Tom "Delta" Desrosier graduated from the Bradley course, along with **Kurt Levens** and **Mike Taylor,** and is headed to Ger. As you can tell from the photo, Tom was in no hurry to rush off to Ger before he made a few pitstops along the way. His goal is to eventually find the St Pauli girl. Kurt & his wife and baby were here at Ft Ord in Jun visiting **Tim Lawrence.** Kurt may not have won the silver cup, but he has got everyone beat in his quest for the "bronze." Yes, his second child is on the way! I don't remember if I mentioned it in a previous column or not, but Tim is engaged to a wonderful girl from L.A. and will be getting married in Jan. As for **Charlie "Wildman" Mallory,** he may be falling fast. He'll let you in on the rest of the details.

Classmate **Dave Rizzo** has the inside scoop for anyone desiring a discount cruise to Libya or a tour of the Mediterranean. He managed to get stationed in Naples, Italy and is rubbing elbows with a respectable number of O-6's. He mentioned that **Doug Rombough** was involved in a bad motorcycle accident but recovered well. Our best wishes to him & his wife **Kathy** for a strong recovery.

Quote of the Quarter goes to two-time winner, **Nello Tortora,** who says, "I love to smash the enemy into protons, it's an elegant violence and a good way to blow off steam!" Of course, Nels is referring to his deep love for Rugby down at Ft Benning. Although his request for a 2 yr TDY trip to Ft Lauderdale was rejected (probably Gramm-Rudman), he is now considering the luxury of a harem in a GP medium in Saudi Arabia. Might work!

Congratulations to **John & Virginia (Condit) Todd** for the new addition to their family, Theresa Anne, who was born 9 Mar 86 at Ft Bragg. John, taking charge like a good

1985: Malobicky wedding party

1985: '85 with Supe; Founders Day 1986, Ansbach, Ger

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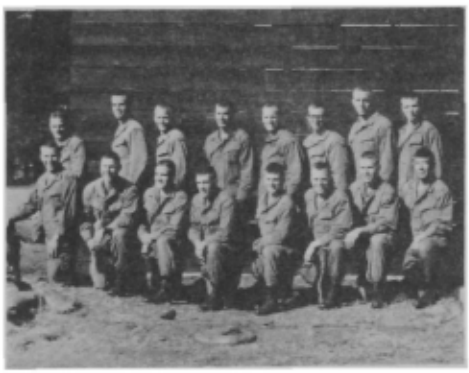
1985: Founders Day 1986, Ft Hood



1985: Ranger class 2-86

LT might, arrived in time to change the first diaper. Got to love it . . . can't wait!

Listen, we are in search of the first born child in our Class. If you think you are eligible, send a copy of your child's birth certificate to me and I'll forward it to **John Lopes**, Mr Pres, for final disposition. We need to reward the fool with the coveted silver cup. Ft Ord is hanging tough as we anxiously await div war in Aug and the result of the "raffle a bn to the Sinai" contest. With **Dee Bryant's** vast knowledge of the Turkish culture, to include various hand signals used periodically by wild Arabs (those signals taught by none other than the amazing manchild, Calvin C. Dewitt), I believe div is waiting to see which unit Dee "Train" goes to. What have ya! As for me, my life is currently in a shambles, but somewhow I'll come out of this smelling like a rose. Till next time, as they might say in the jungles of Guatemala, "Take care and God bless." Let's pray for **Keith!**

'86

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Congratulations '86! I guess now we can call ourselves "Old Grads." Since the submission date for this column was 30 Jun, I know none of you have thought about writing me. Beginning graduation night at **Deano Doorman's** bash, I am sure none of you have had a sober thought for the past 33 days, so I understand why no one has written. Luckily, I stayed behind and collected enough info to give this article some substance.

Jun graduation was memorable. It was far different from the two hr sweat in May. Graduation was held in the cool comfort of Ike Hall and lasted only 20 mins. Unfortunately the Supe did not address the Jun grads because he was in Australia at his son's wedding. The Com inspired us with hope and determination. The super bunch of guys graduating were **John Bachleda, Ken Weidinger, John Collison, Berke Cooke, John Bacot, 'Doc' Holliday, Eric Judkins, Ruben Rios, Danita Pope, Sherman Lane, Joe Meadows, Louis Gibson, Anne Stouffer, Mike Mennelle, Ed Mount, Jeff Stancliff,** and yours truly.

1986: Founders Day 1986, Ft Ord

Since May graduation there have been 36 marriages or catastrophes (depending on your frame of reference) held at WP. The classmates married at the Catholic Chapel were **Rock Armonda, Eugene Baker, Bob Penna, Mike Flanagan, BJ Zoppa, Andy Pullenza, Matt Christ, Linda Fetko, Rock Marcone, Mary Ellen Conway, James DiOrio, Mark Levesque, Peter Bechtel, Jim Griffen, Rusty Bittle, Gary Domke, Billy Schiffer,** and **Matt Rotella.** The ones married in the Cadet Chapel were **Beverly Johnson, Randy Donaldson, Phyllis Erkins, Eugene Baker, Frank Flowers, Jeff Williams, David Galloway, Steve Balentine, Mike Goodridge, Marian Vlasak, Patricia Melcher, Sean Kenna, Steve Stone, Bill Busnett, Jim Clancy, Kevin Whitaker, Craig Stopa, Ted Kostich,** and **Mike Bertha.** I know it is a long laundry list, but you must include everyone possible. If I left you out, please write.

Beverly Johnson was the first in the Class to be married. She married Demetrius Oatis '84 at 1700 on 28 May. **Matt Christ** and **Linda Fetko's** marriage was pictured in the **Pointer View.** Linda wore a traditional wedding gown while Matt wore a tux. (What happened to dress blues?) **Rock Marcone** provided a touching moment at his reception. He tore a 50 dollar bill in half and gave half to **Jimmy Howard** to signify their close friendship. Jimmy told me later that he wished Rock had been more prudent and purchased him a blonde.

Jay Dymek and **Matt Pawlikowski** stayed behind after graduation to put the final touches on the HOWITZER.

Unfortunately, I have some bad news. **Landon Lock** shattered his left knee cap one wk after graduation while visiting **Rich Minicozzi.** I know we all wish Landon a speedy recovery so he can get his career rolling.

That is all the news I collected. Send me your pictures and tell me what you are doing. I made this appeal cow yr and I received three pictures. Things are different now. "We are responsible 2LTs." The deadline for the Dec issue is 25 Sep. Mail what you have to the above address. I am sure my parents are competent enough to forward my mail until I get to Ft Riley in Feb. Until next time, study hard and don't party too much at OBC.

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during FY 86. The names of these individuals are as follows: Colonel James O'Hara '34; Colonel Leonard D. Henry '31; MG Robert L. Dulaney '23; Colonel James R. Wheaton '26; Mrs. Mary Crosby Hochwalt, W'12; Mrs. H. L. Peckham, W/Nov'18; Mrs. Marcel G. Crombez, W'25; and Mr. Charles E. Main, Parent '49. The combined value of these eight bequests was $599,158.

The popularity of the family of life income plans, as a means of expressing one's commitment to the Military Academy, continues to grow. Of the twelve gifts totalling $380,995 in FY 86, three were gifts to the West Point Pooled Life Income Fund No. 1, eight were Charitable Gift Annuities and one was a Charitable Remainder Annuity Trust. These cases have been written up in the Bulletin Board Section of previous issues of the ASSEMBLY to the extent the donors would allow their names to be used.

Now in its ninth year of existence, the Planned Giving Program of the Association of Graduates has received 61 gifts which have been paying a life income to the beneficiaries and which have provided substantial tax and estate benefits to the donors. The total value of these assets based on their date of gift value is over $2.9 million. In most cases, West Point will receive the remainder of these trusts when the life income beneficiaries have passed on.

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BEAT NAVY

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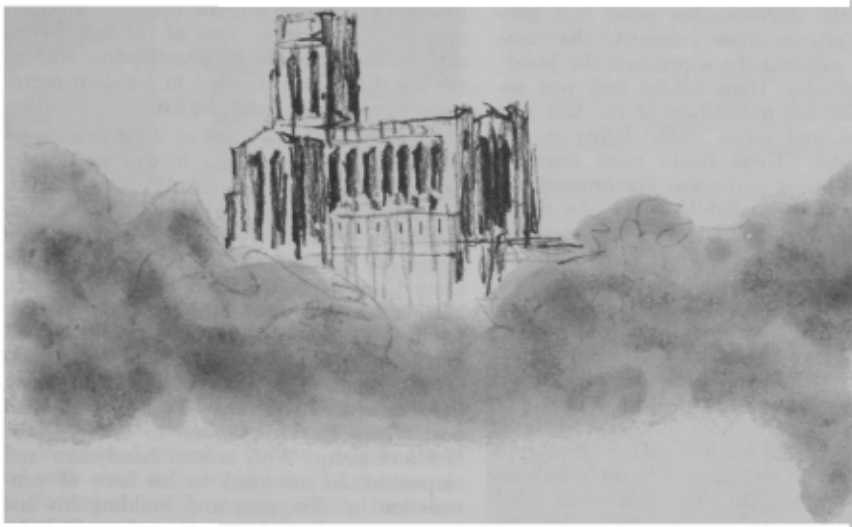
Be Thou At Peace

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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William Henry Holcombe

NO. 5206 CLASS OF 1914

Died 6 November 1980 in Walter Reed Army Hospital, Washington, DC, aged 89 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

WILLIAM HENRY HOLCOMBE

WILLIAM HENRY HOLCOMBE, the only son of John Walker and Effie McQuat Holcombe, was born in Washington, DC on 21 September 1891. He graduated from Western High School and attended George Washington University for one year. When he was in high school, his interest in engineering caused him to spend his summers on government survey teams verifying the state lines of Utah. He was appointed to the United States Military Academy by Senator Thomas R. Marshall of Indiana, who later became vice president under President William H. Taft.

He entered the Military Academy in March of 1910. His enthusiasm for the academic and military aspects of academy life was so great that he wore stars each academic year, became a cadet captain, graduated first in his class in 1914, and chose the Corps of Engineers as his branch of service.

His first assignment as a second lieutenant was to the 1st Battalion of Engineers at Washington Barracks, which later was renamed Fort Leslie J. McNair. Shortly after becoming a first lieutenant in 1915, he and his company built a tent camp and target range along the Potomac River. These were the first military facilities established at the location which became Fort Humphreys, and which is now known as Fort Belvoir, Virginia. In 1916, he married Dorothy Gray Brooks whose father was Edwards Cranston Brooks (USMA 1886). Shortly thereafter he was transferred with his battalion for service along the Mexican Border. The primary mission of his battalion was to provide bridges for the forces of Brigadier General John J. Pershing, who led the punitive expedition against Pancho Villa. Just before World War I began, he returned to Washington Barracks, was promoted to captain, and was assigned to the 6th Engineer Regiment as the supply officer. Four months later, as a major, he took command of a battalion in the same regiment. In December 1917 he and his unit joined the American Expeditionary Force in France. While he was overseas, his daughter, Dorothy, was born in Washington, DC, in May 1918. He became assistant commandant of the Army Engineer School, AEF, at Langres, France and near the end of the war was promoted to lieutenant colonel.

When the war ended and the Army was reduced to its peacetime size, he reverted to the grade of captain. He graduated from the Engineer School at Fort Humphreys, Virginia in 1920 and remained at the school for three years as an instructor. He then became the assistant to the Engineer Commissioner of Washington, DC. The commissioner served on the three-member panel that governed the city in those years. As the commissioner's assistant, he supervised the building of McKinley High School and was responsible for the installation of the first system of red and green traffic lights in the United States. These lights were installed along 16th Street and were synchronized to keep traffic flowing slightly below the speed limit. His first son, William H. Jr., was born in Washington, DC in 1924.

He became the district engineer in New Orleans, Louisiana in 1926, and as a major he directed the construction of the Bonnet Carre Spillway. This remarkable flood control project is located about 30 miles above New Orleans and connects the Mississippi River with Lake Ponchatrain. The spillway diverts a portion of the flow of the Mississippi River, and therefore makes it possible to control the river level in New Orleans at flood time. Since the spillway was built, the city has escaped the devastating floods that frequently inundated the area prior to its construction. His second son, Thomas W., was born in New Orleans in 1930.

Transferred to the Philippine Islands in 1932, he took command of the 14th Engineers at Fort William McKinley. This mule and horse drawn regiment built roads and bridges on Bataan Peninsula which were used at the beginning of World War II by the forces of Generals Wainwright and Parker in their defense of Bataan. He was promoted to lieutenant colonel in 1935, and after graduating from the Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas was assigned as the district engineer in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, with responsibility for the navigable waterways flowing into Lake Michigan.

He assumed the position of assistant commandant of the Engineer School, Fort Belvoir, Virginia in 1940. This caused him to comment that the song "Benny Havens" was right on the mark, especially the part about promotion being very slow. He then pointed out that in 1918 he was the assistant commandant of the Engineer School, AEF, as a lieutenant colonel, and 22 years later he was the assistant commandant of the Engineer School at Fort Belvoir, still as a lieutenant colonel.

He was promoted to colonel in the spring of 1941. Shortly after World War II began, he became chief engineer on the staff of General Joseph W. Stilwell and flew to the Far East by way of Africa and India. He was with the group that General Stilwell led out of Burma on foot, barely escaping the pursuing Japanese. The group covered 140 miles in thirteen days, through dense jungles and mountains, in unbearable heat, with hardly any food, and with little or no rest. Suffering from malaria and dysentery, he wasted away to a walking skeleton and was placed on convalescent leave in India. Upon his return to active service, he commanded a center for training and equipping 80,000 Chinese soldiers, was promoted to brigadier general and became the deputy commanding general of the services of supply for the China-Burma-India Theater of Operations. He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal and the Legion of Merit for his work in Burma and India. He returned to the United States in 1944 and was placed on convalescent leave at Hot Springs, Arkansas until his health was fully restored. He then became the commanding general of the Amphibious and Jungle Warfare Training Center at Camp Gordon Johnston, Florida. When World War II ended, his command became a separation center, and upon the completion of that mission, the center was scheduled for deactivation. One of his last official acts in that process of deactivation was to initiate the papers that led to his own retirement from active duty in 1946.

General Holcombe's ties to West Point were strong and enduring, and it was with great pride that he saw his sons William E. Holcombe, Jr. (USMA 1945) and Thomas W. Holcombe (USMA 1953) and his grandson Robert K. Holcombe (USMA 1971) join the Long Gray Line. He lived in Miami Beach, Florida for two years after retiring, but his fondness for the Washington, DC area caused him to move back to the familiar countryside of his youth. There he bought land along the Potomac River near Fort Belvoir, the post where he had worked to establish the first tent camp. With several handymen and carpenters, he returned to his love of construction by designing and building his last home, a ranch style rambler, in which he lived in quiet retirement. His wife died in 1976, and after a short illness, he died in a hospital in Washington, DC on 6 November 1980. Thus, in the city where his life began, ended the life and career of a dedicated and brilliant soldier who served his country with honor and distinction during critical periods in its history. He is survived by one daughter, two sons, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He was our father, our inspiration and our friend. Throughout his busy and exciting career, he devoted special time and effort to teach us the value of integrity, honesty and compassion for our fellow human beings. His earnest desire was to guide us in learning to live our lives by helping others rather than seeking profit for ourselves. We grip his hand though it be from the shadows, secure in the knowledge that whatever good there is in us came from him.

By his son, William H. Holcombe, Jr.

James Byron Haskell

NO. 5265 Class of 1914

Died 20 May 1985 in Sarasota, Florida, aged 93 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

JAMES BYRON HASKELL was born in Maine Prairie, Minnesota, 17 July 1891, the son of James Fred Haskell and Cora Matilda (Hammons) Haskell. Jim was admitted to the United States Military Academy 1 March 1910, on an appointment from the father of Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh, Minnesota. His years at West Point were a time of achievement and dedication and were spent working steadily and conscientiously. In addition to his studies, Cadet Haskell participated in extra-curricular activities and was

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JAMES BYRON HASKELL

a marksman, a member of the basketball squad, and the indoor and outdoor track meet. He also was a wrestler.

Upon graduation in 1914 he was commissioned a second lieutenant, Coast Artillery Corps. His first assignment was at Fort Monroe, Virginia, September 1914 to August 1915 and with coast defenses of Long Island Sound to November 1917, during which time he was made a first lieutenant.

Jim's wartime services commenced December 1917, when as captain he was sent to France, serving with the 51st Artillery, Coast Artillery Corps (old 6th Regiment) to March 1918. After various assignments in France, he served as major on the General Staff of the American Expeditionary Forces under General Pershing at Chaumont, France until May 1919. He was ordered back to the United States in June 1919.

After duty at Fort Totten, New York, and Camp Jackson, South Carolina, Jim became professor of Military Science and Tactics at Virginia Polytechnic Institute in Blacksburg from November 1919 to June 1923. Requesting a leave of absence while at Fort Monroe, Virginia, to join the Signal School at Camp Alfred Vail, New Jersey (later Fort Monmouth), he became a student officer October 1923 to June 1924, when he was graduated and transferred to the Signal Corps.

While at Fort Monroe, Virginia, he was Signal Corps member, Coast Artillery Board, October 1924 to June 1927. He then went to Fort Amador, Canal Zone, as signal officer, Panama Canal Division, September 1927 to April 1930. He left to join the Signal School, Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, April 1930, and subsequently became director, Department of Enlisted Specialists, the Signal School, August 1930 to June 1931. At Fort Monmouth, the now Lieutenant Colonel Haskell was executive officer, Signal Corps Replacement Training Corps, September 1940 to January 1941. As a colonel, Jim was post commander, Fort Monmouth September 1942 to November 1944. His last assignment was deputy commander, Headquarters, Camp Crowder, Missouri, April 1945 to March 1946. He retired 31 August 1946.

His decorations include the following: World War I—Academic Francaise (Palms) 1919; World War II—Army Commendation Medals, 1942-1944 and 1945-1946.

In 1915 Jim was married to Marjorie Groves Cameron, who died in 1969. Their daughters are Mrs. Marjorie Winn and Mrs. Elizabeth Lindberg of Bradenton, Florida. He is survived by his second wife, Edith, the former Mrs. Leonard Swain, whom he married in June 1970.

He will be missed by relatives and friends who remember him as a fine and likeable man, and we are sure that in his life he touched many people in a very positive way.

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Benjamin Fiery Hoge

NO. 5300 Class of 1914

Died 9 March 1985 at Alexandria, Virginia, aged 94 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

BENJAMIN FIERY HOGE

KNOWN AS "BENNY" to all his classmates, he was a champion of the highest standards and traditions of an old army that have long passed into history. Leaving us to join the Long Gray Line, he stood his last post with fortitude and courage. Indeed, the old soldiers of the British Army, whom he deeply admired from his service with them in 1917, would have said, "He went West in splendid form."

Appointed to the Academy from Missouri in 1910, Benny became one of the leaders in his class. A splendid athlete, he was football captain in 1913, right end and All American Honorable Mention.

Following graduation, Benny was assigned to the 10th Cavalry on the Arizona-Mexican border. His introduction to army life was truly with the "old army" of the western frontier, with most officers and other ranks spending their entire military lives in one regiment. In 1917, Benny crossed the border with the 10th Cavalry, in the lead formation of Pershing's expedition. Well into Mexico, Benny's troop was ordered by General Pershing on a mission far in front of the main column. Nearly the entire troop was killed, with Benny the surviving officer, for on that day only he was troop officer in charge of the wagon train at the end of the regimental column.

After Mexico, and with American entry in the First War, Benny was at Fort Myer training officers for combat in France. Shortly, he was with the 30th Division and then to France in the advance party of the American Expeditionary Forces to observe combat conditions with front line French and British divisions. That experience left him with deep admiration for the spirit and traditions of the British Army, all certainly reinforced when his batman was killed while shielding him from shell fire.

Following the First War, from 1919-1924 Benny was at West Point and became Master of the Sword. He also was on the football coaching staff and helped produce some of Army's most successful teams.

In the years between the wars, Benny's career followed the usual course: school at Fort Leavenworth; faculty member at the Cavalry School and service with the 2nd Cavalry, Fort Riley; a tour of ROTC service at Culver Military Academy; and in 1939, at Fort Bliss, he was acting regimental commander, 7th Cavalry. At Culver in the early 1930s, he organized and coached a cadet polo team to a national championship. He returned to Culver in 1939 and gained enormous pleasure in working with and teaching young men who in their service during the war established an epic history of sacrifice and leadership to the nation.

Leaving Culver in 1944, he became post executive at Fort Monroe. In 1946, he joined the 2nd Cavalry Brigade in Japan as executive officer and also served with Headquarters, Eighth Army. Washington was his final assignment before saying farewell to "Army Blue" in 1951.

Wherever he served, in four regiments, Officers Training Camp in the First War, in a British division in Flanders, and with the cadets at Culver, he was a "soldier's soldier." One old soldier from Fort Bliss and Culver days, Captain Stephen Mac Gregor (killed on D-Day), put it best—"we were proud to serve under his command."

In the end he was courageous with cancer and firm in his belief that the Long Gray Line led to some solemn shore where dear friends and comrades from regiments of long ago shall meet again.

From 1916, until her death in 1977, Benny was married to Rebecca Parran of Baltimore, Maryland. She was with Benny out west on the old Arizona border, and on more than one occasion was protected from marauding bandits by the 10th Cavalry Apache Indian Scout Detachment.

Benny is survived by two daughters, Barbara Penne and Beverly Hoge, by a son Benjamin, and by two granddaughters, Dr. Hilary Hoge and Leslie Hoge. He is also survived by his son-in-law, Lieutenant Colonel Harold Penne (USMC, Retired), and by his daughter-in-law, Wendy W. Hoge. Benny was predeceased by two brothers, William and Kenneth, both graduates of the Academy.

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Joseph May Swing

NO. 5350 CLASS OF 1915

Died 9 December 1984 at Letterman General Hospital, Presidio of San Francisco, California, aged 90 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

A HERO IS a man noted for his feats of courage or nobility of purpose—especially one who has risked his life; a person prominent in some field, period, or cause by reason of his special achievements or contributions; a person of distinguished valor or fortitude; and a central personage taking an admirable part in any remarkable action or event; hence, a person regarded as a model.

When Webster and his successors wrote

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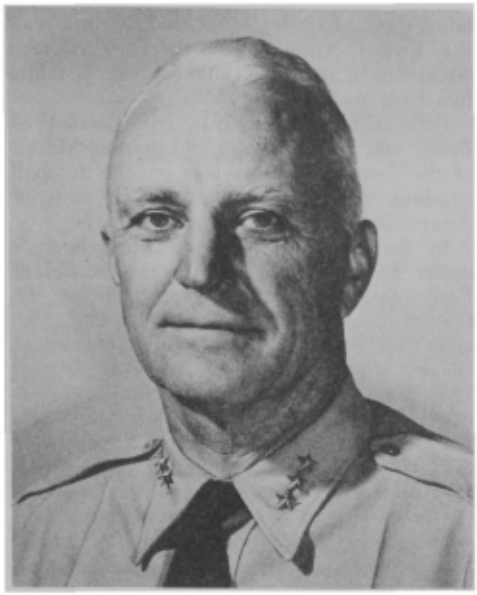

JOSEPH MAY SWING

the above definitions of a hero, they could have been thinking of and describing the traits of character and the accomplishments in peace and war of one man: Joseph May Swing. For General Swing was indeed a hero. He was a man of remarkable achievements who deeply impressed all of us who served for and with him, either during his long and distinguished career in the Army or during his tenure as Commissioner of the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Joseph May Swing was born on 28 February 1894, in Jersey City, one of three sons of Mary Ann (Snellgrove) and Joseph Swing, a contractor in Jersey City. He went to elementary and secondary school in the public school system and in 1911 graduated from Barringer High School. He entered West Point directly from high school and graduated 38th in the class of 1915, a group of men who would eventually become star-studded and famous. On graduation, Lieutenant Swing selected the Artillery as his branch.

In 1916 Lieutenant Swing was part of the punitive expedition to Mexico against Francisco Villa under the leadership of General John J. Pershing. In 1917, shortly after the US entered the war in Europe, Major Swing joined the artillery of the 1st Division in France. When he returned to the US in 1918, he became an aide-de-camp to the Army's Chief of Staff, General Peyton C. March. On 8 July 1918, he married Josephine Mary March, the daughter of General March. Later that year, he joined the 19th Field Artillery at Fort Myer, Virginia, and in 1921 sailed for Hawaii to command the 1st Battalion of the 11th Field Artillery at Schofield Barracks.

In 1925, he returned to the States and assumed command of the 9th Field Artillery at Fort Des Moines, Iowa. The following year he graduated with honors from the Field Artillery School at Fort Sill, and in 1927 he graduated from the Command and Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. For the next four years, he was on duty in the Office of the Chief of Field Artillery in Washington, DC, and in 1933 he became chief of its war plans section. In 1935, he graduated from the Army War College in Washington and then joined the 6th Field Artillery at Fort Hoyle, Maryland.

Next, he went to Fort Sam Houston where he was the chief of staff of the 2d Division from 1938 to 1940. Later, he commanded the 82d Horse Artillery Regiment of the 1st Cavalry Division at Fort Bliss, Texas and then commanded its division artillery. He was promoted to brigadier general in 1941 and at Camp Claiborne, Louisiana, organized the division artillery of the 82d Division, a move which was to project him into the brand new field of "airborne." The 82d Division was slated to become the Army's first airborne division and gained fame in World War II as the 82d Airborne Division. In Camp Claiborne, General Omar Bradley was the 82d Division commander. General Ridgway was the assistant division commander, and Colonel Maxwell D. Taylor was the chief of staff.

In February of 1943, as a newly promoted major general, General Swing was assigned the task of activating the 11th Airborne Division at Camp Mackall, North Carolina, the Army's third airborne division. Thus began for General Swing a tenure of service which was unique then and still remains a record: division commander of one division for five years, during which he activated the division, trained it, and commanded it in combat and during its subsequent occupation of Japan. During this period, General Swing and the 11th Airborne Division became synonymous; the man was the division and the division was the man.

General Swing made his mark on the Army and on the thousands of men who passed through the 11th Airborne Division in a way which those of us who were fortunate enough to serve with and have known him will never forget. His subordinates and superiors have described General Swing with numerous adjectives: forceful, energetic, courageous, self-disciplined, purposeful, far-sighted, innovative, just, sentimental, short-tempered, forgiving, sincere, considerate, demanding—and with it all, handsome, erect, prematurely gray, with a lean, tanned face from which steely-blue eyes focused with incredible sharpness either to find a mistake or an accomplishment of a subordinate. General Swing fitted all of those descriptive adjectives to one degree or another; illustrations to exemplify each trait abound, particularly in the lore of the 11th Airborne Division. And as the years go by and as the men of the 11th gather at reunions, the stories about the "old man" increase and take on a sharper and more pungent flavor.

There is no doubt that General Swing was demanding in training, insisting on excellence, and setting and requiring the highest of standards for the 11th Airborne Division so that when it entered combat, after months of grueling training in Camp MacKall, Camp Polk, and New Guinea, the division was ready to take on the Japanese in the mud and rain across the uncharted central mountains of Leyte. Early in its combat career, it was ready to thwart a Japanese parachute attack on the division command post and nearby San Pablo airfield at Burauen, Leyte.

General Swing demonstrated his courage and vitality on that occasion by personally leading a Civil War-like attack across the airstrip with engineers, supply troops, and a glider field artillery battalion armed with carbines and rifles against the dug-in Japanese paratroopers who had had the audacity to attack the 11th Airborne from the air. In short order, the Japanese paratroopers, the elite Katori Shimpei of the Japanese forces, were routed, and the San Pablo airfield was back in the hands of the 11th Airborne Division.

Throughout the days of combat of Leyte and Luzon, General Swing demonstrated his indomitable courage, his clear sense of tactics, his ability to decentralize to his commanders, his sincere concern for his troops, and his unwillingness to commit them haphazardly. On Luzon, after the successful amphibious landing of his two glider regimental combat teams across the beaches of Nasugbu, he called in his 511th Parachute Regimental Combat Team from Nimdoro to jump on Tagaytay Ridge and lead the attack on Manila from the south. Historians have claimed that, at that time, because the 11th was the only sizeable force in southern Luzon, General Swing and the 11th Airborne had "a beachhead 65 miles long and 500 yards wide." He may have worried about his logistics tail being snapped, but it did not deter him from accomplishing his mission.

In the fighting against the Genko Line which guarded the southern approach to Manila and protected the southern flank of Neilson Field and Fort McKinley, the 11th Airborne proved that its days of hard training and inspired planning and leadership by General Swing paid off. The division reduced the Genko Line, a formidable array of 44 dug-in 120-mm. coast artillery pieces, 1200 concrete bunkers and pill boxes, 164 ground-hugging anti-aircraft weapons, hundreds of machine guns and 280 booby-trapped naval mines with skill and minimum losses considering the extent of the opposition, the size of the division (just over half the size of a standard infantry division), and the lightness of its airborne weapons.

After the fighting on Luzon was over, the division moved into a rest area near Lipa, Luzon, for additional training and preparation for the invasion of Japan. But then came Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and the unexpected surrender of the Japanese. General Swing was ordered to move his division by air to Okinawa and then to Japan in an unprecedented airlift by which the 11th spearheaded the landings in Japan. The division provided the honor guard for General MacArthur's subsequent arrival at Atsugi Airfield, near Yokohama.

General Swing was on the first aircraft to land at Atsugi on the morning of 30 August 1945. He was met at the bottom of the ramp by a Japanese three-star general wearing a samurai saber; other Japanese officers with him were so armed. The Japanese general extended his hand to shake the hand of General Swing—who would have none of it. Instead, he ordered the enemy general to remove the saber in spite of the latter's protestation that it was not a weapon but a symbol of authority. General Swing informed the Japanese general that he was the authority around there from now on even though he was backed by only a few 11th Airborne men from his C-54.

General Swing continued to command the 11th during the occupation of his sector of Japan, Hokkaido and northern Honshu, until 1948; then, in early 1948, he became the commander of I Corps with headquarters in Kyoto.

The late Major General Doug Quandt, who served very closely with General Swing for many years in both peace and war, had this to say about him; it applies particularly to General Swing's service with the 11th: "The general is so energetic and purposeful that he could tend to break under pressure were it not for the safety valve provided by his sense of humor and his ability to relax completely. . . . In combat, General Swing's quick, incisive mind enabled him to reach decisions rapidly, and he never hesitated to make them. . . . In the inexperienced world of the early airborne, he accurately foresaw its problems as well as its possibilities, and

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he became an outspoken advocate of division and corps assaults, as opposed to those of regimental and smaller size; the joint training and stationing of airborne and troop carrier units; the transfer from the airborne to the Air Force of the responsibility for accurate placement of the paratroopers on the ground. . . . These were not popular views at the time, but they have long since been accepted and adopted. . . .

"Probably the best expression of his ingenuity is found in the Los Banos Raid, in which his division rescued 2,147 internees from a prison camp deep in Japanese territory, with but one casualty to itself and none to the internees."

In 1949, General Swing returned from Japan to assume command of the Artillery School at Fort Sill; in 1950, he became commandant of the Army War College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas and on 1 August 1951 he took command of the Sixth Army at the Presidio of San Francisco, California. On 28 February 1954, on his sixtieth birthday, General Swing retired from active service as a lieutenant general. In May of 1954, President Eisenhower appointed him to be Commissioner of the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

One of General Swing's most striking successes in his first civilian post was Operation Wetback. This project, begun one month after he came into office, was aimed at stopping the seasonal illegal flow of Mexican farm laborers into the United States. General Swing reorganized the border patrol to achieve more flexibility in the movement of task forces along the border, and he set up a plan for shipping into the interior of Mexico those aliens who were caught rather than moving them just a few hundred feet across the border as had been previously done. This discouraged many from trying to return again to the United States.

General Swing made important changes in the Immigration and Naturalization Service. The main feature of his reorganization was setting up regional offices and decentralizing the service's activities to the field offices, a move which he felt would speed procedures, set up closer supervision of the work, and delegate additional authority to the field. He eliminated detention of aliens seeking legal entry and instituted parole procedures which allowed the alien to proceed to his destination in the US where the local field office could clear up questions as to admissibility. He was responsible for closing Ellis Island because a detention station at the point of entry was no longer required.

General Swing is credited with correcting several major defects in the agency's treatment of aliens. He established the "Order to Show Cause" proceedings for deportation cases, and he severely restricted the authority to issue orders to show cause and warrants of arrest to senior field officers. Introduction of classified information in deportation cases was severely restricted so the accused could defend himself against all the charges. Deportation hearings were conducted before Special Inquiry Officers with legal counsel representing the alien and with a trial attorney to present the evidence on which deportability was alleged.

In 1961, General Swing left the Immigration and Naturalization Service and moved to San Francisco where he lived until his death from pneumonia on 9 December 1984.

His many US and foreign decorations include the Distinguished Service Cross, the Distinguished Service Medal, three Silver Stars, the Legion of Merit, two Bronze Stars, two Air Medals, the Commendation Ribbon, and the Parachute Badge.

On 14 December 1984, General Swing was interred with full military honors in Arlington National Cemetery. He is survived by his son, Joseph March Swing, of Seattle, Washington, and his daughter, Mary Ann Fullilove, of San Francisco, California.

To those of us who knew him and served with him, General Swing measured up to a hero's qualities. As such a man and model, he lives on in our hearts and minds. We give him one last salute and our heart-felt gratitude for having known him and learned from him.

Edward M. Flanagan, Jr.
Lieutenant General, USA Retired

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Joseph Magoffin Glasgow

NO. 6249 CLASS OF NOVEMBER 1918

Died 24 March 1985 in El Paso, Texas, aged 86 years.

Interment: Fort Bliss National Cemetery, El Paso, Texas

JOSEPH MAGOFFIN GLASGOW

JOSEPH MAGOFFIN GLASGOW, member of a pioneer family of El Paso, Texas, was born 28 September 1898 in El Paso at the Magoffin homestead, now a state historic site, built in 1875 by pioneer El Pasoan, Joseph Magoffin, four times mayor of El Paso. He was of Scottish, Irish and French descent with forebears of Spanish ancestry from the Mexican Revolutionary era.

He was the son of Brigadier General William Jefferson Glasgow and Josephine Magoffin Glasgow. Brigadier General Glasgow graduated from West Point in 1891, retired from the Army in 1928, returned to El Paso with his wife and lived there until his death at age 101. At that time he was the oldest living graduate of the West Point Academy.

Joe Glasgow was born the year of the Spanish-American War and spent his first birthday in Cuba, where his father served under General Wilson. He travelled extensively as a young child and spent his sixth birthday in the Philippines visiting southern islands of the Philippines, Hong Kong, Nagasaki and Tokyo before returning to the United States. He attended elementary school in El Paso, private school in Kansas and George Washington University in DC, entering West Point on 15 June 1916, graduating in November of 1918.

After going to an Infantry School, at what is now Fort Benning, he was sent to France on an official visit of the battlefields in June 1919, and from there to the Army of Occupation in Germany. In 1920 he was assigned to the headquarters of the Port of Embarkation at Brest for four months, then back to the Army of Occupation in Germany until 1923. In 1921 he was in charge of the visitors bureau and from 1922–1923 was aide-de-camp to General Henry T. Allen. He was known as the French aide, because he was fluent in the language, and French visitors and correspondents were usually referred to him. He entered Cavalry School in 1923 and made a trip to France as a member of the US Olympic Committee for the 1924 games, after which he toured Spain. Upon his return from Spain he was appointed assistant military attache in Paris from 1924 to 1928. As assistant to the ambassador he recalled one of his more memorable events as meeting Charles Lindbergh after his historical flight from New York to Paris in 1927. Lindbergh was met and stayed as a guest in the home of Ambassador Myron T. Herrick of Ohio.

On two occasions Joseph was detailed to lay the wreath on the tomb of the Unknown Soldier, under the Arc De Triomphe, as representative of the ambassador and the President of the United States. He travelled through eastern and southern Europe as a diplomatic courier and in 1928 was part of the United States Olympic Committee in Amsterdam.

From 1928–1931, Joe was assigned to the 8th Cavalry, Troop F, at Fort Bliss, Texas. He was then transferred to New York City as aide-de-camp to General Howard Laubach, in command of the 1st Brigade of the 1st Infantry Division. 1933 to 1937 was spent in the 3rd Cavalry at Fort Ethan Allen in Vermont. At the end of four years, Joe was ordered to Presidio Monterey, California via the Panama Canal. The trip from New York to San Francisco took over three weeks. At the Presidio he commanded a troop of cavalry. Japanese ships heavily laden with iron scrap were visible well into 1941. There were combined maneuvers with the Navy, and it was during this time that Joe proudly recalls meeting Colonel Eisenhower and Colonel Mark Clark who were umpires for the maneuvers. In 1940 Joe was promoted to major and as a junior major was assigned to a CCC Camp as executive officer of the CCC District in Fresno, California. After six months there he was appointed post executive officer at the Presidio of California, and in 1941 went to 2nd Cavalry at Fort Riley, Kansas, where he was when news of the Second World War was announced.

Joe volunteered for overseas assignment and was given orders to proceed to Washington and assignment to the European Theater. As it turned out, the orders were changed and he was sent to the South Pacific, Noumea, New Caledonia, establishing the advance headquarters of the US Army Forces in the South Pacific Area known in abbreviated form as USAFISPA. In 1942 Joe was sent by General Harmon to Auckland, New Zealand to open a headquarters there. At the conclusion of WWII Joe was sent as adjutant general first to Kobe and then

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Yokohama where he served under General Eichelberger until 1948, at which time he returned to the US and became AG at Fort Mason, Port of Embarkation, San Francisco. He remained there until his retirement, with disability, in 1950.

His first retirement home was in San Francisco. From there he took a nostalgic trip back to New Zealand, the birthplace of his wife Gwen, continuing on a trip around the world visiting Australia, the Middle East, Cyprus, Greece, Italy, France, England and back home to El Paso where he stayed until his death. He spent the last 30 years of his life in questionable health due to a series of ailments and several major operations. In the later years he was extremely interested in all phases of life, politics, world affairs and family but attended very few social functions. He was a true gentleman in every sense of the word. He spent many years gathering material about his ancestors and at 83, with the assistance of an oral history department, wrote a book of his life and family.

He is survived by his wife Gwen; sons, Joseph Magoffin Jr. and Warwick Hardman, both retired from the Air Force; daughters Muriel Bliss Neuss and Valerie Allen; eleven grandchildren and one great-granddaughter; a brother, Edward J. Glasgow of Nashville, Tennessee; and a sister, Octavia Glasgow of El Paso, Texas.

Valerie Allen
his daughter

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Leander Dunbar Syme

NO. 6359 CLASS OF 1919

Died 8 February 1985 at Veterans Hospital, Togus, Maine, aged 87 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

LEANDER DUNBAR SYME

LEANDER DUNBAR SYME was born in Washington, DC on 8 January 1898. His parents, of Scottish/English descent, were Conrad Hunt Syme, Corporation Counsel of the District of Columbia, and Lavinia Bush Forsythe (Syme). Lee attended Washington schools, including the Columbian Preparatory School (Schad's), took and passed his entrance examinations for West Point at Washington Barracks, DC (now Fort McNair), and entered the Military Academy in June 1917 as a member of the Class of 1921.

Lee did well in his studies, averaging well above the middle of the class and thus out of any obvious academic danger, although he did more than his share of walking the area. He always was a daring lad, however, and that may have had something to do with the matter.

With the rest of 1921, Lee was graduated and commissioned on short notice on 1 November 1918, and went home to await orders. The armistice was signed on 11 November and the orders said to return to West Point on 3 December. After six months more of schooling, the class was graduated again on 11 June 1919. Years later the designation 1921 was officially changed to 1919. In 1919, however, after a great trip touring the recent battlefields of Europe, the class returned to the United States to attend branch schools. After a year at the Infantry School, Fort Benning, Georgia, Lee had regular, peacetime troop duty with the 17th, 20th, 33rd and 34th Infantry regiments, through the years.

From the 33rd Infantry, in the Canal Zone, Lee was appointed aide-de-camp to Major General William Lassiter, commander of the Panama Canal Department, whom Lee accompanied to Tacna-Arica, the northern end of Chile. In a six-month stay there, the general headed a commission which was to hold a plebiscite to determine the permanent possession of this territory. Lee particularly enjoyed the duty, which required him to travel extensively over a large area from the Pacific beaches to the high Andes, including the great Atacama desert. After this task, Lee moved with the general to various large headquarters in the United States, the Philippines and Fort Schafter, Hawaii, where General Lassiter retired in 1931. Lee was relieved as aide-de-camp after nearly six years with the general.

In 1932 Lee started a tour of four enjoyable years teaching English at the Military Academy, followed by more troop duty. And in 1940 he became an instructor in tactics at the Infantry School.

In 1941 Lee married Margaret Hertford Tanner, widow of Albert N. Tanner, USMA 1920.

We entered World War II. From Fort Benning Lee was sent to the Aleutian Islands to command the 159th Infantry, 7th Division. After proving that he could survive for a long time in this area with its diabolic weather, he was sent to Normandy to command the 262nd Infantry, 66th Division. Here he saw combat in the campaign of Northern France, and was awarded the Silver Star, three Bronze Star Medals and the French Croix de Guerre.

After the war ended Lee was ordered to duty in the Office of the Chief of Staff of the Army in Washington. Here, in May 1949, he was retired at his own request with over thirty years of service. He moved to his beautiful land in Maine and lived the life of a gentleman farmer, spending his winters in Florida.

In 1964 Peggy, his wife of 23 years, died. They had been very compatible and her loss was keenly felt by Lee. He continued living on his beautiful land in Maine—a gentleman farmer.

On 15 May 1979, Lee married Jean M. Atwood of Farmington, Maine. Although his marriage to Jean was for only six years, he brought her much joy and happiness in the all-too-short time they were together. Lee died 8 February 1985 and is survived by his widow Jean, who now resides at 9 Stewart Avenue, Farmington; also by Mrs. Martha B. Syme, his sister-in-law; and Mr. Samuel A. Syme, Jr., his nephew, both of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Lee had no children.

Lee Syme was appointed to West Point from Kentucky. He had a great deal of pride in his Virginia and Kentucky ancestry. He was very proud, too, of being a West Pointer and of his fine military record. His pride, however, was never ostentatious, offensive to others or objectionable in any way. He had a natural charm and a great sense of humor. He was a gentleman—and a fine true friend.

Well done, Lee.

LSS, Jr.

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James Woodrow Clark

NO. 6572 CLASS OF 1920

Died 25 May 1985 in Phoenix, Arizona, aged 86 years.

Interment: Valley Forge Cemetery, Valley Forge, Pennsylvania

JAMES WOODROW CLARK

SOME ADDRESSED HIM as Dr. James Woodrow Clark.
Others happily greeted him as Dr. Clark.
Friends and his devoted wife lovingly called him Woodrow.
A fortunate two could name him Daddy, and one special child could coo Pop-Pop.

Son of Doctor and Mrs. Melton Clark, grandson of James Woodrow, and second cousin of Woodrow Wilson, this distinguished life began in an atmosphere of the epitome of southern tradition in Columbia, South Carolina. He had an inquiring mind from the start, and life's path led him to many scholarly domains—Davidson College, United States Military Academy, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, and finally the Medical School of the University of Pennsylvania.

At first he planned a life in missionary work, but a new, magnificent world of beauty, music, and the arts enticed this thoughtful, quiet gentleman to remain in Philadelphia. Enter, a stunning redhead with emerald eyes afire to bring music to the most quiet heart. Together these two worlds were shared with the union of this special pair. The reality of the scientific world meshed with the mysti-

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cal sights and sounds of the arts were lovingly presented to their eager daughters.

A dedication sprang forth to family and job as the years passed and he served as Assistant Director to the Medical Division of the Philadelphia Public Schools. His medical life continued as a physician with the Red Cross and a consulting diagnostician to many people. His early interest in the Planned Parenthood hopefully encouraged others to participate. A personal interest in cancer research continued throughout his life as the result of the devastating loss of their eldest daughter, Virginia, when she was only 16. Combining the facts of medicine and the love of mankind, this Southern scholar shared himself with each person unselfishly.

Interests abounded in this lively mind: the formation of the simplest leaf or a delicate seashell brought the same joy as the intricate structure of a bridge spanning the seas. A cloud never went unnoticed, a sunset brought peace, and the microscopic world was received with wonderment.

A dashing figure was always seen as this gentleman went forth rushing from place to place in his usual West Point gait. May his love of mankind and his words of truth, love, and life remain with each of you as it will with us: his wife, Virginia Kendrick; his daughter, Constance; and his granddaughter, Christine.

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Charles Holt Dobbs, III

NO. 6929 CLASS OF 1922

Died 18 February 1985 in Midland, Texas, aged 85 years.

Interment: Greenwood Cemetery, Fort Worth, Texas

CHARLES HOLT DOBBS, III

CHARLES HOLT DOBBS, III was born in Carthage, North Carolina on 10 July 1899, the son of Charles Holt Dobbs II and Hattie McNulty Dobbs. His father and grandfather were both Presbyterian ministers. Soon after his birth, the family moved to Gonzales, Texas, where he finished high school; he then attended Daniel Baker Academy until 1918. He was enrolled in the University of Texas at Austin until November, when he was delighted to be appointed to West Point from the 9th District, El Campo, Texas. "Chollie" was a proud representative of the Lone Star State at the Academy and a good fellow with lots of real sense. There isn't a man in his class who doesn't remember the day P. Carter announced that only one man maxed the writ the previous day on the weird inclined planes hitched together in some bewildering manner. He was always a hard worker, never shirking his duty. His clear, outspoken manner, sincerity, big-heartedness, and earnestness won him a host of friends and a good record at the Academy. He served as a sergeant and was a rifle marksman.

After graduation, he served as a second lieutenant in the 23rd Infantry at Camp Travis, Texas and then went on to Fort Sam Houston in 1923. In 1924 he was transferred to Schofield Barracks, Hawaii as assistant to the division ordnance officer. His first son, Charles, was born in Hawaii. He resigned from the Regular Army in June 1925 and returned to Texas. In Brownwood, he worked as bookkeeper and clerk with Citizen's National Bank of Brownwood. Second son Burt Norwood was born in 1926. He later worked as an insurance agent for Aetna Insurance Company until 1930. With his devotion to his country, he could not stay away from the military and on 24 April 1926 became a first lieutenant, Infantry, Texas National Guard. In December 1926 he became captain, Infantry, Texas National Guard. In 1927 he became a captain, Infantry, Texas National Reserve, 142nd Infantry, and later adjutant, 142nd Infantry, May 1930. In May 1930 Charles moved to Fort Worth, Texas to become commandant of cadets at Central High School; with a battalion at the school, he put his effective leadership and rifle marksmanship to good use.

Charles received his Master's in 1935 in government and education from Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, mainly through night school work, and began teaching mathematics in the Fort Worth independent school system. In October 1940, he attended the Fort Benning Headquarters and Staff Officers Course and became a major in January 1941.

In January 1941 he was called to active duty at Camp Bowie, Texas as commanding officer 1st Battalion, 142nd Infantry, 36th Division. In December 1942, he was promoted to lieutenant colonel and appointed executive officer of the 142nd Infantry. In February 1943, the unit was sent to Camp Blanding, Florida, in March to North Carolina, in August to Camp Edwards, Massachusetts, and in April sailed for the European Theater. From January 1943 to January 1944, he was commanding officer of Special Troops, 36th Division. On 3 January 1944 he was appointed commanding officer of the 586th Quartermaster Service Battalion PBS, Italy. In February 1946 he was separated at Camp Gruber, Oklahoma. His position as major of information for the Texas National Guard terminated for his appointment in the Officers Reserve Corps, 17 June 1946.

Charles was overseas 30 months in World War II. He participated in the Battles of Naples-Foggia and Rome-Arno. The decoration of EAME medal was issued at Fort Worth, Texas 6 April 1948, along with The American Defense Service Medal—American Theater, EAME Campaign Medal with two Bronze Stars, and the World War II Victory Medal.

Charles Holt Dobbs, III married Kathreen Norwood on 22 August 1922 at the First Baptist Church in Brownwood, Texas with his minister father officiating. Three children were born: Charles H. Dobbs, IV, Burt Norwood Dobbs, and Mary Kathreen Dobbs. Burt was killed in a car accident May 1942 in Fort Worth, and Charles H. Dobbs, IV died 26 April 1985 of cancer only two months after his father's death. Mary Dobbs Sharrai lives in Winnsboro, Texas.

After returning from World War II, Charles taught mathematics in Paschal High School, Fort Worth Independent School District. He took post graduate courses at Texas Christian University in education, accounting, and statistics. He taught classes in TCU Evening School two nights, in addition to high school five days a week in his beloved mathematics.

After retiring from teaching in 1960, he decided he wanted outside work, so he and Kathreen moved to Big Spring, Texas. He surveyed with a friend for ten years. After his second heart attack in 1980, they moved to Midland, Texas, not far from his beloved son Charles and his family. They enjoyed Midland; Charles studied, bought and sold stocks and investments quite successfully and played golf. When the yard got to be work, not joy, in 1983 they sold their home, moving to Trinity Towers Retirement Apartments and enjoyed an easier life. His final heart attack struck him suddenly at 9:30 pm, 18 February 1985. Kathreen says they had a good long life together, 63 years.

Charles Holt Dobbs was a dedicated member of the Presbyterian Church, serving as an Elder in the Fort Worth and Big Spring churches for thirty years. He was a Boy Scout leader before WWII, a member of the National Education Association, Texas Teachers Association, Officers Reserve Association, and Sons of the American Revolution. He played golf for recreation, enjoying it as he did polo in his younger days. He also fished when time allowed.

Charles was buried in Greenwood Cemetery in Fort Worth next to his son Burt. He gave thirty years, eight months, and twenty-five days in devoted service to the country that he loved. Charles Holt Dobbs was a most honorable man, faithful to country, family, and friends. Throughout his life he never shirked his duty, was an outstanding officer, inspirational teacher, loving father and grandfather, and ever loyal to his friends. He shall be greatly missed for his big-heartedness, sincerity, and his sense of logic and fairness to everyone.

Charles is survived by his brave widow, Kathreen N. Dobbs; daughter, Mary Dobbs Sharrai; and four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

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Roy Kaylor

NO. 7963 CLASS OF 1926

Died 12 July 1985 in Kaiser Permanente Hospital, South San Francisco, California, aged 80 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

ROY KAYLOR WAS born 6 March 1905 in Kansas City, Missouri. He graduated from high school at 16 years of age. While attending college he was appointed to the Military Academy from the Combat Engineers unit of the Missouri National Guard. After graduation, he served in the Infantry at the Presidio of San Francisco, California; Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; Fort Warren, Wyoming; then on the Canal Zone where he married Angela Klemmer, well-known champion

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ROY KAYLOR

diver and swimmer, on 26 November 1937 at St. Mary's Mission.

Roy assumed duties at Fort Clayton, then was transferred to Headquarters, Quarry Heights. Here he was assigned as commandant of the Military Police, post exchange officer, athletic officer, recreation officer, purchasing officer, post librarian and much of the time as acting commandant of the post. On the outer door to his office there hung a shingle for each of these duties.

After a tour of duty at Governors Island, New York, he transferred to the Finance Corps and attended a course at a Finance School in Baltimore, Maryland. Returning to the Canal Zone, he became finance officer, Caribbean Defense Command, with location at Corozal. After graduating from Command and General Staff School with honors, Colonel Kaylor was next assigned to the general staff at Camp Polk, Louisiana. Previously he was one of two officers who had been requested by General Douglas MacArthur to accompany him on his submarine flight from Southeast Asia to Australia. Following the deactivation of Camp Polk, he spent several years as finance officer at the Finance Center in St. Louis, Missouri. While here he was given the opportunity of attending Harvard University to obtain an MBA or replacing a general in Heidelberg, Germany as chief of finance, US Army Europe and European Command. He chose the latter and took command of installations in the capitals of Europe from London to Athens, as well as a finance school in Germany. He was in charge of all currency conversions and established policies for Chase Bank and American Express.

He received two Legions of Merit and, among other schools, attended the IBM School at Ithaca, New York. After a three year period as chief of the Finance Center, Brooklyn Port of Embarkation, New York, he retired from Fort Ord, Monterey, California on 30 June 1956. On a Ford Foundation Fellowship grant he obtained his California teaching credentials, a Master's degree in education and at the request of the administration, taught high school mathematics long past the normal retirement age.

Roy held in high esteem his country, his family and his home. He encouraged his children to work hard to achieve recognition, not only in their studies, but in sports and extracurricular activities, as well. They did not disappoint him as they acquired Master's degrees at outstanding universities. His sons became electrical engineers and his daughter, a teacher. Roy was always interested in post and community activities. While in Germany he established a Boy Scout troop. He served as a Cubmaster and at various times served as chairman of Scouting committees. On one occasion, while living off post, he was asked to run for mayor. He was also appointed as a Civil Defense supervisor. His wife could always depend upon his help with philanthropic activities for the blind, the deaf, abused women, battered children and boys' clubs.

He is survived by his wife; two sons, Roy Jr. of Menlo Park, California; Richard, of Boise, Idaho; and a daughter, Jennifer Ashton of Foster City, California. His family, relatives and friends from many parts of the country attended Catholic services at the chapel and again at graveside, where they bade him a sorrowful departure, hopefully for service elsewhere.

Edward Minter Parker

NO. 9041 CLASS OF 1931

Died 7 October 1984 in Washington, DC, aged 75 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

EDWARD MINTER PARKER

EDWARD MINTER PARKER was born 19 June 1909 at West Point, New York, the son of Samuel Minter Parker, USMA Class of 1903, and Janet Richards Parker. Coming full circle, he was buried at West Point on 11 October 1984.

Ned's childhood was that of the Army brat, peripatetic, with brief residence in many places. After his father was retired, the family settled in Salt Lake City, Utah and Ned's life, aside from schooling, was occupied with gardening and farming "The Place," as he called the family home, and with becoming an Eagle Scout. This phase ended when he won a long-coveted appointment to the Military Academy.

The 1931 HOWITZER describes Ned, the cadet, thus: "Despite his sincerest attempts Ned has never been able to get rid of a certain diffident, school-boy-having-just-loads-of-fun expression, an expression which, it might be added, belies the nature underneath. For Ned is a man of the worldliest world, a 3.0 average in heartbreaking, and a cynical outlook on life. His cynacism is flavored with good humor, however, so don't take him seriously when he springs some of it. With Ned, indifference becomes a charm. Or perhaps it's not indifference, but merely an inborn ease in taking things as they come, doing them with a sort of careless carefulness, and appearing surprised when the job is done. The POINTER has had the benefit of his talent in picking out the flaws in books, and probably the Engineers will get the benefit of his ability to successfully finish anything he starts."

Ned did, indeed, successfully finish the four years, and his record there helped him to win a Rhodes Scholarship. From three years at Oxford he received BA and MA degrees in the Honour School of Philosophy, Politics, and Economics, and played varsity lacrosse. During this period he spent the long vacations (granted by Oxford to be used for intensive study) in extensive travel, instead. His belief was that such travel afforded an opportunity for intellectual, cultural, and linguistic growth which he would have been unable to achieve otherwise, and his academic standing was such that he could indulge in this belief. He also was detailed, while at Oxford, on short assignments to the Spanish and Czech armies.

From Oxford he was ordered to Fort Riley, Kansas as a company grade officer with the 9th Engineer Squadron. This was Ned's first troop duty and he considered it to be one of the best and most rewarding times of his life, enhanced further by marriage to his O.A.O. since pre-cadet days, Margaret Barr Clapp.

After Fort Riley it was on to Princeton for a master's in civil engineering, followed by the Engineer School at Fort Belvoir. The first year there was as a student, the next two as an instructor.

In 1940 Ned was assigned to the 28th Engineer Battalion (Aviation) and ordered to start construction of air fields at MacDill Field, Tampa, Florida. A year later the winds of war began to stir and portions of the outfit at MacDill were ordered to Alaska. The next two wartime years, bleak and hazardous, were spent in Alaska and at the advance command post in the Aleutians. In early 1944 came respite by assignment to the Army-Navy Staff College, but even that brief time was cut short by an urgent request that he be sent as demolitions officer to the 8th Amphibious Force, US Navy, in the Mediterranean. On completion of that detail he was given command of the joint underwater demolition teams for the invasion of Southern France. And, following that—logically enough—he was ordered to make a special engineering estimate, for the Eighth Fleet—Seventh Army, of the salvage and rehabilitation work necessary to restore the harbors of Toulon and Marseilles.

In October of 1944 General Simon Bolivar Buckner, his commanding officer during the period of duty in the Aleutians, requested that Ned be assigned to Headquarters Tenth Army to participate in the planning, mounting and execution of the Okinawa operation. On Okinawa his luck failed, as did his healthy heart, and he was ordered home for hospi-

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talization. It was difficult, exchanging a career he cherished, and one which gave promise of a bright future, for long months on the hospital circuit and the grim finality of retirement at age thirty-seven.

When Ned's health finally permitted he became, for three years, professor of civil engineering and hydraulics at the State University of Iowa. Then he entered upon the second major career of his life as a senior analyst in the field of operations research. From 1949-1962 he served with the Operations Research Office of the Johns Hopkins University, then with the Institute of Defense Analyses. In 1950-51 he was a member of a team of analysts in Korea which, during the hostilities, studied close air support operations by the Air Force and the Marine Corps. In 1956 he was with a team that, upon the invitation of the Turkish government, went to study conditions there and to make recommendations for the defense of the Turkish Straits.

He was a member of Sigma Xi and of professional societies, and the author of texts and papers on engineering subjects.

In 1965 Ned retired for a second time and was able to implement a favorite quote from Santayana: "Since birth and death are beyond our influence, let us enjoy the interval." He began to fully indulge his love for sailing, cruising extensively with his wife on their cherished sloop *Accolade*, and to work with gardening and nature, music, electronics, cabinet making and reading. He had a lifelong and scholarly appreciation of the English language. He considered it to be a finely tuned vehicle for the conveyance of thought with logic and precision, and regarded it as an essential tool for bringing those same qualities to the thinking process. He deplored the widespread abuse of the language and thought that one of the true joys of life was given when the language was expressed felicitously by tongue or pen.

Ned was a humane man, in the true sense of the word. His skills and knowledge were remarkable and pervasive. Yet he was a genuinely modest man, surprised if anyone suggested that he was in any way extraordinary. In his typically caring way he left his family a note of comfort which said, in part that his passage through this vale was not entirely without travail and tears, but he let that ineluctable aspect of the human condition weigh upon him little. He took joy in his life. He gratefully savored to the full the bounties, and rejoiced in the pleasures so ascendant in his life.

Thus those of us whom Ned loved should not mourn. But we, his sons Samuel and David, and his wife Margaret, miss him beyond measure. He was a very special man.

Forrest Caraway

NO. 9159 CLASS OF 1931

Died 24 February 1985 in Tucson, Arizona, aged 75 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

FORREST CARAWAY

BORN IN JONESBORO, Arkansas on 18 July 1909, Forrest Caraway was the second son of Thaddeus H. and Hattie Wyatt Caraway. His father was elected to the House of Representatives in 1912 and to the United States Senate in 1919 and reelected in 1925; so most of Forrest's early life was spent in the environs of Washington, DC. When traveling with his family, the Senator made the thoughtful and inspiring practice of stopping to read all roadside historical markers. This information and his devotion to reading gave Forrest an intense interest in our nation, its heroes and its history, and provided his attentive and alert mind a solid informational and educational foundation. After a year in high school in Washington, Forrest completed three years at the Augusta Military Academy, Fort Defiance, Virginia, graduating in 1927. His experience at military school, and motivated by his brother Paul (USMA 1929), prompted Forrest to seek an appointment to West Point, with which he was rewarded by Senator Robinson of Arkansas.

During his cadet days, Forrest was highly respected for his comprehensive knowledge, his ready wit and humor, his romantic instincts, and his dramatic tendencies. His innate love of classical music, especially opera, continued throughout his life. His gift for dry humor at awkward and challenging moments and his native ability to fabricate hilarious results from perplexing episodes earned the appreciation, envy and respect of his classmates. His uncanny genius in perceiving the difference between the footfalls of inspecting officers and those of cadets saved his roommates many embarrassing moments. His romantic flair made him popular with visiting damsels. His academic achievements, together with his marksmanship ability with both pistol and rifle, won him sergeant stripes his first class year.

Upon graduation, Forrest was assigned to Fort Washington, Maryland (now closed) about 12 miles south of Washington, DC and given command of a platoon in Company L, 3rd Battalion, 12th Infantry. This battalion was known as "the President's Black Shoes," for it was authorized special black leather accouterments and at that time performed the ceremonies, pageantry and military honors in the Washington area. Hence, Forrest participated in the sesquicentennial celebration of the surrender of Yorktown, October 1931; the eviction from Washington of 20,000 rioting, communist-manipulated, so-called bonus marchers, July 1932; the pageantry celebrating the 1932 centennial of Washington's birth; and the inaugural parade of President Roosevelt in January 1933. From May to November 1933, Forrest was assistant camp commander of a Civilian Conservation Corps Camp near Kato, Pennsylvania.

It was a severe blow to Forrest when his father died on 6 November 1931. His mother, who had the same recognized political acumen and national spirit, was appointed by the governor of Arkansas to complete the unexpired term of her husband. Subsequently, Hattie W. Caraway was the first woman elected to the US Senate and served two terms.

In late 1933, Forrest was reassigned to Washington, DC for a tour with the headquarters company responsible for overseeing the administrative requirements of the officers and men in the DC area. After four years in Washington, Forrest attended the Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia and graduated in June 1939. En route to his next assignment at Chilkoot Barracks, Alaska he stopped off at Fort Lewis, Washington and married Betty Pace Meddis on 1 July 1939, which made that cold tour much warmer. Their only child, Betty Wyatt Caraway, was born at Chilkoot Barracks on 9 June 1940.

Upon returning from Alaska in July 1940, Forrest saw service until August 1942 at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri and Camp Shelby, Michigan as a company commander, battalion executive officer and battalion commander with the 85th Division. He then became the G-1, 28th Division at Camp Livingston, Louisiana and remained with the division until April 1945, including a three month course at the Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. After completing its training in the US, the 28th Division moved from Camp Pickett, Virginia to England in 1943. Forrest performed the herculean tasks of receiving and assigning the personnel of the 28th Division from its landing in France in August 1944; its breakout at St. Lo; its holding of the shoulder at the Falaise Gap; its race across France, pausing to parade through Paris celebrating its liberation (a US postage stamp picturing the 28th Division near the Arc de Triomphe was later issued to commemorate this event); to its combat into the Siegfried Line.

After participating in the severe fighting in the Huertgen Forest in November 1944, the division bore the brunt of the initial German Ardennes assault along the Luxembourg border in December. At a crucial point in the decimating "Battle of the Bulge," Forrest was given command of all available division headquarters' troops (Task Force Caraway) to cover the successful withdrawal of the remnants of division headquarters to new positions along the Meuse River. Subsequently, but prior to regaining its full strength in men and materiel, the 28th Division was moved 200 miles across France in the bitter cold of January 1945 and reassigned to the First French Army to participate in the battle for Colmar. Upon returning to the control of the First US Army in February, the 28th Division was engaged in the final

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push to the Rhine River in March 1945. Thus, this outstanding officer had served with courage and dedication during the most difficult and perilous periods of the war in Europe.

In late April 1945, Forrest was moved to the XXIII Corps, initially as the G-1, but later, as the deputy chief of staff. He culminated his service in Europe as a member of the Theater General Board. Upon his return to the US, he was assistant director of personnel, Headquarters Army Ground Forces. Although Forrest was a colonel when the war ended, like so many of his peers, he took in stride his reduction in rank to lieutenant colonel in May 1946. Meanwhile, he had the arduous task of assigning infantry officers as the executive officer Central Officer Assignment Group, Army Ground Forces. Forrest attended the Armed Forces Staff College at Norfolk, Virginia prior to becoming an instructor at the Command and General Staff College in 1947. While an instructor, Forrest authored an authoritative article "The Selection and Training of Staff Officers" which was published in the prestigious MILITARY REVIEW. When the Army War College was reinaugurated at Fort Leavenworth in 1950, Forrest was a student in the first postwar class.

Upon graduation from the War College, Forrest was reassigned to Washington in the Office of the Comptroller, US Army. In 1953 Forrest was again sent to combat, this time as the commander, 179th Infantry, 45th Infantry Division in Korea, where he earned the coveted Combat Infantryman's Badge and a Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster. He completed his tour in Korea as the Senior Advisor to the II ROK Corps. Forrest returned to the US again in 1954 and served with the G-3 section of the Third US Army at Fort McPherson, Georgia. On his promotion to brigadier general in 1955, he was assigned as chief, Joint Strategic Planning Group, located in London under the Commander-in-Chief, US Naval Forces Eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean. An officer who served with Forrest in London recalled that "General Caraway was very positive in his views and opinions, and he always substantiated his convictions with facts and figures. Also, he always backed up his Army people under him." Later Forrest was reassigned to Washington, this time as chairman, Joint Middle East Planning Commission.

In 1957 he was once again assigned with troops as the commanding general, Non-Divisional Units, at Fort Riley, Kansas. His last assignment was with the Army Element, Military Assistance Advisory Group, Japan. An officer who served with him in Japan stated, "Great progress was made in restoring the morale of the Self Defense Force; training proficiency was materially improved and combat capabilities were considerably enhanced during General Caraway's tenure in this assignment."

Forrest Caraway's career included many unusual, complex and exacting assignments, testing the versatility and competence of this conscientious and talented officer, and he performed each in the spirit of his family heritage and that of the Military Academy. He was a considerate, faithful and loyal husband and father, as well as a gentleman respected by all who knew him. One subordinate described him: "He was meticulous in planning, forceful in execution and eloquent in critique. He was not a fence sitter, for he had definite ideas and evoked positive response from others." Another wrote, "Although I know and have worked relatively closely with four officers who have gone on to four star rank, there is none whom I respect more, or who was more capable, than General Caraway. The country, the Army and all who were near him benefited from his presence."

He received the following decorations: Legion of Merit with three Oak Leaf Clusters; Bronze Star Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters; Combat Infantryman's Badge; Croix de Guerre avec Palme (French); Officer, Order of Leopold with Rosette and Palm (Belgium); Croix de Guerre (Belgium); and the Korean ULCHI Decoration. His diary, which he kept throughout his service, was given to Stanford's Hoover Institution on War, Revolution and Peace.

After retirement in 1961, Forrest served as a member of the Board of Adjustments, Pima County, Tucson, Arizona.

Although stricken with a severe illness and handicapped for the last few years of his life, he faced his affliction with resolution and fortitude. One friend who visited him during this period observed, "He still had spirit and a sense of humor."

Forrest is survived by his wife, Betty; his daughter, Betsy, Mrs. Frederick Thomas Hill; a grandson, Frederick Forrest Hill; and his brother, Paul (USMA 1929). His younger brother, Robert E. Caraway (USMA Ex-1937), was killed when thrown from a horse in Tennessee during an academic furlough following his plebe year.

With the help of Forrest's family and friends, this article was composed by a classmate, whose service and life were enriched by this man's treasured friendship.

A Classmate

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Jermain Ferdinand Rodenhauser

NO. 9163 CLASS OF 1931

Died 8 July 1982 in Clearwater, Florida, aged 73 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

"Jerry never required any man to meet a standard half as high as Jerry keeps himself."

HOWITZER 1931

JERRY WAS BORN in Toledo, Ohio on 2 July 1909, the only son of Peter and Bolivia Rodenhauser. Despite his parents' desire for him to pursue a medical profession, he successfully sought an appointment to West Point, took his oath as a cadet in 1927 and began a 39 year career in the Army and Air Force.

His first assignment after graduation was to the Panama Canal Zone with the 1st Coast Artillery; while there he developed a strong interest in the technological aspects of aviation armament. Jerry volunteered for the Aircraft Observers Course, graduated in 1932 and gained valuable aviation experience over the next several years. In 1934 he was assigned to the 61st Anti-Aircraft Artillery at Fort Sheridan, Illinois and had the signal honor of representing the US Army at the Chicago World's Fair. In 1935 he was assigned to the Ordnance Department at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland and worked on highly technical problems involving armament and aircraft. One of his test projects led to the first successful mounting and firing of major caliber cannon from a US aircraft;

JERMAIN FERDINAND RODENHAUSER

another led to the development of the VT fuse used with great success in World War II.

Postgraduate work at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a revolutionary thesis on the physical properties of materials produced an advanced degree in Physics in 1937. This work disproved certain traditional theories of molecular structure, revolutionized the production of armor plating and established him as a military leader in the field of atomic research. It was during this period that he met his future wife Helen, daughter of Colonel and Mrs. S. R. Kimble, at Watertown Arsenal. They were married on 19 June 1937. Subsequently, he attended the Ordnance School and was then assigned to Picatinny Arsenal, Dover, New Jersey, where he headed the Central Ordnance Plans Division during the pre-World War II years of 1938 to 1941. As orders for armament and ammunition from embattled European nations began to flood America's factories he helped plan the expansion of US industrial capacity to meet actual and projected wartime needs.

In 1941 he was appointed commanding officer and US contractor representative at the Plum Brooks Ordnance Works, Sandusky, Ohio, the nation's first million pounds per day high explosives manufacturing plant. In 1942 he commanded an Ordnance regiment and later that year was sent to Detroit, Michigan to serve as executive officer and as chief, Planning and Control of the Tank-Automotive Center. During 1943 through 1945 Jerry served on General Marshall's staff supervising logistics planning for Operation Overlord and as head of Ordnance and Chemical Warfare. In 1945 he was selected by President Truman as a member of the US Strategic Bombing Survey and then became a member of the founding faculty and academic director of the Air War College where he lectured, wrote and continued work in the fields of nuclear technology and logistics.

After completing the National War College in 1951, Jerry became Director of Real Property, Headquarters, US Air Force and guided the Air Force's 2 billion dollar military construction program through Congress until 1955. At that point he was selected for a diplomatic post as a member of the US delegation to NATO in Paris, where he served as deputy defense advisor. In that assignment he gained invaluable knowledge and

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experience in international politics, economics and military affairs.

Jerry's ability to effectively cope with the complex scientific, technical, military and political aspects of the emerging arms race prompted his selection to command the Air Force Office of Atomic Energy and the Air Force Technical Applications Center in 1958. In that capacity he engaged scientific and technical techniques to solve complex and important problems vital to maintaining the preeminence of the US strategic technological and nuclear capacity, fundamental to America's deterrent capability. His work, highly classified and very sensitive, brought him in daily contact with the Atomic Energy Commission, Central Intelligence Agency and the White House, where he worked closely with the scientific advisors to the President and the National Security Council. In addition, Jerry's work brought him in direct contact with the highest levels of foreign governments which participated in cooperative exchange programs and joint operations. As commander, Air Force Technical Applications Center, Patrick AFB, his input was absolutely vital to the formation of national policy and conduct of international affairs.

His decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal and the Legion of Merit with 2 oak leaf clusters.

After retiring in 1966 Jerry began work in private industry first as the technical director for MITRE Corporation for several years and later as a consultant to a wide variety of high technology corporations.

Jerry served his country and family with equal devotion, giving unselfishly to each all that he had. His love of West Point and loyalty to the Class of '31 were his hallmarks, and he entertained countless audiences with his lively tales of cadet life and the renouned exploits of classmates. The mischievous wit he developed at the Point lived with him unabated throughout a long distinguished career. The retirement he enjoyed was full and rich. He was active in the Boy Scouts of America, SERTOMA and other civic groups, giving freely of his time, energies and counsel. He had the opportunity of watching each of his three children become a success in his chosen profession and savoring the pleasure of knowing each of his seven grandchildren. In 1981 he returned to West Point to participate in his Class' 50th Reunion.

Shortly after the reunion Jerry learned he would be returning to West Point to take up residence with the distant memories and to stand silent guard over his cherished Plain. Throughout a prolonged illness he never once complained and demonstrated a superior strength and exceptional courage that remains an inspiration to everyone who was with him. He is survived by his wife Helen, daughter Mary, and sons Karl and John.

Major General J. F. Rodenhauser, USAF, was a man of great love and compassion, fiercely devoted to country, family and friends, who, because of his wisdom, strength and loyalty will always be remembered by family and friends, superiors and subordinates, as a man who asked more of himself than he did of others. . . .

KJR

— Be Thou At Peace —

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Charles Hardin Anderson

NO. 9455 CLASS OF 1932

Died 27 May 1971 in Washington, DC, aged 63 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

CHARLES HARDIN ANDERSON

CHARLES H. ANDERSON was born in Cape Girardeau, Missouri in 1907, and graduated from Peoria (Illinois) High School in 1925. He served one year in the National Guard prior to entering West Point with the Class of 1932. It was written in the HOWITZER, "When Chuck was a small child back in Peoria, someone once showed him a four-footed animal known as a horse. Since that time he has been one of the staunchest supporters of the theory that 'the horse is man's noblest companion,' and his principal interest in life at West Point has been to do better than Tommy Hitchcock in polo." Chuck was on the polo squad three of his four years at the Academy and was assigned to the Cavalry as his basic branch upon graduation.

Chuck was detailed to the Air Corps for flight training and graduated in the pursuit section at Kelly Field on 14 October 1933. He was assigned to Selfridge Field, Michigan where he held various duty assignments in the 17th Pursuit Squadron. His love for flying and skill as a pilot led to his becoming a member of the Selfridge Field flying stunt team using P-26 type aircraft. He flew air mail for a time while the Air Corps carried out that function, and joined the "Caterpillar Club" on two occasions when troubles encountered in flight led to his "bailing out."

Shortly after arriving at Selfridge, Chuck met a charming young Detroit debutante, Mary Kay Glass, whom he married 20 February 1936. Chuck and Mary Kay enjoyed over twenty years of service life together before her death in 1959.

The Andersons were reassigned from Selfridge to the Philippines in May 1937. While there he worked closely with the Philippine Army Air Corps and served as a member of the staff under General MacArthur. Chuck talked about his Philippine tour with great enthusiasm. He was extremely proud to have had as a flying student a member of General MacArthur's staff named Dwight Eisenhower. Upon his departure from the Philippines in May 1940, he was decorated by General Valdez, Chief of Staff of the Islands, with the Distinguished Service Star, Philippine Commonwealth.

Assignment to Maxwell Air Force Base followed the Philippine tour. Here Chuck and Mary Kay suffered their greatest tragedy. Their first born, Charles H. Anderson, Jr. (Butch), was struck by a car and fatally injured.

With the rapid expansion and changes that took place as we approached the time of World War II, the Andersons moved first to Barksdale Field and then in May 1941 to Craig Field where he assumed command of this flying training base in 1942. The record achieved in flying safety while he was director of training and then commanding officer earned for Chuck his first Legion of Merit. From March 1944 to November 1945 Chuck served in the China-Burma-India theater. Returning to Maxwell in January 1946, he first served as a member of the staff and faculty at the Air Command and Staff School, and then from August 1947 to August 1949 he performed similar duties at the Air War College there.

Duties in the Pentagon followed Chuck's graduation from the National War College in 1950. Here he served first in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, Personnel, and in August 1951 transferred to the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower and Personnel). Going to France in August 1955, he served as director of operations in the Office of the Air Deputy, SHAPE. While there he received his second star. Back at the Pentagon after that assignment, he was designated first assistant for Atomic Energy, DCS Operations, Headquarters USAF, and then assistant to the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations. He assumed command of Lowry Air Force Base, Denver, Colorado in August 1960. After seven years of service as commander there, he retired on 1 August 1967 with an impressive ceremony which included the presentation by the Chief of Staff, USAF of his second Distinguished Service Medal. Recognition and acknowledgment of Chuck's meritorious service to his country may be highlighted by quoting from the citation that accompanied this award:

> "In this important assignment the forceful leadership, professional knowledge, and dedicated efforts of General Anderson resulted in the improvement of a technical training program tailored to meet worldwide requirements for the United States and allied forces. The singularly distinctive accomplishments of General Anderson culminate a long and distinctive career. . . ."

The list of honors and decorations for Chuck's 35 years of active duty includes in addition to the Philippine Service Star, the US government awards of the Legion of Merit with one Oak Leaf Cluster; the Distinguished Service Medal with one Cluster; the Distinguished Flying Cross; the Bronze Star; and the Air Medal with one Cluster.

After retirement Chuck established residence in Denver. During his long tenure of service there he had been quite active in local community affairs. He was an honorary member of the Rotary Club, a member of the USO Council of Metropolitan Denver, and a member of the board of directors for the Denver chapter of the American Red Cross. He served in various capacities with the United Fund Campaign of Denver, including campaign chairman of the Federal and Government Divisions, and as director and honorary vice president.

Chuck's illness with cancer was first diag-

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nosed in early 1968. He had been told he had from six months to two years to live. When he discussed this with his youngest daughter, she recounts pridefully and with loving devotion that he promised her he would attend her graduation from college, two years from then, and would walk her down the aisle at her wedding. The soldier did both before he joined those of the Long Gray Line who had gone before him. He died at Walter Reed on 27 May 1971 and was buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

As a friend and classmate Chuck was staunch, loyal, and trustworthy. He was always a pleasant and enjoyable companion. He was a devoted husband and loving father. In the eulogy delivered at his funeral by a friend and classmate, special mention was made of the attention and care Chuck gave his three daughters whose mother had passed away when they were children. He is survived by these three daughters: Kathryn A. Waterbury, Patricia R. Martin, and Mary A. Hoerter. There are also five grandchildren.

Your family misses you, Chuck. Your many friends miss you. Rest in Peace.

F.G.J.

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William Elwood Means

NO. 9573 CLASS OF 1932

Died 8 September 1983 in San Antonio, Texas, aged 74 years.

Interment: Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, Fort Sam Houston, Texas

WILLIAM ELWOOD MEANS

BILL MEANS WAS born in the little town of Malvern, Arkansas, not far from Hot Springs, the son of Henry B. Means, a noted prosecuting attorney who later became circuit judge of his judicial district, and Bessie Noble Means. Bill was the third of seven children whose careers included those of attorneys, judges and medical doctors. Their father provided a comfortable living but during summer vacations Bill delivered ice to make some extra money. One summer he and some buddies decided to go for the big dough in the wheatfields and hopped a freight train out of town. At the first stop 25 miles away they reevaluated the situation, took a night freight back and again slept in their own beds.

Bill played football at Malvern High, and upon graduation his father helped him get an appointment to Annapolis. Bill was assigned to the portion of his class that took French, a language with which he had never had contact. He tried but failed the course and was out of Annapolis. Then on his own, with no outside help, he earned an appointment to West Point. At USMA, he easily qualified for the Goat football team, both scholastically and athletically, and graduated with the Class of 1932.

He joined the Infantry on graduation, going through the normal assignments at Fort Douglas, Fort Huachuca, the Infantry School, the Panama Canal Zone (1937-39), and Alaska. At Fort Clayton, Canal Zone, he married an Army junior, Satilla Franklin, and they had one child, daughter Satilla (Billie). That marriage did not fare well and they were divorced a few years later.

Bill served in the Pentagon in general staff assignments and on occupation duty in Japan with the 25th Infantry Division. He qualified as a paratrooper and was commanding officer of the 504th AIR of the 82nd Airborne Division in 1949-50. From 1954 to 57 he was the Senior Army Advisor to the MAAG Norway and in 1960-61 to the MAAG in Viet Nam. He completed 30 years of active service as headquarters commandant of the Fourth US Army at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. At his retirement ceremony in July 1962 in the historic quadrangle at Fort Sam, Bill was awarded the Army Commendation Medal for 30 years of commendable service.

Some months later, friends introduced Bill to Nancy Chidgey May, a widow whose husband had died some years before. Nancy is a Registered Nurse who for the preceding several years had worked in the critical care unit at Brooke General Hospital on Fort Sam. They were married on 3 January 1964 and had almost 20 years of happy married life together. During the final nine years of his life, Bill suffered several strokes and heart attacks but Nancy was always there to take care of him either at home or at Brooke General.

He died on 8 September 1983 and was buried at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery in the presence of relatives and many friends, with full military honors.

The people who were closest to Bill Means reveal best the kind of man he was. His sister said that he wrote his mother a letter every single week from the time he left home until his mother died. His sister still lives in Malvern and says their old house stands there still but has been remodeled to serve a real estate firm. Bill's roommate at Annapolis, now a retired admiral, took the initiative, pressed for details and wrote a warm obituary in SHIPMATE, their counterpart of ASSEMBLY.

Bill's West Point roommate, Charlie Williams, told of the years at West Point and their continued friendship after graduation. He mentioned the time Bill was turned out in Engineering at Christmas time and how he stayed with him until after the exam when they left together on a truncated Christmas leave. They served together at Fort Clayton as young lieutenants and had their last contact on active duty in 1955. Charlie commanded the Austrian Support Command then and when Bill visited from his MAAG Norway position he really got the VIP treatment.

Bill is survived by his widow, Mrs. Nancy C. Means, 2811 Knight Robin Street, San Antonio, TX 78209; his daughter Satilla, now Mrs. W.M. Guillebeau of Macon, Georgia; and Charles O. May III, senior vice president of a Houston bank, his stepson whom Bill always treated as his own.

Ken Zitzman
Classmate

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George Thomas Powers, III

No. 9766 CLASS OF 1933

Died 6 October 1983 in El Paso, Texas, aged 73 years.

Interment: Fort Bliss National Cemetery, El Paso, Texas

GEORGE THOMAS POWERS, III

GEORGE POWERS DIED surrounded by his adoring family and attended around the clock by three Registered Nurses, all his own daughters. This is truly characteristic of George, his wife Helen (Teeny) and his eight adult children, all successful, talented and raised right; all held together by their parents in a remarkable group of mutually supportive and loyal brothers and sisters. In recent years, he used to take them all, children and grandchildren, to Padre Island for several weeks each summer. He used to say in his own amusing way that he had all his eight children straight but was frequently mixed up on his grandchildren. By his own admission in our 50 Year Book, he is quoted as saying "our kids and grands are our greatest joy."

Besides being a fine parent, George was some kind of fine soldier. At the start of his career, Beast Barracks was a breeze for him after his year in the Army and plebe year no less. George enjoyed West Point, never worked very hard, never had many demerits, was one of the blithe spirits of "B" Company and managed to fill his weekends with pretty girls in an unserious way.

By the time World War II broke over us, George was a trained artilleryman with troop service in Texas, Hawaii and the Artillery School. It comes to few officers in their service to activate, train, transport overseas and command in combat for almost a year his own unit. He was deservedly proud of his 337th Field Artillery Battalion and its splendid record in Italy as part of the 88th Division. After this most demanding service,

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his professional skill was recognized by promotion and assignment as commanding officer of the 88th Division Artillery.

With his war record, his future was assured and was rewarded by a series of difficult and important assignments in both staff and command fields. He served in Austria, Korea, Okinawa and on the Joint Staff in Washington. He was made a brigadier general in 1957 and 6 years later was promoted to major general. His noteworthy military career culminated with command of the Air Defense Center and School at Fort Bliss, Texas where he made a major contribution to the science and tactics of air defense and ably presided over and guided the rapid expansion of this important arm. His outstanding service was further attested to by decorations from the US Army, Italy and Korea.

George was a gifted individual, highly intelligent and expressive, bursting with wry humor and a strong feeling for the sensibilities of others; a true Southern gentleman, he was raised in Augusta, Georgia in the old traditions. He was good company and fun to be with, but deadly serious in his chosen profession. The world was a better place for his stay among us.

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James O'Hara

No. 10179 CLASS OF 1934

Died 1 March 1985 in Washington, DC, aged 72 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

JAMES O'HARA

JIM O'HARA WAS born at West Point, New York, 9 August 1912 in the same house where his father, James Joseph O'Hara, Class of 1904, was born 15 August 1882 just 30 years earlier; and they graduated just 30 years apart, too. Jim's mother was Winifred Westlake, daughter of State Senator Westlake of Minnesota. Jim's grandfather James O'Hara, Class of 1866, for whom he was named, served two tours as assistant professor of Languages at West Point and commanded a battalion of the 3d Artillery in Manila, 1898-99. Jim's father served in the Cavalry, and like his own father served two tours as instructor at West Point. He also served on the General Staff of the AEF and died while assigned to the office of the Chief of Cavalry.

With the foregoing background, entering West Point was something Jim had always expected to do. The Army life was in his blood. To prepare for West Point, Jim attended Kemper Military School. Graduating from Kemper in 1929, Jim entered Millard's Prep School in Washington to help him pass the entrance examination with a score that won an appointment offered by Senator Shipstead of his mother's home state of Minnesota.

Jim entered West Point with the Class of 1934 and was assigned to L Company. Jim had to concentrate on the books to "beat the tenths." However, as his HOWITZER write-up states, "he is not a bookworm for all that. Genial, jovial, possessing a happy natural humor, well-liked by runt and flanker both—well—that's Jim." These phrases captured Jim's personality and reflect the essence of the spirit he displayed throughout his career, and which later earned him the sobriquet of "Smilin' Jim," from the soldiers of his command.

Jim's first assignment was with the 25th Infantry at Fort Huachuca, Arizona. Interested in shooting, possibly due to the fact that his father had earlier captained the Cavalry rifle team, Jim made the unit's Infantry rifle team for the national matches at Camp Perry, Ohio. En route to Camp Perry, Jim took a short leave through Washington where, on 9 June 1936, he married Elinore Harding, whom he had met while he was on leave there two years earlier. Elinore was the daughter of then Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs. Edwin Forrest Harding, USMA 1909. After Camp Perry, the newlyweds began their Army life at Huachuca.

From Fort Huachuca the O'Haras were ordered to the Infantry School. After graduating from the school, Jim was once again ordered to Camp Perry as a member of the Infantry rifle team. From there he was ordered to the 11th Tank Company, Hawaiian Division at Schofield Barracks. Jim discovered in 1941 that this assignment, instead of the Philippines which he had requested, was fortunate indeed.

Returning to CONUS in May 1941, Jim requested an assignment with the Armored Force. He was assigned command of the Anti-Tank Company, 47th Infantry Division at Fort Bragg. After the Carolina Maneuvers, Jim's earlier request for the Armored Force was realized when he was ordered to Fort Knox. During 1942 Jim kept moving: from the 1st Armored Division to the 4th Armored Division, to the 8th Armored Division (where he was promoted to major) and finally to the 10th Armored Division, which was to become his real love. With the 10th Armored Division he commanded the 3d Battalion, 54th Armored Regiment, where he was promoted to lieutenant colonel. Jim's regiment was redesignated as the 54th Armored Infantry Battalion. When the 10th Armored Division went overseas in the summer of 1943, Jim went with it as battalion commander, an assignment he held until seriously wounded after the Battle of the Bulge.

At Bastogne Jim was placed in command of Team O'Hara; his battalion was augmented by tank and engineer units, later attached to the 101st Airborne Division. His mission was to hold Marvie, a locality southeast of and vital to the Bastogne junction. Team O'Hara blocked the road east from Bastogne through Wiltz; repulsed the German attack on Wardin; three days later destroyed several tanks of the Panzer-Lehr Division before Marvie; and—held Marvie. Jim was awarded the Silver Star by Major General Maxwell D. Taylor, for his direction of the holding operation. The citation reads in part:

"Doubtful that there was contact with the units on his right flank, he advanced under heavy small arms and artillery fire to assure himself that the contact was being maintained. His gallantry, determination, and maintenance of morale among his men were directly responsible for repelling the second enemy attack later that night."

For their performance, Jim's command won the Presidential Unit Citation, and he the Belgian Croix de Guerre. On 27 February 1945, while advancing his units through Zerf toward Trier, Germany, Jim was seriously wounded by enemy artillery. Evacuated through medical channels to McGuire Hospital in Richmond, Virginia, Jim was recovering there on VE Day.

After recovering, and a short stint as commander of an infantry replacement training center battalion at Fort McClellan, Alabama, Jim was ordered to Germany for occupation duty with HQ, US Constabulary at Bamberg, where Elinore joined him. Next Jim was given command of the 6th Armored Cavalry at Straubing.

Returning to CONUS in 1949, Jim was assigned to the Louisiana National Guard at Lafayette, where he was until June 1950, when the Korean War broke out. He was sent to Georgetown University for a brief course in psychological warfare prior to becoming operations officer, G-3 Section, HQ KCOMZ in Taegu. Duties included supervision of island POW camps off Pusan. Jim was awarded the Bronze Star for his performance here. As the Korean Conflict ended, Jim received orders to Headquarters Fifth Army in Chicago.

With Fifth Army Jim was a member of the Inspector General's Section, traveling widely on inspections. Elinore took a secretarial job to fill Jim's absences, and to put into practice what she had learned earlier at Middletown Business College, during Jim's Korean tour.

In 1957 the O'Haras were again ordered to Europe, where Jim commanded Orleans Area Command until reassigned as Inspector General HQ COMZ. The O'Haras returned to CONUS in 1960 when Jim was assigned as commander Connecticut Sector, XIII Corps, with headquarters at Hartford. At the conclusion of this tour Jim retired in 1962, and the O'Haras went to Washington, DC, moving into Jim's mother's house when she entered Army Distaff Hall.

Jim's retirement was active and the O'Haras life was pleasant, enhanced by the fact that their backyard neighbors were Jim's sister, Gracie, and her husband, Colonel Harrison King, USMA 1933. In the midst of many old friends the O'Haras enjoyed golf and social life, often at the Army Navy Country Club, which Jim had joined in 1934. They now decided to build a summer house on their Lake Huron property 35 miles from Mackinac Straits. They graciously shared the natural beauty and their delightful cottage with many summer visiting friends at the place Jim called "their paradise."

Jim took a great interest in the Military Order of the World Wars and as adjutant was instrumental in building up both membership and awards of the Northern Virginia Chapter, beginning in 1970 and continuing ably until his death, admired and respected by all companions.

There was no more devoted and active supporter of the Class of 1934 than Jim. He served as treasurer and as class president. He

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was the strong, patient and effective organizer of every 5-year reunion from the 25th to the 50th and was recognized by a plaque from the Class at the 50th.

Throughout his retirement Jim maintained continuing contacts with his combat comrades of the 54th Armored Infantry Battalion. He attended 10th Armored Division reunions regularly and enjoyed the continuing warmth of his unit's associations. The feelings of his soldiers are captured and reflected in the following lines by his wartime driver, John McGorry:

"In the heat of the battle and the horrors of war
'Smilin' Jim' went on smiling, but here's something more,
He'd do any job for a private on up
Said many a soldier, 'there's a man that has guts.'
Like so many others he's gone from us now
And to their proud memory all of us bow.
So to close this attempt at a tribute to him
Our own Colonel O'Hara, was our 'Smilin' Jim.'"

The 10th Armored Division publication *Tiger Tales* commented, "It is not often we come in contact with an individual who can, on the first meeting, captivate you. Colonel O'Hara, better known as 'Smilin' Jim,' was just such a person, and 'Smilin' Jim' commanded respect and never had to demand it."

Jim's death completed three generations of O'Hara service, in the three combat arms of our Army. Lieutenant General Willard Scott, Superintendent, USMA wrote Elinore: "The collective time for these three generations was 91 years. I salute this magnificent service to West Point and Country."

"Smilin' Jim" was beloved by his combat comrades of the 10th Armored Division, by his companions of the Military Order of the World Wars, and especially, by his classmates of USMA 1934. As Lucky Loiacono of the 54th Armored Infantry Battalion said, "I have yet to meet any person, male or female, who did not take kindly to our beloved Colonel," and further, "If there is a heaven, assuredly Jim O'Hara is there. If not, there is not much chance for the rest of us."

Jim is survived by his wife, Mrs. James O'Hara, 4624 Reservoir Rd NW, Washington, DC 20007 and by his sister, Mrs. Harrison King, 3900 Watson Place, Washington, DC 20016.

Johnny Stevens '34

Godfrey Roland Ames

NO. 10841 CLASS OF 1937

Died 31 January 1945 in POW Camp Fukuoka, Japan, aged 30 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

GODFREY ROLAND AMES

GODFREY ROLAND AMES was born on 4 May 1914 in Santa Cruz, California, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest O.F. Ames, one of six children. Known as Roly to all, he attended schools in Sausalito, California and graduated in 1930 from Galileo High School in San Francisco. He attended the University of California, Berkeley from 1931 to 1932 and then enlisted in the Army at the Presidio of San Francisco. He was assigned to Battery A, 6th Coast Artillery and attended the West Point Preparatory School at Fort Scott.

While stationed at Fort Scott, he distinguished himself by rescuing a boy from drowning in the treacherous waters at the entrance to San Francisco Bay on 2 April 1933. Later he was awarded the Silver Life Saving Medal, under an act of Congress, in recognition of his bravery. He won a Presidential appointment to the United States Military Academy and entered in July 1933.

Roly entered into cadet life with an enthusiasm and mature outlook that won the affection and respect of his classmates. He was intellectually inclined and enjoyed reading and keeping abreast of current events. His talents were invaluable to the HOWITZER staff on which he served for his three upperclass years. Roly was a loyal and very understanding roommate and was always ready to assist those needing help. His strong character and high ideals were evident in all he did. He graduated comfortably high in the class and selected the Coast Artillery as his branch, thereby maintaining the continuity of service commenced as a soldier in the Harbor Defenses of San Francisco. He chose Fortress Monroe, Virginia, the seat of the Coast Artillery, as his first station.

Very early in his cadet life he met Katherine (Kay) Gasper of Rockaway Beach, New York. The attraction was instantaneous and mutual. She became his "One and Only" and there never were any others. The memory of the happy couple strolling on the Plain is still vivid. They were married in the Cadet Chapel the day after graduation. Kay and Roly greatly enjoyed their initiation into Army life after reporting to his first assignment at Fort Monroe, Headquarters Battery, 2nd Coast Artillery. On 1 April 1938 son Roland was born.

Roly then chose assignment in the Philippines with the 60th Coast Artillery Regiment at Fort Mills on Corregidor. In April 1939 they sailed from San Francisco aboard the USAT *Grant*, arriving in Manila in early June. They found life on Corregidor to be busy and pleasant. Kay was busy with her growing family, as daughter Karol was born on 18 March 1940.

Promoted to captain in September 1940, Roly assumed command of Battery C, called "Chicago," on Morrison Hill facing north to Bataan. Chicago was an anti-aircraft battery with four 3-inch caliber guns. Although Roly's tour in the Philippines was due to be over in June 1941, he extended for six months. However, orders came early in 1941 to evacuate Army dependents. Kay and the children, with hundreds of others, left in May 1941. They returned to her family in New York, hopeful that Roly would leave Manila on 6 December 1941 as planned and be home for Christmas.

By the time of Pearl Harbor, Battery Chicago was as ready for combat as Roly's industry and thoroughness could make it. In a few days the men of Chicago became veterans. Their excellent training and preparations permitted them to score heavily against the Japanese bomber formations.

Roly's detailed diaries, which were recovered (and some returned to Kay) after the war, have been invaluable to historians and researchers in understanding what occurred in the Philippines during the war. Kay later gave her permission to historians James H. and William M. Belote to use them in research for their excellent book, *Corregidor—The Saga of a Fortress*. From Roly's diary: "Jan 7-9 London says '60th CA(AA) most accurate in world! Chicago leads in scores . . . Gen'l MacArthur visits position . . . Planes very high . . .Can't reach some flights. Last flight 7400 yds, we get 3 with one round—a thrill.'" As the Belotes describe this action in their book: "Firing on the lead plane of a vee of three, Ames's men put a shell neatly into its bomb bay, exploding the bombs reserved for a second run in a blast which also engulfed the planes on either side." Further quotations from their book illustrate Roly's high degree of professionalism and dedication to duty: "With the exception of Captain . . . Ames's Chicago, none of the antiaircraft batteries had constructed splinterproof positions before the war came" and "Many of the battery commanders, such as Captain Godfrey Ames . . . were young West Pointers of exceptional ability."

After the fall of Bataan on 9 April 1942, heavy artillery emplaced there by the Japanese pounded Corregidor relentlessly. On 5 May Roly recorded Air Raid 300. The Belotes wrote: "With his customary thoroughness Captain Ames . . . had prepared a line of defenses across the forward slope of Morrison Hill, making certain by drills carried out under fire that each man would occupy his assigned foxhole when the order came to man the line." The surrender on 6 May cheated them of this last chance to inflict casualties on the enemy.

An estimate of Chicago's officers by William E. Davis (then a Private First Class with the battery and a fellow prisoner) reveals the esteem in which Roly and his officers were held by the men of the battery: "The battery was fortunate to have three West Pointers in Captains Ames and Cornwall and Lieutenant Pace. All three were absolute tops. Ames never forgot his duty all the time. A very, very fine officer."

Over 13,000 American and Filipino men surrendered on Corregidor. On 23 May Roly, in a group of about one thousand prisoners of war, was shipped to Manila. According to Roly, "We waded ashore at Paranque beach—the same place Americans did 18 August 1898 to take Manila. March to Bilibid (prison) . . . sleep in Execution Chamber!" On 29 May the group marched to the Tutuban railroad station. "We whistle 'God Bless America' along the way." Recently when its composer, Irving Berlin, learned of this, he was deeply touched. They were taken by train to Cabanatuan and marched to Camp

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No. 1, where they were quartered in a chapel building. With five other captains, close friends, they formed a group and assigned jobs. Roly was appointed mess officer for the barracks. Their days were characterized by looting Japs, monotonous daily existence, inadequate diet, struggle for food, uncontrollable sanitation problems and universal diarrhea. Roly spent the next two years in Cabanatuan characteristically making the best of intolerable conditions, assisting others and maintaining morale and hope.

In his last letter to Kay, 12 December 1945, from Bilibid Prison, he wrote: "We are very downcast to find that our hopes for . . . liberation are blasted . . . We waited for 2½ years for MacArthur and his boys, I guess he'll have to come to Japan for us. . . . I am sort of skinny, but in good health in spite of that." Ironically his comparatively good physical condition was unfortunate. The able-bodied only were selected for evacuation to Japan. The sick and disabled were left behind at Cabanatuan where they were rescued by Colonel Henry Mucci, USMA '36, and his 6th Rangers on the very day that Roly died in Japan.

On 13 December, Roly was with over 1600 prisoners who were marched from Bilibid to the pier where they were jammed into the stifling holds of the *Oryoko Maru*, the first of three "hell ships" they were to board during their tragic 7-week voyage to Japan. Roly had a severe case of dysentery, but in spite of his condition he continued to exhaust himself helping others—bringing them food and water and carrying the bodies of his fellow prisoners topside to see that they had a few proper words said over them before they were buried at sea. According to Paul Cornwall, USMA '38, "he wore himself out on the ship and later developed pneumonia." Of the original 1619 who started out from Bilibid, about 493 arrived alive in Moji, Kyushu. Of these, 109, including Roly, "died later from the effects of the most terrible voyage in modern human history."

For a long time after the fall of Corregidor, Kay heard nothing from her husband, but she was convinced that Roly would survive and her faith was rewarded time and again when she would receive word from him after long intervals. He was permitted to write only an occasional postcard and he used one of them to write to a florist to have flowers sent to Kay on their anniversary. During the long vigil that lasted over four years, Kay and the chlidren lived with her parents at Rockaway Beach, New York, where her cheerful optimism and strong faith were an inspiration to anxious relatives of other servicemen.

It was not until 15 September 1945 that Kay received a telegram from the War Department which stated in part: "A delayed report has just been received from the Japanese government which stated that your husband . . . died thirty-one January while a prisoner of war of the Japanese." Later, Colonel Arthur C. Peterson, USMA '30, a fellow prisoner, told her that he was with Roly when he died and that it was his wish that his body might not lie in Japanese soil. In November of 1949, Roly's family arranged to have his ashes returned to the United States where they were interred with full military honors in Arlington National Cemetery.

Paul Cornwall who was in Roly's company at West Point and later became his battery executive officer and constant companion during their captivity provided much of the intimate details described herein. He best sums up Roly's character: "Ames reminded me of those staunch fellows (in the Bible) who had strong principles, ruled with positive force, but were fatherly with it all; forgetting and forgiving all derelictions except those that were adverse to the success of his mission and command. If I had to recap, I'd say Captain Ames was as close to a story book commander as I ever knew."

In his tragically short career, Roly accomplished more for his country and had greater influence for good on more people than most of us in a full lifetime of service. His dedication to West Point's motto "Duty, Honor, Country" was total.

Roly is survived by his widow, Mrs. Katherine Ames Gehrkens of New Port Richey, Florida; his son Roland Chaloner Ames of Wyckoff, New Jersey; his daughter, Karol Ames of Palm Harbor, Florida; and three grandchildren. In late April 1985, Kay and Karol made a bittersweet sentimental journey back to Corregidor, and for the dedication of the West Point Memorial Gate at the site of Cabanatuan P.O.W. Camp on Luzon.

Decorations: Purple Heart, Silver Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, Bronze Star, Presidential Unit Citation, Philippine Defense Medal.

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Edward Marion Postlethwait

NO. 10888 CLASS OF 1937

Died 10 April 1985 in Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, DC, aged 73 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

EDWARD MARION POSTLETHWAIT was born in Kansas City, Missouri on 12 October 1911. He graduated from high school in Bloomington, Illinois, attended Illinois Wesleyan University for two years, and was appointed to West Point while serving as a private in the 14th Cavalry, a horse cavalry.

Nicknamed "Uncle Ed" because of his "advanced" age, Ed graduated in 1937 from the Military Academy as a second lieutenant, Infantry. His first assignment was Company I, 57th Infantry, Fort McKinley, the Philippines. In July 1939, Merece Taralseth from Warren, Minnesota arrived aboard the *USS Grant* to wed her lieutenant. General Walter K. Wilson, Sr. gave the bride away and Mrs. Wilson sang, as she had done in the Chapel at West Point. Bill Yarborough '36 decorated the Officers Club and Mike Michaelis '36 decorated the Chapel. Among the ushers were Hank Spengler, Tank Hardaway, and Kelsey Reaves, all '37.

Returning Stateside in 1940, Ed joined the newly activated 8th Division at Fort Jackson and was in the 3rd Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment for the next five years, rising from

EDWARD MARION POSTLETHWAIT

company commander to battalion commander. He took the battalion through Hawaii, Australia, and combat operations in Hollandia, Dutch Guinea, Biak, Leyte, and Luzon, leaving the outfit after commanding the amphibious forces retaking Corregidor. His battalion was awarded the Distinguished Unit Citation for Corregidor.

Between World War II and Korea, Ed's tours included assistant G3, Headquarters, Army Ground Forces in Washington; student and instructor, Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth; student, Armed Forces Staff College; and chief of Plans, G3, Fifth US Army. During the Korean War, Colonel Postlethwait served as G3 of I Corps in combat. Upon returning he attended the Army War College, followed by a three-year tour in G2 at the Pentagon.

Ed's favorite tour was as commanding officer of the 503rd Airborne Infantry Regiment in Germany from 1956 to 1958. The 503rd had parachuted on to topside of Corregidor when his 3rd battalion, 34th Infantry landed on Black Beach. He felt it a great honor to have commanded both. He remained in Germany for two more years: one as G4, Seventh Army in Stuttgart and the other as G3, Central Army Group (NATO) in Heidelberg.

His final tours included those of assistant chief of staff and deputy J4, US Strike Command, MacDill AFB and chief of staff, J.F.K. Center for Special Warfare (Airborne) at Fort Bragg. Ed retired in 1967. Colonel Postlethwait's personal awards included the Distinguished Service Cross, the Silver Star, the Legion of Merit (one Oak Leaf Cluster), the Bronze Star (one Oak Leaf Cluster with Valor), the Army Commendation Medal (one Oak Leaf Cluster), the Purple Heart, and campaign medals from Asiatic-Pacific, Philippine Liberation, and Korea.

After retirement Ed and Merece remained in Fayetteville, North Carolina, where he pursued his self-proclaimed "retirement jobs"—building their dream house and seeing the children through college. In 1981, four years after Merece had died, Ed moved to Stuart, Florida, where he enjoyed writing and traveling until just before his death.

Ed was buried with full military honors at Arlington on 15 April 1985. Among his honorary pallbearers were Clyde Eddleman, '24, and Delk Oden, Roy Lutes, Luis Mercado,

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Kelley Lemmon, and René Lopes-Dupre, all '37.

Colonel Postlethwait is survived by his daughter Linda Donnelly of Woodbridge, Virginia; his son Dr. Edward M. Postlethwait, Jr. of Santa Monica, California; and his grandchildren, Ashley Merece Donnelly and E. M. Postlethwait III.

Harold Killian Kelley

NO. 11049 CLASS OF 1938

Died 23 February 1985 in Honolulu, Hawaii, aged 71 years.

Interment: Punchbowl Cemetery, Honolulu, Hawaii

HAROLD KILLIAN KELLEY

"THE CLASS OF 1938 stands at rigid attention and salutes its beloved First Captain." So read the card with the flowers from his class. Harold Killian Kelley died of a heart attack on 23 February 1985 on the island of Oahu, only a few miles away from his first duty station at Schofield Barracks.

Beloved, respected, honored, admired. These thoughts frame the picture of Hal Kelley as an enlisted soldier, the highest ranking cadet, a lieutenant at the beginning and a dedicated general officer at the end. Kel has left us with the memory of a friend with a zest for life, a love of people, and a devotion to this country.

Kel was born in Wilmington, Delaware on 27 October 1913. His early years were spent in Gloucester, New Jersey, the birthplace of his father, T. Frank Kelley. His mother, Sadie Killian, was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He graduated from Gloucester City High School in 1931. Attending the same school was Mary Louise Amies.

Kel and Mary were married at West Point the day after his graduation from the Military Academy. Nine days after the wedding Kel and Mary attended a testimonial reception of over a thousand proud friends and neighbors of Gloucester City. It was a rich and inspiring initiation to a full and productive career.

Four years earlier Kel's entrance to the Military Academy was at the very last moment of his eligibility. With no political appointment available to him he enlisted as a private soldier in the Army with assignment to the West Point Preparatory School at Fort Totten, New York. Monthly pay: $17.85. With two other aspiring cadets he rented a room in nearby Flushing for full opportunity for purposeful study. With his natural talent for learning there was no question that he would be successful. He entered the Military Academy in July 1934, appointed as one of thirty from the Army at large.

I speak of Hal Kelley with a warmth and affection of long standing. We were in the Army together and shared that rented room so many years ago. We were both from South Jersey, and it seemed somehow very right that our cadet functions first class year found us as roommates in the now dismantled old seventh and a half division. I recognized very early that Kel was a man and soldier who marched to his own drum. At the prep school his dominating and principal concern was to become a cadet at West Point. As a cadet his quiet pursuit of excellence gained him the ultimate ranking. He had, with purposeful dedication, marched a year at a time through the positions of corporal, company first sergeant, and finally Regimental First Captain, ranking 16th academically in a class of 301.

In the few years between his graduation in 1938 and the country's participation in the war in Europe, Kel's assignments were at the expected company and battalion levels. His first station was with the 3rd Engineers at Schofield Barracks on the island of Oahu. Later with the Eighth Air Force in England he was a part of the Overlord planning group. With the Ninth Air Force in France he assisted in carrying out those plans. His drum had begun to beat at a faster pace: first lieutenant and captain in 1941; major in 1942; lieutenant colonel in 1943 and colonel in 1944 with assignment as Engineer, Ninth Air Force Service Command. Kel was a brand new colonel in June of 1944 when we ran into each other very early on Omaha Beach in Normandy. Kel was on a motorcycle looking for places to put an airstrip or two, and I was at a key intersection of our only supply road, N-13, bringing anything ashore that could still move. We both were busy. Our entire conversational exchange was "Hi, Kel," "Hi, Nevin." Ten years later we had more to say.

I did not see Kel again during the fighting in Europe. I did, however, hear about one of his principal missions. As chief of the Disarmament Division in Germany after the surrender, Kel was assigned to dismantle the Nazi capability of mounting any further air action. His initial instructions were carried out with Teutonic rapidity. A superficial evaluation would have permitted Kel to report a mission swiftly accomplished. However, Kel pushed and probed and discovered assembly lines in caves, in tunnels, and in harmless-looking factories. He had again marched to his own drum, taking his responsibility that further step to meet his personal standards.

Upon his return to the United States and following a tour of duty with the Air University, Kel was sent to Harvard University for a Master's Degree in Advanced Engineering which he was awarded in 1948. As a footnote to his Harvard experience, Kel observed that he had never worked as hard in his academic life—and that from a graduated cadet who had worn the gold stars of academic merit only ten years earlier. An assignment in the Pentagon was followed by graduation from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces which in turn was followed by his assignment to the Military Advisory Group in Spain.

Promotion to the grade of general officer came in 1959, eight years before his retirement in 1967. During his years of service Kel had been awarded the Legion of Merit twice, the Bronze Star twice, the Commendation Medal as well as the Croix de Guerre with Palm from both France and Belgium.

Following retirement Mary and Kel settled in San Francisco where Kel was associated with the Bechtel engineering firm with headquarters in that city. They also had a winter residence in Honolulu where Kel was Bechtel's manager for the engineering and reconstruction of the Municipal Airport at Hilo on the Big Island. When again retired the Kelleys followed the climate and established a summer place in southern California.

Too often in the sadness of recalling and reviewing the life and events of a dear and valued friend, the qualities of the individual are subordinated to the deeds and particulars of a career. The man, Hal Kelley, was much more than the sum of his military assignments. A friend said of Kel that he had no enemies. More correctly it should be said of Kel that he had many acquaintances who enjoyed him; many good friends who admired him; and some very dear friends who cherished him. He was talented, gentle, thoughtful, modest and considerate. He was courageous and uncomplaining. Gabe Disosway, Kel's commanding officer as CinC USAFE and later TAC said of him, "In 1964 Hal suffered a heart attack. After recovering he was transferred to TAC in Virginia. His responsibilities were broadened but his earlier attack did not slow him. He attacked every problem with the same energy and determination he had shown as a cadet."

Above all, throughout his private and public life Kel was a loved and devoted family man. At the Punchbowl Service in Honolulu his son, Richard, said, "I would like to say thank you to my dad for being such a loving husband to my mother, Mary, sharing 47 wonderful years with her, many of them here in Hawaii, and for being such a great father to my sister, Bonnie, and me even though I'm sure there were times we didn't make it easy. I feel that I got proof that my father is still with us today. As I sat in the funeral parlor thinking of him my hands were holding a ream of documents. A note edged its way out from the others. I'm sure it was from dad. The message: "I'd rather be golfing."

Wherever there is Mary Kelley and Bonnie and Rich we will know that Kel is close by. Nothing can change that.

A Classmate

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Perry Thompson Jones

NO. 12352 CLASS OF 1941

Killed in action 12 April 1945 at Mt. Calugong, Luzon, Philippine Islands, aged 26 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

PERRY THOMPSON JONES

PERRY THOMPSON JONES was a mild, soft-spoken friend to all, possessed by a consuming dedication to the principles of Duty, Honor, Country which only became apparent with his death.

He was born in Augusta, Georgia on 19 September 1918, the oldest son of Doctor and Mrs. Carroll T. Jones. He lived with his family in Augusta, Georgia; Lander, Wyoming; and Four Mile Colony, New Lisbon, New Jersey prior to entering West Point. He attended high school in Moorestown, New Jersey graduating in 1936. Thereafter he attended Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania for one year where participation in the Reserve Officers Training Corps sparked his interest in a full time military career.

Entering the Military Academy on 1 July 1937, Perry quickly adjusted to the academy routine and the nickname "P.T." bestowed upon him by his classmates. Bolstered by deep personal convictions ingrained by church, family and small town conservatism he began his military service with a solemn oath to give his best, which he did throughout his brief fellowship with us. From the outset of his cadet career he undertook his duties quietly and efficiently. He found relaxation in the simple pleasures of hiking and fishing throughout the hills surrounding West Point. Perry particularly enjoyed climbing the Crow's Nest with a few companions and in season, canoeing excursions on the Hudson. A quote from the HOWITZER best portrays the man he was: "Liked by all, P.T. is known well by few. Those he chose as his intimates found him a faithful, loyal and generous friend."

Shortly after graduation Second Lieutenant Perry T. Jones married Miss Doris Marie Bement of Moorestown, New Jersey on 5 July 1941 at the Trinity Methodist Church in Merchantsville, New Jersey. At that ceremony he was supported by a number of classmates, who acted as ushers, and his brother Lieutenant John H. Jones, USMC, who was the best man.

After a brief honeymoon, Perry and his bride proceeded to Fort Sill, Oklahoma where he attended the Basic Artillery Officers Course prior to his first duty assignment with the 2nd Infantry Division at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. While at Fort Sam he and Doris lived the last of their home life together in a suburb of San Antonio. A very devoted couple, they kept mostly to themselves except for "at home" gatherings with other classmates and wives living nearby. When Perry was alerted for transfer to Fort Lewis, Washington, Doris then several months pregnant with their son Curtis and realizing that Perry might soon be going overseas, elected to return to her parents' home in New Jersey.

In June 1942 Perry was selected to join a cadre of experienced officers and men being sent to the 33rd Infantry Division (Illinois National Guard), then undergoing reorganization and preparation for deployment to the Pacific Theater of Operations. There he was assigned to Battery C of the 122nd Field Artillery Battalion which unit he subsequently commanded throughout final readiness training and combat operations in the Southwest Pacific Theater.

Leaving from Camp Stoneman, California during June 1943, the 33rd Division was sent initially to the Hawaiian Islands for jungle warfare and amphibious training prior to deployment in May 1944 to New Guinea where, as part of the 123rd Regimental Combat Team (RCT), his battery first experienced action against Japanese forces in the Maffin Bay area. Departing from New Guinea early in 1945 his unit hit the beaches at Lingayen Gulf with the 123rd RCT for the assault on Baguio, the Philippine summer capital located in the mountains of northwestern Luzon. Here at various times during March and April six US divisions plus Filipino forces were employed against the most fanatic and firmly entrenched Japanese defense forces on Luzon.

Perry died during the closing phase of the assault while directing the fire of his battery in support of attacking units of the 123rd RCT when he was shot by a Japanese sniper. His commanding officer reported that when a bitter fire fight developed, Perry went beyond the forward elements leading the attack in order to gain better observation of the enemy positions in the jungle, then only 150 yards to his front. In so doing, he knowingly exposed himself to the enemy as well as to considerable danger from his own artillery. The citation for the Silver Star, awarded for this action noted that "As a result of his gallantry the enemy was annihilated in its position." In a letter to Doris his commanding officer also wrote that "Perry was under all conditions a most thorough soldier, fearless in combat, conscientious, calm, just and an efficient leader of men." Worthy of note is that Perry is the only combat casualty from his battalion listed in the 33rd Division history of World War II.

Perry is survived by his wife, Mrs. Doris B. Jones; and his son, Mr. Curtis T. Jones, whom Perry only saw twice before shipping overseas. On both occasions Doris drove cross country from New Jersey, first to Fort Lewis in February 1943 when Curt was one month old and later to San Francisco in June 1943 to say "Farewell."

— Be Thou At Peace —

Walter Leon Moore, Jr.

NO. 12449 CLASS OF 1941

Died 1 March 1982 at Fort Gordon, Georgia, aged 66 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

WALTER LEON MOORE, JR.

WALTER (MICKEY) MOORE was born in Shinnston, West Virginia on 19 January 1916, the son of Walter L. and Clara Moore. Here he spent his early boyhood days in elementary school, in the local 4H-club and in scouting, hunting and fishing in the surrounding countryside. During the depression his family moved to Bridgeport, West Virginia where he finished high school and went on to attend West Virginia University in Morgantown prior to entering the Military Academy in 1937.

Mickey came to West Point with an open mind, a good sense of humor and the added maturity of prior college life. Thus he adjusted readily to the rigors of beast barracks and the trials of plebe year. His proficiency in academics and avoidance of any close encounters with the Tactical Department assured Mickey smooth sailing throughout his cadet career. In the HOWITZER, a classmate captured the essence of Mickey for all times: "His chief ambition is to enjoy life to its fullest extent, and his devil-may-care attitude is constantly evident. Yet, when Mick had a definite task to perform, his efforts showed such efficiency that no reprimands have come from any source."

Upon graduation, Mickey chose the Air Corps and took his basic flight training at Randolph Field, Texas before moving on to Tulsa, Oklahoma for advanced pilot training. There his flying proficiency resulted in assignment in early 1942 as a flight instructor with a P-40 training unit located near Sarasota, Florida. In May 1943, he left for overseas to join a fighter group in Sicily where he completed 45 air missions in support of the allied operations in North Africa and Southern Italy prior to the phase out of the fighting in that sector. He then transferred to the CBI Theater for 30 more missions as commander, 59th Fighter Squadron before returning home in 1945.

During his tour as a P-40 flight instructor, he met and married Mary Ann Higgins of Sarasota, Florida on 2 November 1942 after a

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brief courtship. Recently recalling their whirlwind romance, Mary Ann said that Mickey was such an impetuous devil, so full of fun and surprises, that their life together seldom had a dull moment. Her memories of those happy, carefree days have done much to ease the heartache at the time of his death.

After the war, Mickey became a test pilot and from 1946 through March 1954 was associated with the Air Force Research and Development effort, initially as a test pilot and R&D director in the Flight Test Division at Wright-Patterson AFB and later as director of Flight Test and Engineering at the Flight Test Center at Edwards AFB, California. While at Edwards, the Moore family learned to enjoy hunting, fishing, skeet, camping and golf in the great outdoors of the surrounding desert.

In 1954 he was selected as the USAF representative to attend the United Kingdom Joint Services Staff College at Buckinghampshire. Since administratively he was attached to the Office of the Air Attache, he and Mary Ann were frequently invited to participate in the social functions of our London embassy. Through this experience they met and made many friends in the diplomatic community and occasionally had the unique opportunity to attend functions at Buckingham Palace. Mary Ann recalls that tour as one of the more memorable events of their life in the service.

Following this schooling, Mickey was reassigned to the 81st Tactical Fighter Wing stationed in England where he served as group commander and director of operations with the primary responsibility for the reorganization and retraining of that unit from its interceptor mission to a nuclear weapons fighter-bomber delivery capability. From a non-effective status in 1955, the wing was rated the most operationally-ready of the US Air Force units in Europe after winning first place in the competitions at Wheelus AFB, Libya. This special event was highlighted by a classmate in the following telegram to Mickey: Radnote for Moore from Ascani. "My hearty congratulations on winning the USAFE SW gunnery meet. The superb skill of your team members is truly an example of superior leadership and esprit de corps. The 50th FBW and I wish you every success in your future encounter. Bring the bacon home to USAFE." Mickey did, he led his F-84F Thunderstreaks to victory in the US Air Force worldwide national championship at Nellis AFB.

After four busy but delightful years in England, the Moore family relocated to Washington, DC where he attended the National War College prior to assignment again to Wright-Patterson AFB in 1959. There he was selected to be the Dyna-Soar System program director for the Air Force X-20 manned space program. This program, which Mickey considered to be the highlight of his career, was terminated much to his disappointment in December 1963 when NASA was given responsibility for all manned space flights.

Mickey's last military tour took the Moore family back to Edwards AFB in 1966 where he once again became director of Systems Test at the Flight Test Center. Here the pressures of responsibility over the many years of demanding work schedules caught up with him. After suffering a minor heart attack, Mickey was retired from the Air Force in 1967 on a medical disability.

At age 51 he was not ready to give up, so after a short period of rest and recuperation he joined the Lockheed Georgia Company in Atlanta as a test program manager with the initial Air Force C-5 Galaxy cargo aircraft program. Finally in 1978, after 37 years of dedicated service to his country, he took early retirement from Lockheed to pursue the "good life" at Indialantic Beach, Florida.

There he and Mary Ann lived, loved, played and enjoyed the company of classmates, as well as old and new friends in the area. That good life was all too short. In early 1981 during a routine medical checkup, the doctors found that Mickey had cancer and initiated treatment, but to no avail. At peace with God, Mickey accepted his fate and true to his creed retained his sense of humor and enjoyment of life playing golf, boating and dancing with "his Mary Ann" until the very final days of his illness.

Mickey is survived by his wife, Mary Ann; daughter, Mrs. Donald Gene (Suzanne) Ellis; son, John; his mother, Clara Moore; sister, Mrs. Betty Hamrick and granddaughter, Kristin N. Ellis.

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Wharton Clayton Cochran

NO. 12561 CLASS OF 1941

Died 17 October 1984 in Mesa, Arizona, aged 66 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

WHARTON CLAYTON COCHRAN

WHARTON CLAYTON COCHRAN was born 13 September 1918 at Kirkwood, Georgia, the son of Lieutenant Colonel Franklin Miller and Lotta Clayton Cochran. Although given family names, he was known throughout his life as "Mike." His elder sister, Elizabeth, and his elder brother Franklin Miller, Jr. (Bill), are still living. His youth was typical of an Army brat, as the family accompanied the father on various assignments, including Forts Benjamin Harrison, William McKinley and Benning; Davidson College, North Carolina and Fort Huachuca. He graduated from Georgia Military Academy and then, with the help of B. Millard, entered West Point on 1 July 1937.

His activities as an Army brat included belonging to a mounted cub scout patrol at Fort McKinley (Philippines), walking on the Great Wall of China at age 10 and the usual escapades in the stables at Fort Huachuca. He loved everything military and, with his parents' encouragement and help, achieved his goal to enter the United States Military Academy.

Plebe year was a snap for Mike. He was in a familiar environment and knew many other Army brats, both in his own and in the upper classes, most of whom were favorably disposed toward him. He played plebe football, struggled with academics, and later played "B" Squad football, though not seriously. He became a popular leader in "C" Company; especially as a first sergeant. His little wild streak resulted in his share of walking the area and confinement to his room. First class year saw him bloom socially and, with his pals, spend interesting weekends in New York and Philadelphia.

Upon graduation 11 June 1941, he chose the Coast Artillery with a detail to the Air Corps for pilot training on the West Coast and eventually received his wings in March 1942. His brother Bill was a B-18 pilot then and had already instilled a love of flying in Mike. His first wartime duty was with the 7th Anti-Submarine Squadron operating over the Atlantic and Caribbean from the East Coast and Trinidad. He received an Air Medal for probable German submarine kills. He then helped form the 490th Bombardment Group (B-24s) and accompanied it as group operations officer to the European Theater of Operations, Eye, England, where after about 20 missions the B-24s were exchanged for B-17s and the operations continued until VE Day. His air combat hours were 391, something over 24 missions.

Post war service included Airborne Radio and Radar Schools and then assignment as chief, Airborne Radio and Radar Division, Headquarters SAC, followed by Air Command and Staff School and further specialized training in communications and electronics at Maxwell AFB, Alabama. In 1954, he assumed command of Campion Air Force Station, Alaska and then in 1955 became chief, Communications and Electronics Division, 10th Air Division, Ladd Field, Fairbanks, Alaska.

Then followed assignments to Gentile Air Station, Dayton, Ohio and Headquarters Air Materiel Forces, European Area, Chateauroux Air Station, France. His final assignment was with the NATO Supply Center at Chateauroux as chief, G-91 Branch. In 1962, with failing health, he returned to Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland, and was retired as a colonel with a 60% disability on 14 December.

Mike and his family moved to France where he was an insurance representative for United of Omaha until 1966, and then American Continental in Madrid, Spain, until 1969 when he returned to the United States and Phoenix, Arizona to work in the home office. In 1970 Mike joined the Arizona Veterans Service Commission as a services officer until his second retirement in 1980.

It was 9 November 1948 when Mike married his secretary, Ann LaVerne Owens, at the Chapel on Andrews Field, Maryland. She was his loving and faithful wife for almost 36 years until his death on 17 October 1984. They had five wonderful children: Michael Franklin, Stephen Lee, Teresa Ann, Nancy Jean and Sharon Lynn, all still living, and two grandchildren, Maria Teresa and Melissa Ann.

For his World War II service, Mike was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, four Air Medals, the Croix de Guerre and, on retirement, the Air Force Commendation Medal. He was active in the Air Force Association and Order of Daedalians.

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Aside from his military decorations, Mike was honored by his family and everyone who knew him. He was a fiercely loyal man to his friends, a warrior of note, a good husband and father, and, above all, competent and compassionate in his work. His love of flying and all things aeronautical was a compelling force. He is sorely missed but we are all glad he was here.

Paso por acqui, Mike.

Colonel Gwynne S. "Pooge" Curtis
Ann L. Cochran

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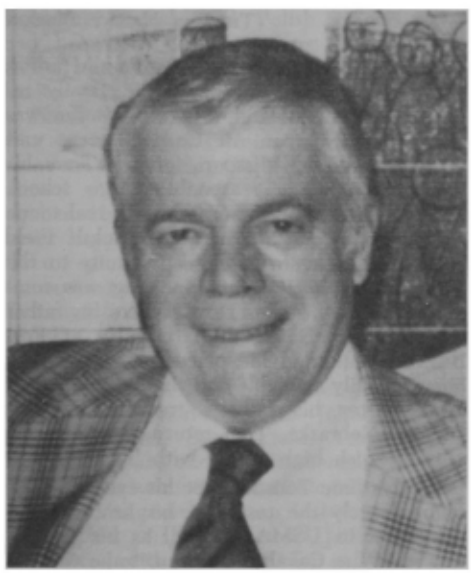
Richard Stockton Field, Jr.

NO. 13033 CLASS OF 1942

Died 4 April 1979 in Los Angeles, California, aged 61 years.

Interment: Veteran's Cemetery, West Los Angeles, California



RICHARD STOCKTON FIELD, JR.

RICHARD STOCKTON FIELD, JR. was born on 6 July 1917 in Washington, DC, the son of Commander Richard S. Field, USNA-1911, and the grandson of Rear Admiral C. P. Plunkett, USN.

Raised in a service family environment, Field set a course in his father's wake, preparing for the Naval Academy at Randles School and Beanie Millard's in Washington. He entered Annapolis with the USNA Class of 1940, but one final exam too many in youngster year forced Dick to chart a new course. Undaunted, he gained a USMA appointment from Congressman Colmer of Mississippi. Between academies, Dick served with the Maryland 1st Infantry Regiment until his July 1938 entrance to West Point with the Class of 1942.

Following custom, Dick was a "recognized plebe," having already paid his dues as a midshipman. He was modest, kept a low profile, and few could tell that he enjoyed extra privileges during plebe year, least of all his classmates.

Cadet years were eventful to Dick, if not to the academic and tactical departments. His goal was to graduate, not to be in first sections. With minimal study effort, he casually maintained a 2.1 average, leaving time for his own priorities—philosophy, avidly devouring every available periodical, and music. He excelled in an extracurricular activity pleasing to the Tacs—marksmanship—winning the Class Pistol Cup and membership on the Corps Rifle Squad. That was his compensation for frustrating the Cadet Blue Book wherever he honorably could.

Graduating in May 1942, Dick attended the Infantry Basic Course at Fort Benning and then joined the 76th Infantry Division at Fort Meade, Maryland. In November 1943 Dick took command of a replacement company headed for Europe. From March 1944 until September 1945, he served on the General Staff, ETOUSA, in military intelligence duties. He recalled with great pleasure being the person who detected a hidden message from one of our former favorite tacs, then a POW, advising of his readiness to attempt a breakout. To Dick's disappointment, no action was taken on the secret message, but in later years Dick had the opportunity to meet again with General J. K. Waters and relate the circumstances of receiving that coded message.

In September 1945, Field returned to CONUS as a student at the Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, graduating in February 1946. He left immediately for China where he took command of the Armed Forces Radio Station, Military Advisory Group, Nanking, with additional duties as advisor to the Chinese Infantry School. Dick, like many classmates from non-Army families, had no love for the Cadet Riding Hall nor the large creatures he was supposed to master. In China, Dick was challenged to overcome his past trepidations and turned himself into a master horseman. He was decorated by the Chinese government with the Order of Cloud and Banner upon his reassignment to the Army General Staff in Intelligence. Field then made a difficult personal decision to separate from the service and on 5 July 1949 he left the Regular Army as a major, Military Intelligence Reserve.

Dick married Anne Courteney Hall of Nyack, New York, on 29 May 1942. They had one child, Anne Lloyd Field. All too soon in their life together, Anne Courteney contracted polio and remained handicapped for an extended period of years. Dick still managed to keep up their cheer, care for Anne, push ahead on his new career, work in graduate courses at UCLA and USC, and entertain friends with his music and his mathematical games. After years of handicapped life, Anne passed away just as Dick's star was ascending in the aerospace industry. Dick's great talent in mathematics led to his management of the Operations Analysis Staff of Hughes Aircraft Space Systems Division. He was responsible for the analytical efforts at Hughes in the world's first soft lunar landings of the Surveyor Spacecraft.

In the seventies, Dick Field left aerospace to begin a third career, his own business. He combined his talents as an accomplished musician with his electronics abilities to found a specialty audio-recording business. With hard work, he expanded its scope into becoming a volume supplier of audio tape to major corporations and educational institutions in California.

During these years, Dick met a fine lady, Frederica Peterson at a class party, courted and then married her on 24 June 1974. Time and hard work caught up with Dick. He encountered cardiac illness, requiring multiple by-pass and then aortic surgery. His health continued to decline and late in March he entered Wadsworth Veterans Hospital, Los Angeles. Dick passed away on 4 April 1979 and was buried where he wanted to be—in a field of crosses at the Veterans Cemetery in West Los Angeles, California, attended by his wife, Fritzi, his daughter, Anne, and his Southern California classmates and their families.

Throughout Dick's life, he retained undiminished that single hatred advocated in the Cadet Prayer, ". . . hatred of hypocrisy and pretense. . . ." Also and equally undiminished were his love for tradition, gracious living, wit and humor, while the music played on.

Two classmates.

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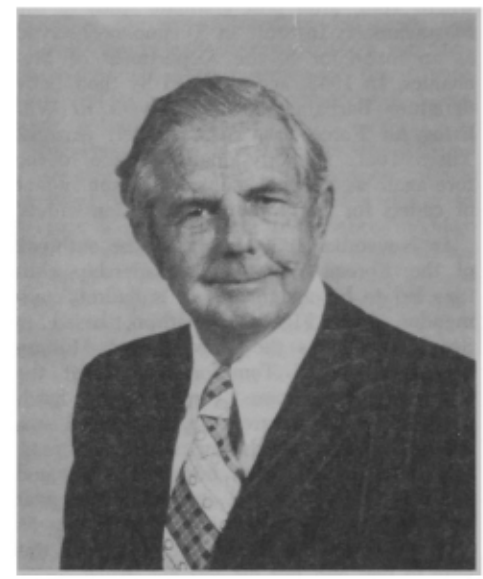
Thomas Daniel Harrison

NO. 13066 CLASS OF JANUARY 1943

Died 21 April 1985 in Albuquerque, New Mexico, aged 63 years.

Interment: Santa Fe National Cemetery, Santa Fe, New Mexico



THOMAS DANIEL HARRISON

BORN AND RAISED in New Mexico, Tom had the quietly confident, lean look of a handsome cowboy of the open range when he joined his classmates on a hot day at West Point on 1 July 1939. With three years prior training at the New Mexico Military Institute, he readily demonstrated to his colleagues the soldierly qualities which were to be his trademark throughout his life. With a ready smile and the open friendliness of a westerner, Tom was liked in the Corps, affectionately called "T. D." by those closest to him. The aggressive courage which would serve him well throughout his military career was very evident in his skill as a boxer for all four years at the Academy. His love of and deep faith in God, which would be the source of his strength in meeting the tough situations he would face later, were demonstrated in his devoted service as a Sunday school teacher and acolyte in the Cadet Chapel.

Tom's initial aspirations were for the Cavalry, but these changed for the Engineer Corps as his academic excellence pushed him to the top of his class. However, soon after Pearl Harbor, Tom and his classmates were offered an opportunity to undertake flight training on a volunteer basis prior to graduation. He decided the Army Air Corps was for him and successfully gained his pilot wings on 13 December 1942. Upon grad-

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uating 29th in his class on 19 January 1943, he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the US Army Air Corps. After intensive training in a P-47 fighter at Selma, Alabama and Drew Airfield in Florida, Tom served overseas in the Twentieth and Fourteenth Air Forces in India and China during 1944 and 1945. While on a strafing mission in China his aircraft was crippled by enemy ground fire, and he was forced to land on a river sandbar with a blown engine. He not only was wounded but had the harrowing experience of his parachute harness being rendered unusable by the enemy fire. Inhabitants of a nearby Chinese village rescued and doctored him. When he was better, he returned to his squadron and subsequently India for recovery from his wounds.

Soon after the war, in July 1946, he married the lovely Doris Johnson of Clovis, New Mexico, who had served her country as a WAVE. Their first station was at West Point where Tom, after post graduate study at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, served as an instructor in the Department of Mechanics. In 1949, accompanied by their baby daughter Barbara, they next went to Williams Air Force Base in Chandler, Arizona. There Tom's soldierly qualities came to the fore again as he was assigned as commandant of cadets for the training of aviation cadets.

In November 1950, just after the outbreak of the Korean War, Tom's leadership abilities led to his assignment as squadron commander, 16th Fighter Squadron, based in Seoul, Korea. As the New Mexico Military Institute prepared Tom for West Point, the latter helped prepare Tom for the hardships he would endure as a prisoner of war. After 75 missions during which he fearlessly led his squadron into air battles and attacks against ground targets, Tom was shot down in his F-80 jet fighter near the Yalu River by a MIG 15. This time he was able to bail out, but his left leg struck something on the aircraft nearly cutting it off. After his parachute landing he was captured by North Korean soldiers who carried him to an ill-equipped Red Chinese first aid station where half-trained medics amputated his left leg. In the words of a fellow prisoner, "This did not staunch his indomitable spirit —he had guts and courage and was always a gentleman."

In November 1951, during a forced winter march of 140 miles from Kangdong to Pingchong-Ni, clad only in light clothing, Tom hobbled along on crude crutches. He could have ridden, but surrendered his place on the one small ox-cart provided for wounded prisoners to other prisoners he considered in worse condition. He never forgot his duty as a senior POW officer despite a deteriorating physical condition, the leg amputation and six other primitive operations, inhumanly brutal beatings, long periods of sadistic torture and ruthlessly incessant interrogations. Tom once remarked that the strict disciplinary training at the Academy helped provide the strength and courage to endure. The North Koreans and Chinese Communists must have hated Lieutenant Colonel Harrison because of his aggressive belligerence towards their demands, but must have respected him for his strong principles of military leadership. His strength helped many of his fellow prisoners to stay alive, and some to escape. When a group of prisoners decided to escape, Tom refused to go along knowing that his poor physical condition would prevent his keeping up with his more mobile companions. The escape was successful, but the North Koreans blamed Tom and vented their wrath with beatings. In April 1953, the communists agreed to repatriate all sick and wounded prisoners. Undoubtedly qualified, Tom was instead put into solitary confinement for the remainder of the war. He was finally released on 6 August 1953, after 27 months of imprisonment. For his courageous service as a POW he was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, and after recuperating at Brooks Army Hospital, Fort Sam Houston, Texas was medically retired in the rank of lieutenant colonel.

Launching into a 30-year tenure at Sandia National Laboratories, Albuquerque, New Mexico, he was able to once again serve the country he deeply loved. He played an important role in the Apollo moon missions, helping to invent the solar powered panels which operated the data collecting equipment on the moon. Tom then ventured into the Voyager Project, a probe which continues to relay information from outside the solar system. His last years were spent in research and development of solar energy.

Tom's convictions to serve his God and fellowman grew stronger as an elder of Saint Andrew Presbyterian Church, president of Martineztown House of Neighborly Service and president of a Kiwanis Chapter.

Although Tom's military career was filled with experiences that heroes are made of, he never considered himself a "hero." Tom simply served his country and his Lord the only way he knew, with strong moral convictions. Even in the midst of terminal illness, Tom accepted death as a hope filled friend rather than with the terror many experience. Tom was a man to love and to respect for his wisdom, grace and power. He was always willing to step out from the crowd to deal with the unexpected, moving from one calling to the next, working at being broadened by any hardship he encountered.

His beloved survivors include Doris, his wife of 39 years, of Albuquerque, New Mexico; two daughters, Barbara and her husband Dr. Theodore Scharf of Albuquerque; First Lieutenant Joyce McCallister, USMC, and her husband First Lieutenant Frank McCallister, USMC, of Jacksonville, North Carolina; two sons, Thomas Jr. and his wife Terri of Tucson, Arizona and Dale of Las Lunas, New Mexico; four grandchildren and two brothers, William and his wife Alice of Cleveland, Ohio and Ray of Albuquerque.

—A daughter and classmates

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Thomas Henry Beeson

NO. 13116 CLASS OF JANUARY 1943

Died 5 February 1968 in Heidelberg, Germany, aged 45 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

THE SON OF Colonel John P. Beeson, Medical Corps, USA, and Mrs. Elizabeth H. Beeson, Tom was born 11 February 1922 at Riverside, California while his father was taking flight training at March Field in anticipation of his later assignments as a flight surgeon. These assignments led Tom first to the Presidio at San Francisco, and then to an idyllic spot for a small boy—Luke Field, at that time on

THOMAS HENRY BEESON

Ford Island, in the middle of Pearl Harbor. After three delightful years the family returned to the mainland, where his father was flight surgeon to an Air Corps Reserve unit in Kansas City, Missouri, giving Tom his introduction to a reasonably large school. This two-year tour was Tom's only real touch of civilian life. A year at Randolph Field brought Tom again in close proximity to the flying business. His high schooling was completed at Brownsville, Texas, where his father was surgeon to the 12th Cavalry at Fort Brown, another idyllic place for a boy, with horses readily available and the beach an hour away. After his father's transfer to Fort Omaha, Nebraska, Tom returned to Brownsville to finish high school with his class.

By this time Tom had set his eyes on West Point, largely the result of his brother's appointment to USMA, as well as his association with the Cavalry children, some the offspring of graduates and all indoctrinated with the Academy spirit. He prepared for the big step at Stanton Preparatory Academy in Cornwall, New York and was lucky enough to find an appointment the first time around, entering 1 July 1939. Academics came easily to him, giving him time for gymnastics, which brought him his numeral, monogram, and "A." It also gave him time for Kathleen Slater of Cornwall. With many of his classmates, Tom was on his way to flight training shortly after the Class of '42 graduated, winning membership in the caterpillar club when a companion chewed the tail of his plane off. He won his wings at Victoria, Texas in December 1943, returning to West Point in time to graduate. His marriage to Kathie followed posthaste, accompanied by the ignominy of having to have parental permission since he was still ten days shy of twenty-one.

His career started with the rapid changes of station typical of the war years—Craig Field, Alabama; Orlando, Florida; Westover Field, Massachusetts. He reported to the 377th Fighter Squadron, 462d Group, for three more rapid changes of station before leaving for England in late November of 1943. Equipped with the P-47, the group initially flew escort missions with bombers of the Eighth Air Force. During this duty he made his second forced jump and earned his first Purple Heart. By March he was the squadron operations officer and a captain, and June 1944 found him flying flak suppression missions during the invasion of France. The citation for his Silver Star (he was recom-

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mended for a higher decoration) noted his fearless attack on a German position in the face of heavy anti-aircraft fire that forced the balance of the group to turn back, leaving him alone to continue the attack. For the balance of the war he flew in support of Patton's Third Army, across France and into Germany.

Tom was briefly a POW in March 1945, only ten days, but it brought a couple of hair-raising experiences. His plane on fire, he was forced to jump. He was captured by a German civilian, with what he described as a big axe, who turned him over to a military police detachment in the town where his burning plane had ignited the burgermeister's house. He spent the rest of the day with little medical attention for his burns, as the angry local populace howled for his blood. That night he was taken to a nearby military hospital, where he was pleased to be turned over to American medics. When American artillery fire started falling in the vicinity, the Germans decamped, leaving the POWs, including French and Polish officers who had been prisoners for years. The episode ended when US infantrymen burst into a cellar to which the patients had been moved.

Tom's 362nd Fighter Group, on V-E Day, was among the units designated for redeployment to the Pacific. On V-J Day they were aboard ship, reaching the States on 5 September 1945; of course, the redeployment never happened. Tom returned as a twenty-three year old lieutenant colonel and squadron commander, wearing the Silver Star, four Distinguished Flying Crosses, 23 Air Medals, two Purple Hearts, and the Croix de Guerre with Palm.

Return to CONUS brought return to rapid changes of station—Seymour Johnson Field, North Carolina; Biggs Field, Texas; Santa Ana, California; ending with temporary duty at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and assignment as an instructor in the Department of Mechanics in January 1946. Daughter Judith joined the clan at West Point in March 1947.

Tom reported to Moses Lake, Washington in August 1949, once again a squadron commander, this time with the 317th Fighter Interceptor Wing. The balance of his career was to be spent, like this one, in air defense. Moses Lake proved to be far from an Eden; no quarters were available, only a trailer with no hot water. Mercifully, the unit was transferred the following April to McChord AFB, where son Thomas H. Jr. was born. Leaving there after a year, Tom was promoted to colonel, the youngest in the Air Force, en route to Ladd AFB, Alaska, where he briefly assumed command of a squadron before being transferred in November 1951 to the 57th Fighter Interceptor Group at Elmendorf AFB.

Return to the continguous states in 1953 took him to Hamilton AFB, California in the operations division of Western Air Defense Force, his first staff assignment, for which he was awarded the Commendation Medal. Graduation from the Air War College in 1957 was followed by a tour as Air Force member of the Chairman's Staff Group, Joint Chiefs of Staff. Completion of the National War College in 1962 preceded his first international duty as deputy for operations, Northern NORAD Region, North Bay, Ontario. His mother pinned on his first star at Colorado Springs prior to a transfer to Goose Bay, Labrador, to command the air defense sector there. This tour furthered his international experience since he was responsible for installations in Greenland as well as Canada. He must have been a born diplomat, impressing the Danes to the extent that he and Kathie were guests of the royal family.

Returning to the States, he became commander of the 73rd Air Division at Tyndall AFB, Florida (1965-66) and vice commander of the Fourteenth Air Force at Gunter AFB, Alabama (1966-67). Again involved in international relations, Tom reported to his last assignment as chief of staff, AIRSOUTH, Naples during the summer of 1967. He thoroughly enjoyed his time in Italy, but need for medical attention took him to Germany. He drove the Masserati acquired at Naples, accompanied by Kathie. During the early morning of 31 January 1968, he and Kathie left a friend's home after a visit. Something distracted Kathie's attention. The next thing she knew she was lying on the autobahn median, the car a wreck and Tom unconscious. Kathie was taken to the US Army Hospital, Heidelberg, Tom to the University of Heidelberg Hospital, where he died on 5 February 1968 as the result of massive head injuries. We will never know just what caused him to lose control of the car. Posthumously Tom was awarded the Legion of Merit.

A born pilot who loved to fly, practically any time Tom was on board an aircraft he was the pilot, even as a general, sometimes to the astonishment of junior officers. He rarely had to search for a reason to justify flying time. He was equally qualified as a leader. The Air Force and the nation lost an outstanding officer in his untimely death. He is survived by his wife, Kathleen, his daughter Judy Sullivan, his son Thomas H. Jr., three grandchildren, and his brother, Lieutenant Colonel John P. Beeson, Class of 1942.

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Malcolm Alexander Smith

NO. 13189 CLASS OF JANUARY 1943

Killed in action 21 May 1944 near Vibrayue, France, aged 26 years.

Interment: American Military Cemetery, Normandy, France

MALCOLM ALEXANDER SMITH

MAC WAS BORN 7 December 1917 in Birmingham, Alabama, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm A. Smith of that city. He grew up in Birmingham attending Ramsay High School where he was a fine scholar, president of the student body, and an excelling athlete on the baseball and track teams. Graduating from high school in 1935, he then attended Alabama Polytechnic Institute in Auburn, Alabama for three years. Evidencing a great interest in the military, he enrolled in the ROTC Field Artillery Unit of Auburn and attained the rank of first sergeant. Also, while at Auburn, he was proud to be a third generation ΣAE, having been initiated with his grandfather's badge which predated the War between the States.

Always with the goal of attending West Point in front of him, Mac finally won an appointment from US Senator John H. Bankhead of the State of Alabama. Making the long trek up the hill from the West Shore railroad station on a hot first day of July 1939, Mac joined his classmates as a plebe. A congenial gentleman from the South with a warm smile, Mac made many friends at West Point. While always enjoying himself and his friends, without undue effort he graduated in the upper third of his class. His primary sports activities were as a very enthusiastic and able member of the squash club and as a stalwart member of K Company's intramural teams.

As World War II began for the US on 7 December 1941 with the Japanese attack at Pearl Harbor, Mac expressed a desire to become a pilot. He got his chance in May 1942 when the superintendent announced an opportunity for all members of Mac's class who so wished to enter flight training. Mac immediately volunteered and started in primary flying school at Tulsa, Oklahoma in June 1942. He won his wings in December 1942 and graduated from USMA on 19 January 1943 as a second lieutenant, US Army Air Corps.

While at West Point, Mac had met the beautiful Mary Ann Graham of Baltimore, Maryland. They were married two days after Mac's graduation in a lovely wedding in that city attended by many members of both families, a large number of friends, and several classmates. After a short honeymoon Mary Ann and Mac went to his first station at Spence Field in Moultrie, Georgia where Mac trained in the Curtis Wright P-40 Warhawk. At Spence they were joined by about twenty of Mac's classmates along with seven or eight of their brides. Assignment at Spence was primarily to gain flying time and experience so there was time to take full advantage of their new found freedom as second lieutenants. The shared dinners, parties and long evening "flying sessions" led to a closeness among the group which, for many, lasted throughout their Air Force careers. Mac and Mary Ann were a handsome and lively addition to the group and with their hospitality and love of life soon were among the most valued members. For these classmates in particular, Mac's untimely death meant the loss of a valued and respected friend and also the loss of later contact with one of the finest young wives ever to "join the Army too."

From Spence, Mac and Mary Ann went to Westover Field, Massachusetts, where he took initial training in the Republic P-47 Thunderbolt. On leaving Westover in August 1943, Mac was assigned to the 368th Tactical Fighter Group, the unit with which he was to go overseas. The group trained at Farmingdale in Long Island and flew from Republic Field. Mac and Mary Ann managed to find an apartment in Westhampton

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Beach where they lived until the 368th shipped overseas on 27 December 1943. This was a very busy time for them as Mac prepared with his unit for an overseas operation inspection. Long hours, seven days a week were the order of the day. Thus, even though there were six classmates in the 368th, they were never able to reestablish the "Spirit of Spence"—war was too close at hand. Work, flying, and training were primary concerns and Mac excelled in all of these, gaining promotion to captain on 17 December 1943, less than a year after graduation.

After arriving overseas, Mac was delighted to hear from Mary Ann that a daughter, Susan Ann, was born to them on 29 February 1944. Demonstrating not only flying skill, but also the great courage of a devoted airman, he was promoted to flight commander soon after arriving in England. Always ready to fly, Mac flew many combat missions, winning the award of five Air Medals. His unit was one of the most heavily engaged air groups in isolating and softening up the enemy defenses in Normandy during the intensive period just prior to D-Day. Unfortunately, Mac was one of the many casualties suffered by his unit during this time. Under heavy fire from the ground as well as air attacks by enemy aircraft, Mac was killed in his P-47 while courageously carrying out a ground attack mission near Vibrayue, France on 21 May 1944.

Thus, the United States lost a fine officer and pilot. At the time of his death, Mac's beloved survivors included his wife Mary Ann, daughter Susan Ann, his parents and a sister Marianne. He has been sorely missed not only by his family, but also by those of us that knew him best. With a delightful sense of humor and a ready, quiet smile Mac was a true gentleman and friend whose memory we will always treasure.

Early in 1946 Mac's family was deeply touched by the return of his West Point ring by a veteran Army soldier. In September 1945 this soldier had been approached by an elderly French woman in LeMans who pressed the ring into his hand with Mac's name engraved on the inside. She had witnessed Mac's aircraft being shot down and had later come into possession of his ring. She was anxious that it be forwarded to his family!

When those of us that knew him best think of Mac we call to mind those last few lines of "High Flight" by John G. Magee, Jr. which truly reflect Mac's love of flying.

"I've topped the windswept heights
with easy grace
Where never lark or even eagle flew.
And, while with silent, lifting mind I've trod
The high untrespassed sanctity of space,
Put out my hand, and touched the face of God."

His Classmates

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Herschel Ashby Jarrell

NO. 13272 CLASS OF JANUARY 1943

Killed in action 11 January 1944, near Rehburg, Germany, aged 24 years.

Interment: Madison, West Virginia

HERSCHEL ASHBY JARRELL

HERSCHEL WAS BORN 2 May 1919 in Van of Boone County, West Virginia, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sulley Jarrell. He had twin brothers, Carmen and Carnett, and three sisters—Edna, Imogene and Nelma. In 1936 he graduated from Van High School where his prowess as an athlete was particularly evident on the football team. He next attended Greenbrier Military School in Lewisburg, West Virginia, for a year as he began to think about the military as a career. From 1937-1939 he attended West Virginia University where he again excelled in football and enrolled in the ROTC, attaining the rank of sergeant. In the meanwhile he had earnestly been seeking an appointment to West Point, finally achieving his goal at the age of twenty when he competitively won an appointment from US Representative Joseph L. Smith of West Virginia.

He entered West Point on 1 July 1939 where he quickly made many friends as he worked hard in pursuit of academics, military training and sports of which football was his first love. He quickly gained recognition as an energetic, enthusiastic, capable quarterback. Affectionately known by his classmates as "Hish" or "Red," he made major A's on the first team for three years—1940, 1941 and 1942. After his country entered the war in 1941, Hish dreamed of the day he would fight for the United States against the Axis powers as a pilot of a combat aircraft. When the superintendent announced in the spring of 1942 that there would be an opportunity for volunteers for pre-graduation flight training in the Army Air Corps, Hish jumped at the chance. He entered flight training along with over 200 of his classmates in June 1942, winning his wings on 13 December 1942. He graduated from West Point as a second lieutenant, US Army Air Corps, on 19 January 1943.

While at West Point, Hish had met the beautiful auburn-haired Susan Haislip. Hish had another dream come true when they were married at the Cadet Chapel on graduation day with many of his classmates, family and friends in attendance. Following a brief honeymoon, Hish and Sue went to Hendricks Field, Sebring, Florida for his transition into what was to become the famous Flying Fortress, the B-17. Sue next accompanied Hish to the little town of Ephrata, Washington, where they were able to rent a room. At Ephrata, Hish became the commander of a B-17 crew which he led through an intensive combat crew training course. He was promoted to first lieutenant on 19 May 1943 and took his crew, and again Sue, to Redmond, Oregon and Walla Walla, Washington. At those air bases, Hish put the finishing touches on his crew in advanced training as they flew many coordinated bombing, gunnery, and navigation missions together. A born leader, Hish had his crew in peak condition when they shipped overseas to England arriving at Stowmarket on 1 December 1943, where they were assigned to the 708th Bomb Squadron of the 447th Heavy Bombardment Group (B-17). Within a few days, Hish and his crew found their training put to the test as they were called on to fly in the increasingly larger B-17 and B-24 formations over Europe. To beef up their defenses, the German Luftwaffe began to launch air-to-air rockets from their fighter aircraft to shoot down the heavily gunned B-17s.

Although he was relatively new in the group, confidence in Hish's ability was demonstrated on 11 January 1944 when he was selected as "lead crew" pilot to lead the high group of 21 aircraft of a combat wing B-17 formation, with Lieutenant Colonel Charles H. Bowman, 447th deputy group commander, as acting command pilot. During assembly of the wing formation, a preceding wing cut across their flight path generating a very dense, persistent contrail cloud. There was no time to maneuver and Hish's group was dismantled during cloud penetration. Hish and Lieutenant Colonel Bowman, although accompanied by only two of their original 21 aircraft, unhesitatingly proceeded on their mission.

While courageously holding a tight formation as his group pressed an attack against targets in Brunswick, Germany, Hish and his crew were hit by a fighter-launched rocket in the bomb bay of their B-17 causing the aircraft to explode in flames. They went down two miles northeast of Rehburg, Germany. Along with his crew, Hish was respectfully buried by the citizens of Rehburg at Hoya-Weser Cemetery. Later, his remains were returned for a memorial service on 1 June 1949 in Van which was attended by many of his family and friends. He was later interred at Boone Memorial Park in a hero's grave in Madison, West Virginia. His memory has also been honored at Van High School where the football field was named "Herschel Jarrell Field."

Thus, the promising and budding career of First Lieutenant Herschel A. Jarrell, US Army Air Corps, came to an untimely end as he died in the service of the country he loved. Colonel Frank M. Newman, USAF Retired, who was then a major and commander of Hish's squadron, recently wrote, "Herschel Jarrell was an excellent officer of outstanding potential. His loss was very painful at the time, and after more than forty years, is still a vivid and bitter recollection

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of the fortunes of war." There is no question that Hish fully believed and lived the West Point motto of Duty, Honor, Country. He continues in the fond memory of his family, friends, and classmates as an exceptional soldier and airman and as the "Redhead" with the quick, large smile. Those of us that knew him best will always treasure that memory until we meet again in the long gray line.

A Classmate

Hamlet Robinson Carter, Jr.

NO. 13728 CLASS OF JUNE 1943

Died 21 June 1984 in Monroe, Louisiana, aged 63 years.

Interment: Eastern Cemetery, Forest, Mississippi

HAMLET ROBINSON CARTER, JR.

HAMLET WAS BORN in Camden, Mississippi on 10 January 1921, the son of school superintendent and Mrs. H. R. Carter. He attended grammar and high school in Mississippi, graduating from Pontotoc High School in 1939. He spent one year at Holmes Jr. College in Goodman, Mississippi.

Appointed to the Military Academy from Mississippi in 1940, "Ham" graduated on 1 June 1943 with the first three-year class during World War II. He was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Field Artillery.

After the Officers Basic Course at Fort Sill, Ham was at Camp Van Dorn, Mississippi as a battery officer with the 862nd Field Artillery Battalion, 63rd Division from September 1943 to December 1944. He moved to the European Theater of Operations with the battalion. He served with the 3rd and then the 36th Division Artillery on occupation duty before returning to the States in June 1947.

He was assigned to the ROTC at the University of Washington until 1950. Following the one-year Officers Advanced Course at Fort Sill, he served with VII Corps Artillery in Germany until 1954. At Fort Leavenworth he graduated number 4 in the 1955 class of the Command and General Staff College. His next assignment was in the office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence in the Pentagon until 1958. He served in G-3 Operations, Eighth Army, Korea where he was the Army handball champion in 1959. From 1959-1961 he earned his MBA from the University of Mississippi at Oxford.

Ham's next assignment was with the Army Combat and Development Command at Fort Lee, Virginia from 1961 to 1964 after which he became commanding officer of the 7th Training Battalion at Fort Sill. He rose through the grades to lieutenant colonel in 1959 and retired 31 August 1965 at Fort Sill. During his service he earned the following awards: Pre-Pearl Harbor, American Defense, E.T.O. Ribbon, Victory Ribbon, Occupation Medal, French Fourragère and battle stars for the Rhineland and Central Europe Campaigns.

After his retirement Ham became an associate professor teaching business management at Northeast Louisiana University in Monroe. His selection as the outstanding faculty member in 1970-1971 was well deserved.

Now, having known Ham since 1940 and having roomed with him for two years at West Point, my thoughts are many, one of which is that a fine man was lost when he died. He was honest as the day is long and faithful in his duties to God, his family, his country and his friends. He was one of the best liked cadets in his class and later well thought of by his many associates. His outstanding characteristic was his humility. His love of hunting, fishing and gardening enabled him to relax and enjoy the outdoors.

Ham married Elizabeth Coleman on 21 November 1943 at Jackson, Mississippi. They had four children—Hamlet III, Edgar, Ellie and Nancy. They lost Hamlet III in 1979. Edgar is a successful petroleum engineer living in Houston, Texas; Ellie, a dental hygienist, has two children and lives near her mother; and Nancy has recently graduated from Northeast Louisiana University.

This last paragraph speaks for itself:

"Ham and I were sweethearts all our lives . . . even in the fifth grade! He was my first love, my last love and my only love. At ease, Soldier!"

"Your Lib"

William Steven Vargovick

NO. 17178 CLASS OF 1949

Died 30 June 1985 at Fort Myer, Virginia, aged 58 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

BILL VARGOVICK WAS born in Jersey City, New Jersey on 13 December 1926. His home, however, was in Bayonne, and it was here that he spent the better part of his younger days. With the prospects of war imminent, his father was transferred to Buffalo, New York to take charge of building PT boat engines at a Navy operated facility, and Bill spent his high school years in western New York State.

Having enlisted in 1944 after high school graduation, he served the first part of his Army career as a private. This portion was short lived, however, when Bill received a Congressional appointment to the Academy and entered in June of 1945. Once the mysteries of the Russian language had faded into yearling year memories, academics presented little difficulty. Bill was active in non-academics, being an acolyte and a member of the Radio, Sailing and Ski Clubs. He rose to a cadet rank of sergeant.

Upon graduation, Bill was first assigned to the Artillery School at Fort Bliss, Texas. A few months after the North Koreans crossed

WILLIAM STEVEN VARGOVICK

the 38th Parallel, Bill was ordered to Korea and landed at Inchon in September of 1950. He was a forward observer and later a battery executive officer with the 57th Field Artillery Battalion of the 7th Division, with temporary duty ranging from the Yalu River to the Chosan Reservoir.

Bill returned from Korea and received his Master's Degree in Mechanical Engineering from Purdue in 1955. His subsequent Chemical Corps assignments took him to Edgewood Arsenal, the US Army Chemical Corps School at Fort McClellan, Alabama and finally Washington, DC. While stationed in Washington from 1959 to 1963, Bill was a White House social aide to two presidents, President Eisenhower and President Kennedy. In 1963, he was "volunteered" for and accepted a two-year overseas assignment as assistant military attache at the American Embassy in Laos.

Upon returning from Laos and before accepting his final duty assignment with the Army Research Office in Washington, Lieutenant Colonel Vargovick attended and graduated from the Army Command and General Staff College in 1965. Bill's work with the Army Research Office included close liaison with several Army contractor research organizations covering 24 research studies in the personnel, operations, intelligence and logistics fields. He coordinated the actions of the study sponsors (staff agencies and commands) and contractor organizations, thereby improving the working rapport so essential to producing a useable result for the Army.

Upon retirement from active service in 1969, Bill started a new career—one at which he really felt at home. He joined the faculty of Northern Virginia Community College in Annandale, Virginia and taught courses there in mechanical engineering technology until his death in June of 1985.

Bill's career spanned three overseas conflicts that involved his country. He served in World War II, the Korean Conflict, and as assistant military attache in Laos before the shooting war started in Southeast Asia.

Bill was an extremely well-rounded, well-read, and deeply religious person, as his post-retirement friends in the Campaign Room at the Fort Myer Officers Club will attest. His eulogy, delivered at the Old Chapel at Fort Myer on 3 July 1985 summed it up perfectly: "Bill was his own unique individual

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—the perfect example of the old cliche, 'They broke the mold after he came along.' "

Bill will be missed by his brother, Raymond; his sister, Theresa Maher; and particularly his friends in Virginia and at Fort Myer.

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Brewer Hamilton Young, Jr.

NO. 20481 CLASS OF 1955

Died 19 June 1984 in Franktown, Colorado, aged 53 years.

Interment: Shenandoah Memorial Park, Shenandoah, Virginia

BREWER HAMILTON YOUNG, JR.

"Wise except when otherwise,
Good except when bad,
Studious once in a great while,
But never, never sad!"

ANYONE WHO KNEW Brewer H. Young, Jr., would agree that this description of him from his high school yearbook is about as apt and succinct as could be hoped. Wise he was, indeed, with an understanding and enjoyment of life, yet able to share in compassion and joy with others, often in some new adventure or practical joke. Never "bad," in the sense of malicious, but in the same spirit as the jokes and pranks (which sometimes took precedence over things academic!), and certainly, never, ever sad! In fact, probably the most memorable things about Brewer are the laughing eyes and that big grin, his hallmarks until he was taken from us on 19 June 1984.

Brewer came to this world 23 March 1931 in Sheffield, Alabama, located in the beautiful northwestern corner of that state, where his father had a dental practice. The family soon moved across the Tennessee River to Florence, Alabama where Brewer spent the remainder of his pre-West Point years. Most of these were in school, of course, but they also involved welcoming a brother and two sisters to the family, working in his father's dental lab, learning to play the trumpet and improving his fishing techniques. After graduation from Coffee High, he attended Florence Teacher's College briefly before enlisting in the Air Force in January 1950.

After a 1½ year initiation into the military via the USAF, Brewer joined most of the rest of us on that memorable ride up the old West Shore Railroad and the hike up the hill 3 July 1951 to become one of the "Dumbsmacks" of the class of 1955's Beast Barracks. It didn't take long for New Cadet Young to become known as "Reb," thanks to his pronounced Alabama accent. Many of us, in fact, didn't know his given name for some time and also remember him as the tall, skinny guy with his leg in a cast. Early in Beast Barracks in one or another of the varied athletic opportunities of which we had to avail ourselves, Reb had suffered a severe leg fracture. A rough way to avoid the pleasantries of that summer, to be sure, but he greeted this setback with the same grin and optimism that characterized him in virtually all situations.

With this experience, it's easy to see why Reb wasn't heavily involved in athletics, outside of intramural sports. He did, however, find considerable pleasure in the two hobbies he brought with him—fishing and music. As a member of the Fishing Club (president as a firstie), he could get away from the Great Gray Walls once in a while, although area waters didn't yield any trophies. Over the years he had also developed a fine singing voice, so the Glee Club allowed another pleasant and rewarding diversion. He never ceased to exercise his sense of humor either. We all remember him, though, as a firstie, when he was honored by being selected as our Color Sergeant, carrying the US flag for us that year.

Brewer had met Bette White fairly early in his plebe year and from that day on, she was his OAO. After the four cadet years, his first "official" act was to go to the Cadet Chapel the day after graduation where Bette became Bette White Young before they set out on a new adventure—pilot training in the US Air Force. While academic excellence had never been Brewer's forte, he was high enough in the class to be able to choose Air Force. The old leg had healed perfectly, the eyes had held out, so, it was off to Moore Air Base, Mission, Texas, for primary, then on to Greenville AFB, Mississippi, for basic and the coveted wings. Reb showed a new skill as he graduated high enough in his class of 56-T to get one of the cherished but scarce jet fighter assignments. All-weather training at Moody AFB, Georgia, led to Fort Ethan Allen, Vermont, where Reb very shortly transitioned to the F-102. As they accomplished these moves, the Youngs were now a family of three, daughter Betsy having arrived just after Reb received his wings, at Greenville, Mississippi.

After three years in Vermont, it was time for an Alaskan tour, with Reb still flying the F-102, now at Elmendorff AFB. It was during this time Reb developed two new loves—big game hunting and light airplanes. Reb and a fellow pilot bought a wrecked Super Cub and, over a period of about a year and a half, completely rebuilt it. It was in this process, though, seeing the care and skill first in the rebuilding, later in the learning and practicing a new type of flying, that one could see Reb's affinity for this new craft developing.

In spite of the many hours thus spent, on top of an arduous flying and alert schedule, he did find time to do some hunting and collected a fine polar bear, among other trophies. It was at Elmendorff, also, that daughter Susan came into the Young family, five years to the day after big sister Betsy!

The Youngs were next transferred back to Moody AFB, now a pilot training base, where Reb served as instructor in both the T-33 and T-38. After some years there, grappling with the question most of us faced at one time or another, he decided it was time for a career change. In 1966 he resigned from the USAF and went to work with United Air Lines, first as third officer, later as co-pilot, in a Boeing 727 aircraft. Shortly after this transition and a move to Severna Park, Maryland, the Young family increased by one as they were joined in 1967 by son Robert.

In Maryland, Brewer was still able to indulge his love for fishing as he also continued to pursue his romance with the light airplane. He acquired a WWII vintage Taylorcraft and, over a period of six years, restored it to like-new condition. He loved to work with his hands and even had a small building business. It was during these years, also, that he and Bette both became increasingly involved in their church. Brewer developed a deep and abiding faith, and he was a living witness to that faith in his kindness and compassion to all he met in his travels.

After moving the family to Denver, Colorado in April 1983, this activity continued and, of course, so did the activity with light aircraft, this time with one not so light—an Aero Commander. It was this airplane that Reb was flying from a small airport near Parker, Colorado, when a combination of high altitude, short grassy runway and fickle winds combined to cause the crash that took him from this life to life everlasting.

Too soon, it seems to us, for this kind, gentle man, loving husband and father, friend to all he met, roommate, classmate—too soon! Yet, we know as did he, that the Lord's ways are not always our ways, but they are eternally for the good for those who trust in Him, whether we shall ever recognize that good in this world or not. We can only count it a privilege to have known and shared a bit of this world with Brewer and join in singing, "Well done! Be thou at peace."

W.C. McC.

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Charles Edgar Wuertenberger

NO. 25839 CLASS OF 1965

Killed in action 17 January 1968 in South Vietnam, aged 25 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

IN VIETNAM ON 17 January 1968, B Company, 2nd Battalion, 14th Infantry was ambushed by a large enemy force. Captain Charles E. "Chuck" Wuertenberger was killed in the ensuing action. For his gallant actions during this encounter he was awarded the Silver Star.

Chuck Wuertenberger was born on 13 April 1942, the first baby born at the Fort H. G. Wright Station Hospital, Fisher's Island, New York. He was raised in Geneva, New York where he excelled in sports and academics. He participated in football, wrestling and lacrosse, lettering three years in all of these sports and acting as co-captain in football and wrestling his senior year. He was also elected class president in his junior year in high school and student body president his senior year. He entered West Point in 1961 with the class of 1965. While there he participated in all sports and was recognized as the outstanding intramural athlete in 1963 and again in 1965. Upon graduation he attended Airborne and Ranger Schools and then was assigned to the 24th Division in Germany. As the operations officer of the V Corps Long Range Patrol Company, he worked closely

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CHARLES EDGAR WUERTENBERGER

with German units and helped train a German Long Range counterpart. In December 1966 he returned to Indiana to marry Tamera and in 1968 he was assigned to Vietnam where he was killed. Bradley Charles Wuertenberger was born to Tamera on 16 May 1968.

The chronicle above gives one a quick brush of an individual's life, but the memories of any loved one are never really tied to dates or achievements. To have known Chuck is to recall how he loved a challenge, either physical or mental. The sports he enjoyed were demanding both physically and mentally. In wrestling he never had trouble making weight. He would survive on salad and water for a week at a time and never consider that any great sacrifice. This mental toughness was evident even when he was 12 years old and took on a morning paper route, which he held all through high school. He would deliver his papers at 5:00 a.m. and then come home and religiously do his pushups before breakfast and school. This discipline and conditioning stood by him well as those who were with him at West Point, Airborne, and Ranger schools remember that the cadre were constantly frustrated in their attempts to break Chuck down with that old "drop and give me 20."

He loved a mental challenge and often went out of his way to engage in arguments about politics or religion (subjects that people usually say should never be argued). He could argue as a staunch Catholic against an atheist and then turn right around and argue as an atheist against a Catholic. This seeming irreverance poorly concealed his strong love of God and his fellow man.

Chuck was the most positive of individuals. He had the uncanny ability to find beauty or good in the bleakest situations. During a Hawaii vacation he came near drowning in an 8-10 foot surf. Pulled out beyond the pounding shore breakers and out of immediate danger, he commented to his rescuer that the rainbows made by the sun shining through the wind-whipped spray were the most beautiful he had ever seen. This ability to turn negatives into positives was admired by all who knew him.

Chuck's insight and thoughtfulness were often hard to see through his physical and mental toughness. It was frequently brought out in letters to his parents and others. During "Beast Barracks," a letter to his parents concerned an upperclassman's dismissal based upon a new plebe's testimony. He wrote, "What meaning does honor [have] if a plebe who busted out and an outraged mother command more respect of their honesty than a cadet who has conducted himself honorably for two years in the Academy?" His admiration for the dismissed upperclassman and the Military Academy was evident as he continued with, "If this is what the Academy can build, a man who, though smashed, can pick himself up and begin to strive to reach his goal . . . a man who does not make excuses or look for sympathy, then I am happy I am going to be part of it." This insight was even more remarkable when one realizes that most plebes at this stage were concerned solely with their day-to-day existence.

To remember Chuck is to recall specific incidents that one may have shared with him. They may only last an instant but the sum of them make up a lifetime. In this way Chuck lives on in our hearts and minds.

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Charles Clingman Dickey, Jr.

NO. 26009 CLASS OF 1965

Died 31 March 1967 in Viet Nam, aged 24 years.

Interment: Wauchula Cemetery, Wauchula, Florida

CHARLES CLINGMAN DICKEY, JR.

WE WROTE OF Charles C. Dickey, Jr., in the 1965 HOWITZER, that he was, indeed, a "man for all seasons." And while his untimely death leaves all of us who knew and loved him forever saddened, the beauty that was his life warms our hearts with gratitude for each precious moment he was with us. For Chuck was truly an extraordinary human being whose greatest joy was the unselfish giving of himself for others. He faced life squarely—with the trust and conviction borne of a deep faith in God and in the goodness of Man, with the enthusiasm, courage and fairness of a true and noble warrior, with a boundless sense of humor that tested the world and placed everything in its proper perspective, and with a sure sense of values that could find no flaw in a life of dedication to the ideals of "Duty, Honor and Country." And so, on that tragic day, 31 March 1967, when, on a battlefield half-a-world away, Chuck was killed in action, we all knew, in our sorrow, that he had faced death as squarely and unselfishly as he did life, and did what he had to do, whatever the cost. Throughout all of Chuck's 24 years, there was something special about him, something that revealed true worthiness and potential greatness. Though always ready to march to the sound of guns, he was ever gentle and kind. Though quick to laugh or unmask the inane, he was incapable of maliciously or capriciously hurting another's feelings. Chuck never let being a man prevent him from being a gentleman.

He was born in North Carolina on 21 February 1943, the second of five children to Charles and Mary Dickey, and after several moves, the family settled in Wauchula, Florida. It was in Wauchula—Chuck would tell you it's "the Cucumber Capital of the World"—that Chuck demonstrated the essence of the man he would be. At Hardee High School he excelled in academics as well as sports. He won varsity letters in baseball, basketball, track, and football; and captained the football team while winning all-conference honors in his senior year. He was a member or officer of the Letterman's Club, Key Club, Student Council, Choraliers, Latin Club, and the school newspaper staff. In addition to his school activities, Chuck worked part time, was extremely active in his church, and took part in numerous community affairs. His high school record, his football talent, and his fine character and leadership ability were recognized by West Point and, after graduation from high school, he was appointed to the Corps of Cadets to enter with the Class of 1965.

It wasn't long after reporting to Beast Barracks that Chuck's classmates realized that he was someone special, and a lot of us would never have graduated if he hadn't been there to share and lighten the burden as only he could. It's impossible to forget that first shower formation during which Chuck, sweating profusely, looking as ludicrous as all of us in beachrobe and wrinkles, and never smiling, explained to an enthralled group of upperclassmen that the ugly wound on his leg was a result of hand-to-hand combat with an alligator met and conquered outside of Wauchula, "the Cucumber Capital of the World." Chuck committed himself to life at West Point with his usual zest. He was outstanding on the plebe football team until a series of injuries required him to drop the sport, but his love for competition drove him to excel in rugby, and intramural boxing, lacrosse and soccer. His extracurricular activities at USMA were as diverse as his interests and accomplishments. He was a member of the Spanish Club, Rugby Club, Bridge Club, Chess Club, Bowling Club, Outdoor Sportsmen Club, Pistol Club, Scoutmasters Council, Skin Diving Club, Baptist Student Union, and was a Cadet Sunday School teacher for four years. When he decided that he would become a paratrooper, he joined the Sky Diving Club and jumped as often as he could. Chuck was consistently Chuck—loved and respected by everyone who knew him well. He was a free-spirit, and this sometimes got him into opposition with the local Establishment; but he would return from his tours of Central Area, his turn-out exams, and his often legendary encounters with the Tactical Department, always with great elan and ever uniquely Chuck.

Upon his graduation, of which he and his family and everyone in his hometown were so wonderfully proud, Chuck did exactly

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what he wanted to do. Commissioned in the Infantry, Chuck completed airborne and ranger training, selected the 101st Airborne Division as his first assignment and became a platoon leader in B/1/506. His enthusiasm and outstanding performance earned him in rapid succession jumpmaster status, company executive officer, and the honor of returning to West Point with his platoon to train cadets at Camp Buckner. While excelling as an officer, Chuck still managed to coach the battalion boxing team, earn his private pilot's license, and put thousands of miles on his Corvette visiting his family, classmates, friends, and his fiancee, the former Kathy Brauneck of East Rockaway, New York.

In December 1966, Chuck received orders to Viet Nam, sold his Corvette at Fort Campbell, and took a couple of weeks leave to spend some quiet time with his family in Wauchula and with Kathy. On his way to San Francisco, Chuck fulfilled one of his dreams by spending four days winning at baccarat in Las Vegas.

Arriving in Viet Nam, Chuck was assigned to be the recon platoon leader, 1st Battalion (Mech), 5th Infantry, 25th Division. He spent about two days in Cu Chi, and until his death was steadily in the field in Tay Ninh Province on Operation Junction City. On his second day with his platoon, Chuck's coolness and leadership in his first action resulted in his being recommended for the Bronze Star for Valor. His letters from that day on expressed his concern and respect for his men, his grudging admiration for his enemy, and his distaste for war—all of them ended with "P.S. Pray for me and my men." He loved the Academy and all it stands for, he took deep pride in having been permitted a role in the brotherhood of arms and in service to his nation, and he showed his men in combat the same loyalty and devotion he had always shown his fellow cadets.

In-country for two months, ten days after his 24th birthday, Chuck was killed by enemy fire. The Saturday morning they buried Chuck, all of Wauchula paid honor to their "West Pointer," the boy and man that they loved and admired. Hundreds of townspeople and his family and friends from all over the country filled the First Baptist Church and the steps and street outside, and police from all over the state blocked the roads and highways to ease his last formation. Laid to rest in the Wauchula Cemetery with full military honors, next to his brother, Bill, who was killed in a skydiving accident at The Citadel in 1963, survived by his mother, his father (now passed away), his sister Carolyn, his brothers John and George, Chuck was gone. But, after the last volley, after the last note of Taps, as I asked Mrs. Dickey to accept that neatly folded Flag on behalf of a grateful nation, I knew he would live on in our memories and in our hearts forever.

M.E.S. '65

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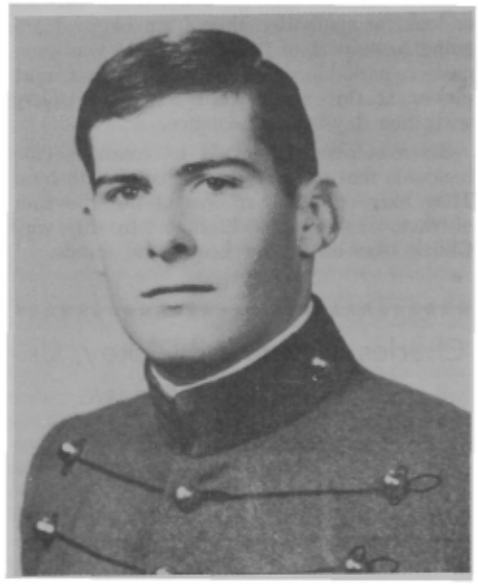
Robert John Zonne, Jr.

NO. 26046 CLASS OF 1965

Died 20 April 1970 in Viet Nam, aged 27 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York



ROBERT JOHN ZONNE, JR.

THE WORLD WAS at war on 28 May 1942 when Robert Zonne was born in Los Angeles. With his father and cousin on active duty, world events during these formative years probably had as much influence on later career decisions as any subsequent events in his life.

Bob's parents, Robert and Louise Zonne, along with his brother William moved to Midland, Texas when Bob was seven years old. The remainder of his boyhood was spent on the plains of west Texas where he attended and graduated from Midland High School. Playing on various athletic teams as a teenager, Bob developed two formidable and outstanding qualities: loyalty and the competitive drive that are signs of an outstanding soldier. Among his companions, Bob was known as one who "gave 100% of his inherent ability and energy" in any endeavor he undertook. He could always be counted upon for he possessed "intense loyalty to his friends."

In high school, Bob made known his burning ambition to attend a service academy. His father had served as a commissioned officer in the Navy, so when Bob graduated in 1960, he joined the Naval Reserve and entered Bullis Prep in Maryland. During that year of maturation, Bob achieved a lifelong goal of nomination and appointment to West Point.

July of 1961 saw Bob stride into plebe year as an easy-going, lanky west Texan. Living across from the orderly room as a plebe, and also being one of the tallest fourth classmen in his company, made him truly a "stand-out" cadet. The refrain of, "Mr. Zonne, drive over here," frequently echoed throughout the company area. Bob endured the attention and continued to exhibit to his classmates his intense friendship and loyalty. His competitiveness was always evident when we played together on intercollegiate and intramural athletic fields. Active in the church, Bob served as an acolyte in the Cadet Chapel, as he had in Midland as a teenager. Those who observed Bob from outside of the Academy's walls during those four years saw a dramatic change from boy to a man.

The country was at war when Bob graduated in June of 1965. Commissioned as an Infantry officer, he completed Airborne, Ranger and Basic Infantry courses before reporting to the 101st Airborne Division. Recognizing the road to a successful career, Bob volunteered for Viet Nam. During the months of preparation for that first tour, and the many courses that go with it, Bob found time to spend his leave with Patricia McDougal. He returned to Geneva, Switzerland which is where they first met while he was on leave as a cadet. Pat was a cousin of Bob's plebe year roommate, and following that first meeting, they had corresponded and dated during subsequent years. Bob and Pat were married in Cincinnati, Ohio on 14 February 1967. They only had a few months together before Bob began his first overseas tour of duty as an advisor to several South Vietnamese ranger battalions. The entire tour of duty was spent in the field, much of it in Tay Ninh province near the Cambodian border. In striking similarity to his cadet years, Bob stood head and shoulders above his South Vietnamese counterparts. He was very moved by his experiences and truly loved the South Vietnamese people.

Returning to the States, Bob and Pat had almost a full year to spend together before Bob volunteered for his second tour in Viet Nam, this time as a company commander with the 25th Infantry Division. His service in the field in that position was outstanding, and six months later he became the commanding general's representative to the field force commander. The assignment involved shuttling on a daily basis between Cu Chi and Long Binh.

On 20 April 1970, Bob Zonne was at war. With less than two months remaining in his tour before he was scheduled to rotate stateside, Bob boarded a helicopter for the return shuttle flight back to his base camp at Cu Chi. As the helicopter crossed the Dong Nai River north of Saigon, it crashed and sank, taking with it an outstanding soldier, loving husband, devoted son and friend of many.

Bob was buried on 1 May 1970 at West Point, but his gift to others will always live on. He was a "big, quiet, shy man who kept most of his thoughts to himself, did what he was asked, honored, obeyed and respected his superior officers."

A Classmate

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GRANTS—Seventeen grants of $1000 or more were received in this period totalling $114,160. This was the greatest number received in any year and is primarily the result of efforts by the Class of June '43 which solicited and received nine grants totalling $37,000 for their Thayer Gate project. Some other purposes for which grants were received are shown in Table 4.

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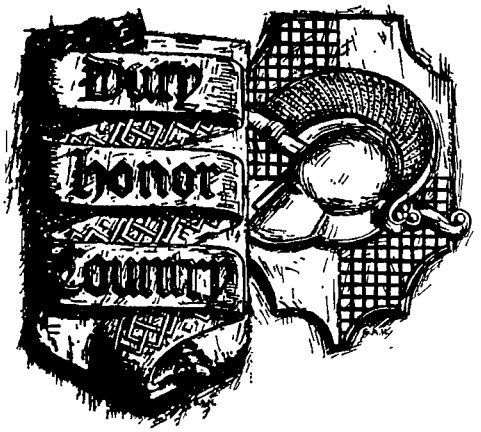

Last Roll Call

Reports of deaths of graduates and former cadets received since the publication of June 1986 ASSEMBLY.

Name	*Class*	*Date of Death*	*Place of Death*
Karl C. Greenwald	1912	19 May 1986	Fort Sam Houston, Texas
Philip S. Day, Sr.	Aug-1917	8 July 1986	Winter Park, Florida
George B. Hudson	Jun-1918	4 June 1986	El Paso, Texas
Willard A. Holbrook, Jr.	Nov-1918	1 July 1986	Washington, DC
Louis B. Ely	1919	3 May 1986	Sarasota, Florida
Harlan N. Hartness	1919	13 June 1986	Heathville, Virginia
Henry E. Sanderson, Jr.	1919	23 April 1986	Stockton, California
Walter D. Buie	1920	21 June 1986	Thomasville, Georgia
Lee A. Denson	1920	1 June 1986	Washington, DC
Alan L. Fulton	1920	25 April 1986	Austin, Texas
John E. Reierson	1920	3 July 1986	Bronx, New York
Harry C. Wisehart	1920	6 May 1986	Statesville, North Carolina
Edward S. Gibson	1922	19 May 1986	San Antonio, Texas
Theodore M. Osborne	1923	24 June 1986	Greenwich, Connecticut
Ralph E. Eaton	1924	16 May 1986	Asheville, North Carolina
Samuel H. Fisher	1924	21 April 1986	Santa Barbara, California
Arthur R. Grimm	1924	5 July 1986	Kansas City, Missouri
Zachery W. Moores	1924	5 March 1986	Green Valley, Arizona
Claude A. Black	1925	11 July 1986	Savannah, Georgia
David E. Bradford	1925	16 May 1986	San Antonio, Texas
Willard L. Wright	1925	14 April 1986	San Francisco, California
John C. B. Elliott	1926	3 May 1986	West Falmouth, Massachusetts
Roy W. Axup	1927	13 June 1986	Little Rock, Arkansas
Elmer E. Scudder	1928	9 May 1986	Laguna Hills, California
James P. Hannigan	1929	14 May 1986	Bryan, Texas
Philip F. Kromer, Jr.	1930	7 May 1986	Melrose, Florida
Eli Stevens	1930	28 April 1986	Dallas, Texas
Robert J. Wood	1930	8 July 1986	Washington, DC
John W. Cave	1931	27 June 1986	Saratoga, California
Robert P. Holland	1931	4 May 1986	Hanover, New Hampshire
Charles E. Hoy	1931	14 June 1986	Winter Park, Florida
Floyd A. Hansen	1932	24 May 1986	Arlington, Virginia
Herbert B. Thatcher	1932	11 June 1986	Colorado Springs, Colorado
Edward J. Hale	1933	24 April 1986	San Antonio, Texas
Raymond W. Sellers	1933	11 May 1986	Concord, California
James D. Alger	1935	19 May 1986	Honolulu, Hawaii
Francis M. McGoldrick	1935	1 June 1986	Boca Raton, Florida
Frederick C. Bothwell	1936	12 December 1985	San Diego, California
William R. Grohs	1936	29 May 1986	Aurora, Colorado
Robert J. Trout, Sr.	1936	16 May 1986	Waco, Texas
Edward W. Jacunski	1938	17 July 1986	Gainesville, Florida
Warren R. Williams, Jr.	1938	11 May 1986	Durham, North Carolina
Harold F. Wilson	X-1939	30 January 1986	Honolulu, Hawaii
Oval H. Robinson	1940	7 February 1986	St. Petersburg, Florida
John S. Telfair, Jr.	X-1941	22 January 1986	Keystone Heights, Florida
Edward J. Aileo	1942	27 May 1986	Washington, DC
Virginio L. Antonioli	Jan-1943	7 May 1986	Tuscaloosa, Alabama
Walter R. Taliaferro	Jan-1943	22 May 1986	Rancho Palos Verdes, California
Rex H. Crockett	X-Jan-1943	1 December 1985	Tulsa, Oklahoma
Fred B. Proctor	Jun-1943	5 June 1986	Manchester, New Hampshire
Arthur S. Hyman	1944	26 April 1986	San Antonio, Texas
Simon S. Marks	1944	21 May 1986	Jackson, Mississippi
Richard E. Dunlap	1947	6 October 1985	St. Louis, Missouri
Harrison F. Meadows, III	1947	22 April 1986	San Angelo, Texas
E. Hugh Kinney	1949	11 June 1986	Edgewater, Florida
Alvin P. White, Jr.	1954	26 May 1986	Panama City, Florida
Francis E. O'Brien	1955	3 July 1986	Frederick, Maryland
Patrick M. Trinkle	1961	10 July 1986	West Point, New York
Scott D. Owen	1981	18 May 1986	Seattle, Washington

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